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TAAS / TEAMS **Exit Test Set For October**

The fall TAAS / TEAMS Exit Test will be given October 22 writing, October 23 - math, and October 24 - reading. During each regular exit level test administration, individuals who are no longer enrolled in school and who have not previously met minimum expectations on all sections of the TAAS test, but have met all other graduation requirements, may retake the necessary sections.

Individuals who are no longer enrolled in a Texas public school and who wish to register to retake the exit level TAAS / TEAMS test, may pick up a registration packet at the high school principal's office at Knox City High School, Benjamin School, Goree School or Munday High School. The test registration form must be completed and returned in the pre-addressed envelope and must be received in Iowa City, Iowa, no later than 5:00 p.m., September 20, 1996.

The Texas Education Agency and National Computer Systems will not be responsible for registration forms that are delayed or lost in the mail. To insure that individuals are registered, forms should be sent either by registered mail or certified mail. Questions concerning the fall exit level test should be directed to the Texas Education Agency, Student Assessment Division, (512) 463-9536.

By Janice Tolson Mayor, City of Benjamin

The City of Benjamin is having a problem with vandalism at the city lake. In recent months, the guard light has been shot out so many times that West Texas Utilities will not replace it anymore. Also, over 50 holes have been shot into the water storage tanks located at the city lake. These tanks are designed for water storage and the city has spent several thousand dollars to have the tanks fixed up for our water

supply.

Benjamin City Council Is Fed Up, Offers Reward

For Imformation On Vandalism Crimes At City Lake

In addition to the light and damage to the tanks, signs have been taken and chains have been cut and removed.

A lot of this damage has taken place at night, but not always on week end nights. The last incident occurred between 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on a week day. During this vandalism incident, someone cut the barbed wire fence that surrounds the water storage tanks that supply drinking water to our customers. The person or persons then climbed the ladder to the top of the tanks. Whoever was responsible for this crime apparently cut his or her right hand and left a trail of blood from the

ground, up the ladder and to the top of the tank..

Enough is enough! The city council does not know the intent of the person or persons responsible, but we want it stopped! We know that people use the Benjamin City Lake for enjoyment, but if the criminal trespass and vandalism does not stop, we may be forced to lock the lake up.

The city has offered a reward of \$100.00 for information leading to the conviction of the person or persons responsible for the damage and vandalism. If you have information on these crimes, please call the Knox County Sheriff's Department office in Benjamin at 454-2211.

U.S. Postal Service Announces Security Related Changes For Mailed Packages To Protect Public

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Postal Service recently announced changes in mail collection procedures that will increase security of commercial airlines carrying U.S. Mail.

"The changes are designed to enhance security measures and to protect the traveling public, postal employees and postal contractors who transport U.S. Mail," said Postmaster General Marvin Runyon. Runyon added that the changes exceed FM requirements and are one of several important steps the Postal Service is "prepared and willing to take to improve the level of safety and security of the airlines and the mail." Officials declined to discuss all of the security measures planned or already in place.

Ouestions and Answers

Q: What are you doing? A: We are announcing changes in mail collection procedures that will increase security of commercial airlines carrying U.S. mail, and provide a safer environment for our employees, and postal contractors who transport the mail. Q: Why are you doing this?

A: No. We think the public will be very understanding of our motives to tighten security procedures for their own safety, our employees, and those who transport the mail.

Community News: Upcoming meetings

Athletic Booster Club Needs Interest, Meeting Scheduled For August 26 At 7

The Greyhound Athletic Booster Club is seeking both interest and support from parents of students and from the community at large. Trying to overcome an apparent lack of interest in the booster organization during the last few years, organizers have scheduled a meeting to talk about the club and seek new and viable ideas from parents and other athletic supporters interested in a strong organization that promotes our student athletes. . The meeting has been set for Monday, August 26, at 7:00 p.m. in the school library on the Knox City High School campus. The new coaches will be on hand to meet everyone, and an interest has been expressed by the coaches to go back to the old format of showing game films at booster club meetings. Please make plans to attend. If you are interested in our school sports programs, this is a very important meeting to be at and show support.

Local Girl Scouts Need Adult Leaders To Help With Scouting Program

Help shape leaders for tomorrow! The local Girl Scout program needs leaders to help our girls! Enrollment into the scouting program for girls will be on Thursday, August 29, from 3:00 to 5:30 p.m. in the Knox City School Cafeteria. More information may beobtained by calling Eileen Rolo at 658-3771.

O'Brien P.T.O Schedules First Meeting

The O'Brien Mid-School Parent Teachers Organization (PTO) has set the date for their first meeting on Thursday, August 22. Set to begin at 3:10 p.m. in the O'Brien school cafeteria, the meeting is important and interested parents of students at O'Brien are asked to be present for an exchange of ideas and gathering of worker lists.



Knox Co. 4-H **Awards Program Set Saturday**

The annual Knox County 4-H Awards Program will be held on Saturday, August 24, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Rhineland.

Activities will kickoff at 8:00 p.m. with the presentation of project completion pins, Friend of Extension recognition and the 4-H Gold Star Award.

Following the awards, 4-H members, parents and guests will enjoy a dance, Bingo and refreshments.

For more information, contact the Knox CountyExtension office at 454-2651.

"See You At The Pole" - Sept. 11

The annual nationwide "See You At The Pole" prayer service has been set for 7:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 11 in both Knox City and O'Brien.

According to Steve Pepper, Pastor of Knox City's First Christian Church, there will be services in Knox City an the downtown flag pole and at the High School, and in O'Brien at the Mid-School.

Those attending are invited to come early for coffee, donuts and juice. The actual prayer service will begin promptly at 7:00, with an emphasis on prayer concerns for our children, our education system and our country.

Regardless of church affiliation, everyone is invited to attend.

The typical consumer or business will notice very few changes, nor will there be any impact on service. Express Mail service is not affected.

The changes, effective August 16, affect packages mailed to international or domestic addresses deposited in mail collection boxes, such as street mail boxes, lobby and apartment drop boxes/receptacles, even rural customer mailboxes.

Customers will have to bring to post offices for entry with retail clerks

domestic mail bearing stamps and weighing 16 ounces and over, and

all international mail or military APO/FPO mail weighing 16 ounces and over and which in some cases may also require a customs declaration form.

The Postal Service will retain a record of the international and military APO/FPO mailing and the customer will be advised of this when the item is mailed.

Packages found in collection boxes will be returned to the sender if the addressee is outside the local area identified for overnight First-Class Mail.

Packages returned to senders will have an accompanying explanation advising them in the future to deposit this mail at the post office. Previously applied postage may be used when the item is re-mailed at a post office.

A: We are complying with FM security guidelines to maintain a safe flying environment for the public and a safe workplace for our employees.

Q: Exactly what mail is affected?

A: Domestic stamped parcels, weighing 16 ounces and over, and all International and Military mail (including stamped, metered, etc.) weighing 16 ounces and over, will need to be presented in-person to a local post office or letter carrier.

Q: What do customers have to do?

A: Instead of being able to deposit domestic stamped parcels weighing 16 ounces and over, and International and Military mail (stamped, metered, etc.) weighing 16 ounces and over into postal collection boxes, we are asking customers to present these items in-person to their local post office or letter carrier.

Q: Why 16-ounces and over? A: That was an FAA decision. Q: How much mail is impacted?

A: Less than one percent.

Q: Does this collection box restriction also include Express Mail?

A: No. These restrictions do not apply to Express Mail. Customers may continue to deposit their Express Mail items in Express Mail collection boxes.

Q: Has moving mail on commercial airlines been a problem?

A: No. Our efforts today are intended to strengthen and make commercial air travel safer.

Q: How much mail flies on airlines on an average commercial flight?

A: There's no way to give an average. It could range from five pounds on up.

Q: Do you anticipate the action today will drive more of the parcel business away from the Postal Service?

'Modern Day Cowgirls' Ride Through Benjamin **On Cross-Country Motorcycle Fundraising Event**

By Dave Thompson

On a quiet Saturday morning, the still morning air in the peaceful town of Benjamin, Texas, came alive with a low rumbling sound that seemed to be coming in fast from the west. Although farmers and ranchers in this small west Texas community had been praying for rain, the sound resembling a low, rolling thunder was coming from a clear blue sky with no clouds overhead. Looking west down U.S. Highway 82, the first visible source of the rumbling noise was visible when the horizon came alive with headlights that resembled dancing fireflies in the distance. As the lights neared the west city limit sign, residents became aware of a large group of motorcycle riders descending on their community.

One by one, the motorcycles turned off the highway and stopped. Leather jackets, helmets, and dark sunglasses were shed as the riders dismounted from their iron steeds. Conjuring up old stereotype images of Marlon Brando friendly women who were soon



A PORTION OF THE GROUP in Benjamin poses for this picture just prior to passing on the saddlebag for the next leg of the trip.



and his motorcycle gang, onlook- LYN STEWART OF RICHARDSON (at left) accepts the saddlebag ers were shocked to discover that containing the 'Scroll Of Honor' for the next leg of the crossthese riders were attractive, country breast cancer awareness fundraising trip.

laughing and smiling, glad for the opportunity to stop and relax for a few moments before beginning the next leg of their cross-country journey under a hot, West Texas sun.

Eager to explain their cause, the riders seem to come alive with energy as they described a motorcycle trip that began at the Pony Express Stables in St. Jo., Missouri, as a means to raise badly needed funds in the ongoing research effort to combat breast cancer, a deadly disease that strikes down women all across this great country we live in. Started by the Women's Motorcyclist Foundation, these motorcycling women decided to put their love of motorcycling to use by (See Motorcycle Riders, contd. on Page 3)

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Engagement Announcement

Mr. & Mrs. Ed Cook of Holt, Missouri, and Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Compton of San Angelo announce the engagement and approaching marriage of Kara Lyn to Matthew Smith Maurer.

Kara graduated from high school in Arlington, Nebraska, in 1993 and attended Wayne State College in Wayne, Nebraska.

Matt, a former Knox City student, graduated from Vernon High School in 1993. He attended the Dallas Institute of Funeral Service in 1994.

Matt is employed with Davis Funeral Home in Georgetown, Texas.

The couple will marry on September 21 at Calvary Baptist Church in Vernon.



Kara Lyn Cook Matthew Smith Maurer

O'Brien News By Audie Johnston, O'Brien Correspondent

"Wit Craft - While my friend and I waited to have his house key duplicated, we watched the clerk make a key for the customer before us. When the amount came up on the register, my friend leaned toward me. "Whew," he whispered a bit too loud, "the last time I had a key made it was only 35 cents." With a mischievous smile, the clerk turned to my friend and said, "And which lock in the castle was giving you trouble back then, sir?"

HERE AND THERE

Recently visiting Alton and LaUna Hester were their daughter, Cathy, Destiny, Ginger and Monte Mitchell and a friend Domenica Alfuso of Truth or Consequences, New Mexico.

Trimble Family Reunion Held August 3 and 4

The Trimble family met August 3 and4 at the Munday Community Center for their annual reunion. The reunion was hosted by Faye and Don Railsback of Knox City. Old photographs were displayed, a photo session was arranged, games were played, and there was a lot of visiting and reminiscing.

Elmer Ewin Trimble was born

While there, Elaine, Jay Bob and Jennifer Eaton, also visited. AvaCovey of San Angelo spent

the weekend with her parents, L.A. and Eva Covey and David, Trudy, Amy, Crystal and Josh Hunt. Some of those who are leav-

ing for college the next few weeks are Trish Roberts to Texas Tech in Lubbock, Scott Stephens to Vernon Regional Junior College in Vernon and Christie Manning to Cisco Junior College in Cisco.

Charlie and Virginia Smith and Jean Barnard were in Lubbock Sunday to visit the ladies brother, Mack Sellers, who is in St. Mary's Hospital and isn't doing too good.

Alton and LaUna Hester werein

White Rites Are **Held Wednesday** In KC Cemetery

Graveside services for Mary Alice Lankford White of Knox City were held Wednesday morning, August 21, at ten o'clock in the Knox City Cemetery. Rev. David White officiated with arrangements by Smith Funeral Home.

Mrs. White, 93, died Monday, August 19, in the Brazos Valley January 1, 1883, in Runnels Care Home following a lengthy illness.

Abilene Monday to take a care home resident, Susan Grissom, to see a skin specialist.

Clara Hanson was in Abilene last week to visit a brother whom had some heart problems and was in the hospital.

Annie Marshall of Rochester visited with Evelyn Underwood for awhile last week.

Justin Emerson of Oklahoma visited his parents, J.M. and Susan Emerson, over the weekend.

Andy Hines of Lubbock visited his grandparents, Ranzy and Adelle Herring, over the weekend.

Shirley Hill and daughters of Bowie visited her mother, Rose Marie Johnston and brother Jimmy over the weekend.

children.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, her husband, three brothers, Thomas Newton Lankford, William Henry Lankford and Harvey Dee Lankford; and five sisters, Fannie Loper Hughes, Maudie Williams Hendon, Emmie Floyd, Myrtle Jewel Lankford and Tressie Roueche.

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FROM AUSTIN

Sara Lawson of Austin recently spent a week with her grandparents, Ken and Elsie Lawson.

Joining them for the weekend and returning Sara home was the Lawson's son and Sara's father, Kenny of Austin.

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Out of state

Annika Muller of Tyler and her fiance Brent Conaway spent the weekend here with her grandmother, Faye Shaver.



Lynn Electric

County, Texas, to William Henry and Sarah Alice Davis Trimble. Jennie Flonoy Womack was born September 7, 1882, in Collin County, Texas, to James Watson and Mary Etta Gaw Womack. Elmer and Jennie married July 16, 1902, in Graham, Texas. Their children were Edith, Edna, Vera, Earl Wallace, Ruby, Guy, Willie and Lula May. Jennie died March 16, 1917, in Goree, Texas. Elmer married Eva Bartlett Coffman October 26, 1920, in Seymour, Texas. Their children were Blanche, William, Trudie, Delmer, Elmer, Bobby, Joe, Loy, J.H. and JoAnn.

Children attending were William Trimble of Midland, Trudie Trimble and her husband Jack Grayof Hereford, Delmer Trimble of Carmel, CA; Bobby Trimble and his wife Shirley of Midland, Joy Trimble and her husband Joe Lester of Amarillo, J.H. Trimble and his wife Pat of Lubbock and JoAnn Trimble Smith of Slaton. Grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great great grandchildren present were Louise and Howard Collier of Graham, Troy Jones of Newcastle, OK, Joe and Willie Jones of Albany, Nell and Billy McElroy of Grants, NM, Nancy Wallace of Post, Lea Ann Basinger of Lewisville and Marilyn Miller of Garland. Also attending were Cindy Williams, Billie Ann and Leroy Williams of Amarillo. Present from Salt Lake City, Utah, were Sharalee and Mike Frost and Staci and Andrew Wooley. Norma Ream and Jennie Moore came fro Irving and Don, Fay,e Donna, Bruce, Sandy and Katelyn Railsback came from Knox City.

Jennie Moore will host the reunion in 1997.

What city is supported by your shopping dollars? Shop At Home!

Born April 23, 1903, in Hopkins County, she was the daughter of the late W.G. and Pernie Martin Lankford. She married R.H. (Top) White on May 20, 1923, and he preceded her in death in 1973. She moved to Knox City 50 years ago from Olton. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Knox City.

Survivors include two daughters, Juanita Hughes of Ardmore, Oklahoma, and Jaurine Jones of Knox City; two grandsons, one granddaughter, seven great-grandchildren and 12 great-great-grand-



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH ~ Knox City Steve Pepper, Minister

Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.

FOURSQUARE CHURCH ~ Knox City Dan Limitone, Pastor Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 10:45 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship at 6:30 p.m. ~ Mid Week, Wed. at 7:00 p.m.

SANTA ROSA CATHOLIC CHURCH ~ Knox City Father Kevin Fagan Sunday Morning Bilingual Mass at 11:00 a.m.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH ~ Rhineland **Father Kevin Fagan** Monday Through Friday Mornings, 8:00 a.m. Mass Saturday Mass at 7:00 p.m. ~ Sunday Mass at 9:00 a.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ~ Benjamin John Gillispie, Pastor Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ~ Benjamin Jim Teeter, Pastor Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m. ~ Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.

GILLESPIE BAPTIST CHURCH ~ Gillespie Ross Anderson, Pastor

Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship at 7:00 p.m. ~ Mid Week, Wed. at 7:00 p.m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH ~ Benjamin Sunday Morning Worship at 9:30 a.m. ~ Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.

THE BELIEVERS' CHAPEL ~ Highway 222 W.O. Smith, Pastor Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Mid Week, Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL ~ 8 Miles South Of Knox City Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship Service at 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship Service at 7:00 p.m. Mid Week, Wed. at 7:30 p.m.

O'BRIEN BAPTIST CHURCH ~ O'Brien George Yarger, Pastor Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship at 7:00 p.m. Mid Week, Wed. at 7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ~ Knox City David White, Pastor

* Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. ~ * Sunday Morning Worship at 10:55 a.m. * Sunday Evening Worship at 7:00 p.m. ~ Mid Week, Wed. at 7:00 p.m.

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LYN STEWART (left), lead rider from Benjamin, is shown here with Mayor Janice Tolson, who welcomed the riders to the city of Benjamin. Lyn and her husband are both Motorcycle Safety Instructors in McKinney, where they held a special Motorcycle Safety Course and donated the proceeds to the ride.



- A CLOSEUP VIEW of the front side of the memorial medallion designed for the ride.



THE WMF (Women's Motorcyclist Foundation) Pony Express Tour logo as shown on the side of the saddlebag that is passed on to each lead rider throughout the trip.

Motorcycle Riders Raise Funds

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riding across the country in an effort to raise research funds and increase the public awareness towards breast cancer.

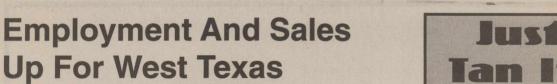
The idea for this effort began back in 1991 when several members of the WMF visited the Viet Nam War memorial in Washington. Touched by the 54,000 names inscribed on the marble wall, the women also became aware that during the same time period these 54,000 men and women died in Viet Nam, over 500,000 women had quietly died of breast cancer. The group was moved to action by that shocking fact and from the personal loss of friends they had known who died from breast cancer.

They conceived the idea that they, as motorcyclists, and women, could do something to help fight this disease. In 1993, the group rode their first fundraising ride on a trip of 12,056 miles to Alaska while raising \$25,000 for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. This ride was the start of a personal commitment by the women to do everything in their power to help raise the funds needed to find a cure for breast cancer.

The 1996 ride, called the 'Pony Express Tour '96,' involves a relay route that will circumnavigate the United States. Each major participant is riding a specific leg



GIVING A FRIENDLY WAVE AS THEY HEAD EAST, the group is shown here as they pass the roadside park several miles east of Benjamin. The group was scheduled to stop in Jacksboro for lunch on Saturday before finishing in Dallas that evening.



of the tour, and must raise a minimum of \$1,000 from both personal and business contributions. Since leaving the Pony Express Stables in St. Jo., Missouri, on June 29, the group has raised a total to date of \$230,000!

Described as "modern day cowgirls" by newspaper articles from previous stops, the group was accompanied by a few husbands on motorcycles and one pickup truck as a follow up vehicle. Riders on this leg of the trip hailed from New York, Boston, Kansas, Pennsylvania, Oklahoma and Texas.

Exchanging a saddlebag at each changeover stop as lead drivers are replaced with fresh riders, the trip resembles the Pony Express days of old when mail was carried across the west via horseback riders who each rode a leg of the long, cross country-trip. The contents of the saddlebag on this modern day Pony Express trip includes a 'Scroll of Honor' that lists names of those participating, those who are donors and sponsors, and those who have died from breast cancer.

Prior to departing Benjamin, the riders vowed to repeat their ride in 1998, with this admirable thought expressed: "By our efforts, we hope that tomorrow will bring a new day of hope for all women."

"Ride on , ladies!"

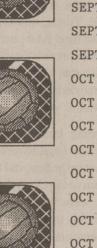




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1996 Knox City Greyhound Football Schedule

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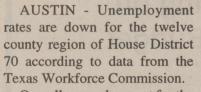
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1996 Knox City Junior Varsity Football Schedule

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Overall unemployment for the area fell from a high of 7.16% in February of 1994 to 4.59% in April of this year.

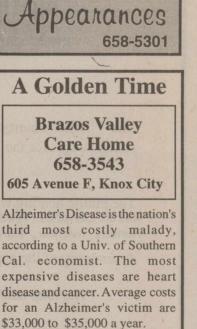
State Representative David Counts (D-Knox City) said that the numbers should be a positive sign for West Texas. "This information shows some relief for the folks here in District 70 and a promising future outlook."

In addition, sales receipts collected by the state comptroller's office indicate that gross sales for the twelve counties comprising District 70 are up over \$250 million since 1990, with total sales in the area registering at over \$1.5 billion in 1995. According to the Knox City lawmaker, the increase translates in to jobs. "The sales

throughout the district have increased steadily to approximately \$350 million over where we were in 1988. Those sales have created a number of new jobs, which has been a big factor in lowering area unemployment."

Counts credited the positive outlook to the hard work and resourcefulness of workers and businesses in West Texas. "Everyone understands how challenging it can be to operate a small business in rural Texas. The efforts of the numerous individuals and groups to find new markets for pre-existing businesses, as well as, the active and aggressive recruitment of new ones has been a significant factor in helping the area recover from some very devastating losses in the petroleum industry.'

Knox County also saw an increase in gross sales from \$45,129,455 in 1988 to \$51,589,497 in 1995.



The Social Security Adm. will cut about 5000 jobs in the next five years as part of the government's efforts to trim costs. During the 80s, Social Security eliminated about 17,000 positions.

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Allen-Swetnam Reunion Held July 21 At Munday **Community Center**

The descendants of Edward Stratton and Lorella Swetnam Allen met at the Munday Community Center July 21 for their annual reunion. There were 45 present for lunch and a day of visiting and reminiscing. A collection of old photographs, other memorabilia, and an ancestor chart was displayed for everyone's enjoyment. A shawl dated 1788 and a baby's cap from 1793 were of particular interest. In the afternoon door prizes were given.

Edward Stratton Allen was born in Wise County, Texas, November 30, 1884, to William Mills and Elizabeth Wilson Allne. Lorella Swetnam was born in Jack County, Texas, February 21, 1885, to George Henry and Jennie Reed Swetnam. Edward Stratton and Lorella were married October 23, 1902, in Jacksboro, Texas. Their children were Esther, George William, Ernest, Clarence, Albert Edward, Thurman, D., Loys and Louise. The family moved to Knox County in 1923. Edward and Lorella lived the remainder of their lives in the Gilliland and Vera communities where they were engaged in farming.

Children present for the reunion were D. and his wife Irene of Vera, Loys and her husband L.D. Welch of Gilliland, and Louise and her husband Louis Clark of Olton. Grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren present were Edith and Harold Beck of Vera, Paula Nixon of Olton, Carol Brooks of Floydada, Wade Brooke of Irving and Donna Welch of Amarillo. Also attending were Allen and Peggy McGaughey, Faye and Don Railsback, Donna Railsback and Mark and Michael McGaughey, all of Knox City. Linda and Gerald Brown, Coy and Lillian Searcy, Deryl, Linda, Lauren and Jesse Clark came from Abilene. Those attending from Azle were Hayden and Gayle Hankins, Kelly, Penni, and Kyle Hankins, Dwight and Sherian Clark, Darla and Syles Sexton. David and Beverly McGaughey, Keith Kuehler, Tonya and Tyler Thompson and Kathy Welch came from Munday. Those from Arlington were Wanda and Bob Partridge and Jordon Jones. The family will meet again July 20, 1997, in the Munday Community Center for a celebration of the lives of the Allen-Swetnam ancestors.

Judge Praises Accident Help

On July 31, 1996, an emergency 91 1 call was made to the fire department, e.m.s. and law enforcement offices at approximately 5:00 p.m., to respond to a major accident in front of Debbie's Restaurant in Knox City. I know because I made the call.

At first glance, it appeared as if one of the vehicles, which was smoking from the engine, was going to flame. More importantly, we were unsure as to the seriousness of the injuries of the people involved. When the dust finally cleared, five teenagers and two adults were treated in the Knox **County Hospital Emergency** Room. Four vehicles were a total loss and in addition, what could have also happened is a nightmare-if the crash had ended up inside the restaurant or if any of those involved had been killed.

The purpose of my letter is to thank God for sparing those involved with the accident.

Secondly, and very important, is to "thank" all of those men and

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On the weekend of August 3, 29 members of the A.P. and Ruth Denton clan met at the home of Lou and Jack Vail in Knox City. Family members reported a wonderful time of visiting, playing games and eating.

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knowledge while serving all our communities, either with the Knox City and Munday EMS, our local fire departments and the law enforcement officers of both Knox City, Munday and Knox County. At first, with time standing still, it seemed like they would never appear after my call and others to 911/But, I checked the call records and was amazed at the actual response time for their arriving at the scene. Except for the Munday EMS and Police Chief, all were there within FIVE minutes of the call. It took Munday about 10 minutes to arrive after they were paged, because their assistance was needed. To me, that is amazing response time And pure dedication to their profession. We are so fortunate that these men and women are so dedicated. We thank you and I thank you!

women that give their time and

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liams, who responded on his day off; and especially Bill Williams, Sheila Morgan and Ronnie Brown of the Munday EMS, who took me for my first ambulance ride. I am sure there are others and you know who you are. Just know you are all greatly appreciated and that's from someone who has been there.

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A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget.	\$	137,000	1012
The total amount of increase over the current year's budget.	\$	- 0 -	
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Hoop Dreams Over For Tech Frosh Toliver

By Don Williams

Lubbock Avalanche - Journal LUBBOCK, August 6, 1996 -Duane Toliver didn't always recognize how far his athletic ability might carry him. He has Texas Tech to thank for that.

But let's go back to August of 1995, when Toliver had his modest goal all mapped out. He was going to graduate from Knox City High School - where the town has 1,300 folks, and his senior class had 26 - and then walk on for basketball at Angelo State. Shoot, in basketball, he's been All-Region.

He should at least be able to talk his way into the gym for a tryout.

But now, here he stood 12 months later, with the Texas Tech football locker room just under his feet. Down those stair steps were his future. Forget basketball, the Red Raiders had said, and come play defensive end. Angelo State's loss,

Tech's gain

"This time last year, this was the last thing on my mind," Toliver said Monday, the day freshmen checked into camp. "I thought I'd walk on for basketball at Angelo State or something like that. I never figured I'd get a football scholarship at Tech."

Somewhat surprisingly, and to his credit, Toliver has come around in a hurry to the Red Raiders' way of thinking.

He drove in Monday from Knox

Care Home News By Donna Casillas

August News: Birthdays: 8-11 - William E. Morren, 8-13 - Elizabeth G. Wilson, 8-14 - Betty Montgomery, 8-15 - Chon Hinojos, 8-27 - Leola Isbell.

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City, and you wonder if the spacious Tech campus isn't just a little overwhelming. Not really, Toliver says. But not many players from Class 1A sign majorcollege football scholarships must be a little intimidating, huh?

Well, no. The nervousness, that was last month. Then Toliver went to the Texas High School Coaches Association All-Star Game in Houston and, shazam, was starting for the North at slotback. Across from him stood 6-foot-7 Derrion Yates, the blue-chip defensive end headed for LSU by way of Houston Yates. A football field,

a proving ground

Talk about you litmus tests. "I wore him out a couple of times, and he wore me out a couple of times," Toliver said. "We just went back and forth. It was a pretty good matchup."

Toliver's confidence shot up. From the all-star experience, Toliver learned that a talented athlete is a talented athlete, whether he hails from Knox City or the big city.

"They were just like me," he said. "They're human. They put their pants on one leg at a time. Now it's no big deal. I don't feel intimidated."

"I feel a lot more confident about coming here now. I know I can play with the best the state of Texas has to offer."

Looking at Toliver, slender, 220 pounds, and ready to run, I

David Johnston of Fredericksburg, Virginia.

Thank you to all the volunteers who came and helped Judy with July activities. You are special in our hearts.

FROM NEW MEXICO

Jennifer and Charlie Neil and children Tyler and Nina of Los Alamos, New Mexico, visited here recently.

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was kind of reminded of how Shawn Banks looked five years ago. Whoa, whoa, whoa. Banks could bench press a Toyota by the time he left here. Toliver says he bench presses 225. He still has to get stronger.

But when the Class 1A state track meet results were posted last spring, and Toliver whirled the discus 154 feet, 1 inch (good for second place), Tech coaches winked and nodded. The Raiders, remember, are batting 1,000 with small-town Toliver.

Rice had been the only other major Texas college who was onto the kid at Knox City. Smart? Toliver finished fourth in his class. Versatile? He converted enough field goals on the football field (six) to be an all-state kicker. He converted enough field goals in basketball to average 17 points and think about walking on at Angelo State.

Then Tech came along selling another idea, and Toliver was the first kid from his hometown to sign a Division I scholarship in 21 years.

"I feel a little pressure because of that," Toliver acknowledged. What advice did the townsfolk offer?

"People were just wishing me good luck," Toliver said, "and telling me to keep my head on straight."

After the first day, his head seemed level, not spinning. That's all you can ask at the start.

Youth Football Issues Invitation

Haskell County Youth Football is looking for players and cheerleaders between the ages of 4 years and 12 years.

Youth from Knox City, O'Brien and the surrounding area are invited to participate in the Haskell Youth Football program.

More information may be obtained by calling Kay Smith at (817) 864-2240, or Mike & Angel

Letter To The Editor

July 23, 1996

Dear Stacy,

Here is my check for \$18.00. I would like for you to send the Knox City paper to my son Clarence W. Melvin. He grew up in Knox City, went there to school all his life, and graduated in 1956.

Please send the paper to: Clarence W. Melvin 3414 Marion St. Amarillo, TX 79109-4330 Thanks a lot. You are doing a great job. I love the paper myself.

> Sincerely, Mary C. Melvin

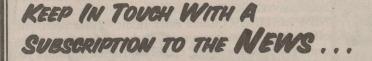
Thanks to all of those for the food, cards, flowers and prayers during the loss of our loved one, Nell Calk. We appreciate our friends who have helped us through this difficult time.

We appreciate Sue and Jimmy at Smith Funeral Home for their extra special help with the arrangements.

May God bless each of you.

Card of Thanks

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Offield and Children





day, August 19, 3:00 p.m., hosted by First United Methodist Church of Knox City.

Sunday Church Services - 8-4 Knox City Foursquare Church, 8-11 Benjamin First United Methodist Church, 8-18 Rochester Church of Christ, 8-25 Benjamin First Baptist Church.

Special Music - Thursdays, 7:00 p.m. 8-8 Bud Conner, 8-22 Jim Burt.

Special thanks to Carolyn Collinsworth and Peggy Smith who donated \$50 to the BVCH Activity Fund in honor of Lou Denton-Vail. We appreciate the generous contributuion.

Special Visitors:

Resident Charles (Bud) Johnston was visited by his brother

Horse Salve Eases Arthritis Pain

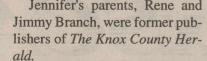
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