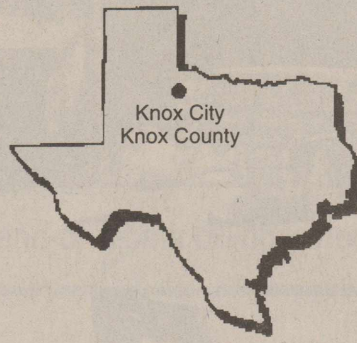


The 15th annual Seedless Watermelon Festival is set for July 25-26 in Knox City

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Local couple honored by U.S. Marine Corps for support of troops in Iraq war



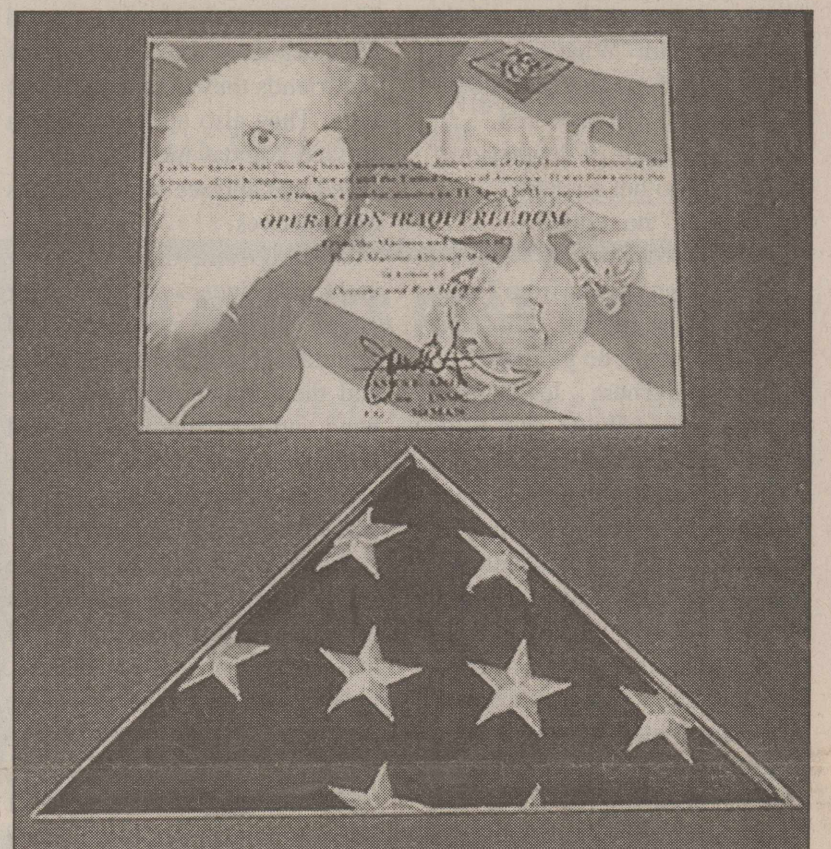
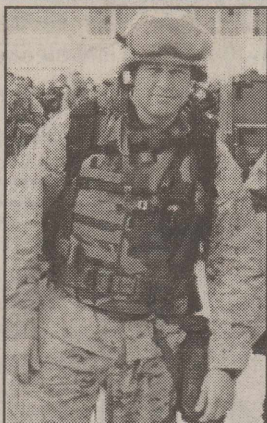
Rob and Dorethy Harrison received a big surprise over the Fourth of July holiday weekend when they received official recognition from the United States Marine Corps for an act of kindness they performed many months ago. Traveling to Canyon in the Texas panhandle for the wedding of a nephew, the Harrison's were looking forward to seeing another nephew there, a Captain in the United States Marine Corps who had just returned from a tour of duty in Iraq during the war.

While visiting with Cpt. Jason S. Freeby, he took the Harrison's aside and presented them that contained a Certificate of Appreciation from the United States Marine Corps and a United States flag. The certificate read: "In honor of Rob and Dorethy Harrison, let it be witness to the forces threatening the dome of Kuwait and America. It was signed in a combat zone in support of Operation Enduring Freedom." The flag and Marine's and sailors Aircraft Wing, and General James F. General of the Third

When Cpt. Freeby presented the plaque to Rob and Dorethy, he commented "You men, and we want to Dorethy expressed appreciation to Jason, say "Thank you not

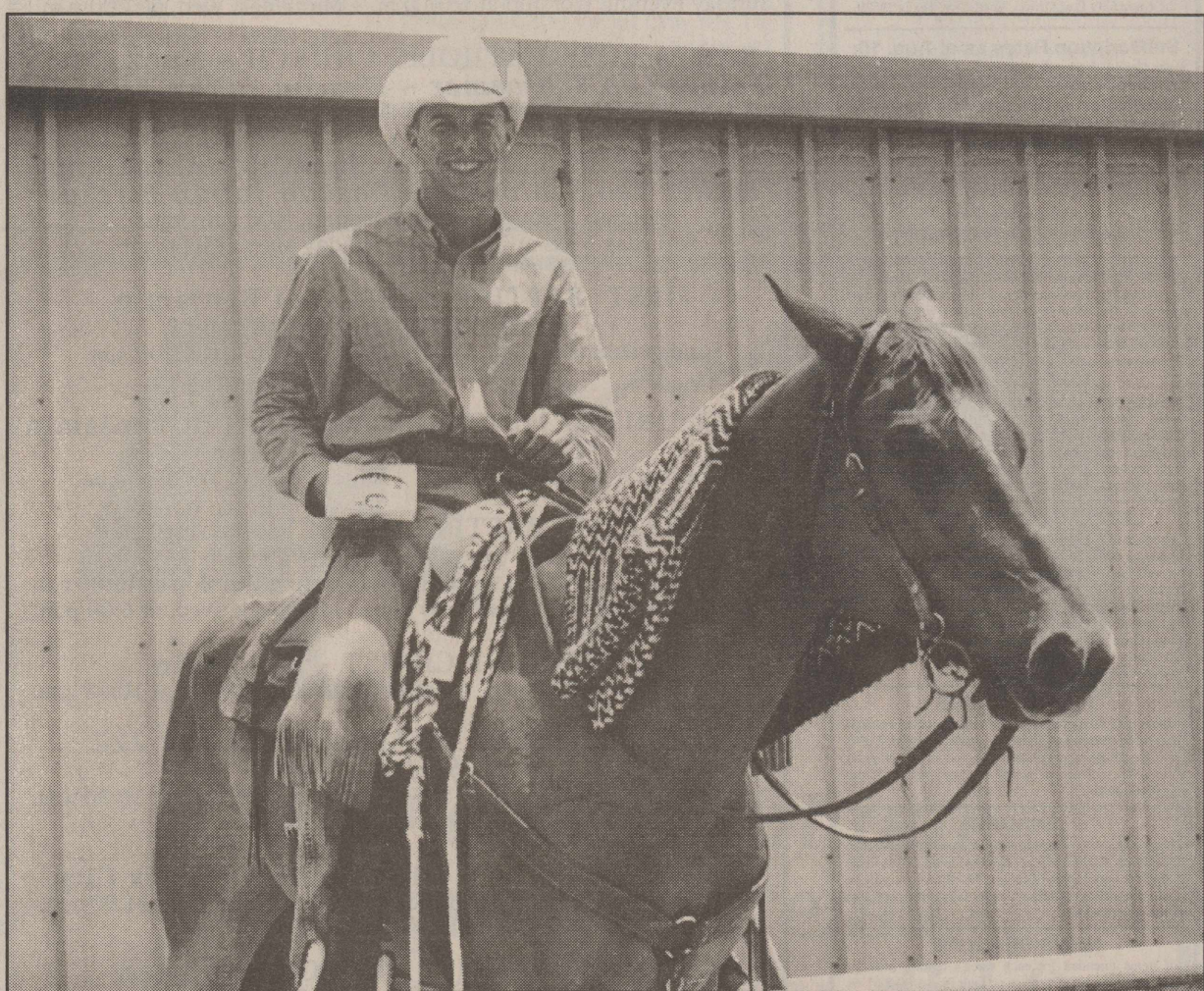


Captain Jason S. Freeby U.S.M.C.



only for this treasured gift, but also for serving to protect the freedoms we enjoy." Rob also said that he and Dorethy shed tears of pride.

The appreciation to the Harrison's was in response to something that Rob did back when Cpt. Freeby (his nephew) was sent to Iraq. Because mail reaching troops in a war zone is not always reliable and timely, Rob designed a web page for Cpt. Freeby where friends and relatives could go to express their thoughts and feelings while their loved one was at war. Whenever the Captain had access to a computer, he would log on to 'his own' web page, view messages and leave his own in return.



WINNING THE DISTRICT 3 4-H HORSE SHOW CHAMPION Overall Roper Title was Logan Morrow. Logan, the son of Leisa and Poncho Morrow, is a May graduate of Knox City High School and will attend Vernon College in the fall. (Courtesy Photo)

Knox County youth make strong showing in Vernon at District 3 4-H Horse Show

Logan Morrow is Overall Roper Champion

The District 3 4-H Horse Show was held June 19 through 21 at Vernon.

Many Knox County youth participated in various events during

the horse show.

Logan Morrow won the Champion Overall Roper buckle. His individual placings were fourth in the breakaway roping and sixth in

the calf roping. Logan and Colton Daniel placed third in the team roping.

In the team penning contest, See Horse Show, page 3

Barbara Rector is named new administrator for City of Knox City

During the last City Council meeting on June 12, council members named Barbara Rector as city administrator.

Mrs. Rector began her employment with the city two years ago this month as a city secretary working with city administrator Mike Burkham. When Burkham resigned at the end of December 2001, Mrs. Rector became city secretary - office manager. She was assisted for a while by a Public Works manager.

Prior to her working for the city, Mrs. Rector was employed by Citizens Bank here for 20 years. She had been with Menard National Bank for six years, moving here from Menard County in October 1975.

After moving here, she was employed by the Plant Materials



CITY ADMINISTRATOR BARBARA RECTOR

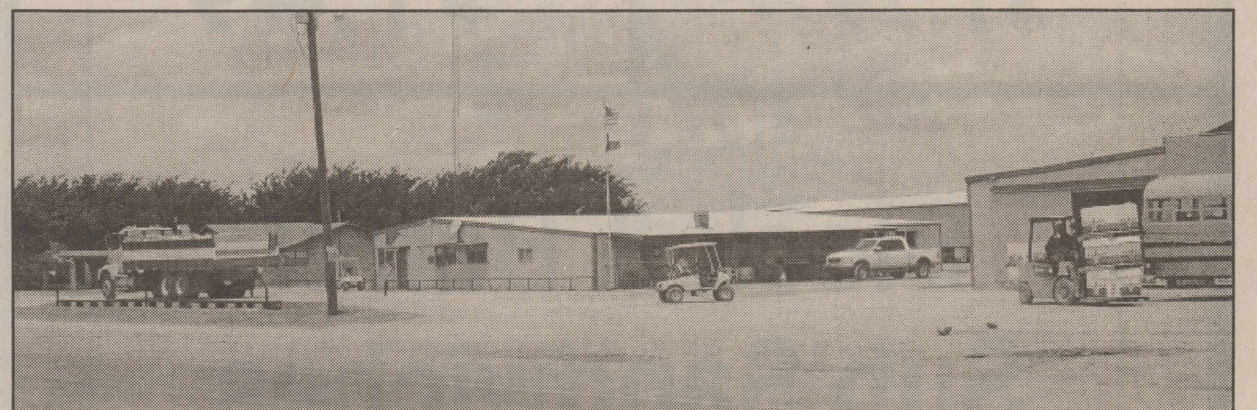
Center for 1 1/2 years.

Barbara's husband, John, retired as FSA-ASC County Executive Director on January 3, 2003, after serving 34 years.

John continues to farm their

place ten miles southeast of Knox City.

The Rectors have one daughter, Lila Jo. She and her husband, Stayle Keck, live at Nocona where she is a kindergarten teacher.



WORK IS IN FULL SWING at Johnson Farms east of Knox City as the annual harvest of seedless watermelons is underway. Shown in the above photo, a truck full of melons weighs on the scales (at left of photo), and workers prepare to load an old yellow schoolbus full of seedless watermelons.



A SAND VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT is on the schedule again this year for the 15th annual Seedless Watermelon Festival. Volleyball action will take place in the City Park on Saturday, July 26.

O'Brien happenings

By Audie Johnston, O'Brien Correspondent

"Psychiatry students were in their Emotional Extremes class. "Let's set some parameters," the professor said. "What's the opposite of joy?" he asked one student. "Sadness," he answered. "The opposite of depression?" he asked another student. "Elation," he replied. "The opposite of woe?" the prof asked a young woman from Texas. The Texan replied, "Sir, I believe that would be giddyup." Here and There - Joe Banner, Laura Banner Wade and Billie Walker enjoyed visiting in Hawley with Cliff and Bobbie Banner and their guests Kevin and Emily Banner with nine of their ten children, Roger and Mary Caffee and their children, Cody and Ashley of Amarillo. Kevin and his family live in Lott. All shared a July 4 meal and fireworks. Billie Walker and son Cliff Banner visited with Cliff's son, Kenneth Banner, Saturday. My son Don and wife Marilyn of Slaton spent the weekend with

me and enjoyed playing in the golf tournament at KC while here. They enjoyed the tournament and did real good and got to see a lot of old friends they kind of grew up with. They also attended church services Sunday morning and enjoyed that and seeing old friends and relatives. Visiting some days with C.H. and Linda Underwood were their daughters, Beth and Becky and granddaughters, Faith and Hope and their father. Beth and husband and girls live in Roby and Becky lives in Lubbock. We sure enjoyed them in church too. Their son, Reed of Alpine, also visited. Eddie and Claudia Bryant were July 4 guests of Jerry and Sharon Robertson of Levelland. They all met at the Robertson's ranch home, outside Girard, for an enjoyable evening of fireworks and also seeing their grandson, Hayden. Cecylee and Hadlee Hicks of Hawley visited over the weekend with Eddie and Claudia Bryant. They enjoyed fireworks and a trip

to the lake. Spending this week with Beatrice Ellis is her sister, Vondell and husband Bill Reynolds and Landra Grant of San Pedro, California. They will be getting ready for a Sparks and Reed family reunion over the next weekend. Bernice Rowan was in Haskell Saturday to visit with her daughter, Debbie and husband and her granddaughter Tracy and Rusty and children Cutter and Chastiti of Alvarado. They enjoyed a good visit. Angelia, Greg, Sam and Lora Venker of Dallas visited Angelia's mom, Veeta Reid for the Fourth of July weekend. Other guests were Addline Kohout of Stamford, Marcus Mathis of Sagerton and Harmon and Nan Mathis of Seymour. We still have several people on our prayer list that need our prayers; Jr. Reeves, Billie Norton, Bessie Duncan, and the Baty's whose son is getting a kidney transplant.

DPS Troopers seize record amounts of illegal drugs

For the third straight year, drug seizures by DPS troopers on traffic patrol topped the \$100 million mark.

According to 2002 statistics released today by the Traffic Law Enforcement Division, DPS troopers intercepted illegal drugs valued at \$123.8 million while on normal patrol duty. Texas troopers have led the nation in highway drug seizures for the last several years.

"Seizing drugs intended for someone's neighborhood is just one positive byproduct of our normal patrol activities," said DPS Director Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr. "In addition to arresting drunk drivers and slowing down speeders, our traffic patrols put drug smugglers, murderers and other criminals behind bars—a big step forward in making Texas a safer place."

Some of the highlights in 2002:

- * Heroin seizures of 86 pounds were a record for DPS troopers.
- * The 1,780 drug arrests were the second highest in DPS history.
- * Cocaine seizures topped one ton (2,202 pounds) worth an estimated \$90.1 million.
- * Troopers also confiscated more than 25 tons (50,908 pounds) of marijuana.
- All totaled, this year's drug seizures rank fourth in DPS history.
- In addition, DPS troopers arrested more than 17,000 people for a variety of criminal violations, ranging from homicide to auto theft. (Numbers exclude drug and alcohol-related arrests.)

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District 3 4-H Horse Show

From page one

Chance Propps, Shaylee Propps and Cassie Lyles placed third, Trey Propps, Larami Stewart and Pate Stewart placed fifth and the team of Logan Morrow, Colton Daniel and Becky Daniel placed sixth. Tyler College teamed with Kallie Antilley of King County and Shelby Stokes of Dickens County.

In the Working Cow Horse, Colton Daniel placed second, Logan Morrow seventh, and Pate Stewart tenth. Shaylee Propps, Cassie Lyles, Larami Stewart, Becky Daniel and Trey Propps also participated.

Cassie Lyles placed third in the Grade Geldings, All Ages Class. Placing first in the Yearling Filly Futurity was Becky Daniel and second Larami Stewart

In the two year old pleasure futurity, Pate Stewart placed first and Larami Stewart second.

Winning the Champion Futurity was Becky Daniel.

These winning youth will be competing at the Texas State 4-H Horse Show in Abilene July 21 through 26.

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CITY CREWS ARE BUSY constructing new bathrooms at the Kennel Building in the City Park. Work is supposed to be completed in time for the July 25-26 15th Annual Seedless Watermelon Festival.

Parade and street dance set to kickoff upcoming annual Watermelon Festival

Festival, classic car show will continue on Saturday, July 26

The 15th annual Watermelon Festival will kick off Friday, July 25, with a parade downtown beginning at 6:30 p.m. The parade will begin and end in front of the Knox City High School.

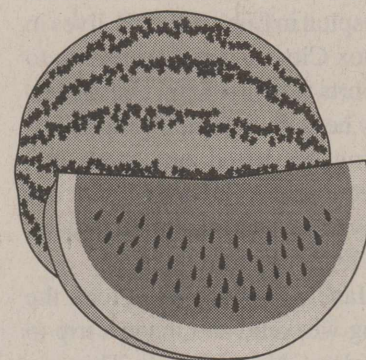
All Knox City and area residents are invited and encouraged to participate by entering a float in the parade. Those wishing to sign up may do so by contacting the Chamber office.

Following the parade there will be a street dance featuring the "Middle of the Road" from Vernon. The band is sponsored by Citizens Bank N.A. and will be playing in Merchants Park from 7:00 until 10:00 p.m.

The Chamber will also be selling BBQ sandwich plates for \$5.00 so it is hoped that everyone will come hungry.

Downtown merchants will be open late on Friday for Friday night shoppers.

The Watermelon Festival will continue through Saturday with registration for the Classic Car Show from 8:00 until 10:00 a.m. and judging will be at 12:30 p.m. The Classic Car Show is sponsored by Bailey Toliver Chevrolet-Cadillac in Haskell. This year, the Classic Car Show will be located on South Third Street by the City Park.

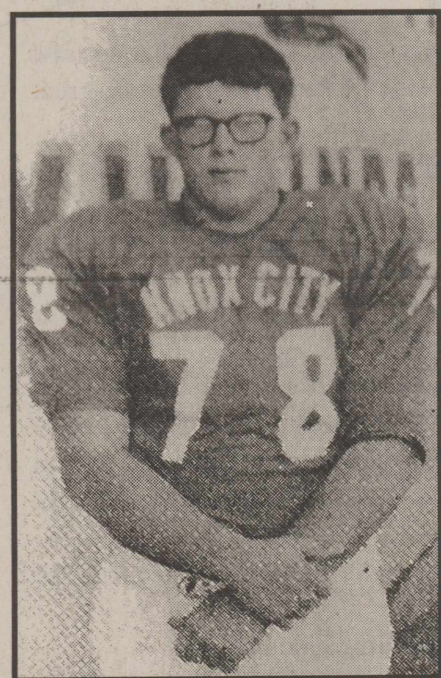


In addition to booths, the festival will include the Classic Watermelon Train rides, free watermelon, music, swimming and a co-ed sand volleyball tourney. Those wishing to sign up for the volleyball tournament, may do so by calling Kayla at 658-3313.

Another event planned for this year's Festival is the Knox City Volunteer Fire Department's water polo match which will be held on South Fourth Street this year, south of the City Park.

Also this year, the Knox City Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring "Melon Money" - for every \$10 spent at the businesses downtown on Friday night and Saturday, a ticket will be earned. These tickets need to be returned to the City Park on Saturday to be put in a drawing at the Chamber booth. The Chamber will hold three separate drawings for \$15, \$50 and \$100 gift certificates to be redeemed in the downtown businesses.

There will be something for everyone, so make plans to attend the 15th Annual Watermelon Festival, July 25 and 26.



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Friday, July 18 - Cream of potato soup, cheese sticks, cornbread, fruit with topping.

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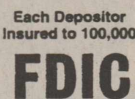
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The Knox County News has completed the changeout of the camera system that we use to take photographs. We have made a complete switch to digital photographs for everything we cover, including all community, school, sports and other news events that 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.

Benjamin news

By Gladene Green, Benjamin Correspondent

I hope everyone had a happy, safe 4th of July. For me, it was pretty quiet but an enjoyable day, nevertheless.

Several Benjamin folks attended the funeral of Bill Parham at First Baptist Church in Seymour Tuesday. Among these attending were Linda Wagner, Mike and Debbie Moorhouse, Joy Jones, Jack and Mary Young, Leroy and Gloria West, Roger Babcock, Bobby Hudson, Stanton and Penny Brown, Laura, Dicky and Jenna McCanlies, Dick and Carol Dickson and myself. Bill died on Sunday after several years illness.

Joy and Charles Jones attended the funeral of Frank Langston in Seymour Saturday and the burial at Truscott. He was married to Charles cousin.

Hazel Stockton was in Abilene last Monday to see an arthritis doctor. His diagnosis was just that - a severe case of arthritis and not much he can do for her. Did give her some pain medication and said when it quits helping, he will increase the dosage. She is in a lot of pain.

Jacob Siemens seems to be doing quite well. He told me Sunday he will get his neck brace off in four weeks and he's surely look-

ing forward to that. Then he will finish his dental work so things are looking up for him.

Matt Tyson of Bemiji, Minnesota, has been here several weeks visiting his aunt, Becky Jones and family and all his friends here.

Jane Gideon and I attended graveside rites for Bud Phillips in Gillispie Cemetery Saturday. Bud was Jane's brother, Joe's roommate in Munday Nursing Center for a long time.

Former resident Tom Brooke Hudson is in CCU in Covenant Hospital in Lubbock. T.B. lives in Knox City now and according to reports from his wife, Glenna, today he is doing much better since being air lifted out there last Wednesday. He does need our prayers as doctors continue to look for his problem.

Janet and Gary Reed took the long weekend and made a trip to Ruidoso, New Mexico. This is a wonderful time to go out there but it's hard to come back to this not-nearly-so pleasant July weather! Their son, Clay, was also out there with friends from Knox City.

Debbie and Mike Moorhouse had supper with is brother and sister-in-law, Rick and Sandra and some members of her family, Sat-

urday night at Lake Kemp. Will came home with them after several days visit.

Lana and Carlos Mendoza are moving back to Benjamin. They have four children, three will be in school, and are moving into the "school" house, just east of the school. They have been living in Seymour several years and are really glad to get back over here. And we are glad to have them "back home".

Terry and DeAnn Cartwright and son of Plano were 4th of July guests of his brother, Tracy and family. Tracy, Susan and kids vacationed in Alabama and other points of interest week before last.

Jessie Roberts is sort of under the weather. Has a pretty aggravating back problem that has pretty well immobilized her for a while. Here's hoping after some good bed rest and medicine she will begin to feel better soon.

Betty Lyles told me that her sister-in-law, Verda Coates of Woodward, Oklahoma, is quite ill in the hospital there. Doctors have not diagnosed her problem but it is in her abdominal area. She is married to Betty's only brother, Horace. They too, need our prayers.

Word II course to be held July 22-July 29 at Vernon College campus

VERNON - The Division of Workforce Education and Training at Vernon College has scheduled an upcoming course to be taught entitled Introduction To Word Processing Applications: Word II.

This course will cover a study of production techniques. These techniques will include search and replace functions, headers and footers, spelling checker, mail merge file functions, and printer set-up.

This course will meet on Tuesdays from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. beginning July 22 and ending July 29.

The registration fee will be \$30 plus a book.

For further information or registration forms, contact the Office of Continuing Education at Vernon College by calling (940) 552-6291, extension 2209.

The course will be conducted at Vernon College, 4400 College Drive in Vernon.

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Conservation Tillage meeting set for July 16

The Texas Cooperative Extension Service in Haskell and Jones Counties and Monsanto will sponsor a Conservation Tillage meeting on Wednesday, July 16.

The meeting will begin at 8:30 that morning at Hollis Calloway's place, south of Haskell.

To get to the meeting location, go 4-4.5 miles south of the stoplight in Haskell on 277 to FM Rd 1225. Turn east on 1225 and go 1-1/5 miles west to Mr. Calloway's place on the north side of the road.

Approximately one hour will be spent in the field and then the group will adjourn to the Haskell National Bank meeting room in Haskell. There will be three Continuing Education Units available.

The meeting will consist of registration, coffee and donuts and more discussion as well as presentations.

Presentations will be by John Bradley, Conservation Tillage Specialist with Monsanto; Dr. Billy Warrick, Extension Agronomist from San Angelo; and Dr. Michael Hare, Toxicologist with the Texas Department of Agriculture.

There will be a meal and the meeting will adjourn shortly after lunch.

New and innovative ways of utilizing Conservation Tillage practices will be shared at this meeting along with weed minimization and implement design ideas

Those who would like to attend should RSVP by Monday, July 14 to 940-864-2658, according to Brandon Anderson, Haskell County Extension Agent.

Vernon College sets Defensive driving course July 21 and 23

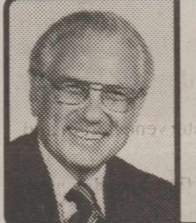
VERNON - The Division of Workforce Education and Training at Vernon College has once again scheduled the popular course entitled Defensive Driving.

The course is designed to train drivers in professional traffic accident avoidance techniques and to promote an attitude of mutual understanding, courtesy, and cooperation through informed motorists.

The course is approved by the National Traffic Safety Institute and the Texas Education Agency and makes the student eligible for a reduction in their insurance premiums or for traffic citation dismissal.

The course will meet on Monday and Wednesday, July 21 and 23, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. on the main campus in Vernon. The course will be taught by licensed Defensive Driving instructor, Harrison Watts.

For further information, fees or registration forms, contact the Vernon College Continuing Education Office at (940) 552-6291, extension 2209 or 2210.



SEEDS FROM THE SOWER

Michael A. Guido
Metter, Georgia

A girl shouted, "Mother, guess what!"

"I don't know-what?" she asked and kept on working.

"Mother," she cried, "you're not listening."

"I am," answered the mother and kept on peeling potatoes.

"But, mother," she protested, "you're not listening with your eyes."

That's what the Lord does. The Bible says, "The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and His ears are open to their cry."

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The NEWS

Dear Friends,

Even though we are late in doing so, our hearts feel just as they did on April 26, when we saw an outpouring of love and support from this community when Dave's accident occurred. Totally overwhelmed.

It reminds us of a wonderful, old song, 'Sheltered In The Arms of God'. In reflecting back, He did just that.

The staff at Wilford Hall Medical Center in San Antonio where Dave was airlifted could not believe the calls we received while we were there - the phone literally rang off the wall. Each and every call, card and flower arrangement received meant more than you could imagine - due to the circumstances and also being so far from home.

It is difficult to name individuals who came to our aid; however, there are several who we couldn't have made it without. Special thanks to Rob Harrison for being in San Antonio for the surgery with Dave. Thanks also to Wilma and Bud Hogan for their special gift and also to Bud for taking the paper to Vernon for us to be printed numerous weeks, to Elaine for helping get our papers labeled and get our statements out.

Special thanks also to Mom for keeping the business going while we were out and continue to be. You are all greatly appreciated.

To Scooter's friends, who were here with him, visited and fed him. Thank you ! !

To the churches in Knox City and the area, for your prayers, love and concern, we will always be grateful.

To Bro. Bobby, Sylvia and Katelyn for helping us get settled once we landed at home. For the food, the visits and the gifts - they were the best ! Thanks to all of you who dropped by the house during one of the most busiest times of the year - end of school and graduation ! Dave has progressed enough to begin walking, but the orthopedic surgeon has still not ruled out the possibility of further surgery. Please keep us in your prayers.

We will remember all of you for your kindness always.
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We love you all, Dave, Stacy and Scooter

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HOME FOR SALE - 407 East Main, Knox City. Three bedroom, two bath on two lots, fenced, landscaped, well. Open House and Garage Sale on Saturday, July 12, from 9 until noon. 940-658-1105.
7-10 tfc 1p

FOR SALE - Large three bedroom, two bath house, two carport, storage building and cellar. 109 South Fourth, across from City Park.
7-10 tfc 22

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SEEDS FROM THE SOWER
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Metter, Georgia

When Robert Hill and Daphne Hynes were married in the Northwest Territory, it wasn't possible for the bride's father to be present.

A long-distance call was arranged, and amplifiers were installed at both ends. When the justice of the peace asked "Who gives this woman to be married to this man?", the voice of the bride's father was heard to say, "I do."

It's a good thing to honor your earthly parents in all your wedding plans. It's a better thing to honor your heavenly Father.

If you marry an unbeliever, you'll have trouble with your father-in-law, the devil.

Garage Sale

ESTATE SALE - 1203 SE Third. Friday and Saturday, 9 to 5. 7-10 tfc 1p

GARAGE SALE in Rochester - Thursday - Friday, July 10-11 on 800 Jefferson. Lots of everything. 7-10 tfc 1p

GARAGE SALE - 3367 State Hwy. 222E, Saturday, July 12, 8 a.m.-5p.m. Furniture, clothes, tires and lots of misc. Diana Casillas. 7-10 tfc 25

MOVING SALE - Saturday, July 12, 307 South Second, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Stuff, stuff and more stuff. 7-10 tfc 1p

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Help Wanted

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NOW HIRING FOR full time night cook. Five nights weekly. Penman's Convenience Store, 609 East Main, Knox City. 7-10 tfc 18

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Legal Notice

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF KNOX

Felicia Ann Marin, if living, and if any or all of the above named defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of each or all of said above named persons who may be dead, and the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any and all other persons, including adverse claimants, the unknown stockholders of any defunct corporations, their successors, heirs and assigns, owning or having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the following described property, delinquent to Plaintiff herein, for taxes, all of said property being located in said County and state, to-wit: east 1/2 of Lot 9 and All of Lot 10, Block 48, Original Townsite to the City of Knox City, Knox County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 239, Page 541 of the Deed Records of Knox County, Texas; West 1/2 of Lot 9, Block 48, Original Townsite to the city of Knox City, Knox County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 239, Page 541 of the Deed Records of Knox County, Texas; **PERSONAL PROPERTY** being that property more particularly described and assessed on the tax rolls of this jurisdiction; and **BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY** being that property more particularly described and assessed on the tax rolls of this jurisdiction.

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiff for taxes in the following amount: \$7,276.86, exclusive of interest, penalties and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes, all said interest, penalties and costs therein allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by the Knox County Appraisal District, Plaintiff, against the above named persons, as Defendants, by petition filed on May 25, 1999, in a certain suit styled the Knox County Appraisal District et al vs. Phyllis Marin, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Knox County, Texas, 50th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 8436, that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit are NONE.

Plaintiff and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, and in addition to the taxes all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiff, Defendants, and Intervenor, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties and costs allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefor, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file and which may hereafter be filed in said cause by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance of this citation as set out below, said appearance and answer date being the 4th day of August, A.D., 2003, (which is the return day of such citation), before the honorable District Court of Knox County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiff and the taxing units parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit. This citation is issued under my hand and seal of said Court in the City of Benjamin, Knox County, Texas, this 27th day of June, A.D., 2003.

/s/ Ronnie Verhalen, Clerk of the District Court, Knox County, Texas, 50th Judicial District
/s/ Dean W. Homstad, Knox County Sheriff

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LEGAL NOTICE - THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 30.05 OF THE PENAL CODE OF TEXAS - (CRIMINAL TRESPASS SENATE BILL III LEGISLATURE), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ALL LANDS OF THE SPIKE BOX RANCH AND CACTUS FARMS ARE POSTED - SAVE AND EXCEPT WHERE WRITTEN PERMISSION IS GIVEN TO COME UPON THE SAME. MIKE SHEEDY 10-29 tfc 52

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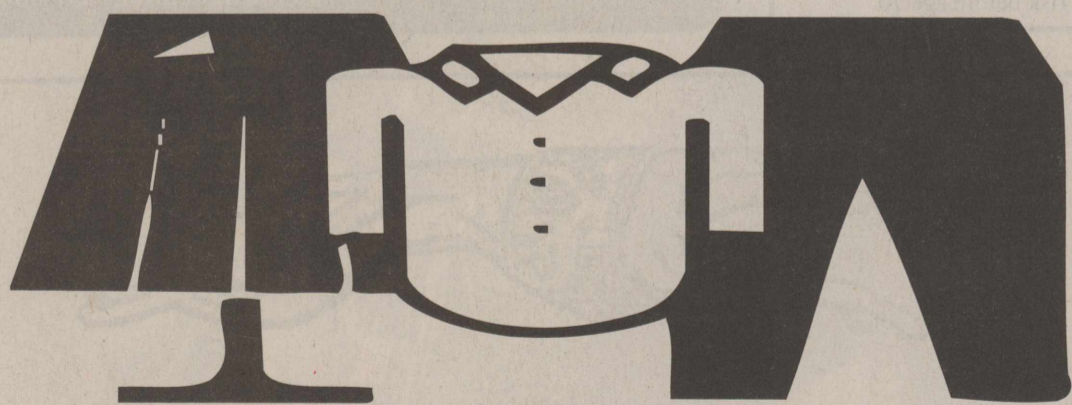
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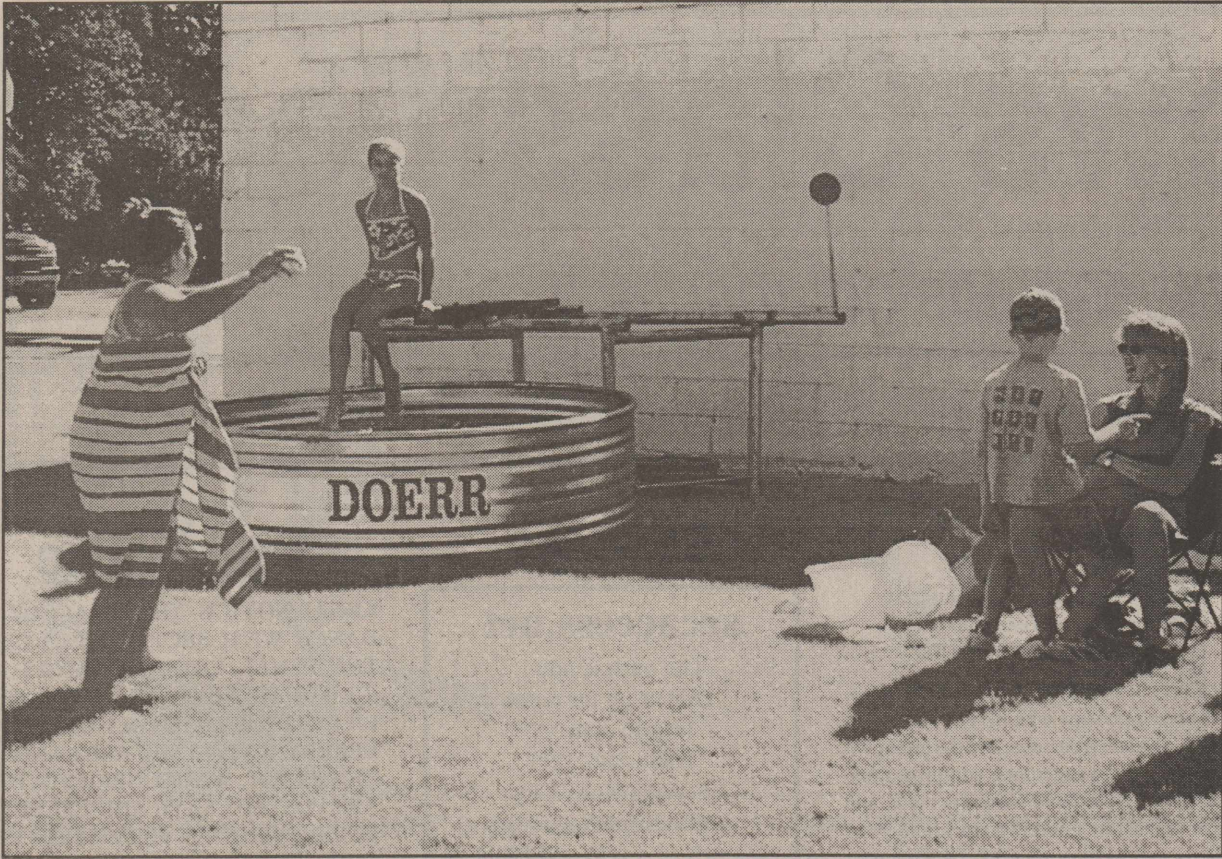
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GAMES ARE ALWAYS A BIG PART of the annual Watermelon Festival held in Knox City every summer. This year's event will be the 15th annual, and is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, July 25th and 26th. Make your plans now to be downtown on the evening of the 25th and at the City Park all day on the 26th to join in the games and other festivities.



THE PARADE for this year's 15th annual Seedless Watermelon Festival is scheduled for Friday evening, July 25. Entrants will form at the school, parade through downtown and finish at the school.

MIP course to be held at Vernon College on July 25 and 26

VERNON - The Division of Workforce and Continuing Education at Vernon College will again be offering an MIP (Minor In Possession) course this spring. This State mandated alcohol education program is designed for minors who have been cited for possession or consumption of alcohol or drugs.

Class will meet on Friday and Saturday, July 25 and 26, from 6:30 until 9:30 p.m. on Friday, and 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday. The fee will be \$50.00 and instructed by Jamie Slaughenhop.

Information and registration forms are available through the VC Continuing Education Office at (940) 552-6291, ext. 2209, and will be conducted at the Vernon College main campus, 4400 College Drive in Vernon.

Guthrie men re-elected to AQHA's board of directors

Blodgett, Moorhouse named

American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) recently announced Glenn Blodgett and Bob Moorhouse of Guthrie was re-elected as a member of AQHA's Board of Directors.

Chosen during the 63rd Annual Convention held in Anaheim, California, directors were named to 13 standing committees to work directly with the five-person AQHA Executive Committee to manage and guide the Association's business and activities.

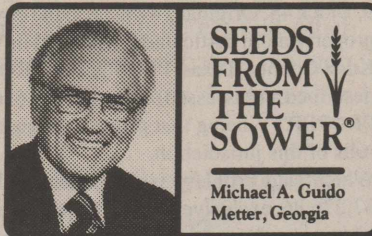
There can be up to 150 elected directors of AQHA. Allocation of directors is based on American Quarter Horse population by state, province or country.

Directors also serve as the means through which members

can communicate with or bring about change at AQHA.

American Quarter Horse Association is the world's largest single-breed registry and equine membership organization, with more than four million American Quarter Horses registered worldwide and AQHA membership numbering more than 341,000. The Association connects people to the world's most popular horse.

AQHA international headquarters in Amarillo, Texas, maintains the pedigrees and registration records of all American Quarter Horses and oversees various programs and incentives - including races, shows and recreational activities - which promote America's oldest distinct breed of horse.



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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.

Think Texas
by Agriculture Commissioner SUSAN COMBS

So, how do we do it? How do we grow new jobs in our community?

This is one of the top economic questions we face in rural Texas today. But many rural Texas communities are finding that through grit, determination and innovation, there are answers. And one of those answers is a new program called Texas Yes!

Texas Yes! is the Texas Department of Agriculture's new campaign and rallying call to promote and showcase cities, towns and counties of rural Texas. The program is open to businesses, organizations and government entities in non-metropolitan or unincorporated areas and cities with a population less than 20,000.

The idea is to take the spirit and creativity that made the Lone Star State great to begin with and build on that. We want to create a vault of innovative solutions and bring together the pioneers of rural development who want to make a difference.

Members will be able to use the Texas Yes! logo in promotional materials and participate in the overall campaign. They'll be included in an online database that highlights rural communities, and they'll regularly receive newsletter and e-mail updates with valuable news and resource information. Associate memberships will be available for entities located in larger metropolitan areas but committed to supporting rural Texas.

Texas was built on homegrown successes and roll-up-your sleeves determination, and Texas Yes! taps into this spirit to gather fresh ideas for the future of rural Texas.

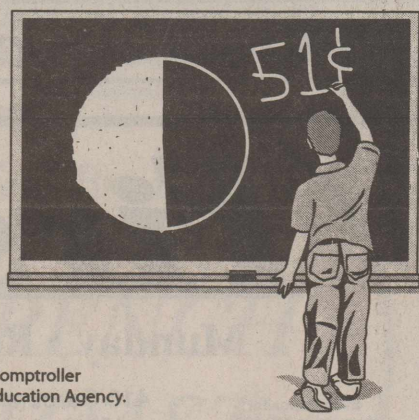
Keeping an Eye on Texas

Education Spending in Texas

According to the latest figures from the Texas Education Agency, only 51 cents of every education dollar is going into classroom instruction.

About 90 percent of the \$28.6 billion spent on education in 2001-02 covered operating expenses, such as payroll, contracted services and supplies.

Roughly 10.4 percent went toward non-operating costs, such as debt service.



SOURCES: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller (www.window.state.tx.us) and the Texas Education Agency.

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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.

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