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# Near tragedy at city swimming pool averted when lifeguard saves child's life

# Lifeguard Julie Speck does 'everything right'

Julie Speck appears a little uncomfortable with the title of 'Hero', but that is the term being used to describe her efforts in saving a child from drowning at the city swimming pool last Friday afternoon. Working in her summer capacity as a lifeguard at the public swimming facility, the 23 year old came face to face with her worst fear and responded professionally with training and instinct to save 5 year old Jarek Allen Wilde from certain death.

Events at the swimming pool began about 4:30 last Friday afternoon when Julie had to leave her lifeguard tower to talk to a group of unruly boys by the diving board at the deep end of the pool. While walking back to her tower, Julie spotted a young child on the bottom of the pool, floating face down on the black stripe that is painted on the bottom of the pool separating the shallow and deep ends. Seeing the bright red swimming suit on the child, Julie knew instantly that it was 5 year old Jarek Wilde, who was at the pool with his sister, Tiffany.

Diving into the water, Julie pulled Jarek up from the bottom and brought him to the surface. After getting Jarek out of the water with the aid of a bystander, Julie realized immediately that the child in her hands had stopped breathing. Yelling at her mother, Sherry Speck, (who was running the concession stand and had started into the pool area when she saw Julie dive into the water) to call 911, and operating in an almost automatic mode due to her lifeguard training, Julie immediately began the first stage of lifesaving by breathing two full breaths into Jarek's tiny mouth. Further CPR was not needed as Jarek began to cough and spit up a little amount of water. To Julie's amazement, the youngster then began to breath on his own.

Holding Jarek until help arrived, Julie said she felt totally helpless at not being able to do more at that point, but she was also amazed at how fast emergency workers arrived at the pool. First to respond were Knox City Fire Chief Domingo Garcia and Fred Ledesma. Both helped to take care of Jarek for the few minutes that it took the Knox County EMS crew to respond with the ambulance. Knox City Police Officer Doug Stephens also responded, but slipped as he entered the pool area and fell, badly breaking his thumb.

Because the back maintenance gate to the pool was locked with no key available to pool personnel, Domingo Garcia lifted Jarek up and handed him over the chain link fence to EMS personnel Ronnie Brown and Billy Newten when they arrived. Jarek was taken to the emergency room at the Knox County hospital. While still on the way to the hospital, EMS personnel radioed ahead for the hospital to have the CareFlight medical helicopter from Abilene respond to Knox City. CareFlight's helicopter was already on a mission, so AreoCare's helicopter from Lubbock was called and the flight crew immediately responded to Knox City.

After being treated at the Knox County Hospital by both Dr. Hamadeh and Dr. Rao, Jarek was airlifted by the AeroCare to Covenant Children's Hospital in Lubbock for observation. Jarek's dad, Craig Wilde, was able to ride in the helicopter with his son. Doctors at the Lubbock hospital kept Jarek overnight for observation, running many tests and expressing amazement at the fact that x-rays showed there was no water in Jarek's lungs. One Doctor stated to the family that could only be attributed to extremely fast action on the part of the lifeguard who rescued Jarek.

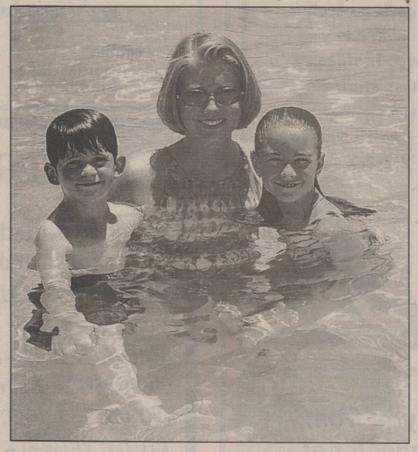
Thanking God for the end result of this near tragedy, Julie stated that "God was the one who did it, he had me in the right spot at the right time. God kept me calm enough to function, I did not even have time to think until it was all over." Julie also expressed her thanks to the emergency workers for responding so fast, and to so many people who have called her since last Friday. "I have been very moved by the care and concern shown to me by all the calls," stated Julie.

On a word of caution to area parents, Julie wanted to pass on this message: "I have been telling people all summer that the pool is not a baby-sitting service, parents need to be here with their kids. If the parents of the kids I had to correct had been here watching over their own children, I would not have had to leave the lifeguard station and might have seen Jarek quicker."

Julie is the daughter of Danny and Sherry Speck of Knox City. The whole family is helping to run the pool this summer. Her parents help with admissions while running the concession stand and her brother, Shawn, is also a lifeguard at the pool.



LIFEGUARD JULIE SPECK with 5 year old Jerek Allen Wilde in the above photo, and with Jerek and his sister, Tiffany Michelle Wilde, in the bottom photo. Both photos were taken during a much happier time at the Knox City Swimming Pool on Monday afternoon. Jerek's mother describes Julie as Jerek's "Guardian Angel" after the lifeguard saved him from drowning last Friday.



# Craig and Debbie Wilde are thankful parents

Craig and Debbie Wilde are extremely grateful and thankful that their 5 year old son, Jarek Allen Wilde, is still alive today, thanks to the efforts of Knox City Lifeguard Julie Speck.

Praising Jarek's new 'guardian angel', Debbie realizes that the only reason her son is happy and smiling today is due to the quick response of Julie when she spotted Jarek floating at the bottom of the municipal swimming pool last Friday afternoon.

Working at her job as a Registered Nurse and Director of Nurses at the Knox County Hospital in Knox City, Debbie received the worst kind of news that any parent could ever hear when the call came in to the hospital for the ambulance to respond to the swimming pool for a drowning child, her child. Beating the ambulance to the scene, Debbie could only stand and watch as others tended to the emergency care of her son. Skilled in the medical profession, Debbie has a lot of praise for all those that helped her child last Friday afternoon. She recognized the expert care being administered to Jarek by everyone involved in the rescue, and although she is still very emotional and has a hard time talking about the ordeal, she does not hesitate to give thanks where it is due. In visiting with the doctors at Covenant Children's Hospital in Lubbock, Debbie was told in numerous conversations that the quick work of Lifeguard Julie Speck resulted in Jarek's outcome as the rescue was accomplished fast enough that x-rays did not reveal water in her son's lungs.

When she heard her son was the near drowning victim that the ambulance was being dispatched for, Debbie says a lot of things flashed through her mind. "There have been a lot of lessons learned here, and I can never express enough my appreciation to Julie for her saving my son," stated Debbie with tears welling up in her eyes. "The Knox City Swimming Pool is not a baby-sitting service, so many parents just drop their young children off and leave them. This causes the personnel at the pool to supervise the behavior of a lot of kids as well as having to do their lifeguard jobs." She went on to say that she knows she is equally at fault and she has lived with a tremendous amount of guilt since last Friday since she too was a parent who just dropped her kids off at the pool. Fully realizing her mistake, Debbie hopes that other parents will learn a lesson from this also. While she thought Jarek was all right in going to the pool with his older sister, Tiffany, Debbie knows she should have been there also. "This could have happened with me sitting right next to the pool", stated Wilde, "because it happened so fast."

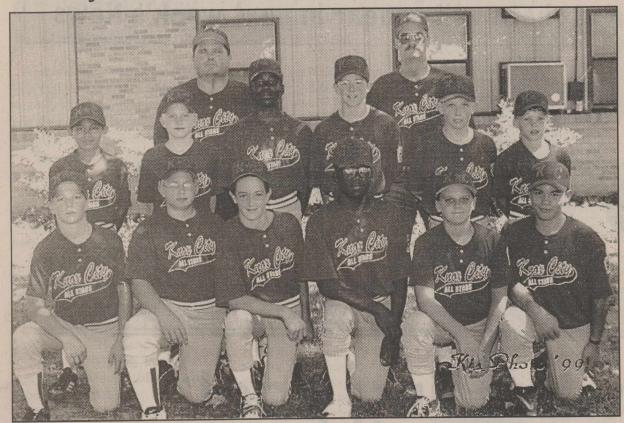
Debbie wanted to caution other parents to make sure that their children know how to swim, and to have them wear some type of flotation device if they do not know how to swim. She also feels that a key to the back maintenance gate at the pool should be made available to pool personnel as the EMS workers were not able to gain access through the locked gate and Jarek had to be lifted over the fence to the ambulance crew.

Debbie also wanted to thank Janet Johnson, wife of First Baptist Pastor Johnny Johnson, for her help at the pool with being able to console her daughter, Tiffany. "She was extremely upset and blaming herself because she felt she should have been watching Jarek better," stated Debbie, who went on to say that "Janet was there and really helped to calm Tiffany, I can never thank her enough for all she did."

Even though she is a Registered Nurse with many years of experience, she could only watch as a concerned parent as so many others worked on her son last Friday. That experience has made her realize just how fortunate the citizens of Knox City and Knox County are to have a medical facility like the Knox County Hospital right here in the city. "We hear a lot of talk about what we don't have because we are in a small rural town", stated Wilde, "but what we do have here is second to none. From our EMS personnel to our doctors everyone at the hospital, they are always there for anyone needing their assistance." With the closest other area hospital located in Haskell, Wilde stated her belief that "a lot of people would not be alive today if we did not have this emergency room and hospital here."

Holding her son tight on her lap and wiping back the tears that flowed throughout this interview, Debbie said over and over how wonderful the people of Knox City really are. "At one point, I know that more than half of Knox City was outside the hospital waiting for news about Jarek, and that tells a lot about how much people here care for one another."

City Council story from July 8 meeting inside this edition on page 3



KNOX CITY'S 11-12 YEAR OLD LITTLE LEAGUE ALL STAR TEAM is still in the playoffs as of our press deadline on Tuesday afternoon. Winning the area tournament last week at Stamford, the team is playing in the district tournament this week at Electra. The team lost to Wichita Falls on Monday night, and were going back to Electra Tuesday evening to play lowa Park. Shown on the back row are (left to right) Coach Todd Lewis and Manager Danny Parker. Members of the team are (middle row, left to right) Derrick Magana, Grant Lewis, Quentin Spells, Andy Shaver, Kevin Porter and Seth Kuehler, and on the front row (left to right) Will Burkham, Eric Lewis, Dustin Johnson, Riley Spells, Justin Parker (Photo courtesy of Kis Photo in Haskell) and C.J. Bruce.

### Athletic physicals set for July 28 & 29

Athletic physicals for students in the Knox City-O'Brien CISD will be given on the following dates: Girls - Wednesday, July 28, 1:00 p.m.

Boys - Thursday, July 29, 1:00 p.m. Physicals will be at the Knox County Hospital Clinic.

All seventh grade athletes need to get a physical, along with new high school athletes, and incoming ninth graders, according to athletic director Lynn Lierly.

We cannot express in words just how much every deed of kindness shown us by our friends and loved ones at this time of sorrow has meant to us.

For everyone who brought food to the home or church, gave flowers or memorials in honor of Paula, it will always be remembered. God bless each one of you.

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5 p.m. -- follow bear tracks

6 p.m. -- chores

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(Photo courtesy of Kis Photo in Haskell)

#### O'Brien happenings

By Audie Johnston, O'Brien Correspondent

Here and There - Claudia Reed of Rochester visited with her sister, Adelle Herring and husband Ranzy last week.

Veeta Reed is visiting her daughter Angelia and son Sam in Fort Worth for a few days.

David Ellis of Kermit visited his mother Beatrice a few days last week.

Thanks . . .

Don and Diane Roberts were

in Abilene Sunday to take their daughter Angelia to go to volleyball camp next week.

Paul Dean Gothard of Blackwell spent Sunday with his father Dwight Gothard and did they ever enjoy a good visit and of course, that good steak.

Johnny and Jo Lippard and Johnny's brother, Sam of Delta, Colorado, are in Wichita Falls to be with another brother of Johnny. Calvin is to have surgery on Tuesday of this week

Clara Hanson's son Ronnie Hodges is in the hospital at San Angelo and is in a critical condition and will have doctor checkups beginning today and he needs our prayers.

Coy Hewitt is still going to Abilene for chemo treatments and he and Loretta both need our

Hazel Emerson is in Abilene today (Monday) for eye surgery and also needs our prayers:

Billie Walker enjoyed a fishing vacation with daughter, Julie Sanders and family in South Fork, Colorado. Julie's mother-in-law also went. Billie and granddaughter, Billie Anne, relaxed in the sulfur baths at Pegosa Springs, Colorado.



to all of you who called, came by or expressed

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# City Council splits vote 3-2, will not hire additional maintenance employee

Councilman expresses anger at question about clean up project

In its regular scheduled meeting on Thursday night, July 8, the members of the City Council of Knox City heard many items, and decided not to hire an additional employee for the maintenance department by voting 3 against, and 2 for the proposal.

Present for the meeting were Mayor Bud Reynolds, City Manager Danny Parker, City Secretary Brenda Correll, Councilmen Jeff Stanfield, Tommy Mangis, David Chapman, Domingo Garcia and Charles Lankford. Visitors at the meeting were Attorney Bobby D. Burnett, Municipal Judge Robert Harrison, Robert H. Springer from Stovall Investments, Inc., Walt Marshal from Baker Hughes Western Geophysical, and Robert B. Daws from Bettis, Boyle & Stoval. Oil and Gas Producers.

The first item of business on the agenda was public comment. When there were none, Mayor Bud Reynolds went to the next item, that being the approval of minutes. During this item, Councilman Tommy Mangis questioned a school in Austin that Municipal Judge Robert Harrison recently attended, commenting, "I'd like a little more information on the schools that everyone attends, if they have to be going, or don't have to." Harrison responded by telling the council that the school he attended was the result of changes in the law by the last legislative session of the Texas House. He also thanked the council for the opportunity to attend the schooling.

During the approval of Economic Development Corporation minutes from the 4A EDC Board, Councilman Tommy Mangis had questions about the \$4,000 assistance grant for the new auto parts store. Councilman Charles Lankford then read Article 6 of the 4A EDC Board bylaws to the council. His stated point in reading the article of bylaws was that "like we said last time, that one of the board members has to be a city council member. City Manager Danny Parker responded by pointing out that the article was worded "generally shall be" a member of the council, meaning that the decision was up to the council. No action was taken on the matter. Councilman Mangis had other questions about EDC, including what the enterprise zone was, and was EDC trying to help local business owners like Wayne Clark with his garage. EDC Project Coordinator Dave Thompson responded by explaining the enterprise zone, and the very strict state laws governing the use of EDC funds, and that Wayne Clark had never approached EDC with a request for assistance of any kind. Thompson further stated that "EDC was more than willing to help any business, local or those wanting to move to Knox City, if all the legal guidelines are met and approved by the board."

Rich Palma addressed the council next and presented a plaque to the city to show appreciation for the support that the city gave for a recent youth event at the city park. Palma stated that "The help from the City of Knox City was appreciated, and we all need to do more for our kids here." Following his presentation of the plaque to Mayor Reynolds, the council gave Palma a round of applause for his efforts in working with local youth.

Next up on the agenda was a request from Bettis, Boyle & Stovall, Oil and Gas Producers, to run seismic studies throughout Knox City. After a presentation by three representatives of the proposed operation, members of the council decided to table a vote on the matter, pending further

consideration of the facts as presented. City Manager Danny Parker was instructed to contact other communities where this kind of test had been run and to find out if there were any negative factors involved.

Next on the agenda was Attorney Bobby D, Burnett, he had been asked to come to the meeting by City Manager Parker to advise the council on a legal matter concerning the right of way on a certain street within the city limits. The matter was discussed, then tabled with no action needed at this time.

The Keep Texas Beautiful campaign was discussed next, a motion was made by Jeff Stanfield and seconded by David Chapman that the city join the KTB organization, all voted in favor. The Keep Knox City Beautiful organization was discussed next. Councilman Mangis presented information on the unofficial organizations first project, the demolition and removal of the back ends of two buildings in the downtown business area. One was the former Janie's Barber Shop, and the other was a beauty shop at one time. Mangis presented information that the City of Knox City had paid \$300.00 to the workers of Councilman Charles Lankford as compensation for their work on the project, and that Councilman Lankford had absorbed \$300.00 out of his own pocket on the project. Councilman Lankford also expressed an interest for the Keep Knox City Beautiful organization to undertake a project to clean out all the alleys within the community. Concerns about cost and liability insurance with the proposed project were discussed, but no action was taken at this

During the discussion about the Keep Knox City Beautiful Organization's first project (the demolition and removal of the back ends of two buildings downtown), Dave Thompson wanted to know if he could ask a question about the project. When told yes by Mayor Reynolds, Thompson expressed the concern of some of the downtown business owners who wanted to know what the next step of the project was, or if it was going to be left as is. (See photo insets). Councilman Tommy Mangis appeared very angry and demanded to know who was complaining and why no one had contacted him about the matter. Thompson replied with the names of the business owners he had talked to. Again displaying anger, Mangis then lashed out at Thompson, stating: "Well, I think it's funny that no one has complained to me because I'll damnguarantee you that I'll take care of whatever is wrong if they talk to me." To that, Thompson replied: "I do not know why people have not complained to you, but maybe if this is the kind of reaction they would receive, it might be why." At that point, Councilman Mangis left the room and the building, making a comment that he was. going to look at the buildings himself. Councilman Stanfield also left and followed Mangis from the building. In a short while, both returned and sat back down at the council table. Mangis then stated to the rest of the council, "I want to offer my apologies to the council because this is not how I normally respond."

The matter of an auditor for the city's annual audit was the next agenda item. After a discussion of the cost involved, City Manager Parker was instructed to shop

around for another auditor who might be less expensive.

The council voted next to hire the same firm they had used before to do the work necessary to renew the city's wastewater permit with the state.

The agenda item of hiring a new worker for the maintenance department was next. After a very lengthy discussion the issue that included cost, where the employee would live, and worker productivity, the council voted 3-2 not to hire another employee at this time. Councilmen Garcia and Stanfield voted for, Councilmen Mangis, Lankford and Chapman voted against. Councilman Mangis stated that he was voting no because "I have asked for employee evaluations, and until I get those, I'll vote no."

The possibility of entering into an agreement with the City of Haskell for seal coating projects was discussed next. As presented by City Manager Parker, that type of an agreement could result in lower costs. The council voted in favor of letting Parker proceed with research into the matter, with no agreements to be considered until the matter was brought back before the council for review.

A legal matter was next on the agenda. In response to a letter from an attorney representing a lady involved in a traffic accident, all council members voted in favor of letting City Manager Parker hire an attorney to represent the city if the matter gets to that point.

The presentation of departmental reports was next. During the presentation of the Police Department report by Officer Stephens, Councilman Mangis stated that he wanted the issue of possibility of a county-wide law enforcement agency placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

The water department report was next, during that discussion Councilman Lankford expressed his thanks to the city employees for a recent project to clean out a drainage ditch, stating, "I would really like to express my appre-

ciation to the city employees for getting that done. It looks good and you did a good job."

The court report was next and several questions concerning com-See City Council, Page 4



LOOKING RIGHT THROUGH THESE BUILDING FRONTS to the high weeds beyond is what visitors to downtown Knox City see these days following the first clean up project by the new Keep Knox City Beautiful Organization. Tearing off the back end of the buildings and leaving the front looking like this is what has caused the concern of some downtown business owners. Expressing their point of view at the last City Council meeting, Dave Thompson of The Knox County News was on the receiving end of Councilman Tommy Mangis's anger when he asked if the building fronts would be left like this. Following the outburst by Mangis, Councilman Charles Lankford explained that the project is not yet completed, and a local artist is now making drawings of paintings to cover the windows and doors.



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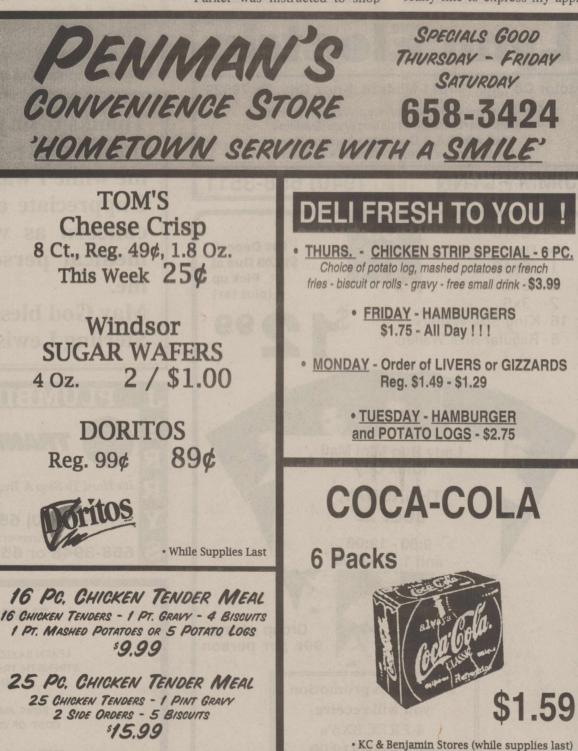
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#### Benjamin news

By Gladene Green, Benjamin Correspondent

Benjamin has been saddened again by the loss of one of our young residents. Debra Moorhouse passed away Saturday after a long, hard fought battle with cancer. I extend sympathy to this family.

Here 'N There - I was in Lubbock Sunday to visit my brother, Troy Yeager of Brownfield, who is a patient in Methodist Hospital. Troy was admitted Thursday night with some heart problems. He was feeling pretty well Sunday. Has had a lot of tests and is scheduled for more this week to determine what treatment he will

Kim and Billy Moore and children, Samijo and Shelby of Spur, are here for a few days visit with Bud Conner and Hazel Stockton, other relatives and friends. The Moores are on vacation and spent several days in San Antonio.

Terry and Dee Ann Cartwright and Chase of Plano visited his parents, Dub and Jo, last weekend. Chase remained for a few days visit with his grandparents and uncle, Tracy and family.

The annual Jackson reunion was held last weekend in Benjamin. About 30 relatives gathered for two days from Llano, Pleasanton, Amarillo, Canyon, Munday, Tuscon, Arizona, Vernon, Abilene, Knox City and Ben-

Judy Conner had her kids during the 4th of July, Jeff, Stacy, Cheyenne and Caden Conner, Jim Bob Conner and his friend, Mixie Seipel, all of

Matthew and Sara Spikes of Seymour and friend, Stephanie, who lives in the Dallas area spent last week with Matthew and Sara's grandmother, Dorothy Spikes.

Jack (Corky) Barker of Tuscon, Arizona, visited his mom, Jonnie Williams and his sister, Mary Bohannon, Friday til Sunday and attended the Jackson reunion.

Jennifer Birdwell and Ricky Don Trepanier were married Saturday, July 3, in Abilene. Ricky's parents are Joe and Julia Trepanier of Benjamin and her parents live in Eden. They are living in Abilene.

Brent and Dawn Vanderpool and family have moved back to Benjamin. They lived here a few years ago and he taught in high school. He resigned his teaching position and they moved to Amarillo for a while so when housing became available they moved back. We are glad they chose Benjamin for their home. Brent is not in the school system anymore. He is driving a truck - something he really

### Crosbyton rites are held for Mozelle Chambers June 29

Services for Mozelle Chambers, 78, of Crosbyton were at 2:00 p.m. June 29, at First Baptist Church in Crosbyton.

Rev. Lee Griffin, pastor, officiated, assisted by Rev. Bobby Rine. Burial was in Crosbyton Cemetery.

She died Sunday, June 27, at

Crosbyton nursing and rehabilitation center.

She was born June 26, 1921, in Azle. She attended school in the Sunset Community, east of Knox

She married Paul Chambers in November 1968 in Aspermont. He died July 26, 1992.

She was a member of Crosbyton First Baptist Church. Mrs. Chambers had been a Crosbyton resident since moving from Lubbock in 1976.

Survivors include two sisters, Katie Regan of Crosbyton and Zenobia Cornely of Houston and several nieces and nephews.

Words cannot express our heartfelt thanks for all the prayers, phone calls, cards, food and loving support we received during Jarek's near-drowning accident.

From Domingo and Fred who were first on the scene, to Doug who was injured while trying to assist, to Ronnie and Billy on the ambulance, to all the staff of the Knox County Hospital including Dr. Rao and Dr. Hamadeh, the nursing staff, lab and front office, we cannot even begin to tell you how much we appreciate all of you who had a part in helping out.

Thank you to all of the people in the community who helped in anyway. We cannot even begin to recall everyone. But you know who you are - we know and God knows. We ultimately thank God for watching over our baby and giving him another chance.

A very special thank you to Jarek's 'Guardian Angel' Julie Speck.

If it had not been for her quick response and rescue technique as a lifeguard, we would not have Jarek with us today. Thank you to Sherry for calling 911 and getting help so rapidly.

We are and will be eternally grateful to all of you for saving our baby.

Craig, Debbie, Russell, Tiffany and Jarek Wilde

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THE KNOX CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE has begun their 'Yard of the Week' selections to continue through August. Selected was the residence of Esther and Sammy Grindstaff at 709 South Aspen. The well-manicured lawn, flowers and trees caught the judges eye for the first recipient of this season. (NEWS digital photo)

#### City Council meeting addresses many issues

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munity service by offenders were answered by Municipal Judge Robert Harrison.

The Fire Department report was next, and Councilman Domingo Garcia (also Fire Chief) presented information on fire department activities for the past month. Councilman Lankford took that opportunity to coment the Knox City Country Club for their fireworks display on the 4th of July.

The finance report was next and was approved following Councilman Lankford's questioning of the 'city barn' and how much electricity the ambulance

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Following the finance report, Councilman Mangis asked if the city has had any response from the Chamber of Commerce on a report to the council concerning the funds in the Hotel/Motel Use tax fund. When City Manager Parker responded that he did not have a report, Councilman Lankford stated, "If we can't get an accounting, maybe we need to give some thought to repealing

With no further agenda items, the council then voted to adjourn.

#### Wordperfect essentials course set at VRJC

**VERNON-Corel Wordperfect** 8 Essentials I has been scheduled by the Workforce and Continuing Education Division of Vernon Retgional Junior College for the summer semester.

This course teaches the preparation of documents using basic word processing commands for formatting, editing, printing and managing files

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#### **Public Notice**

THE ASPERMONT SMALL Business Development Center, Inc. is seeking candidates from Knox County to serve on its Board of Directors. Candidates must be willing to work toward meeting the needs of the Low-Income persons of our six (6) county service area. The Board of Directors meets quarterly, or as may be directed by the Texas Department of Housting and Commuity Affairs. All interested persons should contact Dana Myers at (940) 989-3536 by 4:00 P.M. on Wednesday, August 3, 1999.

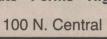
An election will be held on Monday. August 9, 1999 at the County Clerk's Office located in the Knox County Courthouse. The purpose of the election will be to elect a new member to the Board of Directors of the Aspermont Small Business Development Center, Inc. All interested Knox County residents are encouraged to participate. 7-15 2tc 138

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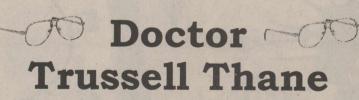
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#### Moorhouse rites are held Monday in Benjamin

Funeral services for Debra Criswell Moorhouse of Benjamin were held Monday, July 12, at 10:00 a.m. in the Benjamin Community Center. Jack Stevens and the Rev. Vergil Ichtertz offici-

Mrs. Moorhouse, 40, died Saturday, July 10, in a Wichita Falls hospital following a lengthy ill-

Born October 4, 1959, in Spur, her parents are Burless and Harvene Kay Criswell. She graduated from school in Guthrie. She married Michael Moorhouse on September 28, 1979, in Seymour. She was employed by Benjamin Schools. They moved to Benjamin about five years ago.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Benjamin.

Survivors include her husband, Mike; her father and mother, Bert and Kay Criswell of Guthrie; a son, Will Moorhouse; three daughters, Jessica, Elizabeth and Lynne Moorhouse, all of the home; two brothers, Rickey Criswell and Van Criswell, both of Guthrie; her mother-in-law and father-in-law, Bobbye and David Moorhouse of Iowa Park; and her grandmothers, Sybil Hensley of Slaton and Mamie Criswell of Jayton.

Pallbearers were Steve Moorhouse, Rick Moorhouse, Mark Davis, John Moorhouse, Tom Moorhouse and Tracy Cartwright.

#### Aging center lunch menus

July 19th thru July 23rd

Monday, July 19 - Spaghetti with beef sauce, blackeyed peas, glazed carrots, green salad, sliced bread, brownie. Tuesday, July 20 - Peppered steak, garden salad, green beans, whole kernel corn, hot rolls, fruit cobbler.

Wednesday, July 21 - Soft flour beef taco, lettuce, tomato, onion, cheese, Spanish rice, refried beans, fruit cobbler.

Thursday, July 22 - Fish with tarter sauce, cole slaw, baked beans, hush puppies, cookies, fruit.

Friday, July 23 - Chicken fried steak with gravy, sliced tomatoes, fried okra, mashed potatoes, hot rolls, pineapple crunch.

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Currently only one medical school in the entire country, out of 126, has a full-fledged department of geriatrics: Mt. Sinai School of Medicine in New York.

### Jacy Dillon, James Epperson wed June 26

Jacy Beth Dillon, daughter of Jim and Tammie Dillon of Knox City and Melanie Dillon of Abilene; and James H. Epperson, son of Foy and Kitty Epperson of Hawley, were married on June 26, 1999, at the First United Methodist Church in Knox City.

The Rev. Vergil Ichtertz, church pastor, performed the double ring ceremony. The church was filled with fresh spring flow-

Dottie Lowrey was organist. Soloist was Ashley Jobe, sister of the bride, who sang "From This Moment On" and "When You Say Nothing At All".

Candlelighters were Travis Dillon and Katie Dillon, cousins of the bride.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of antique white satin accented by misty pink lace and beaded pearls, with a royal length train trimmed in beaded pearls and lace. A headband of roses and pearls complemented her dress. She carried a bouquet of pink ice roses.

Maid of honor was Sara Dillon, sister of the bride. Bridesmaid was Alesha Rutherford. Each attendant wore a misty pink floor length gown and carried a bouquet of spring flowers.

Karrah Batho, niece of the bridegroom, was flower girl.

Dustin Epperson, nephew of the bridegroom, was the ring

Benny Epperson, brother of the bridegroom, served as his best man. Ray Vilareal served as groomsman. Ushers were Foy Epperson, father of the bridegroom; and Matthew Mattingly, cousin of the bride.

Guest register attendant was Tiffany Jobe, sister of the bride.

Grandparents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Dorman Dillon of Haltom City, Mr. and Mrs. Dale McCullough of San Angelo, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Durham of Knox City.

Grandmother of the bridegroom is Mrs. Ruby Zahn of Haskell.



MRS. JAMES H. EPPERSON ... the former Jacy Beth Dillon

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the fellowship hall of the First United Methodist Church.

A three-tiered cake was accented with fresh roses and ribbon was chosen for the bride's table. Guests enjoyed multi-colored mints made by Edith Akin, aunt of the bride; and Iva Dillon, grandmother of the bride. Bride's table attendants were Merna Brisbin of Abilene and Katie Dillon of Colleyville, cousin of the bride.

The bridegroom's table was decorated with a tiered chocolate cake topped with fresh strawberries. The bridegroom's table attendants were Tevian Sides of Abilene, Rachael Dodson of Abilene and Melissa Morgan. Reception coordinators were Sherry Turner and Lisa Rocha of Knox City.

A bridal shower was given in the home of Mrs. Aleene Waldrip in Knox City. A lingerie shower was hosted by employees of Citizens Bank at the RoadHouse in

The bride graduated from Knox City High School and Mc-Murry University. She is currently employed by Citizens Bank in

The bridegroom attended Hawley High School and is currently employed by Wal-Mart Lube and Tire.

Following a wedding trip to San Antonio, the couple is residing in Abilene.

### **American Heart Association** county officers are named

The Knox County Division of the American Heart Association held its annual meeting recently at Town Talk.

Peggy Guinn, board president, announced that the major efforts of the Knox County Division will be directed toward local education and community service pro-

"The programs will help our fellow citizens learn ways to reduce their risk of heart attack, stroke and disease of the circulatory system," she said.

"People working with people in the community, school and work place make our programs effective and save lives each year," Mrs. Guinn added.

The Knox County News was recognized for its support this year.

Volunteers recognized for their services were Dorothy Dykes, American Heart Walk Chairman; June Tankersley, Business Drive Chairman; Aleitha Beck, Neighbor-to-Neighbor Chairman in Vera; and Charlene Brothers. Women & Health Heart Chairman and Secretary; Juanita Wilcox, Communications Chairman; Peggy Guinn, Board President; Frankie Baker, Treasurer; and Flora Roberts, Program Chair-

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#### **Pink Ladies to meet** Monday at 5:00 P.M.

The Knox County Hospital Auxiliary Pink Ladies will meet Monday, July 19, at 5:00 p.m. in the downtown thrift shop.

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