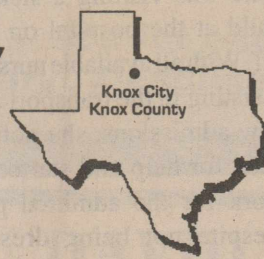


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1997 Little League 9-10 All Stars



Front row, from left, Joahua Fraser, Quentin Spells, Tyler Collins, Dustin Johnson, Riley Spells, Chance Propps, Jon Burt. Back row, from left, Derrick Magana, Ricky Dale Smith, Coah James Propps, C.J. Bruce, Coach Stephen Kuehler, Justin Parker, Seth Kuehler. (Courtesy Photo)

1997 Little League 11-12 All Stars



Front row, from left, Sedrick Roberson, Brad Johnson, Dwayne McGhee, Korey Ferguson, Scooter Thompson, Caleb Carver. Back row, from left, Carlos Ruiz, Brian Homstad, Coach Harry Steen, Coy Munoz, John Clark, Coach Dwayne Johnson, Trey Propps, Wes Parker. (Courtesy Photo)

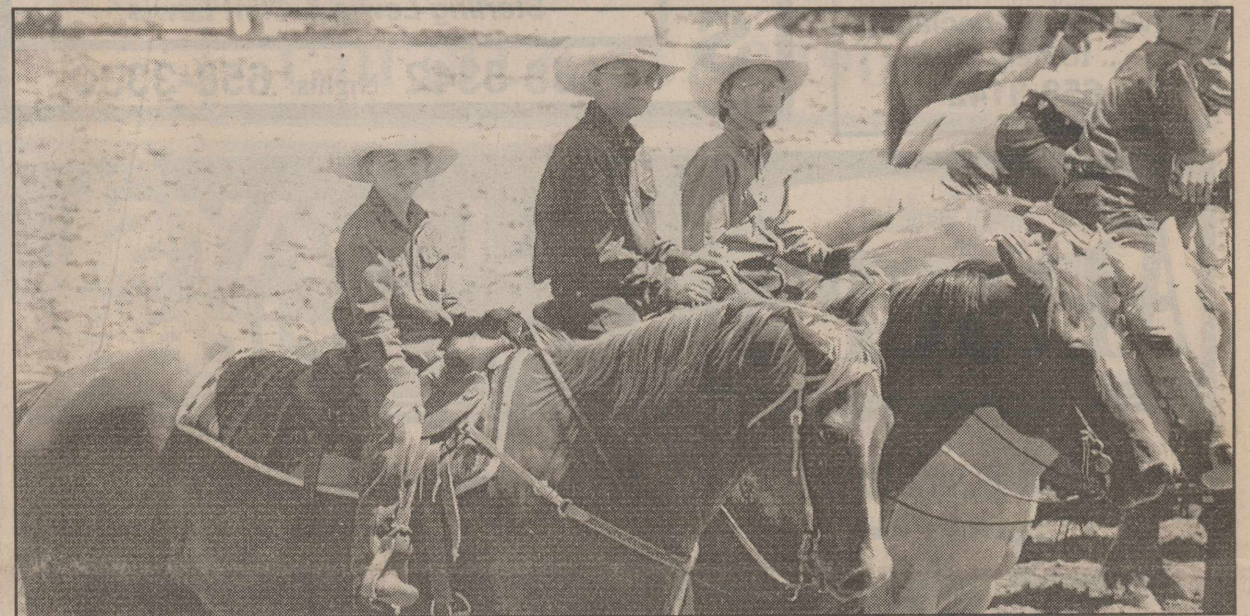
1997 Little League Senior All Stars



Front row, from left, Jessie Rios, Chris Garcia, Jay Sandusky, Nefro Gonzales, Aaron Kuehler, Casey Carver. Back row, from left, Jeffrey Hernandez, Coach Jessie Rios, Felipe Sanchez, Coach Ward Rikala, Aaron Sanchez, Lance Rikala, Coach Chuco Magana and Russell Bishop. (Courtesy Photo)



KNOX COUNTY YOUTH participating in the 4-H District 3 Horse Show in Vernon on June 19-21 were (from left to right, back row, on horseback) Tyler Collins, Cassie Lyles, Shaylee Propps, Trey Propps, and Logan Morrow. Those standing in the front (left to right) are Tom Lyles, Jacy Collins, Jay Whitten, Roni Morrow, and Nathan Bloxham. (4-H photo courtesy of Paul Wizer, Knox County Ext. Agent-Ag.)



WAITING EAGERLY FOR THEIR TURN in the team penning competition at the District 3 4-H Horse Show in Vernon are (left to right) Shaylee Propps, Tyler Collins, and Cassie Lyles. (4-H photo courtesy of Paul Wizer, Knox County Ext. Agent-Ag.)

Knox County Youth participate in district level 4-H Horse Show

Knox County 4-H was represented by ten youth at the recent District 3 4-H Horse Show held in Vernon on June 19-21 at the Finley Bradley 4-H Arena. Knox City 4-H was represented by three youth - Roni Morrow, Logan Morrow and Nathan Bloxham. Benjamin 4-H had seven representatives - Jacy Collins, Tyler Collins, Cassie Lyles, Tom Lyles, Shaylee Propps, Trey Propps and Jay Whitten.

In the tie-down calf roping Jay Whitten placed third with a time of 50.84 seconds on two head while Nathan Bloxham followed in fourth place with a time of 55.22 seconds on two head. Nathan also placed ninth in the breakaway roping with a time of 4.62 seconds on one head. Tom Lyles and Jacy Collins placed sixth in the team roping with a time of 15.47 seconds on one head while Jay Whitten was on the team that placed ninth with a time of 24.028 seconds on one head.

In the team penning contest, Roni Morrow teamed up with two Haskell County 4-H'ers — Hegan and Cassie Lamb — to place sixth by penning three head in 115.73 seconds. The team of Jay Whitten, Logan Morrow and Nathan Bloxham placed ninth by penning two head in 110.75 seconds.

Last year Tom Lyles, Jacy

Collins and Tacy Condron won both the District 3 Team Penning and the Texas 4-H Team Penning contests. Tacy graduated and is no longer eligible for 4-H competition. Tacy's empty position was filled by Trey Propps. This team drew two runs on a group of very energetic cattle. This resulted in two no times.

A group of rookies from Benjamin were the most exciting youngsters at the show. The team of Shaylee Propps, Cassie Lyles and Tyler Collins did an excellent job for their first year. These three youngsters sorted out their three head of cattle but had some bad luck while trying to pen them.

In the speed events Roni Morrow placed third in the stakes race with a time of 18.001 seconds on two runs. Roni also placed in the barrel race. A time of 36.751 seconds on two runs was good enough for eighth place. These two placings were good enough to give Roni the honors of seventh place overall in the speed events and tied for ninth place overall in the qualifying events.

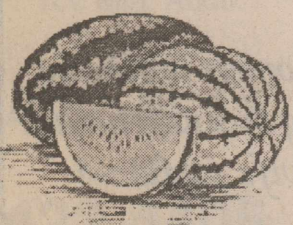
All of these youth will once again compete in the Texas 4-H Horse Show in Abilene on July 20-26. Several of the events can only be entered by qualifying at the District Horse Show. Roni Morrow qualified for these events

with her outstanding runs in the speed events. The roping and team penning events are open and do not require a District 4-H Horse Show qualification. The only restriction is that they must be a current 4-H member.

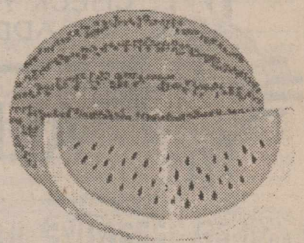
The Texas 4-H Horse Show schedule is quite long. Some of the events that Knox County youth will compete in are: Breakaway Roping, Tie-Down Calf Roping and Team Roping - Monday, July 21, 8 a.m.; Team Penning - Tuesday, July 22, 11:30 a.m.; Pole Bending Prelims - Thursday, July 24, 4 p.m.; Barrel Race Prelims - Friday, July 25, 8 a.m.; Stakes Race Prelims - Friday, July 25, 1 p.m.; and Speed event finals - Saturday, July 26, 9 a.m.

There is no cost to watch these events. They will take place at the Taylor County Coliseum in Abilene. The events the Knox County 4-H members are entered in will take place in the arena in the Horse Barn. Please come to Abilene and support these fine youth.

For more information about the contents of this article, please give the Knox County Extension office a call at 454-2651. Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.



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Hospital announces 'extra mile' winner

The Knox County Hospital District announced its winner of the inaugural "Going The Extra Mile" award. June Esquivel, LVN, was the winner of the quarterly award, which will be given to one person from KCHD staff for specific efforts which are "above and beyond" the normal course of duty. Employees of the Knox County Hospital Clinic, Munday Clinic, Knox County EMS, Knox County Hospital HomeCare and Knox County Hospital who are nominated by fellow employees are eligible for the award.

June Esquivel was nominated for her actions involving an air transport to Abilene in early May.

June was visiting a sick grandchild at the hospital on her day off. With all available nursing staff assisting in the transport and three new admissions, she noticed the need for help and started paperwork for the admitted patients. Despite not being dressed for work, June continued the admissions process until all patients were in their rooms. She continued to provide assistance until all nurses were back at their stations.

"I appreciate receiving this reward, especially since I was nominated for it by one of my coworkers. I am always available to help our patients when the need arises," June stated.

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O'Brien News

By Audie Johnston, O'Brien Correspondent

"Slippery Interchange - My nephew, Henry, was caught speeding on a Georgia highway by a police officer hidden from view. The trooper approached the car and said, "Son, I've been waiting for you all morning." My nephew responded, "I got her as fast as I could, officer." The trooper burst out laughing and sent Henry off with a warning.

HERE AND THERE

Johnnie and Jo Lippard spent the weekend in Austin to visit a sister who is in a care home and is aging pretty fast.

Beatrice Ellis and Bernice Rowan were in Seymour Sunday to attend a Reed family reunion. There was a large crowd attending and all enjoyed lots of good singing, preaching, visiting and eating.

Claudia and Eddie Bryant of Levelland visited Claudia's parents, Claudale and Jean Barnard, last week. They all went to a funeral at Rule for Eddie's aunt.

Don, Diane, Trisha and Angelia Roberts and Jennifer Vacek are vacationing in Garner State Park near Austin for several days.

Susan and Lacy Carver, I owe you ladies an apology for not putting your names in the news last week when I wrote about Veeta Reed and Juanita Wilcox going to Mexico. Something happened and Juanita didn't make the trip to Mexico on the mission trip. Thirty-eight people from this area attended and had a wonderful time.

Saturday night was Fourth Saturday night musical at Old Glory. Those from O'Brien attending the musical were Troy and Clara

Hanson, Bernice Rowan, Vivian Hendrix, Dan and Marilyn Talbot and Delbert and Norma Hayes, Wanda Brooks and I all attended. There was a great crowd and good music.

Beatrice and David Ellis of Edmonson will be in Ozona a few days this week visiting Bea's daughter Sandra Childress and family.

C.H., Linda and Reed Underwood of Rotan has spent a few days here in their home since school was out.

Scott and Stefani Stephens were in Lubbock last week to enroll in Texas Tech for this fall.

Bob Acree of Knox City took Don Roberts place as song leader at O'Brien Baptist Church Sunday morning and Sunday night and did a good job.

Thursday reception to honor Hogan, wife at Citizens Bank

A reception to honor new President and Chief Operating Officer of Citizens Bank, Mark Hogan, will be held Thursday, July 3.

Hogan and his wife, Lydia, will be the honorees at the reception to be held during banking hours from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

As noted by the Bank's invitation in this week's News, directors and employees invite friends and customers to stop by and meet the Hogans.

AGING CENTER MENUS July 7 - 11

Monday, July 7 - Chicken strips, fresh green salad, creamed potatoes, mixed vegetables, hot rolls, cookies.

Tuesday, July 8 - Cheeseburgers, lettuce, tomato, onion, pickles, baked beans, tater rounds, peach cobbler.

Wednesday, July 9 - Taco, tossed salad, pinto beans, Spanish rice, cornbread, fruit cobbler.

Thursday, July 10 - Chicken fried steak, sweet pea salad, baked potato, hot rolls, fresh apple cake.


Friday, July 11 - German sausage, spoon tomato salad, butter beans, turnip greens, 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 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.)

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p.m. in the Knox City Community Center.

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sacrifice." I Samuel 15: 22.

"We ought to obey God rather than man." Acts 5:29

'Come Ye That Love The Lord'

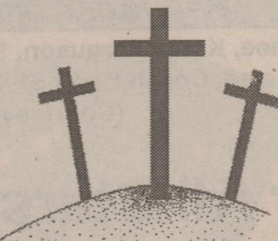
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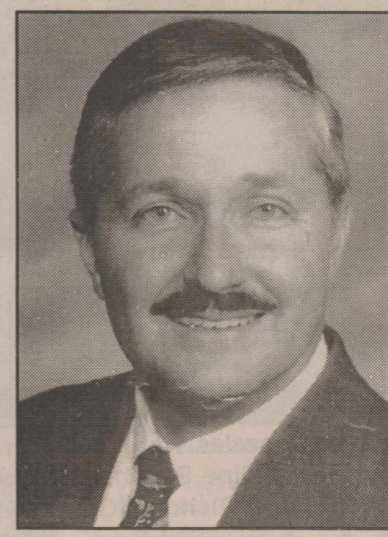
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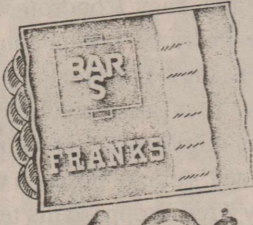
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On A Wizer Note....

By Paul Weiser, Knox County Extension Agent - Ag.

When will boll weevil sprayong begin???

The question of "When will the boll weevil eradication spraying begin?" As of now I have not been given a date. Hopefully they will begin as soon as the cotton is ready for its first spraying. However, that is not very far off.

Overwintered weevils trapped in Knox County appear to have hit a peak during the week of May 31 - June 6. In the six traps that I check, an average of 234 weevils per trap were caught. This number is higher than in 1996.

With the diapause spraying last fall, many producers ask "Why are the numbers so high?" The best answer is lack of a hard winter. Weevil numbers in traps located in counties that have had no eradication spraying are much higher than in counties that had a diapause. The Southern Rolling Plains eradication zone, where they sprayed most of the season last year, are catching fewer weevils than in a diapause only zone.

As noted earlier, I am not sure if Knox County will receive any spraying this summer or if we will suffer through another diapause. It would be wise to keep an eye on the situation. Any producer that has cotton beginning to square should be aware that they may need to do their own early weevil control spraying.

As fields begin to square, the weevils will move into the fields at high rates. By controlling the overwintered weevils, farmers will lower eradication costs and help avoid losing any ground that was gained by the diapause spraying last fall.

Boll weevil populations will begin to increase in fields as cotton begins to square and will begin to deposit eggs. A one-third grown square, one-quarter inch in diameter, is just large enough to support a single boll weevil larva. Squares will grow from the pin-head stage, one-sixteenth inch in diameter, to the one-third grown in about 3 days. Two to four insecticidal treatments with about 5 day intervals will probably be needed to control overwintered boll weevils.

Producers should inspect fields

28 days after stand establishment or when cotton reaches the five leaf stage to determine the stage of square development. Where weevils numbers are greater than one per twenty-five feet of row or about 530 per acre, an insecticidal application will be needed just prior to the development of the first one-third grown squares. When boll weevils continue to move into a field, a second application is needed about 5 days after the first.

Be sure to remember one thing, no matter who sprays for the weevils, the producer or the eradication people, it will be the producer's responsibility to control any secondary pests. Do not postpone any inspections or applications because you think the Eradication will be controlling all cotton pests.

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Kevin Ansley, hospital administrator, and program director Cliff Hacker, EMT-Paramedic, attended orientation for the program in Abilene recently. While there, they learned the proper techniques for child safety seat protection

and received education materials designed to teach parents the importance of "buckling up."

"Educational training and some forms are required before the seats are released, but the whole process should take between 30 minutes and one hour," Hacker stated. "We are pleased to be able to offer this valuable and lifesaving service to the families of Knox County and the surrounding areas. From a paramedic's viewpoint, we would rather prevent an injury to a child than be on the scene of a wreck to assist at that point."

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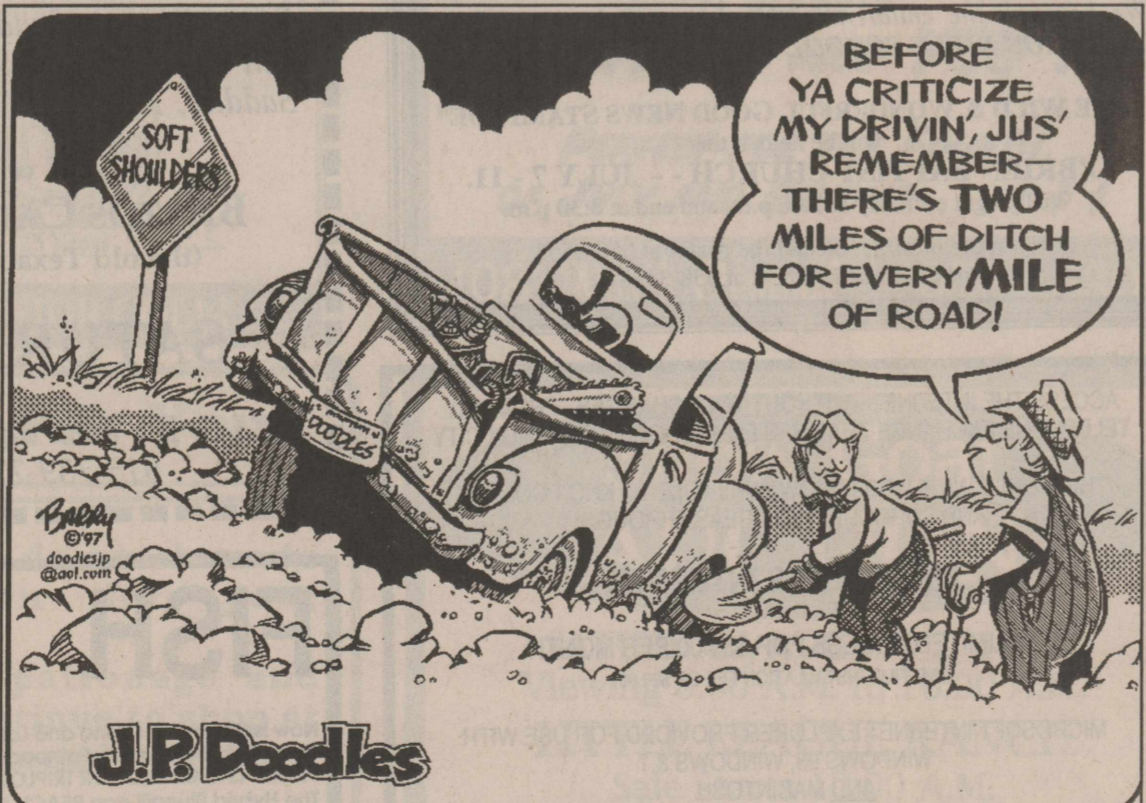
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Benjamin News

By Gladene Green, Benjamin Correspondent

Mondays come terribly regular when news is in short supply. That is the case this week. Guess folks are staying home waiting for the 4th of July weekend.

Sympathy goes to Don and Louise Hertel this week. Louise's brother, Kenneth Isbel, passed away Friday morning of an apparent heart attack. He was making his home in Enid, Oklahoma, moving there a couple of weeks ago after living here for about a year. His funeral was Sunday in Enid.

Most of the ill seem to be making it better each day. Leroy West continues to improve. And the latest word on Bud Clower is that he is feeling pretty well.

JoEtta Cartwright will be entering Humana Hospital (I believe it's West Texas Regional, now) tomorrow, Tuesday for some surgery. She says it will be a "day surgery" if all goes well but she will probably be sort of out of commission for a few days. She would probably appreciate a note of encouragement to cheer her up.

Hazel Stockton returned home Saturday after a week's stay in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock following knee replacement surgery Tuesday. She's doing pretty well but is very impatient. She wants to get up and go more than she can and that bothers her. She too would appreciate a get well wish, I'm sure.

Julia Trepanier was in Wichita Falls Thursday for some tests. She has to go back on the 17th of July for more testing and a doctor's check.

Bill Ryder still has good and not-so-good days. He stays in quite a bit and with the heat and humidity as it is, he's probably being pretty wise. The heat could make him feel a lot worse.

COODY REUNION
(By Claudia Meinzer Rentrop)

The annual Coody Reunion was held on June 7 and 8. The annual picnic was held Saturday at the Knox City Park with 67 people attending.

The annual Reunion lunch was held at the Benjamin Community Center. We had 96 for lunch. Several more family members and friends stopped by in the afternoon even with the bad weather. Bob Meinzer re-

ceived a gift for being the oldest man present. Ruby Horn Myers received a gift for being the oldest lady present. Riley Meinzer (son of Gina and Tyke Meinzer) received a gift for the youngest member present and Virginia Schriener of Lakewood, California, received a gift for the person traveling the longest distance. Relatives attended from California, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Missouri, Colorado and Texas.

Those attending were Kenneth and Ila Mae Benson, Doug and Bess Bursey, Maida B. Scott, Dudley and Ruby Myers, Virginia Schriener, Mary B. Crow, C.W. and Mary Lee Harbert, Ronald and Jeanette Coody, LeAnn Benson, Jerry Benson, Martha Coodey Huff and Floyd Huff, Lois Coodey Fine and Frank Fine, Margie and Weldon Herring, Wanda Jennings, Christopher Altman, Ronny, Donna Sue and Lacy Wells, Lina Howse Borum, Dale Anderson, Deanna Layman, Janell Watson McDonald, Joy Watson Lowe, Tom C. Benson, Ronnie and Carla Ellis, Dell, Crystal and April Torres, Barbara Jane Harris, Clodell Duke, Debbie Hudson and daughter, Kevin Meinzer, Robert P. (Bob) and Marie Meinzer, Cheryl Meinzer, Pat Benson, Gene, Chance and Casey Howe, Penny and Raymond Lee, Bill and Pearl Ryder, Melvin and Eulalia Ryder, Wayne and Leda Roe, Mike, Imajeon, Brittany and Ashley Howe, Nancy Coody Morales, Jim, Leiza and River McTasney, Tyke, Gina and Riley Meinzer, Douglas and Bobbie Meinzer, G.H. (Pete) Coody, Karen Coody, David and Vickie Benson and children, Rick, Patsy and Trapper Meinzer, Earlene Meinzer, Stephen, Sheila and Katilyn Kuehler, Michael and Pamela Meinzer Gladson, Joe David and Chery Meinzer and children, Claudia Rentrop, Carla Walsh, Wyman, Hunter and Pate Meinzer, Billy Carl Benson, Donnie Ryder, Butch, Dickie and Laura McCandles and daughter. Others probably did not sign in.

HERE 'N THERE
Mr. and Mrs. Randy Holloway of Alvin were weekend guests of Omitene Barnett. They were enroute

to Colorado to visit their children.

Bea Parks and Lucy Ming who have been living in Wichita Falls have returned to Benjamin to make their home. They will be staying with their sister, Jessie and Kenneth Roberts, while their home is being constructed. Glad they're back "home"!

Kayla and Courtney Hacker of Knox City were overnight guests of their grandmother and "great-grand", Mary Bohannon and Jonnie Williams, Saturday night.

Betty Lyles has been very busy going to Frederick, Oklahoma, to see her mom who has been having some health problems. Reports are she is feeling better and if all goes well, should be back to her old self before long.

Dutch and Imagean Young and grandson, Anthony Lamb and Clayton Conner, spent a couple of days at Copper Breaks last week.

Craig Hertel of Lindsey is spending a few days with his parents, Don and Louise.

We are proud to welcome new residents to Benjamin. Kemp and Becky Jones and children, Devin and Blake, moved here last month from Lubbock. They are no strangers here both having lived here before they married. He is the son of Ned and Susan Jones and her parents are Charles and Linda Griffith. Kemp is in the trucking business and Becky will be teaching in Rochester. They are living in the Snailium home and we are glad to have back.

Also the George Shaw family has moved here. They are living in the home formerly owned by the Grills (near the school). They come here from El Paso and we're mighty glad to have them with us.

And then we are losing some residents. The Koepfs, Weldon, Carolyn and Erin, will be leaving this week for their new home in Bryson. He has accepted the position as Supt. of schools there and she will also be in the school system. They will be greatly missed but we do wish them well in their new surroundings.

I hope everyone has a Happy 4th of July. If you're on the road, be careful and I'll see you next week.

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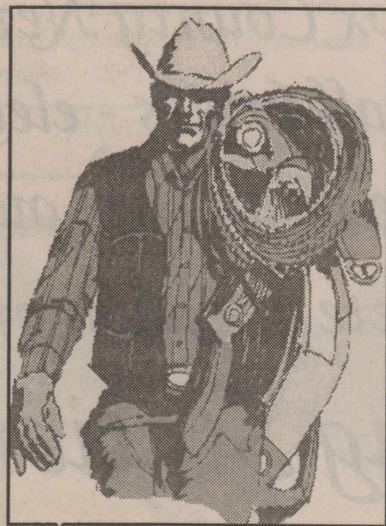
HELMS GRANDSON ON Wichita Falls 'Hit and Run' Team - The Wichita Falls Hit and Run Baseball Club (28-10) qualified for the Triple Crown World Series in Steamboat, Colorado, by placing second in the Pueblo (Colorado) National Tournament in the 14-Under Division. The World Series will be July 31 - August 3. The team will also play in the CABA State Tournament in Round Rock. Bottom row, from left, Coach Tommy Tyler, T.J. Tyler, Michael Horton, Jason Bobbitt, Duane Hudson and Coach / Manager Rob Fisher. Top row, from left, are Jared Fisher, Blake Morrison, Patrick West, son of Karen and Robby West of Wichita Falls and grandson of Ramona and Johnny Helms of Knox City, Ryan Bess, Cody Lopez, Tim Cluley, Chris Simmons, Coach Phil Bess. (Courtesy Photo)

Texas Cowboy Reunion set for July 2, 3, 4 and 5

STAMFORD - Folks young and old are making plans for the 67th annual Texas Cowboy Reunion scheduled for July 2, 3, 4 and 5 in Stamford.

The celebration will kickoff in true western style as country western singing legend Red Steagall will lead the Grand Parade into town, Wednesday, July 2 at 4:00 p.m.

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Among the favorite events, the Bit, Spur and Western Collectible Show will be held throughout the day Friday and Saturday.

Friday afternoon, chuck wagon cooks will demonstrate their open range style cooking in the Chuckwagon Cookoff.

A full slate of activities is planned for Saturday including

the Ranch Horse Competition at 10:00 a.m. and the first annual Ranch Horse Sale at 1:00 p.m.

Brisket cook-off activities will proceed throughout the day and a favorite, the Cowboy Poetry Gathering will kick off at 3:00 p.m. under the dance pavilion. Add all this excitement to the traditional Oldtimers Events, Sponsor's Barrel Race, Team Roping and delicious Chuckwagon Barbeque dinners.

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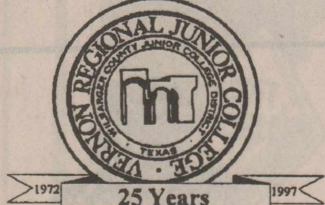
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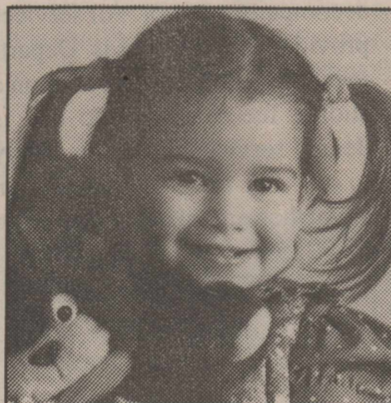
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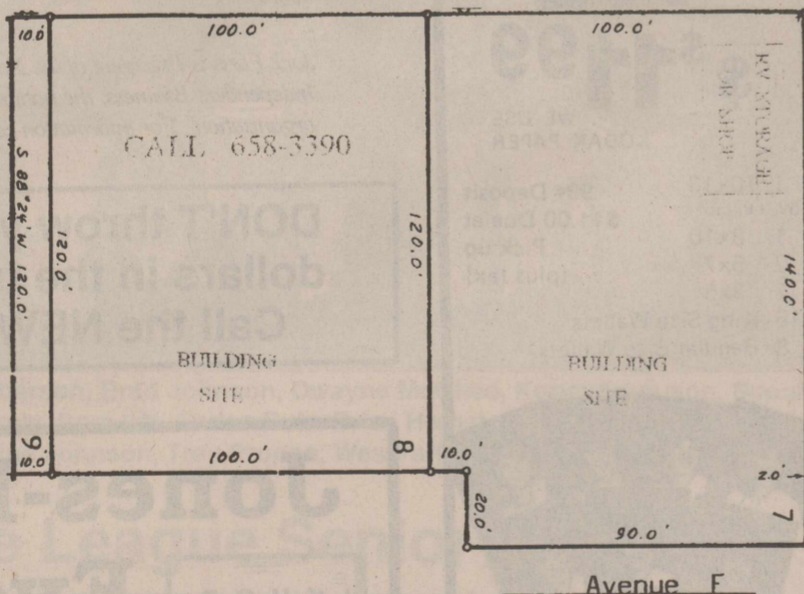
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The bride-elect is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Elton Dodson and Mr. Vaughn E. Brooks and the late Ava Herring Brooks. A graduate of Stratford Academy in Macon, Georgia, she received a bachelor's degree in psychology from Wesleyan College and a master's degree in psychology from Old Dominion University. She is in private practice in Richmond, Virginia.

The groom-elect is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Brud Hughes and the late Mr. and Mrs. William A. Howard. A graduate of Allen County High School in Fountain Run, Kentucky, he received a bachelor's degree in psychology from Western Kentucky University and a doctorate in psychology from the University of Florida. He is the clinical director of South Florida Addiction Services in Fort Myers, Florida.

- Paid Announcement -

Leon Lewis qualifies for state horse show

Leon Lewis, son of Linda and Ronald Lewis of Guthrie, was one of the 35 top qualifiers that will be representing District 3 at the State 4-H Horse Show in Abilene during the week of July 20-26. There were 222 4-H horsemen from 25 counties who competed during the three day district show in Vernon on June 19-21.

Leon participated in two qualifying show events placing eighth in western horsemanship and 10th in western pleasure.

Also participating from King County were Kallie Antilley placing fifth in the halter gelding class and participant in western pleasure; Zane Daniel, Jeff Daniel and Ryan Antilley in team penning and Lance Green in breakaway roping.

Immunization clinic set for Thursday, July 10

The Texas Department of Health will conduct an Immunization Clinic at the Community Center in Knox City on Thursday, July 10 from 10:00-11:30 a.m. and 1:00-3:00 p.m.

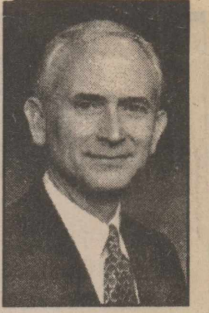
Immunizations offered include DTaP, Hib, Polio, Measles, Mumps and Rubella and Hepatitis B for infants as well as all school immunizations.

The second MMR is required for Kindergarten entry in the fall of 1997. The hepatitis series will be required for Kindergarten entry in the fall of 1998. The Hepatitis B series (three immunizations) takes a minimum of 6 months to complete. Parents are asked to check their child's immunization record for this series. Even though it is not a school requirement, the Hepatitis B series is available for all school age children through the age of 18, if they or their parents want it for prevention or the child is at risk. For more information on the immunization or the disease, call the Texas Department of Health or take to a healthcare provider.

The varicella (chickenpox) vaccine has arrived at the office and is now being given to 12-23 month old children and 11 year olds. Those interested in more information on the varicella, call the office.

Participants are asked to bring immunization records to the clinic. A parent or legal guardian must accompany a minor. All services provided by the Texas Department of Health are provided on a sliding fee scale but no one is denied services due to an ability to pay. For more information on any of the immunizations, call 940-574-2159.

SMALL BUSINESS FOCUS



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HEALTH CARE REFORM— WITHOUT THE MANDATES

Virginia small-business owner Dale Gilliland used to provide health insurance for his employees. But when one employee filed a lot of claims, his health care premiums skyrocketed. Today, Gilliland wants to offer health insurance to his employees, but he cannot afford it. And he's not alone.

No one wants to offer health insurance to their employees more than small-business owners, but they are the group least able to do so. According to the Small Business Administration, two-thirds of the working uninsured are either in firms with fewer than 500 employees or are self-employed. In an NFIB Education Foundation survey, small-business owners listed rising health care costs as their No. 1 problem in 1991 and again in 1996.

Congress did take some small steps toward health care reform last year. A new health care law increased the tax deduction that the self-employed may take for the cost of their health insurance from 30 percent to 80 percent, phased in over 10 years. But it doesn't go far enough. Big businesses can currently deduct 100 percent of their health costs. The self-employed business owner should have that same deduction. This would equalize insurance costs for the two and enable many of the uninsured self-employed to purchase health insurance for themselves and their employees.

The new health insurance law is also a test-run for Medical Savings Accounts (MSAs) which are similar to individual retirement accounts in their design. MSAs will allow employers (with fewer than 50 employees) or the employee to buy traditional type insurance policies with a very high deductible so that the policies cost less. Then, employees or employers can put the money into a tax-free account that can be used to pay for out-of-pocket medical expenses until the deductible is reached and insurance coverage kicks in.

Private, voluntary national purchasing groups for small businesses are another way to make health insurance more accessible and affordable. These groups, which would allow small firms to band together and self-insure, would give small employers the advantages that big businesses currently enjoy: bargaining power in the marketplace, administrative savings from volume buying, and freedom from those costly state mandates that are constantly raising premiums.

For example, when small-business owners buy health insurance, they must pay for benefits mandated by their state (such as acupuncture and fertility treatments). Companies with tens of thousands of employees (such as General Motors) self-insure—pay claims out of company funds—and are exempt from state mandated-coverage requirements which can add 30 percent to the cost of premiums. U.S. Sen. Tim Hutchinson, R-Ark., and Rep. Harris Fawell, R-Ill., have introduced legislation on purchasing groups.

And small employers are facing another health care threat: incrementalized federal mandates. In the last year, there have been two new federal health care mandates forced on employers—the mental health parity provision and the 48-hour maternity stay provision. It's difficult to argue against the need for accessible, affordable mental health care, or against allowing a mother to stay a safe length of time in the hospital after giving birth. The emotional arguments for these issues have obscured their costs. But mandates defeat the very purpose of health care reform, which is to lower health care costs and to insure more people. According to Blue Cross-Blue Shield, monthly premiums have increased an average of 10 percent in states that have enacted general mental health coverage mandates.

The reforms in last year's law were good first steps toward making health care available and affordable to the small-business community. But new federal mandates on health care run counter to this goal. Small-business owners need reforms that encourage purchasing groups, not new mandates, to help keep down excessive health insurance costs. Small-business owners like Dale Gilliland need health care reform, not only for themselves but for their employees and their families, and they need it soon.

Jack Faris is President of the National Federation of Independent Business, the nation's largest small business advocacy organization. For information call 1-800-NFIB-NOW.

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