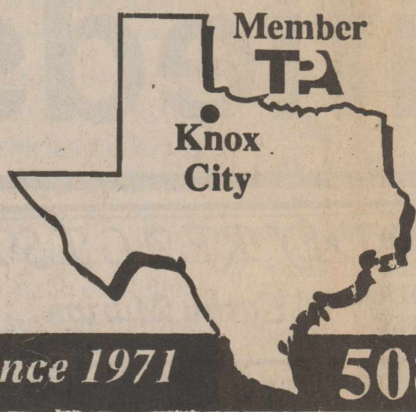


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9-10 All Stars Win Area Title By Defeating Munday 18-16, 14-12



THE KC 9-10 ALL STARS WON THE AREA TITLE late Tuesday night after beating the Munday All Stars two nights in a row in the double elimination tournament. The score on Monday night was 18-16, the final score on Tuesday night was 14-12. On Monday night, Scooter Thompson knocked in 3 runs with a bases loaded triple to deep right field, on Tuesday night, Kyle Gerik knocked a grand slam home run out of the ball park to bring in 4 runs. The team will advance to the District level at Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls on July 12. All-Stars shown here from left to right are: (back row) Casey Conner from the Rockies, Clayton Conner from the Rockies, Kyle Gerik from the Tigers, Garry Lee Manley from the Tigers, Will Grimsley from the Cardinals, Russell Bishop from the Tigers, and Shawn Speck from the Dodgers. Shown left to right on the front row are DeVon Fields from the Cardinals, Trey Propps from the Rockies, Caleb Carver from the Tigers, Coy Munoz from the Tigers, Tres Estrada from the Cardinals, Tommy Trevino from the Cardinals and Scooter Thompson from the Dodgers. The 9-10 year old All Star Coaches shown at the rear are Nefro Gonzales from the 1st place Dodgers and Jake Propps from the 2nd place Rockies. (NEWS Photo)

State Of Emergency Declared In County

Due To Extreme Potential For Large and Destructive Wildfires

Knox County Judge David N. Perdue declared that a state of emergency exists in Knox County due to the extreme potential for large and destructive wildfires.

Judge Perdue also issued an emergency order effective immediately, which prohibits any open burning in the unincorporated areas of Knox County except the burning of combustible material in approved enclosures, such as trash barrels and charcoal grills which are designed to contain all flames and embers.

Due to hot and dry conditions, and the lack of significant rainfall, all persons are advised that any open burning is extremely likely to cause very dangerous wildfire, posing risks to lives and property. Local fire department officials, the National Weather Service and Texas Forest Service personnel advise that there is no present forecast for improving conditions.

The order signed by Judge Perdue provides that repeated or flagrant violations of the order shall constitute a misdemeanor, and that any peace officer of the State of Texas may enforce the order in the venue of Knox County.

This will go into effect immediately and will be in effect for the next ten days.

Art Stall and Frame Shop Is Celebrating Twentieth

The Art Stall and Frame Shop will be celebrating its 20th anniversary this weekend, and Romain and Jack Stubbs, owners, are inviting readers to their special anniversary celebration.

The Art Stall and Frame Shop recently acquired the adjoining building and have expanded. The merchandise is displayed and shoppers have an abundance of items from which to choose.

As will be noted in their ad in this week's News, many items are being offered at fantastic bargains, and everyone is encouraged to go in and congratulate these two for providing the area with such a unique shop as well as investing in the future of the community.

Romain and Jack began their business in the Knox City Mini Mall in July 1974. They outgrew their space in the Mini Mall and moved to their present location at 114 North Central eight years ago.

When a customer walks into the store, Romain has the ability to make that person feel that they are the only person there! This is

a true talent and it has paid off for her! Originally, The Art Stall and Frame Shop was arts, crafts, and frames, but through the years, Romain and Jack have added many items to their stock including children's clothes, painted T-Shirts, costume jewelry, paintings, rugs, crystal, silverware, toys, silk flowers, Sam and Libby shoes, DaySpring cards, and many, many more unusual items.

Free gift wrapping, along with MasterCard, Visa, Discover, and American Express all are a part of the extras offered to their customers.

Another new addition at The Art Stall and Frame Shop is daughter Shea's Travel and Tours. Shea is a graduate of flight school in Arlington where she worked for a year for CUC Travel Agency handling all kinds of trips. Shea tells her customers to stop dreaming about their next vacation and call her at 658-3807 or 658-3092.

Be sure and go by this weekend and help Jack, Romain, Shea, and valued clerk Rita Rosencranz celebrate!

KC Mini Mall Observing 20th Anniversary

The Knox City Mini Mall is celebrating its 20th anniversary this weekend with a special "Sell-A-Bration" on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Monday. Owner Dessie Egenbacher said the store would be open all day Monday, July 4.

Special discounts are being offered, and Dessie is inviting everyone to come in and browse and help celebrate the special occasion.

As will be noted in her ad in this week's paper, savings can be realized on spring and summer merchandise just in time for the hot weather!

The Mini Mall had its beginning in July 1974 and has always been an unusual attraction for customers. Many come from a great distance to shop here.

In addition to the Lady Bug Shoppe, the Mini Mall also has a beauty salon, a Solo-Firm Exerciser, frozen yogurt, and The Sweet Shop.

Besides the latest fashions for children and ladies, the Lady Bug Shoppe also stocks men's clothing and toiletries.

Everyone is encouraged to go by and congratulate Dessie on her 20 years in business.

Firemen Are Staying Busy

According to Fire Chief Roland Marion, lightning and the extremely dry, hot weather are giving the firemen lots of headaches!

Last Saturday evening about 10:30, the Knox City Volunteer Fire Department answered a call to the Claudale Barnard place just on the western edge of O'Brien where lightning had set a CRP field on fire. The Knox City fire- See Firemen, Page 6



KNOX CITY-O'BRIEN FACULTY members Sandy Chappell, left, and Michelle Hedgecoke of O'Brien Mid-School participated in an electrical workshop sponsored by West Texas Utilities June 23. Shown with the local teachers is Kit Horne, WTU farm and ranch community relations consultant. (Photo courtesy of WTU)

Local Teachers Attend WTU Electrical Workshop

Teachers from the Knox City-O'Brien CISD participated in an electrical workshop sponsored by West Texas Utilities June 23.

Sandy Chappell and Michelle Hedgecoke from the O'Brien Mid-School attended the Electrical Circuits and Motor Theory 1994 Teacher Workshop.

More than 50 fourth through eighth grade science teachers from the Big Country area received hands on training in areas such as electrical circuits, electric motors and electrical safety in Abilene.

"Many of these teachers want more resources and information to use in their classrooms," Kit Horne, farm and ranch community relations consultant of WTU, said.

"We try to give the fourth through eighth grade science teachers something they can't get from textbooks," Horne said, who has been coordinating science workshops for area educators for more than 10 years.

Once a year WTU sponsors workshops aimed at different teachers, such as science or agriculture teachers. By participating in these workshops, teachers may

Tournaments Scheduled

The KC11-12 All-Star Area Tournament will begin July 5 in Seymour.

The Girls Softball District 6 Tournament will begin July 4, here in Knox City.

KC Chamber Sponsoring Sale On Pansies

The Knox City Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a "Paint the Town with Pansies" project, according to chamber secretary/manager Doris Crownover.

Knox City is among several towns in the area to sponsor this sale of pansies.

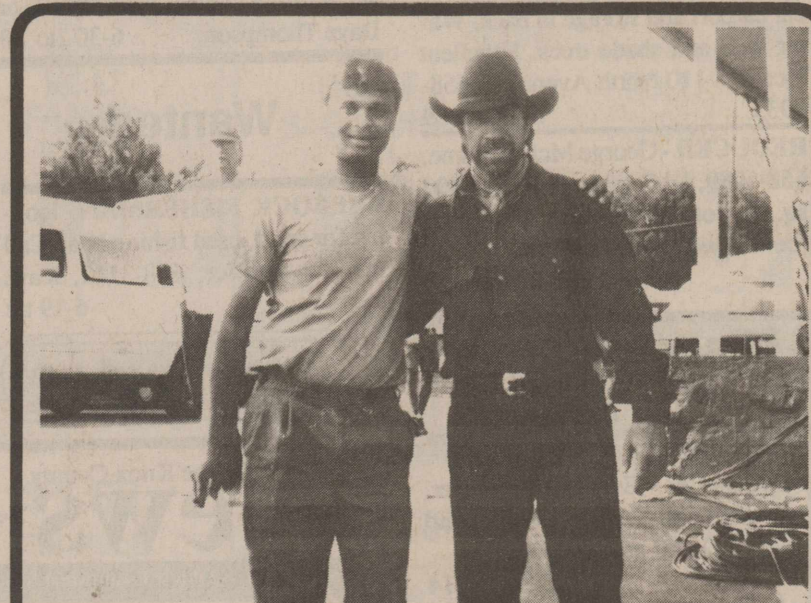
The many colors of pansies will brighten the business and residential areas with mixed, yellow with blotch, white with blotch, and purple with blotch.

Grown by Dillon Greenhouse, the pansies will be delivered in October and will bloom through April, so the entire town can be bright even through the drab winter months.

Mrs. Crownover is encouraging everyone to participate in this city-wide beautification.

Orders must be in to the chamber office by July 15.

If readers need more information on the pansy sale, they should call the chamber office (817)658-3442.



Patel Has Part In 'Walker, Texas Ranger'

KNOX CITY BUSINESSMAN Bip Patel had a taste of TV life recently during a visit to his brother's motel in Dallas. Shown with actor Chuck Norris, star of "Walker, Texas Ranger", the show's TV film crew shot on location at the Dallas motel during the end of May and the show aired during the first part of June. One of the show's producers came and asked Bip to participate in the filming. The show centered around a drug dealer who had stolen a baby and the mother was trying to get her baby back. When "Walker" arrived at the motel, he asked Patel "Where's the girl?" and his reply was "Go to Room 18." (Courtesy Photo)



VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR for the Knox City-O'Brien-Benjamin Little League Association is Umpire Anthony Logsdon, shown here at right receiving the award from outgoing President Jessie Rios. Logsdon has been instrumental in the success of the Little League Association for many, many years, serving in a lot of different capacities including Umpire and Head Umpire. The league honored Logsdon to show its deepest appreciation for all his efforts through the years. (NEWS photo)

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TWO BEDROOM HOUSE - carport, new carpet. 1007 South Second.

OLETA FITZGERALD HOME - Three bedroom, one bath, living room, kitchen, carport, outbuildings, great neighborhood. Need to close estate. Priced to sell!

BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY HOME - Close to town, three bedroom with fireplace, water well, lots of lawn trees on 25 acres. By appointment only, **PRICE REDUCED - GREAT BUY!**

NEW LISTING - Three bedroom, two bath in nice neighborhood. Ready for occupancy. 1100 South Fourth.

PRICE REDUCED ON THIS BIG HOUSE !! Three bedroom on a large lot with loads of pecan trees? Here it is! Two baths, workshop, carport, boat and RV shed, storage, living room, den. Good location, 608 South Third.

NEW LISTING - NICE COUNTRY HOME - 2 or 3 bedroom like new brick farm home on 4 acres. 2 nice barns, storage building, pipe fences and pens. House has large master bedroom and den/kitchen combination, hot tub, 1 car garage. 3 miles south of Knox City. **GOOD BUY!**

THREE BEDROOM, den, well kept older home in O'Brien. PRICE REDUCED!

OTHER OFFERINGS NOT LISTED --- GIVE US A CALL !!

FARMS AND FARM LAND

ELI GRAY FARM - 60 acres, one mile north of Rochester, west of railroad tracks.

THE LEA FARM - Approximately 215 acres of which 137 are in cultivation. Good house with central air conditioner and one car garage. Large living room, two bedroom, one bath, highway frontage on two sides.

160 ACRES of land - Alfred Hertel farm, good community. Good Price.

WANTED - I have a buyer that is looking for farm and ranch land, small or large tracts. Give me a call if you would like to sell. Call David Counts, (817) 658-3211.

102 N. Ave. A. (817) 658-3211 or 658-3390
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CATHY REAL ESTATE

112 CENTRAL KNOX CITY Cathy Marion (817) 658-3389 (817) 658-3614

FOR SALE - Three bedroom, one and one-half bath 14 x 80 mobile home on three city lots. 705 North Fourth.

NEW LISTING - Country Home - Three bedroom, two baths on 2.2 acres with several outbuildings and a satellite system, water well. Priced right. Shown by appointment only, 1 1/2 miles north.

PRICED TO SELL - Center of town, two bedroom, one bath, water well. 709 South Third.

EXCELLENT PRICE - Three bedroom, 1 1/2 bath with built-in oven, stove top and dishwasher. In nice neighborhood, 708 Aspen.

PRICE REDUCED - MAKE AN OFFER - FOR SALE - Large three bedroom, two baths on a corner lot, 801 South Second.

NEW LISTING - Owner needs to move. Remodeled three bedroom, two bath, central heat, air, dishwasher, large master bedroom. Priced reduced. 1107 South Fourth.

NEW LISTING - Three bedroom, one bath, needs a handy man, priced right! 807 South Second.

NEW LISTING - Three bedroom, one bath, living room and den, very nice. 804 South Central.

NEW LISTING - Two 100 ft. lots, one lot has a 20 x 40 barn and water well. Across from the care home on Avenue F.

NEW LISTING - One bedroom house at excellent price, 106 North Fifth.

NEW LISTING - Large three bedroom, two bath, formal dining, den, water well, several storage buildings. 402 North Central.

FARMS

PRICED REDUCED - 226 acres west of O'Brien, approximately 10 miles, 1/2 cultivation, 1/2 pasture

70 ACRES cultivated land with two irrigation wells.

Call about our many other listings!

Legal Notice

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.

GENE W. WILLINGHAM
A.B. WHARTON 52

REQUEST FOR BIDS ON TEXAS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Sealed proposals for three locations of upgrading on-system intersections to ADA compliance in Knox, Dickens, and Foard Counties, consisting of removing old concrete, installing new sidewalks, curb and gutter, and pavement markings will be received at the Texas Department of Transportation, Childress, until 1:00 p.m., July 5, 1994, and then publicly opened and read. This contract is subject to all appropriate Federal laws, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The Texas Department of Transportation hereby notifies all bidders that it will insure that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex or national origin, in having full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation, and in consideration for an award. Plans and specifications, including minimum wage rates as provided by Law, are available for inspection at the office of James G. Freeman, Director of Transportation Planning and Development, Childress, Texas. Bidding proposals are to be requested from same, 1700 Ave F, NW, Childress, Texas, 79201-0900. Usual rights reserved. 6-23 2tc 182

Political Calendar

The following persons have authorized *The Knox County News* to announce their candidacy for public office.

- State Senator District 30
STEVEN A. CARIKER (D)
(Re-Election)
- State Representative District 70
DAVID COUNTS (D)
(Re-Election)
- WILMA HOGAN (R)**

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The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has dedicated \$15 million to investigate better ways to fund and deliver services to people with chronic diseases.

Real Estate

FOR SALE - Four Bedroom, two bath country home. Pavement all the way from driveway to house. Big den, huge fireplace, large living room, utility and all the extras. Fruit trees, barn, irrigation well, large tank, five acres. Call (817) 658-3342 or 658-3330. 3-8 tfc 41

WANTED - I have a buyer that is looking for farm and ranch land, small or large tracts. Give me a call if you would like to sell. David Counts, (817) 658-3211. 2-24 tfc 31

FOR SALE - 406 South Avenue A. Large three bedroom, two bath, nice and open, large utility, lots of storage, central heat and air, cellar, double garage, large fenced yard, shop and water well. Call for appointment, 658-3891 or (817) 965-5146. 5-26 tfc 40

HARTSFIELD REALTY - Four bedroom, two bath, central air, 1 3/4 acres. Five miles north and one mile east FM2534. \$47,500.00. (817) 658-3904 or (817) 864-2665. 6-9 tfc 27

70' x 150' LOT, 14' x 80' mobile home, three bedroom, two bath, central heat and air, front porch and two-car carport and storage in back. Water well and shade trees. Excellent location. 110 North Avenue E. 658-3933. 6-23 tfc 39

REDUCED - George McNeil home, 658-5089, 1 1/2 acres, fenced, 2,400 sq. ft., hot tub, satellite, three bedrooms, two baths, fireplace. 3-24 eow 20

Miscellaneous For Sale

FOR SALE - Evaporative cooler, two years old, \$175.00; washer and dryer, \$125.00 pair. 658-3059. 6-30 ttc 14

CHECK WITH US for good used office furniture. The Knox County News, 110 North Central, 658-3142.

Garage Sale

GARAGE SALE - Thursday and Friday, 7:00 a.m. until - - Retired, cleaned cabinets and closets - several families, lots to choose from. 710 South Fourth. 6-30 ttc 23

ANN AND PEGGY'S Yearly Garage Sale - Friday and Saturday, 107 South Seventh, Friday 8-12 - 3-6; Saturday 8-12. Clothes, bedding, some furniture, misc. 6-30 ttc 1tp

GARAGE SALE - Saturday, 8 to 5. 305 Main. Misc. items. 6-30 ttc 10

Help Wanted

RN and LVN needed immediately for full time positions on the 3-11 shift, 7 days on/7 days off schedule. Also needing RN and LVN relief on part time basis. If interested contact the KNOX COUNTY HOSPITAL at 1-817-658-3535 and ask for Gayle Hudson. 6-30 2tc 53

WANTED - Volunteers needed to help with the Girls District Softball Tournament to be held in Knox City the week of July 4. Those interested are asked to contact Paul Stovall or Dave Thompson. 6-30 ttc 33

Wanted

LUBBOCK FISHERMAN looking for good, used fishing boat. Call the News office, 658-3142, leave message. 6-19 tfc

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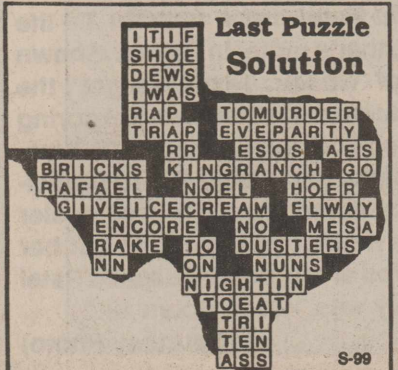
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Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

The big news this week is the heat. With thermometers reaching anywhere from 100 to 112 degrees daily, not much else is being talked about. And when you think, summer has just begun, it sure makes you dread July and August. And wonder why in the winter we ever said "I'll be so glad when summer gets here!" I'm sure everyone didn't say that, but I did and now I'm saying "I'm ready for winter." Are we ever satisfied? One thing one must be careful of they can get too hot mighty quickly - so please be careful.

ABOUT OUR ILL

Maretha Patterson is still improving daily. Was able to go to church Sunday and with the help of a walker she's getting around pretty well. It was so good to see her out and around.

Era Brown is recuperating from a couple of broken ribs. Pretty uncomfortable, but doing better. She took a fall at her home several weeks ago and her broken ribs are a result of that fall.

Bud Conner spent a few days hospitalized. A day in Knox City and a couple in Bethania in Wichita Falls from a rattlesnake bite on his finger. Was mighty uncomfortable for two or three

days and still is having pain but recuperating. He was able to come home today (Monday). We sure hope his progress continues. And wish all our friends the very best.

'FIREWORKS' NEWS

Fireworks have been declared "off limits" in Knox County this year because of the extreme dry conditions. However, the BVFD has been given the go-ahead to supervise the "fireworks shooting" on the Fourth of July. So for those who want to shoot their firecrackers it will be at the City Lake at dusk Monday night. The Fire Department will be there to put out any fire that may get started. You must obey their "fire" laws. No burning of any kind in town, it's just too dangerous. And anyone not respecting these laws will be fined. We must be careful, so be at the lake Monday night and enjoy the fireworks display and be safe in doing it.

HERE 'N THERE

Bill and Dorothy Spikes are in Iredel today. Dorothy's brother-in-law, Bill Anderson, died on Sunday and funeral and burial will be tomorrow (Tuesday) in Iredel. Our sympathy goes to the family.

Dutch and Imagean Young and

grandson Anthony Lamb and Jack and Mary Young and grandsons Trevor and Dusty spent a weekend at Copper Breaks Park recently.

JoEtta Cartwright and Ruth Ressel visited relatives in Littlefield on Thursday of last week.

Diane and Kevin Bell, Colton and C.J. of Childress spent Sunday with me.

Weekend guests of Stanton and Shari Brown were Karen, Coleton and Haley Joy Brown of Teague, Peggy Snailum of San Antonio and Calvin and Thelma Brown of Perryton.

Susan, Tracy, Ashley, Matthew and Lucas Cartwright vacationed in the San Antonio area last week.

Betty Mancille and Tommy Latimer of San Antonio were recent visitors in Benjamin.

Brett Glenn of Albuquerque, New Mexico, visited his grandmother, Nora Hertel, for a few days last week.

Former Resident Dies In Arizona

Word was received by the News office Tuesday morning of the death of former resident Lincoln Bolin of Willcox, Arizona.

Bolin, 75, died about 4:00 a.m. Tuesday.

More information will appear in next week's paper.

Ambulance Volunteers Purchase IV Pump

The Knox County Ambulance Volunteers have purchased an IV pump for the ambulance service.

According to Richard Bird with the Knox County EMS, donations received are used to upgrade items for patient care.

Need Rubber Stamps ?

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Romain has just returned from market shopping for the Christmas season and lots of new merchandise will be arriving!

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- * Claire Burke Home Fragrance
- * Home Spray Potpourri, Candles
- * Hand Painted Scented Ceramic Pomander
- * Lamp Ring Sets
- Peach, Country Sunflowers, Caribbean Fruit
- * Sam and Libby Shoes

- * Nannette Clothes - - * Infant Clothes
- * Broomstick Skirts and Blouses
- * Rug Barn Throws (Large Selection)
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ROMAIN AND JACK STUBBS with their daughter, Shea, at right; and Rita Rosencranz, who assist them in the store.

O'Brien Happenings

By Audle Johnston

"Dog Tag - My grandfather, known for his off-beat sense of humor, adopted a dog that he named Mr. Peeve. I took the bait. 'How come you gave him that name?' I asked. 'It's very simple,' he replied. 'This is my pet, Peeve.'"

JOHNSTON REUNION

The Johnston Reunion was held at the Community Center in Monday, Saturday, June 25 and Sunday, June 26. The reunion was the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of the late Will Dave and Josephine Johnston. Around 50 people attended the reunion and lots of visiting, playing games and of course, lots of good food was consumed. Those attending were Seg and Edna Hove of Altus, Oklahoma; Winnie Johnston of Knox City and children, Jerry and Janice of Strawn, Shane of Fort Worth, Sundee and Jessica Crim of Weatherford and Rachel Skye Hall of Mineral Wells; Dwayne, Jean and Jeanine Johnston, Lubbock; Debbie, Coty and Tony Ivey and Holly Lake, Wolfforth; Howard and Bobbie Brass, Rule; Ed Brass, Arlington; Lynn and Mary Johnston, Rochester; Vernon Johnston, Odessa; Gina and Dakota Johnston, Euless; Dale and Deborah Johnston, Navasota; Kelly, Heath, Britany and Brooke Keith, New Home; Cindy and Joey Holly, Tahoka; Alton and LaUna Hester and Jessica, Jennifer and Elaine

Eaton, Knox City; Joye Johnston, Gainesville; Julie, Jessica and Jordan Greene, Gainesville; Shirley James, Plainview; and a friend of the late W.D. Johnston, John Johnson of Fort Worth; Joey, Carol and Carly Johnston, Euless; Sherrie Johnston, Manor; and I. HERE AND THERE

Kenneth and Sammie Roberts of Plainview spent last Wednesday night with me. They were on their way home after vacationing at Palo Pinto Lake and Shirley James of Plainview spent Saturday night with me and attended the Johnston reunion and she visited with Bessie Duncan for awhile Sunday.

Wallace Cox of Fort Worth is spending a few days with his mother, Lee Cox, while she is recuperating from a broken arm.

Teresa and Allison Denson of Stamford spent some time with her mother, Clara Hanson and Troy last week. On Saturday night, Clara and Troy and Mildred Draper and Bernice Rowan attended a musical in Old Glory Saturday night.

Sandra Childress of Ozona and Sammie Murry of Plainview visited their parents, Grady and Beatrice Ellis, last week. Beatrice attended an Ellis family reunion in Rule over the weekend.

O'Brien people are happy to have two new families move into our little town. Andy and Trish

Barnard and children have bought a house that was built by Andy's great-grandfather in 1926 and has had several families in and out of the house these last years.

Rayland and Rose Hayes and family have bought and moved into Esther Conn's home across the street from the O'Brien school.

Diane Condron of Tom Ball is spending several days with her father, Jack Underwood.

Vivian Hendrix was in Wichita Falls over the weekend with her daughters, Frances Howell and LeNear Phillips and families and Pretrecia Kinzer and families for a family reunion.

Visiting in the home of Olien Elmore for the weekend were her children, Judy of Abilene, David, Brenda and Kim of Coahoma; Joe, Gloria, Eric and Kaitlin of Texarkana; and Randy and Rhonda of Amarillo. Also visiting on Saturday evening were Willie Andress, Felton and Melva Everett, Pat, Leslie and Stephanie Grand of Haskell.

"One afternoon, a very pregnant woman came into the small-animal hospital where I am a veterinary assistant. As she paid the receptionist, I picked up the pet carrier. It was quite unwieldy with her 17-pound kitty in it, and I muttered, "Let's go, chubby."

To my surprise, I heard the cat owner behind me respond, "Okay, okay, I'm coming as fast as I can."



Korbin Parker Eaton

Diana and Kevin Eaton of Abilene announce the arrival of a son born June 21 at 12:29 p.m. at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

The baby has been named Korbin Parker and he weighed in at nine pounds, one and one-half ounces, and measured 20 3/4 inches in length. He has a big sister, Katelin, who is three and one-half years old.

Maternal grandparents are Jan Bilbrey of Wimberly and Dr. and Mrs. Gordon Bilbrey of Boerne.

Sue Eaton of Abilene and James Eaton of San Angelo are paternal grandparents.

Entries Needed For Seymour Parade

Participants are needed for the 98th Seymour Rodeo and Reunion Parade set for Thursday, July 7, at 4:00 p.m.

Those wishing to participate are asked to arrive by 3:30 p.m. to line up and all entries are to meet at the corner of Idaho and Washington Streets.

First, second and third place prizes will be awarded. Riding clubs, floats, bicycles, old cars, organizations, horses, buggies, go carts or anything else to show off is encouraged to make the parade a success.

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King County Blood Drive Successful

Monday, June 20, Guthrie hosted a Community Blood Drive with 16 citizens participating.

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ASCS News

By John Rector
County Executive Director

FINAL CERTIFICATION

The final date to certify spring seeded crops (cotton, corn, grain sorghum, guar, sesame, vegetables, etc) is July 15.

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ACP

A limited amount of cost share funds are still available under the regular ACP.

Funds for the Seymour Aquifer Project have been depleted.

IN WHITE HOME

Visitors in the home of Winifred and Sammy B. White on Father's Day were their daughter Karen and her son Matt of Graham and Karen's mother-in-law, Gloria White of Albuquerque, New Mexico, who also visited relatives and friends of Benjamin.

Guests of the Whites last week were grandchildren Whitney and Ross Baker, daughter and son of Teresa and Bobby Baker of Weatherford, Texas.

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If you would like to help, please contact Paul Stovall or Dave Thompson. Thanks!

Also - our work project to get the field ready is scheduled for Sunday night, July 3. We'll start about 7:00 p.m. and work under the lights to try and beat the heat. We'll till, mow, edge, clean up and get everything ready. The more people helping, the faster it will go and the better our field will represent our community.

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Santa Rosa Catholic Church
Knox City
Father George Foley
Tuesday: 7:00 PM Mass
Sunday: 11:00 AM Mass

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
Rhinelead
Father George Foley
Mon.-Fri.: 8:00 AM Mass
Saturday: 7:00 AM Mass
Sunday: 5:00 PM Mass (Spanish)

First United Methodist Church
Knox City
Jim Teeter, Pastor
Sunday School: 9:45 AM
Morning Worship: 11:00 AM
Evening Worship: 6:00 PM

First Christian Church
Knox City
Bill Christian, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 AM
Morning Worship: 11:00 AM

Foursquare Church
Knox City
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Gillespie Baptist Church
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Morning Worship: 11:00 AM
Evening Worship: 7:00 PM
Mid-Week, Wed.: 7:00 PM

First Baptist Church Benjamin
John Gillispie, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 AM
Morning Worship: 11:00 AM
Evening Worship: 6:00 PM

First United Methodist Church Benjamin
Jim Teeter, Pastor
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MRS. KENDALL MONTGOMERY
... the former Tammy Rogers

Miss Rogers, Montgomery Wed In Olney Ceremony

Tammy Rogers of Irving and Kendall Montgomery of San Angelo were united in marriage Saturday, June 11, 1994, in a double ring ceremony in the First United Methodist Church of Olney. The bride's father and the Rev. Mike Allen, pastor of Olney Assembly of God Church, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of former Knox City residents Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Rogers of Olney. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Rogers, also of Olney. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Montgomery of Olney and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Montgomery of Haskell are his grandparents.

Windows in the sanctuary were lighted with brass candelabras holding white tapers and entwined with English ivy and white ribbons. The chancel and kneeling rails were lined with crystal votives, ivy and white bows. Vows were repeated before an arch of English ivy, magnolias and ribbon, Grecian pedestals and candelabras on each side were decorated with additional magnolias and ivy.

Each pew was decorated on the center aisle with ivy and white ribbon bows to which was added votives and a magnolia blossom for family pews.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a formal gown of white lace and taffeta. The elongated bodice featured a sweetheart neckline and fitted sleeves to below the elbow and was covered with Alencon lace outlined with soutache braid. Pearls and paillettes enhanced the entire bodice. Her controlled full shirt with a bouffant back fell into a chapel train.

A bandau of silk flowers and pearls held a pouf of illusion and

Gaskin of San Antonio sang, "Here and Now", and "I Will Be Here", and was joined by Karen Gaskin, also of San Antonio, in duets, "Just You and I" and "Household of Faith".

A reception followed at the home of the bride's parents. Guests were served indoors from three tables. The bride's table held a multi-tiered wedding cake decorated with white gum paste flowers and topped with figurines from her parents' wedding cake. Chocolate cake iced in basket-weave chocolate icing with a cascade of chocolate covered strawberries was served from the bridegroom's table. A variety of finger foods, vegetable and dip trays, fruit and dip trays and hors d'oeuvres, were served from a table centered with an arrangement of fresh white flowers.

Guests gathered in the garden area where quartet tables were placed. White ribbons, miniature lights in the trees and pots of impatiens decorated the yard.

House party members included Michele Allen, who registered guests at the church and the reception; Jennifer Hodgkiss, Cortney Tepera, Sarah Smith and Lauri Williams. Others who assisted with the wedding and reception included Jan Ammons, Kathy Allen, Gena Phillips, Gean Christopher, Dixie Kirby, Jan Williams, Vickie Mahler, and Carolyn Sloan.

The bridegroom's parents hosted a rehearsal dinner Friday at Cafe Bockhoff.

The bride graduated from Olney High School and the University of Texas at San Antonio and received her Master of Education degree from Stephen F. Austin University. She was employed as a coach at Irving High School.

The bridegroom is also a graduate of Olney High School and received his Bachelor of Business Administration from Angelo State University. He is employed as CPA with West Central Cellular in San Angelo where the couple will live following a wedding trip to Cancun, Mexico.

chapel length veil. Her cascade bouquet held white sweetheart roses, casa blanca lilies, stephanotis, bovardia, Monte Casino and English ivy. She carried a handkerchief belonging to her late Grandmother Boyd and she wore a strand of pearls, a gift from the bridegroom.

Buffie Anderson of Dallas was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Amy Nelson of Abilene, cousin of the bride; Tisha Martin and Tiffany May of San Antonio and Katy Gibbs of Nacogdoches. Their fitted black faille dresses featured V necklines and floor length skirts. White faille sleeves and bows at the back waist were piped in black. Each carried hand tied bouquets of casa blanca lilies, tulips, snapdragons, cremones, pixie carnations and Monte Casino.

Meredith Montgomery, niece of the bridegroom, was flower girl. Her dress featured a black and white dot fitted bodice with a full white skirt and an organza overlay with white puffed sleeves.

Jamey Montgomery of Olney served his brother as best man. Groomsmen were Wrey Montgomery of San Angelo, brother of the bridegroom; Chris Rogers of Wichita Falls, Brian Rogers of Abilene and Kirk Rogers of Olney, all brothers of the bride. Ushers were Jeff Nelson and Jon Nelson of Abilene, cousins of the bride; and Charles Scobee of Irving.

Pianist Norma Myers and organist Gwen Milhollon provided traditional and praise music for the ceremony. Soloist Kevin

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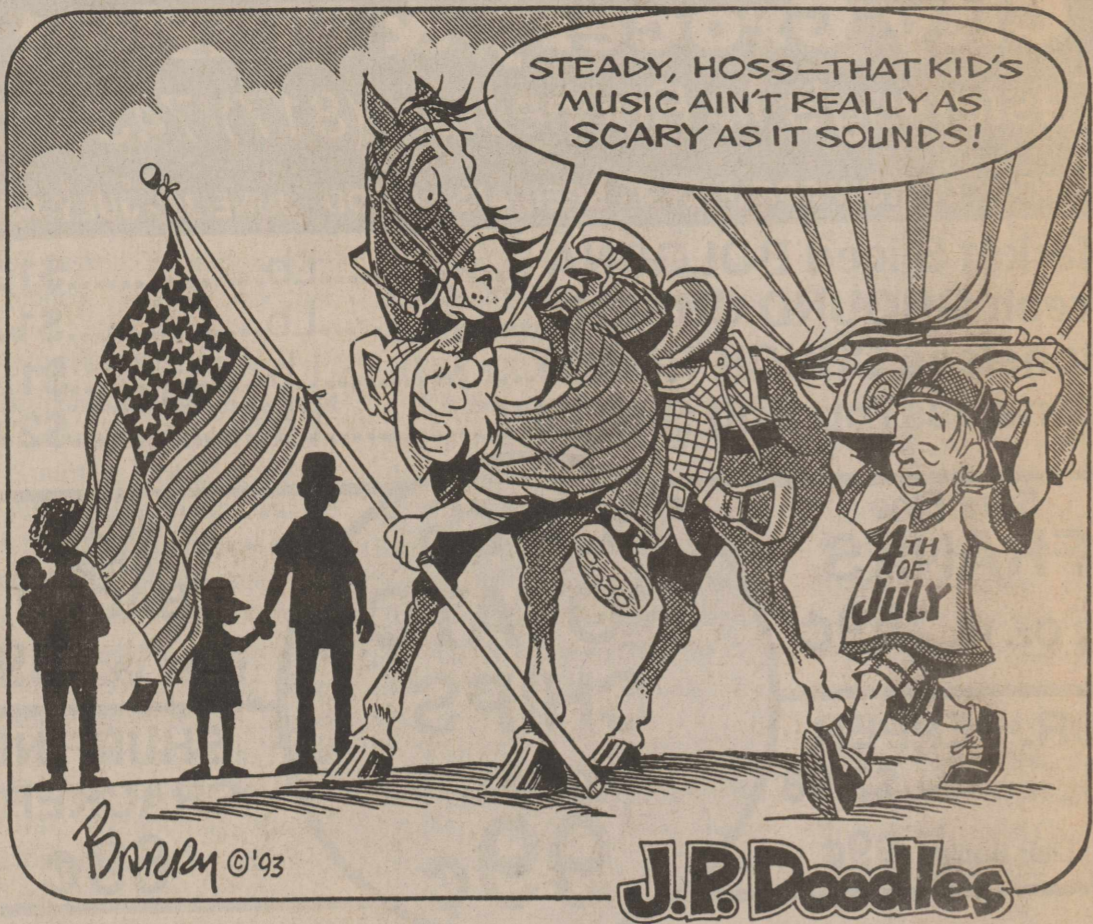
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With a variety of events planned, everyone who attends the TCR will find something to their interest and enjoyment.

It all kicks off at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, July 1, with the grand parade. The theme for this year's parade is "Poetic Expressions of the American Cowboy".

There will be nightly Chuckwagon Dinners catered by Joe Allen's Barbeque of Abilene.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday night performances of the world's largest amateur rodeo begin at 8 p.m. featuring rodeo's most exciting events and a few surprises along the way, this year's rodeo expects to turn out some of today's finest in the sport.

Rodeo fans can then head up to the TCR covered slab and dance under the stars to the western sounds of Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys.

Saturday, July 2, will be an exciting day at the TCR as ranches will compete in the Chuckwagon Cook-off and the area's best "barbeque kings" will compete in the brisket and chili cookoff.

The place to be Sunday, July 3 at 3 p.m. is under the slab for plenty of humorous cowboy entertainment during the Cowboy Poetry Exhibition.

Then on the fourth, the TCR will light up with an array of events

Firemen Staying Busy

From Page One

men were joined by Munday, Rochester, and Haskell fire departments. Ten trucks were on hand as the wind was high. Two persons who lived nearby were taken to the Knox County Hospital by ambulance where they were treated for smoke inhalation and released. Their names were not available.

On Monday night, Knox City firemen answered a call to Aspermont to help with five pasture fires also set by lightning. Guthrie FD was assisting Dickens on the Pitchford Ranch, Aspermont was assisting Rochester, and Stamford was assisting Rule, Marion said.

Marion said that three of the firemen stayed until 8:30 Tuesday morning.

It's Hot In O'Brien, Too!

Dwight Gothard of O'Brien who owns and operates Gothard Fina reported Monday afternoon that the thermometer in his drive through at the station in O'Brien registered 116 in the shade!

Dwight said that he had been in the station business there for 57 years and the highest he had ever registered before was 110.

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Local Woman Celebrates With Family Members

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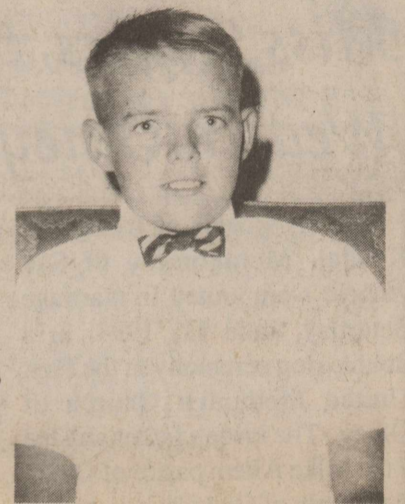
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We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Volunteer Fire Departments of Knox City, Munday, Haskell and Rochester for their quick response to the grass fire Saturday night. We are very fortunate to have the quality of equipment and dedicated volunteers we have in this area. Also, we would like to thank C.H. Underwood, Charles Durham, Lance McWhorter, Bill Hester and Rolling Plains Well Service for their help.
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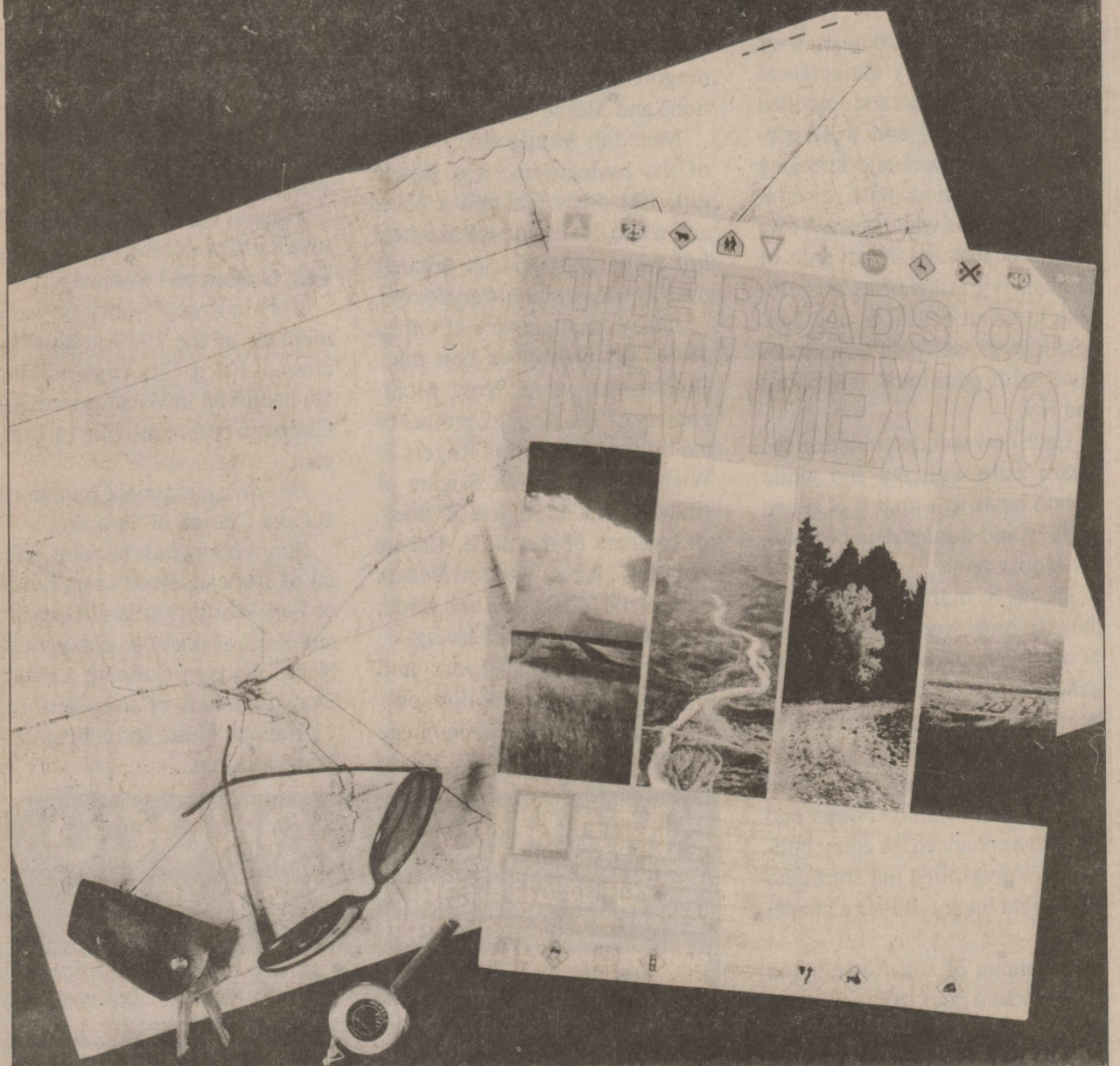
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Knox County Hospital Board Minutes

Regular Meeting
May 23, 1994

The Knox County Hospital Board of Directors met in regular session on Monday, May 23, 1994, in the Hospital Dining Room. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by the President W.R. Baker.

Present were W.R. Baker, Greg Clonts, Don Bunton, Peggy McGaughey, Tracy Cartwright, Dr. Shirley Barretto, Dr. Krishna Kumar and Stephen Kuehler. Absent were John Loftin and Dolan Moore.

Dr. Krishna Kumar addressed the Board about problems she was having with lab results and discussed the clinic personnel. Dr. Barretto expressed similar concerns. The Board instructed Stephen to identify the problems, correct the problems if they exist and provide a written report to the Board.

The Board canvassed the results of the election held on May 7, 1994. Don Bunton received 440 votes and Peggy McGaughey received 405 votes. A motion by Greg Clonts and seconded by Peggy McGaughey to approve the canvassing of the election. Motion carried unanimously.

The oath of office was administered to Tracy Cartwright, Appointed Director; Peggy McGaughey, Elected Director; and Don Bunton, Elected Director.

The Board considered the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 18, 1994. A motion by Don Bunton and seconded by Greg Clonts to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board considered the Financial Statement and Accounts Payable for April 1994. A motion by Greg Clonts and seconded by Don Bunton to approve the Financial Statement and Accounts Payable as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Stephen presented the Administrator's Report. Stephen reported that Methodist Hospital in Lubbock had loaned some used equipment to the EMS service at no charge. He also reported that Advanced Cardiovascular Technology will begin doing non-

invasive cardiovascular studies at the Hospital. He reported that Cardiology Consultants of Abilene will begin doing a clinic in the Munday office once a month.

Stephen presented the Quality Assurance Report, which was accepted. Stephen presented the Medical Staff Report, which was accepted.

The Board reviewed a list of accounts to be turned over for collection. A motion by Greg Clonts and seconded by Peggy McGaughey to approve the list as presented.

Stephen gave a report to the Board on their Directors and Officers Liability policy. The present policy expires in June. Stephen reported that he is in the process of receiving quotes from two different companies.

The Board considered a resolution to borrow money from the First National Bank in Munday to secure the upgrade of computer equipment. A motion by Peggy McGaughey and seconded by Don Bunton to approve the resolution as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board considered the establishment of a Swing Bed program. A Swing Bed program would provide benefits to Medicare patients. A motion by Greg Clonts and seconded by Peggy McGaughey to establish a Swing Bed program.

A motion by Don Bunton and seconded by Greg Clonts to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

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Love, Birdie

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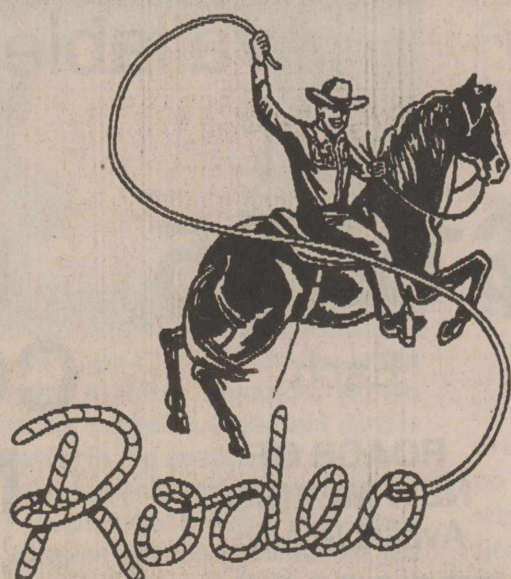
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Denton Family Enjoys Reunion

The Audrey and Ruth Denton family and friends reported a great time at their annual reunion at the Santa Rosa Catholic Fellowship Hall on June 24, 25, and 26. They enjoyed visiting, singing, piano playing, eating delicious food prepared by family members, and playing games.

All of the six Denton children and their spouses were present. Also eight grandchildren and

spouses, seven great-grandchildren, 11 cousins and nephews and nieces from both sides of the family and 25 local friends were present. They came from Oregon, California, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, and Knox City.

The family reported that it was especially good to have Audrey able to be there to enjoy it all with his family. He is presently undergoing therapy in Haskell.

HEALTH

Osteoporosis May Be Prevented

News USA

(NU)—Osteoporosis, one of the most debilitating and costly diseases striking the elderly, may be prevented, according to Dr. Arthur Weaver, spokesperson for the American College of Rheumatology.

Osteoporosis is a decrease in bone mass and strength that makes bones brittle and susceptible to breaking.

The body can store calcium, the building block for bones, until about age 35. After that, bones begin to lose density. Some people lose calcium at a higher rate, and their bones become brittle.

A variety of medical and lifestyle factors may increase bone loss, making osteoporosis worse. These include:

- Early menopause.
- High consumption of alcohol.
- Cigarette smoking.
- Loss of menstrual periods.
- Certain medications.
- Low dietary calcium, especially during adolescence or young adulthood.
- Lack of exercise.

People with these risk factors should be concerned about developing osteoporosis. They should talk to their doctor about bone density tests to detect the disease in its early stages when therapy can prevent further damage.

"People should not wait until they have symptoms of osteoporosis to seek treatment," Dr. Weaver said. "Too often, the first symptom is a broken hip or vertebra."

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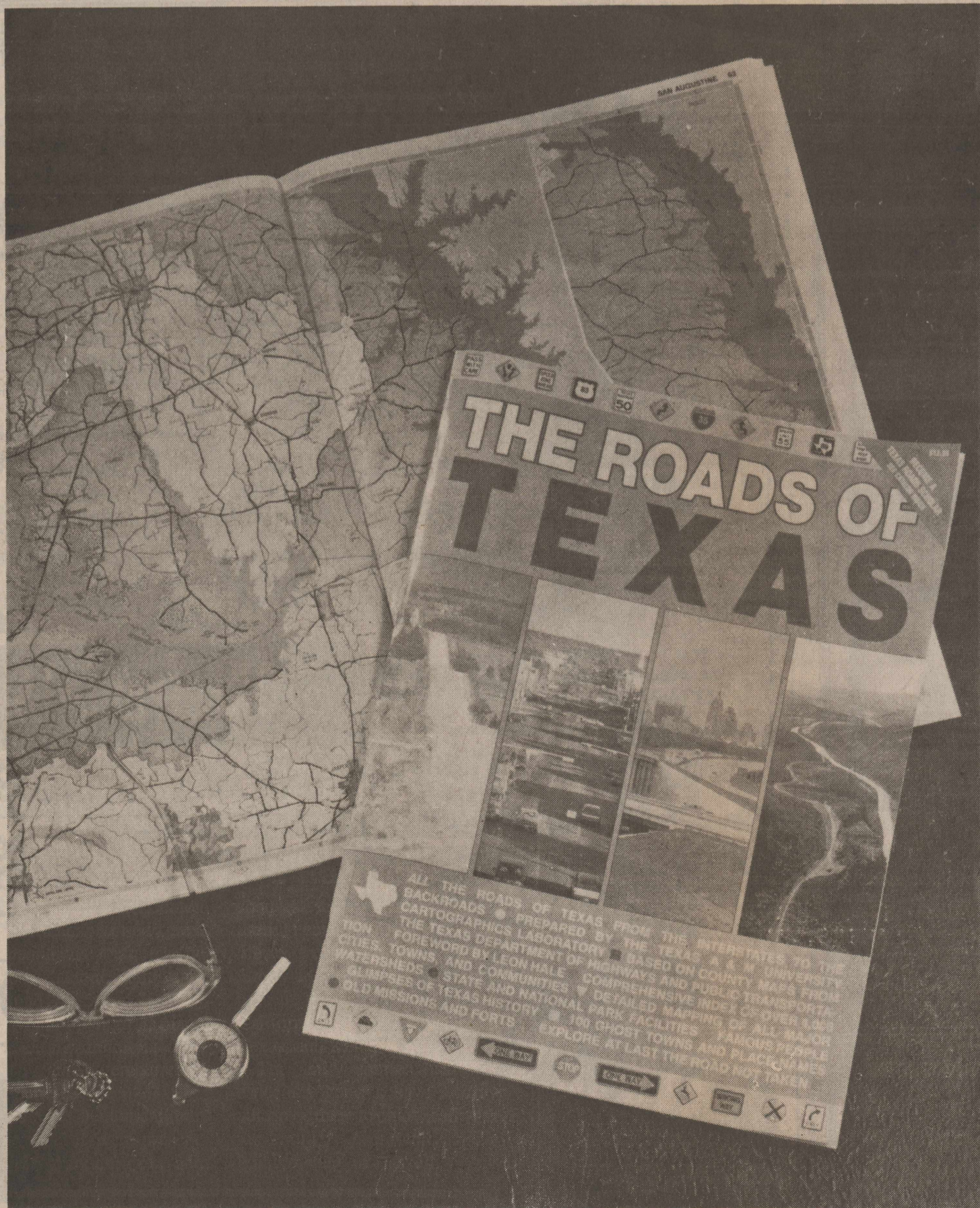
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