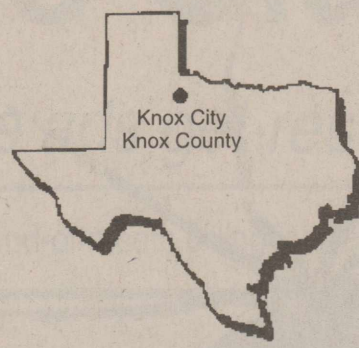


Congratulations to Ashley Jobe, 1st Runner Up in the Greenbelt Bowl Queen Contest

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KNOX CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE officials and members of the Knox County Child Welfare Board were on hand Monday, June 9, to officially open the Child Welfare Board's latest project 'The Rainbow Room'. Located in Knox City at the Department of Human Services, the new room will help meet the needs of Child Protective Services workers and needy children who are a part of the system. From left are Daveine Clark, DiAnn Stewart, Sherry Ellis, Charles Lankford, Margaret Hill, Tammie Trainham, Barbara Rector, Peggy Guinn, Jessie Roberts, Marla Hawkins and Pam Duke.

'The Rainbow Room' opens to help meet needs of Knox County foster children

Members of the Knox County Child Welfare Board have proudly completed and opened their latest project.

"The Rainbow Room", located in the Texas Department of Human Resources, will help meet the needs of Child Protective Services workers and needy children who are a part of the system.

"When a CPS worker takes a child for placement into the system they often are not able to take nay of the child's belonging with them," explained Child Welfare

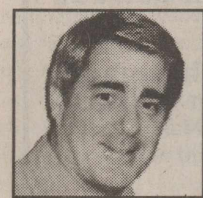
Board member Tammie Trainham. "This room will enable the worker to gather up clothing, toys, and other necessities that the child might be in immediate need of," she explained.

The room is lined with shelves and bars that hold neatly arranged clothing that has been washed and mended. Plastic boxes hold socks and underwear, all sized and sorted for easy retrieval. Stuffed animals peer down from upper shelves and car seats and more line the top shelves at the end of the room.

"We received an anonymous donation that helped establish the room and will also aid in keeping the room ready for the workers and for needy children," Mrs. Trainham said.

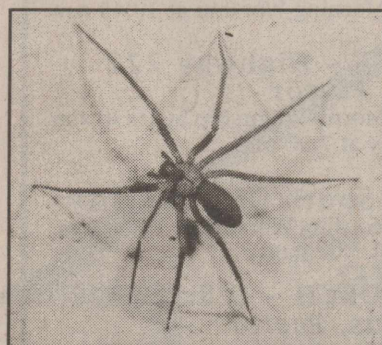
Currently the Knox County Child Welfare Board helps with nine foster children. They help meet the needs of these children with school clothing and supplies, birthdays and other occasions that may arise. During the Christmas season of 2002, the Knox unit aided over 200 children.

Straight Talk



By Dave Thompson
One more time

Several years ago, *The Knox County News* published extensive information relating to the Brown Recluse Spider and the damage that can be caused by a bite from the venomous insect. In the last several months, people in our area of Texas have been reporting bites so it seemed like a good idea to present information on the spider again.



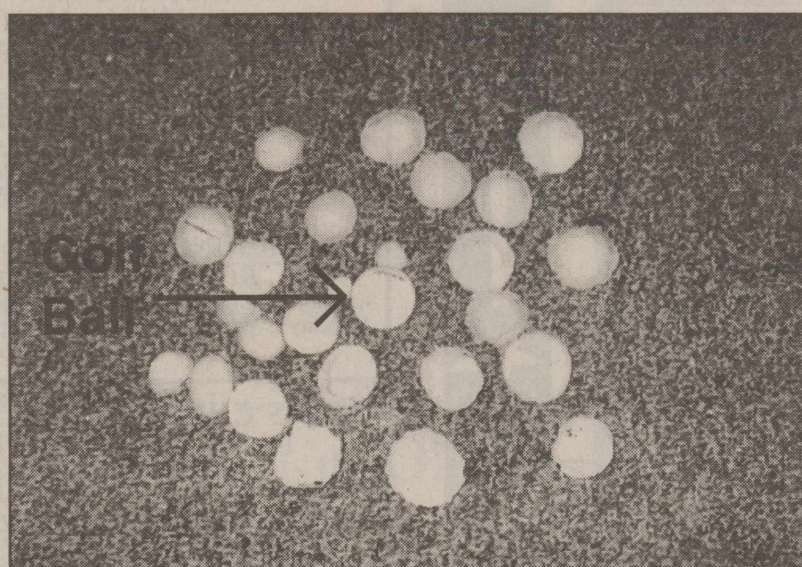
Never to be taken lightly, a Brown Recluse Spider bite can deliver poison that does a tremendous amount of damage to human tissue and muscle. That fact was driven home to me when I was a patient recently at Hendrick Cen-

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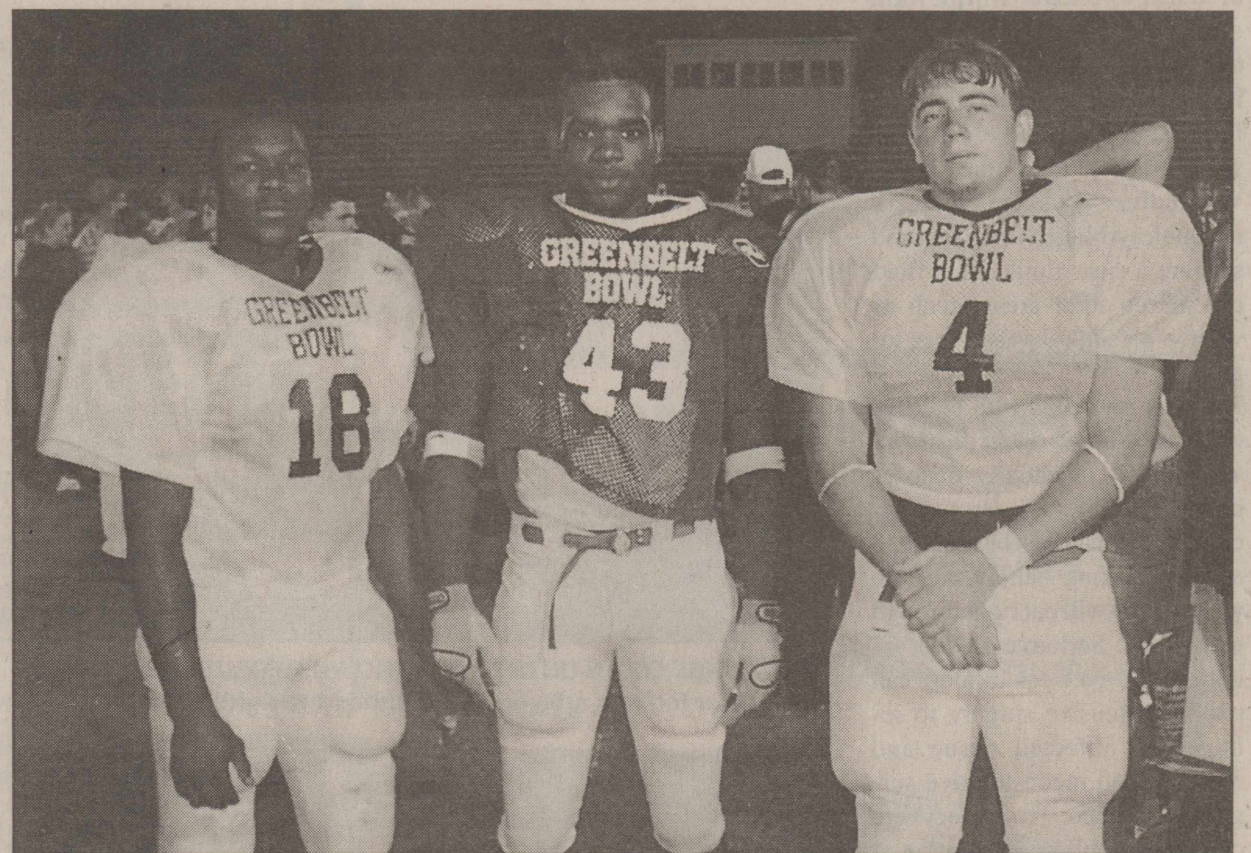
WARNING: Graphic photos are displayed inside this edition where this column continues.



THE WEATHER LAST Tuesday and Wednesday evenings sent folks to their storm shelters as Mother Nature dealt Knox City a couple of severe blows from high winds and large hail. On Tuesday evening, winds in excess of 65 miles an hour blew through town, leaving damage throughout town. In the above photo, members of the Knox City Fire Department and other volunteers responded to the Magana home at South 3rd and Avenue B to cut up and remove what was left of a large tree that had been in the family's front yard. Swirling winds snapped the tree off and sent it crashing to the ground, luckily missing the house itself. In the photo below, Susan Cozart placed a golfball in the midst of hail that fell for almost 45 minutes on Wednesday evening of last week. That storm left damage to roofs, windshields and vehicles all over Knox City.



Knox City well represented at Greenbelt Bowl All-Star Game



SUITING UP ONE LAST time as Knox City Greyhounds and participating in the 54th annual Greenbelt Bowl All-Star game at Childress Saturday night were from left, Sedrick Roberson, Kendrick Green and Scooter Thompson. Kendrick played on the North squad and Sedrick and Scooter on the South squad. In a neck and neck contest until the end, the North prevailed by the final score of 23-10.

(NEWS photo)



2003 Greenbelt Bowl Queen and Court

FIRST RUNNER-UP in the 2003 Greenbelt Bowl Queen contest held this past weekend in conjunction with the football classic was Ashley Jobe of Knox City, second from right. From left, are Kelli Maxwell of Wellington, Miss Photogenic; Nicole Ramon of Spearman, Greenbelt Bowl queen; Ashley, and Audra Gonzenbach of Petrolia, second runner-up and Miss Congenality. Ashley represented Greyhound player Kendrick Green in the queen's contest. Not pictured is Kimberly Hawkins, who represented Greyhound Scooter Thompson. Queen contestants participated in a Friday night pageant, judges interview and a luncheon before being introduced and winners crowned at the game's halftime. Ashley is a May graduate of Knox City High School and the daughter of Tammie and Jim Dillon.

(Courtesy Photo)

Texas Farm Service Agency announces sign-up for crop disaster program losses

Texas producers can expect to receive financial assistance for crop losses through the Crop Disaster Program (CDP), launched by the U.S. Department of Agriculture on Friday, June 6, 2003. According to Michael McDonald, County Executive Director for the Knox County Farm Service Agency (FSA), CDP is available to producers with qualifying crop losses for the 2001 or 2002 crop years.

"We (Farm Service Agency) recognize the hardships caused by the drought and believe this

program will allow farmers and ranchers to regain some of their lost income," McDonald said.

Crop disaster payments for 2001 and 2002 production and quality losses will be calculated similar to the 2000 CDP. Eligible producers with greater than 35 percent loss will receive payment at 50 percent of the established price if the crop was covered by crop insurance or the noninsured crop disaster assistance program (NAP) or if coverage was not available.

Payments will be based on 45

percent of the established price for crops that could have been insured or covered by NAP, but were not.

"CDP payments will be limited to \$80,000 per producer and/or entity, but funding for the program is unlimited," McDonald said. "Although no sign-up deadline has been announced, we are striving to implement this program in a timely fashion in order to effectively benefit the producer."

See Signup, Page Two

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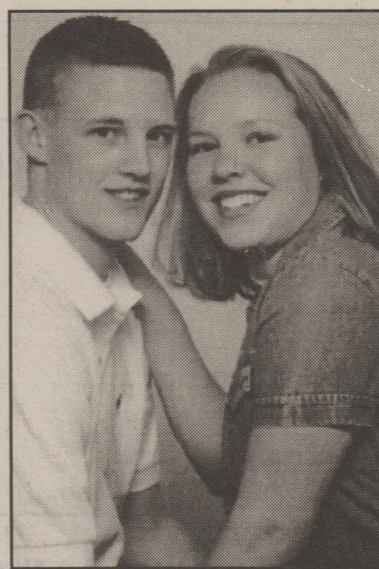
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Couple to wed August 3 in Ruidoso rites

Dwayne Green, son of Jimmy and Helen Green of Guthrie, and Linda Bomer of Muleshoe are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Amber Green to Jerod Pritchett.

Jerod is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Pritchett of Ruidoso, New Mexico.

The couple will be married in Ruidoso on August 3, 2003, at 4:30 in the afternoon.



AMBER GREEN
JEROD PRITCHETT

Guthrie teacher appointed to state textbook review panel

Marianna Graves, Guthrie High School, has been appointed to the State Textbook Review Panel for Family and Consumer Sciences Education scheduled during the week of June 2-6.

Serving on the state textbook review panel is one of the most influential advisory positions in

Texas education. This panel plays an important role in determining which instructional materials will be used by school districts and open-enrollment charter schools for the next few years.

Responsibilities include reviewing and evaluating the textbooks submitted for the November 2003 adoption by the State Board of Education. The panelists will determine the extent to which textbooks cover the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS). They will also be charged with identifying factual errors in the assigned material.

Obituaries

Rilley Dean Nordquist

Funeral services for Rilley Dean Nordquist of Oakwood, former Knox City resident, were held Friday, June 13, 2003, at 2:00 p.m. at the Watonga Christian Church with Doyle Warren officiating. Burial was in the Eagle City Cemetery.

Rilley died early Tuesday morning, June 10, 2003, at the Oklahoma Medical Center in Oklahoma City, at the age of 13 years.

Born September 19, 1989, in Okeene, Oklahoma, to Michael and Lisa Oldfield Nordquist, he lived in Eagle City for the first five years of his life, then moved with his parents to Higgins, Texas. He attended school in Higgins through the fourth grade. His family moved to Matador, Texas, where Rilley attended fifth grade at Motley County School. Rilley attended the sixth grade at Knox City-O'Brien CISD at O'Brien Middle School and had just finished the seventh grade at Cranfills Gap. The family had just returned to the Eagle City area for the summer on May 31. Although Rilley lived in the state of Texas, he always claimed Eagle City as his home, returning there every summer during school break.

He was very active in sports, playing football, basketball, and track and also loved playing golf. He was a member of the exclusive South Eagle City Country Club. He was also in vo-ag showing in all the local county shows and also in the major shows in the state of Texas. He was a member of Who's Who Among American Science students, and also received the All State Academic Recognition Award in the State of Texas for every grade he attended in school.

He is survived by his parents, Michael and Lisa of Oakwood; his grandparents, Kelly and Bernadine Nordquist of Canton, Oklahoma, and Scott and Pati Cornwell of Madisonville, Tennessee; great-grandmother, Rose Mary Olson of Madisonville, Tennessee; five aunts and uncles and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins, as well as a host of other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his uncle, Jeff; and his great-grandfather, Ole Olson.

Memorials may be made to the Rilley Nordquist Scholarship Fund through Haigler Funeral Home.

Booster Club to meet June 19

The Greyhound Booster Club will again meet on Thursday, June 19, at 8:00 p.m. at the Doug Meinzer Community Center to discuss upcoming fundraisers.

Aging center lunch menus

June 23rd thru June 27th

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Tuesday, June 24 - Tacos, Pinto beans, cold cake

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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.

Make plans to attend the **Watermelon Festival** July 26. We have obtained the **Texas Lottery Trailer** for that day...



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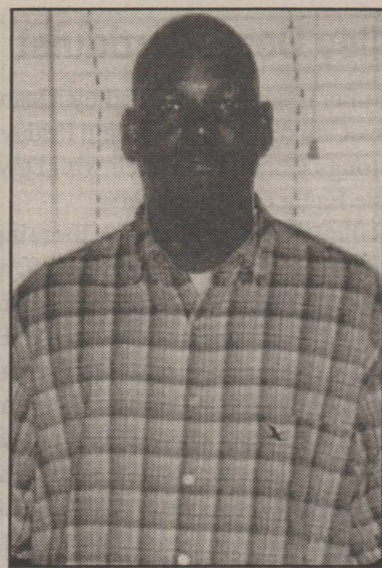
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Dewayne Ware completes training

Dewayne Ware was born on October 14, 1977 in Waco, Texas, to Jan Marie Ware. He lived in Waco with his mother until he was six. Dewayne then moved to Knox City to live with his great grandmother, Mrs. Cleola Ware. He began school at Knox City Elementary in 1984 and graduated from Knox City High School in May of 1997. After high school Dewayne joined the United States Navy, and graduated from Naval Recruit Training in Great Lakes, Illinois, in August of 1997. After Recruit Training Dewayne then went to Naval Training Center, also in Great Lakes, Illinois. He then returned home for brief leave after boot camp and school.



In October of 1997 Dewayne reported to the USS Abraham Lincoln, stationed in Everett, Washington. In 1998 he made his first deployment onboard the USS Abraham Lincoln, to include a three month stay in the Persian Gulf. The Abraham Lincoln finally arrived back home in Washington at the end of 1998. After six months away from home, he returned to Knox City the summer of 1999 on leave.

In June 1999 Victor Ismael was born, and Dewayne then had to return back to Washington. A year passed by, and in July of 2000 Dewayne and Jessica Garcia were married. In August of 2000 Alyssa Marie was born, just days after Dewayne had to deploy again to the gulf for his second tour in support of southern watch. Six months later he happily returned to Knox City to Jessica, Victor and Alyssa. After two weeks visiting friends and family in Knox City, Dewayne returned to Washington where he took his family: Jessica, Victor and Alyssa. They lived in Bremerton, Washington, for a year before Dewayne and Jessica decided to move closer to home. Jessica and the kids returned to Knox City, while Dewayne traveled to San Diego, California, for Naval Law Enforcement School, where he graduated in March of 2001. He and Jessica then moved to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma for Dewayne's next duty station at Tinker Air Force Base.

He recently attended Airman Leadership School, and successfully graduated on May 8, 2003.

Dewayne has been at Tinker AFB for one year and two months, and has two and a half years left in the military.

Dewayne and Jessica would like to thank their friends, and most of all their families for their support. Dewayne would like to ake a special thanks to his great grandmother, MRS. CLEOLA WARE for being there for him through thick and thin, he loves you and GOD BLESS.

Consumer Confidence Report 2002

(Drinking Water Quality Report)

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Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Our Drinking Water Meets or Exceeds All Federal (EPA) Drinking Water Requirements

This report is a summary of the quality of the water we provide our customers. The analysis was made by using the data from the most recent U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) required tests and is presented in the attached pages. We hope this information helps you become more knowledgeable about what's in your drinking water.

En Espanol

Este reporte incluye informacion importante sobre el agua para tomar. Si tiene preguntas o discusiones sobre este reporte en espanol, favor de llamar al tel. 940-459-3131 par hablar con una persona bilingue en espanol.

Where do we get our drinking water? Our drinking water is obtained from Ground and Surface water sources. It comes from the following Lake/River/Reservoir/Aquifer: SEYMOUR. TCEQ will be reviewing all of Texas' drinking water sources. The source water assessment has been completed and the report will be available this year. It allows us to focus on our source water protection activities.

ALL drinking water may contain contaminants.

When drinking water meets federal standards there may not be any health based benefits to purchasing bottled water or point of use devices.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

About The Following Pages

The pages that follow list all of the federally regulated or monitored constituents which have been found in your drinking water. U.S. EPA requires water systems to test up to 97 constituents

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DEFINITIONS

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)

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Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG)

The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected health risk. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Treatment Technique (TT)

A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Action Level (AL)

The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

NTU - Nephelometric Turbidity Units

MFL - million fibers per liter (a measure of asbestos)

pCi/l picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)

ppm - parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/l)

ppb - parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (µg/l)

ppt - parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter

ppq - parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter

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