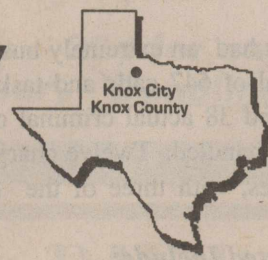


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Sandy Chappell's 6th grade World History students complete 'world' project with project demonstrations



SOUTHEASTERN ASIA: Logan Morrow and Ashley Turner



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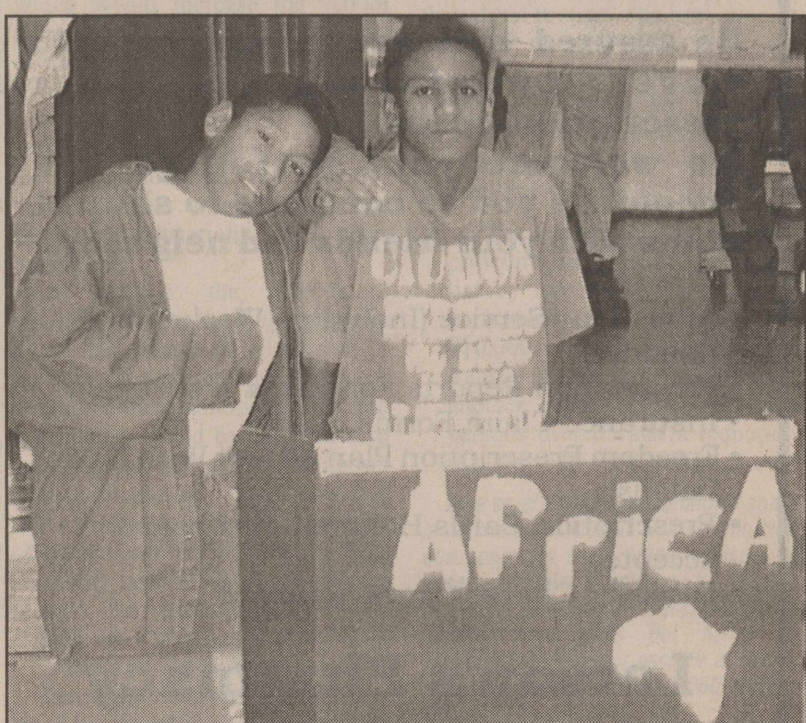
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WESTERN ASIA: Brad Johnson and Ashley Harrison



AFRICA: Dominique Collier and Gemile Roberson

Monday evening storm hits area

With severe storm and tornado warnings in effect for most of the Big Country Monday evening, a thunderstorm moved into Knox City about 8:30 with high winds, sheets of rain, and small hail. Within minutes, the electrical power went off and did not resume for about four hours. Some Rochester residents were without electricity until 6:30 a.m. Tuesday.

A large number of trees were uprooted and limbs and debris were scattered over many yards in the area.

The Johnny Peysens, who live

at 900 South Aspen in the southwestern edge of Knox City, lost vinyl siding and insulation on one room of their house.

The former Family Boutique building had its large sign blown off and the part of the facing above the awning was torn loose.

Wheat fields north and east of town, as well as some cotton fields with good stands of small cotton three to six inches tall, were reported to have been total losses.

One report to the News office was of a two and one-half mile wide line from Knox City to Rhineland with severe hail and

lost crops.

Another report was from Barney B. Arnold who resides in the 400 block of Main Street. A tree in his yard was blown over in an easterly direction while another behind his residence went in a southerly direction. Another tree north of him was blown in a northerly direction, thus indicating winds moving in a rotating motion during the powerful storm.

Dwayne Johnson of Johnson Melon Corp. - American Seedless reported that a portion of their season's watermelon crop received extensive damage.

Benjamin ISD recognized for outstanding safety program

Mr. Weldon Koepf, Superintendent of the Benjamin Independent School District was recently honored for outstanding employee safety by the North Texas Educational Insurance Association at its annual meeting conducted in Austin, Texas.

The Association consists of 169 participating school districts located throughout Texas. The district is a member of a uniquely designed partially self funded workers' compensation program developed by Hibbs-Hallmark & Company and administrated by Claims Administrative Services, Inc., both located in Tyler. Hibbs-Hallmark & Company currently provides workers' compensation programs to over 30 percent of all schools in Texas.

The purpose of the meeting was to recognize those districts that have held both the number and severity of employee accidents to a very low level. The combined savings during the 95-96 school year, for all participating districts, was over 6.9 million dollars when compared to the costs of fully insured programs. The total savings for all districts since inception of the programs in 1991 exceed \$37 million dollars.

The Benjamin Independent School District was a Diamond Star Performer award recipient with the actual losses from employee accidents equaling less than 10 percent of the fund set aside by the district for claims expenses.



ACCEPTING HONORS for the Benjamin Independent School District for outstanding employee safety was Superintendent Weldon Koepf, shown here in the center of the photo. At left is Barry Jones, President of Claims Administrative Services, Inc., and shown at right is Billy Hibbs, CEO of Hibbs-Hallmark & Company. The awards ceremony was held in Austin. (Courtesy Photo)

The actual savings to the school district was \$7,195. "Our self insurance program was designed to provide the highest level of safety and offer the greatest potential for premium savings to our members," said Billy Hibbs, CEO of Hibbs-Hallmark & Company. "We have a team of safety professionals to help the districts to implement a strict set of safety policies and procedures."

Claims Administrative Services, Inc., President, Barry Jones, stated "Member districts' commitment to safety is one of the key

reasons for the Association's success. Their participation in HHC/CAS's program sets the standard for all schools across the state to reduce on the job injuries and save taxpayer dollars. The taxpayers should also be pleased to know that the Board of Trustees and the administrative staff of the Benjamin Independent School District is doing everything possible to insure a safe working environment for its employees while reducing the cost of workers' compensation insurance," continued Jones.

Economic Development Corporation meets, discusses modification plans

The Economic Development Corporation (EDC) convenes twice monthly to discuss and evaluate plans for the regrowth of Knox City. Many months of preparation and planning have finally arrived at observable goals that were set.

The community, both individuals and businesses, have responded positively toward our common goal of improving the appearance of Knox City; especially the entrance into our rural town. Your efforts have been noticed and greatly appreciated.

Projects which are currently being undertaken are:

1.) Property Purchase of build-

ing on Central Avenue, formerly known as the Knox City Laundry. Renovation will soon be started on this building to help improve the entrance into Knox City.

2.) Property Purchase north of the City Park; Renovation will begin soon to make this area more appealing to the surroundings of our Community Park.

3.) Establishment of a Business Development Area focusing on the Main and Central Avenue and adjacent Blocks for revitalization.

4.) Denise Cuniff, local artist and entrepreneur, has been hired for consultation on renovation and regrowth ideas for Main and Cen-

tral Avenue. This will include the building and landscape surroundings. Economic Development Corporation Moves Toward Modification.

The EDC's purpose is to move toward a regrowth in Knox City. Combined efforts, no matter how small, will result in a large outcome.

Follow the saying: "Goals will be accomplished both large and small, not by a few but by all."

If you have any ideas, questions, or concerns, please contact the EDC at 658-3313 or any Board Member. Your input is vital and considered an important tool in the progress of Knox City.

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Police Department busy during month of May, '97

KC Police Report By Chief Dean Homstad

The Knox City Police Department had an extremely busy month during May, 1997, receiving a total of 647 calls and tasks which required attention. This total included 38 actual criminal offenses, of which 33 were cleared or otherwise handled. Twelve charges were filed in regard to the above offenses, with three of the offenses involving juveniles as the offender.

Offenses Reported Include:

Terroristic Threat - 1, Driving While Intoxicated - 5, Criminal Trespass - 2, Burglary of a Habitation - 2, Burglary of a Vehicle - 1, Violate City Ordinance(s) - 4, False Report to Peace Officer - 1, Assault (Includes Domestic Related) - 11, Criminal Mischief - 4, Disorderly Conduct - 1, Public Intoxication - 1, Theft - 2, Aggravated Assault - 1, Reckless Driving - 1, Driving While License Suspended - 1.

Traffic Charges Filed Warnings Issued Accidents:

Traffic Charges Filed - 18, Warnings Issued - 17, Accidents - 0.

Incidents Reported Include:

Other Items reported to the Knox City Police Department during May are classified as incidents. These incidents were not able to be considered as a criminal offense, however, they must be handled in a responsible and proper manner. Incidents reported are as follows: Prowler - 1, Disorderly Conduct - 3, Damaged Property - 11.

Chief's Notes:

The month of May consisted of a very large number of offenses, all of which had to be investigated to a certain extent. Not only do these investigations take a lot of time and documentation, but so do the follow-up investigations from previous months, in addition to the day-to-day activities of managing a Police Department.

As an example of past cases requiring follow-up, a drug case that began in April was finally settled during the last part of May. This is an exception as many cases take many weeks or months to acquire a disposition. In this case, after the forfeiture of a vehicle, this department, as well as the District Attorney's Office and the Knox County Sheriff's Office, each benefited to the amount of \$2000.00. Although this is not an extreme amount of money, anything helps to finance the operations of law enforcement within the county. It also shows those who do profit from transporting or selling drugs in this county that when caught, we are serious about prosecution and we will take what you have gained through the illegal actions, and we will help protect the law abiding citizens of our county.

The District Attorney's office was very instrumental in filing the proper paperwork to make the seizure possible, and my thanks goes out to Bill Neal, District Attorney, and Chuck Morris, District Attorney's Investigator.

/s/ Dean W. Homstad
Chief of Police, Knox City Police Department

O'Brien News

By Audie Johnston, O'Brien Correspondent

"All in Pun - One evening, my husband's incessant remote-control channel-surfing was driving me nuts. "It really irks me when you flip through the channels like that," I said. Then he began whistling. "Now what are you doing?" I snapped. "Well," he replied, "I thought I might as well whistle while I irk."

HERE AND THERE

The Barnard reunion all met in Clyde Saturday. Those attending and enjoying lots of good food and visiting and an auction were Mike and Julie Chappell of Austin, Joan Emerson of Krum, Laverne Emerson of Clyde, Hoya and Dorothy West of Dallas, Johnette and Leah Tibbets of Rochester, Frankie Sue Barnard of Fort Worth and Pat Barton, Jan Rolston, Lorrie and Brittany Coop, Jo and Johnnie Lippard, Junior and Myra Reeves and Jean and Claudale Barnard, all of Knox City. The auctioneer for the auction sale was Mike Chappell of Austin. There were lots of things made by different families auc-

tioned.

Junior and Myra Reeves and Billie Jean McAuley were in Munday Sunday night visiting with Arnold and LaRue Reeves and some cousins, Marvin and Freida Egger of Bastrop.

Kevin Urbanczyk of Lubbock spent several days last week with his great-grandparents, Ranzy and Adelle Herring. Kevin enjoyed keeping his grandparents entertained with his four-wheeler.

Mutt and Bertie Ivie are vacationing a few weeks in Cloudcroft, New Mexico.

Marvin Manning of Springtown are spending a few days with his son James and wife Pearce and visited with his grandchildren Cody and Brandi and Christi of Lubbock while here and with J.O. and Charlene Brothers and Don.

Cliff (Butch) Banner of Hawley visited his mother, Billie Ruth Walker, over the weekend.

Beatrice Ellis was in Lubbock to visit Mildred Draper and family and attended a Ellis family reunion in Slaton over the week-

end. They also had a memorial service for the late Grady Ellis and his brothers who passed away in the last two years. Approximately thirty people enjoyed the occasion.

Dwight Gothard along with his son Paul Dean of Blackwell were in Kokomo Saturday to attend a Whorton family reunion. Dwight's late wife Edrie was a Whorton. Around 30 people attended the family reunion and a good meal and lots of visiting were enjoyed by all.

Frankie Sue Barnard of Fort Worth is spending this week with her sister Pat Barton and families in Knox City. Frankie Sue was a resident in O'Brien at one time along with her late parents Pete and Jack Barnard.

Ivan and Delma Rowan spent the weekend in Arkansas attending a family reunion with Ivan's relatives.

Visiting Edrie Barnard over the weekend were Frankie Sue Barnard of Fort Worth and Pat Barton of Knox City.

April, Boyce Tankersley named to McM dean's list

ABILENE - April Ann Tankersley, a spring graduate of McMurry University, and Boyce Neal Tankersley, a graduate student, have been named to the spring dean's list at the University.

April, who received her degree with an English major and Boyce, a graduate nursing student, are the daughter and son of Ann and Jimmy Tankersley.

From a reader's viewpoint..... More volunteer firemen needed

July 4, 1988, a typical day in west Texas. The little west Texas town awoke to another hot, sultry day. A day full of expectations as friends and relatives came to celebrate the fourth. Children couldn't wait until night to see the glow and hear the "bangs" of the fireworks their parents had bought.

The brown, rain deprived grass lay heavy upon the dry and parched ground. Even though the winter and spring months had seen lots of good rain, the summer had again turned into drought with heat waves shimmering along the highways and about the cars. Even the old abandoned buildings seem to wither in the hot sun.

The city had posted "No Fireworks Within City Limits" signs in the town and had made preparation for a display to be held at the city lake after dark. Pumper trucks would be on hand if a spark set a grass fire. All would be safe.

But you know children. They sometime just can't wait for the "good things of life." Two little boys found their dad's stash of cannons, firecrackers, sparklers and rockets. Their eyes danced with anticipation as they found

the box of matches, slipped out the door and ran to the old garage next door. No one lived in the house attached to the garage so the boys were safe from discovery. SCRATCH went the first match. Giggles were muffled as the sparklers sizzled and "sparkled". Next, a rocket.....

Two hours later the garage was nothing but smoldering ashes and one little boy hugged his mother as the body of his brother was being placed in the ambulance. Only if....only if....The volunteer fire department of the little town had responded. Only two firemen were present, the others at jobs out of town or just didn't feel like responding because "they had worked the last grass fire." Only if....there had been more men and women available to help with the fire, maybe then the little boy could be watching cartoons instead of lying in the back of an ambulance. Only if....the town's people had spent a little more time volunteering their help instead of letting someone else do it. Only if....I had volunteered to serve instead of being served. Only if....

This was a make believe story. But it could have been real. It could have been in Benjamin, Knox City, Goree, Munday, etc. It could have been your son, my son, the next door neighbors' son.

Volunteer firemen are needed in every small town. We don't have enough. We need your help. What is two nights a month compared to the life of your child, your friend, your wife, you?

Won't you please contact your fire chief and let him know that you would be willing to be trained to help in anyway?

There are many needs other than fighting a fire. Women, you can help also. Mothers at home during the day can work the phone, make sandwiches, direct traffic, hold the end of a fire hose, drive a truck, call for help. Call them! The life you save might just be one of your own family!

I volunteered and I'm glad I did! Won't you?
Linda Wagner, Benjamin



Gregory Jordan Huber

Nancy and Greg Huber of Rome, Georgia, announce the arrival of a baby boy born Friday, June 13, in a Rome hospital.

The baby has been named Gregory Jordan. He weighed in at eight pounds and measured 20 and 1/2 inches in length.

Helping welcome the baby home were big brother Christian, who is eight years old; and Peggy Ann, who is five years old.

Maternal grandfather is Henry J. Jones of Knox City.

Ann and Earnest Huber of Waco are paternal grandparents.

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'A-B' HONOR ROLL

Fifth Grade: Jodi Chambers, Wesley Espinosa, Carlos Ruiz.

Sixth Grade: Kayla DelValle, Jennifer Eaton, Ashley Jobe, Wesley Parker, Wesley Powell, B.J. Stewart, Ashley Turner, Lezli Villa.

Seventh Grade: Ashley Bradford, Leilani Bruce, Casey Carver, Crystal Espinoza, Nikki Gonzales, Crystal Hunt, Carrie Richardson, Melissa Ruiz, Erica Santibanez, Shawn Speck.

Eighth Grade: Amber Collins, Kayla Garcia, Latisha Munsell, Sabrina Powell, Tandy Roberts, Jon Rocha, Salvador Silva.

Semester Grades

'A' HONOR ROLL

Fifth Grade: Brandon Espinosa.
 Sixth Grade: Kimberly Hawkins, Scooter Thompson.

Seventh Grade: Tiffany Jobe, Angela Roberts.

Eighth Grade: Audrey Lankford, Jennifer Vacek.

'A-B' HONOR ROLL

Fifth Grade: Cody Brockett, Jodi Chambers, Ariana Gomez, Sondra Lankford, Carlos Ruiz.

Sixth Grade: Kayla DelValle, Jennifer Eaton, Ashley Jobe, Wesley Parker, Wesley Powell, Teresa Rodriguez, B.J. Stewart, Ashley Turner, Lezli Villa, Landon

Weiershausen.

Seventh Grade: Ashley Bradford, Leilani Bruce, Casey Carver, Will Grimsley, Dana Holmes, Crystal Hunt, Carrie Richardson, Shawn Speck, James Vasquez.

Eighth Grade: Sandra Bernal, Amber Collins, Sonya Contreras, Kayla Garcia, Latisha Munsell, Sabrina Powell, Erica Quintana, Jon Rocha, Aaron Sanchez.

Final Grades

'A' HONOR ROLL

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Sixth Grade: Kimberly Hawkins, Scooter Thompson.

Seventh Grade: Tiffany Jobe, Angela Roberts.

Eighth Grade: Audrey Lankford, Jennifer Vacek.

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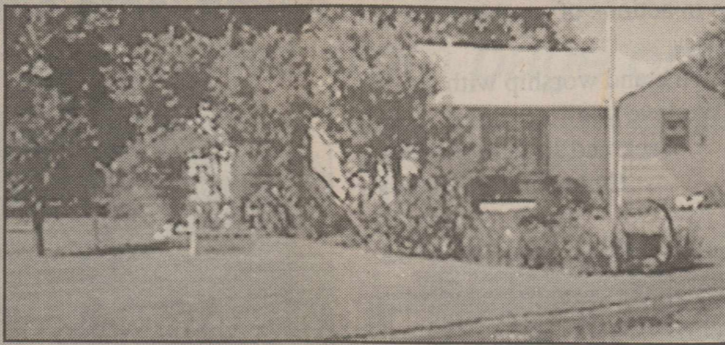
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Seventh Grade: Russell Bishop, Ashley Bradford, Leilani Bruce, Casey Carver, Nikki Gonzales, Crystal Hunt, Jennifer Ivie, Carrie Richardson, Melissa Ruiz, Erica Santibanez, Shawn Speck, Tommy Trevino, James Vasquez.

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Thursday, June 26 - Chili dog on bun, relish, onion, mustard, catsup, potato wedge, baked beans, cinnamon roll.

Friday, June 27 - Chicken and rice, tossed salad with carrots, sweet peas, sliced bread, cookies.

All menus subject to change without notification due to conditions beyond the control of the staff at the Knox County Center. It is very important to notify the site manager in advance so that the visit will be on record and meals will arrive from the central kitchen.)

New Arrivals

William West Patterson

Carrie and Clay Patterson are proud to announce the arrival of their son born May 23 at 1:19 a.m. in Graham General Hospital.

The baby has been named William West and he weighed in at seven pounds, three and one-half ounces, and measured 19 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gough of Graham and the late Billy Max West.

Ronnie Patterson of Knox City and Karen Patterson of Breckenridge are paternal grandparents.

Rites are held in Kurten for Sandra Wager

Funeral services for Sandra Kay Wager, 38, of Bryan, daughter of Rowena Johnson and the late Dodock Johnson were held Saturday, June 7, at 2:00 p.m. in the Zion Church of Kurten. The Rev. Duane DeWald officiated and burial was in the Kurten Cemetery.

Mrs. Wager died June 5 in Bryan.

Born September 15, 1958, in the Knox County Hospital, she graduated from Knox City High School in May 1976. She married Troy Wager on September 20, 1986, in Bryan. She was an LVN at UPA in Bryan.

Survivors include her husband; three sons, Dustin, Cody and Chance of Bryan; and three brothers, Marty of Odessa, Butch of Mineral Wells and Tracy of Bryan.

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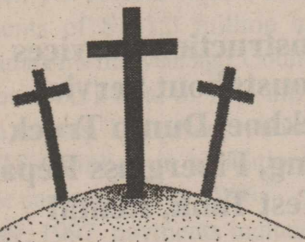
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Rites are held in Rule for Leota Covey

Funeral services for Leota Covey of Rule were held Wednesday, June 4, at two o'clock in the First Baptist Church in Rule. The Rev. J.R. Williams and Rev. Bill Trice officiating. Burial was in the Rule Cemetery.

Mrs. Covey, 81, died Monday, June 2, in a Haskell nursing home.

Born in 1916 in Bangs, she was the daughter of Irvin Brooks and Sara Lewis Ethel Coker. She married Clyde Wilborn on December 26, 1935. He preceded her in death on December 25, 1987. She worked as an LVN for 30 years and was an active member of the First Baptist Church in Rule.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Lois Speck.

Survivors include a daughter, Verla Price of Rule; a son, Lanny Mac Covey of Snyder; a sister, Jeffie Murrell Bishop of Knox City; a brother, Vaughn Brooks of Knox City; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Pallbearers were Melvin Sharp, Weldon Norman, Eugene Rhoads, Jim Beauchamp, Bill Bowles, Jack Kittley, Clifton Rinehart and Pete Kittley.

Elvin Kinney was honorary pallbearer.

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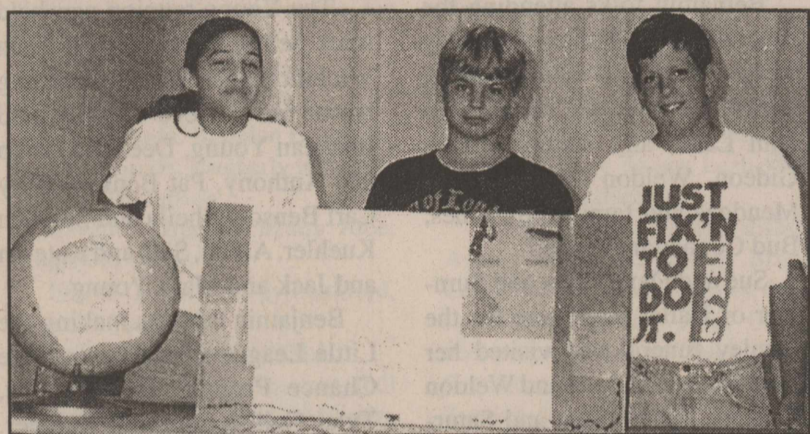
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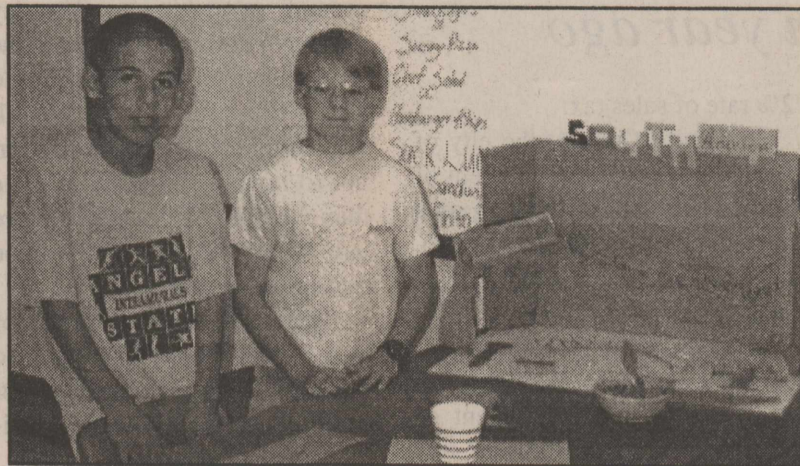
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Cypert decedents meet for reunion

The decedents of the late Wayne and Myrtle Cypert met Saturday, June 14, for a family reunion at the Community Cen-

ter in Knox City. There were 33 in attendance.

Attending were Verlin and Lois Cypert of Knox City, Roy and LaRheasa Cypert of Vernon, Casey Cypert of Wichita Falls, J.T and Frieda Cypert of Mesquite, Lyndol and Jeri Cypert of McKinney, Floyd and Clodell Knox of Knox City, Charlie and Lou Pack of Knox City, Pam Pack of Lubbock, Hazel Tankersley of Knox City, Jim and Wynelle Hollis of Richardson, Phyllis Nixon, Amanda Nixon, Jodie Humble and Blake of Midland, Joe and Peggy Smith of Justiceburg, Marlene Hamer of Grapevine and Michelle and Jeff Barker of Mesquite.

Others visiting during the afternoon were Mabel Hollis and Margie Tidwell of Lubbock, Morris Denton of Knox City, Maxine Cypert of Seymour, Ralph and Frances Cypert of Munday and Joyce Crownover of Knox City.

Five from Knox City on ASU's dean's list

SAN ANGELO - Five Knox City High School graduates attending Angelo State University in San Angelo are listed on the Dean's List for the Spring semester at the University.

Those listed include James Raymond Grimsley, an accounting major; Clint Wes Grimsley, a kinesiology major; Joseph Logsdon, an undecided major; Julie Gwyn Speck Haragan, a kinesiology major; and Christopher Lance Haragan, also a kinesiology major.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled as a full time student and have at least a 3.25 grade point average.

Janet Lankford Pierce receives MSU degree

WICHITA FALLS - Midwestern State University had 567 students complete degree requirements during the Spring of 1997. Degrees conferred included one associate, 393 baccalaureate and 97 master's degrees. Honor graduates included 13 summa cum laude, 23 magna cum laude and 44 cum laude.

Honor requirements are a grade point average of 3.9-4.0 for summa cum laude, 3.70-3.89 for magna cum laude and 3.5-3.69 for cum laude.

Graduating summa cum laude was Janet Kay Lankford Pierce, a Knox City High School graduate.

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Steve Pepper, Minister
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State sales tax rebate for May '97 to Knox City nets \$18,015.92

Monthly total up 7.73% from year ago

(Austin) State Comptroller John Sharp delivered \$216.5 million in monthly sales tax rebates to 1,086 Texas cities and 117 counties, including a check of \$18,015.92 to Knox City. The rebate to Knox City reflects an increase of 7.73% from a rebate check of \$16,722.21 for the same period in 1996. Knox City collects a 2.000% rate of sales tax, with a full 1.000% of the tax directed towards EDC funding.

Texas cities received \$199.3 million, 9.9 percent higher than payments of \$181.3 million at this same time one year ago. Counties received a total of 17.1 million in rebates, 11.1 percent above the \$15.4 million in allocations for the same period in 1996.

May, 1997 payments include taxes collected by monthly filers on March, 1997 sales and reported to the Comptroller in April of 1997.

For other Knox County cities, Benjamin received \$717.96, a 0.76% increase from \$712.52 for the same period a year ago. Goree

received \$1,108.96, up 24.97% from a payment of \$887.36 last year at the same time. Munday received \$11,368.32, up 20.94% from a payment of \$9,399.63 in 1996 at the same time. Munday collects a 1.500% rate of sales tax, with Benjamin and Goree collecting a 1.000% sales tax.

In Haskell County, Haskell received \$37,546.57, up 29.43% from a payment of \$29,007.98 in 1996. Haskell collects a 2.000% rate of sales tax. O'Brien received \$1,626.06 this period, up 365.08% from a payment of \$349.63 a year ago. Rochester received \$1,128.57, up 10.06% from a payment of \$1,025.38 during the same period last year.

In Jones County, Stamford received a payment of \$55,926.04, up 12.88% from a payment of \$49,541.22 in 1996. Anson received \$19,456.99, up 19.39% from a payment of \$16,296.52 last year. Hamlin received a check of \$21,954.14, up 9.14% from \$20,115.09 in 1996. Stamford, Anson and Hamlin all collect a

2% rate of sales tax.

In Baylor County, the city of Seymour received a payment of \$20,163.17, up 12.60% from a payment of \$17,905.87 in 1996. Seymour collects a 1.000 rate of sales tax.

In Foard County, Crowell received a payment of \$6,808.49, up 23.63% from a payment of \$5,506.87 in 1996. Crowell collects a 1.500% rate of sales tax.

In Dickens County, Dickens received \$2,674.18, up 49.54% from a payment of \$1,788.18 in 1996. Spur received a payment of \$4,460.87, up 27.01% from a 1996 payment of \$3,512.01. Dickens collects a 1.5% rate of sales tax, while Spur collects a 1% rate.

In Cottle County, Paducah received a payment of \$6,793.45, up 24.58% from a payment of \$5,452.88 in 1996. Paducah collects a 1% rate of sales tax.

Sales tax figures are furnished to THE KNOX COUNTY NEWS by the State Comptroller's office and printed as a public service by the KNOX COUNTY NEWS.

Benjamin News

By Gladene Green, Benjamin Correspondent

Well, we had a little "blow-around" over this way Saturday night. No damage at all but a few things changed locations a bit and lots of rain came down. We felt very fortunate after it was all over, not to have had any more done than we did. TV speaks of more late today (Monday). We hope that's not the case.

Sympathy goes to the family of Jack Nunley today. Jack passed away Wednesday in the Seymour hospital and his funeral was Friday also in Seymour.

Also a belated expression of sympathy to the family of Dickie Patterson who passed away week before last in Allen, Texas. Dickie had been in failing health for many years. He was the nephew of the late Rex Patterson of Benjamin.

W.T. and Jo Cartwright and Ruth Ressel returned home Saturday after a two weeks vacation in Branson and other places of interest.

HERE 'N THERE

Recent guests of Maretha Patterson and Sharon Johnson were Lorene Powers of Midland, Weldon and Margie Patterson of Fresno, California, Leon and Carson Bivens of Tatum, New Mexico, and Suzanne Overton of Wellman. Sharon and Maretha also visited in the Overton home last week attending to Suzanne's children while she was at camp with the Wellman cheerleaders.

Don and Louise Hertel spent the weekend with their sons in the Dallas area. On Friday, they took her brother, Kenneth Isbel, who has resided here the past few months to Marlowe, Oklahoma, where his daughter met them. He will reside in Enid, Oklahoma, for a while now to be near his daughter and her family. Mark Brown and family and his mom, Rose and Justin Waldron, vacationed

in the San Antonio area several days last week.

Steve Conner and children, Blaine and Clay, spent four days last week in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. Said the scenery was beautiful and it was hot and humid. But they had a wonderful time.

Sean and Mary Widmer of Carrollton, Junior and Virginia Barrientez and family of Stamford, and Jimmy Barrientez of Lubbock visited their parents, Raul and Reyes Barrientez, during the weekend.

Dwayne and Jarvis Polvado and Tiffany De Los Santos of Vernon are spending this week with their grandparents, Charles and Joy Jones.

Benjamin folks attending the funeral of Jack Nunley on Friday were Leroy and Gloria West, Dutch and Imagean Young, Dee Ann Lamb and Anthony, Jane Gideon, Weldon Gideon, Lana Mendoza and family, Joy Jones, Bud Conner and myself.

Sue and Dave Terry and Summer of Dallas were here for the Nunley funeral and visited her parents, Jane Gideon and Weldon Gideon, Friday night and Saturday.

Linda and Jerry Parker and grandson, Sean Wilson of Knox City, spent two weeks in Rome, Italy, recently visiting the Parker's daughter and her husband, Shannon and Alfonse Alberino. They reported a wonderful time. Linda said she would have loved to have been able to stay about six months and see it all (or more) but what time they did stay and what they did see, they really enjoyed.

Reunions have begun to take place around the area. The past two weekends have had Benjamin buzzin' with "out of towners". Week before last, the annual

Coody get together was held at the Ex-Student Building. With the rain and mud, they still had a great time with over 100 attending.

Then the past weekend, the family of the late N.B. and Cora Gillentine met for their reunion. That, too, was a nice crowd with everyone reporting a great time and looking forward already to next year.

Ricky Trepanier and his friend, Cora and her children of Lubbock, were weekend guests of his parents, Joe and Julia.

Tommy Benson of Abilene was here Friday for the funeral of Jack Nunley. Dusty Collins and Trevor Neil of Watauga spent last week with their grandparents, Jack and Mary Young.

The Young reunion was held week before last at Lucy Park in Wichita Falls. Those attending from here were Dutch and Imagean Young, Dee Ann Lamb and Anthony, Pat Benson, Billy Carl Benson, Sheila and Stephen Kuehler, Aaron, Seth and Katelyn and Jack and Mary Young.

Benjamin athletes making the Little League all-star team were Chance Propps, Trey Propps, Tyler Collins and Seth Kuehler. Alternates are Anthony Lamb and Bubba Benson. These kids have worked hard all summer and we congratulate them on their accomplishments.

Another reminder -- Our plans are coming right along for our Baptist Church Anniversary Celebration to be held the first weekend in August - but your help is needed!! Anyone having names and addresses of former members, please send them to me at Box 154 in Benjamin so that everyone can receive an invitation and notification of the schedule of events. And watch this paper for a story and ad in about mid-July!

Letter To The Editor

Dear Stacy and Dave,

First, I would like to thank you and *The Knox County News* for your support to the Knox County Child Welfare Board these many years.

Most everyone is aware of the Child Welfare Board Christmas program and how this community responds in love with toys and money.

What some may not realize is that the Knox County Child Welfare Board works closely with CIDC (Chronically Ill and Disabled Children).

When an chronically ill or disabled child from Knox County is sent by CIDC to Houston, Lubbock, Abilene or the Children's Hospital in Dallas, CIDC pays doctor and hospital bills and the Knox County Child Welfare Board picks up the cost of mileage and meals involved in getting treatment for that child.

Knox County also has three children ages 10, 11 and 12 in a Texas boys ranch.

These are our kids and together we will help furnish their clothes, school supplies, birthday and Christmas presents and lots of love.

Thank you,
Juanita Wilcox

Texas Department of Health Resolution Draft for '98-'99

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WHEREAS, Screening tests for prostate cancer are available and may be able to detect prostate cancer in an early, treatable stage; and

WHEREAS, it is not known if screening tests for prostate cancer lead to overall decreased mortality, and may lead to premature or even unnecessary treatments; and

WHEREAS, There are multiple treatment options for prostate cancer, having the potential to extend the lives of men with prostate cancer; and

WHEREAS, It is not currently known if treatment for early stage prostate cancer prolongs life overall, and such treatment involves risks and side effects; and

WHEREAS, Texas men, together with their families, need to have quality information from which to make informed decisions concerning screening and treatment for prostate cancer; and

WHEREAS, Prostate cancer is not just a man's disease — family and friends are also affected by it; and

WHEREAS, It is in the public interest of this state to promote culturally appropriate public education, awareness, and understanding of prostate cancer; and

WHEREAS, There is a disparity in funding for prostate cancer research compared to research

funding for other major killer diseases, and improved public awareness will help bring a halt to this inequity, thereby saving men's lives; and

WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States of America has designated a week each year as Prostate Cancer Awareness Week, in an effort to promote understanding of this disease, and it is fitting for the Lone Star State to join this effort to recognize the importance and impact of this disease; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 75th Legislature of the State of Texas hereby designate a week of each year, that begins with Father's Day as Texas Prostate Cancer Awareness Week to promote an awareness of options in the early detection and treatment of prostate cancer, services and resources available to men, prostate cancer survivors and their families.

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Before the amendment of the new law, it was a class A misdemeanor for meter tampering unless the loss of service was more than \$200. Under the new law, any meter tampering regardless of the amount of loss is now a felony of the third degree.

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'97 Legislative session ends for Texas House and Senate

Knox City's David Counts happy with results of session



Rep. David Counts
D - Knox City

(AUSTIN)... The Texas Legislature ended its regular biannual session with a number of progressive accomplishments under its belt according to State Representative David Counts (D Knox City).

"Without a doubt, the omnibus water bill was the most crucial piece of legislation to be passed this session," stated the Knox City lawmaker. "The recent drought conditions have shown us just how important it is to have an adequate supply of quality water for our communities, not to mention how important it is to plan ahead for those not-so-rainy days." Counts, who chairs the House Natural Resources Committee, noted that the bill would call for local and regional planning, as well as, working to find the resources and assistance needed to provide for community water supplies and infrastructure. The bill also emphasizes and encourages conservation efforts.

"Texas is such a diverse state that it is difficult to make such an undertaking," stated Counts. "Yet despite the differences that divide our state, everyone realized that this sweeping reform was timely and necessary." Counts argued strenuously in favor of strict limits on inter basin transfers to protect the Colorado River Municipal Water District, which supplies water to Big Spring, Snyder, San Angelo, and other communities in the upper reaches of the Colorado River. The "junior rights" provision, as it is called, would allow the continuance of transfers already in place, but would make any new transfers junior or secondary in priority to all other water rights.

The District 70 legislator commended the work of lawmakers in developing another state budget without any new taxes. "This bud-

get makes public school funding a top priority and puts a lot more money into public education, as well as, dedicating all of the lottery profits directly to public education." In addition, the approved budget for the 1998-99 biennium will increase funding for community and technical colleges.

Counts noted several accomplishments to promote economic development in rural Texas. Counts passed an amendment to create the Rural Affairs and Development Office. The amendment sets aside existing staff and infrastructure of the department to aid economic development and small business in rural areas. "This will be very worthwhile to our area of Texas and will be a strong instigator for referring prospects to our areas, as well as, helping market rural Texas to businesses."

Counts also authored legislation which allows rural electrical cooperatives to use unclaimed funds for scholarships and rural economic development. "Currently, these funds are being sent to Austin. I feel these funds could be better invested at the local level by using the money for scholarships and economic development projects."

According to Counts, the legislation to cut property taxes by raising the Homestead exemption from \$5,000 to \$15,000 and adding over one billion dollars in additional funding for public education was one of the session highpoints. "So often, the legislature finds itself simply reacting to crisis situations. This was a chance for us to do something proactive," stated Counts. "I am disappointed that we could not get the needed Senate approval for a broader plan which would have eliminated the Robin Hood plan, but this legislation will provide some relief."

Counts noted that the property tax relief plan would also include additional monies for teacher salaries. The plan would first require voter approval during a constitu-

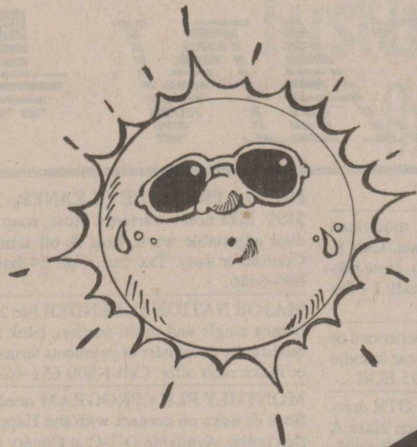
tional amendment election to be held on August 9. If approved by voters, the plan would continue tax freezes for seniors, as well as, providing provisions which would allow them to transfer their freeze to another property, should they move.

Counts has also been active in passing legislation which would allow the National Guard to aid in efforts at cracking down on illegal drugs. "This legislation will provide the Governor, at his discretion, with the tools to do what other states are already doing, and will help us further our efforts to crack down on drugs being transported across the border," stated Counts. "There is no substitute for educating our kids against the dangers of drugs with programs like DARE, however, this legislation stands to make a big dent in the supply of drugs coming into Texas."

"I am really proud of the way in which the legislature responded when it came to getting the Boll Weevil Eradication Program going again," stated Counts. "The court ruling really put us in a time crunch, but ultimately everyone came through and we were able to get this program up and moving in a timely fashion."

Counts, a retired Colonel in the National Guard, stated that his proudest moment during the session was passing legislation which allows for the construction of veterans nursing homes in Texas. "Currently, Texas is one of only nine states that do not have a veteran nursing home even though estimates show this legislation will save the state more than \$30 million dollars over the next ten years. This has been long overdue, not just because of the cost savings, but because it is the right thing to do for our veterans," stated Counts. "Freedom is not free. I hope that in some small way, this effort will show these veterans that we do remember and appreciate what they have done for us."

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