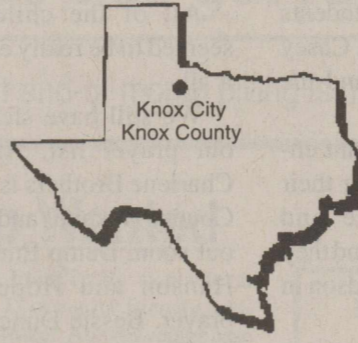


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UIL Banquet cut short by storm, rain

The 35th annual UIL Banquet was held Thursday, May 15, and was cut short by inclement weather.

Following the literary and band presentations, athletic director Wayne Hutchinson assisted by his coaching staff of Mitch McLemore, Jeremy West, Larry Welch and Colin Howeth presented lettermen and the following athletic awards:

'K' Awards - volleyball, Kimberly Hawkins; girls' basketball, Nikki Moss; boys' basketball, Kendrick Green; baseball, Caleb Carver; powerlifting, Wes Parker; girls' track, Sophia Gutierrez; boys' track, Dustin Johnson; boys' tennis, Landon Weiershausen, Brad Johnson; golf, Caleb Carver; football, Sedrick Roberson;

Fighting Heart Awards - Scooter Thompson, Samantha Gutierrez

Houndette and Greyhound Awards - Sophia Gutierrez, Kendrick Green, Caleb Carver

U.S. Army Scholar Athlete Awards - Scooter Thompson, Kimberly Hawkins

Best All-Around Students - Kimberly Hawkins, Carlos Ruiz

Athletic Booster Club to meet June 3

The Greyhound Athletic Booster Club will meet Tuesday, June 3, in the Doug Meinzer Community Center at 7:00 p.m.

According to new president Jeff Stanfield, several items of business will be discussed.

Historical group plans garage sale

Need to clear out closets but don't want to do a garage sale?

Then donate those old treasures to a museum fundraiser - garage sale sponsored by the Friends of the Knox County Historical Commission.

The Friends of the KCHC are collecting items now for a garage sale, Saturday, June 7, at the home of Mary Cartwright, 740 North Third Avenue, in Munday in conjunction with Munday's annual city wide garage sale.

Due to lack to space no clothing items are being accepted or sold, but 'just about' everything else is wanted for the sale.

Among items already offered for the sale are a refrigerator, furniture, bedspreads, tablecloths, hardback and paperback books, costume jewelry, bargain priced magazines, glassware and household decorative items.

Contact Mrs. Cartwright at 422-4762 to donate items. The Friends would like to start collecting items now so everything will be ready early on June 7.

Texas-Oklahoma Watermelon Queen visits Knox City Elementary students



KNOX COUNTY'S JENNIFER CARDEN, who is the reigning Texas-Oklahoma Watermelon Queen, visited last week with students in Knox City Elementary. At a planned day of fun, the queen assisted with a 'watermelon seed spitting contest'. Jennifer was named the Texas-Oklahoma Watermelon Queen earlier in the year and was sponsored by Johnson Melon Corp. of Knox City. While in the county, she also visited in Munday.

KC Chamber of Commerce seeking donations for new state champions sign

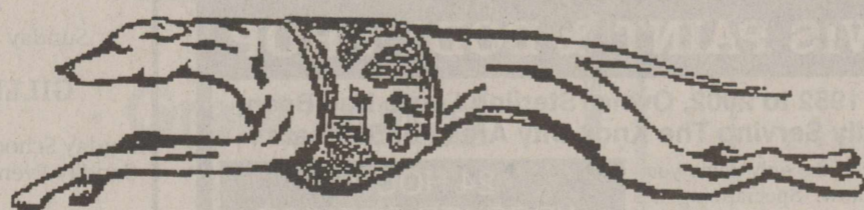
At Corner of Highway 6 & Highway 222

The Knox City Chamber of Commerce is working to construct a new sign, "State Champions of the New Millennium", to recognize athletic achievements at the state level.

The new sign will be erected at the corner of Highway 6 and Highway 222, the Allsup's corner, according to chamber executive director Daveine Clark. "We are providing an opportunity for anyone to participate in this undertaking through the donation process. We are seeking to raise \$2,000 to complete this wonderful endeavor and encourage everyone to participate. No donation is too small," she said.

Donations may be mailed to the Chamber office at P.O. Box 91, or may be taken to the Chamber office as soon as possible.

Plans are to have this completed by the prior of starting the new school year.



Immunization clinic to be in Munday Thursday, June 12

The Texas Department of Health will conduct an Immunization Clinic at the Perry Patton Community Center in Munday on Thursday, June 12, from 9:30-11:30 and during the afternoon hours of 1:30-3:00.

DTaP, Polio, MMR and Chickenpox vaccines for children entering school will be available at the clinic as well as other immunizations for adults, infants and children.

A parent, adult family member or guardian must accompany a minor.

Parents of participants must bring immunization records as well as Social Security card for their child.

All services at the clinic are provided by the Texas Department of Health and are offered on a sliding fee scale, but no one will be denied services due to an inability to pay.

For more information on the immunization clinic, call 940-552-8770.

Straight Talk



By Dave Thompson

An eye opening experience

Sometimes it takes an eye opening experience to make us realize things we ordinarily might not pay attention to. In my case, the recent motorcycle accident I had back in April when I hit a deer in the Texas hill country, has made me pay a lot more attention to the plight of handicapped folks.

My realization could have a lot to do with the fact that I'm going to be using a wheelchair for the next several months. Daily life in a wheelchair presents a lot of challenges, especially when one sees that there are folks in our community who make life rough for the handicapped on a daily basis.

The folks I am referring to are those who choose to park their

See Straight Talk, page 6

April Police Dept. report

The Knox City Police Department had another busy month during April 2003, receiving a total of 766 calls and tasks that required attention. This total included five actual criminal offenses. Four charges were filed in regard to the above offenses, with none of the offenses involved juveniles as offenders.

Offenses reported include: Burglary of a Vehicle - 1, M.I.P. - 3, D.W.L.S. - 1, Traffic Charges Filed - 7, Warnings Issued - 28, Accidents - 2.

Other items reported to the Knox City Police Department during April are classified as incidents. These incidents are not considered as a criminal offense however, they must be handled in a responsible and proper manner.

Incidents reported include: Open Door - 3, Assist EMS - 5, Dog Call - 3, Motorist Assist - 4, Assist other agencies - 11, Funeral Escorts - 1, Landing Zone - 2, Gas Drive-off - 1, Loud Music - 6, Prowler - 1, Domestic Dispute - 1.

During March 2003, this department received several calls from the following agencies: Central (911) - 58, Sheriff's Office - 28, City Hall - 15.

A parenting fair was held at the Knox City High School gym, and there was a good turnout. A lot of parents asked questions about several different topics. Our prayers go out to the Provost family. Officer Provost lost his father. With school out, this department has been receiving several complaints about kids having water balloon fights. This department would also like to congratulate the Senior Class of 2003. Good luck in the future.

/s/Harry E. Steen
Chief of Police
Knox City Police Department

O'Brien happenings

By Audie Johnston, O'Brien Correspondent

"Hear and There - My wife and I, both a little hard of hearing, were watching golf on TV. I turned to my wife of some 50 years and said, "In my next life, I'm going to be rich and play all those beautiful courses, with their great bars and dining and dancing areas."

My wife quickly responded, "How will you be able to manage that with your bad legs? You can barely walk."

"I said in my next life," I replied.

"Oh," she said. "I thought you said, 'With my next wife.'"

Here and There - Loretta Hewitt spent the weekend in Abilene with her daughter, Vickie and family.

David Ellis of Alpine is visiting his mom, Beatrice Ellis, a few days this week and will be helping

her with some yard work and etc. Orval and Helen Manning were blessed last week by having their son, Royce of Abilene, spend the day with them and enjoy a good meal and visitation.

Several of the college students are home for spring break. Casey Carver, Angela Roberts and the two Sanchez brothers.

Eddie and Claudia Bryant enjoyed a few days enjoying their granddaughters, Hadlee and Cecylee Hicks of Hawley and they also visited their new grandson in Lubbock.

We're happy to have one new lady to move to O'Brien and attends O'Brien Baptist Church and that's Pat Garza. We sure could use a lot more.

Our Vacation Bible School

started Sunday at 6:00 p.m.

There were 33 registered and we're expecting more. The families of some of the children stayed for church service and enjoyed everything.

All of the children so far seemed to be really excited about it all.

We still have sick people on our prayer list. At this time, Charlene Brothers is in the Knox County Hospital and hopes to be out soon. Demp Emerson, Clara Hanson and Hope Poe need prayer. Bessie Duncan is still in Abilene Hospital and needs our prayers.

Julie Sanders of Amarillo came to her mom's today and will be here to help her in Vacation Bible School this week.

Knox City graduate is recipient of county extension scholarship

Logan Morrow, 19 year old son of Poncho and Leisa Morrow of Knox City, has been selected as recipient of the Knox County Extension Education Association's "4-H Scholarship".

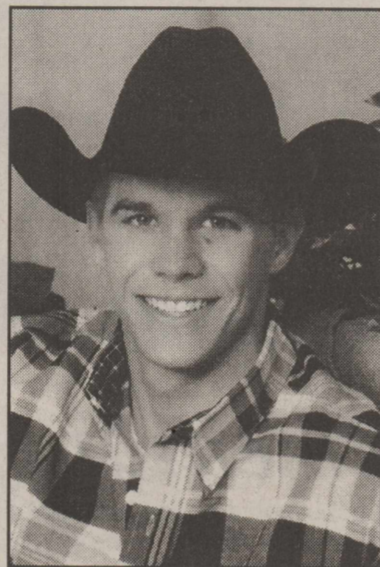
Logan plans to attend Vernon Regional Junior College where he will major in Farm and Ranch Management.

The \$200.00 scholarship is awarded annually to a Knox County 4-H member or a 4-H member living in Knox County.

The scholarship is based upon their 4-H participation, need for financial assistance, grades, community service and extra curricular activities.

Logan has participated in the 4-H program for 10 years taking part in horse, swine, and goat projects.

Logan has held various 4-H club offices. Highlights of Logan's career include Knox County Livestock Award, Knox County Silver Star Award, and State Horse



LOGAN MORROW

Show Champion Team Penning Team.

Logan is also active in various school and church activities.

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

Kayla Garcia graduates from South Plains College

LEVELLAND - Kayla Jane Garcia from Knox City received an Associate of Science Degree during South Plains College's 45th commencement exercises May 16.

A record 832 students were

awarded diplomas during ceremonies in Texan Dome.

"Graduation is a significant milestone in the lives of these students," Dr. Gary McDaniel, SPC president, said.

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 signup 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>.

Andrew Jackson Correll II is among ENMU graduate candidates this summer

PORTALES - Andrew Jackson Correll II, a Knox City High School graduate, is among the 407 graduation candidates at Eastern New Mexico University this summer.

Thirty students have applied for associate's degrees, 309 for bachelor's degrees and 68 for master's degrees.

Andrew, the son of Brenda and Sonny Correll of Knox City, is a candidate for a master of science in physical education, sport administration.

Obituaries

Harold L. Watson

Harold L. Watson, 78, of Richland Hills, died after a brief illness, Thursday, May 8, 2003.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, May 13, at 11:00 a.m. in Greenwood Memorial Park.

Born July 11, 1924, in Knox City, he served in the United States Marines during World War II. He was a member of Richland Hills Baptist Church and retired from Stratoflex.

Harold attended the old Sunset school for elementary school. He was a graduate of Knox City High School and North Texas State University.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Berthel Ruth Watson in 1993; and his parents, Earl and Pearl Watson.

Harold is survived by many loving cousins.

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Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m.
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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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Saturday Mass at 7:00 p.m. ~ Sunday Mass at 9:00 a.m.
- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH of Benjamin**
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Sunday Evening at 6:00 p.m.
- FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of Benjamin**
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- GILLESPIE BAPTIST CHURCH ~ Gillespie**
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Sunday Evening Worship at 7:00 p.m. ~ Mid Week, Wed. at 7:00 p.m.
- CHURCH OF CHRIST ~ Benjamin**
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Mid Week, Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.
- FAITH CHAPEL ~ 8 Miles South Of Knox City**
Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.
Mid Week, Wed. at 7:00 p.m.
- O'BRIEN BAPTIST CHURCH ~ O'Brien**
Milton McManus, Pastor
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.
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Dr. Barretto shares information on Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome

By Dr. Shirley Barretto
Knox County Health Officer

CDC continues to support the World Health Organization (WHO) in the investigation of a multicountry outbreak of unexplained atypical pneumonia referred to as Severe Respiratory Syndrome (SARS).

As of March 26, a total of 1,323 suspected and/or probable SARS cases has been reported to WHO from 14 locations using the WHO case definition or country specific variations.

These reported SARS cases include 41 deaths (case fatality proportion: 4%). The Chinese authorities have reported 792 suspected/probable cases, including 31 deaths, which occurred in Guangdong province during November 16, 2002 to February 28, 2003.

CDC is assisting in epidemiologic investigation of cases in Hong Kong, Vietnam, Taiwan and

Thailand. CDC also is conducting surveillance and prevention activities in the United States Definition For Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) Suspected Case: Respiratory illness of unknown etiology with onset since February 1, 2003 and the following criteria:

- Measured temperature 100.4 degrees F or 38.0 degrees C or higher;

- One or more clinical findings of respiratory illness (E.G., cough, shortness of breath, difficulty of breathing, hypoxia (low oxygen level) or x-ray findings or either pneumonia or acute respiratory distress syndrome).

- Travel within 10 days of onset of symptoms to an area with suspected or documented community transmission of SARS, (Hong Kong, Guangdong Province, China; Hanoi, Vietnam; Singapore; area in the U.S. and Canada with suspected or con-

firmed cases of SARS (excluding areas with secondary cases limited to health care workers or direct household contacts).

- Close contact (having cared for, or having lived with, or having had direct contact with respiratory secretions and/or body fluids of a patient suspected of having SARS) within 10 days of onset of symptoms with either a person with a respiratory illness and travel to a SARS area or a person under investigation or suspected of having SARS.

Standard precaution includes hand hygiene and washing, using mask and with direct contacts using gowns and gloves precautions. Until the mode of transmission has been defined more precisely, eye protection also should be work for all patient contact.

As more clinical and epidemiologic information becomes available, interim recommendations will be updated.

Aging center lunch menus

June 2nd thru June 7th

Monday, June 2 - Braised beef tips with gravy, buttered rice, sweet peas, apple / celery salad, apple crunch.

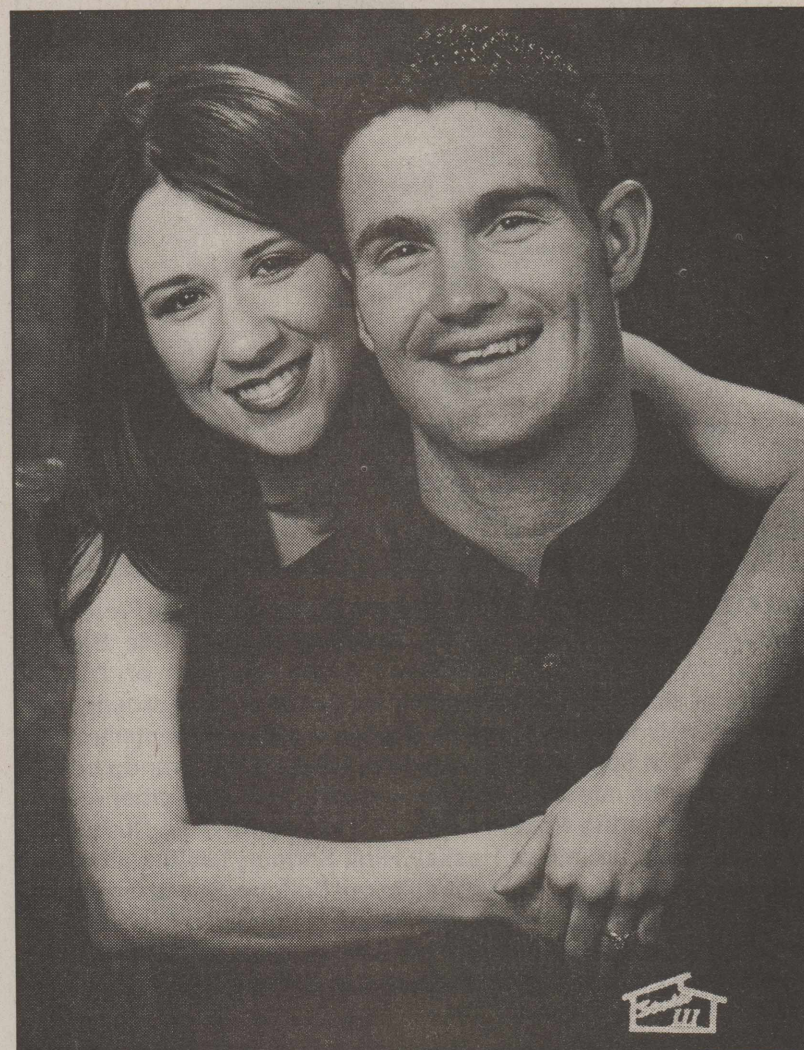
Tuesday, June 3 - Bar-b-q franks, pinto beans, seven-minute cabbage, cornbread, cookies.

Wednesday, June 4 - Beef spaghetti, green beans, cole slaw, batter bread, dessert.

Thursday, June 5 - Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, hominy casserole, hot rolls, jello with fruit.

Friday, June 6 - Mexican casserole, whole kernel corn, lettuce and tomato salad, cake.

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



ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED - Rick and Carmen Cook are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Destiny James to Brad Westbrook, son of Kent and Becky Westbrook, all of Jacksonville. The bride is the daughter of Carmen (Conn) Cook and Wayne James of Waxahachie and the granddaughter of Esther Conn and the late W.L. Conn. The bride-elect is a graduate of Jacksonville High School and a December 2002 graduate of the University of Texas at Tyler. She is employed by Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler as a registered nurse on the mother / baby unit. The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Jacksonville High School. He will graduate from Baylor University in Waco in May where he is a pre-dental student majoring in health science studies. He is employed by Westbrook Chevron. The wedding will be held June 21 at First United Methodist Church in Jacksonville and the couple will honeymoon in Bermuda.

Casey Carver named to Angelo State dean's list

SAN ANGELO - The Dean's List for the 2003 Spring Semester has been announced at Angelo State University in San Angelo.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled full-time and maintain a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

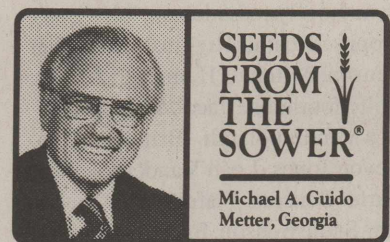
From Knox City was Casey Cyle Carver, a kinesiology/secondary certification.

Kim Chambers Goodwin awarded master's from Texas Woman's University

DENTON - Texas Woman's University held spring commencement ceremonies May 10 in the Kitty Magee Arena, located in Pioneer Hall on TWU's Denton campus.

Receiving a master of education in administration with a 4.0 grade point average was Kimberly Anne Chambers Goodwin.

She is the daughter of Paul and Sandra Chambers and is married to Jesse Goodwin.



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

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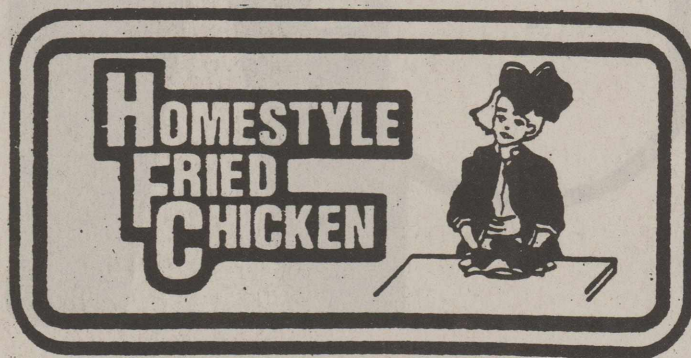
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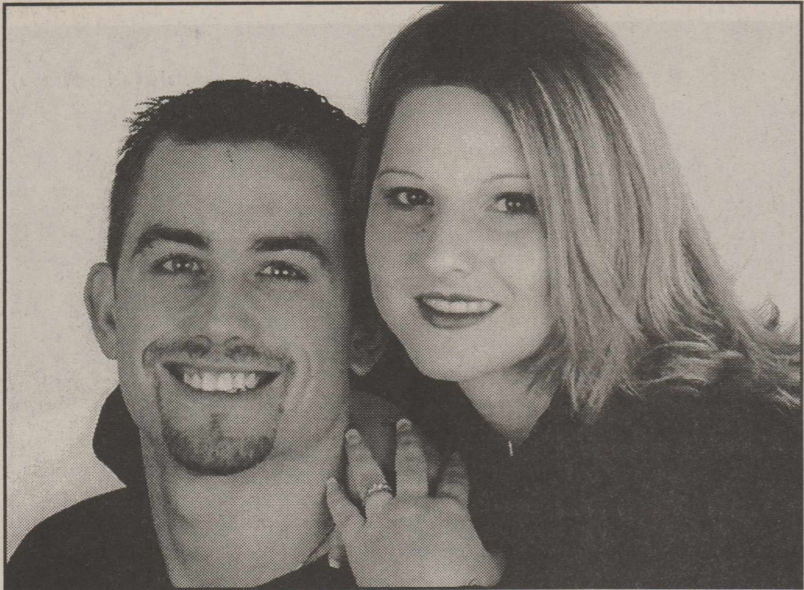
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ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED - Tabitha Coker and Wade Pierce are planning a September 6, 2003, wedding at East Side Baptist Church in Haskell. The bride-elect is the daughter of Tammy Parham of Haskell and the late Jackie Coker Jr. The prospective bridegroom is the son of Lynda Brooke Hudson of Benjamin and Keith Pierce of Springtown. Wade was raised by his grandparents, Sammy and the late Barbara Pierce of Benjamin. His other grandparents are Katrine Pagel of Killeen and Tom Brooke Hudson of Knox City. A graduate of Haskell High School, Tabitha attended South Plains College and Central Texas College. She is employed by Perry Office Plus in Temple. Pierce, a Benjamin High School graduate, attended South Plains College and Holland Jewelry School. He is employed by Pagel and Sons Jewelers in Killeen.

Benjamin news

By Gladene Green, Benjamin Correspondent

This has been a busy week as the school year is almost gone and lots of things have been going on to finish it up. Eighth grade graduation was Thursday night. Seven young folks received their diplomas and now are high school freshmen. The program was as follows: Processional, Invocation - Shawn Wilson, Class Prophecy - Karla Benson and Nafeesa Ebraheim, Class Will - Jenna McCanlies and Shaylee Propps, Salutatory Address - Sadie Benson, Valedictory Address - Brittany Kuehler, Introduction of Speaker - Shaylee Propps, Address - Janice Tolson, Presentation of Awards - Ben Grill, Supt. (trophy to honor graduates, Brittany's average 92.93 and Sadie's was 92.57), Presentation of Diplomas - Dicky McCanlies, President of School Board, Benediction - Kimberly Williams, Recessional. A reception followed.

Preceding 8th grade commencement, the Kindergarten class received their diplomas. They presented a short program and led the audience in the pledge of allegiance to the U.S. Flag and Texas flag. Those going into first grade are Ronald Banman, Sabra Bohannon, Will Patterson, Marley Steele and Kaitlyn Voss. Pam Duke is their teacher. The seventh grade class gave out programs, were ushers and served at the reception.

On Friday night, nine anxious seniors received their diplomas and thus began their journey into the "real world". The program was as follows: Processional - Pomp and Circumstance, Invocation - Bubba Benson, Salutatory Address - Lisa Siemens, 95.19; Valedictory - Matthew Coffman, 95.91; Introduction of Speaker - Lisa Siemens, Address - Brent Vanderpool, Presentation of Awards - Supt. Ben Grill, Presentation of Diplomas - Dicky McCanlies, Benediction - Robin McClellan, Recessional - class song. Ushers and programs - Lindsey Penman, Anthony Lamb, Brittany Sheedy, Nancy Siemens and Matthew Cartwright.

Perfect attendance - 5th grade - Dylan Benson, 7th grade - Judit Acevedo, 8th grade - Jenna McCanlies, Brittany Kuehler, 10th grade - Michael Clower.

Students maintaining a 90 or above, average the entire school year - 1st grade, Jaimy Banman, Michael Grimaldo, Bryston Pierce, 2nd - Matthew Acree, George Banman, Johnathan Rainwater, 3rd - Margaret Banman, Ryan Ledesma; 4th - Cody Propps, Breanna Riggins, 5th - Dylan Benson, Mitchell Ham, Teri Miller, Will Moorhouse, Jacob Siemens, Jessica Vanderpol, 6th - Brittany Coop, Devon Jones, Leah Vanderpol, 7th - Karla Benson, Nafeesa Ebraheim, 8th - Sadie Benson, Brittany Kuehler, Jenna McCanlies, 10th - Maria Acevedo, Laura Benson, Matthew Cartwright, Michael Clower, Jessica Moorhouse, Chance Propps, Nancy Siemens; 11th - Enrique Acevedo, Gloria Barraza, Lindsey Penman, Maggie Seidenberger, Brittany Sheedy, Mary Siemens, 12th - Matthew Coffman, Robin McClellan, Lisa Siemens. Receiving a trophy for maintaining the highest average in Junior High school was Nafeesa Ebraheim with a 94.57 average. The high point individual in high school was Chance Propps with an average of 99.29.

The salutatorian also received a scholarship in the amount of \$1000 from Citizens State Bank and the valedictorian received the State of Texas honor graduate scholarship. Supt. Grill also presented Wyman Meinzer a plaque of appreciation for 14 years service on the Benjamin ISD school board. Wyman opted not to seek another term this year. A

reception honoring the graduates followed.

About our ill - Jacob Siemens is still in UMC in Lubbock. They are planning to move him to the respiratory therapy unit as soon as a room is available. He is improving daily - walking a little and able to visit and enjoy his company now. That's wonderful news and tho he still has a long way to go to return to good health every bit of improvement is encouraging.

My sympathy to the family of Arnold Reeves who passed away last week. He was a pleasure to know and will be missed by many.

New Arrival - Madison Grace is the newest member of the Barrientez family. She arrived Tuesday, May 6, 2003, at Hendrick Medical Center. She weighed 6 lbs. 13 oz and was 18 inches long. Her parents are Jimmy and Michele and she has two big brothers, Caleb and Jalyn, who are very proud of her. Grandparents are Janet and Gary Reed of Benjamin and Steve and Brenda Conner of Colorado, and Mr. and Mrs. Raul Barrientez of Benjamin. Great-grandparents are Bud Conner of Benjamin and Edith Broach of Lubbock and great-great-grandmother is Hazel Stockton of Benjamin. Reports are that the entire family is doing fine.

Local's daughter earns doctorate - Sandra Hilda Bolanos, Ph.D., daughter of Joel Mendez Bolanos of Benjamin and E.C. Bolanos, graduated from the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, Saturday, May 10. Sandra grew up in Benjamin where she graduated from Benjamin High School in 1989 and earned a B.S. and M.S. from Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos. In 1997, Sandra was accepted into the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences at UTM where her research in an animal stroke model and in a neuronal cell line revealed that a family of proteins called C/EBP's stimulated the processes that nerve cells use to connect to each other, leading to a possible target for new therapies to improve recovery after stroke. As a graduate student at UTMB, Sandra was active in several student organizations, earned various scholarships and awards, and applied to and was accepted to medical school at the University of Texas Southwestern in Dallas. Now that Dr. Sandra Bolanos has completed her training as a research scientist, she will begin her studies to become a physician. Sandra ultimately desires to combine the experience of scientific research with medical training and serve to help

others as a physician-scientist. Sandra credits the support of her teachers, family and friends for her success and we congratulate her on her accomplishments.

Cheerleaders named - The cheerleaders for the coming school year have been selected. Those who will be leading cheers for high school are Maria Acevedo, Laura Benson, Jessica Moorhouse, juniors; and Kaitlyn Kuehler, a freshman.

The junior high "leaders" are Jessica Vanderpool and Devon Jones, 7th grade, and Judit Acevedo and Karla Benson from the 8th grade.

We congratulate these girls and hope they make "lots of noise" come football season.

Here 'N There - Cathy Tomlinson of Denton and her daughter, Dianna Cope and her daughter, Meagan of Cornith, visited Cathy's parents, Gloria and Leroy West, during the weekend. Betty Parker and girls of Aspermont visited on Saturday.

Jimmie Kay Liles of Longview was here Friday night for her grandson, Trey Propps', graduation from high school.

Judy Barnett is here for a few

weeks while her husband, Randy, is working in Canada. She was in Lubbock Saturday for a visit with family.

I was in Childress Saturday for a birthday party for great-granddaughter, Randi. She turned 6 and several were there to sing Happy Birthday to her. The party was in the park so for a couple of hours, she and her playmates had fun playing and enjoying cake and punch - and Randi enjoyed all her gifts!! Mike, Debbie and Will Moorhouse also were there.

The Seniors (graduates) and their sponsor, Carrie Benson and her husband, Billy Carl, left Sunday on their Senior trip. This year they chose to go to Myrtle Beach, S.C. and we will be glad to hear the details of the trip when they return.

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Keeping an Eye on Texas

Texas Advances in World Economic Rankings

If Texas were still a nation, it would have the eighth-largest economy in the world. Texas' 2000 ranking is a step higher than its ninth-place ranking in 1999. The rankings are based on the most recent Gross National Product (GNP) statistics from the World Bank Atlas.

With a 2000 Gross State Product (GSP) of \$725 billion, the Texas economy is more than three times the size of the Russian economy, and also outpaces the GNP of countries like Canada, Brazil, Korea and Argentina. The United States has the world's largest GNP — \$9.6 trillion.

Source: Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn (www.window.state.tx.us) and the World Bank Atlas.

Observando a Texas

Texas avanza en las clasificaciones de la economía mundial

Si Texas fuera una nación, ocuparía el octavo lugar en la economía mundial. La posición de Texas en el 2000 es un escalón más alto que su noveno lugar en 1999. Las categorías están basadas en las más recientes estadísticas del Producto Nacional Bruto (GNP) del Banco Mundial Atlas.

Con un Producto Nacional Bruto de \$725 billones en el 2000, la economía de Texas es más de tres veces el tamaño de la economía Rusa, y también sobrepasa el GNP de países como Canada, Brazil, Korea y Argentina. Estados Unidos tiene el más grande GNP - \$9.6 trillones.

Origen: Carole Keeton Strayhorn, Contralora de Cuentas Públicas de Texas, y el Banco Mundial Atlas.

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Garage Sale

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KNOX COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION Garage Sale, Saturday, June 7, at the home of Mary Cartwright, 740 North Third Avenue, Munday, in conjunction with Munday's annual city wide garage sale. To donate contact Mary Cartwright, 422-4762, if you want to donate items. Sandwiches, water, brownies and cookies will be available with seating under Mary's big tree. 5-29 1tc 55

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BETTER DIABETES MANAGEMENT

Electronic Logbook Helps Patients Eliminate Paper And Identify Patterns For Better Blood Sugar Management

(NAPS)—Keeping a diary or logbook of your blood sugar results and what you eat, together with a good counseling program, may be good for your health if you have diabetes.

That was one of the key findings of a study reported recently in *Diabetes Care* magazine. The study examined blood sugar monitoring in 250 patients with type 2 diabetes, which affects 90 to 95 percent of all diabetes patients.

The research showed that when blood sugar testing was performed prior to and one hour after meals in patients who received a standardized counseling program, there was a significant improvement in A1C levels, an important measure doctors use to tell how well a diabetes patient is managing the disease. Researchers found significantly less progress in patients who did not test their blood sugar and did not get regular counseling. What's more, among the patients who tested their blood sugar around meals, those who also kept a combined diary for blood sugar data and information on what they'd been eating showed twice the improvement in A1C levels and even improved their sense of well-being.

Research shows that people with diabetes can reduce their risk for eye, nerve and kidney damage by up to 60 percent if they regularly test and control their blood sugar, and a logbook is one of the key tools they use to stay on top of their blood sugars and other diabetes information, like exercise, medication and what they eat. But paper logbooks can be a burden to maintain, and patients can find it difficult to spot patterns or identify problem areas in



A new palm-sized device helps make it possible to record key diabetes-related information with the touch of a couple of buttons.

their blood sugar levels simply by looking at individual entries.

That's why diabetes patient Debra Chase recently switched from using a paper diary to a new blood sugar meter that's combined with an electronic logbook. The new device, the OneTouch® Ultra-Smart™ Blood Glucose Monitoring System, organizes blood sugar results and diabetes information into simple, meaningful charts and graphs that can help patients see how factors like food, medication and exercise are affecting their blood sugars.

In one instance, Chase, who carefully watches what she eats and checks her blood sugar levels frequently, noticed a graph on the new system that showed her blood sugar levels spiking after lunch on Thursdays only. Recalling that she ate at the same deli every Thursday, she checked with the deli and found out that the lentil soup she'd been eating actually contained split peas instead of lentils. Learn-

ing from her nutritionist that split peas have a higher carbohydrate content than lentils, she was able to make a change in her diet and avoid something that could have, otherwise, continued to result in high post-lunch blood sugars.

"If I hadn't seen a chart that showed my after-lunch blood sugar levels spiking just on Thursdays," Chase said, referring to the new device, "I might not have learned that I was eating a food that was bad for my diabetes management."

Chase added that with the new system, she now feels that her goal of good blood sugar control is within reach.

In addition to its helpful charts and graphs, the new palm-sized system that Chase uses provides blood sugar results in five seconds and prompts the user to enter a comment from a menu when a test result is outside the user's target blood sugar range. This can shed light on what might be the cause of the out-of-range result. The device also features SmartButtons™, which are identified by easy-to-understand icons and offer drop-down menus to simplify information related to exercise, food, medication and overall health.

"A tool like the OneTouch Ultra-Smart is a major step forward in empowering people with diabetes to understand how their actions directly affect their blood sugar levels," stated Gillian Katz, M.D., clinical assistant professor of medicine (endocrinology) at New York University School of Medicine.

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- 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/00s> 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.



It's a girl!

Charley Elizabeth Reeves

Charley Elizabeth Reeves was born March 7, 2003.

Charley is the daughter of Jacob and Alicia Reeves of Pensacola, Florida. She was 13 inches long and weighed 2 lbs. and 9 oz.

Maternal grandparents are Jim and Teresea Bocquin of Alabama.

Paternal grandparents are Charles and Linda Reeves of Flower Mound.

Lea Reeves of Knox City is paternal great-grandmother.

Straight Talk

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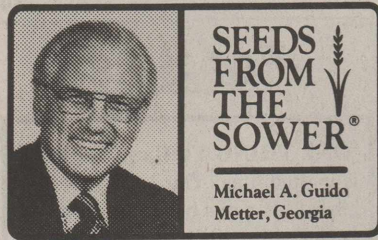
vehicles in spaces reserved for the handicapped. All you have to do is pay attention as you drive around Knox City and you can see first hand what I am talking about. The handicap parking place in front of the post office is constantly being used by folks who have no handicapped license plates or blue mirror placard, and a lot of the folks who take up the space when they go in to get their mail also keep it tied up for longer periods of time when they come out and sit in their car or pickup while opening and reading all their mail.

The handicap parking places at the grocery store are others that are constantly being used by folks showing little regard for those who actually do need the convenience of parking in a little closer. One lady uses one of these spaces every time she goes to the store, it seems to be her private parking place.... but she is not handicapped, not even close.

Our school system needs to address better accessibility for handicapped people, it sure wasn't much fun trying to get a wheelchair into the auditorium for graduation last Saturday night. The threshold of both doors on the ground level are very hard to get over, and the only place inside the auditorium that looks like it might be for wheelchairs to park isn't even big enough for a small wheelchair with a leg extension.

Getting around the downtown business district is the biggest challenge of all, there are gaps, holes, ridges and bumps in the sidewalks that can toss someone right out of a wheelchair. The only designated spot at the north end of the west side of the business block isn't even painted with the traditional handicap markings, and as far as I can tell, there are no designated parking places or access ramps on the east side of the street. Our city leaders need to address this issue, they could easily construct a handicap parking place and ramp right in the middle of the downtown business block, on both sides of the street. Our newspaper is just about in the middle of the west side of the downtown business block, and the city is more than welcome to use parking places right out front if it will make life easier for those with disabilities. My stay in a wheelchair will only last months, some are there for life and we all need to be reminded that handicapped folks have special needs.

There are laws that deal with all of this, laws that are enforced at the federal level under the ADA or American Disabilities Act passed by Congress. Short of filing complaints with different governmental agencies, the only hope that handicapped folks have is to depend on the common sense of others. If folks will not use common sense and stay out of parking places reserved for the handicapped, then our police department should be issuing citations to each and every unauthorized vehicle they see taking up one of the designated handicap parking places. If our police officers issue citations and our city judge fines people heavily, maybe some folks would think twice about where they choose to park. That's all I have to say on this topic right now..... unless you want me to get started talking about folks who use the blue disabled placard when they are not legally entitled to use them. Folks who obtain them under fraudulent conditions, or who borrow them from someone else just to get a better parking place. But, I'll save that for another day.....



One morning, a mother cut some flowers and said to her daughter, "Take these to our neighbor. She's sick."

The neighbor was comforted, and the girl was cheered. As she was about to wash her hands, her mother said, "Smell them before you wash them." She did, and she could still smell the flowers.

"Always remember," said the mother, "that the fragrance of what you give away always stays with you."

It's a blessing to receive a gift, but the Lord doesn't want the blessing to stop. He wants you to share it with others. As you share it, He doubles it. The Bible says, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

A man was taken up for his first plane ride, and his wife asked, "How did you like it?"

"Fine," he said, "but I never did let my whole weight down."

Why don't you let your whole weight down on the Lord? Let it down on anything else, and you'll be let down. But let it down on the Lord, and He'll solve every problem, forgive every sin, overcome every temptation, and meet

every need. He won't let you down.

The Bible says, "Commit thy way to the Lord." I've done it, have you? It adds, "Trust also in Him." I'm doing it, are you? It promises, "He shall bring it to pass." I expect it, do you?

When Henry Ford purchased a large insurance policy, the newspapers carried it in their headlines.

One story was read by an old friend. He called and asked, "Why didn't you buy that policy from me?"

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Can this be the reason why your friend hasn't come to the Lord?

Moses invited his friends, "Everyone who is on the Lord's side, come here."

St. John gave the last invitation in the last chapter of the Bible: "Come, whoever is thirsty; accept the water of life freely."

The Bible is full of appeals. Shouldn't you, then, invite others to the Lord?

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 EQIP program in Texas will be accepted through June 13, 2003.

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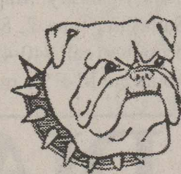
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NOTICE OF GAS RATE INCREASE REQUEST

TXU Gas Company (the "Company"), in accordance with the Gas Utility Regulatory Act as set forth in the Texas Utilities Code, hereby gives notice of its intent to implement a new schedule of rates for natural gas service to be charged to all of the customers served by the Company in the incorporated municipalities and unincorporated areas in the Company's statewide gas utility system (the "System"). The proposed revisions to the respective rate schedules will impact all classes of service and all fees and charges presently being assessed by the Company on its transmission and distribution systems. As of the filing date of the Company's Statement of Intent to change rates, the proposed rates are expected to approximately produce a \$69,524,311 or a 7.24 percent increase in the Company's annual revenues from customers in the System. The proposed change will affect approximately 1,344,030 residential, 125,603 commercial, and 1,441 industrial sales and transportation customers in the System. The proposed change constitutes a "major" change as that term is defined by Section 104.101 of the Texas Utilities Code. The proposed changes will have differing impacts on individual customers, depending on consumption and current applicable rate schedules. The proposed changes in rates will not become effective for environs customers until similar changes have become effective within the nearest incorporated city or town. A residential customer receiving a bill for 6 Mcf will see a bill of approximately \$41.69, which would constitute an average increase of approximately \$3.59 per month or a 9.4% increase. A commercial customer receiving a bill for 30 Mcf will see a bill of approximately \$173.04, which would constitute an average increase of approximately \$13.91 per month or a 8.7% increase. The effect of the proposed changes to rates and services for industrial sales and transportation customers, which may be significant for individual customers, will vary depending on type of service and consumption. The proposed change would constitute an increase of \$0.00 or a 0% increase in annual revenues to the Company for industrial sales and transportation customers. A complete copy of the Statement of Intent, filed with the Railroad Commission of Texas and all of the System cities and towns on May 23, 2003, is available for inspection in the Company business office located at 1601 Bryan St., Dallas, Texas 75201. Persons with specific area questions or who want information about this filing may contact TXU Gas Company at 1-800-460-3030. Any affected persons located inside of the city limits of a municipality served by the Company may file written comments or protest concerning the proposed change in rates with their respective municipality. Any affected persons located outside of the city limits of a municipality served by the Company may file written comments or protest concerning the proposed change in rates with Docket Services Section of the Legal Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, but have a limited time to do so. Pursuant to the Rules of the Railroad Commission of Texas, Title 16 of the Texas Administrative Code Section 7.230, any affected persons may file written comments or a protest concerning the proposed change in the environs rates with the Docket Services Section of the Railroad Commission of Texas, at any time within 30 days following the date on which the change would or has become effective. The Company is proposing to have these proposed rates become effective on June 27, 2003.

Este es un aviso para informar a los clientes de TXU Gas Company (la "Compañía") que la Compañía está solicitando un aumento en la tarifa de gas. Este aumento afectará a todos los consumidores de gas de la Compañía en el estado de Texas. Si usted tiene alguna pregunta con respecto a este aumento, por favor llame a TXU Gas Company al 1-800-460-3030.

Fabulous Food

Two New Bread Varieties Address Special Health Needs

(NAPS)—In an effort to appeal to consumers' individual dietary needs, two new bread products have recently been introduced. Each variety was created to address a specific dietary need.

The reduced-carbohydrate loaf from Nature's Own was created for diabetics and other people who need to monitor their intake of carbohydrates. It also appeals to people who are interested in increasing their intake of soy. This is one of the first reduced carbohydrate loaves commercially available in the United States.

A new Calcium Plus bread should appeal to people concerned about getting enough calcium in their diets.

Developed in 1977 by Flowers Bakeries, the Nature's Own brand offers a large selection of breads made from nature's heartiest ingredients with no artificial preservatives, colors or flavors.

TUNA NIÇOISE SANDWICHES

- ¼ cup olive oil
- 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 3 tablespoons minced fresh parsley
- 1½ teaspoons dried basil leaves, crushed
- 2 cans (6 ounces each) tuna, drained and flaked
- 1 can (2½ ounces) sliced ripe olives, drained



Salt (optional) and ground black pepper, to taste
8 slices Nature's Own Reduced Carbohydrate or Calcium Plus bread
4 hard-cooked eggs, peeled and sliced
1 large ripe tomato, cut into 4 slices
8 lettuce leaves

Combine oil, vinegar, garlic, parsley and basil in medium bowl. Stir in tuna and olives. Let tuna mixture stand 15 minutes to blend flavors. (Tuna mixture may also be covered and refrigerated several hours or overnight.) Season to taste with salt and pepper.

For each sandwich, place a lettuce leaf on 1 slice of bread. Top with ½ cup tuna mixture. Arrange egg slices over tuna to cover, then top with 1 tomato slice; season with salt and pepper, if desired. Top with another lettuce leaf and second bread slice. Serve immediately. Makes 4 sandwiches.