O'Brien news by Audie Johnston

Wondering about who visited who in O'Brien? Read all the latest that 's happening with our neighbors to the South in Audie's O'Brien News column.

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Hope and Oather wed 58 years

Hope and Oather Poe are honored guests at a family dinner for their 58th wedding anniversary.



See Poe's celebrate, Page 6

District Court hears cases

District Attorney Bill Neal and District Judge David Hajek have been busy. A report by the DA on the court's March 9 case load is inside on page 3.

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Chamber of Commerce honors Judy Perdue



Meeting Tuesday night at their annual banquet, members of the Knox City Chamber of Commerce honored Judy Perdue as the 1998 recipient of the E. Hobb Smith Most Appreciated Citizen Award. Receiving the recognition for her many areas of service to the community, Mrs. Perdue has been active in many different leadership roles. Among those areas served

• Girl Scout leader and coordinator, now serving as President of the North Central Texas Girl Scout Council. Also selected as volunteer of the year for NorCenTex Girl Scout Council in 1990.

- · Board member of the Knox County Child Welfare Board.
- · Resident Advocate of the Brazos Valley Care Home Ombudsman Program.
- · Serves as President of the **Economic Development Commit**tee (EDC).
- · Named as Texas Woman of Distinction in 1997.

· A Director for the Knox City Chamber of Commerce since 1984, and has served three terms as President of the chamber.

- A member of the First United Methodist Church, Mrs. Perdue has served there as Youth Leader, Methodist Kids Leader, Teacher, and currently serves as Chairman of the Administrative Council.
- Board Member and Registrar for the Cross Country Emmaus

Community. Employed at Citizens Bank in

Knox City, Mrs. Perdue is married to Knox County Judge David Perdue.

Also recognized at the Banquet were outgoing and incoming directors of the Chamber of Commerce. Outgoing Directors are Charles Auburg and Ben Vasquez. Newly appointed Chamber Directors for 1998 are Vergil Ichtertz, Danny Parker, Diana Casillas and Marla Hawkins. They join incumbent Directors Judy

Williams.

Rita Rosencranz will serve another term as President of the Knox City Chamber of Commerce.

During the banquet festivities, those assembled in the cafeteria on the Knox City school campus had a unique opportunity to listen to guest speaker Wyman Meinzer while viewing a slide presentation of many of his photographs of the Texas Plains area that have contributed to his reputation as a world class wildlife photographer.

Eddie Bland is national champion

O'Brien Mid School Principal Eddie Bland has returned from the Men's National Wheelchair Basketball Final Four. The NWBA finals where held in Nashville TN. Eddie has played wheelchair basketball for over 18 years, retiring from the game after winning last year's National Championship in Birmingham Alabama. The Dallas Mavericks called to invite him to participate in the Nashville Final Four Event.

The Dallas Wheelchair Mavericks won the Men's National Wheelchair Basketball (N-WBA) Finals, giving the Wheelchair Mavericks the opportunity to have the title as BACK TO BACK Champions. The Mavericks beat the Golden State Warriors from California to be the National Champions. The NWBA was also celebrating 50 years of playing wheelchair basketball in Nashville. The NWBA was started by two paralyzed men returning from World War II.

Eddie has represented the Dallas Wheelchair Mavericks over the past years participating in the USA 1989 national teams and traveling internationally with the team. He has been an NWBA All- American five

The Dallas Wheelchair Mavericks have been in existence since 1972. Originally started as the Dallas Raiders by two Vietnam Veterans, the team changed its name in 1982 under a publicity agreement with the NBA Dallas Mavericks. The Wheelchair Mavericks are one of the nation's top teams and



over the past six years have finished in the NWBA's top four. Internationally, the team has traveled to Japan, Britain and Spain and returned home undefeated. The Mavericks finished the 1996-1997- 1998 season ranked first (out of 186 teams). In addition to their power on the basketball court, the Wheelchair Mavericks personnel have worked to improve the image of persons with physical challenges in the community. From providing educational scholarships, providing speakers and demonstrations that assist the community in understanding the capabilities of the disabled; Remember - ability, not disability, counts.

O'Brien's Mid-School Principal is a versatile player with a soft shooting touch. He has the size and strength to play interior defense and the agility to play on the perimeter.

Born in Haskell, Eddie was diagnosed with Paraplegia following injuries received in a car accident at age 19. Off the court, Eddie enjoys spending time with his wife Teri, reading and playing with his Do-

Students return from nation's capitol

Perdue, Jim Dillon, and Cathye

Gloria Nevarez and Jessica Frazier, students at Knox City High School, took part in the Presidential Classroom Business, Labor and Public Policy Program in Washington, D.C.

The Knox City students joined 260 high school juniors and seniors from 40 states, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Honduras and Sweden.

Highlights for the week included seminars led by Roberts Jones, President and CEO of the National Alliance of Business; Senator James Jeffords (R-VT) and Jack Anderson, syndicated columnist and Washington bureau chief for Parade Magazine.

Students also took part in onsite visits to a variety of locations, working on case studies examining the relations of business and labor with the federal government.

Participants took a private tour



KNOX CITYHIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS Gloria Nevarez, left, and Jessica Frazier are shown with Congressman Mac Thornberry during their March 7 through 13 trip to Washington, D.C. as part of the Presidential Classroom Business, Labor and Public Policy Program in Washington, D.C. (Courtesy Photo)

of the White House and attended a performance by the Capitol Steps Comedy Troupe. Students also attended appointments with the offices of their Senators and Representatives on Capitol Hill and a seminar on the floor of the House of Representatives.

March Sales tax rebate for Knox City

Monthly total UP 7.37% from year ago

(Austin) State Comptroller John Sharp delivered \$163.3 million in monthly sales tax rebates to 1,090 Texas cities and 118 counties, including a check of \$11,768.14 to Knox City. The rebate to Knox City reflects an increase of 7.37% from a rebate check of \$10,959.61 for the same period in 1997. Knox City collects a 2.000% rate of sales tax, with a full 1.000% of the tax directed towards EDC funding.

Texas cities received \$147.8 million, 7.1 percent higher than payments of \$137.8 million at this same time one year ago. Counties received a total of 15.5 million in rebates, 16.5 percent above the \$13.3 million in allocations for the same period in 1997.

For other Knox County cities, Benjamin received \$264.65, a 121.11% increase from \$119.60 for the same period a year ago. Goree received \$368.68, down 0.04% from a payment of \$368.84

last year at the same time. Munday received \$5,384.26 down 16.17% from a payment of \$6,422.85 in 1997 at the same time. Munday collects a 1.500% rate of sales tax, with Benjamin and Goree collecting a 1.000% sales tax.

In Haskell County, Haskell received \$23,059.05, up 3.94% from a payment of \$22,183.80 in 1997. Haskell collects a 2.000% rate of sales tax. O'Brien received \$38.66 this period, down 56.27% from a payment of \$88.41 a year ago. Rochester received \$383.79, up 14.20% form a payment of \$336.05 during the same period

In Jones County, Stamford received a payment of \$34,342.21, down 8.69% from a payment of \$37,342.21 in 1997. Anson received \$8,991.97, down 29.96% from a payment of \$12,840.11 last year. Hamlin received a check of \$13,954.88, down 11.30% from \$15,733.86 in 1997. Stamford,

Anson and Hamlin all collect a 2% rate of sales tax.

In Baylor County, the city of Seymour received a payment of \$9,282.48, down 19.54% from a payment of \$11,537.78 in 1997. Seymour collects a 1.000 rate of sales tax.

In Foard County, Crowell received a payment of \$2,375.20, down 30.17% from a payment of \$3,401.46 in 1997. Crowell collects a 1.500% rate of sales tax.

In Dickens County, Dickens received \$1,814.40, down 18.08% from a payment of \$2,214.87 in 1997. Spur received a payment of \$3,575.44, up 1.74% from a 1997 payment of \$3,514.02. Dickens collects a 1.5% rate of sales tax, while Spur collects a 1% rate.

In Cottle County, Paducah received a payment of \$3,990.53, up 80% from a payment of \$2,216.90 in 1997. Paducah collects a 1% rate of sales tax.

Sales tax figures are printed as a public service by the News.

Benjamin subscribers miss The Knox County News

The NEWS office received quite a few calls this week concerning the lack of delivery of last week's edition to our subscribers in Benjamin. Not the first time this has happened, it appears that once the Benjamin bag of newspapers left Knox City, it got lost in the U.S. Mail System.

All we know for sure is that we paid - in advance - for delivery. Wonder if we'll get a refund......

Rochester FHA returns from region II conference McGhee ends year as National Officer Candidate, Short elected as Region V-P

Three members of the Rochester chapter of Future Homemakers of America attended the Region II Conference held in Wichita Falls on February 27 - 28.

The chapter members were among 1000 delegates attending the two-day conference. The youth-developed theme, "A Sea of Opportunities", was carried out through workshop and general sessions where members discovered ways to become actively involved in issues facing today's

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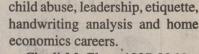
handwriting analysis and home economics careers.

tional Officer Candidate from Region II, relinquished her title in a ceremony during the second general session. Charli, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Darryl McGhee, has been an exceptional and dynamic leader of her local and regional FHA chapters. Charli will graduate from Rochester High in May and will attend South Plains College this fall.

Mary Jane Short, a junior at

life skills related to parenting and child development, management, interior design, food science, institutional maintenance, hospital-

Students attending from Roch-



Charli McGhee, 1997-98 Na-

Rochester High and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Short, was elected to serve as the Region II Vice-President of Programs for the 1998-99 year. Her main duties will be to serve on the Executive Council and to assist the president, among other things.

Future Homemakers of America is a youth organization that has the family as its central focus. FHA is considered the "best kept secret".

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ester were Charli McGhee, Mary Jane Short and Ginger Adkins, who also served as voting delegate. They were accompanied by Sharon McGhee and advisor Nancy Adkins.

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Here And There - Billie Walker enjoyed being a part of the reading contest held at the Rule school plant Thursday. She was one of the judges for the Benjamin

Andy, Tami, Haleigh and Austin Hines, Julie and Stephanie Keeling, Kevin Jr. Urbanczyk, and Pansy Hines of Lubbock, Aderle and Doris Herring of Junction and Claudia Reid of Rochester visited Adelle and Ranzy Herring. They were here to help with a birthday celebration for Adelle.

Vivian Hendrix visited Grandfield, Oklahoma, with Bill and Pretrecia Kinzer. Vivian and Pretrecia, along with Kristy and

LaNear Phillips of Wichita Falls, went to visit Jimmy and Francis Howell at Canyon Lake, near San Antonio. In San Antonio, they visited the Alamo, the River Walk, the Needle (the World Fair exposition of 1968), and toured the Guadalupe River. They also visited Gruene (pronounced Green) where George Strait started playing country music and there the film, "Micheal" was filmed. They also enjoyed visiting antique shops. On the way back, they went to Canyon Lake Dam and also went to Fredericksburg and to Luckenbach which was interesting. We also saw where LBJ lived. Vivian reported that after seeing all this it was good to get back to good ole' O'Brien.

Janoma Stephens returned from Corpus Christi, Kingsville and Aransas Pass. She was a houseguest of Leonard and Dorothy Kemp., Mrs. Kemp is past state president of Texas Federation of Women's Club. Then on Saturday, she and four other ladies attended the 38th spring convention of TFWC Mesquite District in Moran.

C.H., Linda and Reed Underwood of Tulia spent a few days in their home over this last week while on spring break from school.

Delbert and Norma Hayes were in Munday Sunday and visited Delbert's daughter Pam Reed and family and enjoyed a good

Claudale and Jean Barnard were in Lubbock Monday for Claudale's doctor's appointment.

Dwight Gothard was blessed with a big steak again last Saturday. Dwight's son, Paul Gothard of Blackwell, spent the day with him and fixed a big lunch.

Visiting Clara and Troy Hanson last week were Teresa and Allyson of Stamford and Taylor and Judy Hodges of Brownfield. They all enjoyed visiting and talking.

Caldwell and Barbara Weston of Georgia have spent several days with Barbara's parents, Vaughn and Wanda Brooks and other relatives and attended a birthday party for Vaughn on Sunday.

Loretta Hewitt was in Haskell Saturday to see her granddaughter Kelli Moeller in the track meet. Kelli won second in the 200 dash and 800 relay. I'm sure she really enjoyed seeing her granddaughter perform 'don't we all'.

Bloodmobile collects from 17

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile was in Knox City, February 24, for the first blood drive of the year.

According to Bloodmobile county coordinator Charlene Brothers, there was a good turnout considering all the sickness had during this time.

Eighteen presented them selves as donors with 17 being accepted. Donating were Bruce Campbell Jr., Ramona Helms, J.O. Brothers, Cynthia Garcia, Jimmy Tankersley, John E. Helms, Peggy McGaughey, Daniel Godsey, Joe Godsey, Regina Golden, Eileen Rolo, Jimmy Ray Albus, Mark Bingham, Heather Bingham, Michelle Parker, Joe Barnard, Pam Mongrain and Sharla Carver.

Mrs. Brothers thankseach and everyone that came by. She also said "blood is something we prob-

ably never think about much until we need some for ourselves or our family. It is something you cannot live without, providing you do not have enough."

She also expressed appreciation to Audie Johnson who always helps with the canteen and registering.

Without all the volunteers, she noted that it would not be possible to have these drives each time; especially the ones who donate food and drinks.

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Hajek hears cases in March 9 district court

A probation violation hearing in the Baylor County District Court on Monday, March 9, 1998, stretched into an all afternoon session before District Judge David Hajek.

The State, through District Attorney Bill Neal, had filed a motion alleging that Karla King Holden, 34, of Seymour had violated her probation in several respects. Holden had previously plead guilty approximately one year ago in the District court for the felony offense of Tampering with a Governmental Record involving prescription drug records. At that time Judge Hajek withheld finding her guilty, but placed her on probation for two years.

At the March 9 hearing, District Attorney Neal called eight witnesses producing evidence that Holden had violated her probation by driving while intoxicated, driving while license was suspended and failing to abstain from the use of alcoholic beverages. The evidence showed that during the past two months Holden had been the driver of motor vehicles involved in two one-car accidents. one occurring when a breathalizer test indicated that she was intoxicated.

At the close of the hearing, both District Attorney Neal and head adult probation officer Dale Rush recommended to the Court that the Court adjudicate and find

Holden quilty of the underlying offense (Tampering with a Governmental Record) and immediately commit her to the prison system's Substance Abuse Felony Punishment Facility for a oneyear alcohol and drug abuse recovery program and then continue her on probation for another year after her release.

Holden, however, through her attorney, Jim Ammons of Wichita Falls, pleaded for leniency and asked Judge Hajek to turn her loose and allow her to participate in a three-week, part-time, voluntary, out-patient alcohol and drug treatment program operated by a private company in Wichita Falls.

Judge Hajek granted her request, although he did adjudicate her guilty of the underlying offense and ordered her to return to court on May 5, 1998 to determine what, if any, further action should be taken at that time.

In other court action, on Wednesday, March 11, 1998, in the Knox County District Court, Cresencia Mary Castillo, 35, of Abilene plead guilty to an indictment charging Castillo with Aggravated Assault. She was placed on Community Supervision for five years and was ordered to pay \$250.00 fine and court costs, pursuant to a plea bargain with the

Jason Curtis Runnels, 26, of Irving, plead guilty to an indictment charging him with Theft of a Firearm. Runnels was assessed to a two-year state jail sentence, but probated for two years and was also ordered to pay court costs and \$585.00 restitution to the victim, Charles Lankford, pursuant to a plea bargain with the State.

The Court also had a hearing on Roy Herrera, 20, of Knox City. Herrera as placed on probation after successfully completing the prison system's Boot Camp program. Herrera plead guilty last year to the charge of Retaliation related to threats he made to Knox City police officers dispatched to quell a domestic disturbance.

On that same day, in the Baylor County District Court, Samual Glen Hartin, 27, of Denton, was sentenced to one year confinement in a state jail facility after his probation was revoked. Hartin was originally placed on probation after pleading guilty to an indictment charging him with Possession of a Controlled Substance.

Clayton Lee Gray, 41, of Seymour also faced a hearing on the State's Motion to Revoke his felony DWI probation. Judge Hajek did not revoke Gray's probation, but he did extend the term of his probatio n for one additional year and ordered Gray committed to the prison system's Substance Abuse Felony Punishment Facility for a one-year drug and alcohol abuse treatment program.

City Council, school filings

With deadlines over for city and school elections set for Saturday, May 2, five have filed for three seats on the city council and two on the school board contest.

Jeff Stanfield and Barbara Ainsworth had previously filed in the city election with Tommy Mangis, Domingo Garcia and Charles Lankford filing before the deadline. None of the incumbents, Carol Felts, Walter Rauch or Ben Vasquez, filed for re-election.

In the Knox City-O'Brien CISD election, incumbent Dale Turner and Raul Espinosa Jr. filed for the two places. Board member Dwayne Johnson did not seek re-

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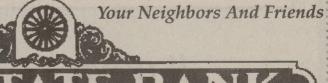
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THANKS to everyone who voted for and supported me. I ask your continued support in the runoff election on April 14.

Imogene Young

(Pol. Adv. Pd. For By Imogene Young, Benjamin, TX)

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would appreciate your vote of confidence and support in the Saturday, May 2, City Council election.

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(Pol. Adv. Paid For By Jeff Stanfield, P.O. Box 281, Knox City, TX 79529)

Do we dare say spring is here or should we wait awhile longer? The temperatures of the last couple of days make us think no more winter-like days but somehow I can't believe we are "out-of-thewoods" yet. We still have that all too familiar "Easter spell" ahead of us. But for now, it's surely nice.

School folks are sure busy these days. Track meets, Little Dribblers tournaments, UIL events and all the other springtime activities are happening fast and furiously. It's just sure not long til school will be out. Where has this school year gone? It has literally flown

We are finalizing plans for Homecoming again over this way. The event will be the second weekend in June beginning on Friday afternoon. More details as time

Regarding Our Ill Friends -Ruth Ressel spent one night last week in the Knox County Hospital. She had picked up a virus somewhere and was pretty sick for about a day. She is out and about again and feeling better.

Debra Ebraheim was released from the hospital Tuesday afternoon. She had a pretty rough timewith an ear infection and saw a specialist in Abilene Monday.

Debra Moorhouse is having some health problems. After a series of tests, scans and blood work, she has been diagnosed with a malignancy in her colon. She starts radiation therapy today (Monday) and will undergo surgery on April 6. Debra's outlook is great and her doctors feel very positive about the outcome. I urge each of you to remember this young family in your prayers. Debra is the school secretary and she is married to

Sympathy goes to Jack and Judie Whitten today. Jack's mom, Adele Whitten, passed away last Sunday. She had just moved to Decatur having lived in Eastland many years. Her funeral was Wednesday in Eastland.

Here 'N There - Weekend guests of Don and Louise Hertel were Rosellen and Daniel Albus of Lubbock and Craig Hertel and his fiance Donna Havercamp of Gainesville.

Charles and Mary Sue Flanery of Alvin and Jeannette Jacobs of Munday visited Earlene Meinzer last Thursday.

Reba Morrill and her fatherin-law, Don of Humble, are here for a few days. Don has purchased the Hes and Louise Hall home and is doing some remodeling on

Brandi, Cliff, Kayla and Courtney Hacker of Knox City visited Jonnie Williams and Mary Bohannon Sunday.

Stephanie and Bobby Brannan of Lubbock visited his mom, Gertrude, a couple of days last week and also visited her family, Hazel Stockton and Bud Conner. Also visiting Hazel and Bud have been Michele Conner of Texas Tech and Blaine Conner of Colorado City, who was here visiting her mom and family, Janet and Gary Reed and Clayton Conner.

Jonnie Williams and Bobby Frank Hudson visited Bob and Bonita Pyatt in Plainview Saturday. They report the Pyatts to be doing well and planning to be here

in June for homecoming.

Roger and Betty Bohannon spent Friday night with friends in Earth and went on to Hale Center Saturday to attend to some busi-

Saturday guests of Clodell Duke were her daughters, Gaye Roberts of Wichita Falls, Mary Sawyers of Hamlin and Jan Pollock and Sue McCarthy of Iowa

Shari Brown planned to spend Monday in Hawley with her aunt "Dutch" Jones while her dad was in Austin on business.

Billy Trainham of Lubbock visited Charles and Joy Jones and Bobby Trainham on Wednesday.

Ryan and Christi Ross of Clarendon and Rhondi Whitten and her fiance, Dustin Sheldon of Sidney, Iowa, were here last week for the girls' grandmother's, Adele Whitten's, funeral in Eastland on Wednesday. Ryan and Christi went home on Wednesday and Jack and Judy took Rhonda and Dustin to Oklahoma City Thursday where they caught a plane back to Iowa.

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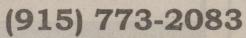
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The News Office 110 N. Central 658-3142

CLOSE OUT SALE

Fishing supply close out, so everything must go!!!

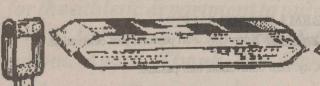
Lures, weights, some rods & reels,

EVERYTHING 50% OFF!

204 N. Highway 6 in Benjamin (1 Block North of Courthouse on Highway 6)

Saturday, March 28 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.





NOTICE

We will close at noon Thursday, March 26TH for our

CLEARANCE

Everything In the store will be marked down for the **Biggest Markdown** of the Year!

Computer Desk 1/2 PRICE

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Chest -of-Drawers STARTING \$88

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Knox City Relay results

Junior Varsity Boys - Overall team standing 2nd

Jeffrey Hernandez - 1st 1600 meter run, 1st 3200 meter run

Jeremy Fortune - 1st in 800 meter run, 2nd 400 meter dash Jay Sandusky - 3rd in high jump Matthew Lowe - 6th in shot,

Garrett Favor - 5th 200 meter dash

Myles Richardson - 3rd 800 meter run, 3rd 1600 meter run

Jimmy Garcia - 4th 800 meter run, 4th 1600 meter run

Girls - Overall team standing 2nd

Natalie Bloxham - 1st long jump, 4th 100 meter dash, 5th

triple jump Roni Morrow - 2nd long jump,

3rd triple jump Brandy Riggins - 2nd discus, 2nd shot put

Jennifer Vacek - 4th triple jump Crystal Wallace - 5th discus, 5th shot put

Sonya Contreras - 3rd 3200 meter run

TO KNOX COUNTY VOTERS

I would like to thank the voters of Knox County for

their confidence and support of my candidacy in the

March 10 Democratic Primary for Knox County

Commissioner, Precinct #2. I appreciate your time

and interest shown during this election. I have

enjoyed being able to serve as your commissioner

these past three years and am looking forward to

serving this next term. I will be available for any

suggestions any of you might have and work toward

what will be a fair solution for everyone. Please feel

free to call me at anytime. Again, I want to thank

each of your personally for your vote and support.

(Pol. Adv. Pd. For By Jerry Parker, Benjamin, TX)

Thanks, JERRY PARKER

Jessica Frazier - 3rd 100 meter hurdles

Audrey Lankford - 2nd 400 meter dash

Kayla Garcia - 6th 200 meter

400 meter relay - 3rd place, Jessica Frazier, Kayla Garcia, Roni Morrow, Natalie Bloxham

800 meter relay - 2nd place, Jennifer Vacek, Kayla Garcia, Roni Morrow, Natalie Bloxham

1600 meter relay - 1st place -Jessica Frazier, Audrey Lankford, Jennifer Vacek, Roni Morrow

Varsity Boys - Overall team 4th place Kelly Estrada - 4th 800 meter

Brandon Gutirerrez - 2nd 400

meter dash, 2nd long jump, 4th high jump

400 meter relay - 5th place, Michael Baez, Brandon Gutierrez, Kelly Estrada, Chris Garcia

1600 meter relay - 3rd place, Omard Walton, Brandon Gutierrez, Chris Garcia, Kelly Estrada.



HOPE AND OATHER POE

Poes celebrate 58th wedding anniversary with family dinner

Mr. and Mrs. Oather Poe were honored Monday night, March 16, in observance of their 58th wedding anniversary.

The celebration was held at The Grand Cafe hosted by their daughter and her husband, Bonnie and Johnny Peysen; and their grandchildren, Ronnie Bruce and Rhondi Ainsworth and their spouses, Annie Bruce and Joey Ainsworth.

Also on hand were the Poe's great-grandchildren, Chance Ainsworth, C.J. Bruce, Leilani Bruce and Kaley Ainsworth.

Mr. and Mrs. Poe were married March 23, 1940, in the home of Bro. L.P. Lackey in Knox City.

The honorees and 42 guests enjoyed a catered meal.

Relatives and friends from Knox City, Rochester and Benjamin attended.

Our DEADLINE for news and advertisements is every Monday at 5:00 p.m. Thanks!

cordially invites you to come in anytime and meet our talented and friendly staff.





Hair Care Professionals Hair Stylist Katrine King (at left) and Barber/Stylist Wilma Hogan (at right)

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Legal Notice

officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to the requirements of law and the mandate thereof, and make due return as the law directs. ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT at Benjamin, Texas, this the 26 day of February 1998.

/s/ DANNY SPECK District Clerk of Knox County, Texas

Bid Notice

REQUEST FOR BIDS ON **TEXAS HIGHWAY** CONSTRUCTION

Sealed proposals for 13.211 km of rehabilitation to existing roadway on US 83 from 13.679 KM South of Cottle County Line, South to 1.414 km South of Guthrie covered by STP98(178)R in King County, will be received at the Texas Department of Transportation, 200 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas, until 1:00 P.M., April 8, 1998, and then publicly opened and read. It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that the sealed proposal arrives at the above location and is in the hands of the letting officials, by the specified deadline regardless of the method chosen by the bidder for delivery.

This contract is subject to all appropriate Federal laws, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Acts of 1964. The Texas Department of Transportation hereby notifies all bidders that it will insure that bidders will not be discriminated against on the ground of race, color, sex or national origin, in having full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation, and in consideration for an award. Plans and specifications, including minimum wage rates as provided by Law, are available for inspection at the office of Gary Mizer, Area Engineer, Munday, Texas, and at the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, Texas. Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Construction and Maintenance Division, 200 East Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas 78704-1205. Plans are available throught commercials printers in Austin, Texas, at the expense of the bidder. Usual rights reserved

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