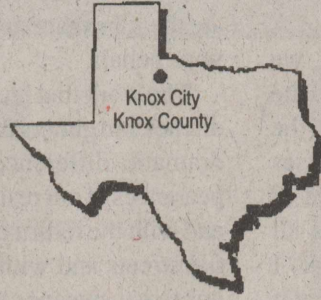


The Watermelon Festival is July 28. make your plans now to be there !

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## 13th Annual KC Watermelon Festival set for Saturday, July 28 at the City Park

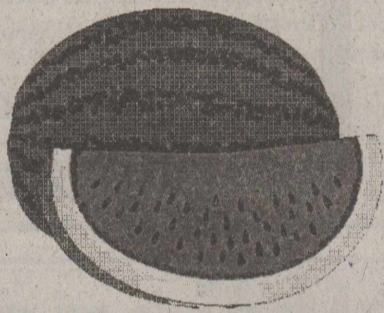
Despite sweltering temperatures, officials from the Knox City Chamber of Commerce are going full speed ahead with their plans for the 13th Annual Watermelon Festival scheduled for Saturday, July 28.

Held every year in the City Park here in Knox City, the one day event serves to spotlight the area watermelon industry.

Usually bringing hundreds of people into Knox City, this year's event should be no different as the Chamber of Commerce has lined up a host of activities and vendors to peak everyone's interest.

Beginning at 8:00 in the morning with registration for the car show, events throughout the day also include a golf tournament at the Knox City Country Club Golf

Course, a sand volleyball tournament, live music, vendor booths, food booths, crafts, and free watermelon slices.



The Knox City Swimming Pool will also be celebrating the event with free swimming and games and contests that include relays, belly flop and cannonball competition under the name of 'Red Belly Day!' If you get hot during the day, just remember that both the

free swimming and contests are open to everyone, regardless of age.

The 'Last Chance' band from Abilene will provide the musical entertainment.

If you need further information prior to Saturday, July 28th, the event chairmen are Pearce Manning for Sand Volleyball, Will Vacek for the Watermelon Golf Tournament, Clint Lewis for the car show, Charles Auburg for the Watermelon Express Train, Donnie Roberts for the auction, and Jim Dillon for the free watermelon slices.

The event has been held for the past twelve years under the sponsorship of the Knox City Chamber of Commerce and under the guidance of Chamber Manager Doris Crownover.

## Burn ban issued for Knox County

Knox County Judge David N. Perdue and members of the Knox County Commissioners Court have issued an order restricting outdoor burning in Knox County.

Circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of Knox County create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning.

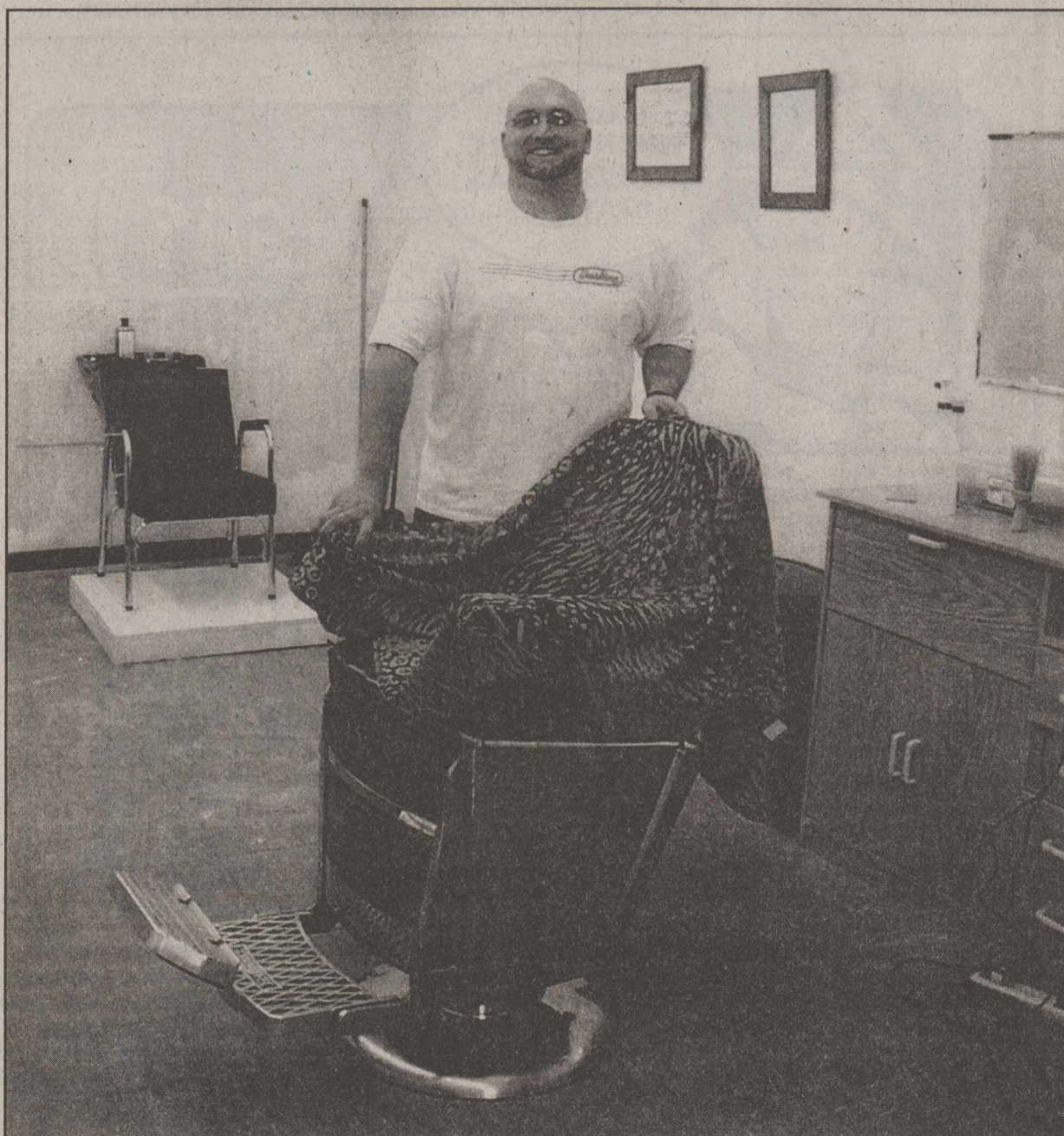
The order issued by the Commissioners Court of Knox County is "that all outdoor burning is banned in the unincorporated area of the county for 90 days from the

date of adoption (July 10, 2001) of this Order, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by the Texas Forest Service or this Court.

This Order is adopted pursuant to Local Government Code 204.906, and other applicable statutes. This order does not prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Natural Resources Commission for (1) firefighter training; (2) public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining

operations; (3) planting or harvesting of agricultural crops; or, (4) burns that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager certified under Section 153.048, Natural Resources Code, and meet the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resources Code, and meet the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resources Code.

In accordance with Local Government Code 204.906(h), a violation of this Order is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00."



SMILING AND READY FOR CUSTOMERS, Andy Barnard is shown here in his new barber shop,

## New barber shop opens in downtown Knox City

Despite a near record breaking heat wave, Andy Barnard is all smiles this week as he opens 'Faith Cuts', his new barber shop located

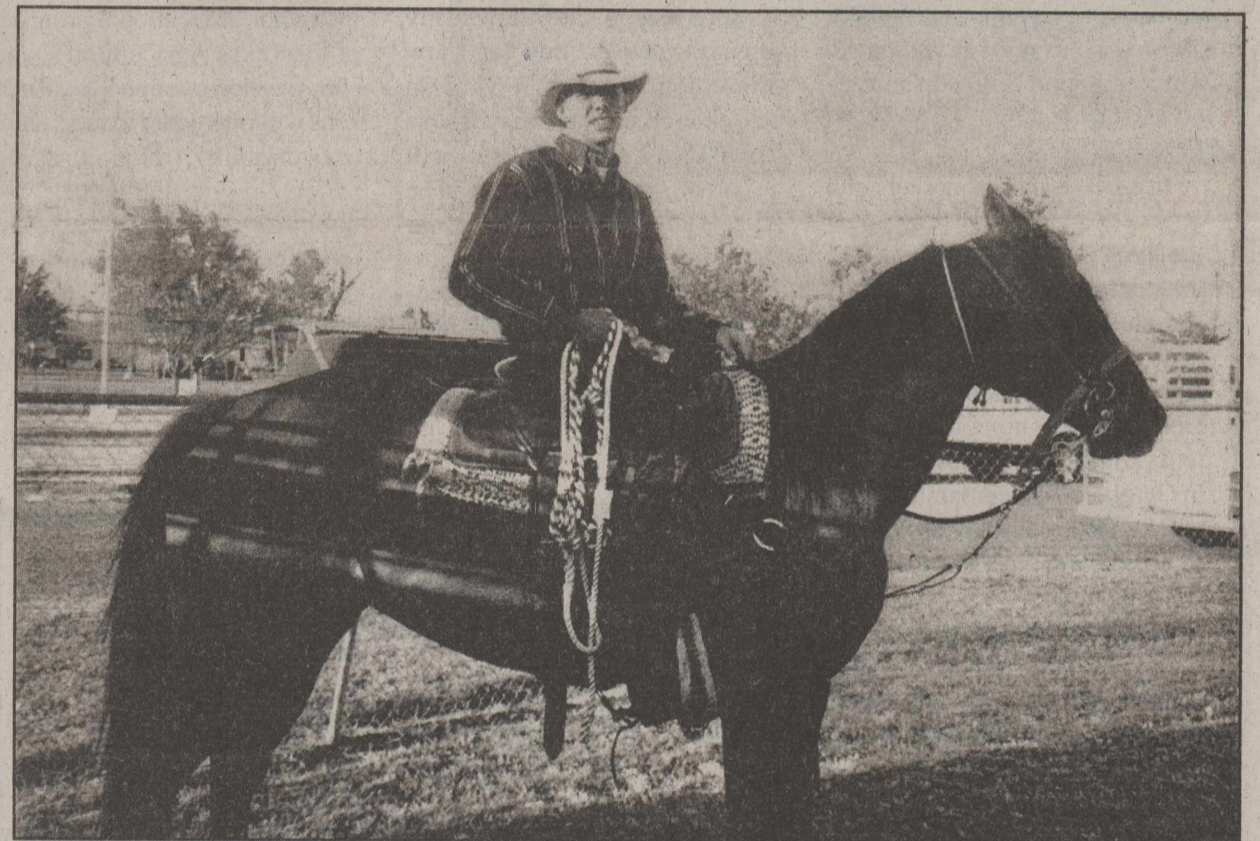
at 119 B North Central, in downtown Knox City. The location is right across the street from Duckwalls. Andy will be open

Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. to accommodate working folks and he invites everyone to stop by and say hi!

## Athletic physicals to be July 25 & 26, two-a-days begin August 6

Physicals for Knox City and O'Brien athletes will be July 25 and 26 at the Knox City Clinic. Schedule will be: July 25 - High school girls - 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; mid-school boys - 1:00 p.m.; July 26 - High school girls - 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; mid-school girls - 1:00 p.m. These physicals are for incoming freshmen as well as anyone who suffered injuries requiring a physician's care, Coach Wayne Hutchinson said.

Hounds two-a-days will begin Monday, August 6. Equipment will be issued at 7:30 a.m. Practice is set to begin from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m., taking a one hour break, then resuming from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



KNOX CITY HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR LOGAN MORROW is shown here on his horse after a good showing at the recent 4-H District Horse Show in Vernon, placing sixth in both team roping and breakaway roping. (Courtesy photo)

## Knox County's Logan Morrow places sixth at District 4-H Horse Show held recently in Vernon

Eight Knox County 4-H members recently competed at the District 4-H Horse Show in Vernon. These 4-H'ers were Casandra Lyles, Logan Morrow, Chance Propps, Shaylee Propps, Ashlyn Emerson, Trey Propps, Eric Hager and Hunter Meinzer. These eight youth competed in team roping, calf roping, breakaway roping, team penning, barrel race, pole bending and the stakes race.

Logan Morrow placed sixth in team roping with a time of 15.966 and he also placed sixth in breakaway roping with a total time of 7.239 on two runs.

Next up for these youngsters is the Texas State 4-H Horse Show. This event will be held at the Taylor County Coliseum in Abilene July 22-28.

The 4-H horse program is open to all 4-H members regardless of age. Any youth interested in participating in these events should contact the Knox County Extension office to receive details on 4-H enrollment. 4-H is open to all youth that are in the third grade (and at least eight years old) and not older than 19 as of September 1. Annual 4-H enrollment takes place in the months of August and

September. For more information please call the Knox County Extension office in Benjamin at (940) 454-2651.

Educational programs of the Texas Agricultural 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 at (940)454-2651.

## Greyhound band to report for practice on Wednesday, August 1; schedules are listed

Greyhound band director Mark Tucker has announced that this year's band season will get underway Wednesday, August 1, with juniors and seniors ONLY reporting from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Freshmen and sophomores are to meet from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. and everyone is to report from

3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., he said.

Full band rehearsals will be Thursday and Friday, August 2 and 3 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Mr. Tucker said that the band will begin working on their field show Thursday or Friday and it is very important for students to attend.

The week of August 6 through

10 will be full band from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. with the exception of Wednesday.

For those students using a school instrument, they are asked to go by the band hall sometime between 10:00 and 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 1. This includes all percussion players.

# Around town

Activities of proactive citizens for the benefit of everyone

By MIKE BURKHAM  
City Manager

A real estate agent was showing a house to a young couple and their daughter when he turned to the little girl and asked her if she was anxious to get a new home. The little girl looked up at the man and politely said, "No sir, we already have a home, we just need a house to put it in."

Our community should be very much the same from the point of view that we are blessed with being able to live in our quiet little town and establish and maintain the sense of closeness with our neighbors that does not seem to be available in larger places. We also have the facilities necessary to promote the community activities that many of us find to be so important in our day to day lives. Stop now and think about what we have and what is needed to maintain the sense of "family" that Knox City provides. We have the buildings and houses that provide places for us to work, worship and reside, but is a building that houses a business of any true benefit to anyone without the dedication of its owners and workers to provide the services that each particular business specializes in? Is a building that provides for a place to worship of any benefit it

there is no congregation to meet there in Christian fellowship with one another? Is a house really a home without the cooperation and love of each family member to keep the household functioning properly?

As citizens of Knox City, we should be in one accord from the point of view that we have the town to live in with the businesses and services that we required to live comfortably, but are we all working toward the same goal? I have been told all of my life that if you are maintaining the status quo then you are falling behind with each passing day. Advancement is required in the effort to just keep up with this every changing world. Improvement only comes from putting forth the extra effort required to get ahead of the everyday issues and actually have something to show for the effort.

This is the commitment that the staff of the City of Knox City is making to you each day. The employees are working hard to provide services to all of us and at least a little bit extra for us to move ahead. The dedication of each of these people has been amazing. Without fail they have demonstrated time after time they are willing to put out the extra effort with true pride in the task

that they perform. My thanks to each of them personally each day and I ask that when you see Mark, Wesley, Jimmy, Harry, Lance, Kayla, Robert and Erik that you tell them how much you appreciate the jobs that they are doing on your behalf.

The work that has begun on the ditches and gutters is making some dramatic differences in the appearances of our residential streets and with the return of our residential streets and with the return of our street sweeper, we are beginning to see what Knox City has the potential to show to everyone that may come into this place that we call home.

With that I wish to also let you know that Gary Conn has been taken to Lubbock for what appears to be some serious illnesses. Gary has been working as a seasonal maintenance employee for the past few months and has been one of the primary reasons that you have had constant and consistent brush pickups during this time here. The information that I have at this time is limited and I do not wish to provide any inaccurate, so I will leave it that the thoughts and prayers of all of us here at the City go out to him and his family with the hope that he will recover to be with us once again.

# O'Brien happenings

By Audie Johnston, O'Brien Correspondent

"Head Case - One weekend my friend, a nurse, was looking after her six-year-old nephew when he fell off a playground slide and hit his head. Worried he might have a concussion, she checked him all night. Every hour, she'd gently shake him and ask, "What's your name?"

Soon, he began moaning in protest each time she entered the room. When she went in at 5 a.m., she found something white on his head. Leaning close, she saw a crayon-scribbled message taped to his forehead. It read "My name is Daniel."

Here and There - Spending the weekend with Bro. Kyle and Leah Gulludge were Kyle, Samantha and Kayla of Mesquite. They attended church services in our church on Sunday and were blessed by being there.

Visiting Margie Sarabia and

parents, Henry and Beatrice Guerrero over the weekend was Margie's brother, Sebastian Guerrero of San Angelo.

Visiting Ranzy Herring last week were Andy and Tami Hines, Pansy Hines and Julie and Stephanie Keeling, all of Lubbock; Kevin Urbanczyk of Goree, Marsha and Tamara McGaughey of Knox City, Gary Hewitt of Knox City, Claudia Reid and Sharon Mullino of Rochester.

Wayne and Kelly Hutchinson and sons will be vacationing in and around Galveston this week.

C.H. and Linda Underwood will be in Lubbock this week for C.H. to attend coaching school.

Weekend guests at Eddie and Claudia Bryant's home were their daughter Jennifer Hicks and husband Keith and daughters of Hawley and Jon and Lindsay of Lubbock, Winifred and Nina Arp

of Levelland and Claudale and Jean Barnard of Knox City. They all celebrated Eddie's birthday.

Lila Sanchez and a sister left to go to New Mexico to be with their mother who is seriously ill.

J.M. and Susan Emerson were in Lubbock over the weekend to help their son Justin and wife move into a new home.

David Ellis of Childress visited with his mother, Beatrice Ellis, a while last week and helped with yard work and etc.

Veeta Reed is in Fort Worth this week visiting with her daughter Angelia, son Sam and Angelia's husband Greg.

Visiting Clara Hanson over the weekend were her niece and great-niece Rhonda and Randi Martin of Midland.

Loretta Hewitt spent the weekend in Abilene with her daughter Vickie and husband and two sons.

# Show lamb and goat validation orders due Aug. 15

Every year, in an attempt to ensure fair play, all 4-H and FFA show animals must be validated. This validation is to help enforce ownership deadlines set by the Jr. Livestock shows.

In order to show a market lamb or goat at a major livestock show the lamb or goat must undergo a three step validation in October. The three steps include taking a nose print, attaching an ear tag and pulling a blood sample for DNA testing. Knox County youth will validate their lambs and goats in October. Cost per lamb or goat will be \$6.00 (this covers the cost of an ear tag, nose print ink and DNA testing).

One of the most difficult parts of the validation process is ordering enough ear tags. To assure that all animals will have an ear tag, and be eligible for the stock shows, an accurate number of tags must be ordered. Any youth that plans to show a market lamb or market goat should contact their Ag. Science Instructor or the Knox County Extension office with an animal count by Wednesday, August 15, 2001.

There are a few items to remember when placing your orders: 1) number of goats to be validated, 2) number of lambs to be validated, and 3) name(s) of youth that will be showing (this is to avoid duplications). Be sure to separate the number of goats from the number of lambs - ear tags are ordered separately. For those who show market swine, validation

tags will be ordered later this year. As soon as you know how many pigs you plan to buy for show please notify your supervisor so that enough ear tags may be ordered. Please note how many will be barrows and how many will be gilts - each require a different ear tag.

Anyone with questions or concerns should contact Jane Rowan in the Knox County Extension office in Benjamin at 940/454-

2651 or your local Ag. Science instructor. Educational programs of the Texas Agricultural 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 Ext. office at (940)454-2651.

### Weather

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Date	Low	High	Rain
07/10	70	102	
07/11	68	104	
07/12	72	105	
07/13	72	104	
07/14	69	93	.81
07/15	70	101	
07/16	72	105	

2001 Rainfall - 13.80

## In Appreciation . . .

To all the friends and family members who have been so wonderful during this difficult time. Aderle loved this community and the people here. Thank you for everything.

*The Family of Aderle Herring*

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Receipts were 1622 head including 333 packer cows, bulls, bred cows and pairs, 243 yearlings and 946 calves. Packer bulls and cows were \$1.00 to \$1.50 lower. Bred cows and pairs were steady. Steers weighing 300 to 400# were \$1.00 higher and 600 to 700# steers were steady. Heifers weighing 300 to 400# were steady and 600 to 700# heifers were also steady. Fleckly bulls and heifer calves were \$1.00 to \$3.00 lower. Due to the extreme heat and dry weather conditions, the market is looking exceptionally well. Buyer attendance was excellent today, with 7 packer buyers and 19 order buyers.

Eula Allen, Sando Blk cow 1265# @ \$560 Blk str 535# @ \$97	J.A. Ballard, Bridgeport 5 Blk hf 482# @ \$91 Blk bull 660# @ \$75	John Bell, Archer City Rd bull 535# @ \$90 Rd hf 610# @ \$86
Ed Boyd, Breckenridge Rd cow 1260# @ \$42 Rd hf 365# @ \$94	C & H Cattle Co., Graham Blk WF Pair 1550# @ \$810 Blk pair 1365# @ \$830	Jolene Castle, Chico Blk hf 680# @ \$77 Rd bull 655# @ \$80
Paul Cornack, Strawn Blk cow 1010# @ \$38 Blk cow 1255# @ \$39	Gary Craig, Weatherford Blk hf 650# @ \$85 Blk cow 1090# @ \$43.50	DDO Co., Inc., Burkhamert Blk str 390# @ \$115 Rd hf 500# @ \$96
Farmer Ranch, Mesquite 4 Blk pr 1120# @ \$830 2 Blk hf 445# @ \$96	Kenny Groves, Munday Blk cow 1155# @ \$650 2 Blk hfs 660# @ \$85.50	Loez Hall, Graford Rd WF bull 265# @ \$132 Blk WF bull 370# @ \$95
W.E. Harper, Woodson Blk str 945# @ \$78 Yel str 740# @ \$85	Susy Hertenberger, Irving Blk hf 575# @ \$93 Blk hf 515# @ \$96	Clint Shack, Albany Blk hf 240# @ \$112 Blk hf 410# @ \$111
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James Rhodes, Bryson Blk hf 675# @ \$82 Blk bull 420# @ \$96.50	Leonard Pemberton, Jaboro Blk hf 485# @ \$95 Blk str 515# @ \$95	Lawrence Purefoy, Graford Blk str 575# @ \$90 Rd hf 495# @ \$96

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**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH - Knox City**  
 Steve Pepper, Minister  
 Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. - Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - Knox City**  
 Wesley Holland, Pastor  
 Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. - Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.  
 Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m.

**FOURSQUARE CHURCH - Knox City**  
 Paul Chambers, Pastor  
 Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. - Sunday Morning Worship at 10:45 a.m.  
 Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m. - Mid Week, Wed. at 7:00 p.m.

**SANTA ROSA CATHOLIC CHURCH - Knox City**  
 Father Leo Schloemer - Deacon Julian Estrada  
 Sunday Bilingual Mass at 11:00 a.m.

**ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH - Rhineland**  
 Father Leo Schloemer - Deacon Julian Estrada  
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 Saturday Mass at 7:00 p.m. - Sunday Mass at 9:00 a.m.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - Benjamin**  
 John Gillispie, Pastor  
 Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. - Sunday Morning at 11:00 a.m.  
 Sunday Evening at 6:00 p.m.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - Benjamin**  
 Wesley Holland, Pastor  
 Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.

**GILLESPIE BAPTIST CHURCH - Gillespie**  
 Ross Anderson, Pastor  
 Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. - Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.  
 Sunday Evening Worship at 7:00 p.m. - Mid Week, Wed. at 7:00 p.m.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST - Benjamin**  
 Sunday School at 9:45 A.M. - Sunday Morning Worship at 10:45 a.m.

**THE BELIEVERS' CHAPEL - Highway 222**  
 W.O. Smith, Pastor  
 Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. - Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.  
 Mid Week, Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

**FAITH CHAPEL - 8 Miles South Of Knox City**  
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 Mid Week Bible Study, Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

**O'BRIEN BAPTIST CHURCH - O'Brien**  
 Kyle Gullede, Pastor  
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 Sunday Evening Worship at 7:00 p.m. Mid Week, Wed. at 7:00 p.m.

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 Church location: 5 miles west of O'Brien Baptist Church

**WEINERT FOURSQUARE CHURCH**  
 Rob Harrison, Pastor  
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**Aaron Sanchez is awarded Angelo State Carr scholarship**

SAN ANGELO - Knox City High School graduate Aaron Sanchez has been awarded a Carr Academic Scholarship for the 2001-02 academic year. Sanchez was one of an additional 67 Carr Academic Scholarships awarded to outstanding graduates in the Class of 2001. The newly awarded scholarships range in value from \$1,500 to \$6,000 and go to students representing communities throughout Texas as well as in Arizona and Bulgaria.

**Vernon College is offering intro to Word II processing**

The Division of Workforce Education and Training at Vernon College has scheduled a course entitled Intro. to Word Processing Applications: Word II. This course will meet on Tuesdays from 6:00 until 8:40 p.m. beginning July 24 and ending August 7. The registration fee will be \$30 plus a book. Persons age 60 and over may enroll for a \$6 fee.

The new scholarship awards bring to almost 400 the number of Carr Academic Scholarships going to incoming Angelo State freshmen for the upcoming academic year. During the current year more than 1,000 students from throughout Texas and the nation, as well as numerous foreign countries are attending ASU on Carr Academic Scholarships.

As a general rule, to qualify for Carr Academic Scholarships, entering freshmen must rank in the top 15 percent of their class and present either a combined math and verbal score of 1140 on the SAT I or a composite score of 25 on the ACT.

The scholarships may be renewed annually by the university for students who maintain the required academic record. During a four-year course of undergraduate study at ASU, Carr Academic Scholarships can be worth from \$6,000 to \$24,000.

The scholarship program at Angelo State is supported by a growing multi-million dollar trust established by the late Robert G. and Nona K. Carr of San Angelo.

**Obituaries**

**Christopher Xavier Diaz**

Christopher Xavier Diaz, age 4, died Tuesday, June 26, 2001, at University Medical Center's burn unit in Lubbock.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, July 13, 2001, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Stamford. Father Michael Melcher officiated. Burial was at Highland Memorial Cemetery in Stamford.

Christopher was born December 27, 1996, in Abilene.

He was preceded in death by four great-grandparents.

Survivors include his father, George Louis Diaz the II of Stamford; two brothers, Jose Louis A. Diaz of Abilene and Eric N. Diaz of Stamford; a sister, Jasmine N. Diaz of Abilene; and his grandparents, George and Soyla Diaz, both of Knox City.



CHRISTOPHER XAVIER DIAZ 1996-2001

**Jimmy R. Strickland**

Graveside services for Jimmy R. Strickland of Rochester were held Wednesday, July 18, 2001, at 11:00 a.m. in the Rochester Cemetery. Rev. Kathryn Byrd officiated and arrangements were by Smith Funeral Home.

Mr. Strickland, 59, died Monday, July 16, 2001, in a Haskell nursing home following a lengthy illness.

Born October 21, 1941, in Haskell, he graduated from Rochester High School in 1959. He was a farmer in Haskell County all of his life.

His parents are Leone and the late Jimmy Strickland of Rochester. He served in the United States Army and was a member of the Faith Chapel in Rochester.

His father, Johnny, preceded him in death on February 21, 1990.

Survivors include his mother, Leone Strickland of Rochester; a son, J.L. Strickland of Rule; a brother, Duane Strickland of Crain; two sisters, Fern Strickland of Rochester and Maxine Markey of Haskell and a granddaughter, Elizabeth.

The family requests that memorials be made to the Abilene (Big Country) Hospice, 4601 Hartford Street, Abilene, TX 79605 in Jimmy's memory.

**Thank you**  
 for the outpouring of love shown to us during this difficult time with the loss of our loved one. We are most appreciate for the words of comfort, memorials, wonderful food, lovely plants and flowers, and the offers for the use of homes shared with us. The blessings of friends will make our loss easier to bear.

God Bless You,  
 Ramona Helms  
 John and Anna Helms and family  
 Karen and Robby West and family  
 Jim Helms and family  
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## Miss WT Fair, Rodeo Queen entries needed

Entry forms are available at the offices of the West Texas Fair and Rodeo for young ladies interested in the 2001 Miss West Texas Fair and Rodeo Queen and Teen Pageant. Pageant dates are September 7-9, 2001.

Entries must be received in the West Texas Fair and Rodeo Office by 5:00 p.m., August 17.

Winners will reign over the 2001 West Texas Fair and PRCR Rodeo September 11 - 15, 2001. The winners will also represent the West Texas Fair and Rodeo at various other rodeos, parades and other activities in the West Texas area during the year and will also compete in the Miss Rodeo Texas Pageant held in San Antonio in the June of 2002.

Age limits for the 'Miss' division are 18-24 years of age and for the 'Teen' division they are 13-18.

Entrants will be judges in three categories: horsemanship, western attire and personality.

Entrants must live within a 100 mile radius of Abilene.

For entry forms, call the West Texas Fair and Rodeo office at (915) 677-4376.

## Hunter education class to be taught at Vernon College

VERNON - The Division of Workforce Education and Training of Vernon College will be offering a course in Hunter Education during the summer.

This course focuses not only on hunter safety, but also on wildlife management, conservation and hunter responsibility to himself and others. The course certification is honored in other states that require a hunter safety course regardless of age.

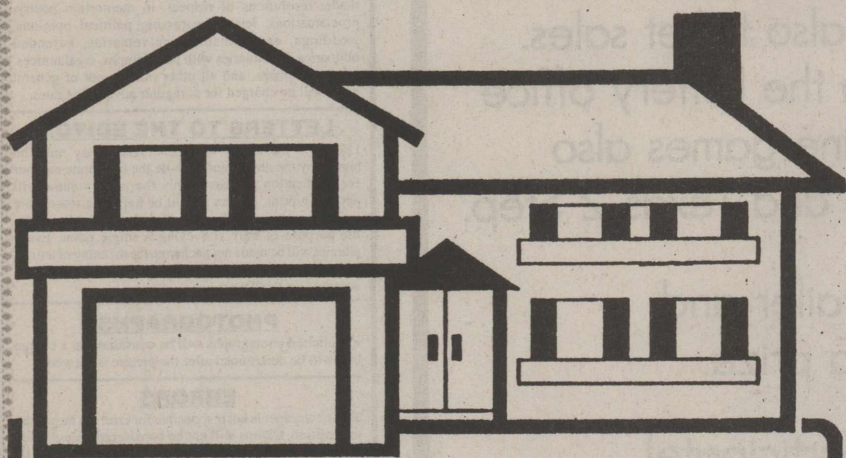
The course is open to any age group and is beneficial to young and seasoned hunters alike, however, only students 12 years of age or older can be certified.

Hunter Education is scheduled for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday beginning July 23 and ending July 25 from 6:00 to 9:20 p.m. at Vernon College, 4400 College Drive in Vernon.

Dr. Gary Don Harkey will be the instructor and the enrollment fee will be \$10.00, payable to Texas Parks and Wildlife.

For further information, contact the Office of Continuing education of Vernon College at 940-552-6291, ext. 2209. Pre-registration is necessary.

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## County Commissioners endorse Knox City's effort to secure Ben Richey's Boy's Ranch site

Knox County Judge David N. Perdue called Commissioners' Court to order in the Courthouse at Benjamin, Texas. Also present were Commissioners Weldon Skiles, Jerry Parker, Jimmy Urbanczyk, and Johnny Birkenfeld, Treasurer Penny Goodwin, Sheriff Dean Homstad, and Clerk Ronnie Verhalen.

The Court considered the following matters as posted and filed for Record in the office of the County Clerk on June 7, 2001 at 10:45 A.M.

Upon motion by Commissioner Parker and seconded by Commissioner Skiles, Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 14, 2001 were unanimously approved.

Members of the Court first discussed the formation of the Knox County Economic Development Committee. Commissioner Skiles moved to allow Judge Perdue to pursue the matter and secure information to bring back to the Court. Commissioner Birkenfeld seconded, and all approved. Information only.

The Court learned that the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission is trying to close the Thomas Hayward Chemical Company State Superfund Site because of the presence of hazardous materials. A notice to that effect will be posted downstairs in the Courthouse. Information only.

Commissioner Skiles moved to renew the already-existing contract between Knox County and the Helen Farabee Regional MHMR Center for the referring of mental-health cases from the County. Commissioner Urbanczyk seconded, and all approved. Commissioner Parker moved to appoint Kenny Thompson, a commissioner in Haskell

County, as Board Representative for Knox County to the Helen Farabee Regional MHMR Board of Trustees. Commissioners Urbanczyk and Birkenfeld seconded, and all voted in favor.

Upon motion by Commissioner Skiles and second by Commissioner Parker, the Court voted unanimously to approve a letter in support of Knox City's bid to be selected as a site for a branch of Ben Richey Boys Ranch to be built in an area town.

Upon motion by Commissioner Birkenfeld and second by Commissioner Parker, the Court voted unanimously to issue a letter of support and to indemnify as sponsoring agent for the Knox City Country Club in regard to TxDOT's Enhancement Project, 2001, whereby a pedestrian and bike trail will be built around the Knox City golf course. The County will be reimbursed for any money spent and will receive an administrative fee.

The Court received a Central Dispatch Report from Donnie King, a 9-1-1 report for May 2001. Information only.

The Court also was in receipt of a letter from Terry Keener, Director of Operations for the Childress District concerning TxDOT's Rider 43 program, stating that certain surplus materials were available for use by the County. Information only.

The Court received the 2001 Estimated Values from the Knox County Appraisal District and Chief Appraiser Stanton Brown: \$121 million from General Funds and \$117 million from Special Funds. Information only.

Judge Perdue informed the Court that Knox-Haskell Underground Water Conservation District now includes Baylor County

and hereafter will be known as the Rolling Plains Underground Water Conservation District. Upon motion by Commissioner Skiles, seconded by Commissioner Birkenfeld, and approved unanimously, the Court approved the Knox County board members presently serving.

In response to written complaints from Minka Trainham of Vera, the Court considered posting speed limits on CR 3175 and possibly other county roads. After discussion, it was decided that Commissioner Urbanczyk would gather additional information and report back to the Court.

Extension Agent Jane Rowan provided to the Court her Monthly Schedule of Travel. Information only.

Judge Perdue broached the subject of budget workshops, informing those present that departmental budgets must be looked into and set soon. The members decided to consult their calendars and discuss the subject further at a later time.

Treasurer Penny Goodwin presented to the Court a budget report for one month and eight months ending May 31/ 2001. Information only. Ms. Goodwin also presented monthly bills. After examination, Commissioners Skiles and Urbanczyk moved to approve them, Commissioner Birkenfeld seconded, and all approved.

There being no further business to come before the Court at this time, upon motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Skiles, and carried unanimously, the meeting of the Court was ADJOURNED.

APPROVED this 9th day of July 2001. /s/ DAVID N. PERDUE, COUNTY JUDGE

## 4-H Parents, youth committee to meet

A meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 25, 2001 for 4-H parents, leaders and members of the 4-H & Youth Committee. The meeting is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. at the Doug Meinzer Community Center in Knox City.

The 2001 Awards Program will be planned at this time and we will be electing 4-H & Youth Committee officers, district 4-H Council delegates and district 4-H Leader Association delegates.

Educational programs of the Texas Agricultural 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 at (940)454-2651.

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The rate schedule is expected to furnish an 8.76 percent increase in the Company's revenues from residential, commercial and industrial customers in the West Region Distribution System. A Statement of Intent has been filed with each city. If you desire to comment concerning this change of rates, you may contact the City Secretary of one of the above named cities.

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Crowell - Borchardt Purina Chow (940) 684-1866 2:00-3:00 P.M.  
Quanah - Quanah Farm & Ranch (940) 663-5949 4:00-5:00 P.M.

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Live Music Begins  
3:00 p.m.  
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