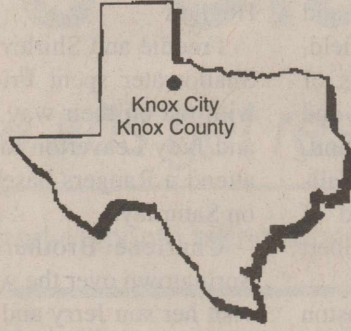


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KC - 'Our Brand of Texas' completed, welcomes visitors



'KC - OUR BRAND OF TEXAS' is now completed and proudly welcomes visitors traveling to or through our community. Located on the south wall of the Mini Mall, the painting is visible to everyone traveling through downtown Knox City and stopping for the flashing light at the intersection of State Highways 6 and 222. Displaying brands from area ranches, the project was commissioned by the Chamber of Commerce and painted by the Prairie Art Guild. The artists have other projects underway, including placement of uniquely painted tractors throughout town to recognize the area's farming industry.

KC Chamber making plans to celebrate the 15th annual Watermelon Festival, July 25-26

Taking place every summer for the past 15 years, Knox City is gearing up once again to celebrate the 15th annual Seedless Watermelon Festival. Scheduled for the weekend of July 25-26, the event will feature something different that is sure to please everyone.

As in recent years, the festival will also feature a Classic Car Show that attracts auto enthusiasts from throughout the area. Last year, the downtown area of Knox City was filled with beautifully restored cars and pickup trucks that were polished to perfection as anxious owners waited to see if they would take a trophy home. Motorcycles were also included, and riders came from as far away as Abilene and Seymour to participate.

This year, the festival will begin with a parade on Friday night that will be followed by a street dance featuring music by the band 'Middle of the Road' from Vernon, Texas. The parade will begin at 6:30 p.m., the band starts at 7:00 and will finish up at 10:00 p.m.

The car show will take place on Saturday, as will the festival at the City Park and swimming pool. Arts and crafts, games, food and vendor booths will also be located at the City Park.

Celebrating the area's seedless watermelon industry, the festival always includes free watermelon!



THE CLASSIC CAR SHOW will be featured again this year as part of the Chamber of Commerce sponsored 15th Annual Seedless Watermelon Festival. The restored cars (top photo) and the trucks (bottom photo) on display last year attracted a large crowd of auto enthusiasts. While the main festival events take part at the City Park, the car show fills the downtown business area.



Carver participates in all-star game, selected to THSBCA all-state team

Caleb Carver of Knox City was selected to participate in the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association's 30th annual All Star Game at the Dell Diamond in Round Rock on June 14.

He was selected to the North A-AA-AAA Team which consisted of four 1A players, six 2A players and ten 3A players.

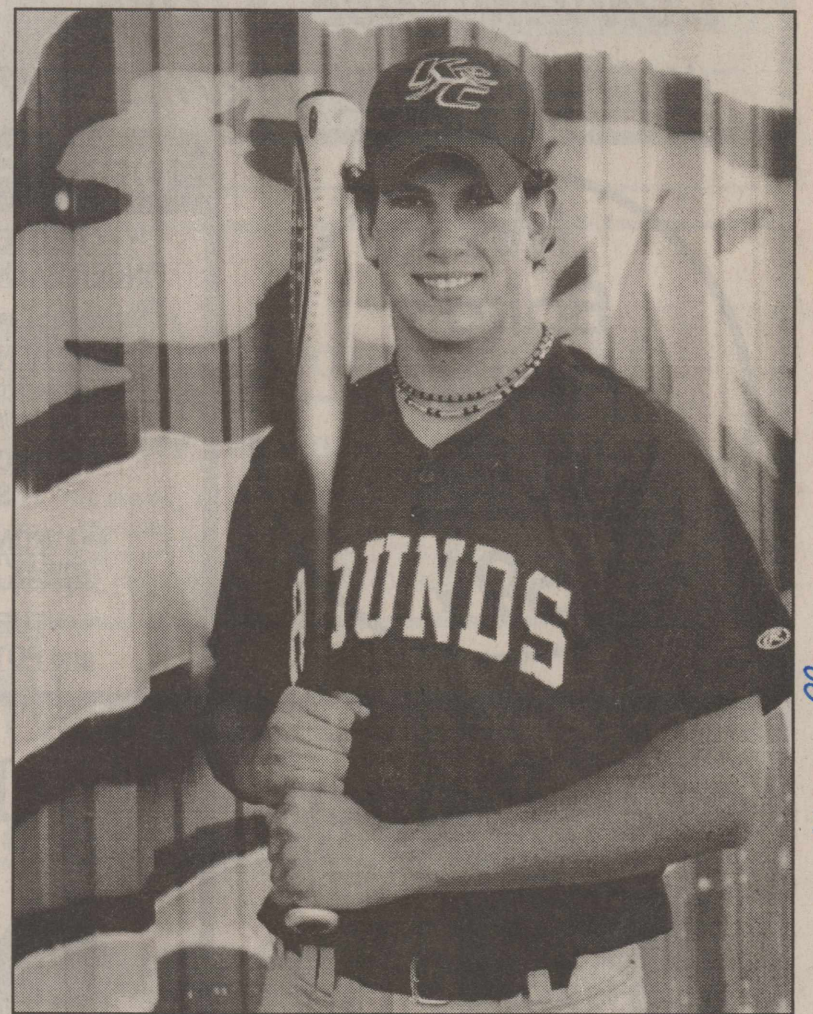
Prior to the game, the All Star participants were escorted on the field by their dad and their coach. Caleb was escorted by his dad, David Carver; and his coach, Jeremy West. Each All Star was announced and given a keepsake THSBCA commemorative watch.

Caleb was selected as District 5's Most Valuable Defensive Player 2003 and was also selected to the THSBCA All State 1A team as an infielder. Caleb plans to attend Wayland Baptist University in Plainview and play baseball for the Pioneers.

In 1972, a group of concerned Texas high school baseball coaches combined their efforts and energies to form the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association. Since that time, this group has grown from approximately 12 members to a statewide association boasting an enrollment of more than two thousand. The primary purpose of the group is to promote and improve Texas high school baseball.

This year's 4A-5A all-star game is the 29th annual contest and the 1-2-3A all-star game is in the 7th annual contest.

Caleb is the son of David and Sharla Carver of Knox City and the grandson of Biggon and Glenda Drinnon of Haskell and Jean and Jerry Carver of Perrin, and the great grandson of Alta Faye Field of Haskell.



CALEB CARVER

Jana E. Maxwell
May 22, 1998

The Knox County News switching to total digital photography, no more print photographs for sale

Effective this week, *The Knox County News* will be switching out the camera system that we use to take photographs. We are making a complete switch to digital photographs for everything we cover, including all community, school, sports and other news events that we take pictures at. This change will result in a financial savings as we will no longer need to purchase film or pay to have the film developed and printed. Because of this change, we will no longer have print photographs for sale here in the NEWS office for parents, students, KCHS Annual Staff, etc. The demand for prints has reduced sharply in recent years and we can no longer justify the cost of developing and printing so many photographs. We regret any inconvenience this might cause, but like any business, we have to eliminate unnecessary expenses in order to survive.

We will offer electronic jpeg format images for sale of prints that appear in the newspaper for one week following the publication date. Because of computer memory space, we will not keep the images beyond the week they appear in the paper. When the purchasing arrangements are made here in the office, we will send the jpeg photograph to the customer's e-mail address anywhere in the world by electronic mail.

As we have always done, we will still accept print film photographs for scanning and reproduction in stories and advertisements. This new change to digital will not affect photos brought in to us for publication.

O'Brien happenings

By Audie Johnston, O'Brien Correspondent

"Pun In Cheek - Everyone rolls their eyes when they hear a pun. It's just that some of us like to roll our eyes.

• A bicycle can't stand on its own because it's two-tired.

• Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.

• In democracy, it's your vote that counts. In feudalism, it's your count that votes.

• For a while, she had a boyfriend with a wooden leg, but then she broke it off.

• You show me a piano falling down a mine shaft and I'll show you A-flat Minor."

Here and There - Adelle Herring had her nieces visit over the weekend. She enjoyed Billy Joe and Frances Jefferies of San Jacinto, California and Harold and Bonnie Wyke and grandson of Sacramento, California. She also had her great-grandson, Kevin Urbanczyk of Goriee.

Celebrating Vivian Hendrix's

87th birthday this past weekend were Pretrecia Kinzer, Kristy Kinzer, Kourtney, Kerrigan and Kennedy Kinzer of Grandfield, Oklahoma; LaDocia Morris of Wichita Falls, John Hendrix and Roseanne Riggs of Gilliland, LaNear Phillips of Wichita Falls and friend Travis Swinford of Faye, Oklahoma, and Kim Colbert of El Reno, Oklahoma.

Visiting Rose Marie Johnston and son Jimmy last weekend was her daughter Shirley and girls of Bowie.

Eddie and Claudia Bryant were in Lubbock over the weekend to visit their son, Jon and wife and new grandbaby.

C.H. and Linda Underwood were in Alpine a while last week visiting their son, Reed, who is in college there for awhile.

Claudale and Jean Barnard were in Lubbock last week for doctor's appointments and they also visited their grandson, Jon

and wife and baby and they also visited with Iris and Sonny Hughes.

Freddie and Shirley James of Shallowater spent Friday night with me on their way with Bert and Judy Leaverton to Dallas to attend a Rangers baseball game on Saturday.

Charlene Brothers was in Springtown over the weekend to visit her son Jerry and Rosa and families and attended the wedding of Charlene's sisters, Marvelene's, granddaughter.

Orval and Helen Manning and Charlene Brothers were in Abilene last week for some doctor's appointments. Seems like most of our hospital patients are all home for a while. Those that have been in there, Jr. Reeves, Charlene Brothers, Janoma Stephens are all home but Billie Norton and Bessie Duncan are still in the hospital at Abilene. They all need our prayers.

Knox City Cemetery Fence Donations

Donations have been made to the Knox City Cemetery Fence Fund in memory of:

J.F. Middlebrook

by Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Baker and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Leaverton; and

Dorothy Lawson

by Mr. and Mrs. Bert Leaverton.

Weather

Courtesy of
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Date	Low	High	Rain
06/17	64	89	
06/18	63	92	
06/19	66	92	
06/20	66	95	
06/21	68	100	
06/22	76	103	
06/23	76	102	

Total 2003 Rainfall - 7.01

Ledesma, Cheyanne Lee.

Seventh Grade: Joseph Albus, Sarah Burt, Angela James, Rico McCrary, Orrin Myers, Brianna Rios.

Eighth Grade: Emily Lewis, Arlis Rogers, Vanessa Solis, Kursten Stafford, Cody Wain-scott.

O'Brien Mid-School Honor Roll

'A' HONOR ROLL Sixth Six Weeks

Sixth Grade: Jordan Carter, Rebecca Harris, Christopher Taylor.

Seventh Grade: Candace Carver.

Eighth Grade: Bridgett Billington, Laura Harrington, Tiffany Wilde.

'A-B' HONOR ROLL

Fifth Grade: Elmina Banks, Clayton Clark, Brittney Gonzales, Derrick Northrup, Kishan Ramghu.

Sixth Grade: Micheal Agraz, Jessica Ledesma, Cheyanne Lee.

Seventh Grade: Sarah Burt, Angela James, Rico McCrary, Marni McLemore, Jessy Schur.

Eighth Grade: Brandon Grimsley, Emily Lewis, Katelyn Railsback, Crystal Ramos, Vanessa Solis, Cody Wain-scott.

'A' HONOR ROLL Second Semester

Fifth Grade: Clayton Clark, Brittney Gonzales.

Sixth Grade: Jordan Carter, Rebecca Harris, Christopher Taylor.

Seventh Grade: Candace Carver, Marni McLemore, Jessy Schur.

Eighth Grade: Bridgett Billington, Brandon Grimsley, Laura Harrington, Katelyn Railsback, Tiffany Wilde.

'A-B' HONOR ROLL

Fifth Grade: Elmina Banks, Eric Casillas, Devon Flye, Derrick Northrup, Kishan Ramghu.

Sixth Grade: Michael Agraz, Samantha Esquivel, Jessica Ledesma, Cheyanne Lee.

Seventh Grade: Joseph Albus, Sarah Burt, Angela James, Rico

McCrary, Orrin Myers, Brianna Rios.

Eighth Grade: Emily Lewis, Cody Wain-scott.

'A' HONOR ROLL Final Grades

Fifth Grade: Elmina Banks, Clayton Clark, Brittney Gonzales.

Sixth Grade: Jordan Carter, Rebecca Harris, Christopher Taylor.

Seventh Grade: Candace Carver, Marni McLemore, Jessy Schur.

Eighth Grade: Bridgett Billington, Brandon Grimsley, Laura Harrington, Katelyn Railsback, Tiffany Wilde.

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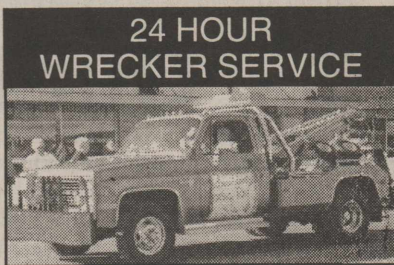
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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ~ Knox City

Claude McKiddy, Pastor

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FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH ~ Knox City

Tex Cox, Pastor

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FOURSQUARE CHURCH ~ Knox City

Paul Chambers, Pastor

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John Gillispie, Pastor

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of Benjamin

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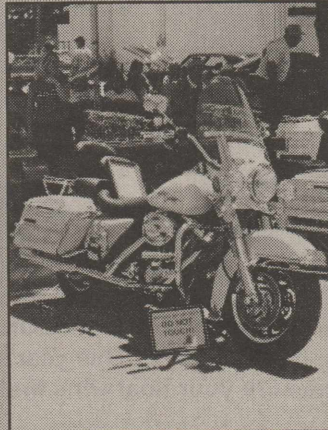
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The 15th annual Seedless Watermelon Festival Classic Car Show will be Saturday, July 26



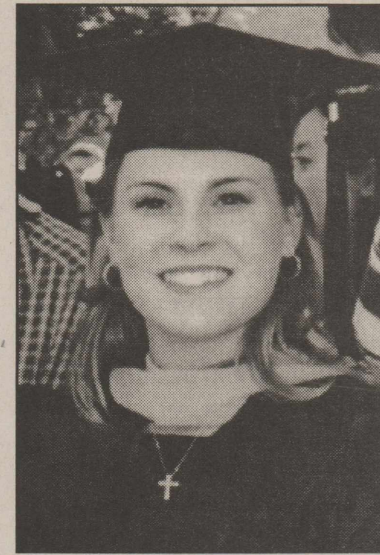
Rob Harrison was a winner last year with his Harley Davidson Road King. Will you be a winner this year?

Subscription rates are \$22.00 Knox and surrounding counties, \$25.00 elsewhere in Texas and \$28.00 out of state.

KC graduate receives degree from Abilene Christian University

Tamara Camille McGaughey was one of 547 seniors to graduate from Abilene Christian University on Saturday, May 10, 2003. Tamara received a Bachelor of Science in Social Work, BSSW. This was the largest class of graduates in the history of the University.

During her time at ACU, the 1999 Knox City High School graduate, was involved in numerous extracurricular activities and internships including Project ACCESS, Shades of Hope, Salvation Army, Hope Haven and Hendrick Case Management. Tamara was also named to the



TAMARA MCGAUGHEY

Dean's Honor Roll for the Fall 2002 and Spring 2003 semesters.

Friends and relatives attending the event included her family Mark McGaughey and Marsha McGaughey, Michael and Tandy McGaughey, Allen and Peggy McGaughey, Byron and Shirley Gass, Tommy, Lezlie, Alyssa and Lexi Parrish, Tom and Lou Ann Winegar, David and Beverly McGaughey, Sarah, Courtney and David Harbaugh, and friends Dan and Becky Offutt and Tony and Judy Hobert.

Since completing her degree, Tamara has been employed by Hendrick Medical Center.

Former resident graduates from Childress, receives Amarillo College scholarship

AMARILLO - The Amarillo College Foundation has announced that Jennifer Eaton has been awarded a Sybil B. Harrington Scholarship to attend Amarillo College, where she plans to major in nursing.

Jennifer represented Childress High School on the Varsity volleyball, basketball and track teams.

She was also a cheerleader at Knox City High School.

At Childress, Jennifer was elected FFA treasurer and National Honor Society secretary, served on the yearbook staff and Homecoming Committee. She

received the Governor's Award for Academics and garnered the award for Breed Champion Swine.

Mrs. Harrington endowed the Sybil B. Harrington Scholarship through The Amarillo College Foundation in 1989.

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Students receive up to \$3,500 a year for tuition and fees and may reapply for a total of four years.

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JENNIFER EATON

Texas announces largest July 4th holiday crackdown

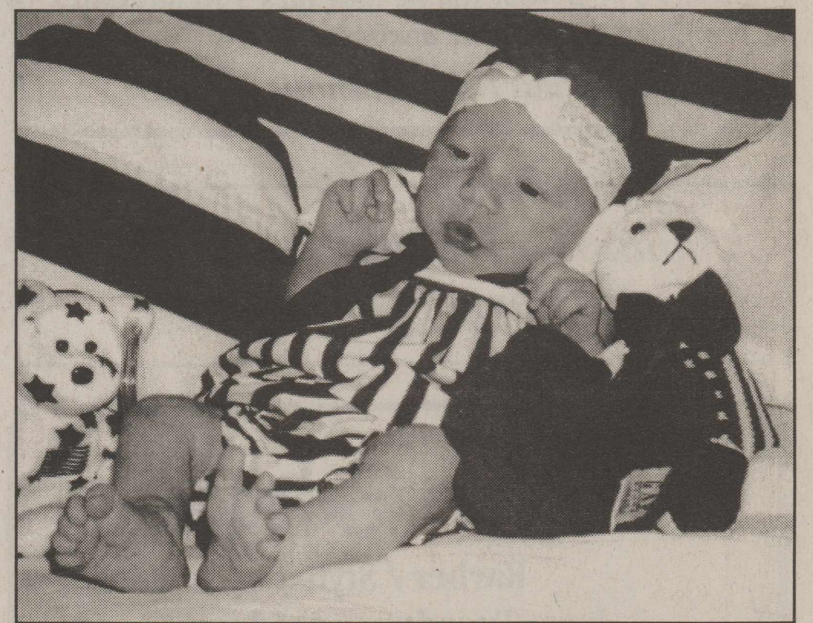
AUSTIN - State officials have a stern warning for motorists whose 4th of July holiday plans include alcohol: Drink. Drive. Go to Jail.

State troopers and local law enforcement statewide will step up enforcement of the state's DWI laws between June 27 and July 13. Thousands of officers will be out in force during the 17-day period which coincides with the long Independence Day holiday weekend. Texas is part of a massive nationwide effort aimed at getting impaired drivers off the nation's streets and highways. The mobilization is being spearheaded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) in an effort to reduce alcohol-related crashes this summer.

"Our message to all drivers is simple and direct: If you drink and drive, you will go to jail," says Carlos Lopez, TxDOT Director of Traffic Operations.

The legal limit for intoxication in Texas is .08 blood alcohol concentration (BAC).

New Arrivals
It's a girl!



Gracie Marie Howeth

Colin and Christie Howeth of Knox City are proud to announce the arrival of their daughter, Gracie Marie.

She was born at Abilene Regional Medical Center on June

10, 2003, at 3:52 p.m. Gracie weighed 8 lbs, 0 oz. and was 21 1/4 inches long. Grandparents include Jody Biba, Eddie Howeth and the late Karen Howeth of Haskell.

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Benjamin news

By Gladene Green, Benjamin Correspondent

Celebrates birthday - Lots of relatives and friends were at the Benjamin Ex-Students Building Saturday between the hours of 2 and 4 p.m. to honor Clodell Duke on her 80th birthday. A refreshment table laden with fruits, cheese and meat and chips and dips was available for those desiring to "partake" of it. A beautiful birthday cake and punch was on another table which held a beautiful spring bouquet as the centerpiece. Still on another table were several pictures of Clodell and her family from early childhood til the present time. It was a nice chance to visit with lots of folks we hadn't seen for awhile.

Hosting the event were Clodell's children, Butch Duke of San Antonio, Jan Pollock and Sue McCarty of Iowa Park, Gaye Roberts of Wichita Falls and Mary Sawyers of Old Glory and all of their families.

About our ill - Good to report that Jacob Siemens continues his improvement. He began his dental work Friday and after that is completed he should feel even better.

Mitchell Ham is recovering nicely after being bitten by a brown recluse spider a few weeks ago. His treatment included several trips to Abilene to the wound center but he's doing alright now. Matter of fact, he is in San Antonio this weekend with his parents.

Shane and Mitzi Welch and brother Heath. Mitzi is there for the annual school board meeting and Shane and the boys are resting.

Hère 'N There - Jim and Barbara Harris of Sugarland visited his sister, Clodell Duke, several days last week and attended the party Saturday.

Johnny Tom and Cynthia Hudson of Pilot Point visited his brother Danny and his wife Sharon during the weekend and also attended Clodell's party.

Annette Elliott of Dallas was a weekend guest of Omitene Barnett.

Mary Whitsett of Gallup, New Mexico, spent several days here last week visiting her mom, Gertrude Brannan.

Randolph and Judy Barnett spent the weekend with her sons, Jeff Conner and family in Lubbock and Jim Bob and family in Slaton.

Claudia Nunley and her daughter Linda of Amarillo were here to visit friends during the weekend and to attend Clodell's party.

Brandon Gray received his BBA degree from Midwestern University during spring commencement. Brandon is married to the former Kim Cash and they have lived here about a year. We congratulate him on his accomplishments.

I extend sympathy to the fam-

ily of Chris Cure today. Chris was the son of the late Gary (Skip) Cure and nephew of my dear friend, Peggy Richie. His paternal grandparents are L.C. and Amerolis Guinn of Knox City. He died Thursday of a heart attack at the young age of 44.

Omitene Barnett told me that her sister has graduated to a cane for just walking around in the house. She's been on a walker since her hip surgery sometime back but was glad to trade it in for a smaller means of support. Still uses her walker at times but is making progress.

Jessica Moorhouse, Chance Propps and Nancy Siemens were in Wichita Falls Saturday for some testing. Something to do with taking some courses in high school to help them with their college hours. (You can see I'm not very "up" on just what they were doing.)

Judie Whitten spent a week in Sydney, Iowa, recently with her granddaughter, Jolee Sheldon, while her mom was away from home instructing a basketball camp. Jolee and her mom, Rhonda, came home with Judie and will return to their home in Iowa this week.

Sabra Bohannon's mom, Jamie Brumley, honored her Saturday with a birthday "swimming" party. Sabra turned 6, so several little friends joined her for a swim and birthday cake. After the party, Sabra and her family went to Vernon for another get-together with relatives there.



LAST YEAR'S WATERMELON FESTIVAL PARADE was a festive event that featured some highly imaginative floats. This year's parade is scheduled for Friday evening, July 25, so plan ahead and make sure your float wins first place !!



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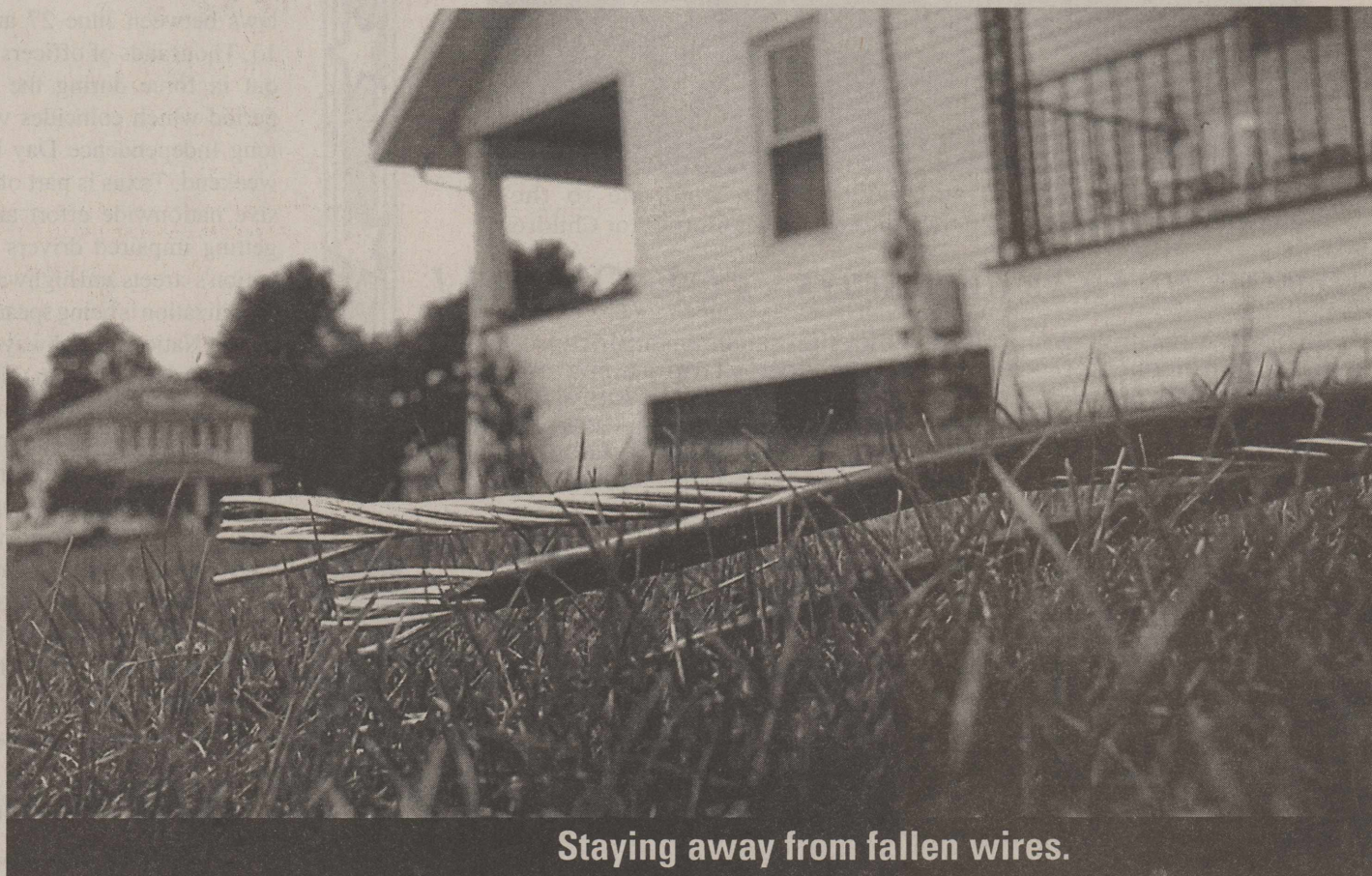
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Researchers know that the protein ApoE is involved in Alzheimer's. Some Duke researchers say people who inherit a variant called ApoE are at risk before age 70.

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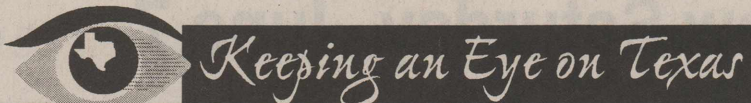
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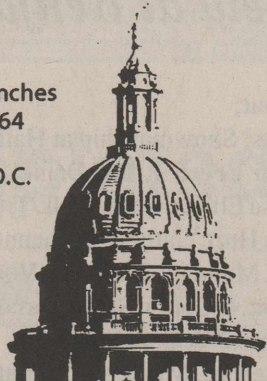


Capitol Facts

The state Capitol in Austin is 585 feet 10 inches long, 299 feet ten inches wide and at 302.64 feet high is approximately 14 feet taller than the national capitol in Washington, D.C.

The Texas Capitol is not the tallest state capitol though. The tower style Louisiana Capitol is the tallest.

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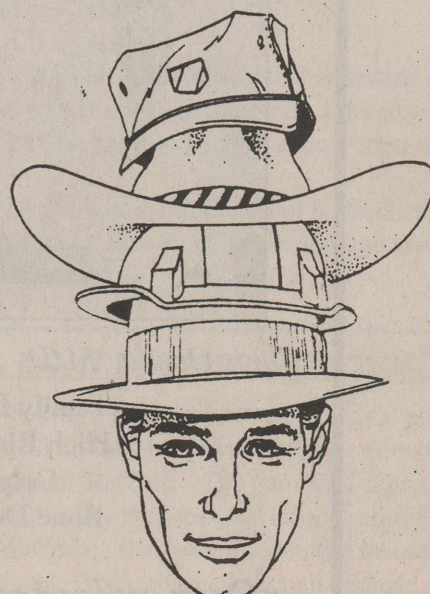
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STAMFORD - The "Quick Draw" event at the Preview Party for the Stamford Art Foundation Show will feature twelve artists.

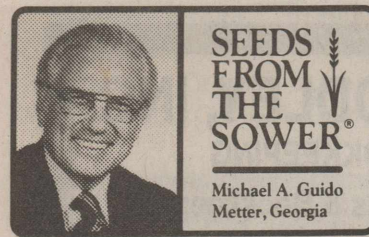
In this event, the artists participating are given one hour to complete a painting from scratch and then the painting is auctioned with all proceeds benefiting the West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

Those attending the Preview Party can watch the artists as they are painting. People talking and looking over their shoulder, wind, dust or rain will not deter the artists. They just keep on painting for an hour and then will have a beautiful piece of artwork ready to be auctioned.

Those artists participating in the "Quick Draw" event are Victor Armstrong, Bill Barrick, George Boutwell, R. Russell Brown, Hugh Campbell, Paula Vaden Carlton, Robert DeLeon, Steve Grey, Tom Paulson, Paul Cameron Smith, Kathy Tate and Gary Ward.

The Preview Party for the 30th annual Stamford Art Foundation Show will be Tuesday, July 1, at the John Selmon Memorial Gallery. Besides the "Quick Draw" event there will be a steak dinner served, music by the Billy Bob Band, and a drawing for two \$100 gift certificates. The art for the 2003 show will be viewed for the first time and those attending will have the opportunity to visit with the artists. There are 43 participating artists.

For more information about the tickets, call the office of Kris Fouts at 773-5777.



SEEDS FROM THE SOWER
Michael A. Guido
Metter, Georgia

An antique dealer saw a cat drinking milk from an old bowl in a second-hand store. He thought, that old man doesn't know its worth. I'll fool him.

"I'd like to buy your cat," he said.

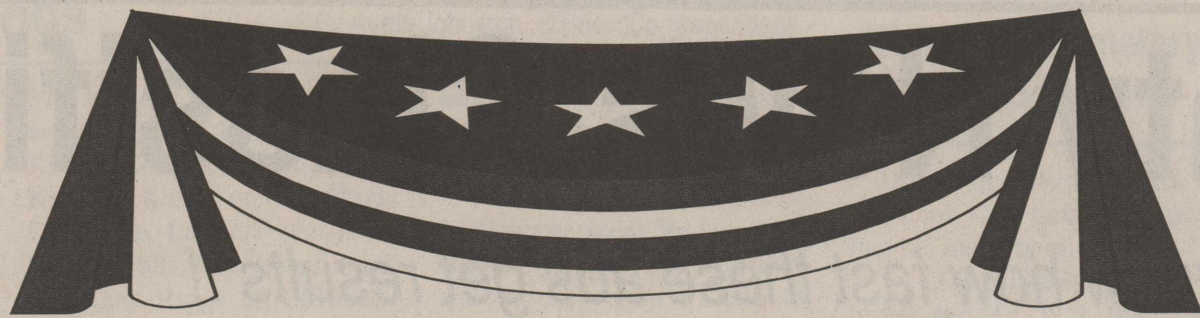
"Give me twenty-five dollars and he's yours," said the shopkeeper.

"I believe I'll take this worthless bowl with me," said the stranger while paying for the cat.

"Oh, no," said the old man. "It's the best cat-seller I have."

So many try to deceive others in buying and selling. But when you get on the straight and narrow way, you'll find there's no room for crooked dealings.

The Living Bible says, "Be decent and true in everything you do."



Knox County 4-H Horse Club holds open horse show Saturday, June 7

2003 show held at Benjamin arena

The Knox County 4-H Horse Club held their 2003 open horse show on Saturday, June 7. Local businesses throughout the county were able to make this show possible through monetary donations to pay for prizes, ribbons and other equipment.

Volunteer helpers were Ben Grill of Benjamin ISD; Joel Bolanos and Dick Dickson for preparing the arena; Matt McMillan of Lubbock for judging the show; Mike and Laura McDonald for announcing the show; Robyne Stewart and Dana Beck for registration and book-keeping; and Tom and Becky Moorhouse for supplying the cattle.

Other helpers included Tommy and Julie Thomas, Kemp Jones, Lanham Jones, Pancho and Roberto Acevedo, Jay Hurt and the Benjamin Senior Class of 2004.

Here are the results for the 2003 Knox County Open Horse Show:

Class: Halter Mares - 1. Angie Bourland, Seymour;

Class: Yearling Gelding - 1. Morgan McKinney, Vernon; 2. Blake Jones, Benjamin;

Class: Halter Gelding, 4 years and under - 1. Katie Beeman, Archer County; 2. Jeff Daniel, Guthrie; 3. Pate Stewart, Munday;

Class: Halter Gelding - 5 years and over, 1. Cassie Lyles, Benjamin; 2. Holley Hurt, Guthrie; 3. Katie Beeman, Archer County; 4. Kelby Phillips, Guthrie; Kara Hurt, Guthrie; Chase Reed, Truscott; Gay Lynn Gary, Sagerton;

Class: Grand Champion/Reserve Champion Halter Gelding - Grand Champion, Cassie Lyles, Benjamin; Reserve, Holley Hurt, Guthrie;

Class: Showmanship at Halter - Junior Level - 1. Katie Beeman, Archer County, 2. Gay Lynn Gary, Sagerton; 3. Angie Bourland,

Seymour;

Class: Showmanship at Halter - Senior Level, 1. Jeff Daniel, 2. Melyssa Elliott; Class Walk/Trot, 1. Kara Hurt, Guthrie; 2. Shannon Reeve, Munday; 3. Kaitlyn Voss, Truscott, 4. Colton Sims, Vernon;

Class: 2 year old Futurity, 1. Pate Stewart, Munday; 2. Larami Stewart, Munday; 3. Kelby Phillips, Guthrie;

Class: Western Pleasure - Junior, 1. Katie Beeman, 2. Pate Stewart, 3. Larami Stewart, 4. Blake Jones, 5. Angie Bourland, 6. Ashley Daniel, 7. Sharrisa Beck, 8. Chase Reed;

Class: Western Pleasure - Senior, 1. Jeff Daniel, 2. Melyssa Elliott, 3. Kelby Phillips, 4. Holley Hurt, 5. JoAnna Elliott, 6. Cassie Lyles;

Class: Western Horsemanship - Junior, 1. Pate Stewart, 2. Gay Lynn Gary, 3. Katie Beeman;

Class: Western Horsemanship - Senior, 1. Cassie Lyles, 2. Jeff Daniel, 3. Holley Hurt, 4. Kelby Phillips, 5. Melyssa Elliott;

Class: Reining - Junior, 1. Gay Lynn Gary, 2. Katie Beeman;

Class: Reining - Senior, 1. Kelby Phillips, 2. Melyssa Elliott;

Class: Working Cow Horse - Junior, 1. Ashley Daniel, 2. Larami Stewart, 3. Shane Decker, 4. Gay Lynn Gary, 5. Pate Stewart, 6. Chase Reed, 7. JoAnna Elliott;

Class: Working Cow Horse - Senior, 1. Kelby Phillips, 2. Jeff Daniel, 3. Holley Hurt, 4. Cassie Lyles, 5. Melyssa Elliott;

Class: Team Penning - Pee Wee, Team 1, Colton Sims, Kara Hurt, Kaitlyn Voss, time 3:52;

Class: Team Penning - Junior, Team 1, Blake Jones, Chase Reed, Pate Stewart, no time; Team 2, Ashley Daniel, Shane Decker, Lottie Elliott, no time;

Class: Team Penning - Senior, Team 1, Larami Stewart, Cassie Lyles, Shaylee Propps, time 2:19; Team 2, Melyssa Elliott, Gay

Lynn Gary, Holley Hurt, time 2:46; Team 3, Jeff Daniel, Kelby Phillips, Brandon Boyd, no time;

Class: Barrels - Pee Wee, 1. Kara Hurt, 2. Colton Sims, 3. Kaitlyn Voss; Class:

Barrels - Junior, 1. Angie Bourland, 2. Larami Stewart, 3. Gay Lynn Gary, 4. JoAnna Elliott, 5. Chase Reed, 6. Lottie Elliott, 7. Sharrisa Beck, 8. Kamri Criswell, 9. Katie Beeman;

Class: Barrels - Senior, 1. Melyssa Elliott, 2. Cassie Lyles, 3. Jeff Daniel, 4. Kelby Phillips;

Class: Poles - Pee Wee, 1. Kara Hurt, 2. Shannon Reeves, 3. Colton Sims, 4. Kaitlyn Voss;

Class: Poles - Junior, 1. Gay Lynn Gary, 2. Chase Reed, 3. JoAnna Elliott, 4. Lottie Elliott, 5. Kamri Criswell, 6. Pate Stewart, 7. Katie Beeman, 8. Larami Stewart; Class:

Poles - Senior, 1. Melyssa Elliott, 2. Jeff Daniel, 3. Cassie Lyles, 4. Kelby Phillips, 5. Holley Hurt;

Class: Stakes - Pee Wee, 1. Kara Hurt, 2. Shannon Reeves, 3. Colton Sims, 4. Kaitlyn Voss; Class:

Stakes - Junior, 1. JoAnna Elliott, 2. Larami Stewart, 3. Chase Reed, 4. Pate Stewart, 5. Lottie Elliott, 6. Kamri Criswell, 7. Gay Lynn Gary, 8. Katie Beeman, 9. Angie Bourland;

Class: Stakes - Senior, 1. Jeff Daniel, 2. Melyssa Elliott, 3. (tie) - Holley Hurt, Cassie Lyles, 4. Kelby Phillips.

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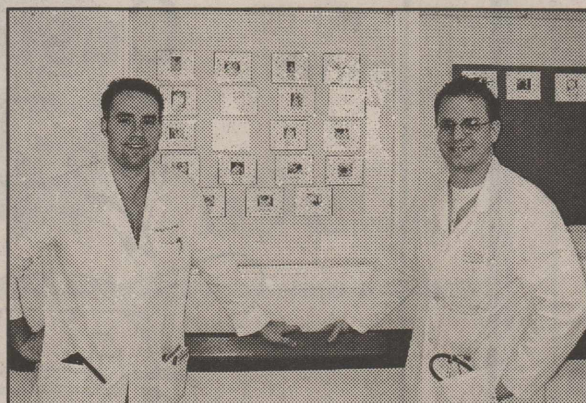
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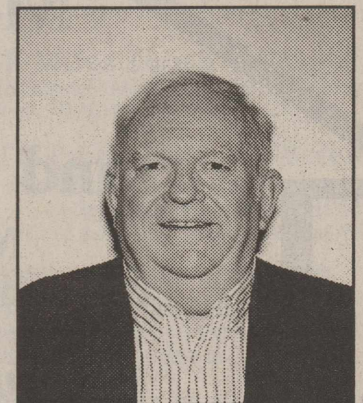


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