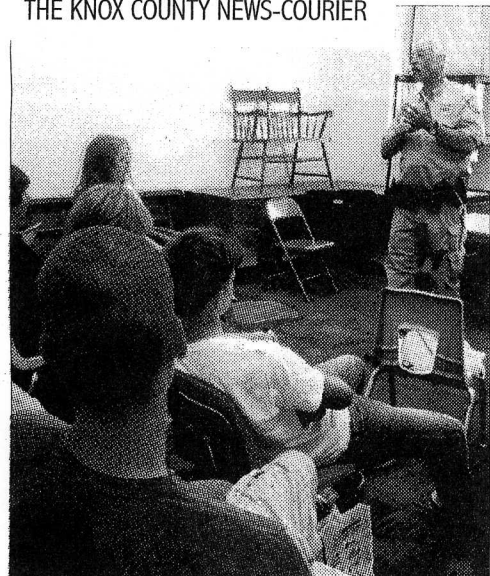


Students learn about possible careers

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Students heard from a game warden and got to test out some of the big equipment during Career Day last week.



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GOREE — Deciding on the perfect career can be a daunting task, especially for teenagers.

Students from the Knox County schools along with ones from Rule, Paint Creek, Seymour, Paducah and Rochester Vo-Tech got a head start last week when the annual Career Day was held here at the Knox Prairie Events Center.

The event, hosted by the Knox County Visioning Group in cooperation with the Texas Agrilife Extension Service, is designed to help youngsters hear about a variety of professions they may never have considered or even knew existed.

“Career Day encourages student motivation, positive behavior and learning by bringing the world of careers into the classroom and by getting students out of the classroom to learn,” said Lorrie Coop.

“The strong collaboration among the many local agencies, businesses, schools and community volunteers to put on this annual event shows a solid commitment to our students to give them the knowledge and skills they need to be college-

“This was our fourth year to host this event,” added Jimi Copen. “Having such experienced volunteers made this our smoothest year yet. It was a treat to have Representative James Frank with us this year.”

Frank did a welcome speech as well as a session on business ownership. “The one thing each of you have is time.” he told the students. “Time is a commodity. How you choose to spend that time will determine your future job or college.”

Speaker topics included astronomy, attorney, business ownership, accounting/banking, nursing, physical therapy, photography, Texas Parks & Wildlife, welding, agriculture & natural sciences, human sciences, engineering, TXDOT, forest service, marketing, pharmacist and teaching.

The College Fair included Cisco College, Vernon College, Marines, Texas School of Cosmetology, Texas Tech University - College of Ag & Natural Sciences, Human Sciences, Media & Communications and the School of Pharmacy, Western Texas College, Texas State Technical College, Texas Forest Service, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, AHEC (Area Health Education Center), Tarleton