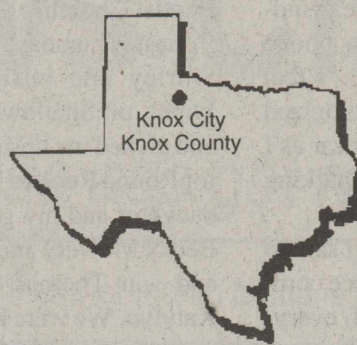


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CHARLES LANKFORD

Mayor re-elected to two year term

In the only contested election in Knox County, Charles Lankford was re-elected as mayor by a margin of 114 to 87 for challenger Bud Reynolds.

Elected unopposed to the two seats on the City council were Darren Clark with 147 and Aaron Lewis with 127. J.M. Emerson and Leon Watson did not seek re-election to the council.

Conservation reserve signup now thru May 30

A Conservation Reserve general sign-up is now underway, starting May 5, through May 30. Producers can sign up at local USDA service centers across the nation.

The 2002 Farm Bill authorized USDA to maintain CRP enrollment up to 39.2 million acres.

CRP protects millions of acres of American topsoil from erosion and is designed to improve the nation's natural resources base. Participants voluntarily remove environmentally sensitive land from agricultural production by entering into long-term contracts for 10 to 15 years.

In exchange, participants receive annual rental payments and a payment of up to 50 percent of the cost of establishing conservation practices.

Current participants with contracts expiring this fall - about 1.5 million - can make new contract offers.

Contracts awarded under this sign-up will become effective either at the beginning of the next fiscal year, October 1, 2003, or the following year, October 1, 2004, whichever the producer chooses.

One other general sign-up will be offered through 2007.

The Farm Service Agency will evaluate and rank eligible CRP offers using the Environmental Benefits Index (EBI) for environmental benefits to be gained from enrolling the land in CRP.

Decisions on the EBI cutoff will be made after the sign-up ends and after analyzing the EBI numbers of all the offers.

Those who would have met previous sign-up EBI thresholds are not guaranteed a contract under this sign-up.

For more information, visit the local Farm Service Agency or visit <http://www.usda.gov>.

Knox City doubles team wins Class A championship for second year in a row

Landon Weiershausen, at left and Brad Johnson
Class A State Tennis Champions



- Quarterfinal win over Trent May, Eric Tunnell of Grady 7-5, 6-2
- Semifinal win over Christopher Glasscock, Matt Alejandro of Knippa, 6-4, 6-7 (4), 7-6 (1)
- Championship over Matt Malish, Neil Newman of Thrall, 6-4, 6-2

Straight Talk By Dave Thompson

Early Saturday morning, April 26, it looked like it was going to be a beautiful day in the Hill country. I was riding with a group of 15 other motorcycles and when we left the motel in Junction at 8:30, it was already 85 degrees under a picture perfect blue sky.

As we rode east and then north, I remember thinking that everything God made was so spectacular. At about 9:00 o'clock, we turned east on a ranch market road and headed up a long hill.

We weren't traveling fast as everybody was enjoying the scenery. I was scanning the bar ditches on both sides of the road looking for deer as I always do when I ride down there. While looking at the right hand bar ditch I noticed movement high up in the mesquite trees. In the next instant, a full grown deer came flying across the top of an eight foot fence. In the space of less than three seconds, the deer landed at the edge of the pavement and turned head first into my motorcycle. The collision instantly destroyed the front and right side of the Harley while catapulting me back down the highway.

The riders that I was with said that I bounced several times while doing high cartwheels through the air. In a second, everything was still and I knew I was in serious pain. I knew my leg was broken and I couldn't breathe very well, so I knew I had rib damage, but I was awake and knew what was going on around me.

Thanks to a friend with a cell phone, the DPS trooper was there within 20 minutes. Even though an ambulance crew had already been dispatched, the trooper called for a Lifeline helicopter to come straight to the scene.

Taking note of my injuries made me thankful that my protective gear helped to keep me alive. Once the ambulance and helicopter crews stabilized me, I was transported by air to the trauma center at Willford Hall at Lackland AFB in San Antonio.

Once I arrived there, the trauma team went to work immediately to assess and treat my injuries. X-rays and cat scans showed that I had a broken right collarbone, many ribs broken both front and rear on the right side, a broken chest sternum, lung contusions, eight breaks in the lower leg bones of my right leg and a broken right foot.

The next few days faded in and out with the pain medicine, surgery was done on Tuesday to put a 12 screw steel plate in my right leg.

I'm now in Abilene and my recovery and therapy will last for the next four to six months.

Throughout all of this, I have received hundreds of phone calls, cards and notes with everyone telling me I was in their prayers.

The doctor said they were surprised I was not dead and I know that only God is responsible for that. Your continued prayers are the best medicine during my recovery.

I thank all of you and I'd appreciate you keeping me on your prayer list.

-- Love, Dave

FFA banquet set to reveal Gator winner

Monday night's Knox City FFA banquet will reveal the long awaited winner of the 'Gator Give-away'.

During the school year, the FFA began the project at \$100 per ticket for the John Deere Gator with 100 tickets to be sold.

The awards banquet will begin on Tuesday, May 13, at 7:00 p.m. in the Knox City High School cafeteria.

Each person buying a ticket is invited to the banquet and the drawing.

Dress for the evening is casual, FFA advisor Jim Dillon said.

School to sponsor summer food service program

The Knox City-O'Brien CISD announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program.

Meals will be provided at the Knox City School Cafeteria. People who are eligible to participate in the program must not be discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion, or political belief.

Anyone who believes that they have been discriminated against should write immediately to: Director, Civil Rights Division, MC W-106, Texas Department of Human Services, P.O. Box 149030, Austin Texas 78714-9030 or the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250. Note: Discrimination complaints based on religion or political beliefs must be referred only to the Director, Civil Rights Division, Texas Department of Human Services.

The Summer Food Service Program is a USDA program which complements the National School Lunch program by providing nutritious meals. Any child from age 1 through age 18 is eligible to participate. Free meals will be served to these children five days a week from June 2, 2003 through July 3, 2003, at the Knox City School Cafeteria. Breakfast will be served from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. and lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

For those with any questions, or needing additional information, contact Louis Baty at the administration office of the school district or call 657-3521.

KC Circle Club to meet Tuesday, May 13, at 7:00

The KC Circle Club will meet on Tuesday, May 13, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Charlene Brothers.

Jane Rowan will present the program, "Weeding Through the Facts and Fiction About Herbal Medicine". The meeting is open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age or national origin.

For more info on the Texas Extension Education Association, call Jane Rowan at 940-459-2651.

Hounds end season, 6-3

In a close bi-district contest, Knox City ended their playoff bid Tuesday afternoon with a loss to the Hamlin Pied Pipers.

Final score for the contest played in Stamford was 6-3.

USDA announces renewable energy initiative grants

TEMPLE - Bryan Daniel, State Director, USDA Rural Development, has announced the availability of approximately \$44 million in grants that will support President Bush's energy plan to develop renewable energy and expand the economic prospects and environmental promise of biomass.

"These programs support President Bush's goal for increasing renewable energy supplies," Daniel said. "Developing alternative energy sources is an important part of the Administration's overall energy policy that will in turn reduce pollution and increase energy security."

See USDA, Page Four

New Arrivals It's a boy!

Hayden Ray Ehlers

Stephanie and David Ehlers of Tahoka are proud to announce the arrival of their son, Hayden Ray Ehlers, born April 29, 2003, at 4:52 a.m. in Lubbock's University Medical Center.

Hayden has two brothers, Zac and Rhyann; and a sister, Reghan.

Maternal grandparents are Kay and Steve Pepper of Knox City and Ray and Barbara Ehlers of Wilson are paternal grandparents.

Maternal great-grandparents include Roberta Walton of Knox City, Fred Pepper of Wichita Falls and Betty and Frank Smith of Bowie.

Wilbert and Lorena Wuensch of Wilson are the baby's paternal great-grandparents.

Hayden's great-great-grandparents are Oleta West of Tishamingo, Oklahoma; and Vera Moore of Wichita Falls.

Aging center lunch menus

May 12th thru May 16th

Monday, May 12 - Stewed chicken and noodles, sweet potatoes, cranberry salad, hot rolls, cake.

Tuesday, May 13 - Tostados with cheese, ranch style beans, lettuce and tomato salad, crackers, dessert.

Wednesday, May 14 - Roast beef with gravy, buttered potatoes, green beans, salad, hot rolls, jello with fruit.

Thursday, May 15 - Chicken strips with gravy, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, biscuits, cobbler.

Friday, May 16 - Sliced ham, butter beans, turnip greens, cornbread, cookies.

(All menus subject to change without notification. It is important to contact the site manager in order that meals can be prepared.)

Weather

Courtesy of
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Date	Low	High	Rain
04/29	55	94	.03
04/30	64	98	
05/01	55	86	
05/02	60	75	
05/03	60	93	.02
05/04	70	96	
05/05	60	96	

Total 2003 Rainfall - 1.97

LOTS

of school sports photos available at the NEWS office!

A Golden Time

Brazos Valley
Care Home
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A Mayo Clinic study says that depressed people tend to recover less well from heart attacks, coronary bypasses and other heart condition problems than people without emotional problems. The study followed 310 men and 70 women entering cardiac rehabilitation programs.

Researchers know that the protein ApoE is involved in Alzheimer's. Some Duke researchers say people who inherit a variant called ApoE are at risk before age 70.

O'Brien happenings

By Audie Johnston, O'Brien Correspondent

"I was getting into my car when I noticed a dent. On the windshield was a note and a phone number from the driver. "I felt terrible," the woman apologized when I called. "I hit your car as I was pulling into the next parking spot."

"Please, don't worry," I said to her. "I'm sure our insurance companies will take care of everything." "Thank you for your understanding," she said. "You're so much nicer than the man I hit on the way out."

Here and There - David Ellis of Alpine visited his mother, Beatrice Ellis, for a few days last week.

Billie Walker's two daughters of Amarillo, Julie and Lauri, visited her and her son, Joe Banner, last week and attended the funeral

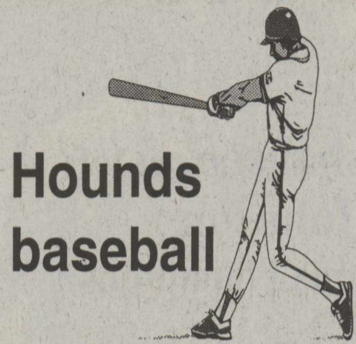
for Evelyn Underwood at O'Brien Baptist Church.

Last Thursday, my daughter Shirley and husband Freddie James of Shallowater came by and picked me up and we took off for Round Rock to visit with their daughter and my granddaughter, Becky Mowery and husband Joel and son Thomas and daughter Katylyn. We were happy to get to see their home there that was finished after they were almost moved in. It was a beautiful home. I've never seen so much building going on and one almost touching their yard was going up in a hurry. While there, we went to the Oasis eating place on Lake Travis and it was a beautiful sight and gobs of people. We went to Austin and drove around the Capitol and other

places and went to Barton Springs swimming park and watching many people, along with the great grandchildren and their dad swimming around everywhere you looked and we all rode the train at the park. Sunday we attended First Baptist Church in Round Rock for church service. Sunday afternoon we went to Waco and visited my sister Avis Johnston and her grandson Terry and got home Sunday night around 10:30 and was pretty well pooped.

Kevin Urbanczyk of Goree came over Sunday and fixed lunch for his grandmother, Adelle Herring, while she was attending church here at O'Brien.

Adelle Herring was in Abilene Monday for an eye doctor's appointment and had good results.



Hounds baseball

Hounds end district with 18-2 win over Paducah's Dragons

Tuesday, April 29

KC 470 16x x 18
Pad 011 00x x 2
Battery: KC - Carver, Ruiz (5), Magana (5) and Thompson
Paducah - Jar. Fields, Spencer (5), and Jac. Fields
2B - KC - Ruiz, Carver, Bruce, Thompson
3B - KC - Thompson
HR - KC - Carver, Bruce, Gonzales, Magana (2)
Leading hitters - KC - Carver - 4x4, 3R; Magana - 2x4, 2R, Bruce - 2x3, 3R, Gonzales 2x3, 2R.

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Noah Project - North to meet Friday at noon

The Noah Project - North will meet at noon on Friday, May 9, at K P's Restaurant in Haskell. All members are asked to attend.

For those persons living in Jones, Haskell, Knox, Stonewall or Throckmorton counties and would like to become a member, they are asked to please attend this meeting. For those with questions, call 940-864-2551. After 5:00, call 1-800-586-0023.

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Mid Week, Wed. at 7:00 p.m.

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Adobe Photoshop class is planned

The Knox County Community Network is planning a class in Adobe Photoshop to be scheduled the latter part of May or early June.

These classes will be free of charge and those interested in taking this class, should contact Susan Cockerell at 940-657-3618 to be placed on the list.

Grief group to meet Thursday in Haskell

A grief group will meet on Thursday, May 8 at 522 South Second in Haskell at 7:00 p.m.

Anyone who has suffered a loss due to death is welcome.

Organizers say it is important to find hope and comfort from those who have experienced a similar loss. It is also important for those who have learned to cope with a loss to reach out to others.

Those with questions may contact Helen Wilson at 864-5188 or 256-0537.

Obituaries

J.F. Middlebrook

Funeral services for J.F. Middlebrook of Knox City were held Saturday, May 3, 2003, at 3:00 p.m. in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Bobby King officiating. Burial was in the Knox City Cemetery with Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Middlebrook, 60, died Thursday, May 1. Born February 6, 1943, in Knox City to Floyd J. and Ruth Tankersley Middlebrook, he was a farmer-rancher. He married Carolyn Parker on November 3, 1987. Mr. Middlebrook was a graduate of Carney High School in O'Brien and was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn of the home; his mother, Ruth Middlebrook of Knox City; a son, Michael Middlebrook of Levelland; two daughters, Pam Middlebrook of Pueblo, Colorado, and Mitzi Cover of Pagosa Springs, Colorado; a sister, Betty Ruth Quisenberry of Floydada; a granddaughter, Ali Cover; and two nephews, Kent and Cole Ballard.

Pallbearers were Jerry Guinn, Hiram Whitaker, Melvin Parker, J.M. Emerson, Don Brothers, Dan Green, Mark Fulton and Coleman Wright.

Evelyn A. Underwood

Funeral services for Evelyn A. Underwood of O'Brien were held Wednesday, April 30, 2003, at 2:00 p.m. at O'Brien Baptist Church with Rev. Bill Trice and Rev. Milton McManus officiating. Burial was in the Rochester Cemetery with Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Underwood, 90, died Monday, April 28, 2003. Born August 3, 1912, in Oklahoma, she married Gene Underwood in 1951. He preceded her in death in 1986. She was a member of O'Brien Baptist Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Bobbie June Lanham of Amarillo and Pamela Nixon of New Jersey; seven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild, and a brother, Wayne Adams of Arizona.

Head Start to begin taking applications

Knox City Child Development Center, located at 502 North Second Street, will be taking applications for the enrollment of children for the Head Start program that will begin in the fall.

The Head Start program serves three and four year old children. It is designed to meet the needs of children by providing an environment which will help them develop socially, physically, intellectually, and emotionally in a manner appropriate to their age and stage of development toward the overall goal of school readiness and social competence. Children with disabilities are welcome in Head Start and are offered the full range of developmental services that children without disabilities receive. The program works closely with other community agencies to provide services to meet the special needs of all children enrolled. The guidelines for participation in Head Start are established by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

To make application for the program, parents must bring the following documents: child's birth certificate, immunization record, social security number for family member enrolling the child, and proof of income for the past 12 months, or 2002 1040 tax return. TANF recipients are categorically eligible for the program; however they must provide documentation of current benefits such as a letter from caseworker, case numbers, etc. All information is considered confidential and will be used only for the purpose of establishing eligibility and defining the needs of the family and child.

Applications can be taken any time throughout the year. However, special recruitment efforts are being made during the month of May. Special recruitment Round Up Days will be held May 9 from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Also, applications will be taken Monday through Friday beginning May 9 through May 31 from 8:30 to 4:00 p.m. To complete an application, to the Knox City Child Development Center, it is very important that parents wanting their child in Head Start this fall complete an application as soon as possible. For further information, contact Sherry Ellis, director at 658-3770.

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USDA

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Both programs were authorized by the 2002 Farm Bill and will be conducted in collaboration with the Department of Energy.

Daniel said that \$23 million is available from USDA Rural Development for the Renewable Energy Systems and Energy Efficiency Improvements programs to assist farmers, ranchers, and rural small businesses develop renewable energy systems and make energy efficiency improvements to their operations.

"American agriculture is going through a time of enormous transformation," Daniel said. "We need to be bold in recognizing and capitalizing on new opportunities. Energy is unquestionably one of those areas that presents tremendous opportunities for economic gains and ultimately an improved quality of life for rural Texans." Applicants for the Renewable Energy Systems and Energy Efficiency Improvements program must be agricultural producers or rural small businesses. U.S. citizens or legal residents, and have demonstrated financial need. Rural Development grant funds may be used to pay up to 25 percent of the eligible project costs. Eligible projects include those that derive energy from a wind, solar, biomass, or geothermal source, or hydrogen derived from biomass or water using wind or solar energy sources. Awards will be made on a competitive basis for the purchase of renewable energy systems and to make energy improvements.

Through the Biomass Research and Development Initiative, \$21 million in grants are available to eligible entities to carry out research, development and demonstrations on biobased products, bioenergy, biofuels, biopower and related processes.

Benjamin news

By Gladene Green, Benjamin Correspondent

It's a windy, very warm Sunday afternoon and lots of folks are just taking it easy. The "unpleasantness" of the weather makes it sort of hard to want to be outside for anything. The cool of our own homes is far more enticing. As has been the case several weeks now, we still have not had any rain to speak of and probably that's the reason I see a little sand blowing as I look out my south bedroom window. The ground is "loose" from the lack of moisture.

The reports on our ailing friends continue to be encouraging. Sonny Bufkin is out and about a lot and seems to be just doing great. Think, maybe the hardest part of his recuperating is not being able to do all the things he wants to. But that will come in time and for now he has to take it easy just a while longer.

Saw Bobby Hudson on Saturday and he says he's feeling much better. And that's good to hear. He has had some pretty unpleasant days but things now seem to be "looking up" for him.

Pat Benson was able to be in church today. She had a pretty hard week a couple of weeks ago but after several days in the hospital (and lots of medicine) she seems to be doing much better.

We have several of our friends today who are experiencing heartache due to the death of loved ones. We extend sympathy to Carolyn Middlebrook who lost her husband, J.F. on Thursday. Also to Claudia Snailum Nunley whose daughter, Marian, passed away last week. And to the family of Bob Meinzer who dies on Saturday. Prayers are with all these families in their time of sorrow.

One act play news - It all began in early spring with tryouts for the one act play cast. After the cast was selected, the practice sessions began and after a couple of weeks of "getting ready" the com-

petition began. "Over The River and Through The Woods" presented by BHS advanced every week on their way to state. That meet was Saturday, May 3, and their high school 2003 acting career ended that day not with top honors but with the satisfaction of knowing they made it that far. Chance Propps was named to the state All-Star Cast and Jessica Moorhouse received honorable mention. Quite an accomplishment, I'd say. Winning state and also sweepstakes honors was the play from Lindsey directed by one of "ours" Craig Hertel. Craig is the son of Don and the late Louise Hertel and this is not new to him. He's been there before and won before, and we congratulate him and his cast and crew and will say if Benjamin couldn't win, we're glad they did!!! The Benjamin kids all said it was fun (and work) and we give them and their directors, Belle Grill and Charles Steele assisted by Stacia Propps, a "hats off" for doing themselves, their school and community proud.

Election results - In Saturday's,

city council race here in Benjamin, Jack Young and Misty Jones were top vote getters. Others on the ballot were Selinda Meinzer, Hank Wagner (incumbent) and Julia Trepanier. Mike Sheedy was again elected mayor, unopposed.

Here 'N There - Mary Melton of Cincinnati, Ohio, and her son, Charlie Scott, have been here several days visiting Johnnie Williams and Mary Bohannon and "setting about" to begin remodeling on Mary's house here. She has purchased the P.C. Sams (Red Kilgore, Theodore Ressel) house west of the school and hop to have it pretty well re-done before too long. It will be a project but I think she's looking forward to the challenge.

Word has been received of the death of Charles Moorhouse of Seymour, uncle of Mike Moorhouse. Sympathy to that family.

Sue Terry and family of Dallas spent the weekend with her parents, Jane Gideon and Weldon Gideon. Also visiting was Lana Mendoza and family of Seymour.

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TWO FAMILY Garage Sale - Saturday, May 10, 8 a.m. - ? Electric weed eater, small apt. sz. dining room table with four chairs. Baby crib, baby items, clothes and lots of misc. Diana Casillas' residence, 2 mi. east of KC on the Munday highway. 5-8 tfc 44

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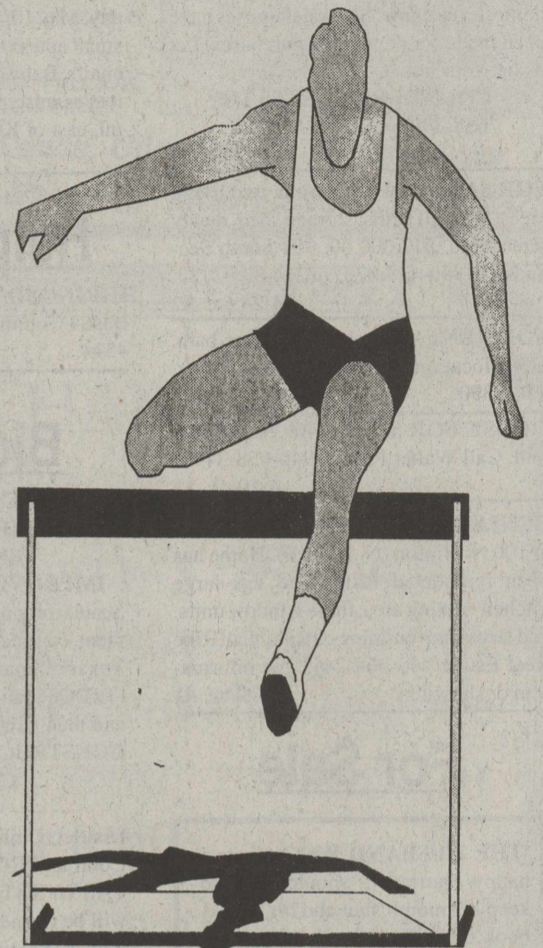


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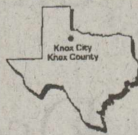


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