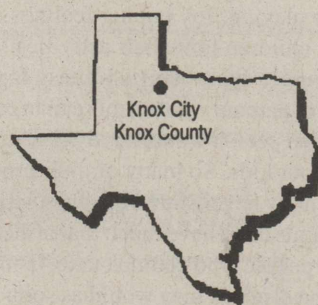


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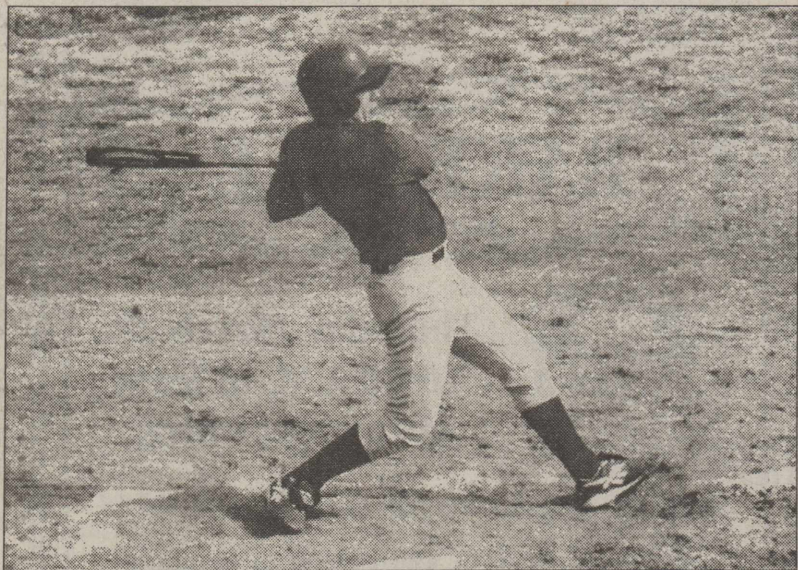
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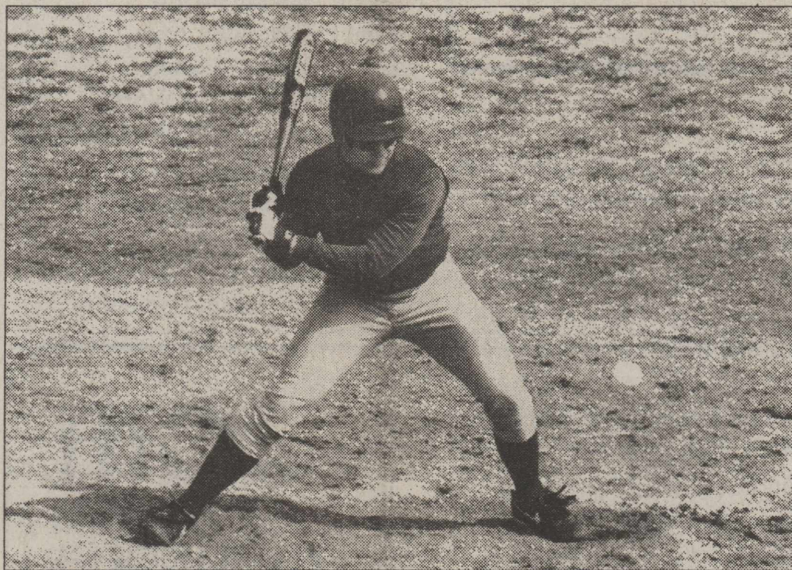
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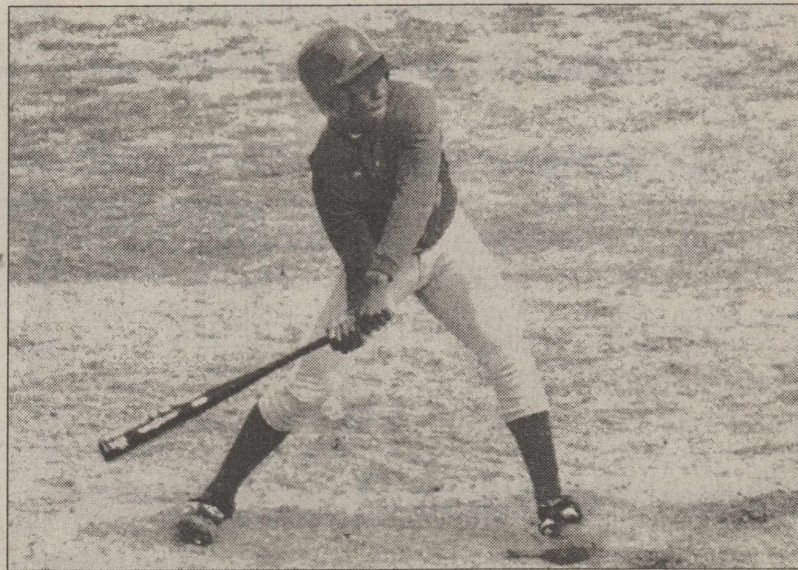
## 'Hound sluggers lead team to 12-2 district win over Paducah's Dragons



Pitcher Shawn Speck hit a double in the game against Paducah.



Catcher Scooter Thompson followed with another double.



Right fielder Sedrick Roberson added yet another double.

### Knox City High School's Greyhounds jump to a early lead in district baseball action with solid hitting, fielding

Knox City baseball fans were treated to an exciting game on Monday afternoon as the Greyhounds hosted and soundly defeated the Paducah Dragons to open district action.

Playing before a crowd that braved icy temperatures in the 40's with a strong wind from the North, Knox City took control of the game early and never gave up the lead throughout the hard hitting game.

Senior Shawn Speck led the hitting attack with the first double of the

game, followed by Juniors Scooter Thompson and Sedrick Roberson. Single base hits were also cranked out by Speck, Thompson and S. Roberson, along with singles by Sophomore Rick Gonzales and Freshman Riley Spells.

Shawn Speck pitched the entire game and was credited with the win, evening out his season record to 2-2, including a no-hitter against the Roby Lions in non-district action just a week ago. The catcher against

Paducah was Junior was Scooter Thompson.

Knox City scored 2 runs in the first inning, 3 in the third, 2 in the fourth, 1 in the fifth, and 4 in the 6th. The game was called early in the sixth inning on the 10 run rule.

The Greyhounds now lead the district with the win. Paducah is credited with one loss in district action, and Aspermont has not played a district game yet.

## Joint elections to see contests for May 4 races

With the filing deadline over for two of the three elections to be held May 4, the Knox City-O'Brien CISD will see four candidates filing for three places and five candidates for three places in the City of Knox City council race.

Last day to file for the hospital election is April 9.

Incumbents Scott Lynn, Charlie Schur and Bill Stewart will be joined on the ballot by Michelle Esquivel for three seats on the Knox City-O'Brien CISD board.

In the city council election, Tommie (Bud) Reynolds and Domingo Garcia will challenge the three incumbents Fred Ledesma, Jessie Rios and James Manning for the three council seats.

Hospital district election secretary Lissa Myers said the hospital board of directors election is receiving plenty of attention. With only two positions open, four individuals are circulating petitions to have their names placed on the ballot before the April 9 deadline.

Early voting starts April 17 through April 30 by personal appearance.

## Brad, Landon win tourney at Rose Park

Brad Johnson and Landon Weiershausen traveled to Abilene Saturday to compete in the March 2002 Grand Prix tennis tournament at Rose Park.

The doubles team won first in the 16 and over division defeating four teams from Abilene.

## Texas stands to lose 'free' status for cattle tuberculosis

By April, the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) could cancel Texas' "free" status for cattle tuberculosis (TB) eradication because two of the state's estimated 153,000 cattle herds have been diagnosed with the disease since summer 2001. Texas had gained TB-free status in November 2000, with the exception of portions of El Paso and Hudspeth Counties, which had been "zoned out," due to recurring infection cases of the bacterial infection that can cause cattle to develop internal lesions.

"According to the USDA's Code of Federal Regulations for tuberculosis, any state will lose its 'free' status when two infected herds are detected within a 48-month period," explained Dr. Linda Logan, Texas' state veterinarian and executive director of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock health regulatory agency. "Our first infected beef cattle herd was found and depopulated in Fayette County this past summer. We have just completed depopulating an infected beef and dairy operation headquartered in Pecos County. Commercially sold milk products are pasteurized, or heat-treated to kill bacteria, such as TB."

TAHC and USDA staff tested more than 60 herds and traced five years of cattle movement into and out of the Fayette County herd in their effort to pinpoint the origin of the TB infection. Epidemiology tracing and testing is still underway for the Pecos County herd.

"We anticipate that the USDA rule to downgrade Texas' TB status from 'free' to modified accredited advanced status could be

published sometime in April," commented Dr. Richard Ferris, area veterinarian-in-charge for the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services (USDA-APHIS-VS) in Texas. He noted that the specific regulation changes will affect all of Texas, except El Paso and Hudspeth Counties, which will remain separate, due to high-risk herds awaiting federal depopulation.

"Upon publication of the rule, Texas breeding cattle that are being moved out of state will have to be tested for TB and be identified with an official ear tag," said Dr. Ferris. Breeding cattle can be exempted from the testing requirement, if they're interstate movement is directly to slaughter or to a specially designated feedlot. Also, cattle from TB-accredited herds are exempt from the testing requirement, as their herd has been tested regularly to gain status.

As always, within 30 days prior to interstate movement, Texas breeding cattle (unless they are moving directly to slaughter) must have a certificate of veterinary inspection and a test for cattle brucellosis, if the animals are not from a certified brucellosis-free herd.

"The USDA is deferring until January 2003 its requirement for Texas feeder animals to be officially identified before they leave the state," said Logan. "This identification can be an official ear tag, or registered animals can be identified with a brand or tattoo. Unless a waiver or other arrangements can be agreed upon with the USDA before January 2003, feeder heifers leaving the state after that date will have to be TB

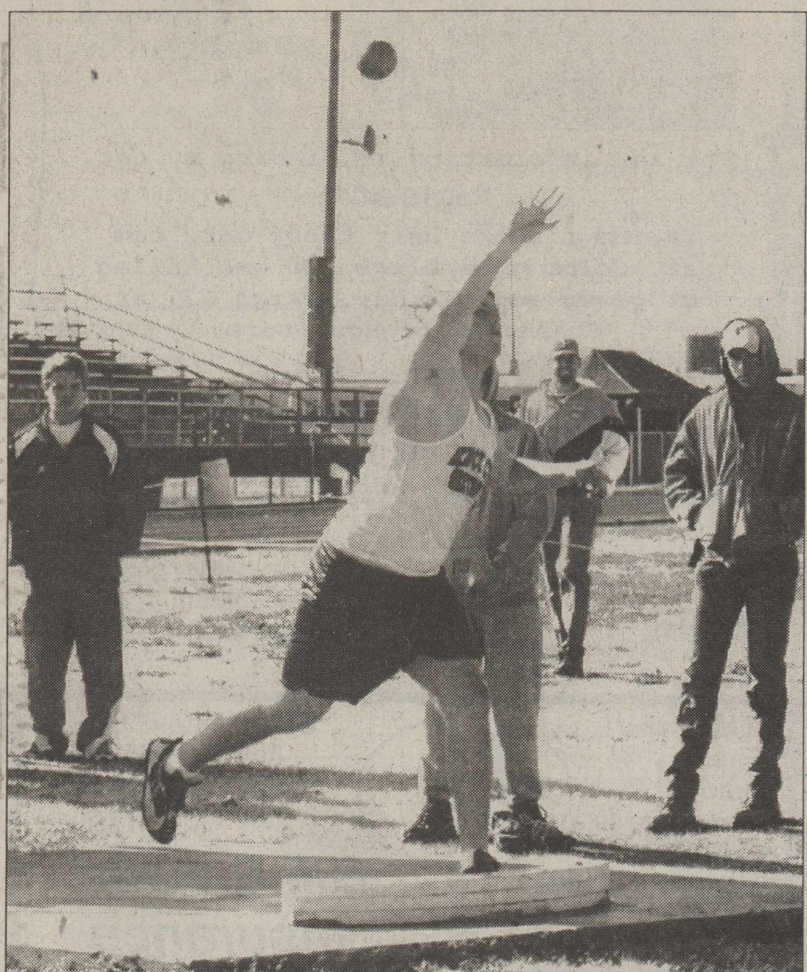
tested, unless they are moved to a specially designated feedlot or directly to slaughter.

Dr. Logan said more than 1.4 million cattle were shipped out of state in fiscal year 2001. Most of those were feeder or slaughter animals. "The cost of tagging feeder cattle will be high, and we anticipate federal assistance for extra workload and expense," she said. In two years, Texas could apply with the USDA for reinstatement of TB-free status, if no additional infection is detected, she said.

Dr. Logan explained that a TB skin test must be conducted by an accredited veterinarian, who injects tuberculin into the skin near the animal's tail, in an area called the "caudal fold." The veterinarian then examines the site 72 hours later for a swelling response that might indicate that the animal had been exposed to TB. If a response is detected, she said a second skin test can be run on the animal's neck. If this "comparative cervical" test also is positive, the animal must be slaughtered and its carcass carefully examined for TB lesions.

"TB testing requires that animals be held for at least three days in a pen, pasture or other holding facility for each test, and this would be very disruptive to current trade and movement practices," Dr. Logan said.

Dr. Ferris said nearly all U.S. TB cases, including the recent ones in Texas, are initially detected through surveillance at slaughter plants. USDA and state meat inspectors check all cattle carcasses for internal lesions characteristic of the bacterial disease. See *Cattle stands to lose*, page 5



KCHS SENIOR CASEY CARVER is shown here throwing the shot put during Knox City's track meet at Greyhound Stadium last Saturday. Casey went on to take first place in the event with a throw of 40 feet, 7 and 3/4 inches. Complete results of the Knox City track team are on the back page of this edition.



KCHS FRESHMAN BEN SIMMONS is shown here competing in the Knox City track meet last Saturday at Greyhound Stadium.

## Letter to the editor

Dear Editor,

I'm writing this letter for several reasons. The first and most important is to thank Joy and Terry Butler and Debbie Wilde for making it possible to have Little Dribblers again this year. Evidently to some, this is a thankless job. Thanks also to the volunteers in the concession stand, as well as the other coaches and officials (even though I didn't always agree on the calls - Ha!) for their devotion to these kids; as well as parents for getting their kids out and involved.

Many parents don't know how close this season came to being called off after only two games because it conflicted with a couple of schedules not pertaining to a majority of the kids playing. Joy put her feelings on the line and went to bat for that majority so that nobody had to explain to their children how their activities should sacrifice so a few people could be sure and be at the whole high school track meet. It probably isn't easy for some to be every where and run everything at once but we have a whole community of parents who are more than capable of filling in and help get the job done. Granted it won't be done as perfectly as that person would have it, but it would be done none the less. This is a big problem that is effecting the majority of our kids. So many of their programs have been "run" by one or two people who have burned everyone around them by never showing appreciation for any-body's feelings or hard work. Our elementary and lower junior high students don't have much that is their own think to look forward to and Little Dribblers is one. Joy saw to it that the few people who couldn't take 45 minutes or so for their own children to go three miles to their game didn't rob everyone else's as they would as soon had it.

One of the many great things about living in a small town is that on occasion things need to be rearranged to benefit all, but there are some that take advantage of that and only think about making their life easier. There is a line to draw and a time to decide that you have to juggle schedules not everyone else. There was a schedule made early on and Joy stuck to it and was condemned by some. I'm sure we all had other things we wanted to be doing but we adjusted to show our kids that we stand behind and support them. That's supposed to be why we have kids and it's these kids we're up there for. They'll be gone one day and raising them will have been gratifying, not convenient because it fit our schedules.

I know I'm stepping on toes but the people whose toes I'm stepping on need to realize that the whole community is run by wonderful volunteers who are sometimes made to feel unappreciated and run off because you can't conform for the good of everyone. This is one reason nobody shows up to help and a few people are left to try to hold together these programs for all of our kids. Their programs are dying and they're the ones paying.

Thanks,  
/s/ Jeff Stanfield

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'Adelle is having a birthday' - - March 25

'Remember the rolls and cornbread, beans and fried chicken, cherry cobbler and peanut butter cookies, etc?'

## O'Brien happenings

By Audie Johnston, O'Brien Correspondent

"Randy the dishwasher repairmen was given specific instructions concerning the woman's two pets. "The Rottweiler won't hurt you, even though it looks fierce, but whatever you do, don't talk to the parrot."

Randy let himself in and set to work, and the dog just lay quietly on the carpet. But the parrot mocked him mercilessly the whole time. "Wow, you're pretty fat," the bird would say. "Hey, fatso, you couldn't change the batteries in a flashlight, let alone fix a dishwasher."

Before long, Randy had had enough. "You know, bird, you think you're pretty smart for someone with a brain the size of a pea."

The parrot was silent for a moment, and then, with a gleam in its eye, said, "All right. Get him, Spike."

Here and There - Spending sev-

eral days with Clara Hanson is her daughter, Joanne of Alabama. On Saturday night, they picked up Bernice Rowan and Vivian Hendrix and went to Old Glory to the Saturday night musical. Others attending the musical from O'Brien were Billie Ray and Sharon Morrow, Billie Walker and son Joe Banner and I. There was lots of beautiful singing.

Those attending the Pioneer Drive Baptist Church Easter musical 'Jesus - His Story' last Friday night at the Abilene Civic Center were Bro. Kyle Gullledge and wife Leah, Billie Walker, Bernice Rowan, Veeta Reid, Charlene Brothers and I. It was a very enjoyable musical and enjoyed by all.

Those attending Vacation Bible School clinic at the Southside Baptist Church in Abilene Saturday were Bro. Kyle

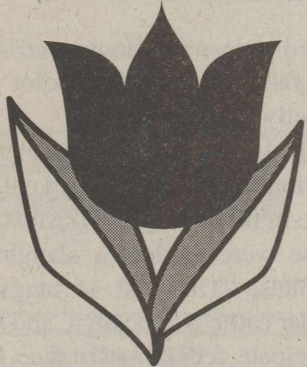
and Leah Gullledge, Veeta Reid, Billie Walker, Sherry Ellis and Frances King of Knox City and I. I hope we have lots attending VBS May 26 to 30.

Spending a few days last week with Loretta Hewitt were her granddaughters, Ashton, Andrea and Aubrey Neal of Wichita Falls.

Spending some time with Claudia and Eddie Bryant over the weekend were their daughter, Jennifer Hicks and granddaughters Cecylee and Hadlee of Hawley.

Kevin Urbanczyk of Goree spent a while with his great-grandparents, Randy and Adelle Herring, last week.

## Dillon Greenhouse is now open!

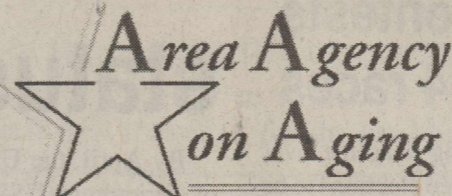


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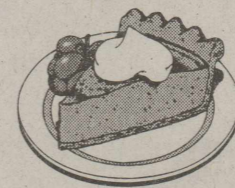
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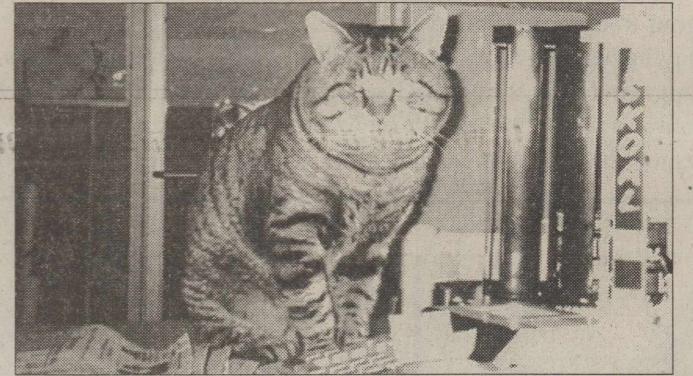
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## Obituaries

### Betty Robinson

Memorial services for Betty Jean Robinson, 70, of Lubbock was held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, March 21, 2002, at Sanders Memorial Chapel with Gene Linder officiating.

She died Sunday, March 17, 2002.

Betty was born on June 11, 1931, in Gorman. She graduated from Cisco High School in 1949 and attended Cisco Junior College for two years.

She married Jim Robinson on January 26, 1951, in Cisco and moved to Knox City in 1951.

After living in Abilene and Midland, the Robinsons moved to Lubbock in May 1965.

Mrs. Robinson attended Texas Tech after moving to Lubbock and she graduated with a master's degree in home economics in 1968. After teaching at Spur High School for one year, she joined the College of Human Sciences staff at Texas Tech and served there for 23 years. She retired from Texas Tech in 1992 as director of the Home Economics Curriculum Center.

Betty was a lifetime member of Beta Sigma Phi and served that organization as an officer. She also was a member and officer of Women In Communication and the Texas Tech Alumni Association.

Survivors include her husband; two daughters, Jami Robinson of Aurora, Colorado, and Julie Robinson of Dallas; two granddaughters and two great-granddaughters.

The family requests memorials to the Betty Robinson Memorial Endowment c/o of Human Sciences, Texas Tech University, Box 41162, Lubbock, TX 79409.



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# Easter

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At both St Joseph, Rhineland and Sta. Rosa, Knox City, the most Holy Week of the Year began with Blessing of Palms, Procession to Church, and Reading of the Passion, according to St. Matthew.

On Thursday, March 28, services will begin at 6:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's with Solemn Commemoration of the Last Supper and Washing of Feet.

Representatives of all age groups in the church: teens, young married couples, and older members will participate in the foot washing. This is a reminder to all Christians of our call to service.

Good Friday Services will also begin at 6:00 p.m. with meditative reading of the passion according to St. John, Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion.

As always, a special collection will be taken up for the upkeep of the Christian Shrines in the Holy Land. On Holy Saturday, March 30, the Easter Vigil Service begins at 7:30 p.m. Service consists of Blessing of Fire and Easter Candle, procession into the darkened church singing "Christ Our Light", Baptisms, Blessing of Water, Renewal of Baptismal Vows and the first mass of Easter. All local residents are cordially invited to attend any or all of these Holy Week Services.

Easter Sunday Service is at 9:00 a.m.

Santa Rosa Catholic Church, Knox City will follow the above schedule with services in Spanish and English at 7:30 p.m. on Holy Thursday and Good Friday. No Easter Vigil Service on Saturday. Easter Sunday Service, 11:00 A.M. at Santa Rosa.

All Knox County residents are cordially invited to participate in these services at Sta. Rosa or at St. Joseph, Rhineland.

"Christ has died, Christ has risen. Alleluia - Praise the Lord"



## KNOX CO. CEA NEWS

By TRISH JONES  
County Extension Agent/Ag

### 4-H Team Roping or Calf Roping School

Hockley County is hosting the 13th Annual 4-H Team Roping School at South Plains College in Levelland, May 30-June 2, 2002. This school is open to all 4-H members ages 12-18. Applications are available at the Extension office and spaces are limited. The cost is \$250 per student plus a \$25.00 stall deposit. This price includes meals from Thursday evening through Sunday at noon, three nights lodging, stall rent, instruction, insurance, a cattle charge and refreshments. The \$25 stall deposit will be refunded at the end of the school if you stall and tack room are clean and pass inspection.

Brown County is hosting a statewide Texas 4-H Calf Roping School from June 16-20, 2002 at the Tarleton State University Equine Arena in Stephenville.

Applications are open to all 4-H members 14 years of age or older. Limited spaces are available. The cost of this school is \$300.00 which includes insurance, meals, lodging, stall rent (for one horse) and the cost of practice calves. Everyone will dine in the TSU Dining Hall and be housed in the TSU dormitories.

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## Texas Cattle may lose free status

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When lesions are found, the carcass is retained pending laboratory diagnosis. If TB infection is confirmed, the carcass is condemned. Animal health officials will determine the herd of origin for the infected animal, so that any remaining cattle can be tested. Cattle moved into or out of the herd are traced and tested as are neighboring herds. Any infected are depopulated, with the USDA providing indemnity funds to the producer.

"We know Texas has been at particular risk for TB, because Texas livestock brokers import nearly a million Mexican feeder cattle each year. Cattle TB continues to be a problem in many Mexican states. Many of these Mexican feeder animals are placed on pastures across the state until they're heavy enough for the feedyard. Potential exposure between these cattle and domestic cow-calf operations spreads our risk across the state," said Dr. Logan. She noted that, in fiscal year 2001, 64 TB-positive cases were detected in U.S. slaughter plants. Of the 50 cases investigations that have been completed, 48 involved Mexican-origin cattle. Since October 2001, Mexican-origin cattle have been involved in seven of nine TB cases in feedlot animals.

"We've worked closely with Mexico on TB eradication since 1988, when the USDA began offering training and technical support," she said. "Since 1994, Mexican cattle have been imported under a 'consensus agreement.' New federal regulations will be implemented for Mexico imports this April, which will provide more disease protection not only for Texas, but also for the other states that receive Mexican-origin feeder animals."

Mexican-origin roping steers also may place domestic cattle at risk, commented Dr. Logan, as she pointed out that two TB-infected Mexican roping steers were detected in fiscal year 2001.

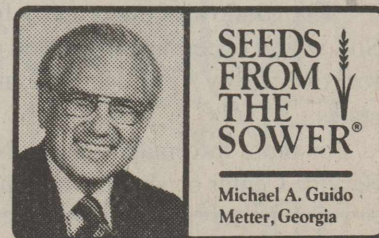
"Mexican rodeo stock are to be tested negative for TB within 12 months before being used in events," said Dr. Logan. "TAHC regulations also require that they be retested for TB every 12 months thereafter. Due to the potential for TB exposure from these animals, and the fact that they may expose valuable stock at fairs and rodeos, we will be redoubling our efforts to ensure that owners have had these animals tested, according to regulations."

### VRJC offers mental health tech training

The Division of Workforce Education & Training at Vernon College has scheduled another Mental Health Technician Training course for the spring semester.

This training course is designed to prepare students to work in the mental illness/mental retardation field. It is also preparation for the position of Mental Health Technician at the North Texas State Hospital although graduates are also qualified to apply for positions at other mental health care facilities.

The course is scheduled to meet from 6 to 10 p.m. on Mondays & Wednesdays, beginning APRIL 1. It will be conducted at the North Texas State Hospital in Vernon. Registration fee is \$70.00. For further information or registration forms, contact the Vernon College Continuing Education Office at (940) 552-6291, ext. 2209. Pre-registration is advised.



**SEEDS FROM THE SOWER**  
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Two Englishmen were arrested and cast into a cold, dirty, rat infested dungeon.

One swore, the other sang. One pouted, the other prayed. One wasted his time, the other redeemed it.

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One of John Bunyan's books, *Pilgrim's Progress*, has been translated into more than a hundred languages and dialects, more than any other book except the Bible.

Why don't you make good use of every opportunity you have, and let the Lord lead you on from trial to triumph!

There's a tombstone in a Wisconsin cemetery that reads: "He bowled 300 in 1962." That's the thing for which he is remembered.

There's a verse in the Bible that reads, "His iron bed was thirteen and one half feet long by six feet wide." That's the thing for which King Og is remembered.

For what will you be remembered? Are you doing anything to make this world a better place in which to live?

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A study in the Archives of Internal Medicine maintains that living wills can save about \$60,000 per patient in medical costs. Researchers studied 474 patients who died in a hospital during 1990-92. Bills for those without living wills were three times as high.

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.

## Knox City Area Church Directory

Local congregations welcome your attendance this Sunday

<p><b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ~ Knox City</b> <i>Miller Robinson - Interim Pastor</i> * Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. - * Sunday Morning Worship at 10:55 a.m. * Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m. - Mid Week, Wed. at 6:00 p.m. Sunday Services telecast live on Cable Channel 6 in Knox City &amp; O'Brien</p>
<p><b>FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH ~ Knox City</b> <i>Steve Pepper, Minister</i> Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. - Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.</p>
<p><b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ~ Knox City</b> <i>Wesley Holland, Pastor</i> Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. - Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m.</p>
<p><b>FOURSQUARE CHURCH ~ Knox City</b> <i>Paul Chambers, Pastor</i> 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.</p>
<p><b>SANTA ROSA CATHOLIC CHURCH ~ Knox City</b> <i>Father Leo Schloemer ~ Deacon Julian Estrada</i> Sunday Bilingual Mass at 11:00 a.m.</p>
<p><b>ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH ~ Rhineland</b> <i>Father Leo Schloemer ~ Deacon Julian Estrada</i> Monday Through Friday Mornings, 8:00 a.m. Mass Saturday Mass at 7:00 p.m. - Sunday Mass at 9:00 a.m.</p>
<p><b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ~ Benjamin</b> <i>John Gillispie, Pastor</i> Sunday School at 10:00 a.m., Sunday Morning at 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening at 6:00 p.m.</p>
<p><b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ~ Benjamin</b> <i>Wesley Holland, Pastor</i> Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.</p>
<p><b>GILLESPIE BAPTIST CHURCH ~ Gillespie</b> <i>Ross Anderson, Pastor</i> 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.</p>
<p><b>CHURCH OF CHRIST ~ Benjamin</b> Sunday School at 9:45 A.M. - Sunday Morning Worship at 10:45 a.m.</p>
<p><b>THE BELIEVERS' CHAPEL ~ Highway 222</b> <i>W.O. Smith, Pastor</i> Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. - Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m. Mid Week, Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.</p>
<p><b>FAITH CHAPEL ~ 8 Miles South Of Knox City</b> Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m. Mid Week Bible Study, Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.</p>
<p><b>O'BRIEN BAPTIST CHURCH ~ O'Brien</b> <i>Kyle Gullledge, Pastor</i> Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. - Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m. Mid Week, Wed. at 6:00 p.m.</p>
<p><b>"ABUNDANT LIFE" ZION FULL GOSPEL</b> <i>Richard Palma, Mary Ann Palma, Pastors</i> Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. - Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m. Mid Week, Thurs. at 7:00 p.m. Church location: 5 miles west of O'Brien Baptist Church</p>
<p><b>WEINERT FOURSQUARE CHURCH</b> <i>Rob Harrison, Pastor</i> Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m. Mid Week Bible Study, Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. The church is located at 200 West Guthrie in Weinert</p>

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### New Regulations Mean Short Time-Frame to Secure NAP Coverage

#### Growers of Noninsurable Crops Need to Act Now

COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS - March 19, 2002 - Federal regulations published today set the stage for better risk protection for growers of noninsurable crops, but leave only a short time for producers to take advantage of the benefits available for crop losses in 2001 and 2002. Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices stand ready to accept applications from producers for coverage available through the Noninsured Assistance Program (NAP).

Crops eligible for NAP coverage are those for which crop insurance is not available, including fruits and vegetables, aquaculture, pecans, turfgrass and forage crops.

"The new regulations governing NAP give producers the opportunity to purchase affordable protection against crop losses," says John Fuston, State Executive Director for FSA in Texas. "It's critical that producers file their 2001 and 2002 applications for coverage and pay their service fees by April 18, 2002. Like crop insurance, once an application period closes, the opportunity to obtain coverage is gone," he says.

NAP coverage requires a service fee of \$100 per crop, per producer with a \$300 cap per county. Out-of-pocket expenses for any producer will not to exceed \$900, even if production occurs in more than three counties. Service fees may be waived for eligible limited resource producers.

"The new, streamlined program has already begun to benefit Texas growers. To date Texas has dispersed more than \$212,000 for NAP crop losses incurred in 2001," Fuston says.

Under the previous NAP program, coverage was only available when catastrophic losses occurred in a widespread area. New provisions allow for individual coverage tailored to meet a producer's specific needs and allow for a customized crop protection plan. With the elimination of area crop loss provisions, each qualifying individual loss can be addressed based on its own merits.

"Because FSA has the ability to protect against individual losses, response time is quicker and payment to the producer will be at the end of the growing season," says Fuston.

As outlined in the regulations, maintaining eligibility for 2001 and 2002 crops requires producers who otherwise would be late in filing the application apply and pay service fees within 30 days of publication of the rule. NAP continues to require reporting of crop acreage, yields and production as a condition of eligibility. In addition, producers are required to report losses the earlier of 15 days after damaging weather occurs or the date loss becomes apparent.

"Good record-keeping by producers is becoming increasingly more important: This is especially true for NAP because accurate records ensure producers receive the best coverage available under the program," says Fuston.

Fuston explained, if producers timely filed a notice of loss for the 2001 crop year they may be eligible for NAP benefits. However, if this notice of loss was not filed within 15 calendar days of the disaster or the loss became apparent, then the producer is not eligible for 2001.

In addition to filing applications for coverage and paying fees within the next 30 days, NAP crop producers have the opportunity to certify their 2000 crop production to both support their proven yields and submit 2001 crop production records to substantiate loss claims.

"The window of opportunity for NAP coverage for 2001 and 2002 is now down to less than 30 days. So I would encourage interested producers who timely submitted notices of loss on 2001 crops to apply for coverage by April, 18, 2002, and encourage 2002 NAP producers to heed this deadline as well," Fuston states.

For more information about NAP and other FSA administered programs, contact your local USDA Service Center or visit the national FSA website at [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

### Benjamin news

By Gladene Green, Benjamin Correspondent

Brrr! We have had more cold weather. Just seems everytime we think spring may be here, another norther "blows in". But one of these days, it will get warm. We did have some much needed rain last week and everything sure looks greener - weeds and all! All too soon, mowing season will be here. Lots of folks got some yard work done last week. (I didn't, but am gonna have to!)

Sympathy to the family of Bobby Trainham this week. Bobby died last Tuesday morning after a few days stay in Seymour hospital. Bobby had not been well for several months, suffering from a heart problem. His funeral was Thursday with burial in Vera.

Regarding our ill - W.T. Cartwright is in Temple (today) at Scott and White for further tests after a series in Abilene shows a problem with his esophagus. Hopefully, it will be something that can be corrected without too much trouble. But, as we know, these things always need to be checked out. His son, Terry of Plano, made the trip with him.

Jane Gideon's granddaughter, Lexi Mendoza of Seymour, is having a few problems. Has been to a pediatric specialist in Wichita Falls and as quickly as they can get an appointment at Cook's Children Hospital in Fort Worth will go there for further testing. I'm not real sure of the nature of her problem but it does have to do with her body development. And probably can be corrected with medication. That too, tho, needed

to be checked. Jane says her brother, Joe Nunley seemed to feel pretty well during the weekend.

Nora Hertel is not doing as well as she has been. Seems her condition is getting worse steadily. She's pretty weak and has trouble eating. Nora is past 90 years of age and has been in Munday Nursing Center several months. Remember the Hertels and these others I have mentioned as well as all who have any kind of problem which we may not be aware of, in your prayers.

Makes team - Clayton Conner has been given honorable mention on the Abilene Reporter-News All-Area Class A basketball team named last week. He joins a Woodson boy and Throckmorton boy from this class for this honor. Clay did a good job all year and I congratulate him on his accomplishments. He is a senior and the son of Janet Reed and Steve Conner.

Gracie Zavala called to tell me that she and her family would be in Midland Wednesday for her children's godmother's son's funeral who had died from complications of pneumonia.

Sharon Bivins called to let me know she has a new grandson, Gage Gillette Statler, who was born Thursday night, March 21, 2002, a little after 10:00 p.m. He weighed six pounds, three ounces, and was 19 1/2 inches long. He was born in Dewey, Arizona, where his parents and brother, Patrick, Stephanie and Payton reside. Other grandparents are Mr.

and Mrs. Dave Statler of Dewey and Hugh Johnson of Alpine. Great-grands are Mae Statler, also Dewey and Maretha Patterson of Benjamin.

Several from the First Baptist Church were in Abilene Sunday afternoon for the Jesus His Story pageant held at the Abilene Civic Center and performed by members of the Pioneer Drive Baptist Church. It was excellent. Everyone taking part in it were members of that church - actors, choir, orchestra, etc. Surely was an afternoon well spent. Attending were Jane Gideon, Corrine Parrish, Stanton and Shari Brown, Charles and Joy Jones, Bud Conner, the pastor and his wife, John and Peggy Gillispie and myself. Others going with us were John and Frances Chilcoat of Knox City, Sheila and Tiffany DeLosSantos of Vernon and Penny Goodwin of Munday.

Bud Conner and I attended the funeral of Ola Thompson in Munday Saturday p.m. We had gotten to know Mrs. Thompson and her family through visits to the Munday Nursing Center where she had been for a while. She looked forward to our visits and loved to hear Bud sing. She was 100 years of age and so alert. She developed pneumonia about two weeks prior to her death and just wasn't strong enough to fight it. We will miss her presence when we go back to the nursing center.

Bill and Annette Elliott of Dallas and Randy Barnett of Alvin visited Omitene Barnett on her birthday Saturday.

### Child Welfare Board News

By PEGGY GUINN

The Knox County Child Welfare Board met on March 11 for their monthly board meeting. Members are in the process of preparing for the Parenting Fair to be held at the Munday Elementary School Building on April 23 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

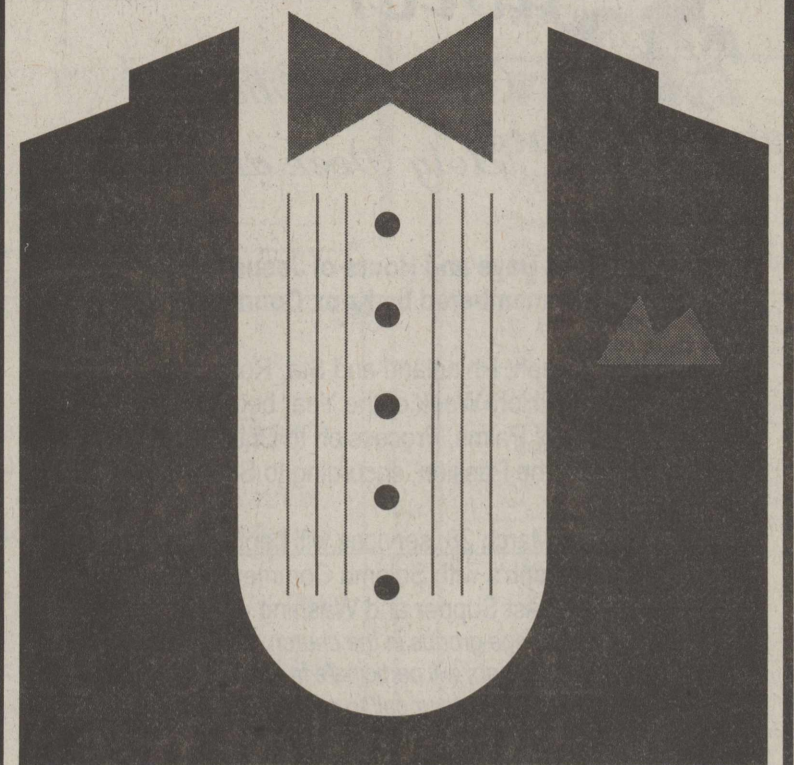
There will be lots of booths with fun things for all, goodies to be given away, many door prizes and a lot of information and suggestions for children and parents alike to help with life.

The Board wants to express their appreciation to all who continue to contribute to Knox County Child Welfare financially. This allows the children of our county to receive help in many ways year round.

Appreciation is also given to all those donating their jury fee. Those who have donated recently are Julius Pennartz, Glenna Kinnibrough, Ben Grill, Sammy Grindstaff, Joe Tidwell, Dwayne Johnson, Lyndle Reeves, Jerrell Trainham, Wayne Pennartz, Jerry Bob Daniel, Wayne Zeissel, Louis Baty, Don Hawkins, Bob Presnall, and Greg Clonts. Jerry Bog Daniel, Louis Baty, Wayne Pennartz, Jerrell Trainham, and Bobby Presnall have donated more than one check. These donations add up and amount to a big portion of contributions we receive during the year. Thank you, each and everyone.

April is Prevent Child Abuse Month across our nation. Please, let's remember our children The Hot Line for Child Abuse is 1-800-252-5400. The call can be anonymous.

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For Knox City students needing tuxedos for the April 6 prom, orders must be placed by March 30 to avoid additional rush charges. If you just want a reorder from last time, let us know.

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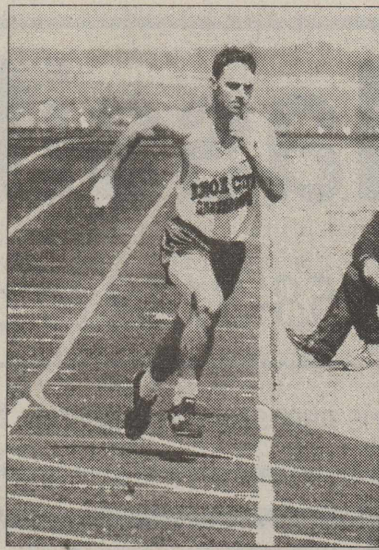
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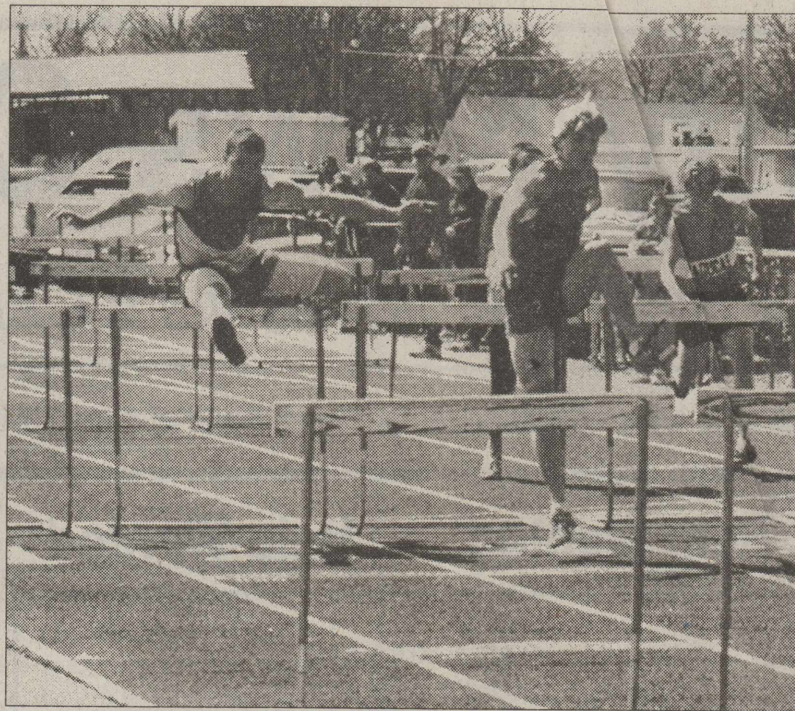




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Senior Will Grimsley



Junior Dominique Collier



Junior Scooter Thompson



Junior Domimique Collier (r)



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Freshman Dustin Johnson



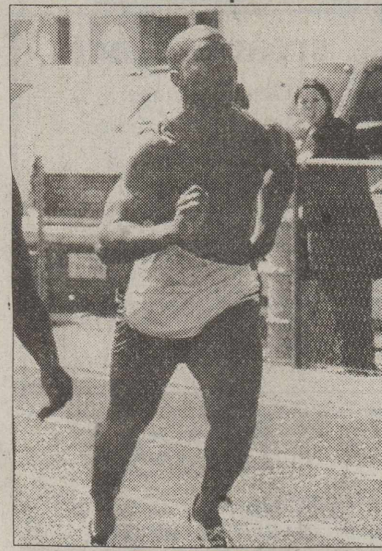
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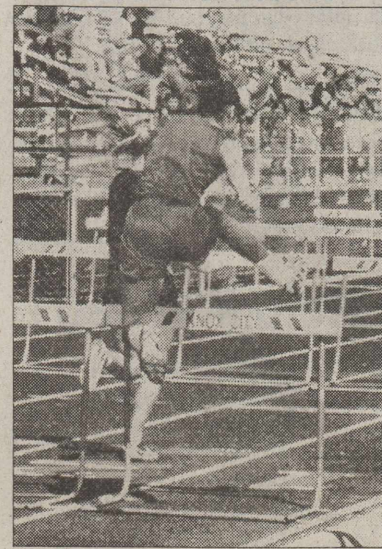
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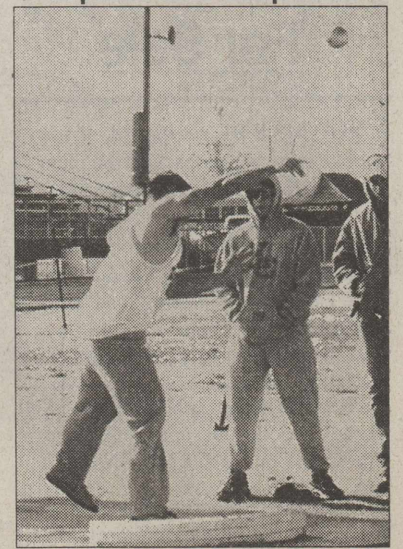
Junior Sedrick Roberson



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Freshman April Magana



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Freshman Ben Simmons

**Knox City Track Meet - March 23**

• Varsity Boys - Second, 111 points •

(Anson won meet, 116 points; Paducah, third, with 72)

- Shot Put -

Casey Carver, first, 40'7 3/4"

- Triple Jump -

Scooter Thompson, fourth, 38'

- 110 m hurdles -

Will Grimsley, second, 15.52;

Dustin Johnson, third, 17.12;

Evan Clark, fourth, 18.21

- 1600 meter relay -

second, 3:47.98

- Discus -

Casey Carver, fifth, 97'2";

Brandon Espinosa, sixth, 82'10"

- 400 meter relay -

Knox City, first, 45:22

- 300 meter hurdles -

Will Grimsley, first, 43.51;

Dustin Johnson, second, 43.79;

Evan Clark, fifth, 54.01

- 800 meter run -

Carlos Ruiz, sixth, 2:27.53

- 200 meter dash -

Kendrick Green, first, 22.96;

Riley Spells, second, 23.70;

• Varsity Girls •

- Shot Put -

Crystal Espinosa, fifth, 31' 2 3/4";

- Triple Jump -

Kaylie Billington, fifth, 28'10"

- Discus -

Crystal Espinosa, third, 88'8"

- 1600 meter relay -

sixth, 5:05.34

- Long Jump -

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