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Looking Ahead

Stock Show Schedules

The schedules for the major Texas shows are as follows: San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo - January 31 thru February 17; San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo - February 21 thru March 2; Star of Texas Fair and Rodeo / Austin - February 29 thru March 15; Houston Stock Show and Rodeo - March 3 thru March 22.

Annual Knox City **Chamber Banquet**

The Annual Knox City Chamber Banquet will be held Saturday, March 29 at the First Baptist Fellowship Hall beginning at 6:00 p.m. Tickets for the Hawaiian themed "Small Town Paradise"

event are \$12.50 each and went on sale Wednesday, March 5.

Tickets can be purchased at the chamber office, Counts Real Estate, Knox City Florist, from Steve Pepper or Paula

• Republican County Convention

The Republican County Convention will be held Saturday, March 29 at 10:00 a.m. at the Knox County Aging Center in Knox City. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and vote on resolutions and to elect delegates to the state convention in June.

• Singles And Singles Again Singles and Singles Again of Knox County will meet April 4 at the First Baptist Church of Goree. Following a light meal, Lorrie Coop will give a short talk on "Easy Ways to Better Nutrition." Lorrie is the **Knox County Agent for Texas** Agri-Life Extension Service. Meeting is set for 7:00 p.m.

• Defensive Driving Course If you are interested in taking a defensive driving course in Knox City call the Aging Center at 657-3618 between 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. weekdays. Ask for Cheryl. At least 20 interested people needed.

• KC-O'Brien Ex-Students Homecoming

The homecoming will be the first weekend in June - June 6 & 7, 2008.

Congressman Thornberry Visited With Citizens At Knox City Chamber

Last Wednesday Congressman Mac Thornberry (R-Texas) visited the Knox City Chamber of Commerce and met with constituents from the surrounding area. Since Congress is on their Spring break, he felt he should visit parts of the 13th District and inform them what is going on in Congress and hear their

The meeting started off with Thornberry giving information about some of the bills that have been passed since January 2007. He believes about 80% of those bills weren't very controversial and that Congress isn't doing their job very well. He also fears Congress may wait until after the elections to get things moving again.

The Farm Bill was the next topic. As of right now the Farm Bill is set to expire mid-April. It originally expired in September

Since then Congress has been extending it by one to three months at a time. He believes the present Farm Bill would still benefit our area and is trying to push to extend it another five

The major issue for the bill, Thornberry said, is the dispute between two committees over



Congressman Mac Thornberry met with citizens at the Knox City Chamber last Wednesday. Pictured I-r are Congressman Thornberry, Brenda Floyd and Judge Travis Floyd.

the nutritional programs. Once that is settled then it should have no problem passing.

A resident brought up the commercial bank problems and asked the Congressman's opinion on it. Thornberry said he has some concerns on a "Bail Out" type bill that is trying to be pushed to be voted on. He fears if we give the Federal government the ability to come in and take over our mortgages when we get into a bind, then we

people from their own mistakes. He stated we need to do something to protect the banks a little more. His idea is to help a law pass where it would be easier for other banks to come in and buy the foreclosed homes.

"It does the people no good to bail them out when they get into trouble." He said. "They can't learn from their own mistakes if they know the government will come in and fix their problems for them."

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Annual KC Chamber Banquet Slated For March 29

The Knox City Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual banquet on Saturday, March 29 at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall in Knox City. The banquet is set to begin at 6:00 p.m. According to Daveine Clark, Executive Director of the Chamber, the theme for this year's banquet is a Hawaiian theme entitled "Small Town Paradise." Guest speaker will be Remelle Farrar.

There will be entertainment as

well as a Hawaiian style meal. A meal of kabobs (shrimp, pork or chicken), Hawaiian bread, twice baked potato, salad, fruit and banana pudding will be served by the O'Brien Junior High Student Council.

Tickets are on sale and can be purchased at the chamber office, Counts Real Estate, Knox City Florist, Steve Pepper, Paula Carter or Don Jackson at the Four Square Church. Tickets are \$12.50 each.

Knox City And Benjamin Easter Egg Hunt



The Knox City V. F. D. and the Ladies Auxiliary hosted this year's annual Easter egg Hunt at the Knox City, City Park. The turn out was pretty good. With the warm weather this year, there were about 20 - 30 kids of all ages, running around searching for eggs. After about 20 minutes of picking up eggs and candy, the Ladies Auxiliary had two large Easter baskets to be given away, one to a boy and one to a girl, just for showing up. This year's recipients were Mackenzie King and Chancy Lewis.



Kids take off at the sound of the fire siren at the Benjamin VFD Easter egg hunt at the Benjamin City Park on Sunday afternoon.

Lap Quilts To Be Presented To US Soldiers Returning Home From The Middle East

would be, in a sense, protecting



Benjamin High School and Junior High NHS members organized the construction of these lap quilts to be presented to three US Soldiers returning home from the middle east. These patriotic quilts will be presented at DFW airport to the soldiers as part of Operation Welcome Home. Please check out their website at: http://www.dfwairport.com/ heroes/index.html.



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TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION **State Capital** HIGHLIGHTS

AUSTIN - More than 5,300 wildfires have burned an estimated 940,000 acres and destroyed 140 homes in Texas, the governor's office reported on March 20.

By Ed Sterling

Gov. Rick Perry is urging the Federal Emergency Management Agency to provide more assistance in dealing with three months of wildfires that have burned in 216 of Texas' 254 counties since Jan. 1.

In a letter to FEMA chief David Paulison, Perry request-

Governor Aasks FEMA For More Wildfire Disaster Aid

ed that the state be reimbursed in full for wildfire-related efforts carried out since January.

State and local governments have spent \$20.5 million on this so far. FEMA has spent \$75 million.

But FEMA isn't the only agency that can help. Texas AgriculturCommissioner Todd Staples wrote a letter to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, asking for an increase in assistance for farmers and ranchers who have suffered damages due to wildfires.

Texas Parks & Wildlife Department reported a massive wildfire that torched 95 percent of the 15,200-acre Chaparral Wildlife Management Area in South Texas, but much of the wildlife on the state's premier public hunting site escaped

> **Bowling Congress to** move here

The United States Bowling Congress plans to move its headquarters from Greendale, Wis., to Arlington, Texas, and bring 200 jobs.

A \$693,000 award from the Texas Enterprise Fund may have helped in the group's decision to relocate.

The fund, created by the Legislature in 2003, is used to recruit and bolster business. To date, the fund has helped projects generating more than 51,800 new jobs and \$15.6 billion in capital investment in the state, the governor said.

Ethics agency fines former rep

On Feb. 12, the Texas Ethics Commission adopted a ruling that former state Rep. Toby Goodman, R-Arlington, used campaign donations to buy real estate, in violation of the state election law.

The commission imposed a

\$10,000 civil penalty against Goodman and on March 11 ordered payment within 30 days.

The ruling came about as the result of a complaint filed in 2006 by the Dallas-based Texas Values in Action Coalition.

Goodman, who represented House District 93 from 1991 to 2006, on March 20 said he plans to appeal the ruling.

Travis DA investigates speaker

When the 81st regular session of the Texas Legislature convenes in January, the 150 members of the House may reelect House Speaker Tom Craddick or choose someone

The office of the Travis County district attorney has been investigating a criminal complaint against Craddick, R-Midland.

Texans for Public Justice, a

government watchdog group, filed the criminal complaint against Craddick, alleging he sent campaign money to a political action group and illegally instructed the group to write checks to the campaign funds of lawmakers that might make a difference to him early next year.

State law prohibits the use of campaign funds for such a purpose, and Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle said he plans to review the

> County asks AG about bonuses

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott on March 11 received a request for an opinion on a legal matter that may be of interest to all 254 counties in Texas, and to all taxpayers.

Midland County Attorney Russell W. Malm, in a written request, asked if it is legal for

the county to pay performance bonuses to its elected officials.

Malm said the county judge is interested in adopting such a plan, subject to approval by the

county commissioners court. The attorney general's office issues most opinions with-

in 180 days of the request. Berlanga's request is denied

The State Board of Education will vote on a new set of English reading and writing standards at its March 27 meeting.

A week before the meeting board member Mary Helen Berlanga of Corpus Christi and state Rep. Abel Herrero, D-Robstown, asked that time be allotted for expert input on learning styles of Hispanic children.

SBOE chair Don McLeroy of College Station said there was no time available to accept the proposed input.

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By Ace Reid



"Dang, Lem, do somethin'! She's up, but I'm down!"

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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

Pickin' On The Plains Again!

By Baxter Black, DVM

"It's so quiet here. The air is clear. There's no trash along the highway? I can't smell carbon monoxide fumes in the air. People are friendly...there must be something wrong?"

Once again the plains have been visited by big city reporters and found it... what? Beautiful, natural? Vibrant? Addictive? No. The National Geographic magazine came to North Dakota and found it...empty.

Why is it that the Indians, the settlers, Teddy Roosevelt and the mayor of Valley City ever came and stayed? Is it possible that they like it the way it is?

Imagine the headquarters of the National Geographic magazine on 17th Street, Washington, DC. It's in the middle of a big city with hundreds of employees in the building, each with an average cubicle of the size of a pickup bed, where they sit in front of a computer screen 75% of their waking life. They commute a couple hours a day, they live with the constant tension of deadlines, stop and go traffic, pollution allergies, acid reflux and the barrage of no holds barred - fast breaking - right after this - jet engine decibel - talk show, infotainment typhoon television

and radio!

It is no wonder they are uncomfortable in North Dakota, or Burlington, CO, Syracuse, KS, Buffalo, SD,

Kaycee, WY, or Glascow, MT or Maple Creek, Saskatchewan. They have been accustomed to being anonymous, hiding in the masses, fighting the crowd. But there is no crowd in the open plains. There is space.

They are like an apartment dog turned loose in the back-yard; they can't wait to get back inside. It's too big, too scary outside.

It is odd that they feel a twinge of pity for those of us refugees who are forced to spend our lives in the "desolation, the emptiness" of the plains. They speak of the "irreversible decline, decaying town and lonely sweep of the plains." It is true that demographics such as low birthrate, labor shortage and loss of young people are concerns for many "rural areas nationwide," but that does not necessarily mean a state's economy is bad.

But when you compare 'quality of life' between Las Vegas, NV, Denver, CO or Phoenix, AZ with Medora, ND, Sheridan, WY, or Alliance, NE, many of us are aghast that someone would choose the chicken coop existence of big cities over the peace of the plains.

"More and more! Faster and faster!" is not everybody's idea of paradise.

So, to each his own. Keep up the good work, National Geo.

Thank for coming to visit, and think of us on your commute home tonight.



Congressman Mac Thornberry — Continued

(Cont'd from page 1)

Thornberry then discussed the oil industry and its affect rippling throughout the markets. He stated gas prices are only just beginning to rise and that we really need to find more resources for energy.

"Energy is a key issue," he said. "We need a way to use all resources when it comes to energy."

The Congressman tried to offer an



Congressman Mac Thornberry

amendment to help with the current energy problems, but it wasn't presented to be voted on. Knox County Judge Travis Floyd wanted to know if there was anything the Congressman could do about getting reliable cell service in our area. Marla Hawkins, a resident of Knox City, also stressed the importance of cell service to the growth of our community. Companies, who rely on cell services, do not want to come to this area, simply because they can not reach who they need to contact. Congressman Thornberry assured us there are some programs that help with rural communities getting utilities, and cell services are a part of it.

Thornberry asks that if anyone had any questions or comments to call the Wichita Falls office at (940) 692-1700. He would also like to receive letters and emails on issues that are important enough to his constituents to be addressed by Congress. Emails may be submitted to mac@macthornberry.org or to submit a letter send it to: Congressman Mac Thornberry, Wichita Falls Office, P.O. Box 9344, Wichita Falls, Texas 76308.

Knox County Sheriff's Report February 25 - March 17

Watson, Cary - (2/24/08) - Possess Marihuana (M-B) (Knox County)

Hernandez, Jacinto - (2/27/08) - DWI 2nd (M-A) (Knox County)

Munoz, George - (2/29/08) - Judgment NISI/Poss. Marihuana (M-B) (arrested in Midland, TX) (Knox County)

Delacruz, Eric Scott - (3/06/08) - Assault/Bodily Injury (M-A) (Knox County)

Copeland, Jeffrey Allen - (3/6/08) - Escape (F-3) Assault/public servant (F-3) Assault/Bodily Injury (M-A) Resist arrest (M-A) Terroristic Threat (M-A) Fleeing Peace Officer (M-B)(Baylor County)

Wilson, Ronnie Lee - (3/06/08) - Obstruct Highway (M-B) (Taylor County Warrant)

Willden, Brandon - (3/7/08) - Theft of firearm (SJF) (Baylor County)

Randall, Bryce - (3/7/08) - Theft of firearm (SJF) (Baylor

County) **Horner, Tishia Lynn. -** (3/12/08) - TBC (M-B) (Wise County-

Warrant)

Baldwin, Matthew W. - (3/10/08) - MTR/DWI 2nd (M-A)

(arrested in Taylor County) (Knox County)
Neal, Sammy James - (3/12/08) - Assault/Bodily Injury (M-

A) (Baylor County) **Juarez, Guadalupe G. -** (3/14/08) - Arson (F-1) (Baylor County)

Shelton, Jessie Dewayne - (3/17/08) - Arson (F-1) (Baylor County) Criminal Trespass (M-A) Evading Arrest (M-B) (Baylor County)

Emergency Grazing of CRP Acres Approved Due To Fire

Emergency use of land enrolled in CRP has been authorized for Knox, King, Stonewall and Kent counties and counties contiguous to these counties. (There are other counties in Texas – if you want the complete list let us know.)

The special authorization is for grazing only and limited to no more than 60 days as approved by the county office, on a case-by-case basis. No payment reduction applies to the CRP producer and no funds are otherwise authorized for feed, water or other cost. CRP producers may not charge for the grazing since it is an emergency use program.

Eligibility to graze is limited to livestock producers who lost pasture or fences due to wildfires. Eligible producers may cross county lines from one approved emergency use county to another to take advantage of this emergency provision. Requests to graze must be made by April 4.

If you have any questions contact the Knox County FSA Office at 940-658-3537.

Seymour Post Office To Hold Passport Fair On March 29

SEYMOUR — Are you planning a trip out of the country? The Seymour Post Office at 210 N Washington Street is holding a special passport fair from 8:00 am to 10:00 am on Saturday March 29, 2008. The fair will provide interested persons the opportunity to apply for a United States Passport Book or Passport Card during the fair. Effective October 1, 2007, passport regulations require a valid passport for U.S. Citizens traveling by air between the United States and Canada, Mexico, Central and South America, the Caribbean and Bermuda. US citizens can no longer use a birth certificate and photo ID to travel by air between the above mentioned destinations.

U.S. citizens may also apply for a U.S. Passport Card in anticipation of land border travel document requirements later this year. The passport card will facilitate entry and expedite document processing at U.S. land and sea ports-of-entry when arriving from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean and Bermuda. The card may not be used to travel by air. It will otherwise carry the rights and privileges of the U.S. Passport Book and will be adjudicated to the exact same standards. The passport card is being issued in response to the needs of border resident communities for a less expensive and portable alternative to the traditional passport book. The card will have the same validity as a passport book: 10 years for an adult, five years for children 15 and younger.

"Customers need to prepare in advance," said Postmaster,

Sid Winn. routine passport processing now takes 5 weeks. The Postal Service wants to help customers receive their passport in plenty of time for their trip."

To obtain a passport customers need to:

• Bring in proper proof of American citizenship. This must be either a certified birth certificate issued by the city, county or state; a previous U.S. passport; a certificate of citizenship; or a naturalization certificate. (Please note: a hospital-issued birth certificate alone is not acceptable.)

• Bring in proof of identity. This must be either: a recently issued U.S. passport; a recently issued naturalization certificate; a recently issued certificate of citizenship; or a current valid driver's license, government ID or military photo ID.

• The passport application requires two recent identical passport photographs of you (2" x 2" in size), which the Seymour Post Office will provide for \$15.

• To save time, customers may download a passport application at www.usps.com/passport to complete beforehand.

• All applicants must appear in person (including minors).

• Minors under the age of 16 must appear with both parents. If one parent is not available, a notarized authorization from the absent parent is required.

Each passport for an adult must be accompanied by a check or money order for \$7.5 made payable to the U.S. Department of State and a \$25 execution fee made payable to Postmaster. Fees for children under 16 are \$60 and \$25.

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From all of us at the Spike Box Ranch, Lyles Ranch, 246 Ranch and the Moorhouse Ranch:

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THANK YOU to everyone who helped us in
fighting the fire. We could not have done it
without your help and dedication. So
THANK YOU all for all you do! What a
blessing to live in a community like ours.
May God bless each and every one of you.
THANK YOU AGAIN

Exemption On Motor Vehicle Used For Production Of Income And For Personal Activities

Section 11.253 Property Tax Code states (a) Except as provided by Subsection (c), an individual is entitled to an exemption from taxation of <u>ONE</u> motor vehicle owner by an individual that is used in the course of the individuals' occupation or profession and is also used for personal activities of the owner that do not involve the production of income. If you only drive your vehicle to your job, then drive it home from work, it will not qualify for the exemption.

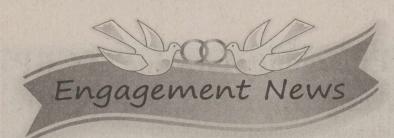
(b) In this section, "motor vehicles" means a passenger car or light truck as those terms are defined by Section 502.001, Transportation Code.

(c) A person who has been granted or applied for an exemption under this section may not apply for another exemption under this section until the application or exemption has been denied.

(d) This section does not apply to a motor vehicle used to transport passengers for hire.

NOTE: (a) The act applies beginning with the tax year that begins January 1, 2007. (b) For purposes of applying Section 11.253, Tax Code, as added by this act, to the 2007 tax year, a person claiming an exemption from ad valorem taxation under that section in 2007 tax year paid taxes on the persons' exempt motor vehicle for 2007 before the date the person was granted the exemption, the collector for the taxing unit shall refund the amount of taxes paid on the exempt motor vehicle not later than the 30th day after the date the exemption is certified to the assessor for the unit. To receive the exemption for 2008 a person shall apply for the exemption before APRIL 15, 2008.

To apply for the 2007 and 2008 exemption pick-up application forms at THE KNOX COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT OFFICE located in the KNOX COUNTY COURTHOUSE, BENJAMIN, TEXAS.



Sandusky — Timmons

The engagement of Tara Danielle Timmons, daughter of Mrs. Gus Timmons and the late Mr. Gus Timmons to Jay Sandusky, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Don Sandusky of Knox City is proudly announced by the bride's mother.

Tara graduated from Paducah High School in 2003. She received a Bachelor Behavioral of Science degree in Sports, Fitness and Leisure with a minor in Psychology from Simmons Hardin



University, Abilene in 2007. She is presently employed by Citizen's Bank, N.A. of Knox City. Tara plans for a career in coaching. Jay is a 2001 graduate of Knox City High School and attended Texas State Technical College in Sweetwater. He is currently working in Cottle County employed by Mojo Drilling, Inc. of Wichita Falls. The couple will exchange wedding vows in a double ring ceremony on Saturday, August 2nd, 2008 in the First Baptist Church of Paducah.

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March 31 - April 4

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Wednesday, April 2 - Beef Stew, 7 Minute Cabbage, Cornbread and Cake

Thursday, April 3 - Pepper Steak, Buttered Rice, Glazed Carrots, Batter Bread and Cobbler

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God's Oromises

By Jim Reid, Pastor O'Brien Baptist Church

Jesus Christ! I hear people say His name to express many different meanings. Often it has nothing to do with who He is. So I can't help but wonder why they use His name? I also know those who express His name in a profane way can't possibly understand of whom their speaking. If they did that would really be a serious indictment against them.

This is the time of year that the name Jesus Christ is proclaimed louder perhaps than any other time, because of who He is!

In the gospel of John, chapter 3, verse 16; God speaks through His Son teaching us the very foundation of God's love for all people. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son,



that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life."

The Amplified Bible says it so clearly, "For God so greatly loved and dearly prized the world that He [even] gave up His only begotten (unique) Son, so that whoever believes in (trusts in, clings to, relies on) Him shall not perish (come to destruction, be lost) but have eternal (everlasting) life."

If there is any part of this verse that is of interest to you, that you don't understand, ask any Christian and they will explain the joy of knowing this verse.

Attend the church of your choice this week and let the love of God truly touch your

want to thank you for all the prayers and support I have received during the illness and death of my brother, John Bradford. A special thanks to Sammie, Donna, Brenda, Leola, Gladene and to the Funeral Home Gang and to Barbara and the girls at the flower shop. Also to Paula and to Jim and the ones who have called, sent cards and prayed for me to help me during this time. There were six of us kids and I am now the sole survivor. God Bless all of you. Thank you, Evelyn Balis

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Civic leaders in every small city in the region are invited to participate and meet with neighboring community leaders. Luncheons are scheduled in Breckenridge-April 9, Colorado City-April 10, Winters-April 11, Comanche-April 16, Knox City-April 18 and Brady-April 23. All luncheons are from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

According to TMCN President Genora Young of Eden, "The luncheons are for community leaders who are working to insure a brighter future for their town.

This year's series of luncheons will focus on tools for growth and how to best inform your state legislator of local issues." City and county officials, economic development boards, chamber of commerce representatives, healthcare professionals and ISD leaders are invited to participate.

Reservations are needed 2 days out from the luncheon and can be made online at www.texasmidwest.org (Members Information page) or by calling the host city: Breckenridge at 254-559-2301, Colorado City at 325-728-3404, Winters at 325-754-5210, Comanche at 325-356-3233, Knox City at 940-658-3313 and Brady at 325-597-3491. For more information about the luncheons, call the TMCN Office at 325-795-8626 or 800-845-3563.

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KC One Act Play Perform "Daddy's Dying Who's Got The Will?" In Zone Competition

The cast and crew members traveled to Guthrie for their zone judging on Monday. Although Knox City did not advance to the next level, the cast came home with some impressive honors.

Appearing in the comedy of "Daddy's Dyin', Who's Got the Will?" are All Star Cast members: Brie Rios as Mama Wheelis and Jessy Schur as Marlene Turnover; Honorable Mention All Star Cast members: Jaadon Jackson as Buford Turnover, Skyler Eades as Orville Turnover, and Clay Clark as Harmony Rhodes.

Also appearing in the play are cast members: Mina Banks as Sara Lee Turnover, Heather Moore as Lurlene Turnover Rogers, and Tina Clark as Evalita Turnover.

Crew members include: Shane Strickland, Mayra Espinal, Chris Taylor and Michael Wilburn.

Alternates include: Casey Martin, Sean Stovall, Alicia



KCHS One Act Play, "Daddy's Dyin', Who's Got the Will?", had dinner theater patrons enjoyed a good laugh from the award winning actors and actresses. From left to right are Brie Rios as Mama Wheelis (seated), Skyler Eades as Orville Turnover, Heather Moore as Lurlene Turnover Rogers, Jaadon Jackson as Buford Turnover (seated), Mina Banks as Sara Lee Turnover, Jessy Schur as Marlene Turnover, Tina Clark as Evalita Turnover, & Clay Clark as Harmony Rhodes.

Thompson, and Laura Vasquez. The one-act play is directed by Mrs. Rachel Byers and assisted by Mrs. Brinn Ball. The cast, crew and directors spent an unprecedented amount of time and energy in perfecting their performance. Hats off to a job well

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> donations. Thanks, Fred Ledesma K.C.V.F.D. Chief

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KNOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT ORDER

EXTENDING NOVEMBER 5, 2007 ORDER RESTRICTING OUTDOOR BURNING

State of Texas

County of Knox

During the Regular Meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Knox County, Texas, there came for consideration on March 24th, 2008, an extension of the Order Restricting Outdoor Burning;

Pursuant to § 352.081 of the Texas Government Code, the Knox County Commissioners' Court hereby ratifies and extends the Order Restricting Outdoor Burning in Knox County, due to drought conditions for 90 days, or until the conclusion of the commissioners court meeting in June 2008 at which time the situation will be re-evaluated, or the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by this Court;

The court hereby extends these restrictions on outdoor burning as follows:

The use of combustible materials in an outdoor environment by any person is prohibited. Combustible materials include, but are not limited to the use of all fireworks, outdoor cooking apparatus and materials used outdoors in activities such as welding and any other activity that could result in a fire.

2. Notwithstanding No. 1 above, outdoor welding shall be allowed under the following circumstances:

Welding and cutting and grinding associated with welding activities shall not take place when the wind is over 15 miles per hour;

B. The welder must notify the Knox County Sheriff's Department before any welding, cutting or grinding

C. All grass, leaves, brush and other easily combustible materials must be cleared within a fifty (50) foot radius surrounding the area where the activity is to take place before any welding, cutting or grinding begins; and,

D. A spotter with water and a ready pressurized delivery system must be on hand before any welding, cutting or grinding begins and remain on hand until the activity is completed.

Notwithstanding No. 1 above, outdoor branding shall be allowed under the following circumstances. A. The heating method for the brands shall not be from an open wood fire, but from a butane/propane unit.

B. All grass, leaves, brush and other easily combustible materials must be cleared within a fifty (50) foot

- radius surrounding the area where the activity is to take place before any branding begins; and, C. A spotter with water and a ready pressurized delivery system must be on hand before any branding begins
- and remain on hand until the activity is completed.
- Notwithstanding No. 1 above, backyard cooking shall be allowed under the following circumstances

Outdoor cooking activities shall not take place when the wind is over 15 miles per hour.

All grass, leaves, brush and other easily combustible materials must be cleared within a fifty (50) foot radius surrounding the area where the activity is to take place before any outdoor cooking begins; and,

A spotter with water and a ready pressurized delivery system must be on hand before any outdoor cooking begins and remain on hand until the activity is completed.

5. Notwithstanding No. 1 above, Agriculture Burning shall be allowed under the following circumstances.

Agriculture Burning shall not take place when the wind is over 10 miles per hour. The Commissioner in the precinct where the burning is to take place must be notified, where he will make the final decision on burn or no-burn.

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A spotter with water and a ready pressurized delivery system must be on hand before any burning begins and remain on hand until the activity is completed

D. Contact Central (657-5050) after receiving permission to burn and before burn begins.

The person burning is responsible and liable for any damage if the fire gets out of control.

In accordance with the Local Government Code, a person who knowingly or intentionally violates this order commits a Class C Misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$500.00.

The purpose of this order is the mitigation of the public safety hazard posed by wildfires during the current drought and severe weather conditions by restricting use of combustible materials.

Approved and so ordered this the 24th day of March 2008.

Benjamin Sports

Cow Country Relays Held In Throckmorton



Cody Propps

Relays were held in Cow Country Throckmorton Friday, March 21. Several area schools competed in track and field events.

Stats were unavailable at press time.



Julia Acevedo in the Long Jump

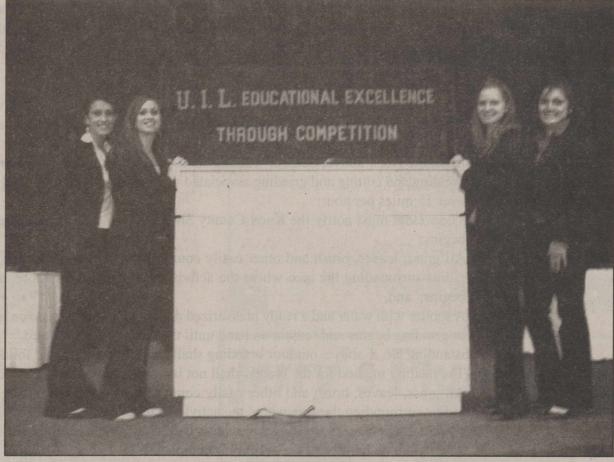
Benjamin Debate Teams Compete In State Meet At The University of Texas In Austin

Though occasional mistakes are made, we here at the NEWS try our best to eliminate all factual errors before press time. In last week's issue, errors were made in this article. We are reprinting this article and apologize for any inconvenience we may have caused.

Two CX-Debates teams from Benjamin High School attended the state meet at the University of Texas in Austin, March 10th and

Fifty-five teams from all across Texas competed. With 110 speakers participating, the top five speakers were chosen after the first day of competition. For the fourth time in six years Benjamin had a speaker in the top five.

Nasfeesa Ebraheim tied for second speaker with 118 of a possible 120 speaker points. Through tie-breakers Nasfeesa was officially ranked fourth of 110 speakers and received an award from the UIL of Texas. Prior winners from Benjamin were Chance Propps in 2003, Jessica Moorhouse in 2004 and Chance Propps again in 2005. With over a hundred speakers each year this is a prestigious achievement. The group was actually able to visit with Chance who is a student at UT and who worked with the UIL in conducting the contest. The first day of competition consists of four rounds debate or six hours of actual competition lasting from eight in the morning to eight at night. The first day of competition eliminated down to the top 16 of the 55 teams present. Those who advanced to the second day are



Two CX-Debate teams from Benjamin attend State Meet at the University of Texas

State Medalists or Octofinalists.

The team of Karla Benson and Nasfeesa Ebraheim, both seniors, completed the first day undefeated with Nasfeesa the fourth best speaker and Karla the thirteenth best speaker of 110 speakers. This ranked Karla and Nasfeesa as one of the top ranked teams going into the four rounds of debates the second day. On the second day Karla and Nasfeesa finished as State Quarterfinalists and State Medalists, qualifying for scholarships awarded though the UIL of Texas. Through the years the UIL has awarded over 21 million dol-

lars in scholarships. The team of Julia Acevedo and Tina Siemens, both seniors finished the first day with three wins and only one defeat. They also qualified to the second day of competition and finished as State Octofinalists and State Medalists. This is a prestigious accomplishment also and qualified the two for UIL scholarships also. This was a first for Benjamin High School as both teams qualified to the finals competition on the second day, a difficult thing to accomplish. Both of the teams were eliminated the second day in close debates on

split ballots, meaning a panel of three judges voted 2-1 rather than a unanimous vote.

In the nine years since 2000 Benjamin has had 12 State Qualifying teams and at least one Benjamin CX-team qualifying to the State Meet each year. Six different teams have received State Medals. Medalist include two State Octofinalists, one State Quarterfinalist, one State Semifinalist and two State Runners-

After competition this year the teams enjoyed a tour of the State Capitol.

BENJAMIN NEWS

By Gladene Green

It has been a busy week for everyone and now things will settle down a little for many. And for many school "folks" especially, it will be more hectic than ever. The last couple of months of school always is.

Easter was nice though cooler and wetter than we had hoped. The clouds sort of left though by mid afternoon and the VFD sponsored egg hunt in the park was well attended by children and adults (as well). What a great time everyone

Earlier in the day, the sun rise services also were well attended (that according to reports).

I must confess I did not make it! Was busy on Saturday and was preparing for Sunday so just didn't feel I had enough time to get everything done (especially after over sleeping). But, I know everything was nice and those responsible for getting it all together are very much appreciated.

Sr. Supper

The Baptist Church hosted a supper last Monday night at Bud's Café in Knox City honoring the graduating seniors of B.H.S. A wonderful meal of rib eye steaks, baked potatoes, salad, tea and ice cream was enjoyed by the class members, Samijo Russell, Tina Siemens, Karla Benson, Nafeesa Ebraheim, Sharria Beck, Julia and Judit Acevedo, Kaily Sherrard, Kyle Wilson, Donny Gee, Bryan Fetch and Lucas Cartwright. Also class sponsors, Beckie Jones and husband Kemp, Supt. Olivia Gloria and husband Gene, and Church Pastor, Troy Culpepper and his wife Gene. Following the meal, the pastor delivered a short message very important to them as they enter their new way of life after graduation. Before the group left, the Church presented each graduate with a gift.

New Arrival

She's Taylor Grace and she's the brand new baby daughter of Liz and Nathan Herring of Munday. She was born Monday, March 17, 2008 at 2:50 p.m. at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. She weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Glen and Gloria Herring of Munday, Mike and Debbie Moorhouse (and the late Debra Moorhouse) of Benjamin. Great grandparents are Bert and Kay Criswell of Guthrie, Bobbye Moorhouse of Seymour, Clara Herring of Rhineland, Ruth Gladden of Munday and Gladene Green of Benjamin. She also has a host of uncles, aunts, cousins and friends who no doubt will help her get "her way." She, her mom and her dad are all doing great!

Party Honors Local Resident

Omitene Barnett was "queen for a day" Saturday as family and friends gathered to honor her 95th birthday. Omitene is at Munday Nursing Center for a while until she is able to return home and the party was held in the family room over there. Her family had decorated with a festive air and Easter lilies and floral arrangements completed the décor.

A large crowd was on hand to help her celebrate. Out of town guests were Annette and Bill Elliott, their son, Mark and his fiancé Samantha all of Dallas, Wynelle Holloway of Fredericksburg, Vicki Lewis and her daughter Kristen and her children Devon and Haley of Seymour, Sylvia Espinosa of Knox City, Nan Mathis

of Seymour and Colleen Nance of Munday. Jerrell and Darlene Barnett of Baytown had been here visiting the last week but left for their home Saturday morning to get ahead of the heavy traffic they would face had they waited til Sunday.

Here 'N There

Jack and Mary Young spent last weekend in Henderson with his sister, Billie Faye Cummings. and family. Also visiting were Butch and Letha Young. The guys did some fishing on Lake Murval and the girls enjoyed a shopping "spree" in Jefferson.

Lexie Mendoza of Seymour spent the weekend with her grandmother Jane Gideon. Jane took her home on Sunday and attended the One Act Play presentation in which her grandson Colton is a member of the cast.

Easter weekend guests of Chance and Mindy Hudgens and family were his mom, Wynona Shackelford, his sister Angie and her children Clayton, Quinton and Kallie and his nephew Paul and Micah all of Graham.

Visiting Sue and Jack Sheedy Easter weekend were her nephew and his wife, Ernie and Diane Turner and their daughter and sonin-law all of Coleman, Mike and Kay Sheedy of O'Brien, Justin, Brittney and Hagen Coker of Rule and Steve and Cassie Sheedy and Mitzi Welch, Mitchell and Heath of Benjamin. Mary Ham and her children also of Benjamin stopped by during the day.

Hazel Stockton was in Lubbock last Friday to see her heart doctor. She got a fairly good report. The doctor adjusted her medicine and hopefully some of her problems will ease up a little. We hope so.

Betty Parker of Aspermont visited her mom, Gloria West Saturday. They attended Omitene's party Saturday p.m.

My family had a busy Easter weekend. On Saturday, daughter Diane Evans and family of Childress and daughter Debbie Moorhouse and family of Benjamin and Jessica Moorhouse of Tarleton State had lunch with me. Then on Sunday we were joined by granddaughter Beckie Keys and family of Childress, Liz, Nathan and Taylor Herring of Munday for lunch in the home of Mike and Debbie. Little Taylor was the special guest and given much attention.

Visiting Hazel Stockton and Kim Moore and girls Sunday were Keith and Pam Conner and Casey Conner and his fiancé Lacy all of Midland, Blaine Neill and family of Seymour and Benjamin folks, Bud Conner and Michele Barrientez and family. Also Bobby and Stephanie Brannan and family of

Philomae Roberson said she and Bobby had a pretty quiet Easter. Did have their daughter Kathy Waldron and her husband Jack and grandson Tres Pierce and family of Knox City Sunday afternoon. The little girls Bailey and Kinsey enjoyed the egg hunt in the park while baby brother Will, (1 month old) looked on.

One last item of interest

At the zone competition of One Act Plays Monday in Guthrie, the Benjamin Play, "To Kill a Mocking Bird," advanced to District. Guthrie also advanced. The District Competition will be Saturday, also in Guthrie. We congratulate the cast, crew and instructor on their accomplishment.

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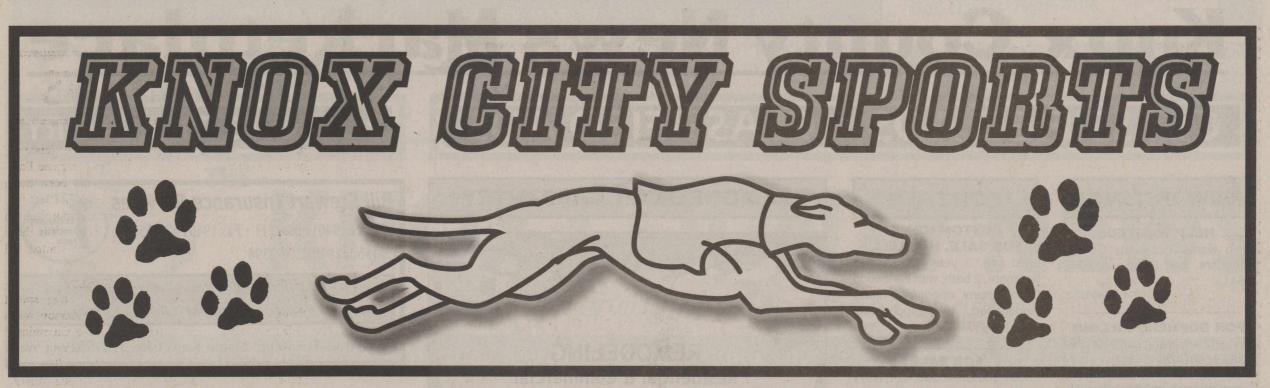


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5th, 100m **Hurdles** 18.75 Camille Ward -- 4th, 100m Isela Rodrigues, 4th, 200m 28.43

Relays 400m Relay -- 1st 53.59: Burt, McCrary, Rodriguez, Ward 800m Relay -- 2nd 1:58.01: Burt, McCrary, Rodriguez, Ward

Team Score 57 pts.

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Junior High Girls graduation. Before the clinic 400 Meter Relay - Reagan Clark, Toni Brown, Destini Billington, Tyra Johnson 2nd 800 Meter Relay - Tyra Johnson, Allison Lynn, Toni Brown, Cassidy Carter 1st 1600 Meter Relay - Tyra Johnson, Allison Lynn, Toni Brown, Cassidy Carter 2nd

Individuals 2400 Meter Run - Emily Espinosa 100 Meter Hurdles - Reagan Clark 1st 100 Meter Dash - Destini Billington 6th 400 Meter Run - Cassidy Carter

300 Meter Hurdles - Reagan Clark 1st, Jasmine Lerma 2nd 200 Meter Run - Allison Lynn 5th 1600 Meter Run - Emily Espinosa 1st Long Jump - Toni Brown 2nd, Destini Billington 4th

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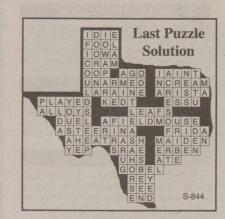
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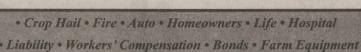
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