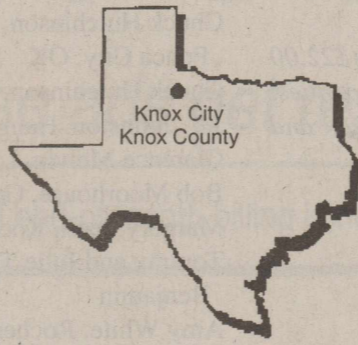


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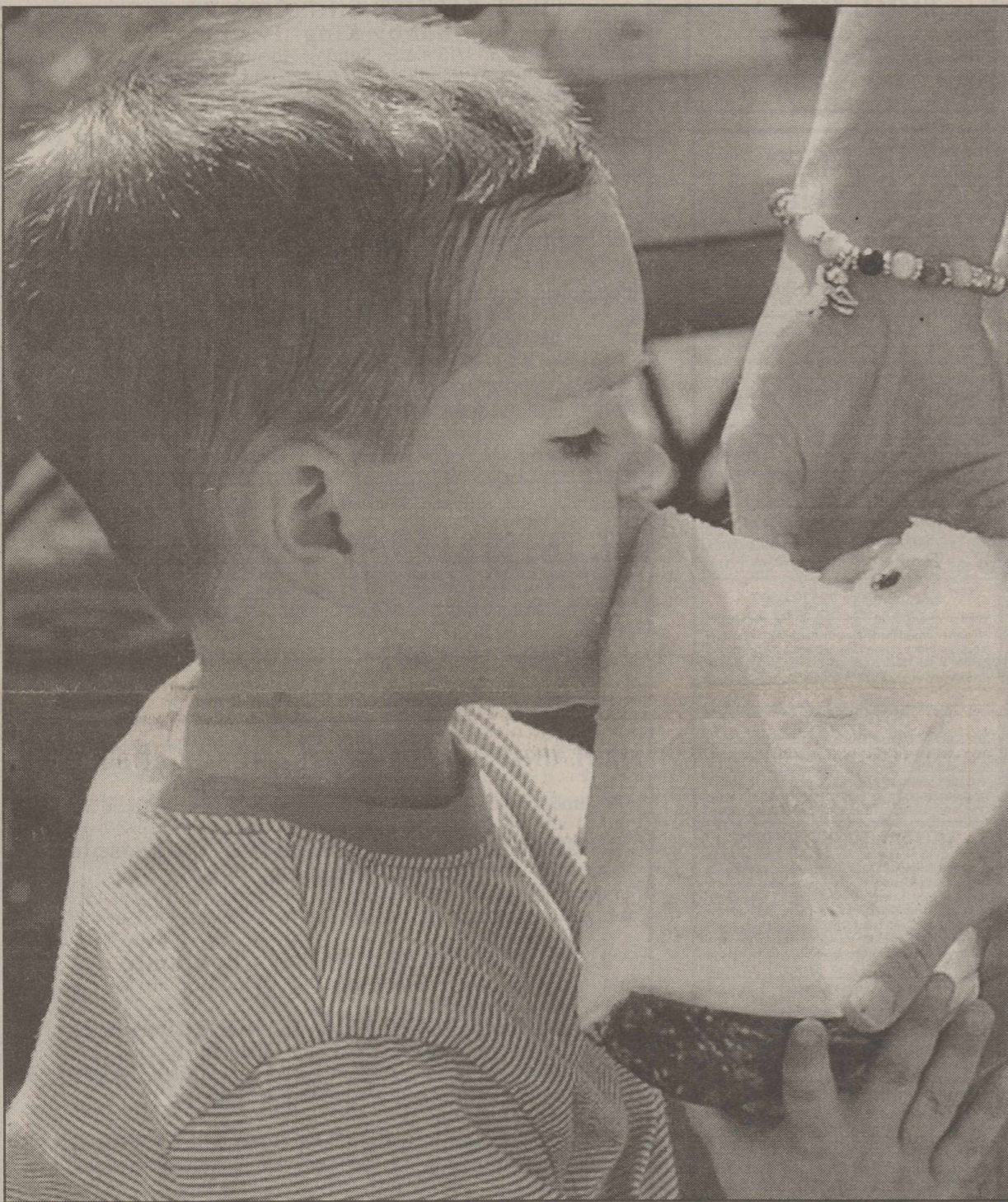
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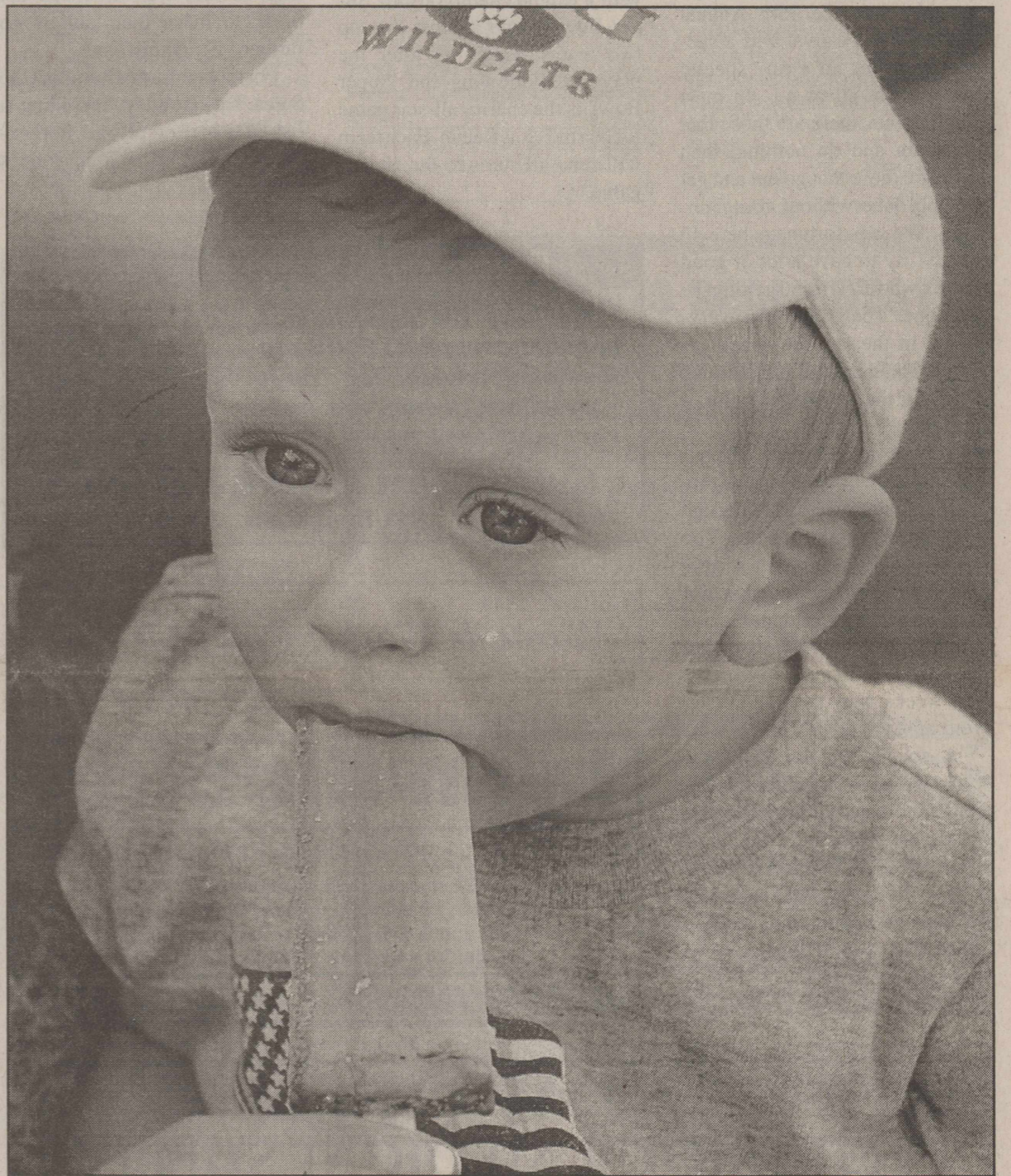
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15th Annual Watermelon Festival is one of the best ever

Large crowd has a good time on Friday and Saturday, kids' faces tell the story



ENJOYING ICE COLD YELLOW SEEDLESS WATERMELON furnished by American Sunmelen, two and a half year old Ethan Smith of Floydada is shown here during the 15th Annual Watermelon Festival Saturday at the City Park. Ethan is the son of Leigh and Eric Smith, and the grandson of Danny and Judy Lane of Knox City and Jenny Sue and Eddie Smith of Floydada.

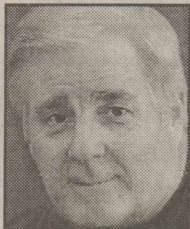


BITING INTO A FROZEN ICE CREAM BAR, Kaegan Lowe enjoys a treat that was passed out by the local Schwann's Route Driver during the 15th Annual Watermelon Festival Parade in downtown Knox City on Friday evening. Kaegan is the son of Matthew Lowe and Amber Collins, and the grandson of Mack and Martha Lowe and Bob and Niki Collins of Knox City.

~ More pictures from the weekend's watermelon festivities inside this edition ~



Straight Talk Sales tax holiday starts on Friday, continues thru Sunday



By Dave Thompson

A word of Thanks

The 15th annual Watermelon Festival held in Knox city this past weekend was a huge success that was enjoyed by the hundreds of folks who attended.

An event like this doesn't just happen, it takes a lot of work to pull it off and to make sure everything runs smoothly. This year's event has to go down in the record books as one of the best ever, at least as far as I could see. Many more vendors were on hand, there seemed to be a lot more for kids to do as they enjoyed the festival.

This year's event took place in

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AUSTIN - Shoppers can stock up on clothes and shoes without paying sales tax August 1-3, Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn announced.

"I love the Sales Tax Holiday. It's the one time where hard-working Texas families get to keep more of their dollars in their pockets for their families' priorities. The fifth annual Sales Tax Holiday will be held this Friday, Saturday and Sunday," Strayhorn said. "During the Sales Tax Holiday most clothes and shoes priced under \$100 are exempt from state and local sales taxes."

Strayhorn estimates Texans will save \$43.8 million in sales tax, including \$34.6 million in state sales tax and \$9.2 million in local sales taxes.

Examples of items that can be

purchased tax-free August 1-3 include kids' clothes and school uniforms, adults' clothes and work uniforms, shoes, tennis shoes, sleepwear and underclothes for the entire family, as long as the items are priced under \$100 each. Strayhorn has repeatedly called on the Legislature to add backpacks, school supplies and safety gear for Texas children to the Tax Exempt list; they have failed to do so.

Items that cannot be purchased tax-free include handbags, wallets, jewelry, accessories, athletic shoes and sports apparel that are not normally street wear, backpacks and school supplies.

Since the first Sales Tax Holiday in 1999, the annual three-day

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KC-O'Brien registration dates are announced

Registration begins next week for students in the Knox City-O'Brien CISD.

August 5 - High School Seniors, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Juniors, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

August 6 - Sophomores, 9:00

a.m. to 12:00 noon. Freshmen, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

August 11 - Elementary, 9:00 to 12:00 noon; Mid-School, 1:00-3:30 p.m.

First day of classes are Wednesday, August 13. Teachers report

for in-serve on Friday, August 8 with August 11 and 12 as work-days.

Two-a-day workouts for this year's Greyhounds and Houndettes begin 'bright and early' on Monday, August 4.

Munday Maulers football signup is this Saturday

Sign up for this year's Munday Maulers pee-wee and midget football teams, players and cheerleaders will be this Saturday, August 2, at the Munday Dairy Queen from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. All prospective players will need to bring a copy of their birth certificate and the \$20.00 sign up fee.

First practice for the teams is set for Monday, August 11, and the game schedule will be released shortly. All adults interested in coaching and helping or assisting

are invite to attend sign up day this Saturday or call Edward Escamilla at 940-422-5449.

Last year was the first year for the Munday Maulers to participate in the Top of Texas football league which annually hosts an all star game with proceeds going to North Texas Rehab to help sick or injured children in their recovery programs. The Munday Maulers are made up of children from ages 7 through 12 from every town in Knox County.

"Last year, we had great support from Munday and Knox City parents and grandparents as well as from citizens from the community of Goree," Escamilla said. "This year, we're hoping to build on that and maybe see some kids from Benjamin participating."

The teams will be split into a pee-wee squad, ages 7 through 9, and a midget squad ages 10 through 12. Both teams will play

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Straight Talk

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our City Park, but it was obvious right away that things were different this year.... the park was CLEAN!! A small army of workers spent many hours in the preceding weeks getting the park ready to showcase the best Knox City had to offer. Employees of the city as well as volunteers from the Chamber of Commerce worked side by side in an all out effort to get everything ready. Trees were trimmed, the grass was cut, and the entire park was actually raked by hand to give it an extra special touch.

The same goes for our downtown area. Workers from the city, the Chamber of Commerce, the Fire Department the Police Department, and private businesses joined together to make sure everything was perfect for the parade, BBQ meal, and street dance on Friday night.

All those who worked so hard to make sure the 15th Annual Watermelon Festival was a success deserve an extra special thanks from all of us. In most small towns, there are those that complain and do nothing, then there are those that go out and get the job done without complaining. We are fortunate here in Knox City to have a lot of good people who don't mind getting the job done. They were seen everywhere in the last few weeks as they worked hard to get the town ready for the festival and a lot of visitors.

Take a moment out of your busy schedules and let the city and the chamber offices know that you appreciate all they do. Too often, the city employees and the chamber directors are taken for granted and very seldom receive thanks. After the amount of work they have all put in during the last few weeks, they deserve to hear your appreciation.

A special thanks to Mayor Charles Lankford, City Manager Barbara Rector and to Daveine Clark, the Executive Director of the Knox City Chamber of Commerce. Because of the guidance of these three community leaders, Knox City was THE place to be this past weekend!

KC News renewals due by August 1

August renewals at The Knox County News are as follows.

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at the same location on the same day against opponents from the same town. The games will include a non conference schedule followed by a district schedule and a post season scheduled for those teams advancing out of district. The post season culminates with a league championship 'Super Bowl' game against the top two teams remaining after the playoffs. Following the 'Super Bowl' is the charity all-star game for North Texas Rehab. Each team will send all starts to the charity game.

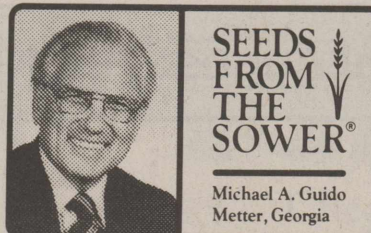
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event has saved Texans an estimated \$150.2 million in sales tax, including \$118.5 million in state sales tax and \$31.7 million in local sales tax.

"During these tough economic times, I believe Texas families will once again take full advantage of this well-deserved tax break to make their dollars go farther," Strayhorn said.

For more information about the Sales Tax Holiday, including a list of tax-exempt and non-exempt items, visit the Comptroller's website.



SEEDS FROM THE SOWER

Michael A. Guido
Metter, Georgia

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Pictures from the Watermelon Festival



DONNIE ROBERTS OF O'BRIEN fooled a lot of folks with his hillbilly outfit when he sang during the Watermelon Festival on Saturday. After peeling off the beard, Donnie received a round of applause for his costume and his singing!



REPRESENTING AMERICAN SUNMELON, his family's business, Dustin Johnson is shown here with Krystynn Myers of Munday as they travel through downtown Knox City on a decorated golf cart during the Watermelon Festival Parade last Friday evening.



SERVING AS THE PARADE GRAND MARSHALS, Landon Weiershausen (at left) and Brad Johnson were honored as the 2003 Class A State Tennis Doubles Champions.



DISPLAYING A WIDE VARIETY of arts and crafts at a booth during the Watermelon Festival, Sequoyah Reynolds is shown here. Not shown were her partners, Rita Houck and Rita Rosencranz.



THE 2003 TEXAS -- OKLAHOMA WATERMELON QUEEN was in Knox City for the weekend festivities. Shown here, Jennifer Carden of Munday waves at the crowd during the parade.



SERVING UP HOT FOOD AND ICE COLD DRINKS, a wide variety of vendors were on hand at the City Park on Saturday to feed the large crowd attending the 15th Annual Watermelon Festival. Tara Timmons (at left) of Paducah's Triple T BBQ is shown here waiting on Cameron Hutchinson and Doris McNulty at lunch time.



FOOD VENDORS AT THE WATERMELON FESTIVAL stayed busy all day Saturday as a large crowd took advantage of a wide variety of food and ice cold drinks. Shown here, Tiffany Timmons of Paducah's Triple T BBQ is shown here as she cooks up turkey legs and sausage wraps.



FOLLOWING ALONG BEHIND her kids, Trish Johnson is shown during the Watermelon Festival Parade as she walks behind Tayleigh and Tyler Johnson in their decorated jeep.



JUMPING AND SLIDING down the giant inflatable slide that was on hand to entertain the kids, Paige Boone of Abilene is shown here enjoying the Watermelon Festival on Saturday. She was at the festival with her great aunt, Nancy McGregor of Benjamin.



GETTING HIS BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKED at the booth sponsored by the Knox County Emergency Medical Services, Bill Baker of Knox City watches the monitor as Intermediate EMT Tracy Ramirez of Munday looks on.

Benjamin news

By Gladene Green, Benjamin Correspondent

We have news of some ailing in the community. Linda Wagner underwent surgery in Lubbock last Wednesday. She returned home Saturday and is doing well. Just will have to take it easy for a while.

Jessie Roberts continues to be pretty well house bound due to her back problem. She is up and down but stays in most of the time. Doctors tell her she may have problems several weeks but hopefully she will begin to feel better soon. She welcomes calls or maybe a visit but especially solicits your prayers at this time.

Omitene Barnett had cataracts removed last Tuesday and is doing so well. She says she can see much better. She had one done in December so she feels she has a new pair of eyes and she's happy about that!

On the weekend of June 27 and 28, the family of the late Clarence B. and Maudie L. Clower met in the home of Debbie Clower and family for a time of food, fun and lots of visiting. Maudie and Clarence had two children, Billy and Loraine. Billy is deceased but his family members in attendance were 20. Loraine Clower Powers and her family members numbered 17. With others present, the attendance was 45. Folks came from Midland, Sanderson, Talaequah, OK, Denton, Savoy, Dennison, Justin, Aspermont, Guthrie and Benjamin.

And speaking of reunions, the Hertel-Jungman get-together was

this past Sunday at the Memorial Building here in Benjamin. Folks attended coming from Oklahoma, New Mexico and many places in Texas. And from all accounts, everyone had a good time.

Maretha Patterson and Sharon Bivins of Tatum, New Mexico, were here for the weekend. On Saturday, they entertained visitors during the day including Johnny and Katherine Hertel, Sonja Hamilton, Bill and Simone Boyd and Larissa Pittman, Hayden and Cierra, all of Fillmore, OK, Don and Pat Bivins of Valley View, Jimmy and Helen Green of Guthrie, Connie Porter of Fayetteville, Arkansas and locals LaMoyné Patterson, Bobby Hudson and Jonnie Williams.

Lewis and Betty Lyles attended the Lyles reunion in Lubbock on the weekend. Also visiting the Lyles and attending the reunion was their daughter and family, Judy Robinson of Sherman.

Recent guests of Omitene Barnett were Gerald and Darlene Barnett of Baytown, Connie Porter of Fayetteville, Arkansas, Nan and Harmon Mathis of Seymour, Annette Elliott of Dallas and Sharon Bivins and Maretha Patterson of Tatum, New Mexico. Also on Saturday night, Randolph and Judy Barnett and Corrine Parrish of here in Benjamin joined them for supper.

Talked to Darla Santisteven Friday. She said their son Eric is back in the states. Is in Fort Bragg, NC and will be home around Au-

gust 1. Eric is a former BHS student and has been over in the war zone since last May or June. It's sure good to hear that he has returned back to the USA safely.

James and Stasia Propps and Chance and Cody spent some time away from Benjamin last week. Was at the State Horse Show early in the week, then visited Stasia's mom and her husband, Jimmie Kay and Don Liles near Longview. And sometime during the week Chance bought a new car! So he'll likely be "whizzing" around town from time to time. I know he's proud of it. That first car is something very important to a youngster.

Janice and Buddy Tolson and granddaughter Chloe Baty of Rochester vacationed in Ruidoso and Red River, NM, week before last and came by to Amarillo on Saturday to attend a meeting to do with some of Buddy's business. They returned home Sunday.

Don Hertel visited his sons and their families in the metroplex a couple of days last week.

Aerial and Damon Gideon of Gilbert, Arizona, are spending this week with their grandparents, Jane Gideon and Weldon Gideon. Their uncle and aunt, Carlos and Lana Mendoza met them and their parents, Oscar and Shannon in Alamogordo, NM, for a weekend visit and the children returned to Benjamin with them. Sue Terry and children, Summer and Jake, visited Sue's parents, Jane and Weldon, last week.

Hospital administrator clarifies that Munday Family Clinic is not associated with local district

The News has received a letter from Knox County Hospital Administrator Stephen Kuehler concerning the fact that the Munday Family Clinic is not associated with the Knox County Hospital District. Kuehler's letter follows:

July 28, 2003

Editor
Knox County News
110 North Central
Knox City, Texas 79529

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter in response to the numerous phone calls I have received concerning the new Munday Family Clinic. Many of the callers questioned why Knox County Hospital District was placing an additional clinic in Munday. I would like to clarify that the Munday Family Clinic is owned and operated by the Seymour Hospital Authority in Baylor County and is in no way associated with Knox County Hospital District.

Knox County Hospital District, established in 1926, provides many quality healthcare services to the citizens of Knox County and the surrounding areas. The District employs about 90 full and part-time employees with 78% of those residing in Knox County. The economic value of the District to Knox County as a whole is evident.

The mission of the Knox County Hospital District is two-fold. First, we want to provide our citizens with access to primary health care. We accomplish this goal by operating two clinics within the county. The Munday Clinic is located at 131 Munday Avenue in Munday and is staffed by Dr. Kevin Finley and Mr. Mark Bingham, a board certified Physician Assistant. This clinic has been serving your community for many years. The Knox County Hospital District is located at 712 South 5th Street in Knox City. The clinic is staffed by Dr. Shirley Barretto and Ms. Jamie Caldwell, a board certified Nurse Practitioner. The physicians use the Hospital for their diagnostic testing and inpatient admissions. Finally, we want to provide the citizens of Knox County access to emergency care. This is done through our Emergency Medical Services and our Level 4 Trauma Center or emergency room. The District assumed sole responsibility for your EMS services in 1993. We have continued to provide stations in both Munday and Knox City to better serve the county.

Another service available through Knox County Hospital District is our home health services which provides a continuity of care for patients going home from the hospital or recovering from an extended illness. Knox County Hospital HomeCare provides skilled nursing, nursing aides, physical, occupational, and speech therapy. The agency also offers Primary Care Services developed to assist individuals with the activities of daily living. For patients recovering from a cardiac event, a comprehensive Cardiac Rehabilitation program is also available at the Hospital.

We understand that we cannot be everything for everyone. Obstetrical and surgical services are not available at our facility because we feel that we should focus on the primary and emergency healthcare needs of our citizens.

The intended outcome of the Munday Family Clinic is to redirect patients from our Knox County facility to the Seymour Hospital. I appreciate the citizens who use our services and invite the remainder to take advantage of their hometown healthcare team.

Sincerely,
/s/ Stephen A. Kuehler
Stephen A. Kuehler
Administrator
Knox County Hospital District



Immunization clinic to be in Munday Thursday, August 7

The Texas Department of Health will conduct an Immunization Clinic at the Perry Patton Community Center in Munday on Thursday, August 7, from 9:30-11:30 and during the afternoon hours of 1:30-3:00.

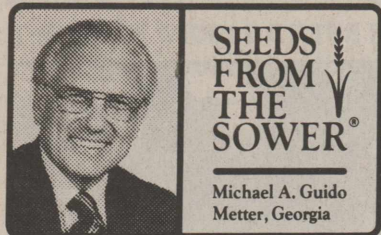
DTaP, Polio, MMR and Chickenpox vaccines for children entering school will be available at the clinic as well as other immunizations for adults, infants and children.

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 ability to pay.

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



SEEDS FROM THE SOWER
Michael A. Guido Metter, Georgia

"What was your last job?" asked a foreman.

"I was a doer," said a young man. "When the manager wanted something done, he'd tell his assistant, and his assistant told me. Since I had no one to tell, I'd do it."

Wanted: more to improve, fewer to disapprove. More to say, "It can be done," fewer to say, "It can't be done." More to point out what's right, fewer to point out what's wrong. More to encourage, fewer to discourage. More doers, fewer talkers.

The Bible says, "Be ye doers of the Word, and not hearers only."

PUBLIC NOTICE

BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS
SPECIAL ELECTION
SEPTEMBER 13, 2003

PROPOSITION 1 (HJR 68, Section 1)

HJR 68, Section 1 would authorize the Veterans' Land Board to use excess receipts in the Veterans' Land and Veterans' Housing Assistance funds for payment of revenue bonds, and use excess assets in those funds to provide veterans homes.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the Veterans' Land Board to use assets in certain veterans' land and veterans' housing assistance funds to provide veterans homes for the aged or infirm and to make principal, interest, and bond enhancement payments on revenue bonds."

PROPOSITION 2 (HJR 51)

HJR 51 would expand from six months to two years the period in which the former owner of a mineral interest that was sold for unpaid property taxes may buy back the mineral interest.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to establish a two-year period for the redemption of a mineral interest sold for unpaid ad valorem taxes at a tax sale."

PROPOSITION 3 (HJR 55)

HJR 55 would authorize the legislature to exempt from taxation land owned by a religious organization that is leased for use as a school or that will be used to expand or construct a place of religious worship that yields no revenue.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation property owned by a religious organization that is leased for use as a school or that is owned with the intent of expanding or constructing a religious facility."

PROPOSITION 4 (SJR 30)

SJR 30 would authorize the legislature to allow conservation and reclamation districts to use taxes to develop and finance certain parks and recreation facilities. Also, the amendment would authorize the legislature to allow local elections for the issuance of bonds to improve and maintain parks and recreational facilities in the Tarrant Regional Water District or a conservation and reclamation district located in whole or in part in Bastrop, Bexar, Brazoria, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Montgomery, Tarrant, Travis, Waller or Williamson County.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment relating to the provision of parks and recreational facilities by certain conservation and reclamation districts."

PROPOSITION 5 (SJR 25)

SJR 25 would authorize the legislature to exempt from all property taxes certain tangible personal property, which could include a travel trailer not substantially affixed to real estate and not used as a residential dwelling.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation travel trailers not held or used for the production of income."

PROPOSITION 6 (HJR 23)

HJR 23 would authorize a qualified homeowner to refinance a home equity loan with a reverse mortgage loan.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment permitting refinancing of a home equity loan with a reverse mortgage."

PROPOSITION 7 (HJR 44)

HJR 44 would reduce the number of persons who make up the jury in a district court criminal misdemeanor case from twelve to six.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to permit a six-person jury in a district court misdemeanor trial."

PROPOSITION 8 (HJR 62)

HJR 62 would authorize the legislature to permit a person to assume office without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office and the election is required by the Texas Constitution. This proposition applies to state and local political subdivisions, whereas Proposition 18 applies only to local political subdivisions.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit a person to take office without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office."

PROPOSITION 9 (HJR 68, Section 2)

HJR 68, Section 2 would redefine the com-

position of the permanent and available school funds by requiring during the next two fiscal years, and authorizing thereafter, annual distributions to the available school fund of a percentage of any increase in the value of the permanent school fund's total investment assets.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment relating to the use of income and appreciation of the permanent school fund."

PROPOSITION 10 (HJR 61)

HJR 61 would authorize municipalities to donate surplus fire-fighting equipment, supplies, or materials to the Texas Forest Service, which would be authorized to distribute based on need the equipment to rural volunteer fire departments.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing municipalities to donate surplus fire-fighting equipment or supplies for the benefit of rural volunteer fire departments."

PROPOSITION 11 (HJR 85)

HJR 85 would authorize the legislature to regulate the operation of wineries in Texas, regardless of whether a winery is located in an area in which the sale of wine has been authorized by local option election.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "A constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to enact laws authorizing and governing the operation of wineries in this state."

PROPOSITION 12 (HJR 3)

HJR 3 would immediately authorize the Legislature to limit non-economic damages assessed against a provider of medical or health care and, after January 1, 2005, to limit awards in all other types of cases.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment concerning civil lawsuits against doctors and health care providers, and other actions, authorizing the legislature to determine limitations on non-economic damages."

PROPOSITION 13 (HJR 16)

HJR 16 would authorize a county, city, town, and junior college district to freeze property taxes on a residential homestead of a person who is disabled or aged 65 or older.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to permit counties, cities and towns, and junior college districts to establish an ad valorem tax freeze on residence homesteads of the disabled and of the elderly and their spouses."

PROPOSITION 14 (HJR 28)

HJR 28 would authorize the Texas Department of Transportation to issue

notes to borrow money to fund highway improvement projects. The terms of the notes or loans may not exceed two years. The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for authorization of the issuing of notes or the borrowing of money on a short-term basis by a state transportation agency for transportation-related projects, and the issuance of bonds and other public securities secured by the state highway fund."

PROPOSITION 15 (HJR 54)

HJR 54 would prohibit a local retirement system and the political subdivision that finances the retirement system from reducing or otherwise impairing certain accrued benefits under the local retirement system.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The Constitutional amendment providing that certain benefits under certain local public retirement systems may not be reduced or impaired."

PROPOSITION 16 (SJR 42)

SJR 42 would amend the Texas Constitution to allow home equity lines of credit and allow refinancing of a home equity loan with a reverse mortgage loan.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing a home equity line of credit, providing for administrative interpretation of home equity lending law, and otherwise relating to the making, refinancing, repayment, and enforcement of home equity loans."

PROPOSITION 17 (HJR 21)

HJR 21 would prohibit an increase in school property taxes on residence homesteads of disabled persons.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to prohibit an increase in the total amount of school district ad valorem taxes that may be imposed on the residence homestead of a disabled person."

PROPOSITION 18 (HJR 59)

HJR 59 would authorize the legislature to permit a person to assume an office of a political subdivision without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office and the election is required by the Texas Constitution. This proposition applies only to local political subdivisions, whereas Proposition 8 applies to state and local political subdivisions.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit a person to assume an office of a political subdivision without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office."

PROPOSITION 19 (SJR 45)

SJR 45 would repeal the legislature's

authority to create rural fire prevention districts. Effective September 1, 2003, all existing rural fire prevention districts will convert to emergency services districts.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to repeal the authority of the legislature to provide for the creation of rural fire prevention districts."

PROPOSITION 20 (SJR 55)

SJR 55 would authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds in a total amount not to exceed \$250 million that will be used to provide loans for economic development projects that benefit defense-related communities in Texas.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds or notes not to exceed \$250 million payable from the general revenues of the state to provide loans to defense-related communities, that will be repaid by the defense-related community, for economic development projects, including projects that enhance the military value of military installations."

PROPOSITION 21 (SJR 19)

SJR 19 would authorize current and retired faculty members of a public institution of higher education to receive compensation for service as a member of the governing body of a water district.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to permit a current or retired faculty member of a public college or university to receive compensation for service on the governing body of a water district."

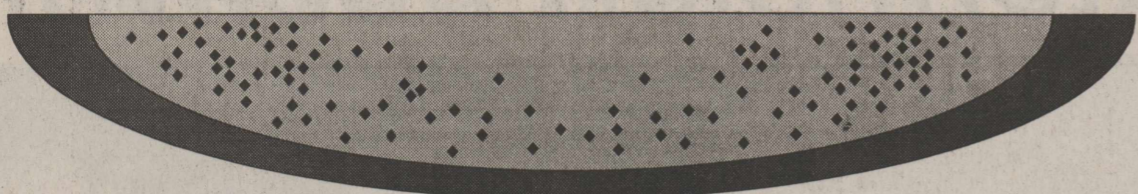
PROPOSITION 22 (HJR 84)

HJR 84 would authorize the appointment of a temporary replacement officer to serve on behalf of a state, district, or local public officer who is called into active military duty for longer than 30 days.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the appointment of a temporary replacement officer to fill a vacancy created when a public officer enters active duty in the United States armed forces."

Estos son los informes explicatorios sobre las enmiendas propuestas a la constitución que aparecerán en la boleta el 13 de septiembre de 2003. Si usted no ha recibido una copia de los informes en español, podrá obtener una gratis llamando al 1/800/252/8683 o escribiendo al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, TX 78711.

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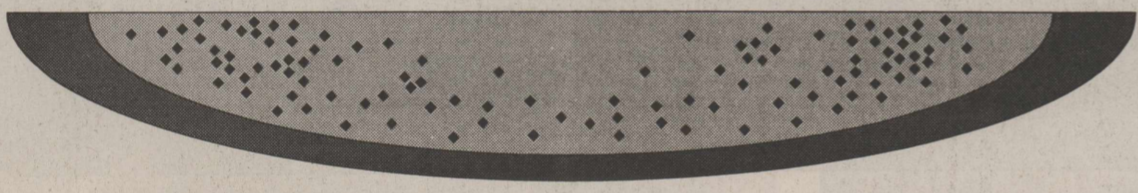
The Knox City Chamber of Commerce

would like to thank everyone who made this year's Seedless Watermelon Festival a huge success.

- Thank you to the Johnsons for all the Watermelon and for giving Knox City something to celebrate.
- Thanks to the KCVFD for all their hard work in getting downtown clean and changing light bulbs.
- Thanks to the City of Knox City for all their hard work in getting the City Park in tiptop shape and for the new bathrooms at the City Park.
- Thank you to all the downtown merchants for staying open late on Friday night and helping make the Street Dance a success.
- Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's parade.
- Thank you to The Knox County News for all the advertising.
- A special thank you to everyone that put in their time and efforts, from putting up flags all over town to cleaning up on Friday and Saturday, to the car show participants as well as to those who sang during the day on Saturday.

The Seedless Watermelon Festival continues to be a success because of people like these and everyone who participates in the festival.

"Life is Sweeter in the City - - Knox City"



Thank you . . . Thank you . . . Thank you . . .

Spur Couple enjoys watermelon festivities



ATTENDING THE WATERMELON FESTIVAL BBQ dinner and Street Dance last Friday night, Cliff and Pat Hightower traveled to Knox City from Spur to enjoy the festivities. Getting into the spirit of things, Pat proudly wore her watermelon earrings (shown at right) for the festivities.

O'Brien happenings

By Audie Johnston, O'Brien Correspondent

"Exasperated with obnoxious patients in the clinic where she's the office manager, my aunt put up a sign that read: "If you are grouchy, irritable, or just plain mean, there will be a \$10 surcharge for putting up with you."

Clearly some people took the sign to heart. That same afternoon a patient came to her window and announced, "The doctor said he would like to see my every month for the next six months, so I'm going to pay all my \$60 up-front."

Here and There - Bro. Milton McManas and Angela Roberts were in Lueders a few days with the following at youth camp, Nafeesa Ebraheim, Jackie Zavala, Sadie Benson, Karla Benson, Joe Salazar, Kyle Wilson and Tim Sanders. The meeting begins on Monday through Wednesday.

Visiting Vivian Hendrix over

the weekend were her daughter, LeNear Philips of Wichita Falls and daughter, Pretrecia Kinzer and granddaughters, Kristi and Kortney, Karrigan and Kennedy of Grandfield, Oklahoma. They all enjoyed getting together and visiting.

Bro. Milton McManas was back to his hometown last week near Dallas to perform a wedding of some friends.

Billie Walker and Sherrie Tension were in Fort Worth for doctor appointments for Sherrie's son, David Baldwin. While there they visited Lucy Jimenez, her granddaughter Michelle and spouse Julio and baby girl.

Orval and Helen Manning and son Royce of Abilene and Charlene Brothers were in Hamilton last week visiting around the cemetery where Orval

and Charlene were both born. They enjoyed several different things of interest. A nephew of the Mannings of Lindsay, California, Bill Roberson visited and spent a while with them a day or two last week also.

My youngest grandson, Lance Johnston and wife, Angie of Slaton, spent the weekend with me. We enjoyed running around and looking at the Watermelon Festival and different "going ons" and the many different people at the Festival and going to church together on Sunday.

Adelle Herring and I were blessed Sunday afternoon by having a former Supt. of O'Brien school visit with us a while and talk about when he was Supt. of Schools in O'Brien. I'm sure lots of people here remember Elvin Mathis while he was here.

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

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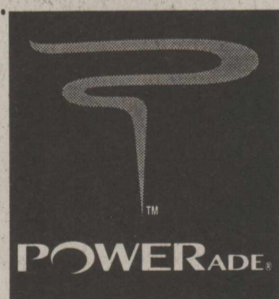
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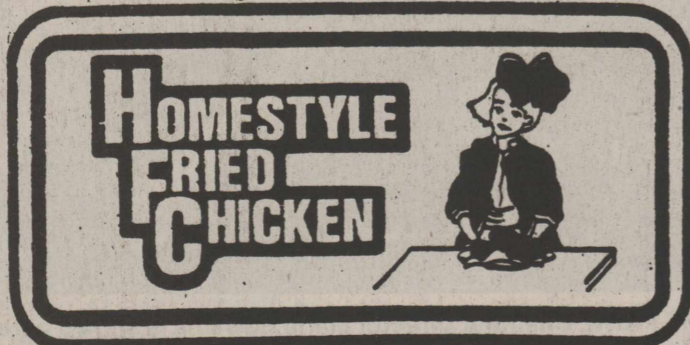
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Pictures from the Watermelon Festival



CELEBRATING THE 50TH BIRTHDAY of the West Texas Rehabilitation Center in Abilene, Donna Albus of Abilene is shown on the Rehab Center's float during the parade on Friday evening. Known throughout the big country for her love of crowds, Donna sang 'Happy Birthday' top the Rehab Center as the float traveled through the parade route. Shown at left is Donna's Father, Mat Verhalen.



LOCAL DIGNITARIES rode together on a float in the Watermelon Festival Parade. Shown left to right are Knox County Judge Greg Clonts, Knox City Municipal Judge Robert Harrison, Knox City Citizen of the Year Sammy B. White, and Knox City Mayor Charles Lankford. The float was sponsored by the KC Chamber.



GETTING READY TO COME DOWN the giant inflatable slide that was on hand for the Watermelon Festival, youngsters seemed to have at this festival entry all day long. Nancy McGregor of Benjamin is shown at the bottom of the slide as she encourages her great niece, Paige Boone of Abilene, who is shown rubbing her head after she was hit by another slider on her way down the ramp earlier.



WATERMELONS EVERYWHERE! Donna Wojcik is shown here pulling fresh seedless watermelons behind her golf cart in the Watermelon Festival Parade. Riding with Donna is her Godson, Austin Boyd of Lake Dallas, Texas.



THE BAND 'MIDDLE OF THE ROAD' from Vernon provided a wide variety of music that was enjoyed by everyone during the street dance downtown on Friday evening following the Watermelon Festival Parade.



SPEEDING THROUGH THE DOWNTOWN AREA of Knox City during the Watermelon Festival Parade last Friday evening, Clint Lewis (at left) is shown riding a miniature version of what he normally drives, while his son Carson follows Dad on his training wheel equipped electric motorcycle.



ROARING THROUGH THE PARADE on their decorated bicycles, Ty McLemore (at left) Wes Hutchinson (center) and Christopher Richardson seemed to be enjoying themselves as they wheeled along.



WHEELING HER WAY THROUGH THE PARK, Chamber Director Marla Hawkins is shown here driving the 'Watermelon Express Train' that took kids on rides all day Saturday during the Chamber's 15th Annual Watermelon Festival.

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Obituaries

Clara Hodges Hanson

Graveside services for Clara Hodges Hanson of O'Brien were held Thursday, July 24, 2003, at 2:00 p.m. at the Knox City Cemetery with Gene McCarty officiating. Services are under the direction of Smith Funeral Home.

Mrs. Hanson, 89, died July 23, 2003, in Haskell. Born April 14, 1914, in Lampasas, Texas, she was the daughter of Clarence and Pamento Wells Farquhar. She married George A. (Buster) Hodges on November 6, 1936. He preceded her in death in 1984. She was a nurses aid, a member of the Church of Christ in Knox City, and a member of Eastern Star.

Survivors include her son, Taylor Wayne Hodges of Girard; two daughters, Jo Ann Searcy of Wetumpka, Alabama, and Teresa Lynn Denson of Stamford; daughter-in-law, Lou Hodges of Graham; 13 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and three sons, Billy Jack Lusk, Jerry Hodges, and Ron Hodges.

The family requests that memorials be made to the Church of Christ, 507 South Second Street, Knox City, Texas 79529.

Bessie Amanda Duncan

Funeral services for Bessie Amanda Duncan of O'Brien were held Sunday, July 27, 2003, at 2:00 p.m. at the O'Brien Baptist Church with Rev. Bill Trice officiating. Burial will follow in the O'Brien Cemetery with Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Duncan, 81, died Thursday, July 24, 2003, in the Brazos Valley Care Home.

Born January 11, 1922, in Kent, Oklahoma, she was the daughter of Charles and Minnie Kemp Pack. She married J.C. Duncan on March 25, 1939, in Knox City. He preceded her in death in 1993. She was a lifetime resident of Knox County and a member of O'Brien Baptist Church.

She is survived by three sons, James Duncan of Fort Worth, Bill Duncan of Knox City and Len Duncan of Wichita Falls; daughter, Sue Burleson of Stringtown, Oklahoma; a sister, Charlene Smithers of Weatherford; nine grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Cornie Odessa King

Funeral services for Cornie Odessa King of Knox City were held Wednesday, July 30, 2003, at the First United Methodist Church in Knox City with the Rev. Claude McKiddy and Jack Matlock officiating. Burial followed in the Knox City Cemetery with Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

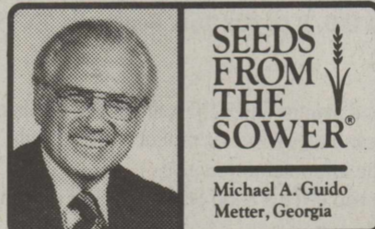
Mrs. King, 89, died Sunday, July 27, 2003, in a local hospital. Born November 16, 1913, in Comyn, Texas, in Comanche County, she was the daughter of Woodie and Blanche Fields Hodges. She married Elbert King on December 21, 1947, in Knox City. He preceded her in death on May 15, 1965. She was a nurse for 50 years and was a lifetime resident of Knox County.

Mrs. King was preceded in death by her parents, husband, daughter, brother and sister.

Survivors include one sister, Ida Pack of Knox City; one brother, George Hodges of Knox City; and several nieces and nephews.

The family requests that memorials be sent to the church of the donor's choice.

*Thanks for
reading the
NEWS...*



"Where's the fare for your son?" asked the driver of a bus.

"He's only four years old," protested the father.

"Look at him," said the driver. "He's at least six."

"Can I help it," asked the father, "if he worries?"

Worry does age. It disquiets your soul, disturbs your mind, destroys your body, and disfigures your face.

Worry defeats your faith, dissipates your energy, disrupts your work, distresses your friends, deforms your poise, and dishonors your Lord.

That's why the Living Bible says, "Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything; tell God your needs and don't forget to thank Him for His answers."

Bobby hurried to his seat and started drawing. Presently his art teacher came to examine his work.

"Look here, Bobby," she pointed out, "that line isn't straight."

"No, it isn't," he admitted, "but I can fix that up later."

"Bobby," she answered, "a straight line never needs to be straightened."

It's better to make the line straight, than to draw a crooked line and have to straighten it.

So, think the truth, speak the truth, act the truth. Then you won't have to stop and correct that which is crooked.

Happy is the one who can say with the Psalmist, "I have chosen the way of truth."



ROBERT P. MEINZER - HELEN MARIE MEINZER

Robert P. Meinzer

Robert P. Meinzer, 87, passed away Saturday, May 3, 2003, in Del Mar, California. He is survived by his beloved wife of 64 years, Helen Marie, as well as his daughter, Cheryl A. Meinzer of Encinitas, California and son, Robert P. Meinzer Jr. of San Diego, California.

Born August 4, 1915, in Truscott, Texas, Bob spent his favorite years becoming a skilled cowboy in the ranching country of the West Texas panhandle, working cattle on the ranches, riding bulls, roping calves, savoring the great outdoors and Mother Nature developed into a lifelong enthusiasm. Married February 12, 1939, in Vera, Texas, to Helen Marie Russell, the two made their way to San Diego to work at Consolidated Vultee in the production of B-24 bomber airplanes.

At the close of World War II, the couple moved to Carlsbad, New Mexico, where Bob began what became a 38 year affiliation with Texaco Inc. In 1949, an opportunity presented itself to purchase farmland for wheat production in eastern Colorado. Thus began a 54 years passion for farming, at first as a side business and later a full time endeavor.

In 1952 a son, Robert, was born and in 1956, a daughter, Cheryl, was born in Carlsbad, New Mexico. In 1959, the family moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico, where Bob and Marie continually resided until 2002.

Retiring from Texaco, Inc. in 1983, Bob devoted his time and energy running the Colorado farming business, traveling extensively, and spending time with family and friends in Texas, New Mexico, Colorado and California. His connection to the earth, love of wildlife, and well developed sense of history and storytelling were a joy to those lucky enough to spend time with him.

Bob was loved by all who knew him. His captivating smile, zest for life, and cheerful, good natured spirit will be sorely missed by all who shared with him his abundant life.

Funeral services were held Saturday, May 10, at 2:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Benjamin with Pete Rutledge officiating. Burial was in the Benjamin Cemetery directed by Smith Funeral Home, Knox City.

Donations may be made to Benjamin Ex-Students Building Fund, Benjamin, Texas 79505.

Helen Marie Meinzer

Helen Marie Meinzer, age 80, passed away at 10:50 p.m. Thursday, July 10, 2003, in Encinitas, California. Widowed May 3, 2003 from her beloved husband of 64 years, Robert P. Meinzer, she is survived by her loving children, Cheryl A. Meinzer of Encinitas, California and Robert P. Meinzer Jr. of San Diego, California.

Born November 9, 1922, in Munday, Texas, Helen spent her formative years on cotton farms operated by her father in the West Texas panhandle. Healthy, hearty, and alongside her parents and two sisters she learned the farming work ethic that served her well for the rest of her life. Her beloved mother, Nancy Elizabeth, "Bessie" to her family and friends, taught her an abiding love of God, tenderness of spirit, kindness to every person, and above all the sanctity of a loving family.

Finding her soulmate and life partner early in life, she was married February 12, 1939 in Vera, Texas to Bob Meinzer, a cowboy raised in the ranching country around Benjamin. Together, the two made their way to San Diego, California, where they found jobs at Consolidated Vultee in the production of B-24 bomber airplanes. She worked "metal bench" assembling instrument panels as Bob installed landing gears.

At the close of World War II, the couple moved to Carlsbad, New Mexico, where Bob began a 38 year affiliation with Texaco, Inc. In 1949, an opportunity presented itself for the couple to purchase wheat farmland in eastern Colorado. Helen fully supported and participated in the decision and subsequent side business that later became a full time family endeavor.

In 1952, a son Robert was born and in 1956, a daughter Cheryl arrived. In 1959, the family moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico, where Helen and Bob continuously resided until 2002. A devoted wife, mother and homemaker, Helen was never happier than preparing one of her countless superb meals surrounded by her family and friends. When Bob retired from Texaco in 1983, the couple devoted their time to running the Colorado farming business, traveling the world, and spending time with their children, extended family and friends in Texas, New Mexico, Colorado and California and places beyond.

Helen's kindness and concern for all around her, her loving smile, contagious laughter, and zest for life were joys to those fortunate enough to spend time with her. Her hopeful and encouraging nature will be sorely missed by all who shared her abundant life. She made the world a richer place simply by her presence.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 22, at First Baptist Church, Benjamin, with Pete Rutledge officiating. Burial was in the Benjamin Cemetery directed by Smith Funeral Home, Knox City.

Memorials may be made to Benjamin Ex-Students Building Fund, Benjamin, Texas 79505.

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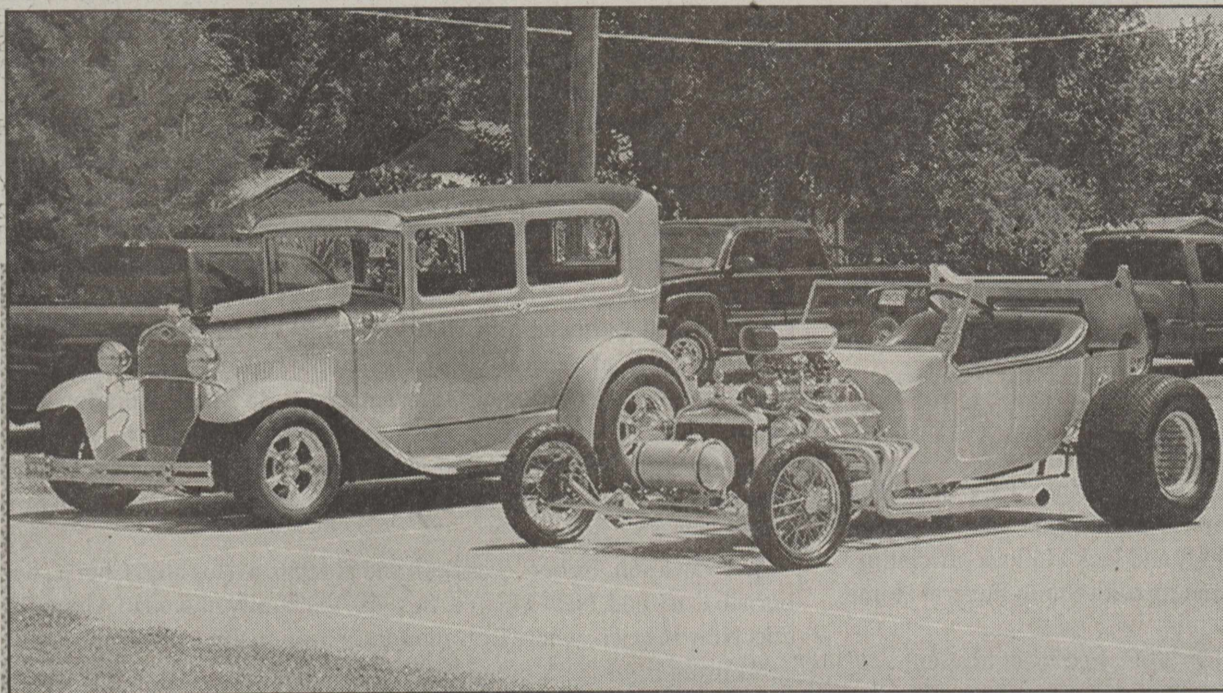
Pictures from the Watermelon Festival



WATERMELON IS WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT, and American Sunmelons of Knox County provided a trailer load of free watermelon that was enjoyed by hundreds of people at the Watermelon Festival on Saturday. Shown here, Lorie Johnson (at right) visits with Chamber workers Dale Turner and John Rector (far left). Directors from the Chamber of Commerce worked the booth and sliced a lot of red and yellow seedless watermelon during the day.



ENJOYING A BIT OF SHADE at the north end of the City Park on Saturday, Vonnie Ivie, her Father Vaughn Brooks, Bertie Ivie, Betty Poe and Jessica Ivie are shown seated during a break from the activities of the Watermelon Festival.



THE CLASSIC CAR SHOW was another drawing card that attracted folks to Knox City's 15th Annual Watermelon Festival last Saturday. The beautifully restored cars and trucks always attract a lot of attention. The car on the right belongs to David Booe of Munday.



THE BBQ SANDWICH BOOTH set up in Merchants Park by the Knox City Chamber of Commerce after the parade last Friday evening attracted a lot of hungry folks who also helped the chamber's fundraising efforts. A street dance followed the parade and meal. KCHS Athletic Director Wayne Hutchinson is shown at the far right with his son Hagen at his side as they wait to go through the line. Shown in the center of the photo as she serves up the sandwich plates is Dorothy Dykes.

Benjamin ISD Announces School Lunch Guidelines

Children need healthy meals to learn. Benjamin ISD offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs .80/1.00; lunch costs .80/1.00. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced-price meals. The reduced price is .30 for breakfast and .40 for lunch. To apply for free or reduced-price meals, use the Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Application. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to: Benjamin ISD, P.O. Box 166, Benjamin, TX 79505, (940) 459-2231.

Here are the answers to questions you may have about applying:

- 1. Who can get free or reduced-price meals?** Children in households receiving Food Stamps and TANF can get free meals regardless of household income. Also, if your household income is within the limits on the Federal Income Chart, your children can receive free or reduced-price meals.
- 2. Will my information be checked?** Yes. We may ask you to send written proof of the information you give.
- 3. What if I stop receiving Food Stamps or TANF?** If your children qualify because you listed a Food Stamp or TANF case number, you must tell the school when you no longer receive Food Stamps or TANF.
- 4. What if my household size or income changes?** If your children qualify for free or reduced-price meals based on your income, you must tell us if your household size goes down or if your income goes up by more than \$50 per month (\$600 per year). Call us at (940) 459-2231. You do not have to fill out another application.
- 5. If I don't qualify now, may I apply again later?** Yes. You may apply at any time during the school year if your household size goes up, income goes down, or if you start receiving Food Stamps or TANF. If you lost your job, your children may be able to receive free or reduced-price meals during the time you are unemployed.
- 6. What if I disagree with the school's decision about my application?** You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: Richard McCanlies, P.O. Box 166, Benjamin, TX 79505. If you have other questions or need help, call (940) 459-2231.

NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH AND CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS 2002-2003 INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

FAMILY SIZE	ANNUALLY		MONTHLY		WEEKLY	
	FREE	REDUCED PRICE	FREE	REDUCED PRICE	FREE	REDUCED PRICE
1	\$11,518	\$16,391	\$960	\$1,366	\$222	\$316
2	15,522	22,089	1,294	1,841	299	425
3	19,526	27,787	1,628	2,316	376	535
4	23,530	33,485	1,961	2,791	453	644
5	27,534	39,183	2,295	3,266	530	754
6	31,538	44,881	2,629	3,741	607	864
7	35,542	50,579	2,962	4,215	684	973
8	39,546	56,277	3,296	4,690	761	1,083
9	43,550	61,975	3,630	5,165	838	1,193
10	47,554	67,673	3,964	5,640	915	1,303
11	51,558	73,371	4,298	6,115	992	1,413
12	55,562	79,069	4,632	6,590	1,069	1,523
For each additional family member add:						
	+ \$4,004		+ \$334	+ \$475	+ \$77	+ \$110
	\$5,698					



LOOKING AT THE WIDE VARIETY of arts and crafts available at a booth set up at the Watermelon Festival on Saturday, Kay Pepper of Knox City is shown here with her granddaughter, Tayler Pepper. Tayler is the daughter of Jarred and Teri Pepper, also of Knox City.



THIS BOOTH ATTRACTED a lot of customers with its assortment of items being sold during the 15th Annual Seedless Watermelon Festival at the City Park on Saturday.

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10-17 tfc 29

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6-19 tfc 30

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7-31 tfc 28

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7-17 tfc 22

FOR SALE - Large three bedroom, two bath, two carport, cellar, storage building on corner lot across from park. 109 South Fourth.
7-24 tfc 22

Letters from our readers

Dear Dave, Stacy, Scooter and Billye,
Enclosing a check for my hometown paper.

I am so happy to hear that you are improving each day from your terrible accident, Dave.

I know these have been trying times for all of you. It is great that you have had your Mom to help and give you support, Stacy.

Scooter, I hope you will be happy at ACU.

The Kansas kids are doing well. David and Teri still work for B.P. (Amoco).

Alesha Kay will be a sophomore and play basketball in college at Alamosa, Colorado.

Zach is a senior at Ulysses, Kansas. He also plays basketball.

Best wishes and good thoughts to each of you,

Judy (Anderson)

(Editor's Note: Judy, thanks for your renewal, your letter and your kind words. You will always be very special to us. Stacy)

Garage Sale

LARGE GARAGE SALE - Friday, August 1, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. "Kids Clothes" - all sizes, men's and ladies, odds and ends. 201 East South Fourth Street.
7-31 tfc 27

Help Wanted

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

NOW HIRING - City of Knox City is hiring full time maintenance employee. Water and wastewater license required. EOE.
7-24 tfc 20

MUNDAY NURSING CENTER now taking applications for CNA's. Good benefits program. Come by Munday Nursing Center and talk to Rachel Gray RN, Director of Nurses. EOE.
7-10 tfc 31

HELP WANTED - Site manager for the Benjamin site of the Knox County Aging Services. Two days a week for approximately 4 hours daily. For more information, call Susan Cockerell at 657-3618.
7-31 tfc 31

PART-TIME CLERICAL worker - Computer skills required. Call Baker Petroleum, 658-3574, for interview.
7-17 tfc 13

POSITION AVAILABLE - The Brazos Valley Care Home is accepting applications for full-time kitchen help. Please apply in person, 605 South Avenue F.
7-24 tfc 23

Bid Notice

CITY OF KNOX CITY is accepting bids on roof repair of all city owner buildings. Inquire at City Hall. 7-24 tfc 21

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Sealed proposals for a teacherage for the Benjamin Independent School District, addressed to Mr. Richard McCanlies, Chairman of the School Board, in accordance with the Contract Documents prepared by Benjamin ISD will be received at the Office of the Superintendent, Mr. Ben Grill, 300 Hayes, Benjamin, Texas, until 7 o'clock p.m., CSI. Proposals will be publicly opened and read loud at that time.

Drawings and Specifications may be examined without charge at the Benjamin ISD Superintendent's office. Specifications and Contract Documents may be obtained from the office of the Superintendent, Mr. Ben Grill, 300 Hayes, Benjamin, Texas. All drawings and specifications are the property of the owner and must be returned to him.

No bid may be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days subsequent to receipt of bids without the consent of the owner. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any informalities.
7-24 tfc 162

Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF NONDISCRIMINATION IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION PROGRAMS

The Benjamin Independent School District offers career and technology education programs in Agricultural Science, Computer Applications, and Business Education. Admission to these programs is based on grade level and desire of the student.

It is the policy of Benjamin Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or handicap in its vocational programs, services or activities are required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

It is the policy of Benjamin Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap or age in its employment practices as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. Benjamin ISD will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator, Ben Grill at P.O. Box 166, Benjamin, TX 79505; telephone (940) 459-2231. 7-31 tfc 224

FORMA DE MUESTRA

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Para informacion sobre sus derechos o procedimientos para quejas, comuniquese con el Coordinador del Titulo IX, Ben Grill, P.O. Box 166, Benjamin, TX 79505, (940) 459-2231. 7-31 tfc 241

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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 W.T. WAGGONER ESTATE ARE POSTED - SAVE AND EXCEPT WHERE WRITTEN PERMISSION IS GIVEN TO COME UPON THE SAME.

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MIKE SHEEDY
10-29 tfc 52

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7-31 ttp

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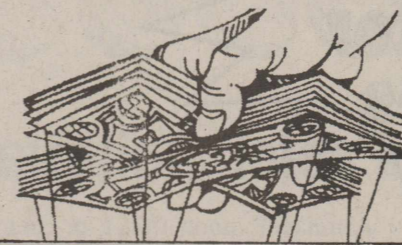
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A Mayo Clinic study says that depressed people tend to recover less well from heart attacks, coronary bypasses and other heart condition problems than people without emotional problems. The study followed 310 men and 70 women entering cardiac rehabilitation programs.

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

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Texas Farm Service Agency announces managed CRP haying, grazing authorization

Cutting hay and grazing livestock on land enrolled in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Conservation Reserve Program, in the absence of a weather-related emergency, is now an option for producers due to changes brought about by the 2002 Farm Bill.

Michael McDonald, County Executive Director for the Knox County Farm Service Agency, announced that managed haying and grazing would be allowed on CRP lands began July 2.

The starting date is tied to the end of the primary nesting and brood rearing season in the state. The ending date will be October 25, 2003.

Prior to the 2002 Farm Bill, commercial use of CRP land was generally prohibited except for weather-related emergencies such as droughts.

To take advantage of the new haying and grazing options, producers must modify existing conservation plans for the CRP acreage to include managed haying and grazing practices.

The plans must be developed in conjunction with USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service or one of its technical service providers.

Producers must also agree to certain terms and conditions, including signing an agreement to re-establish, at the producer's own cost, any cover destroyed or damaged as a result of haying or grazing and to remove all hay within 10 days of being notified that the managed haying and grazing season has ended.

Annual rental payments producers receive for enrolling land into CRP will be reduced by 25 percent for acreage that is hayed or grazed.

Under this program, producers

can cut hay or graze livestock on a given acre no more than once every three years after the vegetative cover is fully established. An area hayed or grazed this year, for example, may not be hayed or grazed again until 2006.

CRP participants can choose to hay or graze their entire CRP acreage in the first year, or only a portion of their CRP acreage each year.

Producers may not harvest hay and graze livestock on the same land in the same year.

The managed haying and graz-

ing option will give producers a useful tool to help them better manage their lands.

The periodic disturbance of vegetative cover under managed haying and grazing will increase the diversity and quality of the cover and improve wildlife benefits," McDonald said.

For additional eligibility criteria and information regarding CRP Managed Haying and Grazing, contact the Knox County FSA office at 940-658-3537 or visit the USDA website at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

Thank you . . .

to everyone for the cards, calls, flowers, prayers, visits and concern shown to me since my accident and upon returning home. Every kindness has been greatly appreciated.

A very special thanks to my wife, Estella. May God bless each and everyone of you.

Matt Baxter

The Family of Bessie Duncan

would like to thank everyone who called, sent food and flowers, to the staff of Brazos Valley Care Home for their love and concern, and also to Bro. Bill Trice, Bro. Milton McManus, Don Roberts, Jennifer Holmes and the ladies of the O'Brien Baptist Church for their help during the loss of our loved one.

The Duncan Family

NEWS

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MUNDAY NURSING CENTER



July 25th was a big day for many of our residents at Munday Nursing Center. We had to get to dinner early that evening because we had places to go and people to see. At 5:30 we loaded our customized van and headed for Knox City where we met fellow Watermelon Festival patrons. We were all excited and honored to be a part of the Watermelon Parade. We took our spot in the parade at 6:00 p.m. and at 6:30 we were off. As we made our way around town we were glad to see so many faces enjoying the festivities. For many of us, Knox City is our hometown and it felt wonderful to be back. At the end of the parade we headed back home for a good night's sleep because we were having church the following morning at 10:00 a.m. Accompanying us was Fidel and Doris Rodriguez from Munday, Nancy and Melissa Barnes from Seymour, Cade Holden from Seymour, Amy Strickland from Rochester and Laticia Sanchez from Goree.

We would like to thank the Chamber of Commerce and the entire town of Knox City for the heartwarming moments. You are truly beautiful people.

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