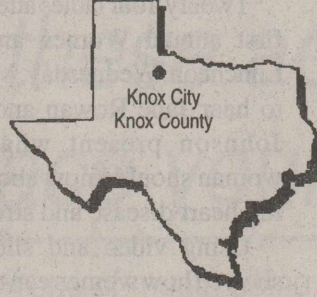


Greyhound baseball team retains district lead with 5-4 victory over Northside on Monday

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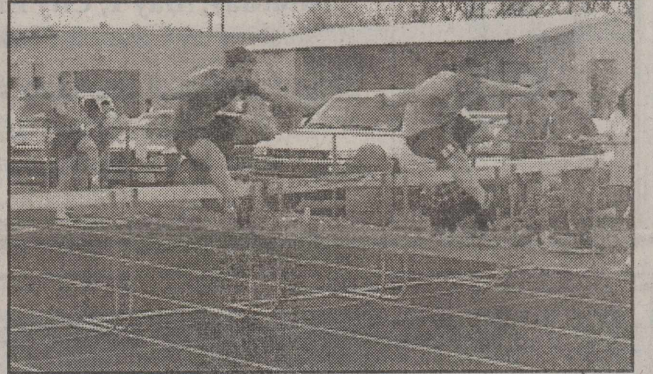
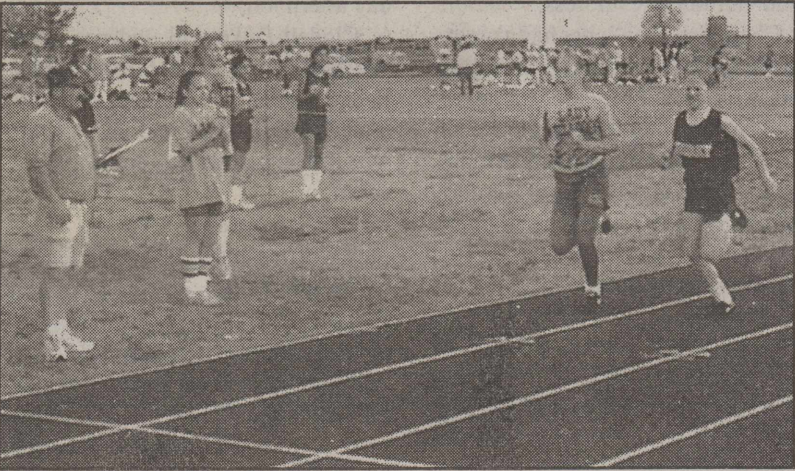


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O'Brien Bulldogs, Lady Bulldogs enjoy track season

~ a photo tribute from the Knox City meet last week ~

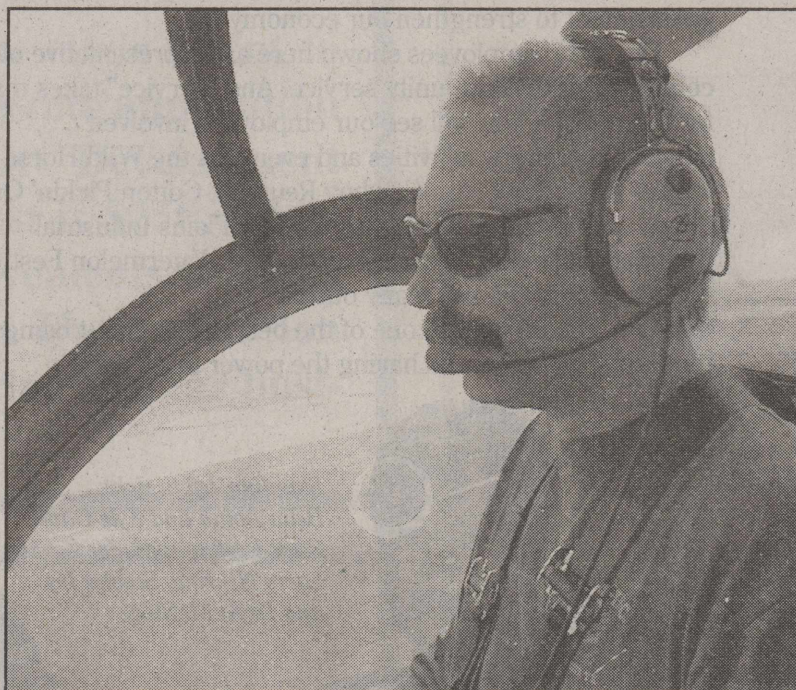


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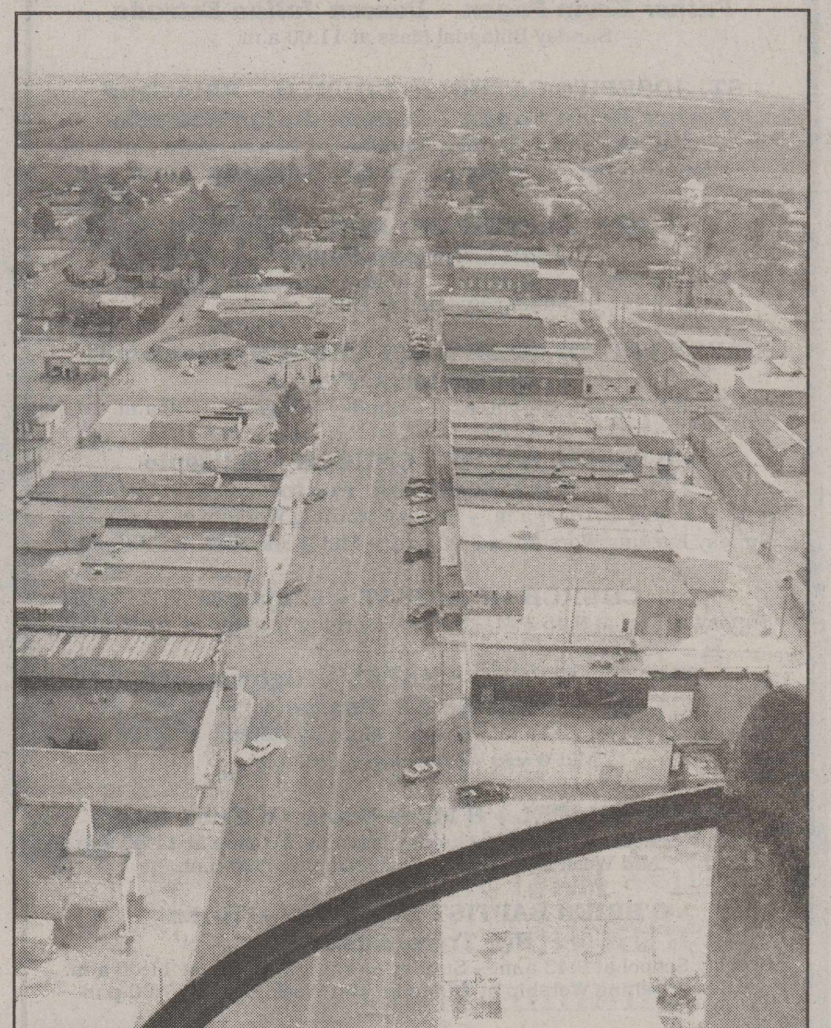
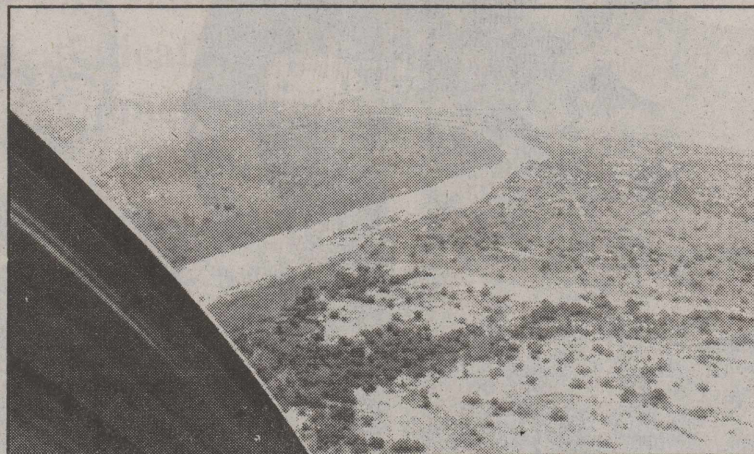
O'Brien track team results
at the District Track Meet to
appear next week

More photos inside this edition on page 5

Flying around area in a helicopter is just plain... fun!!!



PILOT STAN WOJCIK is having a lot of fun these days as he uses his spare time building up his flying hours in Air Ag's new two-seater helicopter. Inviting Dave Thompson of The Knox County News along for the ride, the pair spent an hour circling the area.



IN THE PHOTOS ON THIS PAGE, (clockwise from left top), The helicopter lifts off from Harrison Field, Pilot Stan Wojcik, A view looking from the north to the south of downtown Knox City, the Brazos river west of Knox City (with water in it!), and a view looking from the south to the north of the river bridge between Knox City and Benjamin.

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FCE to meet Tuesday, April 13 in Helms home

Ramona Helms will host the April 13 meeting of the FCE Club at her home at 7:00 p.m.

Jane Rowan, county extension agent for Family and Consumer Sciences, will bring the program "Fashion Options For The Mature Figure". Guests are welcome. Dress for the evening is to denote spring.

The thought for April is: "Mothers write on the hearts of their children what the world's rough hand cannot erase."

April's hint is to use old lipsticks to color homemade decorative candles.

Women, heart luncheon held Wed., March 31

Twenty-four ladies attended the first annual Women and Heart Luncheon, Wednesday, March 31, to hear Jane Rowan and Cheryl Johnson present what every woman should know about fighting heart disease and stroke.

Using video and slides they showed how women can take control of their lives and choose habits that promote cardiovascular health such as stop smoking, control high blood pressure, eat a well-balanced low-fat diet, control blood cholesterol levels and to make physical activity a part of daily life.

The luncheon was sponsored by Dr. Shirley Sanchez Barretto at the Doug Meinzer Community Building. Lunch was catered by Town Talk - Mary Shahan and flowers were provided by Knox City Florist - Barbara Barnard. Blood pressure screenings were provided by JoAnn Maddox and Debbie Wilde.

The mission of the American Heart Association is to reduce disability and death from cardiovascular diseases and stroke.

To learn the risk factor and warning signs of heart disease and stroke, call 1-888-MY-HEART. Visit the web site, the American Heart Assoc. Take Wellness to Heart, www.women-americanheart.org, or contact any of the following Knox County American Heart Association Board of Directors Peggy Guinn, Charlene Roberts, Frankie Baker, Juanita Wilcox, Dorothy Dykes, Flora Roberts, Aleitha Beck, Zoanne Felts, Gladene Green, Belle Grill, Birdie Helton, Audie Johnston, JoAnn Maddox, Janoma Stephens and June Tankersley.

Benjamin news

Well, we have had a nice Easter Sunday and are well on our way back to beginning the work week. Lots of visiting took place and the weather cooperated nicely. There was a bunch of kids out for the firemen's egg hunt at the park and lots of adults were visiting and it made for a pretty enjoyable afternoon. Reyes Barrientez had made a Dutch Doll quilt and sold chances. It was given away after the egg hunt and Dorothy Spikes was the winner. There's a lot of us who would have loved to have had it. But we congratulate Dorothy.

Regarding our ill - Debra and Mike Moorhouse returned home the last of the week after a week in Houston at M.D. Anderson for her tests. I haven't talked to Debra since her return but Mike told me she goes back to Houston in June and was not feeling too well Sunday and of course is tired from her trip.

Maybe by next week I'll have a more complete report.

Ruth Idol is still at Munday Nursing Center and reports are that she is improving every day. She seems to know what's going on around her but can't speak. She's sitting up in a chair occasionally and seems to be responding well to the therapy. That's good news to be able to report.

Julia Trepanier spent three days in Knox County Hospital last week. She's out and around again and feeling pretty well.

Leola Isbell is having some problems. Is taking medication for an upper respiratory condition. Hopefully, she'll feel better in a few days.

Benjamin is saddened today by the death of Nora Duke, Nora had been in failing health for several months and death came this morning (Monday). Arrangements are pending. Certainly my most sincere sympathy to Nora's family. She was a wonderful person and loved by all.

Here 'N There - Kent and Elizabeth Hertel of Coppell were here Wednesday to visit his parents, Don and Louise.

Betty and Roger Parker and daughters Sabra and Chelsea of Aspermont and Cathy Tomlinson of Argyle visited the girls parents, Leroy and Gloria West, Easter weekend.

Bill and Linda Gooch and their

daughter, Robin and her husband of Mansfield spent the weekend here doing some work at the cemetery.

Debbie Clower and family and Dickie Lloyd were in Winters recently to help friends and other family members honor Dickie on her 90th birthday. The celebration was held in a hotel that had been re-done and was attended by about 100 people including all her children, grandchildren and great "grands". She got cards from friends in about 8 or 10 states each relating some memory they have of Dickie. They said it was truly a fun time. This past Friday night, Michael and Sara Clower were honored by their mom with a family party at their home. Vickie Clower of Seymour came for the party and spent the weekend.

Hazel Stockton and Janet Reed spent the weekend with family members in Lubbock.

Stanton and Shari Brown spent the Easter weekend with Doug and Karen Brown and family at Teague.

Easter guests of Joe and Julia Trepanier were Kathy Zapata and family of Wichita Falls and Ricky Trepanier of Abilene.

Joy Yancey of Lakeside City is here for a few days vacation with her sisters, Jane Gideon and Imagean Young and her brother Joe Nunley in Brazos Valley Care Home.

Easter guests of Roger and Betty Bohannon were Pam Mosteller and sons of Perryton, Bob and Bobbie Goodwin of Earth, Lonnie Bohannon of Abilene and Jamie Bohannon of VRJC.

Raul and Reyes Barrientez spent the weekend with their son Jimmy in Lubbock.

Gary and JoAnn Hamilton visited their son Jeremy, student at TSTI in Sweetwater Saturday.

My Easter weekend guests were daughter Debbie Taylor and her husband Gordon of Childress.

Charles and Joy Jones had a pretty good crowd Easter Sunday including David Jones and Kayla of Runaway Bay, Walter and Peggy Hertel of Munday, Sheila and Ishmael DeLosSantos and Tiffany of Vernon, Billy and Penny Trainham and Stacy Trainham of Lubbock and Bobby Trainham of Benjamin.

By Gladene Green, Benjamin Correspondent

Don and Louise Hertel were in Wichita Falls Tuesday night for the one-act play competition. Their son, Craig is director of the play from the Lindsay school. Craig's play advanced to the next level but I'm not sure where or when that will take place. Craig's had lots of winners and we wish him well in this competition as well.

Easter guests of Jonnie Williams and Mary Bohannon were Betty Mancille of Quanah, Jimmy Mancille of Austin, Tommy Latimer Jr. of San Antonio and Cliff and Brandi Hacker, Kayla and Courtney of Knox City.

Visiting George and Connie Shaw were his mom, Myrtie Low of Vera and his brother, Douglas and family of Wichita Falls.

Jeff and Stacy Conner and children, Cheyenne and Caden of Lubbock visited his mom, Judy, during Easter weekend.

Phil and Rebekah Boone and Paige of Trent, Rachel Duke of Midwestern University and Zeke Duke of Tech were home for the weekend.

Jeff Pierce of Snyder and Wade Pierce of South Plains College in Levelland visited homefolks during the weekend.

Betty and Lewis Lyles had Easter Sunday lunch with their granddaughter Joy Ledesma and family in Knox City.

Earlene Meinzer and I attended family night at Munday Nursing Center last Tuesday night. A pot luck meal preceded an hour of good country music presented by the Country Rust Band (formerly known as Country Gold). I enjoyed seeing lots of folks whom I hadn't seen in a while. I don't have family as residents of the center but do have lots of friends there.

Robbie Feemster of Vera visited Corrine and George Parrish and Bobby and Philomae Roberson Sunday afternoon.

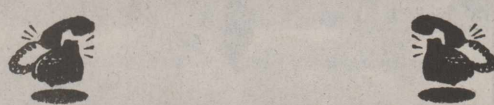
Clodell Duke will undergo knee surgery Tuesday, April 6, in a Wichita Falls hospital. She had one knee operated on last spring and did so well, we are hoping this surgery is as successful.

DeeAnn Lamb is spending a few days with her sister, Brenda Gollaher in Wichita Falls.

Weather siren alert

Fire Chief Domingo Garcia is reminding residents with the severe weather season upon us, the siren will activated in the event of hail or any adverse conditions approaching.

No all clear will be sounded.



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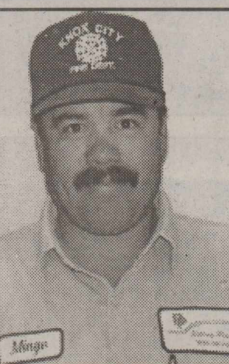
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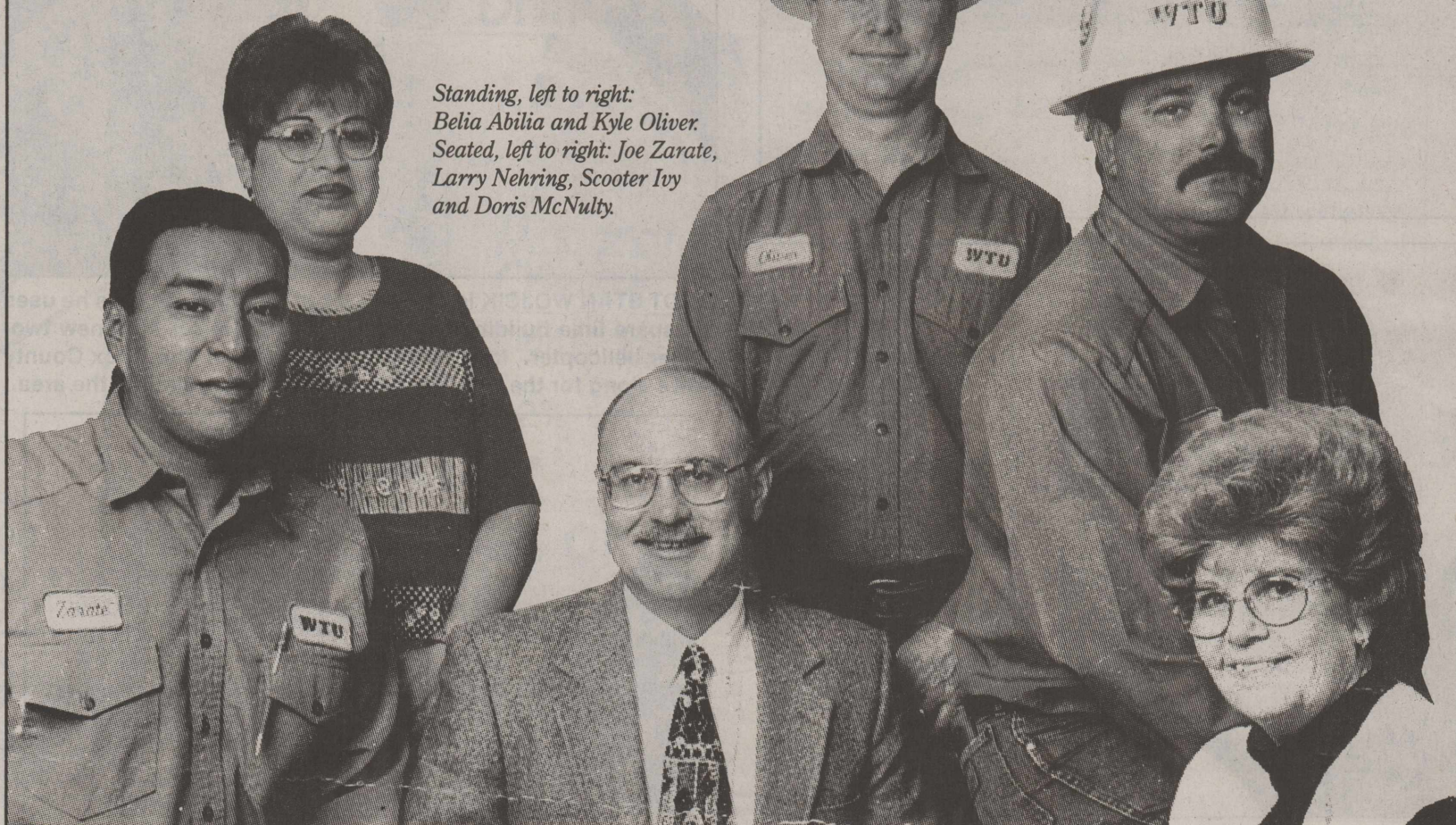
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Knox City Post Office announces contest to design cancellation stamp for 1999 KC Watermelon Festival

By Cathye Williams
Knox City Postmaster

Pictorial cancellations are postmarks offered by the Postal Service to commemorate local events celebrated in communities throughout the nation. These postmarks contain the name of a temporary philatelic station, city, state, ZIP Code, and month, day, and year of the cancellation. These cancellations may also feature wording and/or graphics relating to fairs, convention, or other various types of local celebrations.

Collectors may obtain pictorial cancellations at a temporary philatelic station established at an event or at a philatelic outlet, on the date of the cancellation. Additionally, such cancellations may be requested by mail. Mail-in requests must be postmarked no later than 30 days following the requested cancellation date to qualify for

this service.

The requesting organization and sponsor of this pictorial cancellation is the Knox City Chamber of Commerce. The sponsor must propose a design and finished artwork for the cancellation. This year the Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a contest open to all ages to enter their design for the "11th Annual Watermelon Festival Station" cancellation. This cancellation will be the official pictorial cancellation used at the United States Postal Service booth and the design will also be used on the Chamber of Commerce t-shirts with the artists name under the design on the t-shirts.

All cancellations must carry the name of the temporary station (11th Annual Watermelon Festival Station), the city, state, and ZIP Code of the actual location of

the pictorial cancellation and the month, day, and year of the cancellation. Overall dimensions must not exceed 4 inches horizontally and 2 inches vertically.

Illustrations, wording, and designs featured on cancellations must directly reflect the event to be commemorated.

The winner will be determined by the Knox City Chamber of Commerce Directors. The cancellation requires final approval by the Postmaster and the manager, Customer Service Support, Fort Worth, Texas.

The winner of the contest will be presented a t-shirt with their design and name imprinted beneath the design at the watermelon festival on July 31, 1999.

Entries must be submitted to the Chamber of Commerce office or the Knox City Post Office by April 20, 1999

Annual FD, faculty game set Monday

It's time once again for the annual fundraiser basketball game between the Knox City Volunteer Fire Department and the Knox City-O'Brien faculty.

This year's event is set for Monday night, April 12, at 7:00 p.m. in the high school gym on the Knox City campus.

Fire department members were noted as saying they were "ready and waiting" for their opponents. Following the faculty game, the seniors will play the fire department.

Drawing for a \$50.00 savings bond will be held at the halftime of the faculty game and other prizes will be given out during the evening.

This annual affair is a fun event and Dave Thompson will be announcing this year to keep the action at a fast pace.

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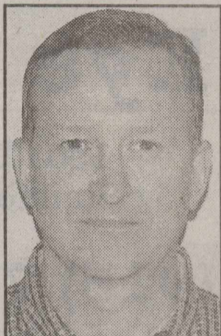
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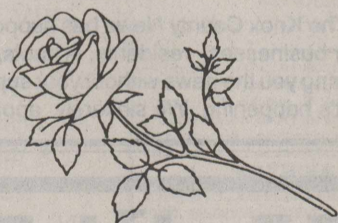
What a blessing it is to live in a community like ours and receive the good wishes and prayers from our dear family and friends!

The many cards, phone calls, gifts, visits and prayers were so very much appreciated.

It is so good to be home!

Thanks again.

Billye Bess



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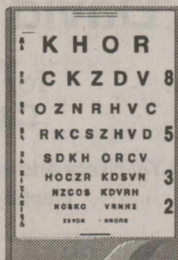
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TxDOT makes safety award presentations

CHILDRESS - The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) held their annual Safety Awards Banquet on February 26 at the Childress Fair Park Auditorium in Childress.

This banquet is held to recognize employees outstanding efforts in the operation of TxDOT vehicles and equipment and for having no work related injuries.

The Knox County Maintenance employees and Munday area office employees were recognized for combined totals of 134 years as safe operators and 120 years of no injury.

Members of the Knox County Maintenance Section receiving awards were Lee Bruce, Ronald Urbanczyk, Gene Ward, Jerry Branam, Pete Rocha, Ray Hudson, Leon Hernandez, Terry Hendrix, Curt Coop and Shane Adams.

Members of the Munday Area Office receiving awards were Mike Hosea, Kirk Trospen, Ricky Gonzales, Greg Urbanczyk and Sherry Pendergraph.

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Thank You Knox City

To Judy Perdue
President
Economic Development Corporation of Knox City

Dear Judy,

Thank you so much for your hospitality at the Knox City annual Chamber of Commerce banquet last week in Knox City. I enjoyed talking with you and your husband.

It was a very enjoyable evening beginning with the delicious meal prepared by the Knox City-O'Brien Cisd homemaking department. They did an excellent job and deserve to be commended for such a professional accomplishment.

As president of the Knox City Economic Development Corporation and in-coming president of the Chamber of Commerce, you need to know how impressed we are with the Duckwall building and your Chamber members.

Listening to Dave Thompson's overview of the Duckwall store project gave Al Day and I a real appreciation for how much time, effort and expense has been generated on our behalf by so many people for Knox City's future. You can be assured that we will do everything we can to provide a well merchandised store to serve the needs of the community and to help repay your confidence in Duckwalls.

I'd also like to thank those responsible for the nice gift presented to me at the banquet. You all really shouldn't have, but since you did I want you to know it will always have special meaning for me. Mostly as a reminder of the great evening in March of 1999 in Knox City, but also of Texas and the nice memories of my previous years spent in your great state.

We look forward to working with you, the Chamber and EDC for many years to come.

Thanks again for making us feel so welcome in Knox City
/s/ Chuck
Chuck Herfkens
Vice President
Duckwall Division

Getting a bird's eye view of Knox City

By Dave Thompson

About a month ago, The Knox County News printed a story about a new helicopter that Air Ag Inc., had added to their fleet of aircraft. Planning to use the small, two passenger helicopter for business flying around the local area, pilot Stan Wojcik leased the vehicle for a year at first, to see if there was enough demand for that type of a specialized service in our local area.

After obtaining his certification rating as a commercial helicopter pilot, Wojcik has been putting in a lot of hours flying the helicopter. One afternoon when there was no wind and bright, sunny skies, he called and asked if I wanted to go flying with him. Not wanting to pass up the opportunity, I was out at the airport in about 10 minutes, camera in hand and ready to go. Having flown countless hours in helicopters of various types and descriptions in Viet Nam, I long ago learned the love of flying in a helicopter. The ability to go straight up, (or straight down), combined with the ability to land just about anywhere you want, make flying in a helicopter a lot more fun than flying in a fixed wing aircraft.

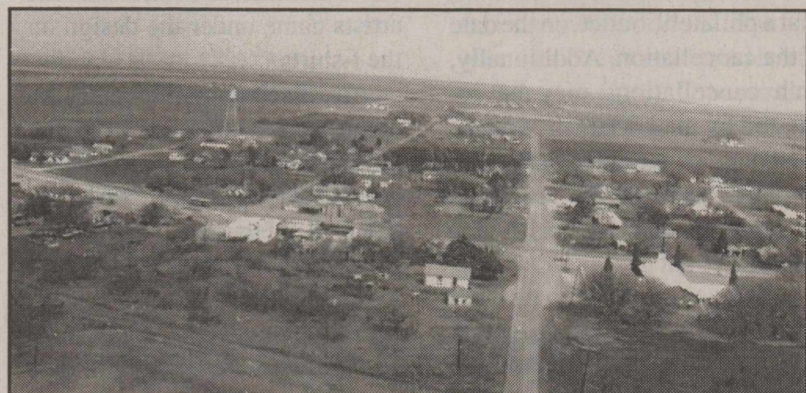
After strapping into the small two seater, Stan took me east, then back south to O'Brien, around O'Brien, and north over to Knox City to the river bridge. We turned and followed the Brazos River west until we headed back to Knox City.

Looking at the terrain around Knox City from a hovering helicopter makes one appreciate the rugged beauty of the area we live in. From farmland to cattle grazing acres; from the river bottom to mesquite covered rangeland, our hour long flight took in everything.

Appreciating the unique abilities of his helicopter, Stan demonstrated on several occasions how nimble and versatile the craft is. With the tremendous potential for this type of aircraft, Stan hopes that farmers and ranchers wanting to survey their land will take advantage of the new service. Other good ideas for using the helicopter include herding cattle, making fast trips to Abilene, Lubbock, or Wichita Falls, and for use in the oil industry for surveying the many different oil fields around the area. Hunters and guides could also use the helicop-



WITH THE ENGINE RUNNING, L.A. Covey of Air Ag, Inc., closes the door on the firm's new helicopter after securing his wife, Ava, in the passenger seat for a flight around the local area.



A VIEW OF THE CITY OF O'BRIEN from the west looking to the east.



APPROACHING HARRISON FIELD from the west looking back to the east, just before landing and ending our flight over the southern Knox County and northern Haskell County areas.

ter to scout good hunting locations as animal tracks and trails are easily seen from the air by persons flying in this aircraft.

Another very important and vital use for the helicopter would be to aid law enforcement personnel and other emergency workers in the event of a search for a missing person. During my one hour flight with Stan, I could see straight down into mesquite thickets and would have easily been able to spot any person - or body - that could have been there in the event of a search and rescue type of mission. One other valuable asset to a search and rescue role is that the helicopter can land wherever

there is a small clearing next to the lost or injured party in order to render aid while ground units make their way to the location.

The ability to have this type of a service right here in Knox City and in Knox County is another plus for the economy of our local area.

I for one wish Stan and Air Ag every success with this new helicopter. In order for readers to experience firsthand what I am describing here, give Stan or Donna a call at Air Ag and book yourself some flight time in this helicopter. The fee for flight time in this aircraft is actually a payment to have a lot of fun !!!

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Boys and girls track teams both place second at O'Brien track meet



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Bulldogs track results at KC

Knox City Track Meet
 Thursday, April 1
 2400 - Carlos Ruiz, 9:38, second.
 800 - Logan Morrow, 2:30, first; Jose Miranda, 2:38, fifth.
 110 hurdles - Ryne Burkham, 18:87, second; Landon Weiershausen, 21.13, fourth; Josh Warren, 21.57.
 100 - Gemile Roberson, 12.20, third; Dominique Collier, 12.37, fourth.
 400 - Kendrick Green, 57.45, first; John Maingot, 63.45, fourth.
 300 hurdles - Landon Weiershausen, 48.60, second; Ryne Burkham, 49.30, third; Patrick Garcia, 53.37, fifth.
 200 - Dominique Collier, 26.64,

third.
 1600 - Carlos Ruiz, 5:59, second; Jose Miranda, 6:03, fourth.
 1600 relay - Kendrick Green, Gemile Roberson, Scooter Thompson, Landon Weiershausen, 4:00.93, first.
 Long Jump - Gemile Roberson, 17' 7", third; Sedrick Roberson, 16' 8", fourth; Dominique Collier, 16' 1/2", sixth.
 High Jump - Scooter Thompson, 5' 0", first; Ryne Burkham, 4' 10", fourth.
 Triple Jump - Scooter Thompson, 34' 4 1/2", second; Ryne Burkham, 33' 10", fourth.
 Pole Vault - Moses Alfaro, 6'6", fifth.
 Discus - Caleb Carver, fifth.

Early detection urged for breast cancer

WACO - Though there have been some recent advances in the prevention of breast cancer, a woman's best chances for survival remain early detection and treatment, according to a Waco-based oncologist.
 "Mammograms are still a good idea, but most cancer is still detected by self-examination," said Dr. Carlos A. Encarnacion, a speaker at the Texas Family Forum, a part of the 37th annual Blackland Income Growth (B.I.G.) Conference, held recently.

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Lady Bulldogs results at KC

Knox City Track Meet
 Thursday, April 1
 3200 - Martha Silva, 11:12, first; Daisy Martinez, 14:12, sixth.
 800 - Diana Miranda, 3:07, second; Ariana Gomez, 3:12, sixth.
 100 hurdles - Jennifer Eaton, 19.89, second; Daisy Martinez, 23:87.
 100 - Shea Oudems, 14.25, third; Jennifer Eaton, 14.28, fourth; Kimbely Hawkins, 15.69; Erica Acuna, 16.73.
 800 relay - Ashley Garcia, Jodi Chambers, Lezli Villa, Shea Oudems, 2:10.56, third.
 400 - Sondra Lankford, 72.5, second; Haleigh Chenhall, 80.81; Samantha Gutierrez, 83.22;
 300 hurdles - Jennifer Eaton, 59.43, first.
 200 - Kimberly Hawkins 34.36, Samantha Gutierrez 34.46, Kayla

DelValle 36.81, Erica Acuna 37.09.
 1600 - Martha Silva, 7:04, first; Ariana Gomez, 7:14, fourth; Diana Miranda, 7:17, sixth.
 1600 relay - Ashley Garcia, Jodi Chambers, Lezli Villa, Sondra Lankford, 5:04, second.
 Triple Jump - Jennifer Eaton, 26' 3", fourth; Ashley Garcia, 25' 4", Kimberly Hawkins, 24' 8 1/2"; Sondra Lankford, 24' 2".
 Shot Put - Jennifer Eaton, 24' 5", second; Ashley Jobe, 23' 7 1/2", third; Haleigh Chenhall, 23'3, fourth.
 Discus - Leah Simmons, 57' 1", fifth; Ashley Jobe, 54' 7 3/4".
 Long Jump - Ariana Gomez, 11' 5"; Sondra Lankford, 11' 4"; Samantha Gutierrez, 10'11"; Ashley Garcia, 10' 2"; Shea Oudems, 10' 1".

Remember to mark your calendar -

The grand opening of our new Duckwall's Hometown Variety Store in Knox City will be on Thursday, May 6. Come join in the fun!!

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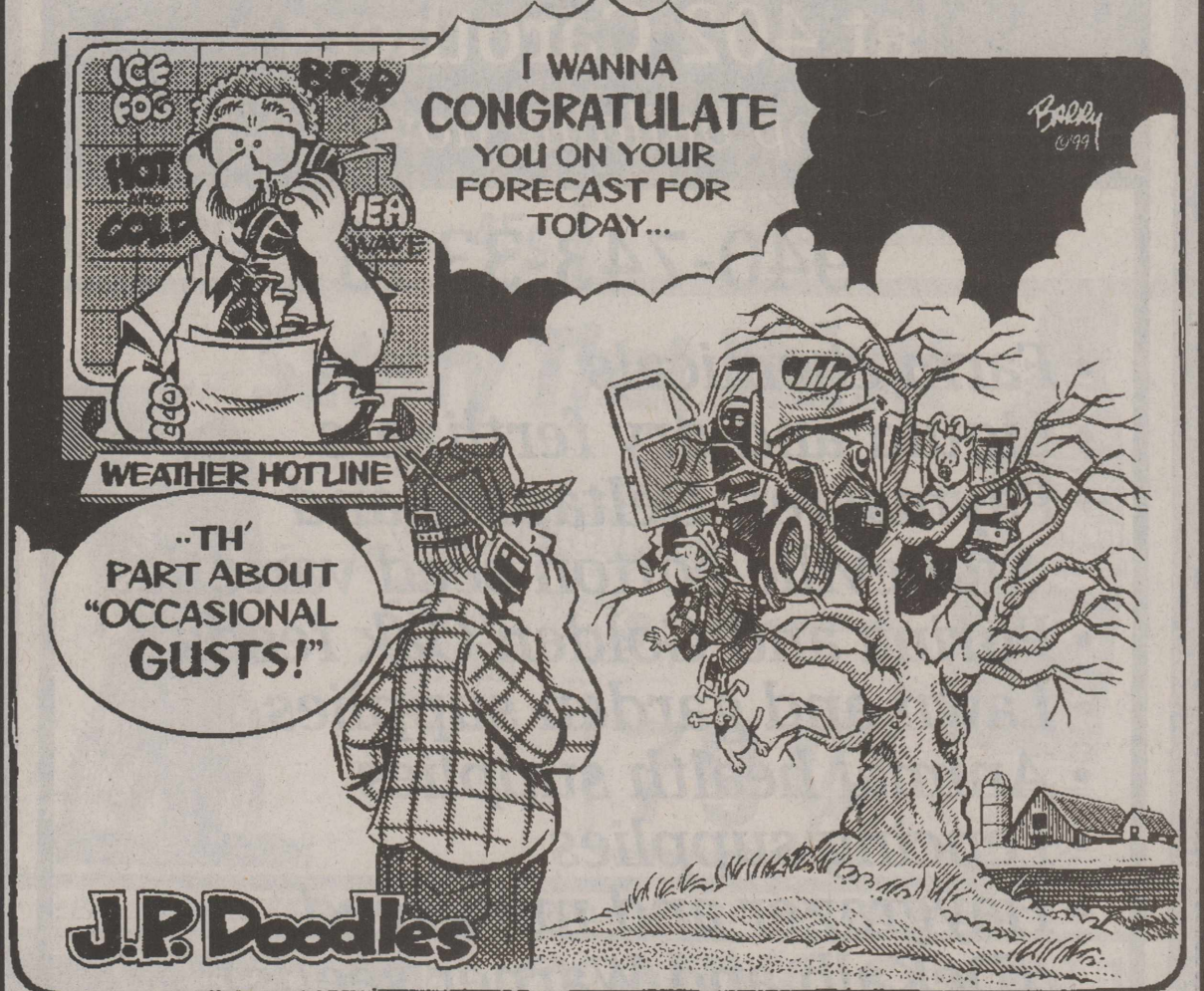
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CHILDRESS - On Saturday, April 10, more than 175,000 volunteers will give the Lone Star State a face lift for the spring wildflower season by participating in the 14th annual Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off. Organized by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and Keep Texas Beautiful (KTB), the Trash-Off is a component of the state's Don't Mess with Texas litter prevention program.

In Knox County, Adopt-a-Highway groups including Knox County Lions Club and Knox City Chamber of Commerce will participate in this year's trash-off to help rid state roads of litter. An estimated two million pounds of litter will be picked up by Trash-Off volunteers.

"Nobody wants to see litter along our beautiful Texas roadways - especially when things are greening up and blossoming in springtime," Lee Bruce, TxDOT's Knox County Maintenance Supervisor, said. "Every year, thou-

sands of Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off volunteers do a lot of hard work to clean up after the people who keep trashing our landscapes and communities."

TxDOT's litter prevention programs include the Don't Mess with Texas public education campaign, the Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off, Adopt-a-Highway and a grassroots partnership with Keep Texas Beautiful. Together, these programs have reversed a trend in the increase in the amount of litter on Texas highways, resulting in a 72 percent reduction in litter and a cost savings to taxpayers of \$2 million to \$4 million per year.

However, according to a 1998 study conducted for TxDOT by NuStats International, even though 96 percent of Texans are award of the Don't Mess with Texas slogan, one in three admit they continue to litter.

The Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off is also part of Keep America Beautiful's new national "Great American Cleanup" event,

which runs March through May in 12 states.

"We are proud to link the Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off to this national litter cleanup program, which is a partnership of state and local affiliates, national sponsors and local supporters," Barbara Seal, Childress District TxDOT Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator. "The Great American Cleanup was created to change attitudes and behavior through hands-on involvement in litter removal and litter prevention.

TxDOT's grassroots partner, Keep Texas Beautiful, is non-profit, environmental umbrella groups consisting of a network of private citizens, communities, industries, civic groups, schools and government agencies.

Anyone interested in participating in the Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off can call TxDOT at (940) 937-7145. Information is also available at 1-888-TEX-8683 or on the web at www.dontmesswithtexas.org.

O'Brien happenings

By Audie Johnston, O'Brien Correspondent

"Bare Facts - My husband's best friend, Gary, gave a birthday party for his wife. Guests laughed and applauded as the birthday girl opened a mountain of gifts from her devoted husband. As she showed off the collection of lovely things to wear, the happy woman declared, "If my husband didn't buy me clothes, I'd be naked all the time!"

Gary rolled his eyes and said, "Now she tells me!"

Here and There - Visiting Bro. Bill and Evelyn Trice last week were their granddaughter, Marti Gresham of Stephenville and John Mark and Genia Trice of Alvord. John Mark is school superintendent at Alvord and Gena teaches there also. Jack and Jacquelyn, their children, were with them.

Dan and Marilyn Talbot were in Shallowater Sunday to visit their daughter, Cathy and husband Gary and Derek Hughes.

Visiting with Janoma Stephens and enjoying a good Sunday meal were Sue, Bennett and girls, Scott Stephens, student at VRJC and Stefani Stephens, student at Teas Tech and a friend of Stefani's. They attended church at O'Brien

Baptist Church on Sunday.

Orval and Helen Manning spent Sunday in Abilene with their son Royce and wife Peggy and enjoyed a good Easter lunch.

Dwight Gothard, George Hodges, Beatrice Ellis, Bernice Rowan and I enjoyed a good Easter lunch Sunday with Veeta Reed and her brother of Rule.

Don and Marilyn Talbot, Bernice Rowan and I attended a gospel singing in Anson Saturday afternoon. There were lots of good singing and most all were up in years with their ages. One of my cousins Margaret Walsworth McElroy and her daughter Linda McElroy of Stephenville were some of the musicians. I hadn't seen this cousin in years. She grew up in O'Brien years ago.

The few from our church that attended the Community Easter Service at the Methodist Church in Knox City Sunday night were Bro. Bill Trice, LaUna Hester, Elaine Eaton, Janoma Stephens, Veeta Reid, George Hodges, Bernice Rowan and I. It really was a good program all the way through and refreshments were real good.

Spending the weekend with Johnny and Jo Lippard were their daughter, Nancy Ellis and husband and son of Oklahoma.

Visiting Vivian Hendrix over the Easter weekend were LaNear Phillips of Wichita Falls, Heather Phillips of Denton and Pretrecia Kinzer and grandbabies of Grandfield, Oklahoma. Also Kristy Kinzer of Woodard, Oklahoma, and Kimberly Kinzer of Chickasha, Kent and Kevin Kinzer of Grandfield and Frances Howell of Canyon Lake, John Hendrix and Roseann Riggs of Gilliland and Mae Bradley of Knox City.

Visiting Ranzy and Adelle Herring and attending the funeral service of Mike Hewitt Thursday of last week were Aderle Herring of Junction, Kevin Urbanczyk of Munday, Claudia Reid of Rochester, Pansy Hines, Julie Keeling and Andy Hines of Lubbock.

Gail Rowan of Lubbock spent the weekend with her father, Ivan Rowan and family members.

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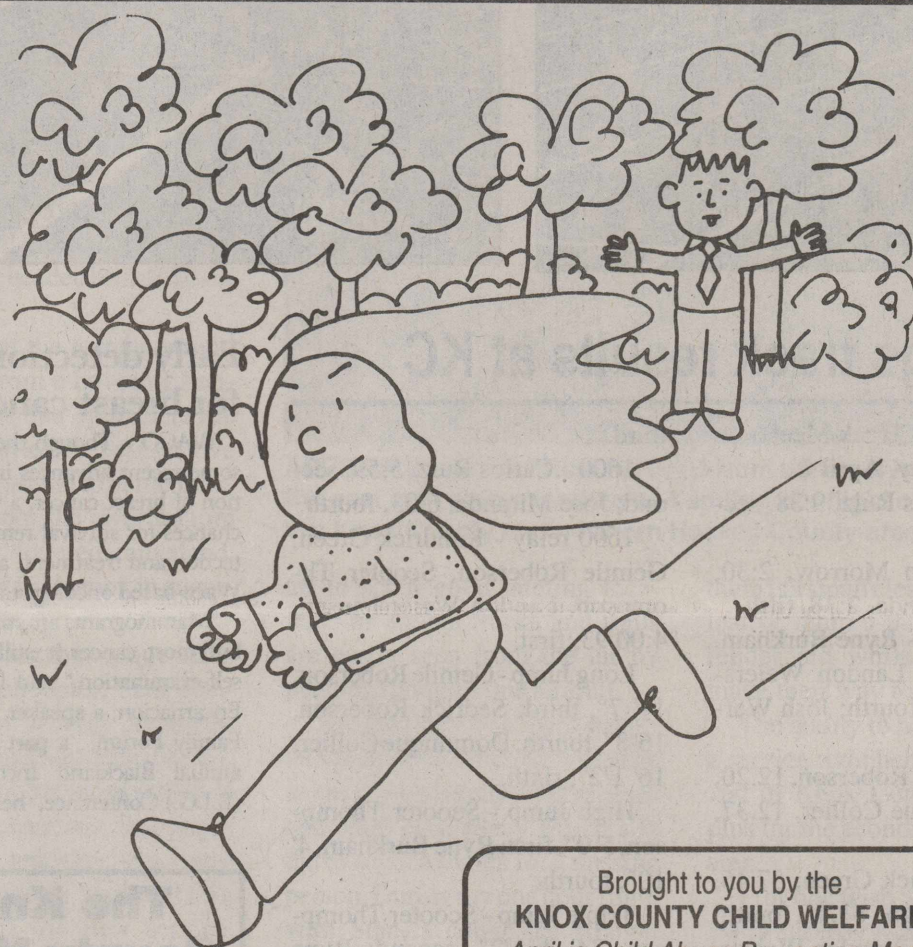
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Tommie Reynolds, Mayor
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THE CITY OF BENJAMIN will open bids for the purchase of a used John Deere 310 D 4 WD Extend A Hoe or an equivalent make and model on April 12, 1999 at 7:30 p.m., City Hall, Benjamin, TX. The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Send bids to the City of Benjamin, P.O. Box 287, Benjamin TX 79505, 940-454-3130, FAX 940-454-2017. 3-18 2tc 70

THE CITY OF BENJAMIN will open bids for the sale of a 1975 John Deere 310 Backhoe / Loader on April 12, 1999 at 7:30 p.m., City Hall, Benjamin, TX. Minimum bid is \$6,000.00. The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Send bids to the City of Benjamin, P.O. Box 287, Benjamin, TX 79505-940-454-3130, FAX 940-454-2017. 3-18 2tc 64

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City of Benjamin is giving notice of the city's intent to submit a Community Development Fund application for a grant from the Texas Community Development Program. The grant application request is \$250,000.00 for water system improvements citywide and in the northern section of the City of Benjamin. The application is available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.

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Rocha rites held Saturday

Funeral services for Teresa Gonzales Rocha of Knox City were held Saturday morning, April 3, at eleven o'clock at Santa Rosa Catholic Church. Deacon Julian Estrada officiated. Burial was in the Knox City Cemetery with Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Rosary was read on Friday night, April 2, at 6:00 p.m. at Smith Funeral Home with Deacon Estrada officiating.

Mrs. Rocha, 69, died Wednesday, March 31, at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Born April 17, 1929, in Eastland, she married Antonio Rocha on May 5, 1943, in Benjamin. She had owned and managed Tortilla Flat restaurant in Knox City until retirement.

She was a member of Santa Rosa Catholic Church.

Survivors include her husband, Antonio of the home; two sons, Peter of Munday and Tony Jr. of Knox City; two daughters, Sandy Garcia and Mary Rocha, both of Knox City; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

SMALL BUSINESS FOCUS



BY JACK FARIS

Real Health Care Reform for the Uninsured

Some years ago, I came to know a small-business owner who lives in Austin, Texas. His name is Don Summers, and he owns and operates a generator maintenance and repair business.

Don is very proud of the fact that his firm services the generators at the Texas State capitol and at the governor's mansion. He's also proud to have two of his sons working with him, and if he decides to actually retire some day (Don is already in his late sixties), he'll know that he is leaving the business in capable hands.

A few years back, Don had to drop the health insurance policy that covered his employees and their families. His premiums had risen so high - nearly 400% in one year - that the cost of the plan actually exceeded the profits of his company. His only other choice would have been to close the business and put an end to the jobs of his 11 employees.

Now, please keep in mind that this insurance policy covered his two sons and, between them, eight of Don's grandchildren.

Don told me that dropping the plan was "the hardest thing" he's ever had to do.

Last summer, U.S. Senator Ted Kennedy - one of the sponsors of the so-called "Patients' Bill of Rights" - referred to employers who do not offer health care to their employees as "bottom feeders." I guess Mr. Kennedy has never talked to anyone like Don Summers.

Don's health plan was very expensive because, as a small-business owner, he was not able to join a large insurance "risk pool," which offers tremendous economies of scale. He also had to comply with state-level mandates that add 15 to 30 percent to the cost of health-care premiums.

Note: Large, Fortune-500 companies that pay for health claims out of company profits do not have to comply with state-level mandates. They are exempt under a federal law called ERISA (the Employee Retirement Income Security Act). Talk about an uneven playing field!

Another major contributing factor to the rise in cost was the fact that Don's wife was experiencing health problems and two of his employees were having difficult pregnancies. In a large company, one ill employee or spouse does not have a profound effect on the cost of the premiums because there is more money coming in from that larger risk pool. But in a small business, just one sick employee or family member can mean disaster for all.

The story of Don Summers is, unfortunately, typical among small-business owners. Millions more employers are not even able to offer a health plan in the first place, due to high costs.

In the last year, Congress has introduced and discussed a number of bills that are referred to as health care "reforms." Usually billed as a "Patients' Bill of Rights," this type of legislation seeks to fix the perceived ills of managed care by mandating insurance companies to offer a certain level of benefits. Although this sounds like a good idea on the surface, this type of legislation has the potential to create millions more Don Summers by increasing costs dramatically.

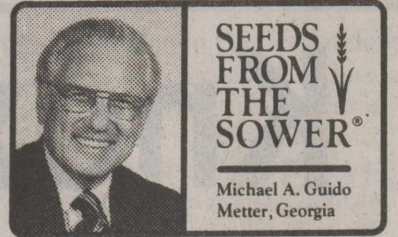
Although the debate surrounding patients' rights and managed care is compelling, the true No. 1 problem with our health care system today is the rising number of uninsured Americans - people like Don and his family. Those without insurance will not be helped by a patients' bill of rights. More mandates will only put health insurance further out of their reach.

Fortunately, there are more options when it comes to health care reforms. For starters, the playing field can be leveled when it comes to purchasing health-insurance benefits. Congress should pass current legislation that would allow small businesses to band together, across state lines, to purchase health insurance through association health plans. This will let small firms enjoy the benefits of economies of scale and give them the same opportunity enjoyed by big businesses that are exempt from costly state and federal mandates.

It's not too late for the next generation of the Summers family. So let's let Congress know that real reform means more insured Americans, not mandates and high costs.

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He said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

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A man said to his new neighbor, "I bet you didn't have a good time at your party last night."

"But I did have a good time," he answered.

"Then," he asked, "why aren't you sick today?"

Some think one must be godless to have a good time. They think there can be no delight without drink or drugs. But there can be.

The Lord gives us delight without despair, happiness with no hangovers, rejoicing with no remorse.

The Psalmist found that the Lord gives life with a capital L. He said to Him, "In Thy presence is fullness of joy; at Thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore."

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Date	Low	High	Rain
3/30	52	63	
3/31	52	79	
4/01	54	83	
4/02	62	85	.47
4/03	52	72	
4/04	40	78	
4/05	52	78	

1999 Rainfall (year to date) 8.79

Aging center lunch menus

April 12th thru 16th

Monday, April 12 - Tacos with cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, pinto beans, Mexican corn, peaches with topping.

Tuesday, April 13 - Hamburgers with cheese slice, lettuce, tomato, pickle slices, onion, potato wedges, baked beans, cookies.

Wednesday, April 14 - Chicken fried steak with gravy, tossed green salad, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, hot rolls, ice box pie.

Thursday, April 15 - Peppercorn steak, buttered rice, sweet peas, garden salad, hot rolls, fruit cobbler.

Friday, April 16 - Beef and spaghetti with tomato sauce, cole slaw, green lima beans, cornbread, dessert.

(All menus subject to change without notification due to conditions beyond the control of the staff at the Knox County Center. It is important to contact the site manager in order that your meal can be prepared.)

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