


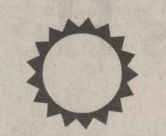

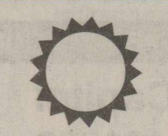
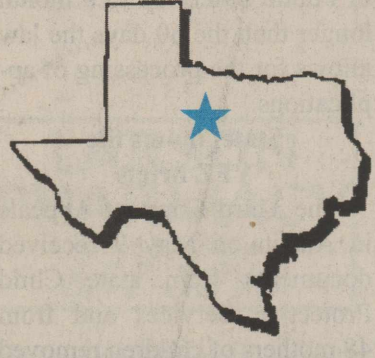


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## Looking Ahead

### •The Creative Writer's Group

The Creative Writer's Group will meet Saturday the 17th of May at 2 PM at the Senior Citizens Center at 500 E. Belknap St. in Seymour, TX Everyone is welcome to attend.

### •KC-O'Brien UIL Banquet

The Knox City O'Brien CISD UIL Banquet will be held Tuesday May 20th at 6:00 PM in the Knox City High School cafeteria.

### •Baccularte

Baccularte will be held Sunday May 25th at 7:00 PM in the Knox City auditorium.

### •Junior High Graduation

Junior High Graduation will be held Friday May 30th in O'Brien.

### •High School Graduation

High School Graduation will be held Saturday May 31st in the Knox City High School auditorium.

### •City Council

City Council will meet Thursday May 15th.

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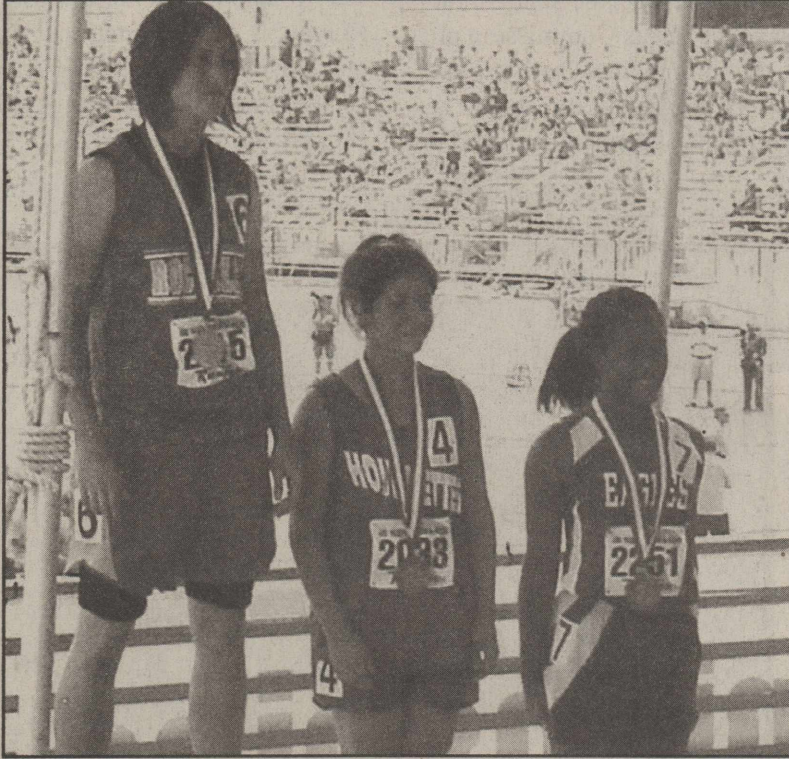
### •Driver Education

Driver education class will be held on June 4th to June 25th. Monday through Friday 8am to 10am.

### •TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly. Monday evenings at 6:00 p.m. at the Knox County Hospital Break Room.

## Shelby Guterrez Plcaes 2nd At State Track Meet



Shelby Guterrez displays her silver medal at the winners stand.

The Knox City Houndettes' state bound track members included Shelby Guterrez, Lacey Pierce, Camille Ward, and Holly McCrary. Guterrez competed individually in the 200m dash and along with Pierce, Ward and McCrary made up the 4x100m relay. Guterrez took the silver medal in the 200m with a 25.53 run.

Bonnie Richardson of Rochelle took the gold with a 25.03. Third place was clinched by Akelishana Holmes of San Antonio Stacey with a 25.61. The conference 1A record in the 200m dash was set in 1981 by Susan Bean from Miami with a 24.34. The state record was set in 2007 by Tiffany Townsend of Killeen with a 22.84.

## 14th Annual Parenting Fair Held In Knox City

The Knox County Family and Consumer Sciences Committee once again sponsored a successful Parenting Fair on April 29, 2008 at the High School Gym in Knox City, TX. Approximately 170 individuals registered during the two hour fair and viewed 31 exhibits relating to a variety of educational topics for parents, families, youth, and educators.

Exhibitors participating were: Knox City and Munday Child Development Centers, Knox County Extension Education Association, Knox County Child Welfare Board, Knox County Sheriff's Department, Big Country AHEC, Family Hearing Center, West Central Council of Governments, Knox County Historical Commission, American Cancer Society- Knox County, Texas Department State Health Services, Outreach Health Services-WIC, Catholic Family Services, Benjamin 4-H, Knox County Commissioner's Court, Legal Aid of North West Texas, American Red Cross, Helen Farabee MHMR, Department of Family and Protective Services, Knox County Hospital, Noah Project North, Prevention Resource Center, West Texas Rehab, Knox County Visioning Team, Take Off Pounds Sensibly Program (TOPS),

Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Better Living For Texans, Mothers Against Amphetamines, Munday Children's Ministry.

Participants received free information and had the opportunity to ask questions regarding services, ideas, and products available for use in raising children. Both adults and youth enjoyed demonstrations, videos, lots of door prizes, and other goodies given by the sponsors of the various booths.

The Knox County Child Welfare Board had a special drawing for two car seats which were given away at the conclusion of the event.

The Knox County Family and Consumer Sciences Committee is a part of the Texas Cooperative Extension located on the 2nd floor of the courthouse in Benjamin.

For more information regarding the parenting fair contact Lorrie Coop, Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences at 940/459-2651.

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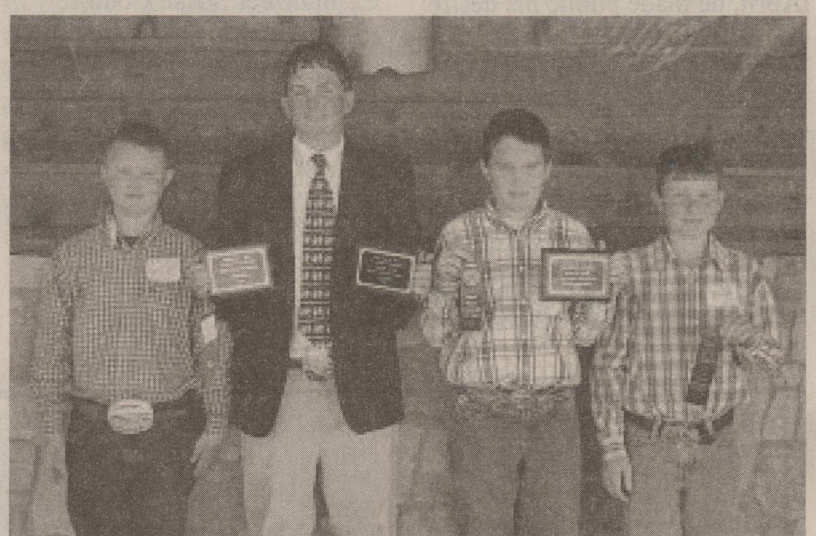
## Knox 4-H Livestock Judgers Place at District

The Knox County 4-H livestock judgers have been practicing the last couple of weeks in preparation for the 4-H District Contest in Weatherford, TX. Cody Trimble competed as a Senior Individual and had an excellent judging day.

He placed 1st as a High Point Individual as well as 1st in High Point Reasons. Cody is now qualified to compete at the State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest. Trey Tidwell and Shannon Reeves both did a great job in the Intermediate Individual Class. Shannon placed 3rd as a High Point Individual and 2nd in High Point Reasons.

Parker Finley also had a good day in the Junior Individual Class, he placed 2nd in High Point Reasons. Knox 4-H would like to thank Coach Tim Trimble and the parents for all their time, patience, and support.

Good luck to Cody at State and



LtoR: Trey Tidwell, Cody Trimble, Shannon Reeves, Parker Finley

congratulations to all the boys on a great year.

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## After 33 Years Of Service Jan Carver Is Retiring

There will be a reception honoring Jan Carver for over thirty-three years of service to the citizens of Knox County and the Knox County Sheriff's Office. Jan's retirement will be celebrated at the Knox County Courthouse assembly room in Benjamin, Texas at 3:00 PM on Friday, May 16, 2008. Everyone is welcome.

In 1972 Jan received a phone call from Sheriff H.C. Stone offering her the positions of dispatcher and secretary and she accepted the

offer. Soon after going to work she was sworn in as a peace officer and became a deputy for Knox County. In 1976 she attended police certification school becoming a certified peace officer. Jan served under Sheriff's H.C. Stone, James Redwine, Gene Nix, Henry Dancer, Mike Carlson and current Sheriff Dean Homstad.

Through the years Jan's responsibilities included secretary, dispatcher, deputy, jailer and finally chief dispatcher/jail administrator.

In the capacity as deputy Jan was involved in undercover drug busts (stings) under Sherrifs H.C. Stone and Henry Dancer as well as citation delivery under Sheriff's H.C. Stone and Gene Nix.

Jan is affectionately known as "Ma" to the many officers, jailers and dispatchers that have worked with her through the years. She served Knox County well in a very difficult and demanding job, come and let her know how much her dedication is appreciated.

## COUNTY 4-H MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN DISTRICT FASHION SHOW

County 4-H members participated in the Rolling Plains District 4-H Fashion show in Olney, TX on April 19, 2008 as part of their Clothing & Textiles project. Participants from 24 counties were evaluated on their garments as well as the member's knowledge of their project during an interview process. Final scores also included the participants modeling ability, poise, interview skills and participation in other 4-H

Clothing project activities. Each of these participants earned the right to compete at the district level by winning their category at the county show. Sonora Escamilla also won her category at the county level but was unable to go on to district due to a conflict. Those participating at the Jr. level were:

Construction: Specialty Kathryn Cude, 4th place Buying: Dressy - Grace Tidwell, 3rd place Participating at the Sr. level were Construction: Formal - Brittany Coop, 1st place Construction: Casual - Leah Vanderpol, 5th place All of these 4-H'ers worked hard



Pictured left to right are: Brittany Coop, Kathryn Cude, Grace Tidwell, Leah Vanderpol

to complete their projects and it shows by all of them placing at the district level with such stiff competition. Brittany Coop won the right to represent District 3 at the State 4-H Fashion Show to be held in College Station in June. 4-H is the youth development program and leadership program of the Texas Cooperative

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State Capital HIGHLIGHTS



By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - Gov. Rick Perry was in Fredericksburg on May 9 to help break ground in a ceremony to begin construction of a 40,000 square foot expansion of the National Museum of the Pacific War.

While there, Perry spoke to reporters and repeated his assertion that he plans to seek a third full term as governor in 2010. In April, he made public his desire to retain the office.

"If Texas were a corporation - and we would be one of the most efficient, most successful

corporations in the world - and if you're a stockholder in that corporation, why in the world would you want to change your CEO when things are going well?" Perry said.

Perry has served as governor since 2000. U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst are regarded as potential rivals to Perry for the GOP nomination in 2010.

Energy report looks to future

Texas leads in the nation in energy production and consumption, so what do the years ahead hold for our state's plentiful sources of energy?

Clues may be found in "The Energy Report," a publication released May 7 by Texas Comptroller Susan Combs.

The report, now available at [www.window.state.tx.us/specialrpt/energy/](http://www.window.state.tx.us/specialrpt/energy/), considers economic impact, viability, avail-

ability and more regarding various energy sources, such as crude oil, natural gas, liquefied petroleum gas, coal and uranium, solar energy, wind, ethanol, biodiesel, wood, feedlot waste, landfill gas, municipal solid waste, hydropower, ocean power, geothermal energy and hydrogen.

Federal, state and local government subsidies of fuels also are examined.

"Texas has the opportunity to influence the expanding public debate over energy use and production, and our choices can set a new direction for the nation," Combs said.

"The Energy Report is intended as a reference tool for anyone seeking a better understanding of the Texas energy landscape and the potential impact of new energy policies."

Site shows health care options

About one in four Texans lacks health care coverage, the Department of Insurance says.

So, during "Carry the Uninsured Week" April 27 through May 3, the

Texas Department of Insurance launched a way to help more uninsured

Texans find health care. Of course, it's via the Web at

[www.texashealthoptions.com](http://www.texashealthoptions.com), a site where companies provide information about their health care plans.

Consumers who visit the site may choose from 26 policy types and clicking "submit" to receive a list of specific information about carriers' policies.

Dam oversight not up to par

The Office of the State Auditor says the Texas Commission on

Environmental Quality's dam safety program is not able to accomplish its statutory mandate

to ensure the safe construction, maintenance, repair and removal of dams in the state of Texas.

In a report released May 7, the State Auditor said that although management has made improvements to the dam safety program over the past four years, the TCEQ still is not able to perform timely inspections of all hazardous dams, ensure that deficiencies identified in inspection reports are corrected, or obtain key information needed to assess the risk posed by many of the state's dams.

There are 7,603 state-regulated dams, according to the report.

Demand rises for gun permits

In a May 8 copyright story by the Houston Chronicle Austin Bureau, it was reported that the number of people seeking concealed handgun permits in Texas is up by 40 percent.

The number of requests is slowing the turnaround time. It's taking the Texas Department of Public Safety up to a month longer than the 60 days the law allows for the processing of applications.

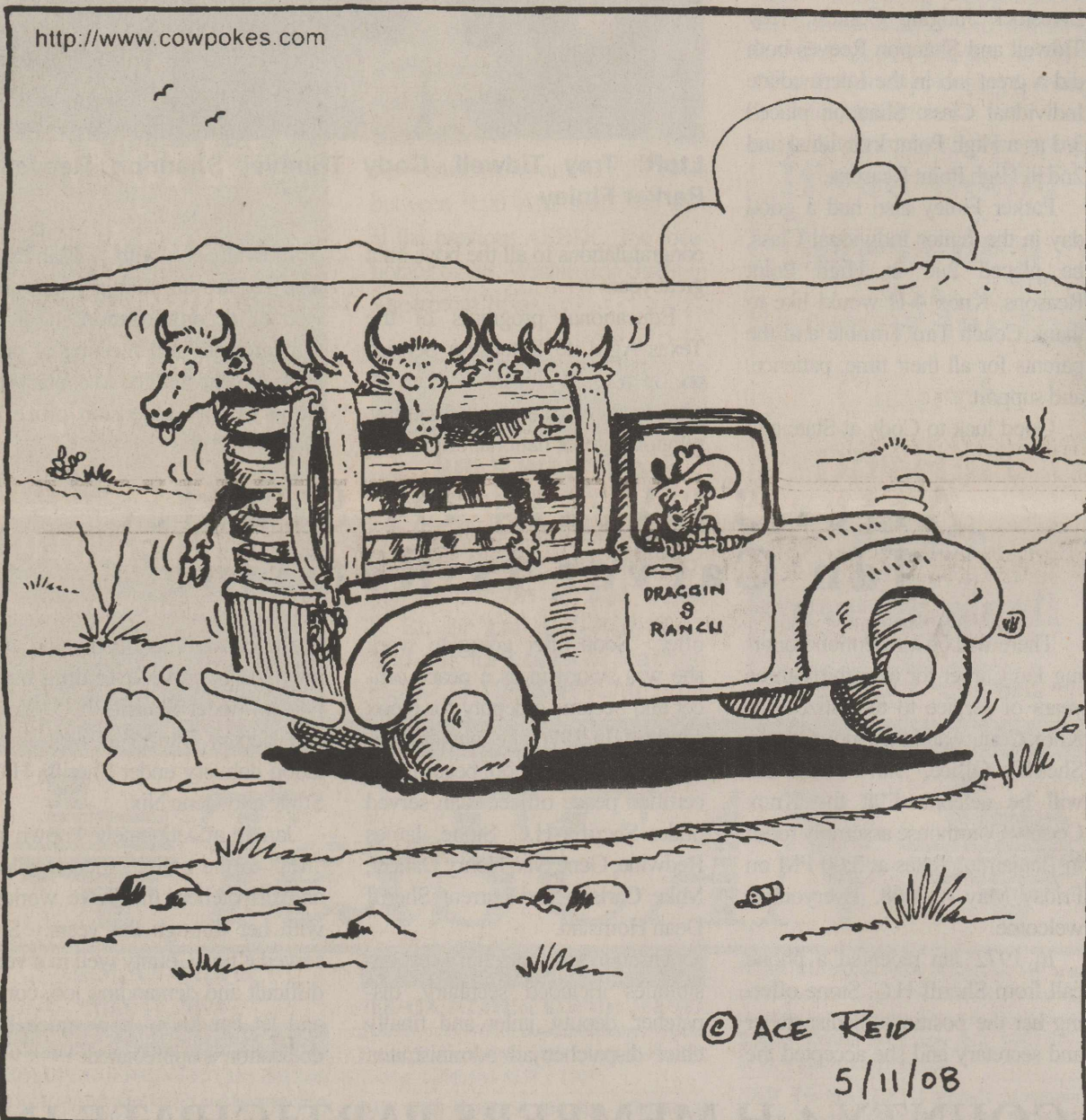
State, moms file YFZ briefs

The Third Court of Appeals in Austin on May 9 received documents from state Child Protective Services and from 48 mothers of children removed from the YFZ Ranch near Eldorado in April. The mothers explain why they believe the state had no call to take their children, and the state tells why it had no choice but to take the action it did.

Meanwhile, on May 19, state district courts in San Angelo will begin to conduct hearings for YFZ families who wish to retrieve their children from foster care.

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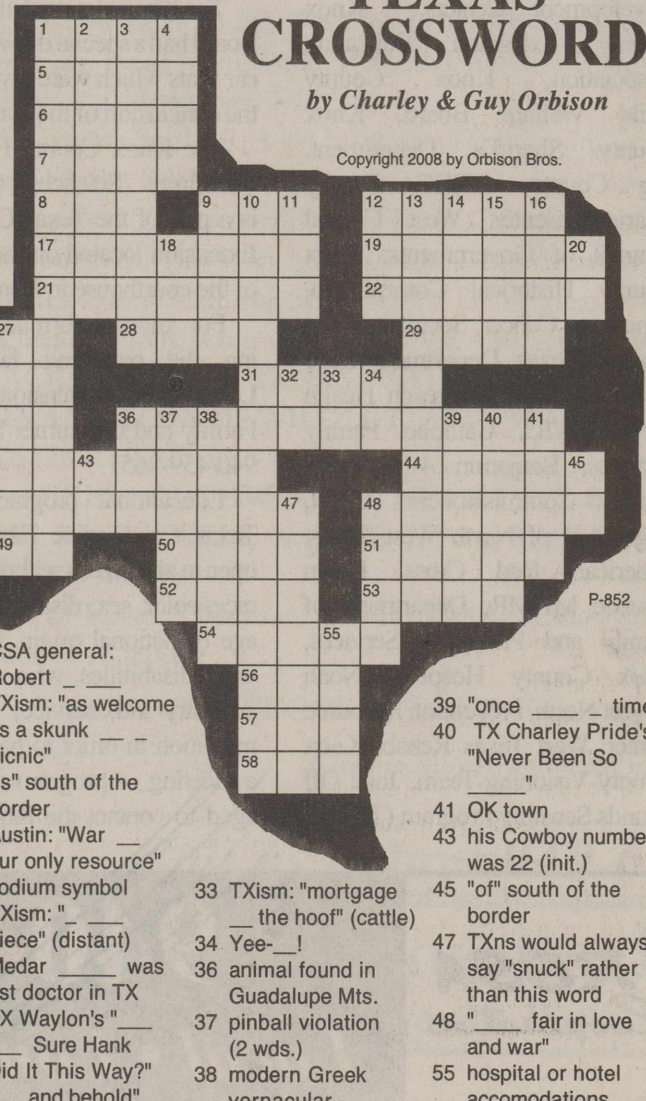
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- 10 TXism: "he couldn't drive a nail \_\_\_"
- 11 "bear" south of the border
- 12 classified \_\_\_
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- 14 TXism: "packed like sardines in \_\_\_"
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- 33 TXism: "mortgage \_\_\_ the hoof" (cattle)
- 34 Yee-\_\_\_
- 36 animal found in Guadalupe Mts.
- 37 pinball violation (2 wds.)
- 38 modern Greek vernacular
- 39 "once \_\_\_ time"
- 40 TX Charley Pride's "Never Been So \_\_\_"
- 41 OK town
- 43 his Cowboy number was 22 (init.)
- 45 "of" south of the border
- 47 TXns would always say "snuck" rather than this word
- 48 "\_\_\_ fair in love and war"
- 55 hospital or hotel accommodations

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Aging Center Lunch Menu

May 19th to May 26th

Monday, May 19th - Sausage / Pepper/ Macaroni Cassrole, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Light Bread, Cake

Tuesday, May 20th - Mexican Casserole, Salad, Corn On The Cob, Crackers, Cinnamon Rolls

Wednesday, May 21st - Chicken Strips / Gravy, Salad, Mashed Potatoes, Biscuits, Cookies

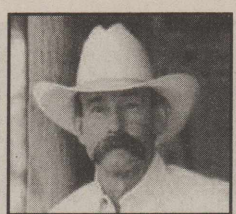
Thursday, May 22nd - Salomon Croquettes, Sweet Peas, Cheesy Potatoes, Hush Puppies, Pudding

Friday, May 23rd - Meat Loaf, Pinote Beans, Buttered Spinach, Cornbread, Dessert

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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

## HIGH PRICE OF WHEAT

The record high price of the essential global commodities; wheat, rice and soybeans has been an overdue and much welcome occurrence for farmers worldwide. Commodities that have lagged so far behind the inflation curve, it's too embarrassing to discuss; i.e.,

Item	1958 price	2005 price	Increase
Wheat	\$1.52/bu	\$3.51/bu	2.3 times
Postage Stamp	4¢	42¢	10.5 times
Full size Chevy Sedan	\$1,800	\$22,350	12.4 times
Cup of Coffee	10¢	\$1.50	15 times
Tractor	\$1,970	\$43,000	21.82 times

So, to modern farmers in the U.S. and Canada, it is a long sweet drink of catchin' up. And, to hard working small acreage grain farmers in Thailand and Vietnam, the high prices have actually lifted them, even temporarily, from the grinding, life-shortening poverty of subsistence farming.

In the U.S., where food only takes an average of 7% of a consumer's income, the rise in the price of food is less noticeable. Rarely does it push families to the brink of malnutrition. But in pockets of 3rd world poverty, where they can't feed themselves; such as the Philippines, Afghanistan, West Africa, or Bolivia, the high price of grain can be devastating. If, for instance, it takes 50% of your income to cover your basic food needs, imagine what would happen if food cost tripled.

Complicating the issue is that there is no shortage of grain. As one American expert says, it's that it is often in the wrong place and priced too high for the poorest to afford.

In the 1970's the big global issue was overpopulation and massive starvation. Now in 2008, we see that the free world, led by America's farmers, is able to produce enough food for us all. Thank to the Dows, Monsanto, universities, John Deeres and winter in-the-shop inventors, we met the challenge. In addition, charitable world food aid programs, once again led by America, try to reach the poor with manna, ton after ton, time after time.

We cannot wish the price of grain were cheaper, unless, of course, you're a cattle feeder. But one man's prosperity is another man's problem. Socialism or Communism decrees that the winner subsidize the loser. Unfortunately, they themselves are rarely very productive.

The world has come to rely on the great American entrepreneurial ethic to pack the freight. And our Christian compassion stimulates our unending generosity.

Back in the 70's, India, Russia and Vietnam could not feed themselves. Today they are grain exporters. The free world taught them how. It looks like we're not done.

## Knox County Election Results

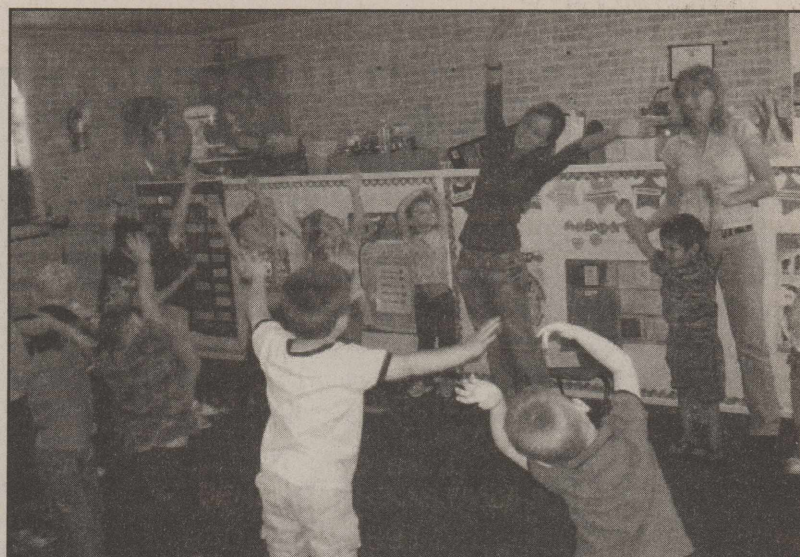
On Saturday May 10, 2008 voters headed to the polls to elect both City and School Board Council members. Both elections are held annually and the winners are determined by popular vote.

City Officials serve a two-year term and this year there were four openings to fill. Terry Utley pulled in 161 votes, followed by Steve Pepper with 153, Danny Reece with 135 and James Manning with 97. They will join Danny Lewis, Delbert Lloyd and Mayor, Jeff Stanfield to govern and serve in all

city issues.

The Knox City O'Brien CISD had three openings, as well. Those elected will serve three-year terms. The new elects include Nick Jimenez with 153 votes, Scott Lynn with 129 and Cody Manning with 113. They will join the existing School Board members, Dale Turner, Todd Lewis, Jim Dillon, Tracy Carter and Superintendent, Louis Baty to make up the 2008-2009 School Board Officials. The Benjamin and O'Brien Election results unavailable at press time.

## KNOX CITY CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT NUTRITION AND HEALTH



Knox City Child Development Center Students participate in physical learning activities.

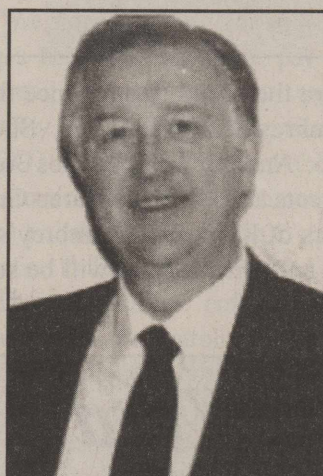
Ask any Knox City Headstart student what their heart does for their body and how to keep it healthy and I bet they can tell you.

That's because they are taking part in a series of lessons on the importance of good nutrition and exercise.

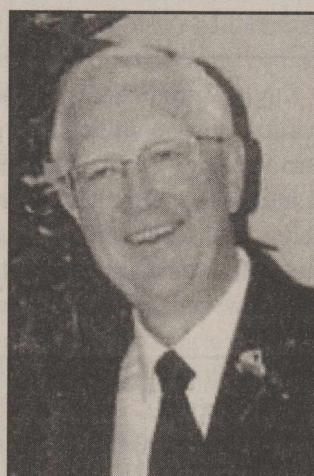
Shown here with State 4-H Food and Nutrition Ambassador, Brittany Coop, of the Benjamin 4-H Club, students learn about the different food groups from My Pyramid and how they help our bodies as well as different exercises and how to take care of ourselves to prevent health problems.

This is a program sponsored by Better Living For Texans and Texas AgriLife Extension Service. It is hoped that each student takes what they have learned home with them to share with their family.

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## Farm Credit Remains True to Agriculture

AUSTIN, Texas- The Tenth Farm Credit District today reported strong first-quarter financial results, despite changing economic conditions.

"Although agricultural commodity prices and exports are at record high levels, rising input costs are making it more expensive to produce a crop and feed livestock," said Larry Doyle, chief executive officer of the Austin-based Farm Credit Bank of Texas (FCBT). "These factors combined are beginning to put heavy credit demands on agricultural lenders, including Farm Credit cooperatives," Doyle said.

"However, the Farm Credit System was established to provide agriculture with a reliable source of credit, even when other lenders may be facing funding and liquidity hurdles in today's tight credit markets," he said.

As a government-sponsored enterprise, Farm Credit financing cooperatives receive their funds through the sale of highly rated Farm Credit securities in the nation's money markets.

The Tenth Farm Credit District is part of the Farm Credit System, the nation's largest rural lending organization.

The district is composed of the Farm Credit Bank of Texas and 20 rural lending cooperatives in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico and Texas.

Tenth District net income totaled \$69.8 million for the quarter ending March 31, 2008 up 4 percent from the same period of 2007. The increase was primarily the result of an increase in net interest income, largely attributable to loan volume growth.

The district set a new loan volume record, with gross loans total-

ing \$15.7 billion at quarter end, a 3.8 percent increase from Dec. 31, 2007, and a 16.4 percent increase from a year earlier.

While the volume of total high-risk assets increased by \$34.7 million, or 27.7 percent from year-end 2007, the credit quality of the district's loan portfolio remained very strong. Loans classified as acceptable accounted for 98.8 percent of the portfolio-unchanged from three months ago and a year earlier.

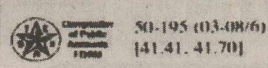
"Recently, our Tenth District lending cooperatives returned \$133.7 million in patronage to their customers, based on 2007 earnings. We hope that the patronage payments will help defray rising operating expenses for our agricultural producers," said Ralph W. Cotrese, FCBT board chairman.

The Tenth District had \$18.6 billion in total assets at March 31, 2008. Stockholder equity was \$2.3 billion.

The Farm Credit Bank of Texas also reported strong first-quarter financial results. The bank earned \$21 million in net income in the first three months of 2008, a 20 percent increase over the same quarter in 2007. The bank's gross loan volume at March 31, 2008, totaled \$11 billion, up 1.2 percent from year-end 2007. Bank assets totaled \$13.7 billion.

The Tenth District lenders provide loans and financial services to agricultural producers, agribusiness firms, county homeowners and other rural landowners.

Nationally, the Farm Credit System reported combined net income of \$770 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2008, compared with combined net income of \$654 million for the same period of 2007.



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## Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- the market or appraised value of your property
- the unequal appraisal of your property
- the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- any exemptions that may apply to you
- the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal
- the taxable status of your property
- the local governments which should be taxing your property
- the ownership of property
- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- any action taken by the chief appraiser, appraisal district or appraisal review board that applies to and adversely affects you.

### Informal Review

(Insert description of appraisal district's informal review process, if any, then give name and telephone number of person taxpayer should contact.)

### Review by the Appraisal Review Board

If you can't resolve your problem informally with the county appraisal district (CAD) staff, you may have your case heard by the appraisal review board (ARB).

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening, Saturday or Sunday. Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the CAD will use to uphold their determination. The CAD may ask you for a copy of the evidence you plan to present. The hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person to present evidence or you may send notarized evidence for the ARB to review at your hearing. The CAD representative will present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. The CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance

of the evidence presented. In certain protests where the owner has submitted an independent appraisal to the ARB before the hearing, the chief appraiser has the burden of proving the property's value by clear and convincing evidence. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at

(Insert address.)

### Knox County Appraisal District

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Note: You shouldn't try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they haven't talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

### Review by the District Court or an Arbitrator

After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 45 days of the date you receive the ARB's order. As an alternative and within the same time period, you may file a request for binding arbitration with the county appraisal district in certain cases.

### Tax Payment

You must pay either the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute or the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken.

### More Information

You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district at (Insert appraisal district name, address, telephone number.)

940-459-3891

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You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Division at P.O. Box 13528, Austin, Texas 78711-3528.

## Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB\*

### Usual Deadline

On or before May 31 (or 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.

Late protests are due the day before the appraisal review board approves records for the year. Contact your appraisal district for more information.

### Special Deadlines

For change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

\* The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or holiday.

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change didn't result from a protest you filed), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

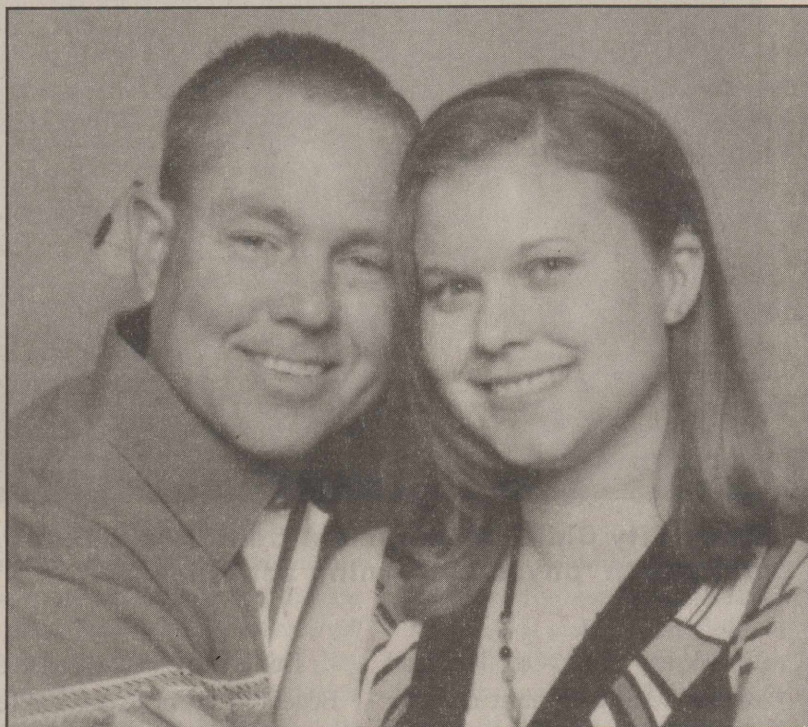
(You may insert deadline for protests concerning omitted property if doing so would avoid taxpayer confusion.)

If you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually February 1) or no later than the 125th day after the date you claim you received a tax bill from one or more of the taxing units that tax your property. The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.





**Engagement News**



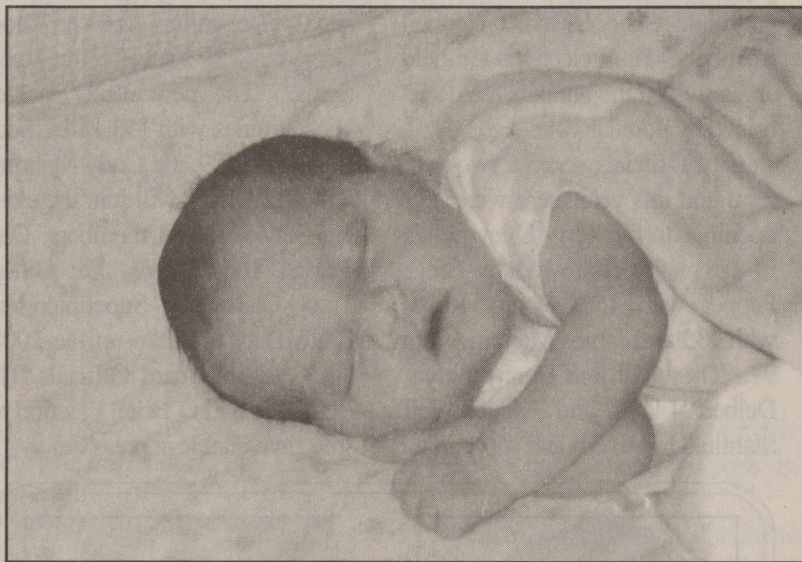
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**Thank You**

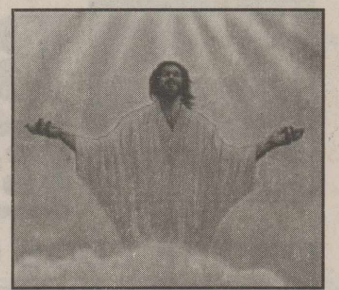
We wish to express our gratitude for the community support that we received during Omitene's illness and subsequent death. Your visits, phone calls, cards, and prayers are deeply appreciated.

Thank you, also, for the food and family luncheon, the floral tributes, and memorials in her honor.

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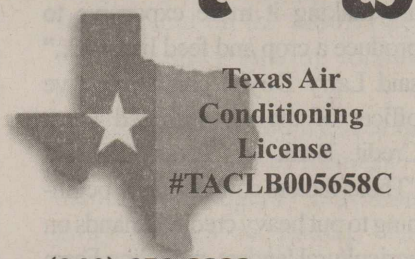
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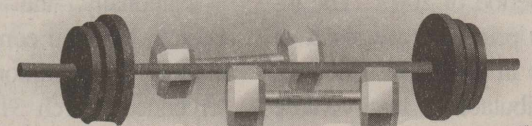
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## Letter To The Editor

CHILDRESS - The Texas Department of Transportation supports state and local law mobilization during the "Click It or Ticket" campaign, as law enforcement agencies have stepped up enforcement of the state's safety belt and child safety seat laws, issuing citations unbelted drivers and occupants.

This campaign is of great value to the community, since safety belts can help prevent countless tragedies. In fact, safety belts prevented 15,700 fatalities in 2005, as well as saving \$67 billion in associated economic costs. "Click It or Ticket" messages and mobilizations will boldly remind vehicle occupants to make the conscious decision to buckle up each time they step into a vehicle, whether as the driver or a passenger. For those drivers who choose not to wear a safety belt during this intensified enforcement period, being cited may result in an unwelcome fine, but it's better than paying with their life. Traffic crashes are the leading cause of death for Americans ages 4 through 34, but wearing a safety belt is the simplest and least expensive way to reduce deaths and serious injuries.

Unfortunately, one in five people still do not buckle up, and in the U.S. a traffic accident occurs every five seconds! Across the nation young males, nighttime drivers and passengers, rural residents, teens, and pickup truck drivers suffer the most injuries and fatalities because they are less likely to use safety belts, although they are the nation's highest risk drivers.

While it's imperative to buckle up because it's the law, it is also important to be a positive influence on family and friends in the community. Use a safety belt every time you get into a vehicle—whether to drive across the state or only a few miles—day or night, Click It or Ticket.

Barbara Seal, Public Information Officer  
Texas Department of Transportation, Childress District

Due to an oversight in the May 8th issue of the Knox County News, a Letter to the Editor was printed with an anonymous signature. Please note that all Letters to the Editor must be printed with a signature and submitted with contact info. Letters to the Editor in no way reflect the views or opinion of this paper.

**The Political Ad in support of Nick Jiminez in the May 8th edition was sponsored Dalton Harrington, not Matt Harrington. Matt Harrington would like it made known that he did not politically support or oppose any of the candidates in last week's elections.**

## Knox County Commissioners' Court Minutes

April 14th, 2008 a regular meeting was conducted of the Honorable Commissioners' Court of Knox County, Texas to discuss current matters and business.

Extension Agent, Lorrie Coop, gave a presentation concerning the Knox County 4-H Program and their Activities

Max Gerhardt, Foard County TEXDOT Maintenance Supervisor, discussed Foard County's cooperation with road maintenance of Knox County.

Commissioner McCown made the motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held March 10th, 2008 and the Special Session on March 24th, 2008. The motion passed five to zero.

The county cell phone policy was discussed but it was decided to table the motion until a later date.

The motion to approve the finances for March 2008 passed five

to zero.

It was agreed unanimously to adopt a County Road Map.

The appointments of Tracy Cartwright and Judy Hobert to the Knox County Hospital District Board were approved.

The bids for the purchase of a mower for the Courthouse property were considered and it was decided that a John Deere would be purchased.

It was also unanimous that handicap bars would be placed in the ladies rest rooms.

The bids on Trust Property in Goree were accepted.

The motion to adopt the Resolution to Support Expedited Development of Competitive Renewable Energy Zones in West Texas passed five to zero.

All agreed to pass the motion to Increase the Limit Required to Utilize Competitive Bidding.

## Knox County Sheriff's Report February 25 - March 17

Zugina, Cindy 04/01/08, Theft (M-B)  
Short, Stacy 04/05/08, Secure Document by Deception (SJF)  
Hickman, Paul 04/05/08, DWI 2nd (M-A)  
Zugina, Cindy 04/06/08, Burglary of a Habitation (F-2)  
Sherwin, Leonarda 04/06/08, Public Intoxication., Disorderly Conduct (M-C) x 2.  
Rascon, Antonio 04/10/08, Possession of Marihuana (Felony)  
Kenneth Malloy 04/11/08, Possession of Marihuana (M-B)  
Lavelle, Hernandez 04/11/08 Tampering with a Government Document (SJF)  
Brown, Melvina 04/18/08 TBC (M-B)  
Odems, Steve 04/19/08, DWI 3+ (F-3)  
Nagera, Veronica 04/23/05 FTA/DWLI (M-B)  
Bryer, Christopher 04/27/08, Bond Forfeiture/Aggravated Robbery (F-1). Bond Forfeiture/Burglary of a Habitation  
Wright, Angela Renee 04/24/08, Public Intoxication (M-C)  
Moorhouse, George 04/30/08 Public Intoxication (M-C)  
Dockins, Bobby Lynn 05/02/08, Possession of a Controlled Substance (F-2). Evading arrest with a vehicle (SJF)

## Texas Motorists Prepare to Buckle Up or Pay Up Beginning May 19

Childress, TX - Memorial Day, summer and peak travel season are right around the corner, and Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and law enforcement agencies across Texas will join on this annual safety belt enforcement campaign.

The goal of this year's campaign is to increase safety belt use to a record compliance rate of 92.5 percent. Building on last year's campaign, messages are appearing on landmarks across Texas reminding motorists to "Click It or Ticket."

"We hope that the risk of getting a ticket and having to pay a fine will persuade people to wear a safety belt," said Barbara Seal, TxDOT Childress District Public Information Officer. "Sometimes it takes a citation to get people to pay attention to the law."

Thousands of law enforcement officers will be patrolling Texas streets and highways between May 19 and June 1, with special attention to the Memorial Day holiday weekend.

State law requires drivers, front seat passengers and children under 17, whether riding in the front or back seat, to be buckled up and child safety seats must be used for children under the age of five and less than 36 inches tall.

"Thanks to the combination of extensive advertising and stepped-up enforcement of safety belt laws,

safety belt use among Texas drivers has increased from 76 percent to almost 92 percent since efforts first began in 2002," said Barbara Seal. "But while there has been a significant increase in safety belt use for the state's drivers, the passengers on our roadways aren't keeping up," added Seal.

While more than 92 percent of Texas drivers buckle up, passengers are lagging behind when it comes to using safety belts. According to the Texas Transportation Institute, only 87 percent of passengers in Texas use a safety belt, and that number dips to 79 percent when evaluating pickup truck passengers.

Safety advocates report that drivers and passengers who buckle up have a 50 percent better chance of surviving serious traffic collisions and avoiding serious injuries, and that number jumps to 80 percent for those who ride in pickups.

"The simple act of buckling up is the easiest, least expensive and most effective way to prevent traffic deaths and injuries," said Seal. "It also can keep you from getting a ticket."

Drivers and passengers who aren't buckled up or whose children aren't properly restrained can expect a citation with fines from \$25 to \$200.

For Click It or Ticket campaign details, visit [www.texasclickitorticket.com](http://www.texasclickitorticket.com).

## KC Museum News

Friends of Knox County Historical Commission met Tuesday, May 6, 2008, at the Wichita Brazos Museum in Benjamin.

New application forms and new information forms designed by the Knox County Historical Commission for adding names on the Knox County Veterans Memorial were discussed. Anyone may pick up an application, but only a person with an honorable discharge and has lived or is buried in Knox County will be accepted to have a name engraved on the memorial.

A veteran's service period is needed in order to place his or her name in the proper time period. No application will be accepted that is not fully completed.

Friends of KCHC were urged to help spread the word about the new forms and plans to have additional veteran's names engraved by November 11, 2008, with forms being received in the office by August 15th.

About 30 veterans' names have been turned in since the memorial was erected. Efforts are being made to contact those on this list to update information for the memorial and for the biographical information in the veterans' albums. Information about these forms

can be obtained at the Wichita Brazos Museum, P. O. Box 124, Benjamin, TX, 79505; telephone 940-459-2229; or email [kchc@srcaccess.net](mailto:kchc@srcaccess.net). Some errors on the original engraving can be corrected. Inquire at the above address about changes.

Friends of KCHC will again participate in the City-wide garage sale at Munday, on Saturday, June 7th. If you would like to donate items for the sale, please contact a commission member, call the office, or bring the items to the Perry Patton Center in Munday, Friday morning, June 6th. We will be there setting up and accepting items from 8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Items will also be accepted on Saturday morning, but it will be easier to organize them on Friday.

Hamburgers, soft drinks and cookies will be sold. Those making a day of garage sale shopping are invited to lunch. In fact, hamburger customers bring in almost as much for the museum as the big garage sale. Volunteers are welcome to help at this big event.

The Museum will be open, Saturday, June 7th, from 9 to 5, so persons attending the Knox City homecoming can visit. Displays are not in place, but anyone can visit and tour the beautiful building, and view the granite markers on the porch.

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10 or less- \$255.00

All students are expected to pay the \$205.00 before June 4. Make checks payable to Munday CISD and bring them to the MHS office. If 15 or fewer students enroll, students will be notified of the rate adjustment after classes begin. Interested parties should call and register for the class at 940-422-4321.

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# AG NEWS

## Texas Crop, Weather

COLLEGE STATION – Most of the western parts of the state remained drought-stressed, while the northern and eastern parts of the state saw some relief, according to reports from Texas AgriLife Extension Service agents across the state.

“Well, I guess I could be accused of sounding like a broken record, but I can’t help it that Mother Nature won’t allow me to report on anything else,” said J. D. Ragland, AgriLife Extension agent in Floyd County, near Lubbock. “It’s dry, dry, dry; There’s just no two ways about it.”

“Pasture conditions continued to improve after recent rains and warming temperatures,” said Josh Blank, AgriLife Extension agent in Somervell County southeast of Dallas. “Hay producers are busy fertilizing fields. However, most are fertilizing at reduced rates or only fertilizing the better hay fields, grazing the others.”

“Conditions are good in Navarro County,” said Derek Scasta, AgriLife Extension agent for Corsicana. “Recent rains have improved soil moisture. Row crops are growing quickly. Wheat and oats are starting to dry down, and combining is just around the corner.”

“Large range fires are raging east of Fort Stockton with moderate winds and dry conditions,” said Jed Elrod, AgriLife Extension agent in Pecos County. “Livestock and wildlife are both stressed by the continued lack of moisture.”

Either too much rain or too little has hindered corn plantings throughout the state. Although there are scattered reports of corn still being planted, the window of opportunity has mostly shut. As a result, despite corn prices being at an all-time high, the National Agricultural Statistic Service estimates Texas plantings are only slightly up at 2.25 million acres this year, up from nearly 2.1 million acres in 2007.

AgriLife Extension crop experts say those farmers who couldn’t get corn planted have opted for soybeans - hoping to take advantage of high prices for them, too.

Cotton acreage currently stands at about 4.7 million acres, but it’s early yet, with producers in some regions just now preparing fields. So it’s quite possible we’ll exceed the 4.92 million acres planted in 2007.

The following summaries were compiled by AgriLife Extension district reporters this week:

**CENTRAL:** Pasture conditions continued to improve after recent rains and warm days. Hay producers fertilized fields. Condition of livestock was improving and supplemental feeding slowed. High winds hindered spraying for weeds in some counties. Row crops were doing well.

**COASTAL BEND:** Rain came to most of the region. However, windy and dry weather followed. Low soil moisture levels slowed the growth of cotton and small grains. The wheat harvest continued in some counties. Most counties reported that livestock producers are still having to give cattle supplemental feed because of lack of forage.

**EAST:** Dry weather prevailed for most of the week with high winds and cool nights. The windy conditions rapidly dried out soils. Cooler night temperatures slowed the growth of warm-season forages. High fertilizer prices continue to worry producers; there is a marked reduction of fertilization of summer pastures for this time of year. Some producers in San Augustine County used broiler litter. Calving and calf working began. Cattle were in good to excellent condition. There were more reports of feral hog damage to many pastures and hayfields, as well as reports of beaver problems in farm ponds in Nacogdoches County. Vegetables made good progress with only a few reports of insects and diseases. Blueberry and blackberry crops were also doing well.

**FAR WEST:** Conditions across the region have worsened. It has been hot, dry and windy; wildfires were burning in several counties. Corn was in fair to good condition. Sorghum was in fair condition. Winter wheat and oats varied from very poor to excellent condition. Precipitation from 0.1 to 0.75 inch was reported.

**NORTH:** Soil moisture levels are adequate. The past week was windy with light rain. Corn was planted, and it emerged in good condition. Grain

sorghum planting was more than 50 percent completed and in fair to good condition. Nearly all wheat and oats were headed but were a little behind schedule. Wheat and oats were harvested for silage and some ryegrass. Stripe and leaf rust pressures on wheat were relatively low, except in susceptible varieties. In some areas, a few soybeans were planted, but there will probably be no cotton planted this year. Hay producers were preparing fields but were worrying about high fuel and fertilizer costs. Yields are good for hay that was harvested this week. Winter pastures were peaking and clovers were beginning to seed. Growth of summer pastures slowed because of cooler weather. All livestock pastures were lush and green after recent rain. Body condition of cattle was excellent. Fly population increased. Peaches and strawberries looked good.

**PANHANDLE:** Soil moisture was short to very short, with most areas reporting very short. A few acres of corn were planted. Wheat was very poor to good, with most areas reporting very poor. Range conditions were mostly poor. Cattle were in fair condition, but producers were still aggressively providing supplemental feed.

**ROLLING PLAINS:** The region remained dry. Although pastures were starting to green up and look great, ranchers worried protein levels will be low. They were concerned for livestock as grazing will remain much longer without moisture. Wheat fields were 100 percent headed out and appeared to have escaped damage from a late-April freeze. Yields should be about average for this area. Peanut producers were busy planting. Cotton producers were still preparing land for this year’s crop. The small amount of moisture received a few weeks back has boosted producers’ spirits and made field preparations easier.

**SOUTH:** Temperatures continued to be mild, with short to very short soil moisture. In the mid-parts of the region, some crops and pastures benefited from recent showers. From 0.5 to 1.5 inches of rain came to parts of the region, halting irrigation. In the western parts of the region, area landowners reported between 0.75 to 1.25 inches of rainfall, but it may have come too late to save dryland row crops. Citrus harvesting wound down, while the spring onion harvest continued. Corn and irrigated sorghum made good progress as days warmed.

**SOUTH PLAINS:** Days were warm to hot with 20 to 50 mph winds. Soil moisture was very short to short. Corn planting continued at a hurried pace. Cotton planting began in some areas. However, most producers are still pre-watering to raise soil-moisture levels high enough to plant. Planting of sunflowers and grain sorghum began. Winter wheat was in very poor to poor condition. Producers had to pump irrigation wells non-stop to irrigated wheat just to keep up with the water demand needed during this drought. Some dryland wheat was cut for hay due to low yield potential. Pastures and ranges were in very poor to poor condition. Condition of cattle was mostly fair to good with supplemental feeding continuing.

**SOUTHWEST:** While parts of the region received about 1 inch of rain, most counties only saw a trace. April ended with less than 0.2 inches of rain, compared to the long-term average of 2.3 inches. High, dry winds are desiccating soils. Forage availability remained below average. Corn, sorghum, spring vegetables, sunflowers and cotton made good progress under irrigation. It may already be too late to plant dryland crops. Small grain production will be minimal. The cabbage and carrot harvest was almost complete. The potato and onion harvests were slowly gaining momentum, and contractors were preparing for the pickling-cucumber harvest. Pecans, sod, grapes, cantaloupes and watermelons made good progress under heavy irrigation.

**WEST CENTRAL:** A few areas received isolated and scattered showers. Soil moisture levels were raised by rain. Producers prepared ground for cotton planting and spraying spring weeds. Small grain fields were being cut and baled. Grazing continued in pastures that are already thin and short. Renovation of improved warm-season pastures was in full swing. Body condition of livestock improved.

## Dumb Crook News



### Teens So Scared That They Inadvertently Call Police On Themselves

Two teens in Vermilion, Ohio, who broke into a house there made the one call that no one expected: they unwittingly called the cops on themselves.

Police there say that the 14- and 15-year-old boys entered a home on Hollyview Drive around 11:30 AM on March 20.

The two teens panicked and called police to report the crime afterwards in an attempt to throw police off their trail. But that’s where they slipped up. Police say that during the call, the teens provided a description of themselves to officers.

According to police, muddy footprints inside the home matched one of the boys’ shoes, implicating them in the break-in. Nothing was stolen from the home.

Police say that the boys later confessed to the crime. The two were arrested and taken to the Erie County Detention Center.

### “So, Why Did You Carjack That Woman?”

### “I Didn’t Feel Like Walking!”

A man in West Palm Beach, Florida, was called stupid by the Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office on March 25. But it’s as though the man, identified as 21-year-old Frank Singleton, could write a book on how to morph a misdemeanor into a felony within the confines of the jail’s parking lot.

“This is one of the stupid criminals,” Sheriff’s Office spokesman Paul Miller said.

Singleton got released from the county jail that day after being arrested on a charge of misdemeanor trespassing.

He immediately ran out into the visitors’ parking lot, and in an apparent effort to get away as quickly as possible, attempted to carjack a 2006 Nissan 350Z, Miller said.

Justine Lapiere, the woman who was driving the vehicle, was just getting out of it when Singleton ran at her saying, “I want your car,” Miller said.

He pushed Lapiere out of the way, grabbed the keys and jumped into the Nissan. But, naturally, it was a manual transmission and Singleton couldn’t operate it, according to Miller.

Hearing the commotion, Sheriff’s Office Pastor Leo Krug walked up and, holding his handgun by his side, ordered the barely free Singleton to the ground so that a deputy could slap the cuffs on him. Needless to say, Singleton was booked on a charge of carjacking.

“I don’t think he wanted to go back to jail,” Miller said. “I think he really wanted to get away and was looking for a car.” When the detective was making the arrest, he asked Singleton why he did this. “I didn’t feel like walking,” Singleton said.



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By Gladene Green

Our small town has been saddened once again with the death of Sue Sheedy. Sue passed away early Sunday morning after being admitted to a Wichita Falls hospital about a week earlier. She had been in failing health several years and had just last week been diagnosed with a malignancy.

Sue was a friend to all and as bad as she felt a lot of the time; she always took her problems pretty well and looked forward to having better days. Her funeral is Wednesday at Knox City Methodist Church with burial here.

I extend my sincere sympathy to her husband Jack and children, Mike, Steve and Mitzi and their families. Also sympathy to the family of Thelma Lee Carlston, former Vera resident, who had lived in Seymour for a good while. Thelma died Friday in Lubbock.

Thelma’s piano playing brought pleasure to many. She was our church pianist (First Baptist) several years a few years ago. We will miss her.

### About Our Ill

Thankfully we have no real severe illness to report today (that I am aware of). Bobby Hudson is to have cataract surgery today (Tuesday). Of course everyone likes to see better and I’m sure he’s no exception! He will have his done in Abilene.

Jane Gideon is to see her Dr. (heart) today in Wichita Falls. She’s hoping for a good report. This is a routine check up but she has had a few problems come up lately. We’ll be glad to hear what her Doctors tell her.

Loraine Powers is to go to Houston soon to see a heart specialist there. Her Midland doctors have found an aneurysm in the aorta (heart) and feel it needs further attention.

She’s feeling fine but knows that needs to be checked out. Of course we wish her well and pray all goes well and look forward to her getting back home.

Deann Lamb will be coming home Wednesday after several months stay in the Munday Nursing Center. She’s very anxious to get back into her own surroundings.

### Here ‘n There

Getting close to mid-May, things are still busy, busy, busy. The Prom was Saturday night and everyone decked out in their formal wear and enjoyed

the “evening of the year” for Juniors and Seniors and their escorts. Reports are that the steak dinner was wonderful and the dance following provided a good time for several hours. The sports banquet is tonight. School is out May 30th.

That is the day of high school commencement at 8pm at the ex-student building. Baccalarte is Sunday night May 25 at 8 P.M. at First Baptist Church. Juniors High graduation is Thursday night, May 29.

The Homecoming schedule has been released and sounds like a full 3 days for the second weekend in June-13th, 14th and 15th.

Committee chairpersons will be busy with their assigned chores. The Homecoming king and queen will be crowned on Friday evening and they will “reign over” the entire weekend “goings on”. We’ll see you there for a lot of fun and fellowship.

Mother’s Day weekend found some visiting in the area. My daughter, Diane Evans and daughter Ashlee of Childress, were here on Saturday and daughter Debbie Moorehouse, her husband and son, Mike and Will joined us for lunch and a day of visiting.

Lynn Rogers of Snyder, Jessica Moorehouse of Tarlton State and Liz Herring and family of Munday spent Mother’s Day with Debbie, Mike and Will Moorehouse.

Betty Lyles has made several trips to Ballinger recently attending to some business matters. Lewis is about as he’s been for several months.

Does pretty well most of the time. Just can’t stay at home as he has to have lots of attention and skilled care.

Bill and Sue Roberts of Driftwood, near Austin, spent last weekend with his parents, Kenneth and Jessie Roberts.

Dutch and Imagean Young and Anthony Jessica Lamb had lunch with Jessica’s family in Seymour on Sunday.

Charles and Linda Griffith were in Lubbock last weekend. She saw her Dr. on Thursday about her knee and will have it scooped out on the 23rd. She’s ready as she’s looking forward to some relief.

We have received word of the death of the sister of former resident Henry Rogers. She passed away in Hico on Sunday. Her funeral will be later this week in Kaufman. Sympathy to Henry and his family.

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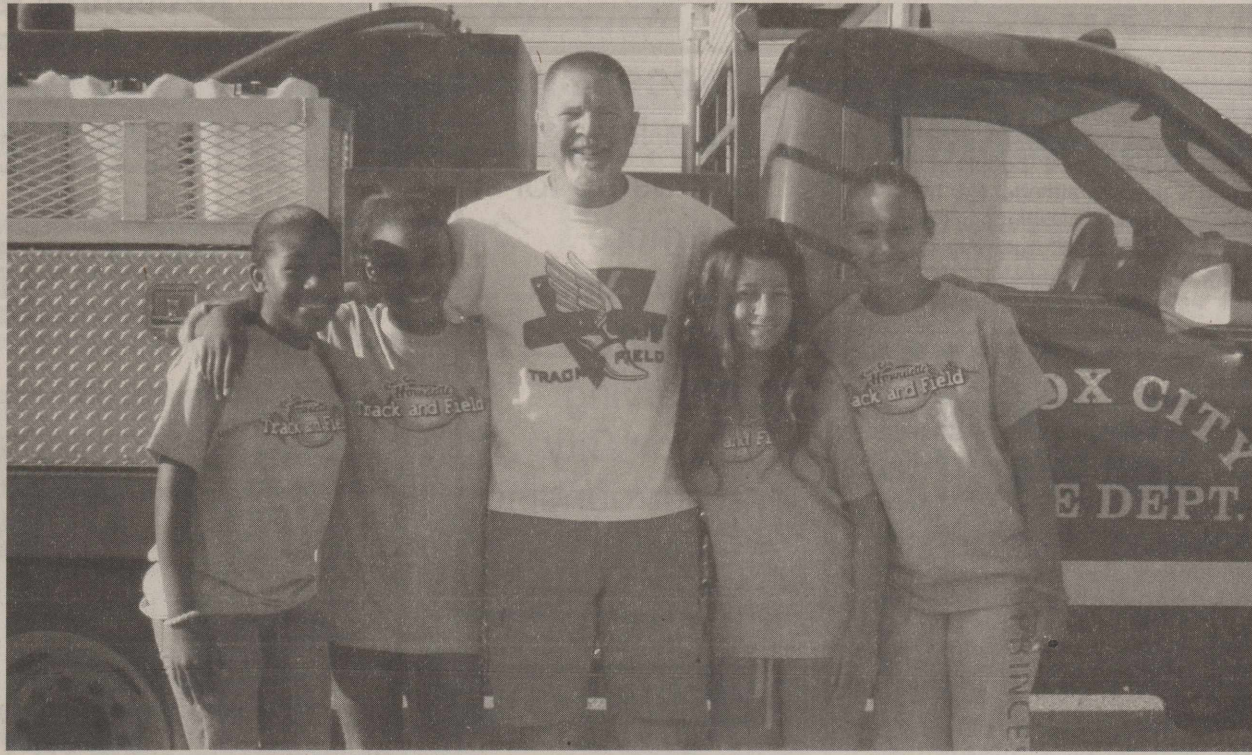
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Holly McCrary, Camille Ward, Coach Monte Moore, Shelby Guterrez, and Lacey Pierce were State Bound for the UIL State Track & Field Meet which was held Saturday, May 10 in Austin, TX. The girls make up the Knox City Houndette's 4x100m relay team which qualified for the state meet. Guterrez, also, competed individually at the state meet in the 200m dash. The team was escorted out of town courtesy of the Knox City Volunteer Fire Dept.

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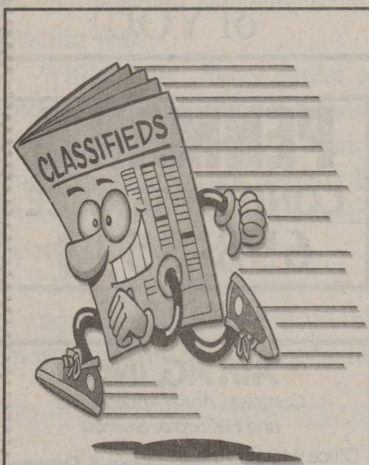
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