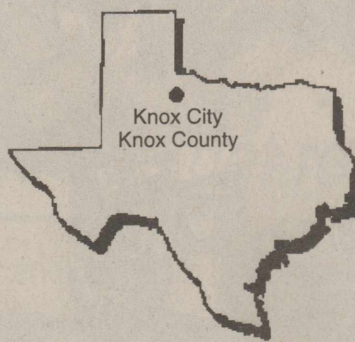


Baccalaureate services for the Class of 2003 will be this Sunday, 7:00 p.m. in the W.R. Baker Auditorium

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'Texas Country Reporter' TV show will air segment on local business this Saturday



EXPLAINING their band instrument rebuilding business to a member of the film crew of *Texas Country Reporter*, Delbert and Joyce Lloyd of Knox City (center of top photo) will be featured when the segment on their local business, Texas Band Instrument Rebuilders, is aired this weekend on the popular television series. The show is scheduled to air on channel 12, KTXS - ABC, on Saturday at 6:30 p.m.

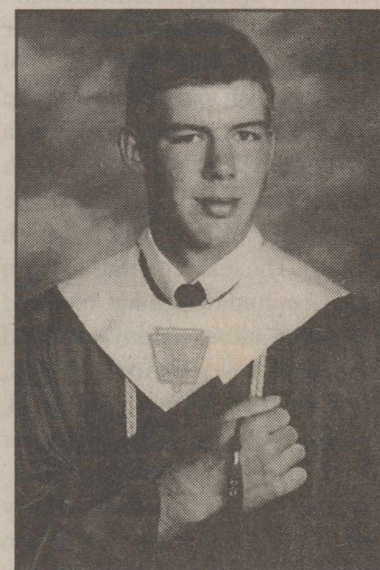
Judge Clonts orders burn ban for county

Knox County Judge Greg Clonts has issued a burn ban for Knox County as circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning.

The Knox County Commissioners Court bans all outdoor burning of the county for 90 days. 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.



KIMBERLY HAWKINS
... valedictorian



LANDON WEIERSHAUSEN
... salutatorian

Honor grads announced for KCHS Class of 2003

Honor graduates for Knox City High School's Class of 2003 have been announced by Mack Lowe, high school principal.

Valedictorian is Kimberly Hawkins, daughter of Marla and Don Hawkins. Her four year grade point average is 94.81.

Landon Weiershausen, son of Tamie and Adafi Weiershausen, is class salutatorian. He posted a 94.00 average.

Completing the honor graduates are:

- Scooter Thompson, 93.73, son of Stacy and Dave Thompson;
- Lezli Villa, 92.04, daughter of Linda and Mario Abila;
- Wes Parker, 91.77, son of Lara and Harry Steen;
- Ashley Jobe, 91.65, daughter

of Tammie and Jim Dillon; and B.J. Stewart, 90.00, son of DiAnn and Bill Stewart.

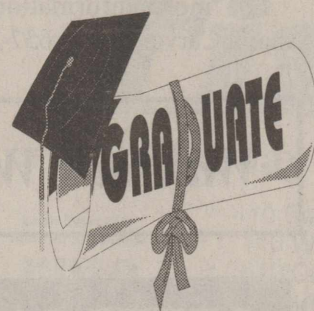
Baccalaureate for the senior class will be Sunday night at 7:00 o'clock and commencement is set for Saturday night, May 24, also at 7:00 o'clock. Both ceremonies will be in the W.R. Baker Auditorium.

Rev. Bobby King, FBC pastor, will deliver the baccalaureate address. Kimberly Hawkins will bring special music and Scooter Thompson will give testimony.

Former O'Brien teachers and coaches of the Class of 2003, Sandy and Jimmy Chappell, who now reside and coach in Canadian will be this year's commencement speakers.

UIL Banquet
Thursday, 6:00 p.m.
School Cafeteria

Next week's News dedicated to Class of 2003

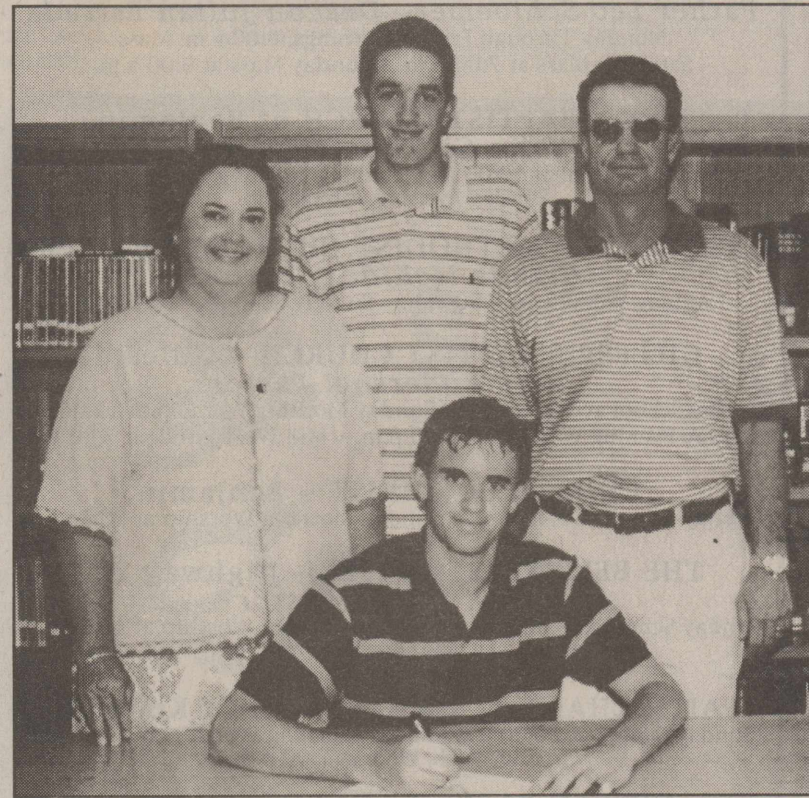


Next week's The Knox County News will be dedicated to the Class of 2003.

Merchants, individuals and family members will offer congratulatory messages to this year's Seniors.

For those wishing to place these personal announcements to this year's Class of 2003, please have them to us by **NOON on Friday**. Thanks !!

State tennis champion signs national college letter of intent



BRAD JOHNSON, a partner on the Class A State Tennis Doubles Champion Team during both his junior and senior years at Knox City High School, is shown here (seated) as he signs a national letter of intent to play tennis for Cameron University in Lawton, Oklahoma. With Brad are his mother and father, Lorie and Dwayne, and his brother Dustin, a sophomore at KCHS.

KC Student Council to sponsor blood drive Friday from 10-3

The Knox City High School Student Council will sponsor a blood drive, Friday, May 16, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the high school. All donors will receive a T-shirt, Shea Edmonds, sponsor, said. Meek Blood Center of Abilene provides the Knox County Hospital with blood.

Prairie Art Guild artist's works is on exhibit

Original mosaic works of art from Jane Penman are currently on exhibit in the foyer of Citizens Bank in Knox City.

The exhibition will run through the month of June.

The public is invited to view her "Pieces de Art" during regular banking hours, Monday through Friday.

Jane is a gifted artist whose insights and skill abound through her mosaic medium.

She has the astounding ability of taking shattered and broken pieces of the past and using it as a starting point for a new artistic endeavor.

Jane is a founding member of the Prairie Art Guild.

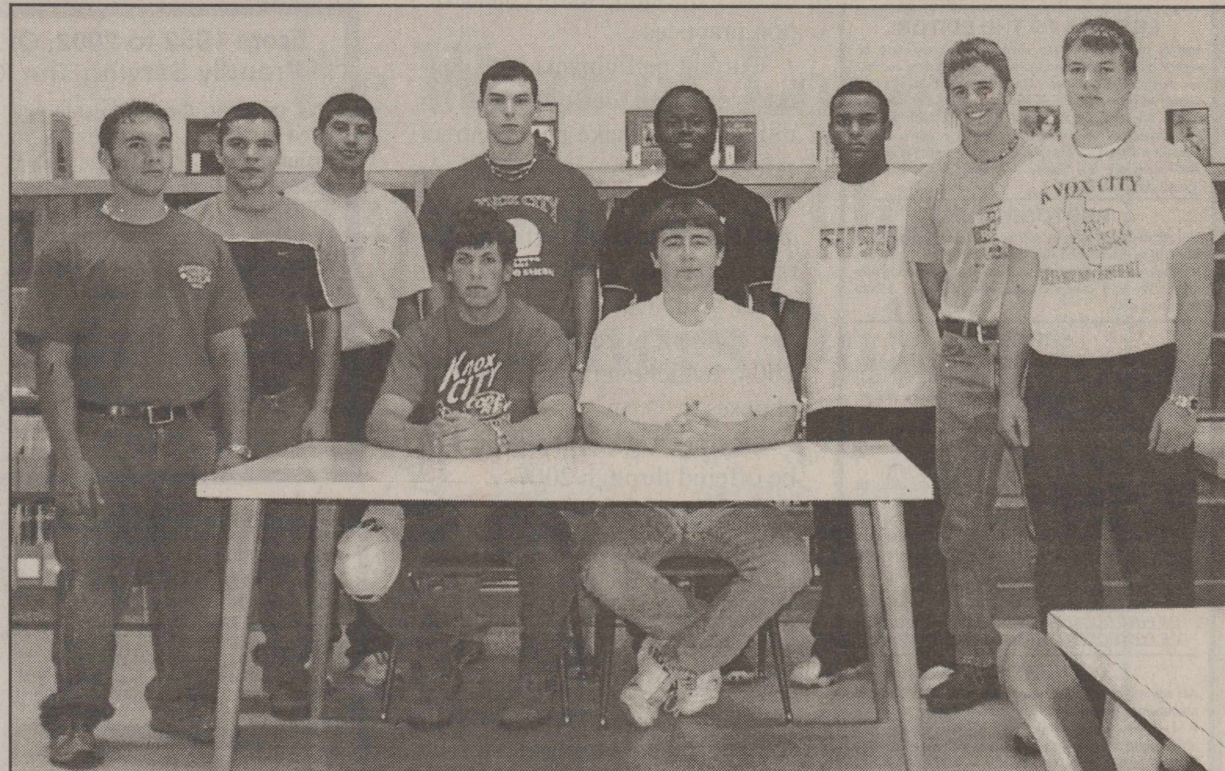
The Prairie Art Guild is a group of regional artists who are dedicated to art education, promoting the arts and inspiring artists.

The Citizens Bank exhibits and the murals appearing throughout Knox City are two projects of the guild.

Area artists are encouraged to become an active part of the Prairie Art Guild.

The organization meets on a regular basis to share ideas and inspire new works of art.

For more information regarding the Prairie Art Guild and any of its projects contact Kim Clonts or Sheri Baty.



All-District Baseball Greyhounds

DISTRICT CHAMPION GREYHOUNDS named to All-District honors Monday of this week were seated, Caleb Carver, Defensive MVP and Scooter Thompson, Offensive MVP. Standing, from left, are first team members, C.J. Bruce, third base; Carlos Ruiz, utility; Derrick Magana, outfield; Rick Gonzales, first base; Quentin Spells, outfield; and Gemile Roberson, outfield; and second team members, Andy Shaver and Ty Chisum, infield.

(NEWS digital photo)

July '03 TAAS exit test dates are announced

The spring administration of the exit level TAAS and test will be conducted at 8:00 a.m. in the Benjamin and Knox City high schools on the following dates:

- July 8 - Writing
- July 9 - Mathematics
- July 10 - Reading

Students currently enrolled in the 11th or 12th grades are eligible to take any section of the exit level test that they have not yet mastered. In addition, individuals who are out of school may test at the spring administration.

Individuals who are no longer enrolled in a Texas public school and who wish to register to retake the TAAS test may pick up a registration packet at the high school principal's office in the Benjamin or Knox City high school. The test registration form must be completed and returned in the pre-addressed envelope and must be received in Austin, Texas, no later than 5:00 p.m., June 6, 2003. A student can register for the TAAS test online by accessing the Texas Education Agency Student Assessment Division website at <http://k12testing.tx.ncspearson.com/oos> or by completing a registration form.

The Texas Education Agency and NCS Pearson will not be responsible for registration forms that are delayed or lost in the mail. Questions concerning the spring exit level test should be directed to the Texas Education Agency, Student Assessment Division, (512) 463-9536.

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Letters to the Editor are encouraged. They must be signed by the author and include the telephone number for verification purposes. Only the writer's name will appear in print. Letters should be kept to a reasonable length, are subject to be edited for clarity, liable and for the purpose of only conveying a single point. Every attempt will be made not to change the meaning of letters. All letters are run "space available". Each letter is accepted on that basis.

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Unsolicited photographs will be considered at a charge that will be determined after the picture is viewed. At this time, we do not accept photos by e-mail or on computer disk. We will accept actual photographs or 35mm negatives only.

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This newspaper is not responsible for errors in more than one edition. Claims will not be considered unless made within 72 hours of publication. No allowance will be made when the error does not materially affect the value of the advertisement.

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Note: Since we are a small business with a full time staff of two, these times may vary as we are out of the office to cover news & sports stories, attend school events, take pictures, conduct business or handle family matters.



STUDENTS OF MRS. EDMONDS Family and Consumer Sciences classes made baby blankets for a community service project. Supt. Louis Baty will deliver the blankets to the Children's Hospital in Dallas. (NEWS digital photo)

KC-O'Brien School to sponsor summer food service program

The Knox City-O'Brien CISD announces the sponsorship of the upcoming 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 com-

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>.

plaints 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 on this program, or for those interested persons needing additional information, contact Knox City-O'Brien CISD Superintendent Louis Baty at the administration office of the school district or call 657-3521.

KC Athletic Booster club to meet Monday

The Knox City Athletic Booster Club will meet Monday, May 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the high school library.

Election of officers and plans for next year will be discussed.

For more information, call Sharla Carver at 940-657-3486.

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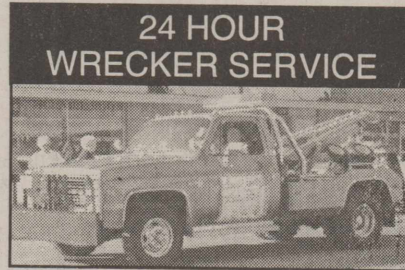
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Obituaries

Manuel D. Alsides

Funeral services for Manuel D. Alsides of Abilene, former O'Brien resident, were held Saturday, May 10, 2003, at 10:00 a.m. at Santa Rosa Catholic Church in Knox City. Burial was in the O'Brien Cemetery with Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Alsides died Friday, May 9, 2003, in an Abilene hospital. Born May 18, 1918, in Presidio, Texas, he married Ricarda Catana on February 22, 1947. He worked in ginning and farming. They moved to Abilene five years ago from O'Brien.

Mr. Alsides was a member of the Santa Rosa Catholic Church. Survivors include his wife, Ricarda of the home; 11 children, Hope Alsides, Albert Alsides, Toney Alsides, Joe Alsides, Nina Leijo, Frank Alsides, Leonarda Alsides, John Alsides, Elida Villarreal, Daniel Alsides and Tina Torres; 32 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, a sister, Juanita Cadina, and 23 nieces and nephews.

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ~ Knox City

Claude McKiddy, Pastor
Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH ~ Knox City

Tex Cox, Pastor
Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.

FOUR SQUARE CHURCH ~ Knox City

Paul Chambers, Pastor
Sunday School at 10:00 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

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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 of Benjamin

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Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m. ~ Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.

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Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.
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CHURCH OF CHRIST ~ Benjamin

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O'Brien happenings

By Audie Johnston, O'Brien Correspondent

"Stan was tired from fishing all morning, so he went in for a nap. His wife, Joyce, took the boat out onto the lake and sat in it reading a book. After about half an hour, the sheriff pulled alongside in his motorboat. "Ma'am," he said, "I'm sorry, but you're in a restricted fishing area."

"But I'm not fishing," Joyce objected. "I'm just reading my book."

"Maybe, but you have all the equipment," said the sheriff. "I'm

going to have to write you a ticket." "Fine," said Joyce, "but I'll be charging you with sexual assault." "What?" snapped the outraged sheriff. "I haven't even touched you!"

"True," Joyce replied, "But you do have all the equipment."

Here and There - Pansy Hines, Julie and Stephanie Keeling of Lubbock, Kevin Urbanczyk of Goree and Claudia Reid of Rochester visited with Adelle Herring over the weekend.

Janoma Stephens spent Mother's Day weekend in Plainview with Carl and Bobbie Marshall and helped out in the flower shop with Bobbie.

Bernice Rowan spent the weekend with Jerry and Margaret Rowan and families.

Alton and LaUna Hester were in Panhandle over the weekend with their daughter Brenda and husband and son and they will be moving there soon.

Vivian Hendrix spent the weekend in Wichita with her daughters, LeNear, Pretrecia, LaDocia and families.

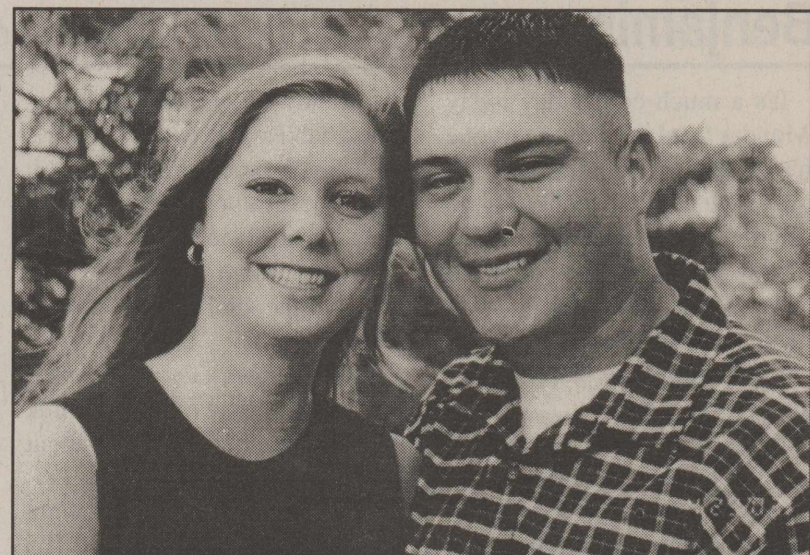
Bro. Milton McAmas and wife Rhonda and daughter Laci were in Dallas last week for Bro. Milton's graduation from some college there.

Kenneth and Sammie Roberts of Plainview and Don and Marilyn Johnston of Slaton and Jim Johnston and grandson Zachery Wells of Lubbock visited with me over the weekend. That little great-grandson Zachery was the life of the gang.

The youth of the FBC-O'Brien

had great response to their bake sale last Saturday and also thank those who contributed. Proceeds will be used to send youth to church camp and support other activities. They are looking forward to next week's sale at Benjamin. Girls and their sponsors are looking forward to the Church Sit For Children from 5-10 p.m. at the O'Brien church.

Craig and Chase Brothers of Tuscola, Tammy Lindley of Abilene and Don Brothers of O'Brien all visited Charlene Brothers Sunday.



ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED - Janice Vacek, Will Vacek and Sarah Vacek announce the engagement of her daughter and their sister, Jennifer Marie to Pidi Castaneda, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pito Castaneda of Aspermont. Jennifer is also the daughter of the late William Vacek. She graduated from Knox City High School in 2001 and Castaneda graduated from Aspermont High School in 2001. They are both students at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview. A July 19, 2003, wedding has been set at St. Joseph's Church in Rhineland. (Courtesy Photo)

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New Arrivals
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Grayson Ellis Tankersley
Vaden Neal Tankersley

Boyce and Paula Tankersley of Lubbock are happy to announce the arrival of twin sons. Grayson Ellis, four pounds, three ounces; and Vaden Neal, four pounds, eleven ounces, were born on May 7 at Covenant Medical Center.

Proud grandparents include Vaden Dean of Tuscola, Juanda Threlkeld of Mesa, Arizona, and Jimmy and Ann Tankersley of Knoxville City. The babies' great-grandparents are E.H. and Martell Tankersley of Knoxville City and Myrl Hall of Anson.

A Golden Time

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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.

More DPS troopers ready for action, graduate academy

An additional 90 troopers will soon be reporting for duty across the state following their graduation today from the Texas Department of Public Safety's 124th Training Academy in Austin.

"You have completed one of the finest training programs anywhere in the world and are well-prepared to protect the public safety," said Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott, who addressed the graduating class at the Riverbend Center in Austin. "For 21 million Texans, you will be the face of law enforcement. You are the men and women Texans will look to for help, for protection and for enforcement. People will look up to you and expect much from you."

As a result of today's graduation, the trooper ranks are at full strength. This caps a two-year period in which 630 new troopers joined the Department, offsetting a wave of retirements and the need for additional troopers because of NAFTA. (In the late '60s and early '70s, the Legislature dramatically expanded the number of Highway Patrol troopers. As this group of people retired, it led to an unprecedented need for new troopers.)

Diversity is an important issue for DPS. Sixty percent of the graduates are white and 40 percent are minorities (Black, Hispanic, American Indian or Asian). Six of those are women.


"Our graduates today enter a different and more dangerous world in law enforcement," said Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr., director of the DPS. "They will act as the first line of defense for the citizens of Texas against criminals of all sorts—from drunk drivers to terrorists. We expect them to uphold and even enhance the proud tradition of the Texas Department of Public Safety."

In about two weeks, the troopers will move to duty stations all across the state. Most are assigned to the Highway Patrol Service, while others will work as License and Weight, Driver License or Capitol troopers. They will spend the first six months in on-the-job training with a senior trooper.

The troopers began the six-month training academy in October. Instruction covered more than 100 subjects, including traffic and criminal law, arrest procedures, accident reconstruction and first aid. They also received extensive firearms, driving, self-defense and physical fitness training.

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Benjamin news

By Gladene Green, Benjamin Correspondent

It's a much cooler day today (Monday) and that puts everyone in a better frame of mind. Still no rain to speak of but thankfully no turbulent weather as our friends in other places have experienced lately. We keep hoping and praying that we don't have any storms while praying they stop in other parts of the country.

Injured in accident - Jacob, Tina and "little" Jakey Siemens were injured in an accident Saturday night near the airport north of Knox City when their van was in collision with two horses. All three were injured but Jacob received the most severe and he was transported to Lubbock for further tests and evaluation. At last report he was still in the ICU and it had been determined he had some spinal injury. No other word at this time. As always when friends have problems, we ask your prayers in their behalf.

New arrivals - Benjamin has two new baby girls - born one day apart. Madison Grace, daughter of Jimmy and Michele Barrientez, was born Tuesday, May 6, in Abilene. Abigail Adeline was born Wednesday, May 7, in Wichita Falls. Her parents are

Clint and Misty Jones. Seems parents, babies and both little girls two big brothers are making it fine. The little boys will have quite an adjustment to make but I bet they get it done. (Next week, I'll have all the vital stats on the babies.)

School news - The school year is "winding down" and I think kids and teachers alike are about ready for a break.

The prom was Saturday night at the Ex-Student Building. The annual awards banquet will be Tuesday, the 13th. That's when all the sports and literary awards are presented. Baccalaureate is Sunday night at 8 p.m. at the Methodist Church. Junior High commencement is Thursday night, the 22nd and high school graduation is Friday, the 23rd. Both nights the programs begin at 8:00 p.m.

The Seniors will leave after school is out on their senior trip. This year they have opted to go to Myrtle Beach, SC, for several days of "fun in the sun". So you see, there's still a few things happening before the last bell rings.

Here 'N There - Betty Bohannon is in Amarillo with her sister who underwent surgery to-

day (Monday). She will be there a few days until Marilyn can return home. Betty's niece, Debbie Stephenson of Clyde, visited the Bohannons early in the week.

Edith Broach of Lubbock was a weekend visitor with Benjamin relatives.

Stephanie and Bobby Brannan and children of Lubbock were Mother's Day weekend guests of homefolks.

My Mother's Day guests were my daughters, Mike, Diane and Ashley Evans of Childress and Debbie and Mike Moorhouse and family of Benjamin. And Ashlee has her long casts off her arms now. Has one between her elbows and wrists. And if all goes well, she may get them off in two more weeks!

Ashley Bufkin has been elected friendliest girl in Crowell High School. Ashley and her family moved to Crowell last year from Benjamin. She's a junior and daughter of Mike and Lori and granddaughter of Sonny and Doris Bufkin. I congratulate Ashley.

A.W. Golden and Billy Ray Golden of Fort Worth visited her Saturday and attended the funeral of Bob Meinzer.

NRCS announces financial assistance

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has announced that financial assistance will be available in Texas to conserve natural resources and address environmental concerns on private lands. Funds are part of conservation provisions contained in the 2002 Farm Bill and Authorized by the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).

Eligible farmers and ranchers may apply for these funds as cost-share assistance.

In Texas, NRCS works with 216 local Soil and Water Conservation Districts to address local natural resource issues. L.D. Offutt, Chairman of the Wichita-Brazos SWCD, said he was pleased with the input they have received in developing the local conservation needs criteria for Knox County.

Applications for the 2003 EQUIP program in Texas will be accepted through June 13, 2003. For more information, contact the local SWCD district office or NRCS field office.

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Date	Low	High	Rain
05/06	54	91	
05/07	56	95	.06
05/08	72	102	
05/09	52	99	
05/10	68	95	
05/11	53	80	
05/12	52	85	

Total 2003 Rainfall - 2.03

Keeping an Eye on Texas

Go for the Green

Bermuda grass may soon become a thing of the past on Southern golf courses and playing fields.

A turf grass called seashore paspalum, originally from South Africa, may be the new king of the links. The grass uses about 50 percent less water than more traditional Bermuda grasses, and requires less pesticide and fertilizer.

It is currently used at the Houston Astros' Minute Maid Park and at the Kings Crossing golf course in Corpus Christi, Texas.

SOURCES: Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn (www.window.state.tx.us) and the University of Georgia College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences.

Observando a Texas

Ve por el verde

El césped Bermuda puede convertirse en cosa del pasado en los campos de golf y en los campos de juego.

Un césped llamado seashore paspalum, originario de África del Sur, puede ser el nuevo rey del eslabón. El césped utiliza cerca del 50 por ciento menos agua que el tradicional césped Bermuda, y requiere menos pesticidas y fertilizantes.

Actualmente es utilizado en el Estadio Minute Maid de los Astros de Houston y en el campo de golf Kings Crossing en Corpus Christi, Texas.

Origen: Carole Keeton Strayhorn, Contralora de Cuentas Públicas de Texas, y el Departamento de Agricultura y Ciencias Ambientales de la Universidad de Georgia.

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BENJAMIN - Large older home located at 100 N. Hinton (N. Hwy. 6). Home has been remodeled inside and has large kitchen - dining area, three window units, and large shop building outside. Call Rike Real Estate 940-864-2411 for information or showing.
5-8 tfc 41

Garage Sale

GARAGE SALE - One Day Only ! Friday, 9:00 a.m. 507 Avenue E South. Mostly clothes, chrome/glass dinette and chairs, 1 maple hutch. 5-15 tfc 23

MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE - Clothes, furniture, odds and ends. 8 am. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 17 at 506 Main in Rochester. 5-15 tfc 24

Help Wanted

MANAGER POSITION available at Munday DQ. Looking for friendly, customer service leader. Above average base pay for above average person with bonus incentive. Holiday and vacation pay. Smoke and drug free work environment. Drug test and background check required. Call District Manager, Angie Jordan, 940-585-8586. 5-15 tfc 47

For Sale

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FASHIONS CONTINUE to arrive. See our consignment collection of suits, skirts, pants, jeans, dresses, separates at unheard-of prices! Appearances, 108 N. Central, Knox City. 5-15 tfc 25

HAY - 5 X 6 rye, 150 rolls available. U-load. \$30 per roll. Call 940-658-5507. 5-15 tfc 2p

BEACH SANDALS have arrived in sizes we were out of. Come in while sizes are complete. Appearances, 108 North Central, Knox City. 5-15 tfc 22

SEEDS FROM THE SOWER
Michael A. Guido Metter, Georgia

A lady said to a tramp, "Here's a quarter, not because you deserve it, but it pleases me to give it."

"Thanks, ma'am," he said. "But make it a dollar and really enjoy it!"

The Lord has given us two hands - one for receiving and the other for giving. But if you take and never give, you may last for years but you'll never live. And giving is a joy, if you do it in the right way.

Don't ask, "What can I spare?" but "What can I share?"

The Bible says, "Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

Notice

FAST FOOD FOR people on the go. Penman's Convenience Store, 940-658-3424. 12-19 tfc 12

NEED A SITTER? Girls of the Youth Group at O'Brien Baptist Church and their sponsors will keep your children at the church from 5-10 p.m. for a Parents Night Out. Appropriate videos will be shown and snacks will be furnished. Please call Rhonda McManus for details at 658-3725. Fees - Donations. 5-15 tfc 52

IN A HURRY? Call ahead, Penman's Convenience Store, 940-658-3424. 12-19 tfc 10

Bid Notice

BENJAMIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting bids on a 1980 International 47 passenger bus, a 1983 GMC 35 passenger bus and one lot of used fencing. Bids will be opened on June 9, 2003 at 8:00 p.m. All bids shall be in a sealed envelope with School Surplus Bid on front of envelope. The bids are to be sent or delivered to: Richard McCanlies, President Benjamin ISD Board of Trustees P.O. Box 166 Benjamin, TX 79505 The Benjamin ISD Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any or all bids. 5-15 tfc 101

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Fatigue May Be More Than Old Age

Like their hearts, the lives of Ted and Beth Gaeddert have regained a normal rhythm.

Ted is working in his basement replacing the hot water heater, something that just two years ago he thought, "was a thing of the past." Beth is upstairs embroidering a shirt, the type of thing she had all but given up.

Ted and Beth, each 69 years old and married for 41 years, suffer from heart failure. Both have an implanted Medtronic InSync® cardiac resynchronization therapy system, a specialized pacemaker that works to coordinate the beating of the two lower chambers of the heart.

In heart failure patients, the heart loses its normal pumping rhythm. Cardiac resynchronization therapy (CRT) addresses this problem, re-establishing a normal pumping pattern by sending electrical impulses to both sides of the heart. Once the heart is pumping efficiently, normal blood flow delivers much-needed oxygen to organs throughout the body.

"My biggest complaint was that I was so overwhelmingly tired," says Beth, a retired nurse. "I thought it was because of old age, but that was not the case at all. It was really a heart problem. Now I realize that being tired all the time is just not normal."

Feeling Good Again

"The morning after my implant I woke up with more energy than I've had for years," Beth says. Now she is again doing her embroidery, furniture finishing and providing full-time day-care for her grandchildren. "I am getting back to things that I had started and just left," she says.

Ted now enjoys a very active lifestyle, including yard work, long walks and swimming with the grandchildren.

"The InSync device is not a cure," Ted explains. "What InSync has done is to help restore a quality of life so that we have been able to function normally."



Ted and Beth Gaeddert are both living well with heart failure thanks to their cardiac resynchronization therapy delivered by the Medtronic InSync® devices.

"You feel good again - something that you thought you had lost forever," Beth says.

Looking For Help

Heart failure, which affects 5 million people in the U.S., is the country's fastest growing heart disorder and the leading cause of hospitalization for those over 65.

Your doctor can diagnose heart failure, but there are some signs you can look for on your own. Most symptoms of heart failure are often confused with signs of aging including:

- Shortness of breath
- Swelling of the feet and legs
- Lack of energy, feeling tired
- Difficulty sleeping at night due to breathing problems

As it worsens, heart failure can be debilitating, severely interfering with patients' ability to function and robbing them of energy, mobility and independence. If you or someone you know is showing symptoms of heart failure, it is important to consult with your doctor.

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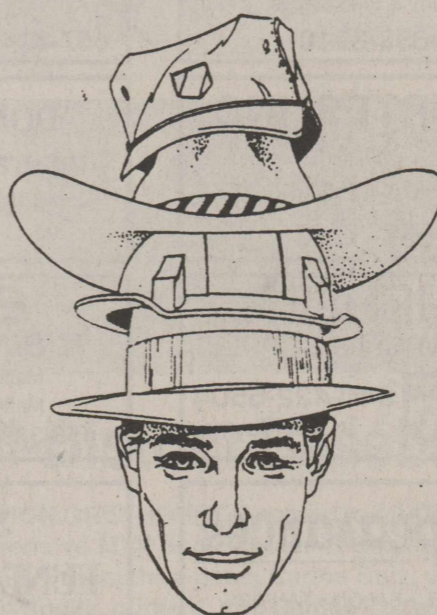
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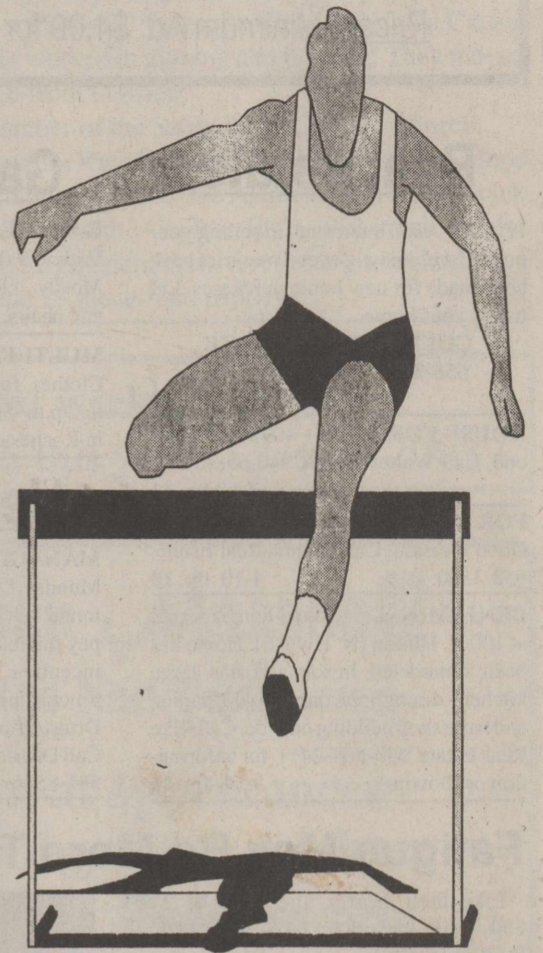
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