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Knox City enters Honor cloud seeding agreement

By Geoff Baumgartner
The Knox County News-Courier

BENJAMIN — The Knox County Commissioners Court met in regular session last Monday to discuss and vote on entering into the Joint Wichita Falls Cloud seeding project. Last week, state meteorologist George W. Bomar visited the commission and gave a very detailed scientific presentation in order to put some of the potential rumors of cloud seeding to rest and to highlight

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TxDOT Plans new bridge in Knox County

By Geoff Baumgartner
The Knox County News-Courier

BENJAMIN — The Texas Department of Transportation will be taking on a new project here in Knox County. The project will be reconstructing the upcoming CR 2457 China Creek Bridge.

Chuck Stevens, a TxDOT representative, was on hand with the commissioners last Monday requesting that the county participate 10% of the cost of the upcoming bridge project. The county would have to put up at least 10% of the money for the project in order for the state to be able pick

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Geoff Baumgartner/The Knox County News-Courier

The new Knox County Aging Center Director Sherry Ellis stands next to the center's sign before she goes in to attend a meeting. Before this position, Ellis worked for the Knox City Child Development Center.

Ellis hired as new KC Aging Center Director

By Geoff Baumgartner
The Knox County News-Courier

KNOX CITY — The Knox County Aging Center has hired a new director. Sherry Ellis was hired during a special session of a recent commissioner's court.

Originally from Oklahoma, Ellis and her parents moved to Knox City roughly 25 years ago. They have been in Knox County since January of 1992.

Recently, she has worked for the Knox City Child Development Center.

"Before I started here at the Aging Center, I worked at the KC Child Development Center, which is basically our local head start program. It

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Rolling!



Michele Fetsch/The Knox County News-Courier

The Brazos River near Rhineland was more than a trickle following the recent rain. The forecast calls for wetter than average weather for the rest of the year.



Belle Grill



JoAnn Albus

Albus, Belle named 2014 Pioneer Women

By Brannde Estrada
Benjamin Rodeo Club Board of Directors

2014 Benjamin Ranch Rodeo Pioneer Women

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, or jobs in town, but assist in the daily ranch or farm operations. The 2014 Pioneer Women are JoAnn Albus and Belle Grill.

JoAnn Albus

JoAnn Albus was born in the Knox County Hospital to the late Demp and Mamie Emerson. Albus' school days were spent in O'Brien, before she went on to earn her BA in psychology at The University of Texas of the Permian Basin, and her master's degree in social work at The University of Texas Arlington.

A 30 year cattlemaster, Albus prides herself in developing a superior genetics and herd health program for their black and red angus cow/calf operation, and stocker cattle operation. She is a daily part of the farm and ranch duties, where on any given day, you may find her processing cattle, checking first calf heifers, feeding, sowing wheat,

or driving the combine. Albus' goal is that every head of cattle she owns will eventually be home-grown, and branded with an "A" to signify a superior genetic herd. Albus states this will be a lifelong project, as she has no plans to retire due to her love of the industry.

Albus is a member of the Knox County Texas Agrilife Extension Committee, the Knox County Hospital Board, and the Knox County Farm Service Agency Committee. One interesting fact about Albus is that she began playing the fiddle at age 68. She is a regular summer attendee of the Bobby Flores Music Camp, and enjoys playing at the monthly musical at the Knox City Aging Center. Albus and her husband, David, also enjoy traveling the state to dance to their favorite western swing bands.

David and JoAnn Albus reside in Knox City. They have 4 children and 3 grandchildren.

Belle Grill

Belle Burnett Grill was raised in Knox County, and is the daughter of the late Bobby and Juanita Burnett. Her grandfather, Clyde Burnett, was the nephew of the famous Burk Burnett.

Grill attended school in Knox City, and earned her BA in English and Physical Education at Midwestern University, before it became Midwestern

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Knox Notes

Events are listed free of charge as a service by this newspaper for nonprofit groups, civic organizations, churches, schools and select community events. Listings should be submitted at least two weeks in advance and will run as often as possible through the date of the event. News staff does not guarantee placement of events. Emailed submissions are preferred to kcnewscourier@gmail.com.

Millers Creek Closed June 16-20

According to the North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority's General Manager, David Kuehler, Millers Creek Reservoir will be closed the week of June 16-20 to conduct spraying to keep trees off the dam and out of the emergency spillway. The lake will be closed the third week of June every year from now on for this purpose.

Benjamin Homecoming

Homecoming is scheduled June 13-15. Raffle tickets available Fri./Sat.; donations accepted. Parade, rodeo, dancing and music. Contact Gladene Green or Jan Carver for more information, 940-459-3551.

Rodeo

Benjamin Ranch Rodeo, June 13-14; Fri., Shetland bronc riding and old timers roping. Sat., open ranch saddle bronc. Dancing with music by Jake Hooker at the Ex-Students building Sat. 9pm-1am; fee. Contact Brannde Estrada for more information, 940-657-4390.

Noah Project

North Advisory Committee will meet at the Haskell County jury room at noon, Fri., June 13. Discussion: the "Taste of County" that the Noah Project - North is hosting on Tue., Oct. 14, at the Civic Center, 940-864-2551.

VBS

St. Joseph's: Set your sail to SonTreasure Island VBS, June 16th -18th; Ages 3- Grade 6 (this year's). Adult & teen helpers needed. Contact Janet Dillard, 940-422-4484.

Blood Donations

June 17, 9:30am to 3:30pm @ Munday HS, 911 W. D, Munday. Call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment or for more information about ID and age requirements.

Veterans Memorial

Four more monoliths will be added to the Memorial by Nov. 11, 2014. Those eligible to have their name engraved must have an honorable discharge and lived or buried in Knox County. Please call 940-459-2229, 1:00 to 5:00pm., Tue. - Fri. or e-mail kchc@srcaccess.net to receive applications and information forms. All applications must be in the office of the Museum by Aug. 1, 2014.

TOPS Program

(Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meetings are at the Knox County Hospital "Break Room" at 5:30pm, Mondays. Contact Pam or Greg Oliver at (940)658-5120 for more information.

Corrections

If you spot an error of fact, contact kcnewscourier@gmail.com.

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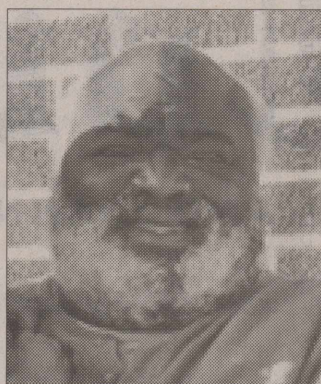


Deaths

Lester James Adams

Lester James Adams was born in Munday, Texas on October 29, 1962. Lester attended West Bulah Baptist Church during his childhood. He graduated from Munday High School where he played on the Munday Mogul football team.

Lester James Adams was born to parents Alvin and Ruby Adams who preceded him in death. Lester is preceded in death by grandmother; Eula Adams, four uncles; Perry, Brownson, Floyd, and Otis James Adams, three brothers; Ralph Gray, Perry Don, and Gary Lynn, and his twin sisters.



LESTER ADAMS

Lester leaves to cherish his memories, two sons; Lester Jr. and Anderson, six sisters; Gertrude (Charles), Emma (Benny), Marlene, Ethel Lee, Yvonne, and Monica, one grandchild;

Jazzie, five brothers; Daniel (Berniece) Alvin Jr. (Donna), Quiency (Faye), Otis (Tina), and Hollis Wayne, oen loving uncle; Lester Adams, and one aunt; Eula Mae Adams. Also a host of nieces, nephews, and friends including two very close friends; Barry Ratliff and Tony Fernandez and family.

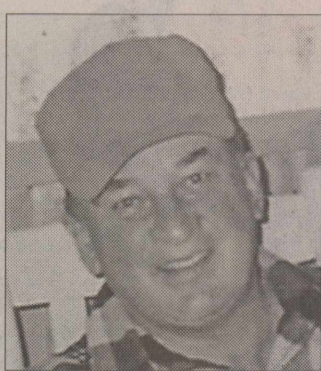
Services were held at 1:00 PM, Saturday, June 7, 2014 at the First Baptist Church in Munday. Interment followed in Johnson Memorial Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Smith Funeral Home of Munday.

Weldon Skiles

Weldon Skiles, longtime resident of Knox City, Texas passed away late Saturday evening, May 31, 2014, at Haskell Healthcare in Haskell. Mr. Skiles was 80. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, June 3, 2014, at the First Baptist Church in Knox City with Jimmy Rogers and Ronnie Lambert officiating. Burial will take place immediately following the service at Knox City Cemetery under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes.

Weldon and his twin brother, Willard, were born September 18, 1933, in Caney, Oklahoma to Zelma (Samples) and Ulrich Skiles. He attended Weinert schools and entered the U.S. Army on July 21, 1954. PFC Skiles served at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland and was honorably discharged June 22, 1955. Five days later, on June 27, 1956, he married Estelle Jenkins in Forestville, Maryland.

Weldon and Estelle soon moved back to Knox City where Weldon and his twin



WELDON SKILES

brother owned and operated Skiles Brothers Service Station. He enjoyed fishing and golfing and coaching baseball. Weldon was known for his famous red beans that he loved to share with his family while spending time together. He was a wonderful man that will be missed not only by his family, but many wonderful friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Ulrich and Zelma Skiles; brothers, Lester Roy Skiles and Harold Skiles; and his twin brother, Willard.

Weldon is survived by his wife of 57 years, Estelle of Knox City; 2 sons, Donny

Skiles and wife Sharla of Haskell, and Greg Skiles of Ft. Worth, Texas; daughter, Rhonda Thane and friend, John Slovensky of Odessa, Texas; granddaughter, Kimberly Skiles of Abilene, Texas; grandsons, Aaron Skiles of Haskell, Texas and Jeremy Conway of Knox City, Texas; and great-granddaughter, Alexis Skiles of Abilene, Texas. In addition, Weldon is survived by his 3 sisters, Joyce Harmon of Hurst, Texas, Peggy Flores of Cisco, Texas, and Linda Freiman and husband Ron of Baird, Texas; 2 brothers Jimmy Skiles and wife Judy of Potosi, Texas and Larry Skiles and wife Amy of Cisco, Texas; sister-in-law, Bettye Skiles of Knox City; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials can be given in Weldon's name to the First Baptist Church of Knox City at 200 S. Central Avenue, Knox City, Texas 79529.

Online condolences can be shared with the family at www.smithfamilyfh.com.

Ten County Camp offered again this year

By Lorrie Coop
Knox County Extension Agent/FCS

Are you looking for something fun to do this summer. Do you want a chance to go swimming, meet new people, do cool stuff? If so, Ten County Camp is your answer!

What is Ten County Camp you ask? Well, it's a day camp where kids ages 9-18 from Briscoe, Hall, Motley, Cottle, Dickens, King, Kent, Stonewall, Foard, and Knox counties are invited to participate in a day full of fun and recreation on Wednesday, June 25, 2014 in Roaring Springs. The camp begins at 10:30 a.m. with registration. We will leave together from the Knox County Courthouse in Benjamin 8:30 a.m.

There will be interesting workshops on exciting topics such as safety, archery, team building and communication skills. Following the workshops and lunch everyone is loading up and heading to Roaring Springs Country Club to go swimming at the Springs. In the evening we'll enjoy hotdogs and you can learn (or show off) your dance moves with a live DJ. The day concludes at 9 p.m. and we will return to the Knox County Courthouse around 11 p.m.

The cost of the camp is \$20 which covers workshop supplies, two meals, snacks, and swimming. You do not have to be a member of 4-H. All youth are welcome to attend. All you need to bring is your swimsuit, towel, sunscreen, registration fee and a signed medical release form you can pick up at our office!

If this sounds like a great way to spend a summer day, give County Agents, Lorrie Coop or Jerry Coplen, a call at 940-459-2651 by June 13 at 5:00 PM so we can get a head count of how many will be attending and arrange transportation. Adult chaperones are also welcome and appreciated.

Educational programs of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age or national origin. Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service, or accommodation in order to participate in a meeting or program are encouraged to contact the Knox County Extension Office.

Haskell man killed in crash

By Linda Bradley
For the News-Courier

WEINERT — Andrew Kipling Nemir, 51, of Haskell, was pronounced dead Monday at 12:52 p.m. by Judge Lynn Dodson.

Nemir was traveling east in a 2007 Saturn AXE on FM 1080, seven miles southwest of Weinert, when he hit an area of the roadway that was covered in standing water.

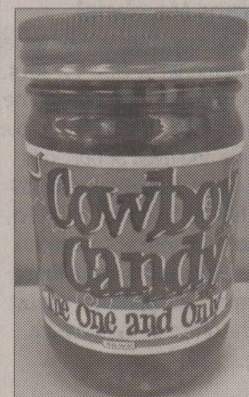
Nemir lost control of the vehicle and ran off of the roadway to the north and struck a tree with the right front portion of the vehicle.

He wasn't wearing a seat belt, according to the DPS report. The body was taken to Smith Funeral Home in Haskell.

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Thank You!

I want to thank the citizens of Knox County for your votes in the Republican Primary Runoff Election on May 27th. I also want to thank Jim Dillon for his support.

Sincerely
Travis Floyd



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Amber Waves



by Dave T. Phipps

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Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

We have had more rain, and we are very proud of every drop. I don't know how much we have had - it rained Saturday and Sunday night - and on Saturday we only had about .7 inch. Not as much as the rest of the county, but very much appreciated. Last night (Sunday) I think we got more. It certainly looks like it, and it's still cloudy, so it may come again. We'll sure take it!

There are varied reports on the ill (and those not doing real well) of the community today. Mike Young was readmitted to Hendrick Medical Center Tuesday with another infection in the incision where he had his surgery. Doctors think it's not as bad as it was before, so perhaps his hospital stay won't be too long this time. He is certainly hoping for a shorter stay. That five or six months in a hospital has to get old, and that's just what he has been through.

Buddy Tolson continues his chemo and radiation therapy. He's probably about half through with the treatments, and when they are completed, Janice will likely have some more surgery to correct a problem she has. Continue to remember them and all our friends with problems in prayer.

Corrine Parrish was at church Sunday and seemed to be doing pretty well. She says she's lots better but not completely well yet. She was glad to get to come to church, and we were all certainly glad to see her.

Sympathy to the family and friends of Lester Adams of Munday today. Lester was well known. He had been in and around Munday a long time. His funeral was Saturday in Munday.

Here "N There Mary Young and Imagean Young attended a bridal shower honoring Ashton Rutkowski, bride-elect of Seth Kuehler, Sunday at the Activity Center of the First Baptist Church in Haskell. The young couple will be married June 28 at Rhineland.

Judy and Randolph Barnett returned home Friday after two or three weeks in Alvin, getting some things done to their home there and also doing a few fun things as well. They attended the State Baseball Playoff games in Austin while they were gone. His nephew's wife (Jarrell's daughter-in-law) coaches a team from Baytown that made the playoffs.

Homecoming is here! Registration begins Friday at 3 pm. Also at that time the raffle tickets and the tickets for a chance on the quilt the "Quilting Group" donates every year will go on sale. The Homecoming Queen will be crowned at 6 pm. Free snacks and drinks

- compliments of the community will be available Friday night. There will be a rodeo, team roping, breakfast on the porch at the museum, and many other things for one to enjoy, plus the fact that there will be lots of visiting going on during the entire weekend.

The parade will be Saturday at 3 p.m., and those desiring to be a part of it need to meet at the football field at 2 p.m. for instruction and getting in line. A business meeting will be at 4 p.m., and a meal will follow. We'll see you somewhere, sometime this coming weekend.

Tim Ward, former resident of Benjamin who now lives in Colorado, has been admitted to a Denver hospital after a recurring cancer. He was diagnosed with leukemia some time ago, and after a bone marrow transplant and treatments, was doing pretty well, but his last checkup showed more cancer cells, so he is now undergoing treatment again. At one point he had thought he might get to come to Homecoming, but, of course, will not be able to now. Doctors think he will be in the hospital at least a month. We certainly wish him well and solicit your prayers for him and his family.

Former resident, James Klutts, now of Knox City is now a resident of the Munday Nursing Center. He moved in over there on Friday, and so far seems to be adjusting pretty well. James' health has been failing for two or three years, and the situation had worsened to the point where his wife, Jimmie, was not physically or mentally able to tend to his needs like she should. She feels more relaxed now, knowing he is where people trained in the care of those who need special attention can see to him. Other Benjamin residents living over there, Bea Parks, Jessie Roberts, and Weldon Gideon, are going pretty well. If you have time when in Munday, stop by and see them. They love to see familiar faces and visit with friends.

Bonnie Howell and children, who live in Nebraska, are here for a few days' visit with her parents, Roger and Betty Bohannon, and her sister, Jamie and family. They will be here to enjoy the Homecoming activities.

Have you noticed the trailer house where Kim Sealy lived at one time has been moved? It was across the street from Jane Gideon's house and north of the Roberts. Dillon Benson moved it, and it will probably be demolished. It was in a pretty bad condition and would need lots of work if it were even to be livable again. That lot looks much better. Several places here in town could use that kind of "treatment." It would make the entire town look more well kept. That's my opinion - expressed at no cost to anyone!!

FSA County Committee Nomination Period Begins June 15

For The News-Courier

The nomination period for local Farm Service Agency (FSA) county committees begins Sunday, June 15, 2014.

To be eligible to serve on an FSA county committee, a person must participate or cooperate in a program administered by FSA, be eligible to vote in a county committee election and reside in the local administrative area where the person is nominated.

Farmers and ranchers may nominate themselves or others. Organizations representing minorities and women also may nominate candidates. To become a candidate, an eligible individual must sign the nomination form, FSA-669A. The form and other information about FSA county committee elections are available at www.fsa.usda.gov/elections. Nomination forms for the 2014 election must be postmarked or received in the local USDA Service Center by close of business on Aug. 1, 2014. Elections will take place this fall.

While FSA county committees do not approve or deny farm ownership or operating loans, they make decisions on disaster and conservation programs, emergency programs, commodity price support loan programs and other agricultural issues. Members serve three-year terms. Nationwide, there are about 7,800 farmers and ranchers serving on FSA county committees. Committees consist of three to 11 members that are elected by eligible producers.

FSA will mail ballots to eligible voters beginning Nov. 3, 2014. Ballots are due back to the local county office either via mail or in person by Dec. 1, 2014. Newly elected committee members and alternates take office on Jan. 1, 2015.

KC Aging Center Menu

Monday: Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, rolls, cake

Tuesday: Meatloaf, red potatoes, broccoli, breadsticks, peach crisp

Wednesday: Pork chops, black-eyed peas, spinach, cornbread, baked apples

Thursday: Tilapia, corn, coleslaw, hushpuppies, fruit cocktail

Friday: Hamburgers, potato wedges, tomato, lettuce, lazy cake

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The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



top ten Boy Baby Names

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6. Ethan
7. Michael
8. Alexander
9. Jayden
10. Daniel

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Youth: 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Copper Breaks State Park to host second annual Criss Memorial Tournament

For the News-Courier

QUANAH - Copper Breaks State Park will host the second annual Larry Criss Memorial Fishing Tournament on Saturday June 14, 2014. This memorial event is in honor of Crowell resident Larry Criss who was an avid fisherman and regular visitor at Copper Breaks.

It is \$10 per person to enter the tournament in addition to the regular park admission fee of \$2 for adults. All participants must register and pay fees before starting the tournament.

Registration starts at 8 a.m. Saturday June 14, 2014. The tournament ends at 8 a.m. Sunday June 15, 2014.

A prize will be awarded for the biggest fish caught. "No fishing license is required to fish at Copper Breaks," said event coordinator Wendell Barberec. "So bring the kids and come on out. Life is better outside."

For more information on the fishing tournament or other Copper Breaks events or facilities, contact the park during regular business hours of 8 a.m.

to 5 p.m. daily. Copper Breaks State Park is located 13 miles south of Quanah and eight miles north of Crowell on State Highway 6, (940) 839-4331.

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The 501 Space for Trash

Don't Mess with Space. It's true. Trash has become a problem in space. The debris endangers satellites, not to mention travelers in space.



HANABA MUNN WELCH

It's hardly surprising that we humans have polluted the outer realms. Litter is problematic everywhere else too, including Mount Everest and the deepest oceans and sometimes in the ditch that cuts across one corner of our farm. Why not space? I didn't listen closely to today's report on space litter. Maybe the stuff is mostly satellites that quit functioning and became orbiting junk – not the remains of a space food meal tossed by

an astronaut out the window of a space vehicle. An astronaut wouldn't do that. Right? Not any astronaut I know.

Enough of space. In this technical age, for many of us it's old computers that clutter our lives. My husband and I have a fleet upstairs. We might someday need to read an old floppy disk. Right? It could happen.

If your living space isn't littered with obsolete computers, congratulations. It's your choice. Au contraire, another phenomenon of the current age is not so easily avoided. We are all surrounded by throwaway buildings.

I exaggerate. Not every big new commercial or institutional meta building is a throwaway, but the ones precisely engineered to meet minimal standards aren't going to last like the stalwart bricks and mortar building of yesteryear. Today's less

substantial buildings may be designed more to serve present needs than to endure. But think about it. The date on the cornerstones of many prominent buildings in this part of the world is 1929.

It was a busy year for builders and the year of America's most notable stock market crash. The ensuing Depression must have been teeming with out-of-work bricklayers. But the money that flowed before the hard times hit funded buildings meant to last – just like the prosperity was supposed to last too.

So, how many cheap 2014 metal buildings will still be around 85 years from now, survivors of the harsh screw-loosening winds that blow across this part of the Great Plains? Some of the good ones, maybe. Not most, I predict.

If throwaway is the rule, the bright side of the picture is that steel can be recycled.

Otherwise we should be depressed that today's buildings could fill tomorrow's landfills.

Recyclable or not, any building deteriorating in situ is a depressing sight. Our fixer-upper 1979 Wilderness RV is a case in point, if an RV can be called a building and if anything on wheels can be called in situ. I guess it depends on whether the tires are flat.

And what about the rinky-dink little storage buildings we buy to store all the stuff we really should discard?

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Larressa Earthman for the News-Courier
 4-H End of Year Archery Program participants were, back, from left: Eric Earthman, Ryan Earthman, Josiah Coplen, Nick Brumlee, Joseph Macias, Corrie Earthman, Shawn Earthman, Hailie Macias, Grace Estrada, Sierra Turner, Cassie Daniel; front: Jonah Duke, Daniel Duke, Nate Earthman, Grant Jackson, Belle Earthman, Electra Estrada, Morgan Earthman, Saige Turner, Leslie Brumlee. Not pictured: Daniel Jackson, Abraham Nevarez, John Ross Shaver.

4-H Members skilled with a bow

By Corrie Earthman
 For the News-Courier

Local 4-H members participating in the archery project celebrated the end of the season with a party hosted at the Benjamin School.

Cake, ice cream, and snacks were served while kids were able to shoot and play archery games. We would like to thank Cassie Daniel and Eric Earthman, our volunteer coaches, for organizing this program and making it enjoyable.

These young archers have been able to compete in several different matches ranging over Texas. Here are the results from their competitions:

Bosque County Archery Match:

- Grace Estrada – 2nd in Compound Un-

aided

Graham Indoor Archery Match:

- Josiah Coplen – 6th in Junior Compound Unaided, 7th in Junior NASP (1st year)
- Morgan Earthman – 14th in Junior Compound Unaided, 11th in Junior NASP (1st year)

- Nate Earthman – 5th in Junior Compound Unaided, 1st in Junior NASP (1st year)
- Grant Jackson – 9th in Junior NASP (1st year)
- Hailie Macias – 3rd in Intermediate NASP (1st year)
- Corrie Earthman – 4th in Compound Unaided, 2nd in Intermediate NASP (1st year)
- Shawn Earthman – 6th in Intermediate Compound Unaided, 7th in Intermediate NASP (1st year)
- Abraham Nevarez – 8th in Intermediate

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- Sierra Turner – 5th in Senior NASP (1st year)
 - Joseph Macias – 4th in Senior NASP (1st year)
 - Ryan Earthman – 1st in Senior Barebow, 1st in Senior Compound Unaided, 2nd in Senior NASP (1st year)
- Callahan County 3-D Archery Match:**
- Daniel Duke – Junior Compound Unaided
 - Grace Estrada – Intermediate Compound Unaided

Concho Valley Archery Tournament:

- Saige Turner – 3rd in Junior Compound Unaided
- Sierra Turner – 2nd in Senior Compound Unaided

Cooke County 3-D Archery Match:

- Nate Earthman – 2nd in Junior Compound Unaided
- Morgan Earthman – 3rd in Junior Compound Unaided
- Daniel Duke – Junior Compound Aided
- Shawn Earthman – 1st in Intermediate Compound Unaided
- Corrie Earthman – 2nd in Intermediate Compound Unaided
- Ryan Earthman – 1st in Senior Recurve Unaided
- Amanda Duke – Adult Compound Aided
- Larressa Earthman – 1st in Adult Compound Unaided
- Eric Earthman – 1st in Adult Recurve Unaided

This archery semester has been a fun and successful one. We hope everyone had fun and we are looking forward to next year!

Starwalk continues 19th season at Copper Breaks

For The News-Courier

QUANAH — The popular StarWalk is set for Saturday, June 21, 2014 at Copper Breaks State Park. The long standing public astronomy program continues its 19th year. SkyGuide volunteer Terry Paridon will lead participants in a naked-eye exploration of the night sky beginning at sunset, around 8:30 p.m. in Big Pond Campground.

In addition to the after-dark programs, Sky Guide volunteers will again offer Sun Fun at 5 p.m. Sun Fun offers the

public rare views of our own star, the Sun, through telescopes fitted with filters for safe viewing.

Nighttime observing begins after sunset. Paridon will begin the program with a tour of the darkening sky—the original StarWalk. Blending science with history, legends, and lore, Paridon will take the public on a tour through major constellations, spotlighting bright stars, and introducing the “star-hopping” technique to find other interesting objects.

After the StarWalk the public is invited to view these various dark-sky objects

through the park’s binoculars and telescopes with the help of knowledgeable Sky Guide volunteers who come from throughout Texas and Oklahoma to assist with the StarWalk.

The 2014 slate of StarWalks includes Saturday presentations set for July 26, August 23, September 27, and October 18, weather permitting.

Upon entering the park, StarWalk signs will direct visitors to Big Pond Campground and parking. The quarter-mile walk into the observing area is on lighted asphalt, and extra assistance for

the handicapped is available from park personnel.

StarWalk and Sun Fun are continuing Campsite Programs offered by Copper Breaks State Park. For more information on park facilities or other programs, call 940-839-4331 during business hours.

For more information on the StarWalk or other Copper Breaks programs or facilities, contact the park during business hours at 940-839-4331. Copper Breaks State Park is located 13 miles south of Quanah and eight miles north of Crowell on State Highway 6.

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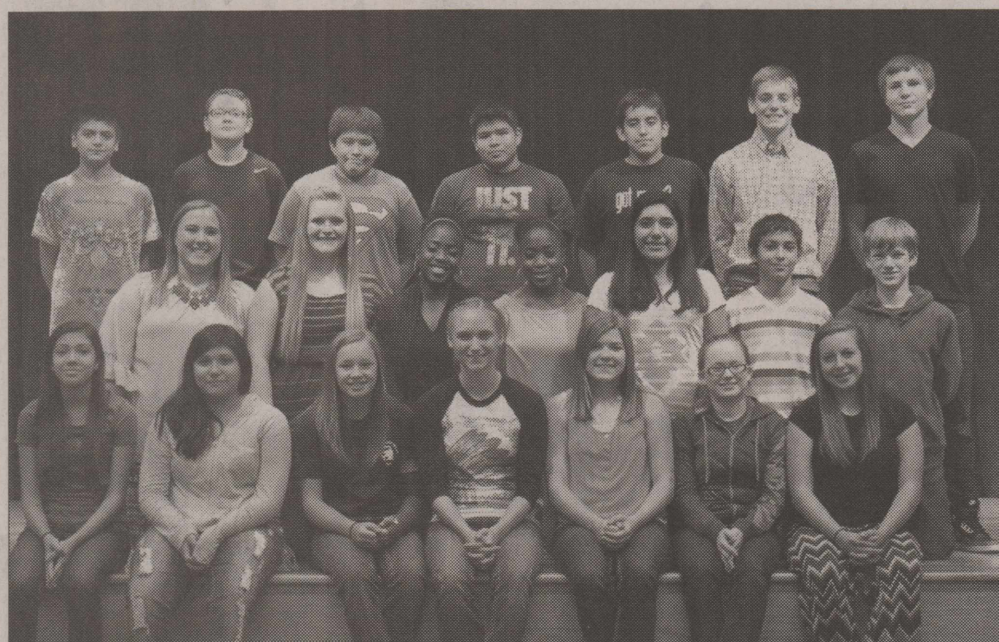
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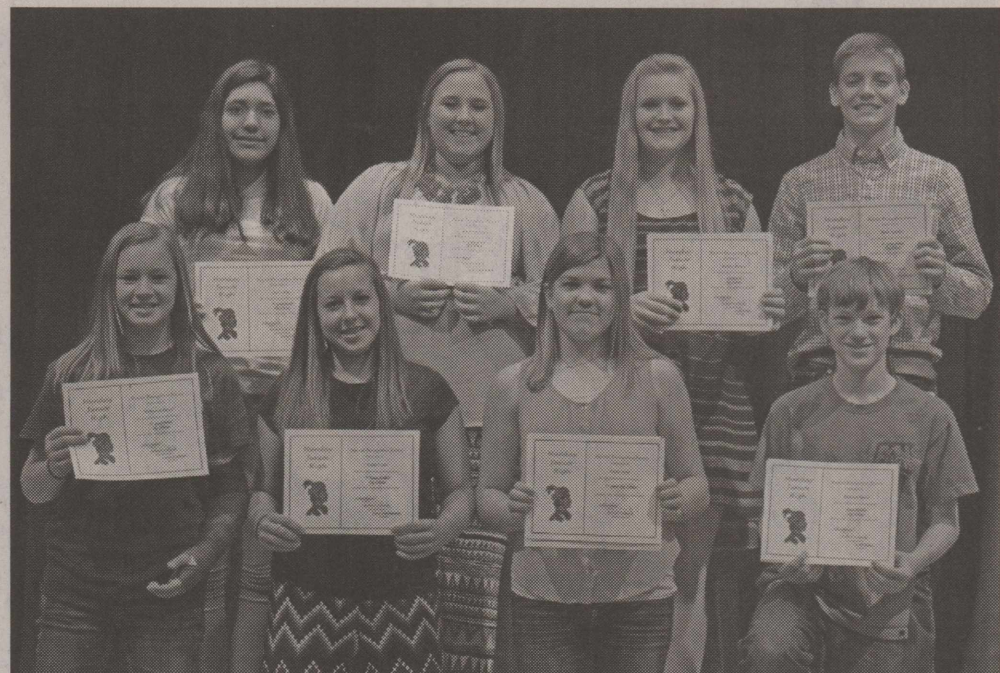
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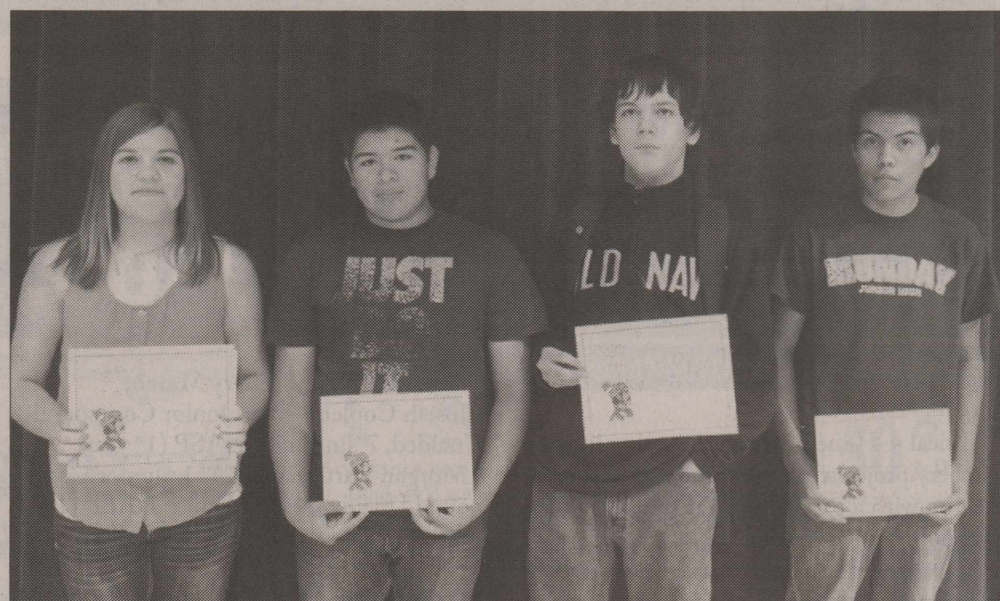
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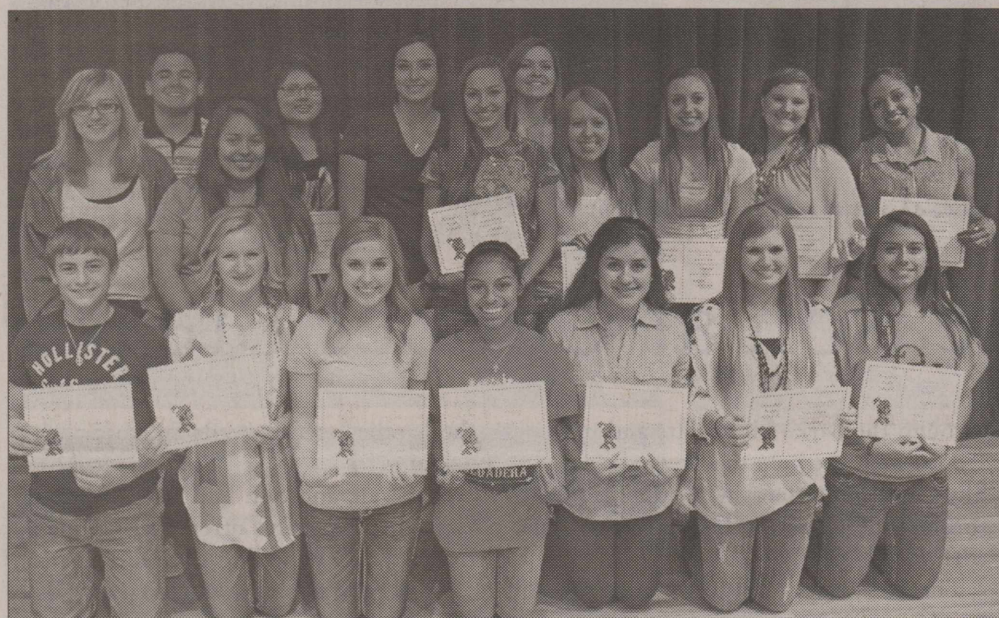
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High School Senior NHS grads: Tatum Bufkin, Rylie Decker, Haley Ericson, Yadi Gonzalez, Kelsie Hobert, Mariela Jasso, Tiffany Serrato, Trey Tidwell, Mayte Torres, Kaylan Urbanczyk.

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Knox City-O'Brien graduates return home for class reunions

By Geoff Baumgartner
The Knox County News-Courier

KNOX CITY — The Knox City O'Brien Consolidated Independent School District put on its Homecoming event last weekend for several returning class graduates. The fun-filled activities took place over the evenings of June 6-7.

The activities on Friday June 6 began with registration in the KC High School Cafeteria. Then, things continued with a Picnic Supper in the high school cafeteria, followed by a wonderful performance by Elvis Impersonator Harvey McFadden in the W.R. Baker Auditorium. The evenings events concluded in the cafeteria with a special visitation. All the ladies were able to approach and have their picture taken with the King himself afterward.

The festivities continued the following day with a complimentary breakfast served up by the Ex-students Scholarship Committee. Finally, it

was class reunion time. Various classrooms were set up for meetings with certain classes meeting within them. For example, the Class of 1961 was set up for reunion in the Homemaking Room of the high school. A short picnic lunch took place, with the reunions continuing directly afterward. The Redwoods (Class of 1953 and before) met at the Knox County Aging Center. A brisket meal followed the initial reunions, with the meal being catered by K&P of Haskell.

Events continued into the night on June 7, with the homecoming program beginning at 7 in the W.R. Baker. The program featured Greg Oliver as the Master of Ceremonies. Superintendent Baty made a year-end address, followed by a memorial service and recognition of classes.

Future homecoming dates were settled upon before the Dancing in the Park ceremony began. A live band provided music for classmates to dance into the night. All of the events concluded around midnight.



Courtesy photos for The Knox County News-Courier
Elvis (Harvey McFadden) goes out to sing to Mona Hudson Cook, of Knox City.



After the show, the Hodges sisters (l-r), Betty (Johnston), Sue (Marion), and Jannette (Kilgore) get their picture taken with "Elvis."



Members of the class of 1953 are (l-r) Guy (Yeater) Robinson, Gary White, Mark Davidson, and Margaret Chafin.

WOMEN

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State University. She worked in the Texas education system for 42 years.

Grill has fond memories of working with her father on the historic Burnett Ranch, located Northwest of Benjamin, from a very young age. Grill recalls the following story from the 1950s: "I was prowling cattle with Daddy on the ranch, when we struck upon a meverick bull hanging around a big tree in the pasture. He nonchalantly stated that he was at least going to cut that bull and mark him, and that I was to stay on my horse and out of the way so I didn't get hurt. I sat on my horse from an interesting spot, and watched daddy take his ropes and circle the big tree several times, pinning the bull to the large trunk. He had wrapped the rope so the bull was spread for convenient castration on one end, and earmarking on the other. I was amazed at his calmed demeanor and easy way of handling the task. I never fully realized until later in life what a fine cowboy he was, with his gentleness and skill."

Grill recalls historic features of the ranch such as an Indian burial ground and wooly mammoth tusk fossils. Grill states that she is honored to have been raised up working with other fine cowboys such as Wade Barker, Roy Daniels, Elmo Shaw, and Jerry Bob Daniel.

Grill's parents and her ranch raised way of life instilled a good work ethic and respect for nature and humanity. "My parents were gentle, interesting people who taught me that every human being was created by God, and deserves respect and kindness. Daddy also taught me to treat horses with gentleness and respect."

Belle married Benny Grill in 1969. They reside in Benjamin and have two children and two grandchildren. Grill is a 4th generation Burnett Family rancher. She enjoys playing golf, cooking, pottery making, and

painting.

The Benjamin Ranch Rodeo and Homecoming will take place June 13th - 15th. Friday and Saturday night rodeo performances start at 7 p.m., with the grand entry beginning at 6:30pm. Featured events include a Shetland bronc riding on Friday night, and the open ranch bronc riding on Saturday night. Church services will take place at the Ex-Students Building at 10:00 AM on Sunday Morning.

SEEDING

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some of the more successful cloud seeding projects that have been utilized in Texas.

Commissioners voted to enter into the agreement with a vote of 4-0. Knox will be entering into the project with Haskell, Jones, Fisher, Stonewall, and Kent Counties.

The Munday City Council has already voted to partially fund Knox County's portion of the project, with Knox City adding funds as well. In addition, Knox County has already applied for the state cloud seeding permit required to participate in the project. The permit will be good for four years.

Most of the business and residents throughout the county are on board with the project as well as Knox County's civic leaders.

"As a county, we will get in for our share, given that the five other counties are doing their parts as well," said Knox County Judge Travis Floyd.

The commission voted to join the project with \$6000 contingent that the other five counties are continuing to raise funds also. Nolan and Scurry Counties have indicated that they would consider joining the project as well.

Before the commission adjourned they also voted to update Knox County's

Mutual Aid Agreement and assessed what the tax office has collected so far from the general public. The vote passed 4-0 and the tax office has collected 96.3% thus far.

BRIDGE

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up the rest of the construction cost.

According to Stevens, the total dollar amount for the bridge comes to \$29,631.

"We've put together an advanced statewide database on the cost of maintenance projects available for bridges within the local counties of Texas," said Stevens.

Construction is scheduled to begin in June of 2015 and will be taking place in precinct no. 2, where the bridge is located within the county.

Just to be certain the project will run as smooth as possible, TxDOT will be running inspections during construction.

"TxDOT will be conducting sporadic inspections within the county in order to be sure construction work is being done," said Stevens.

ELLIS

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is a very dedicated program for the youth in Knox City and I will miss my position there. They were great," said Ellis.

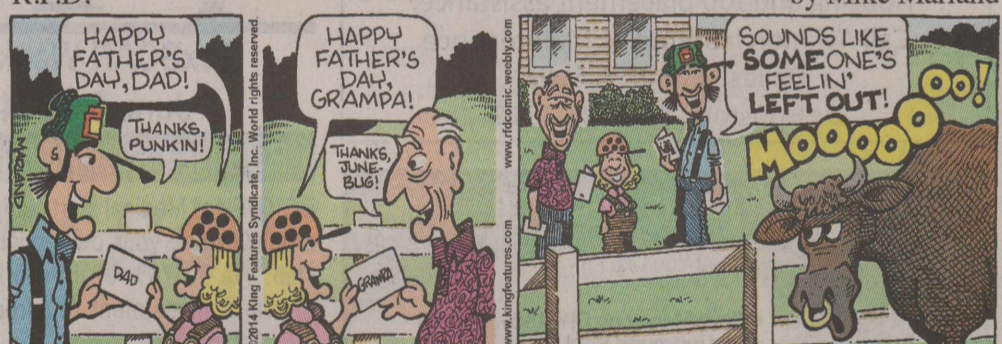
Former director of the Aging Center Cassandra Sheedy has the utmost confidence in Ellis and was proud to have her come aboard.

"Sherry Ellis is a very good worker, and she will do a good job here at the Aging Center," said Sheedy.

Sheedy is leaving her position to return to Emerald Correctional Facility in Haskell County.

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