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Trio of local women to receive 'Pioneer' awards

BRANDE ESTRADA
 Special to The Knox County News

The Pioneer Woman Award was established in 2007 by the Benjamin Rodeo Club to honor the women in the surrounding area who have made a positive contribution to their communities and the farming and ranching way of life. Oftentimes, these women have not only been responsible for daily domestic duties, but assist in the daily ranch or farm opera-

tions. These tasks may include, but are not limited to, feeding cattle, checking water, operating farm equipment, building fence, keeping books, and assisting with branding or harvest time. This year's recipients are no exception. They are Betty Lyles, Lula Baty, and the late Becky Moorhouse.

Betty Lyles was born in Frankston, TX and graduated high school in Henrietta, where she met and married Louis Lyles at the age of 20. Louis had a construction

company for many years which led the family to Guthrie, Brownwood, and Ballinger, TX. Finally, in 1980, Louis and Betty were able to retire to their family ranch west of Benjamin.

Lyles recalls, "The ranch was mostly mesquite at the time, and over the years improvements have been made such as roads, cultivation, and waterline to feed above ground tanks."

Betty often assisted in daily

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Lula Baty



Betty Lyles



Becky Moorhouse

Benjamin reunion, rodeo set to begin

The area's attention will stay focused on Knox County this week as the festivities shift to Benjamin this weekend for the 2012 Benjamin Homecoming and ranch rodeo events. Activities are scheduled in Benjamin from Friday through Sunday.

The 2012 Benjamin Homecoming activities will get under way on Friday afternoon when organizers hold a registration session beginning at 3 p.m. Following registration, the 2012 homecoming queen ceremony will be held, starting at 6 p.m.

The Benjamin Ranch Rodeo will cap the first night of events. The rodeo will begin at 7 p.m.

The activities get started early on Saturday. A "Breakfast on the Porch" outing will begin for homecoming participants beginning at 7:30 a.m. at the Knox County Museum.

The ranch rodeo's team roping event will swing into action at 9 a.m. The books for the event will open at 8:30 a.m. for those interested.

The action will shift to downtown Benjamin at 10 a.m. when the homecoming parade is held. Entries in the parade will be utilizing a "Branded with a B" theme to emphasize school spirit.

The ranch rodeo will begin its final day of action beginning at 7 p.m.

A dance will be held later that night, starting at 9 p.m.

McCown, Urbanczyk capture wins

Knox County commissioners Johnny McCown and James R. (Jimmy) Urbanczyk both came away from last week's election with easy wins. Both received 100 percent of the votes cast in the 2012 Democratic Primary election.

McCown, the Precinct 1 representative, received six votes. Urbanczyk, the Precinct 3 commissioner, collected nine. Both were running unopposed.

In the race for the U.S. Senate, Paul Sadler and Grady Yarbrough were involved in a close race. Sadler netted 15 votes, while Yarbrough had 13.



Jim Robinson and Donna Albus practice 'Hey, Good-Lookin' on stage for the 'Puttin' on the Hits' event on Friday in the KCHS auditorium. Robinson is a member of the KCHS Class of 1949. Albus graduated from Knox City High School as part of the Class of 1962.

KC exes turn out for '12 Homecoming bash

The Knox City-O'Brien exes came out in full force this past weekend to participate in the biennial high school reunion.

According to reunion organizers, more than 150 KC exes and their families registered for events held during the two-day celebration.

Among the bigger turnouts was the

KCHS Class of 1962, which had 11 members, along with their spouses and friends turn out for an all-day "memories session" on Saturday.

The Class of '62 was celebrating the 50th anniversary of their graduation at this

KC-O'BRIEN REUNION
 See photos of events on Page 8.

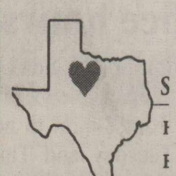
year's event

There were several other special meetings held at the school and around town that were well attended.

Among one of the bigger events was the musical production staged on Friday

in the KCHS auditorium. Several exes performed various routines, including "The Streak," and "Dolly Parton's classic hit, "9 to 5."

Everyone had a great time during the weekend. Many exes said they are looking forward to the next homecoming, which will be held in June 2014.



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Six Flags was a scary thrill for everyone

Teachers make a difference and this week was living proof of that in Knox City. Mr Tucker planned his usual trip for the band

kids. This year, it was a Rangers game and Six Flags.

We started out Tuesday by going to the Rangers game with

tickets that included an all-you-can-eat buffet. The Rangers probably started a new rule after Knox City left. Don't be surprised if you hear about, "The Steele Rule" in the future. The "Steele Rule" is, You cannot sit at the buffet to eat. You have to get your food and go sit at a table.

Coach's goal was a plate of nachos every inning and when the game was over he was so disappointed that he was begging for extra innings.

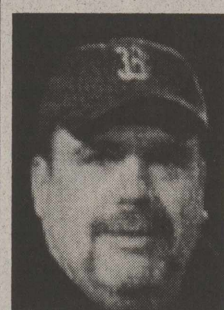
Day 2 was Six Flags. The first ride was the new and improved Texas Giant. "New and improved" basically means you better be wearing adult diapers because it will scare the you-know-what out of you. The new carts have no sides, low profile and no railing on the track. I was fine until Mr. Faulks - who was riding with Andy behind us - said, "there is nothing to hold onto!"

That is when I realized death was going to hurt, and Michelle's next husband would be some sort of partner in Six Flags.

The next big task was Superman ... and Mrs. Howeth should have CPS called on her for making 8-year-old Gracie ride. I mean it shoots you up 5,000 feet and drops you. Then it takes you back up. It repeats this about 100 times. An unnamed woman from KC after this ride was applauded by the ground section for her bravery. She rewarded them with the No. 1 finger.

Heights make people crazy. The rest of the day was a blur of heights, speed and pure panic. I finally waved the white flag and decided to join the adults at left for Looney Toons-land. Coach Steele, Howeth and I decided we would set a new speed and weight record for the Bobsled. With a combined weight of more than the cart, we flew down the

Just Jeff



By Jeff Stanfield

course. We blew through the built-in speed brakes. When we started, we where 26 seconds behind the cart in front of us, When it finished, Steele was slapping the guy in front of us on the back of the neck in front of us and telling them to get out of the way. They clocked us at 221 mph - a new bobsled record.

Next year, we are getting the fancy tight suits. With that, I think we can hit 240.

After all the years and trips to Six Flags, I decided it was time to ride the "Batman. It is the ride where your feet dangle.

Hey, if Gracie can ride it then, by God, I was going to do it.

So, here goes. They strap me in with a double buckle. I felt like Hannibal Lecter in a cage.

The "Batman" is a smooth ride but half way through I sure was wishing I had passed on the Ben and Jerry's. The last half was cork screws and loops and, that darn ice cream.

When it was over, I was sweating like a fat chick in a rubber dress, and was whiter than a ghost. I was also shaking like a crack head.

Can you believe, little Gracie was begging Christie to do it again??

I didn't want to go again. After a while, Michelle told me to stop bawling like a baby and to let go of the security guard.

I guess I blacked out. What a great trip! Thanks to Mr. Tucker for another great outing for the KC kids and adults...

Jeff Stanfield is a local columnist.

Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

It's June already--My! How the time flies by and more so as we get older (at least it seems that way to me.) Anyway, the second weekend is coming up and that means Homecoming for those of us here in Benjamin. We hope for a good crowd of visitors and surely do hope they enjoy a weekend of fun, food, and fellowship. Registration begins at 3 pm on Friday.

No report of any new "aches and pains" in the community today. I'm always glad to report that. Weldon Gideon is having a problem with his defibrillator and will see his doctor in Wichita Falls today, but no real problem is expected. Just needs checking out, I believe. As far as everyone else, things seem to be going pretty well.

HERE N THERE

Cathy Tomlinson of Denton came on Friday for a week's visit with her Mom, Gloria West, and to be here for the Homecoming weekend. She and Gloria attended the Yarbrough "cousins" family reunion during the weekend at Andrews. Gloria said between 50 and 75 cousins and their families were on hand for the get together.

Lorene Powers accompanied Jimmy and Helen Green of Guthrie to Sulphur Springs for a few days' visit with Jimmy's sister and his brothers (and their families) who all live in that area.

Shaylee Propps of Canyon is here for the week to visit and then attend Homecoming before returning home and back to the "routine."

Shelby Russell, who has been in New Mexico (near Clayton) for a few weeks, is also here until after Homecoming. Her Mom will be here on Friday, and she will return home with her.

Cassie Sheedy's Mom has been in the Knox Co. Hospital for a few days and will be leaving to go back to East Texas to reside in a care facility when she is able to travel. She has been here with Cassie and Steve for several weeks. Speaking of the Sheedys, they will not be mov-

ing into the Woolley house after all. They said they weighed all the pros and cons and decided to stay where they are. They also said they hated to leave their good neighbors--quite a compliment to Jan and Fred Carver, I'd say. And certainly nothing against the neighborhood where they considered moving. Sometimes, though, it's just better to "stay put."

Kenneth and Jessie Roberts have moved from the Munday Nursing Center to the Brazos Valley Care Home in Knox City. Again, certainly, nothing against the Munday facility, but the family thought with the uncertainty of the situation over there and so many things coming up in their family, this was the right time to make the change. So if you are in Knox City, go by and see them. I'm sure they would welcome visitors any time.

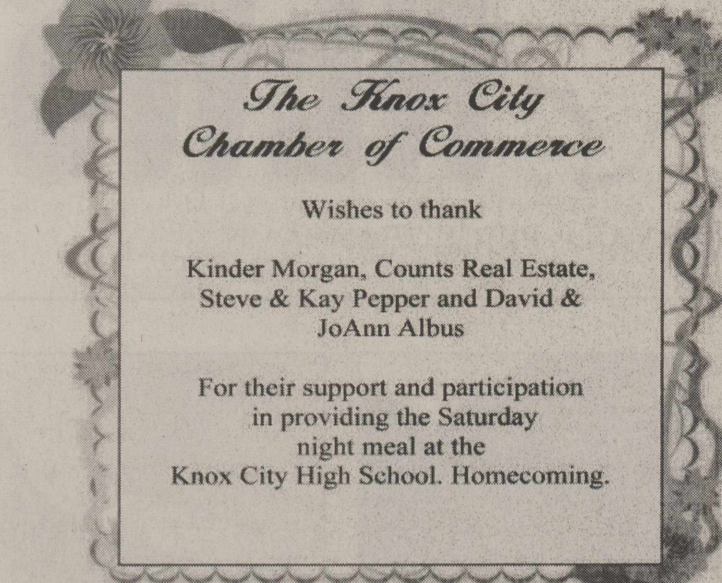
Blaine Neal honored her daughter, Shaelyn, with a pool party Sunday night. The occasion was Shaelyn's eighth birthday. Refreshments of cake, cupcakes, and punch were served to a lot of youngsters who joined Shea for the fun. Janet Reed and Jimmy Barrientez and children were also over there to enjoy the party.

Janet Reed was in Big Spring Saturday and Sunday to spend the weekend with her husband, Gary, who is working there. She said her son, Clay, and his family of Lubbock came by for a visit before going home. They had spent the weekend with his Dad, Steve, and his wife, who also live in Big Spring.

Jerry Don Anderson of Hewitt spend the weekend with his sister, Jan Carver (and Fred). He divided his time between here and Knox City, where he attended their Homecoming.

Mike and Tammy Lyles attended the wedding of Tim Jones (and his fiancée' whose name escapes me!) Tammy and Mike spent the weekend with Kate and Edward Estrada.

Lynn Rogers and Shaylee of Snyder spent the weekend with her Dad, Mike Moorhouse, and See NEWS on Page 4



The Knox City Chamber of Commerce

Wishes to thank

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2012 Weekly Weather Report

Table with columns: Date, Temperature (F) Low / High, Rainfall inches. Includes total rainfall for month (2.62) and 2012 rainfall (6.83).

Crossword puzzle titled 'The Original TEXAS CROSSWORD' by Charley & Guy Orbison. Includes clues for ACROSS and DOWN sections.

Looking on the brighter side

There always seem to be folks who need to say something good, even at the worst of times. Like Mrs. Custer. She might have said, "Well, on the bright side, at least he was wearing clean undies."

Last spring on a gather we set out to find an evasive 300 lb steer, we'll call him Rompy. We made a big circle and never found him but we did discover a leak in the water line. Just luck, maybe, but on the bright side, it made the ride worth it.

The next day we rode out early and found him with his mother and a couple other cows. All went well, we sorted off Rompy at the trap and took him to the headquarters with intentions to hold him overnight for the sale the next day. We unsaddled and I stuck a water hose through the boards of the little pen where Rompy was



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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

being held. Pretty good morning, I was thinking, then Rompy came unglued!

He could see daylight through a 3' wide pipe gate into the loading alley. He took four runs at it. I ran around the other side to frighten him back. It didn't work! On his fifth try he crashed over the top, bending the rail perpendicular. I dove out of the way as he sailed over me!

I looked back over my shoulder and remember thinking, this must be what a torpedo looks like leaving a submarine! We would

see him again 30 minutes later on a big ridge overlooking town. We tracked him half a mile, through one fence and into a big BLM canyon. With a huge dose of luck (finding him), enough opportunities (catching him), and two stout horses (dragging him), we got him to a road. My partner hog-tied him and I went to get the rescue unit.

Our location was unreachable by trailer so I brought the old pickup. I loaded it up with an assortment of possibly useful items and returned to the scene. The steer was still on the fight and too heavy to lift or manhandle. After much cowboy cogitation we took two 8' two by twelves and laid a ramp from the tailgate to Rompy. We tried to push him up but he wouldn't slide.

I dug through the box and came up with a come-a-long, however, we had no place to chain it.

"Wait a minute!", I said, "Flip over that gooseneck turnover ball and hook it there!"

We flipped it over, chained it to the ball, pulled out the cable and ran it through some cotton rope we had wrapped around the hogtie. My partner started cranking and I kept the head and tail-ends balanced as we drug Rompy into the bed of the pickup an inch and a grunt at a time. It was as much fun as changing a split rim tire off a Peterbuilt. All three of us looked like we had been drug through a knothole. Even Rompy had lost his steam.

But, on the bright side, I guess. We could have been grape farmers. I don't think we'd ever been able to load a 300 lb wild raisin.. ain't nothin' to tie to!

Knox County Aging Services

The following lunch menus have been listed for the week of June 11-15 for the Knox County Aging Services

All meals are served with Wheat Bread, Margarine and 1 percent milk.

Monday, June 11 - Salisbury steak, diced potatoes/skin on, English peas, whole wheat roll, fruit salad/juice.

Tuesday, June 12 - Ham and beans, spinach, seasoned corn, cornbread, orange/pineapple cup, country apple crisp.

Wednesday, June 13 - Spaghetti/meat sauce, Italian vegetables, broccoli, garlic toast, autumn jello.

Thursday, June 14 - Beef stew, turnip greens, cornbread, black forest parfait.

Friday, June 15 - BBQ chicken, mashed potatoes, carrot/raisin salad, cornbread, baked apples.

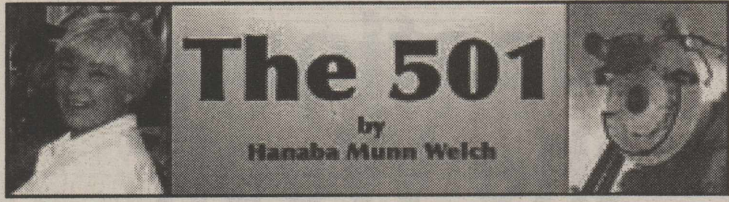
NOTE: New serving time is noon (in Knox City only). Alternate desserts available for diabetics.

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KC News sets new office hours With the addition of Linda Griffith the Knox County News office will be open from 8 a.m. to noon on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday. The office is closed on Fridays.



"This little piggy went to market."

Nursery rhymes, like all great literature, leave room for misunderstanding.

I'm viewing my toes right now and thinking of those pigs. It has just dawned on me that all but one apparently went on a shopping excursion to the weekly town market. But of course!

Picture them in a quaint European village square, walking on their hind feet, each with a basket over one arm-like front leg. Charming. In my mind's eye, a little blue and white checked cloth is draped over the goods in the baskets. The pigs are smiling.

But until now, I'd always envisioned those pigs piling into a 1940s car - probably a no-frills black Chevrolet -- and going to town to the weekly local livestock sale. After all, they were pigs. Never mind that the sale was for cows.

What else was I to think? In my pre-supermarket childhood, the word "market" connoted livestock and the weekly auction. As Mother recited the rhyme to me, toe by toe, it seemed indeed strange that a pig would put himself up for sale along with all the cows going through the dusty ring, but I accepted the notion. Even at age 3, I knew nursery rhymes didn't always make perfect sense. After all, there was that guy who put his wife in a pumpkin.

The rest of the scenario: "This little piggy stayed home."

Based on the probable fate of the first pig, the second one always sounded like the smart one to me.

As for the last three lines, the only logical part was the ending -- the little-toe pig crying "waah, waah, waah all the way home." Such a crybaby. But at least he didn't get sold.

The roast beef episode puzzled me. What pig eats roast beef? I asked myself that question when Mother got to those toes. Roughly six decades later, I'm still asking.

Mad Cow disease comes to mind. Pigs should think twice before eating roast beef. Quote me.

If you'd asked me about mad cows when I was little, I would have said a mad cow was one that didn't want to get dehorned or otherwise cooperate with whatever regimen my father had in mind.

Picture Daddy in overalls. A

cow that didn't want to get in the trailer to go to market - now that would be a mad cow.

Which brings us to yesterday. Those four bull calves didn't exactly step into the trailer politely. They nearly got mad, squeezed as they were into a space that gave them no choice but to hop aboard. Whew!

From there it was all uphill. Stressful experiences are best remembered set to rhyme:

"The farmer's wife went to market,
She left her husband at home.

They should've had roast beef for supper,
Fried chicken was good to the bone.

The old diesel pickup cried 'rumbledy-ping' all the way home."

Be glad I've spared you the details.

But yes, that was me going 30 mph on the Lloyd Ruby Overpass.

Editor's Note: If you have read this column to the end and aren't familiar with the Lloyd Ruby Overpass, it's a part of the highway system in Wichita Falls and is designed to move traffic through at highway speeds. The late Lloyd Ruby, racecar driver, was from Wichita Falls. Seeing his name on an overpass always makes me want to speed. But all I wanted to do last week was make it to the downhill side and ultimately to the livestock auction outside of town. It's as close as I've ever come to getting arrested for going too slow!

PIONEER

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ranch life riding horses, branding cattle, doctoring screw worms, and cooking for the cowboys. However, Lyles' active participation in the daily cattle operation became limited when her husband Louis suffered a stroke in 1995. Lyles reflects, "Ranch life draws families close together. It teaches responsibility to the children, and the family unit as a whole is closer. You live together, work together, and help each other to accomplish what needs to be done." She adds, "You must be understanding and patient to live the ranch life. Unexpected things can happen like water shortage, drought, or wildfires, and cattle plans may not work out as you hoped."

I asked Lyles if she had any advice for the next generation of ranching and cowboy wives. She responded, "Always be a companion and friend to your husband. Share all the good, the bad, and the workload. Immerse your children in love and responsibility. It is important for our husbands to know that if they have to be gone, we can take care of the kids, the house, and the work, too."

Lyles continues to live on the Lyles Ranch west of Benjamin. She has two children, Mike and Lidy, nine grandchildren, and nine great grandchildren.

Baty was born at Good Creek in Foard County, and raised in Crowell. She was the daughter of hard working parents who instilled love, responsibility, and good work ethic in their children.

She first met Louis Baty while she was working at the picture show in Crowell. They dated later, married, and had three children. Lula and Louis have lived on their farm in Gilliland for 53 years. Baty describes her life on the farm as

one of contentment and blessing. "This farm has been a wonderful place to raise my children and teach them how to work. I have always appreciated the blessings this lifestyle has given me, especially the freedom and privilege to participate in everything with my children when they were growing up."

Baty also describes how farming and faith go hand in hand. "The church teaches us not to gamble, but farming is the biggest gamble of all. I have faith in God for all of our wants and needs to be met. I also have faith in my husband."

Baty has participated in harvest for 42 years, driving the wheat truck while Louis drove the combine. In addition to taking care of her home duties, she describes these times as, "exhausting but happy."

Baty's advice to younger generations of Pioneer Women is, "You need to have the same goals as your spouse for an effective working relationship. But the most important thing is to simply trust in God." Baty is a member of the Gilliland Baptist Church, where she is the song leader. Lula and Louis Baty have lived on their farm in Gilliland for 53 years.

Moorhouse was born in Seymour from Seymour High School, and went on to earn her Registered Nursing degree from Midwestern State University.

She practiced nursing until 1989, when she married Tom Moorhouse. Tom and Becky raised five children at the Moorhouse Family Ranch Headquarters in King County.

She came from a long line of rancher's wives, and embraced the opportunity to work with Tom in the daily operation of the ranch. Moorhouse's sister, Cindy Layton, describes her as a woman who had, "tremendous love for God, her family, and the ranch." Becky often helped organize the camp meetings at Moorhouse and Tongue River Ranches to provide an opportunity for Christian fellowship with friends and family. Additionally, Becky dedicated herself to researching the equine lineage of the Moorhouse and Tongue River Ranches. This dedication and hard work earned the Moorhouse Ranch the AQHA Remuda Award in 2008 and the Tongue River Ranch was bestowed the honor in 2011.

She passed away this spring, and was an avid ambassador for the cowboy and ranching way of life. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

The recipients of this year's awards will be honored during the Saturday night performance of the Benjamin Ranch Rodeo. Rodeo performances begin at 7p.m. nightly on June 8-9.

Thank You

The family of Jimmie Burt

Would like to express their gratitude to all the citizens of Knox City and the surrounding area for their kindness and prayers during their time of loss.

Thank you,
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- Chicken strips with French fries, gravy, and toast
- BBQ sandwich with French fries.

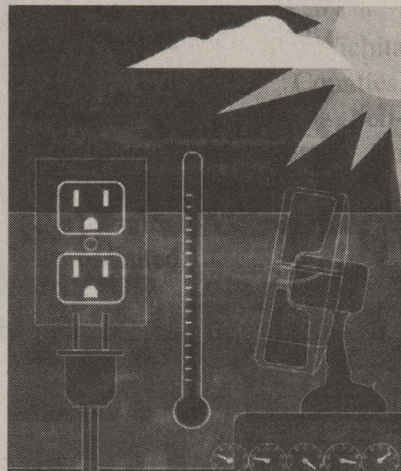
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- Set air-conditioning thermostats to the highest possible comfortable setting and dress accordingly.
- Turn off every appliance you are not using including lights, televisions and radios. Use the "sleep" feature on your computer equipment.
- Only cool rooms that you use. Close vents and doors in unused rooms. Be sure to close closet doors.
- Check your air-conditioning filter every month and replace as needed.
- Keep windows that let the sun in covered when the sun is shining on them.
- Weather strip and caulk around windows and doors to prevent drafts.
- Close your fireplace damper when the fireplace is not being used.
- Use fans to help circulate the air in your house.
- Air-dry dishes in the dishwasher.
- Lower the temperature on your hot water heater during the summer, take shorter showers and wash only full loads in the laundry and dishwasher.



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Debi. We experienced some pretty rough-looking weather Wednesday night. Cellars all over town were full or at least had potential "goers" near the door if something really severe did happen. Also, the courthouse and the Baptist Church basement were open for those of us who feared the worst. Glad nothing serious came from those clouds--not even rain. However, we know it can happen, so we must be on our toes and keep our TVs on and listen for those warning sirens. That can present a lot of chaos at the last minute should a tornado drop down. The following items were inadvertently omitted from last week's

edition. The KC News regrets the error.

Mitzi and Shane Welch were in Aspermont Thursday morning for the school awards program. Mitzi's grandchildren, Kolby, Levi, and Abigail are students in the Aspermont school and received awards. Kolby goes into the 7th grade, Levi to the 6th, and Abigail will be in the 4th. It's hard to believe they are that "old", but time does get by us.

Devon Jones of Wichita Falls visited family during the weekend and attended her brother, Blake's, graduation on Saturday night.

Janice Tolson called to tell me that she, Beverly, and Chloe Strickland have t-shirts now at BJ's store. They have designed and had these shirts made in memory of Becky Moorhouse.

They are in two colors--rust with beige lettering and design and pink with black. The proceeds from the sale of these shirts will go to Tom Moorhouse for him to do with as he wishes. Go by the store, take a look at them, and I bet you will want one.

Imagean Young, Jane Gideon, and Jessica Lamb of Seymour had a girls' day out Saturday as they enjoyed a trip to Wichita Falls.

Reyes Barrientez was in Stamford Friday night for the graduation of her granddaughter, Sara Barrientez, daughter of Jr. and Virginia. Sara plans to enter West Texas State in Canyon in the fall. Jimmy and Michele Barrientez and family also attended the graduation.

Homecoming is "right around the corner", and many activities

are being planned. As usual, it will take all of us in the community to make it a success. You will, no doubt, be called upon to donate snacks for the Friday night fellowship. If you are asked to help supply this need, please be cordial and agree to help. If we all work together, none of us will have to do too much and everyone will appreciate it.

Randolph and Judy Barnett are back at their home here after being at their "other" home in Alvin for several weeks. He will be quite busy now for the next two weeks as he is the president of the Ex-Students Assn, and he and his board and all the committee chair persons and their crews are busy getting ready for Homecoming. Registration begins on Friday afternoon, June 8.

Question of the Week

What is the best thing about summer?



Shyla Curtis Throckmorton, TX

"We get to go swimming."



Austin Jones Throckmorton, TX

"Being out of school."



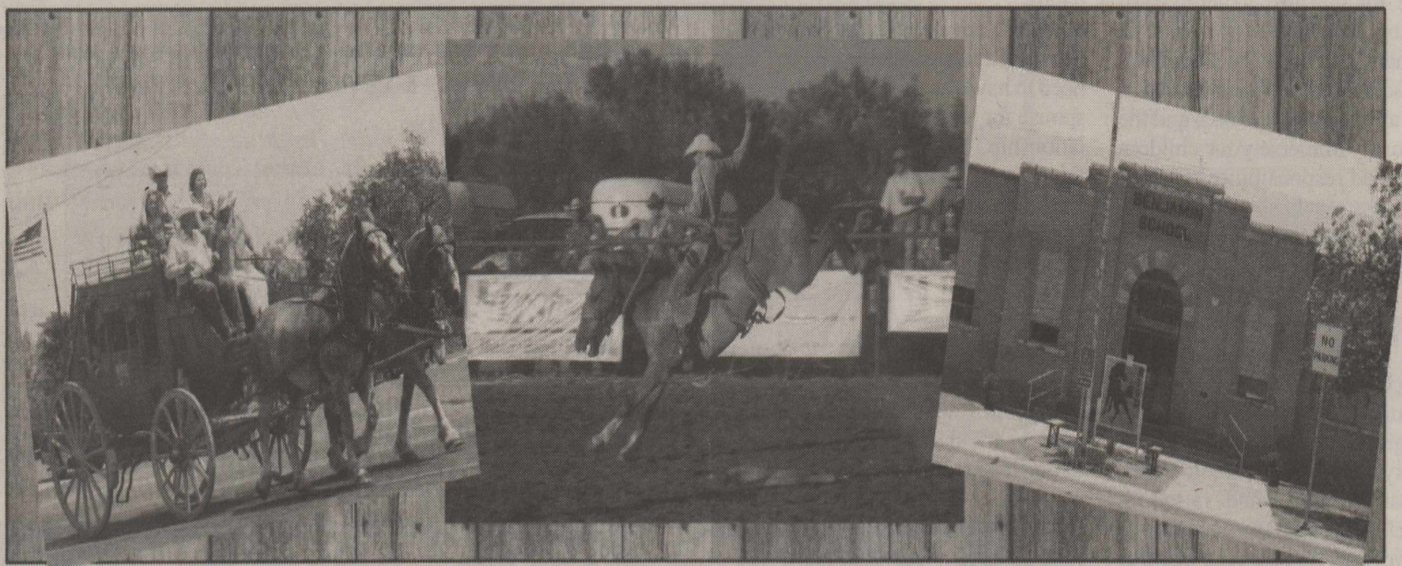
Baylee Bernhardt Olney, TX

"All the free time we don't have when school is going on."



Victoria Monk Throckmorton, TX

"You get to see your friends a lot."



Benjamin

Homecoming

June 8 - 10, 2012

Benjamin, Texas

Friday, June 8

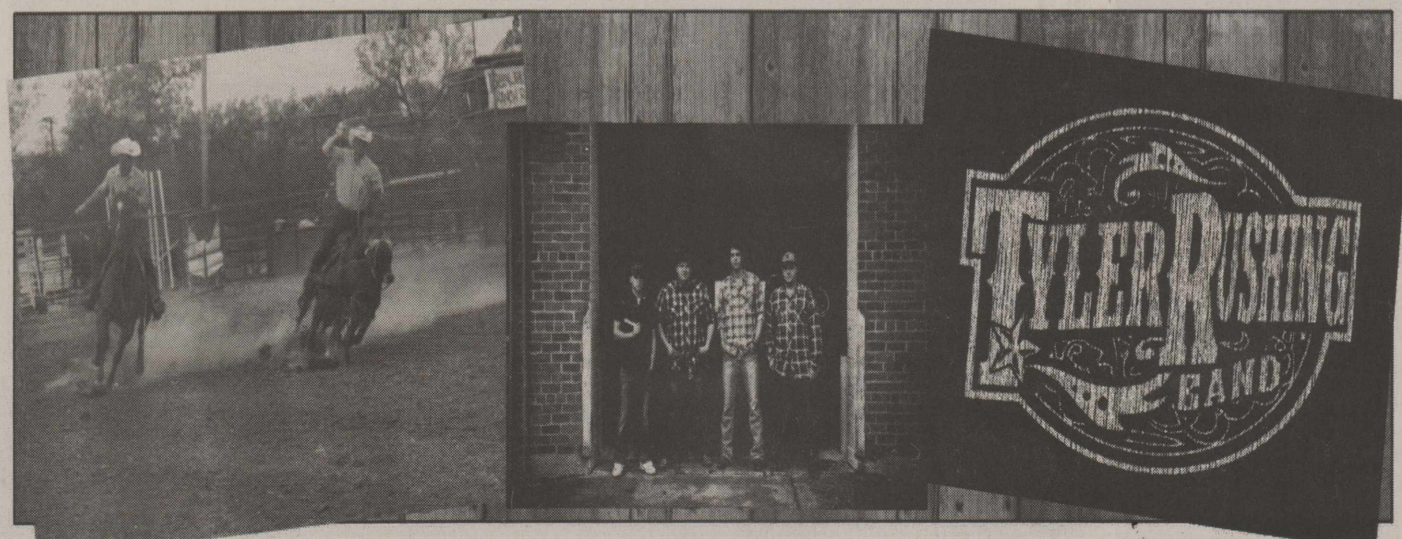
- Registration... 3:00 p.m.
Homecoming Queen ceremony... 6:00 p.m.
snacks, dominoes & card games
Ranch Rodeo... 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 9

- "Breakfast on the porch" at museum... 7:30 a.m.
Team Roping... 9:00 a.m.
books open at 8:30
Parade... 10:00 a.m.
parade theme "Branded with a B" celebrate school spirit
Business meeting & raffle drawings... 3:00 p.m.
Meal... 5:00 p.m.
Ranch Rodeo... 7:00 p.m.
Dance featuring "Tyler Rushing Band"... 9:00 p.m.
\$15 a person - \$5 cooler charge

Sunday, June 10

- Church Services at Ex-Students Building... 10:00 a.m.
pot luck lunch after services - everyone bring a covered dish



Lil' Bug may be braver than 'Ol' Sailor Tom'

Even though I'm kind of short, chubby, bald and blind, I think I'm kind of a typical male. I like sports, and I actually hear about five seconds of whatever She-Who-Must-Not-Be-Made-Mad is saying to me on a good day.

(Yikes!! The delete button is out of whack. I can't erase the last part!! I'm just kidding dear!!! I hear everything you say ... just don't ask me what it was you said.)

And as a typical male, I thought about getting a tattoo. I really did ... honest.

You see, many moons ago when I was younger, I decided to "see the world" by enlisting in the United States Navy. Even before the ink dried on the paper sentencing me to time in the USN, Uncle Sam shipped me off to the Great Lakes Naval Training Center outside of Chicago.

Here's a new flash that will surprise absolutely no one. It's super-cooper-dooper cold in Chicago in March. I'm not going to say I was freezing when I arrived in The Windy City, but I think the government modeled part of its Morse Code system after my teeth

Off The Beaten Path



By Tommy Wells

chattering.

Even though my teeth were chattering like crazy, I still figured I would run out and get myself a USN anchor tattoo when I got the chance.

Here's another note that will not surprise you: Our company commander, all 4-foot-5 of him, didn't give us enough time to do anything but march all over northern Illinois. So, when the whole boot camp thing was done, I left Chicago anchorless.

After Uncle Sam was through teaching me how to march, he sent me to Little Creek Naval Base in Norfolk, Virginia. Surely, I thought I could get a tattoo there.

Well ... I might have if I had actually been able to see it. When I arrived, the ship I had been assigned to - the USS Manitowoc (LST-1180) - was at sea. I was hustled onto a small boat and transported to the "Mighty Manny," which I soon found out was preparing to head for the Mediterranean Sea.

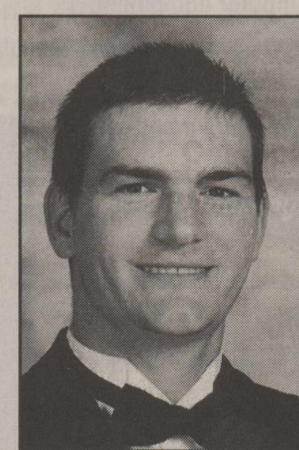
On the way back to the U.S., I was "loaned" to the USS Boulder (LST-1180) to help with a trip to Norway. Before I made it to Virginia, I was shipped over to the new boat and away we went.

In Norway, I decided to get it done. So a buddy of mine and I went to the tattoo parlor. He wanted to go first, and had a huge tiger tattooed on his entire left arm. As I watched him squirm and grimace and moan, I decided that maybe the alligator carrying a ship tattoo that I had settled on wasn't really such a good idea.

What brought this on, you ask? My youngest daughter got a tattoo last week.

I'm not thrilled about it for two reasons. First, she didn't need it ... and secondly, that might just make her braver than I.

Now I'm jealous of her.



AUSTIN WARREN VALIMONT

During his career at KCHS, Austin participated in football, basketball, track, baseball, FFA and UIL.

He was a second-team all-district selection on offense and defense in football. Placed second in the district Horse Judging Contest, and fifth at the area Horse Judging Contest.

Following graduation, Austin will be attending Howard College for judging, and to study Sign Language and Ranching.

Sports



Kiel Rowan earned a return trip to the College National Finals Rodeo recently by turning in a solid outing with the Tarleton State University rodeo team. Rowan is the son of Keith and Jane Rowan of O'Brien.

O'Brien cowboy nets return to College National Finals Rodeo

Tarleton State University cowboy Kiel Rowan earned a return trip to the College National Finals Rodeo for the second consecutive year by helping lead his team to the Southwest Region Team championship.

Besides qualifying as a team member, the O'Brien resident also qualified in two individual events by earning the title of Southwest Region Champion Tie-down Roper as well as a third place finish in the steer wrestling event. In addition, he ended the regular season in the runner-up for the regional all-around title. Rowan will be teaming up with other men's event qualifiers from TSU to attempt to win national titles in each of their respective events as well as a team title. While his team will include bronc riders, as well as other ropers and steer wrestlers, Rowan is the only member of the TSU team that qualified to compete in two different events at the finals.

The College National Finals Rodeo is the "Rose Bowl" of college rodeo. It is where the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association crowns individual event champions in saddle bronc riding, bare back riding, bull riding, tie-down roping, steer wres-

ting, team roping, barrel racing, breakaway roping, and goat tying. National team championships are also awarded to both men's and women's teams. Over 400 cowboys and cowgirls from over 100 universities and colleges compete in Casper, Wyoming each year. Contestants compete all year in one of the NIRA's 11 regions for a chance to rope or ride at the CNFR. The top three students in each event, and top two men's and women's teams from the NIRA's 11 re-

gions qualified for the CNFR to be held June 10-16 at the Casper Events Center.

Rowan is a 2008 graduate of Rule High School and 2012 graduate of Tarleton State University with a BS Degree in Animal Industries. He is the son of Keith and Jane Rowan of O'Brien and has one sister Kate, who is a student at South Plains College. He has been competing in the professional rodeo ranks for several years and plans to continue.

KC star set to compete in Texas Bowl, TSMCA games

The summer athletic season will get under way in a matter of weeks. And Knox County has one of the biggest stars set to play.

Knox City High School's Blake Jones is among more than 30 small-school standouts scheduled to participate in the 2012 Texas Bowl and Texas Six-Man Coaches Association's all-star football games later this summer.

An all-state selection this past year, Jones will be among a handful of Division I standouts slated to compete in the Texas Bowl, an annual showdown between the state's big-school and small-school programs.

The 2012 Texas Bowl will be played on Saturday, June 30

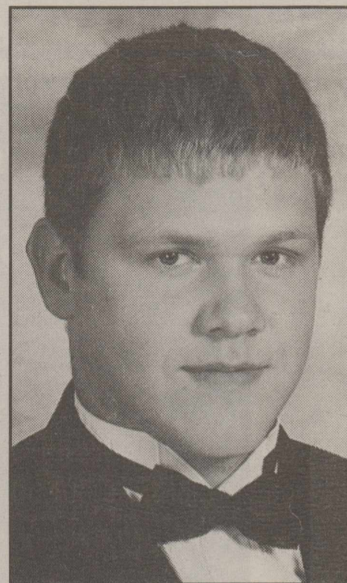
in Garden City.

At the Texas Bowl, Jones and Ledesma will be playing under Valley head coach Bret Tyler. Former Throckmorton head coach Clyde Parham will lead the Division II squad.

Jones won't be the only familiar face on the Division I roster. KCHS teammate Ryan Ledesma was also selected to play in the contest.

Jones and Ledesma led the Greyhounds to the state quarterfinals this past season.

Jones will close out his prep career in July when he joins some of the state's top six-man players at the TSMCA all-star game in Lubbock. Two individuals from each district are selected to participate in the contest.



Blake Jones ... to compete in all-star football games.

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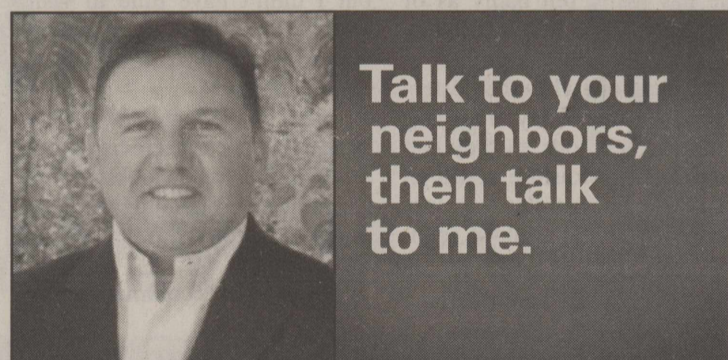
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As a courtesy to our readers
The Knox County News would like to notify readers that there will be an early deadline for the June 27 edition of **The Knox County News.**

The deadline for news and advertising materials for the June 27 issue of **The Knox County News** will be 5 p.m. on Friday, June 22.

Also, the paper will be distributed a day earlier as part of **The Knox County News' July 4th preparations.**

Readers are also reminded that **The Knox County News** will not be published the week of July 4.

KC golfers go 'Hog Wild' at ladies' event

The members of the Knox City Ladies Golf Association expected a close battle for the team championship in all three flights heading into Saturday's "Hog Wild Classic" at the Knox City Municipal Golf Course.

No one was disappointed as all three flights were decided by a mere one stroke.

The team of Cary-Harrison and Ledesma edged out Tankersley-Maloney and Mangis for the top spot in the Championship Flight. Both teams finished with final scores of 59.

The other two flights were just as close.

Hog Wild ...

The following is a look at the final results from the KC Ladies Golf Association's Wild Hog Classic.

Championship Flight

1. (L. Cary, B. Harrison, T. Ledesma).....58
2. (J. Tankersley, M. Maloney, S. Mangis)....59
3. (E. Skiles, R. Thane, C. Williams).....60

First Flight

1. (B. Starnes, J. Rolston, K. Baggett).....65
2. (K. Hunter, L. Harlan, J. Brothers).....66
3. (T. Hatfield, V. Hatfield, V. Wilson).....67

Second Flight

1. (C. Hall, T. Seaton, M. Smith).....70
2. (S. Cook, D. Wojcik, G. Yost).....70
3. (J. Utley, V. Magana, T. Gonzales).....71

KC coach schedules annual basketball camp for June 10-13

Area youngsters looking to take part of the summer to brush up on the basketball skills are in luck.

Knox City basketball coach Josh Webb will be holding his annual camp beginning next

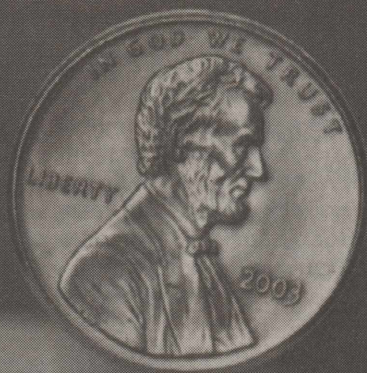
week in the KCHS gym. The camp will run from June 10-13.

According to Web, the camp will be held nightly from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The cost for attending the

camp is \$30. The fee can be paid prior to the start of the camp.

For more information about the camp please contact Webb via email at: josh.webb@esc9.net.

Common sense still makes sense



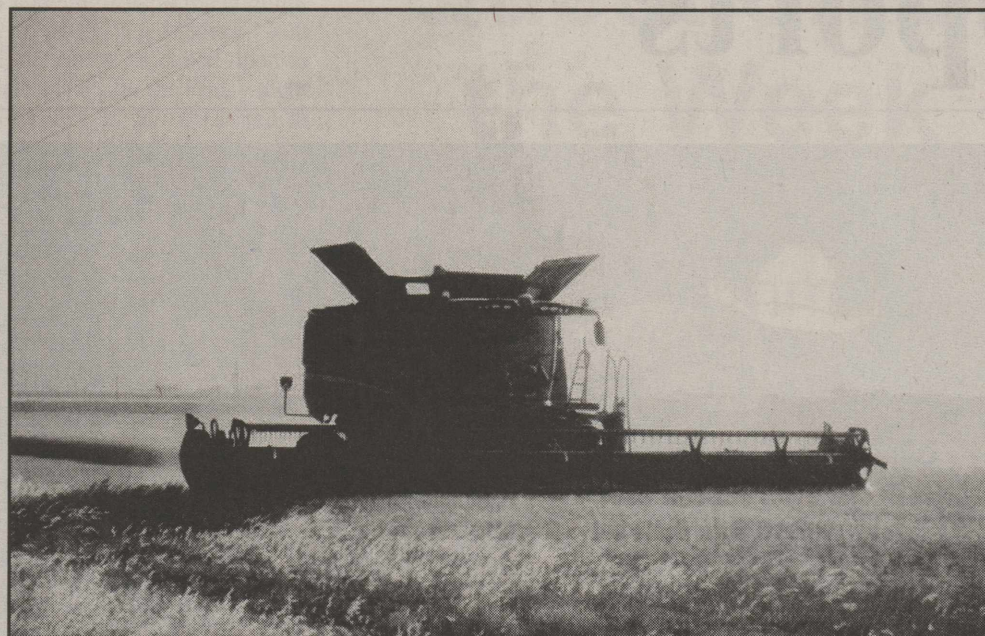
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Harvest in action ...

With drier weather at hand, harvest crews in Knox County have been hitting the fields hard. This crew was cutting wheat between Knox City and Munday last week.

SAMMIE'S KNOX CITY CORNER AND FINAL THOUGHTS

Our last week of school and the kids are getting along great and excited about putting the year behind, preparing for summer and college or a job, whichever they chose. May they proceed with God's blessing and all of our best wishes. Take care kids and be careful.

Our school reunions are right around the corner, as well as the ladies' golf tournament, street dances and a lot of looking back and remembering those who have passed on to their eternal life with God. Their memories remain in our hearts. Some were very young and some were in the later years. They will still be missed.

Diana and Gilbert Casillas spent some time in Abilene this week as their daughter-in-law, Martha, became ill with her gall bladder and had to have surgery. She is recovering nicely. Diana has helped out with the children.

Evelyn Balis is looking to have surgery in the next week or so, and that doctors can take care of some of her health problems. She has really felt badly as of late. Maybe this will help make things go much better for her.

Some of our wheat harvesters are still around. They are trying to finish their jobs so they can return home. Moisture is still on the wheat early in the morning, but things should be done soon.

We have enjoyed having them around.

Labby Wilson, Dawn's daughter, has returned to Afghanistan and talks to Dawn every couple of days. She is doing OK. Here's hoping that all of our soldiers will return home soon. May our God have his guardian angels on their shoulders always, and may our love and prayers be with them, too.

If you like sports, our youth baseball league is doing a great job, winning with a lot of joy and losing gracefully. They are ready for their next game. I think the coaches are going to try and make up the rain out games soon.

If you look now, our Knox County clinic and it is time to start a new one. It makes me wonder what it will look like when it is done. However long it takes, it will be worth it ... just like all of our improvements. Thanks you, God.

A lot of ex students came and left recently. There were a lot of them down at the schoolhouse but I didn't have time to visit with many of them. My weekend was so busy, but I'm sure they had a lot of fun.

Billy Joe Large and Linda were in the café. He is doing much better and looks good. Linda had fun attending the Four Square Church's Sunday morning services.

In last week's column, I wrote

that Linda Espinoza was home. Well, now she is back in Abilene with hospice. She has become very ill and the doctors have put her in God's hands. Amanda says it could be, maybe, two weeks. Please pray for this family as they have been through a lot. May God bless them. Our prayers give them a little comfort.

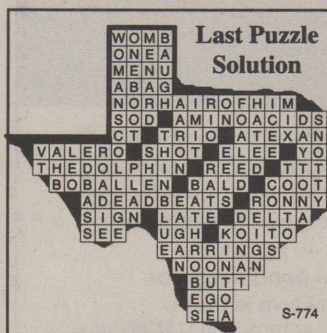
Mrs. Rodriguez was out of town this past weekend to go and visit back in her home place. I hope she enjoyed the trip because it was a hot weekend for everyone.

My granddaughter, Aubri, has spent two wonderful weeks with me and Eddie, and we have had a blast. She also got to spend a day with Uncle Roy, and got to see her Uncle Eric while he was in Abilene with his job. We all had a lot of fun.

The KC Ladies Golf Association held its annual golf tournament this past weekend. A lot of women came out to play and enjoy Saturday morning. Even though a rain shower probably made it pretty hot, I'm sure they had fun. They always do.

Looks like our streets are getting better every day, and all the work will be done in a little while. Once it is all done, it will be worth the time and effort.

God bless our troops and each of us, Sammie



VC among recipients of funding

Vernon College was among a handful of Texas colleges sharing in more than \$3 million in funding by the state as program to help purchase equipment that can be used to train students for positions in the workforce.

Vernon College was awarded \$228,000 to purchase equipment for EMT and paramedic training.

Since 2009, community colleges and technical institutes have been awarded \$16 million to buy career training equipment.

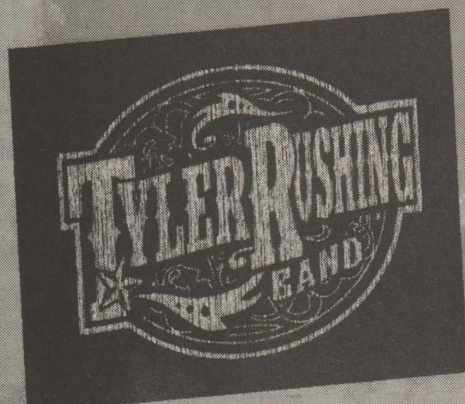
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The Contract Documents, consisting of Advertisement for Bids, Information for Bidders, Bid Proposal, Bid Bond, Contract, Performance and Payment Bonds, General Conditions, Notice of Award, Notice to Proceed, Plans, Specifications, Wage Rate Determination, Addenda (if any) and Project Contracting and compliance Provisions may

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By: Syldina Meinzer Mayor

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CORRECTIONS

In the May 17 issue of the KC News, the name of the land the cell phone tower was inadvertently reported as "Robertson." The land is actually owned by Mrs. Robinson.

• Blake Jones is the grandson of Charles and Linda Griffith and Ned and Susan Jones of Benjamin.

• The Head Start picture on the front page of last week's paper should have been followed by the caption "The books were donated by the Circle of Friends Knox Extension Education Club, Texas Pictured presenting about 50 books to Knoxville Head Start are: Cathye Williams, Pam Mongraine, and Vera Reid.

Six Flags was a scary thrill for

Teachers make a difference and this week was living proof of that in Knox City. Mr Tucker planned his usual trip for the band

kids. This year, it was a Rangers game and Six Flags.

We started out Tuesday by going to the Rangers game with

tickets that included an all-you-can-eat buffet. The Rangers probably started a new rule after Knox City left. Don't be surprised if you hear about, "The Steele Rule" in the future. The "Steele Rule" is, You cannot sit at the buffet to eat. You have to get your food and go sit at a table.

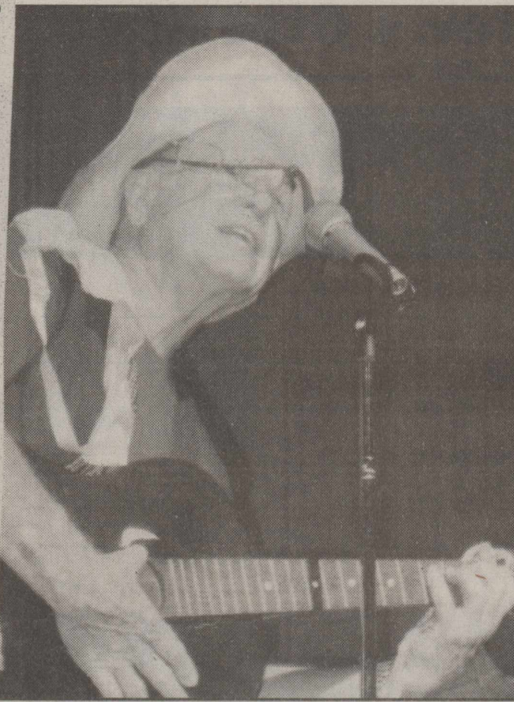
Coach's goal was a plate of nachos every inning and when the game was over he was so disappointed that he was begging for extra innings.

Day 2 was Six Flags.

The first ride was the new and improved Texas Giant. "New and improved" basically means you better be wearing adult diapers because it will scare the you-know-what out of you. The new carts have no sides, low profile and no railing on the track. It was fine until Mr. Faulks - who was riding with Andy behind us - said, "there is nothing to hold onto!"

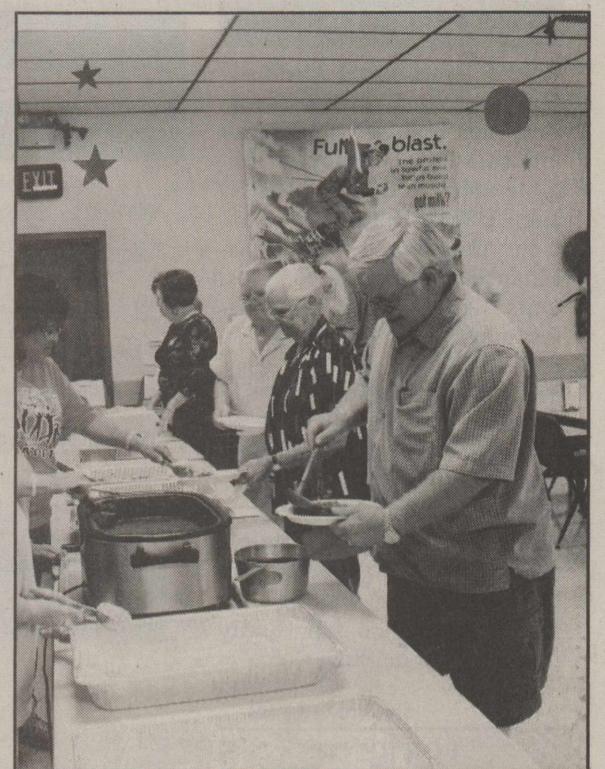
That is when I realized death was going to hurt, and Michelle's next husband would be some sort of partner in Six Flags.

The next big task was Superman ... and Mrs. Howeth should



Alumni enjoyed a brisket dinner (right) on Saturday afternoon, courtesy of the Knox City Chamber of Commerce.

Bobby Robinson (left) got a little shook up after learning a lesson "Out Behind the Barn."



The Knox City Chamber of Commerce

Wishes to thank

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For their support and participation in providing the Saturday night meal at the Knox City High School. Homecoming.



Nellie Reyes Lewis, Lou Vail and Judy Leaverton thrilled the crowd at the "Puttin' On The Hits" performance by performing a routine with Dolly Parton's hit "9 to 5."



Several Knox City-O'Brien alum practice their "Oscar Mayer Weiner" routine on Friday afternoon prior to the 'Puttin' On The Hits' program in the KCHS auditorium.

Below, a couple of alumni look at t-shirts from the previous watermelon festival. The shirts were on sale at the brisket lunch.

SCENES FROM THE 2012 KNOX CITY-O'BRIEN HOMECOMING REUNION



'The Streak' came to live on Friday when several KC alumni got together to act out Ray Stevens' hit song. Above, Bobby Robinson describes what happened at the basketball playoffs.



Alumni were greeted to the 2012 Knox City-O'Brien Homecoming Reunion by a giant banner hanging on the walkway at the school.



Jim Robinson, a member of the KCHS Class of 1949, performed "Hey, Good-Lookin'" during the "Putting on The Hits" event on Friday. He was joined on stage by Donna Albus, Ronnie Verhalen, Judy Leaverton and Lou Vail.