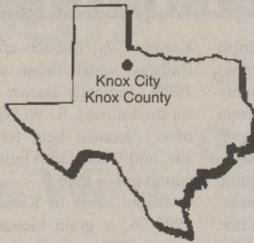


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All Property in Knox County to be Re-appraised

The forthcoming re-appraisal of all property in Knox County is mandated by Texas state law. Texas law requires that all properties be appraised every three years and beginning this month, West Texas Appraisal and Valuation has been contracted by the county to perform this arduous task.

Chief Appraiser for the county, Kim McLemore has issued a formal notice to all property owners in Knox County (see page 6).

We contracted with West Texas Appraisal and Valuation to do the appraisal in the county," McLemore said. "They (WTAV) will come and look at all new additions, any new buildings, everything."

All improvements are to be inspected and sizes verified including living areas, garages, second floors, barns, storage buildings and the like.

McLemore also stated that the process will take several weeks, even months to be completed, but the entire process had to be finished within a time frame.

"The appraisals must be done by May first," McLemore said. "The notices of appraised value must go out by May for the 2005 year."

Property owners will get their notices in May to inform them of what value has been placed on their property for tax purposes.

Second Methamphetamine Suspect Apprehended

Suffering from hypothermia, frost-bite and exhaustion, a second suspect from last week's drug bust was found near the old Beaver's Ranch.

Knox County Sheriff Dean Homstad stated charges were pending against the suspect.

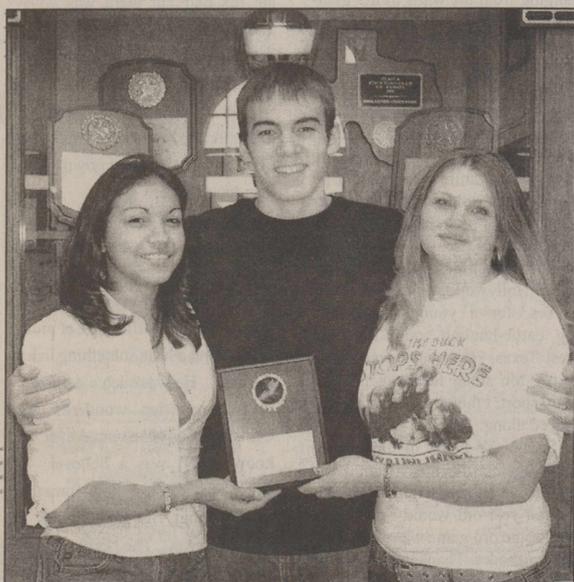
"He went south and probably got lost out on the old Beavers Ranch,"

Homstad said. "He's lucky he made it in that cold weather."

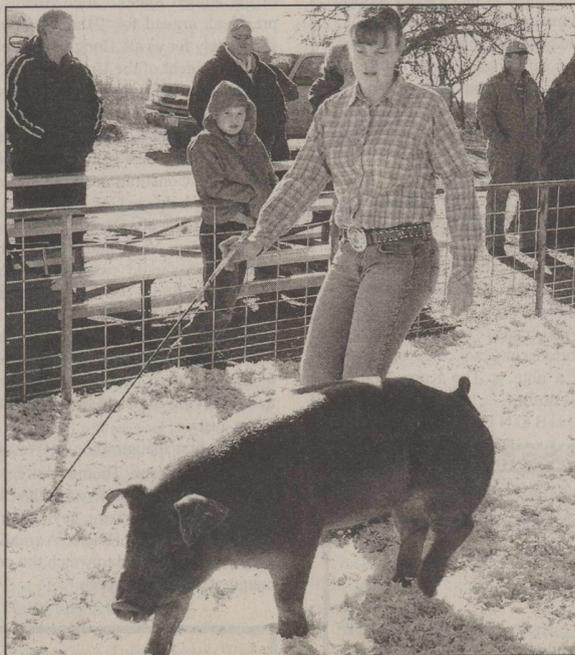
Some hunters happened up on the man, got in touch with a local ranch foreman who then alerted the sheriff's department.

The man is currently undergoing treatment in the Knox County Hospital.

Benjamin Debate Team



(L-R) Maria Acevedo, Chance Propps and Laura Benson of the Benjamin Debate team celebrate their awards from the Hamlin debate last Saturday. Acevedo and Propps placed first and Benson placed second in LD debate and also won top speaker.



Junior Livestock Show This Weekend in Munday

Kayla Stewart (pictured above) shows her Grand Champion Duroc entry at last week's local show in Knox City.

KNOX COUNTY JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW SCHEDULE

FRIDAY:	SATURDAY
8:00 AM - Weigh Pigs	8:00 AM - Pig Show
10:00 AM - Weigh Lambs & Goats	Steer Show follows
10:20 AM - Broiler Show	3:00 PM - Sale - All Champions
Rabbit Show follows	
1:00 PM - Lamb & Goat Show	

Knox County Veterans Office Moves into Courthouse

The office of the Knox County Veterans Service Officer has moved into the County Courthouse in Benjamin.

John Gillispie remains the Service Officer, but will no longer have an office in his home. The new office at the courthouse is located across the hall from the Tax Collector's office on the main floor of the courthouse.

The office will be open on the first and third Thursday of each month from 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. All claims and paperwork will be done in the office. The phone number is 940-459-4121 and the fax number is the same.

Mr. Gillispie said he may still be reached at his home for questions or to schedule an appointment. His home number is 940-658-3487.

Lost and Found Thirty-five Years Later

Knox City resident and businessman Anthony Logsdon recently experienced something that falls under the category of, 'Can you believe that really happened.'

Logsdon's answer will now and forever be, "Yes, and it actually happened to me."

Logsdon received a call from an old friend, C.H. Underwood six weeks ago that began the final chapter of an unbelievable story.

As a young man working in Young County in 1969, Logsdon was driving from Graham to his job in Mineral Wells when his car broke down outside Grafard.

Unable to get the car started again, he took out walking back to town, leaving his jacket, some tools and his Knox City High School Class of '67 senior ring behind.

Upon his return to the car a couple of hours later, all those items were gone. It seems someone thought they needed them more than the young man who had already begun an unfortunately long day.

Skip forward 35 years to December, 2004. Bryson coach Richard

Steele, who knew his friend Underwood was the Benjamin High School principal and basketball coach, called Underwood to see if he knew anyone who was in the Knox City class of 1967 with the initials CAL that had lost a senior ring. Underwood put two and two together and made the call to Logsdon.

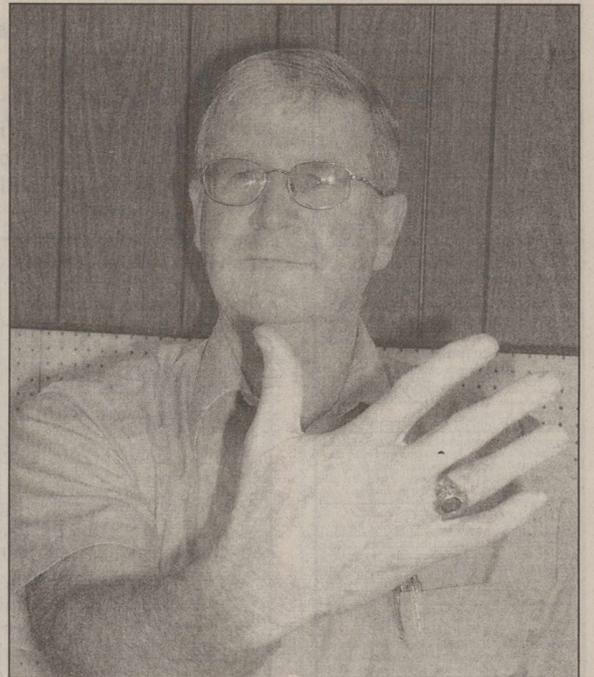
"When CH called me and asked if I happened to know anyone with those initials and if they had lost a senior ring, I said 'Yes I happen to know someone,'" Logsdon said. "It's me."

"I was surprised to say the least," Logsdon said about the phone call.

A student at Bryson discovered the ring in a house they had recently moved into and took the ring to coach Steele. Steele made the call and the 35 years lost ring was found.

"I guess the Lord looks out for some of us who really need the help," Logsdon stated jokingly.

I get the feeling people like Anthony Logsdon are the ones who do get those calls from the lost and found departments, from here on Earth and beyond.



County Commissioner's Court Holds First Meeting of 2005

County business got underway Monday, January 10 in Benjamin with newly elected County Judge Travis Floyd presiding over his second meeting of the Court.

Actions of the Court included an approval of the December 13 minutes and other administrative and financial concerns.

A request was denied to convert the old League Ranch Headquarters road to a county road and a request was tabled to install cattle guards at the ends of CR 1030, pending further talks between landowners.

The Court rejected Jules Rizan's bid of \$200 for foreclosed property in Knox City and approved a bid by Ronny Baize for two pieces of property in Munday for \$500 each.

The Court voted against providing

an office in the Courthouse for the District Attorney, citing that in at least the past 35 years no official space had been kept for the DA. County Attorney Bobby Burnett stated that his office was available for the DA's use while here on business.

A motion was approved to deny a request from Knox City to surrender certain County properties to the City.

The Court voted to accept Accounts Payable presented by Treasurer Irma Bell and to pay all bills.

The Court held discussions without action on several items on the agenda including the annual report from John Gillispie on Veterans' Affairs and the move of that office into the Courthouse.

Kyla Taylor inquired about

county roads and the availability of the County Budget of which she was given a copy as were others.

Commissioner Jimmy Urbanczyk provided information regarding in-kind work already completed for TXDOT. The County considered a search for information on a former bridge across Little Croton Creek and garnering affidavits from older residents who might remember seeing it there.

The County received from the Extension Office an activities report, and a 9-1-1 Central Dispatch report from Joyce Greenwood. Also discussed at length were the HAVA requirements, its cost of implementation and upkeep. HAVA requires that electronic voting machines be made available in each precinct. Due to the cost of its imple-

mentation, possible consolidation of voting precincts was discussed.

Sheriff Dean Homstad reported changes in his office regarding more flexible work hours for employees of the department.

A list of surplus equipment was passed out and will be updated again before sealed bids will be accepted.

Appointments of the Knox County Historical Commission for 2005-2006 were approved.

Commissioner's Court Attendance: Judge Floyd, Commissioners Weldon Skiles, Jerry Parker, Urbanczyk and Johnny Birkenfeld, Treasurer Bell, C.A. Burnett, Sheriff Homstad, Clerk Ronnie Verhalen, VA Officer Gillispie, Ms. Taylor and Knox County News Editor, Robert Copeland.

Local Sports Roundup

Knox City and Benjamin Boys and Girls Basketball scores and game stories inside.

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Rolling Plains Ramblings

By Morton Scott

A community like Knox City is the result of the climate, geography and, most importantly, people.

Two hundred years ago, when this was a part of Spain, the most notable inhabitants were thundering herds of shaggy buffalo, which, at times, stretched to the horizon. In winters, thousands and, in fact, millions of buffalo grazed on area grasslands. Closely behind prowled wolves and coyotes, stalking old, feeble or young, helpless buffalo.

Our Rolling Plains funneled these giant herds between the Western Crosstimbres, east of here, and the Llano Estacada, the caprock highland Staked Plains of our Texas Panhandle. This happened every fall for thousands of years. The path reversed each spring as they returned north.

At other times deer, antelope, squirrels, turkey could be seen on the Rolling Plains and, sometimes, bands of Indians riding boldly across the terrain. These might be braves of Kiowa, Comanche, or Wichita pursuing the buffalo herds on hunting expeditions.

Occasionally, hot summer sun glistened off armor-clad Spanish conquistadors guiding ox-cart trains loaded with trade goods

from Santa Fe heading for Spanish settlements along the Mississippi.

In the 1820s, the Knox County area, with Texas, changed from being in Spain to being in independent Mexico. A decade later, in 1836, the area became a part of the Republic of Texas. Then in 1846, Texas, and Knox County, joined the United States of America.

The Rolling Prairies, including Knox County, were a part of Comancheria, the Comanche homeland, spreading west to New Mexico and east to the Cross Timbers.

In the 1850s, the Federal government established a Comanche reservation and Camp Cooper to the east on the Clear Fork of the Brazos River. Most Comanches did not settle there, however. Indian depredations throughout northern Texas limited Anglo settlement in the Knox County area.

Military expeditions from Camp Cooper frequently ranged over the Knox County area, trying somewhat unsuccessfully to bring peace and stability to the area. One commander of Camp Cooper was Lt. Col. Robert E. Lee, later the great Civil War general.

Knox City was founded in anticipation of the arrival of the

Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railway, which began service in 1906. Originally known as Orient for the railroad. R. W. Warren and others donated land for a town site, and Warren also built the first cotton gin in 1905.

Banks came to Knox City in 1905-06, a grain elevator came before 1920 and other businesses, churches and a school. Knox City got electricity in 1916, natural gas in 1924 and city water and sewer service in 1922. The population peaked at 1,805 in 1960.

Knox City suffered disasters, with large fires in 1911 and 1919, before the City had a water supply. A tornado struck in March 1953, damaging the county hospital and other buildings. Losses included four deaths and damage to 50 houses.

The founding of Texas' first seed-testing plant in 1965 was a boost to the city economy/

I hope you have enjoyed this second Rolling Plains Ramblings. I truly want to hear your own stories and about other subjects you would like us to explore together.

You can contact me at fmortonscott@aol.com or leave me a note at The Knox County News office.

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CAPITOL COMMENT



U.S. SENATOR

KAY BAILEY HUTCHINSON

The Presidential Inauguration is Living History

On January 20, Washington, D.C. will host one of democracy's greatest pageants, the inauguration of the U.S. President.

While the inauguration ceremony, first performed in 1789, seems timeless, it has actually changed a great deal over the years. The first took place a month late in New York City because George Washington was delayed by harsh winter weather. As he traveled to New York, Congress debated the title for the chief executive of the United States. John Adams, Washington's vice president, argued for "His Most Benign Highness" but fortunately for us all, Congress settled on the title we still use: "President of the United States."

George Washington's oath came straight from the Constitution: "I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of the President of the United States and will, to the best of my ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States." He then added, "So help me God," starting a custom followed by every president since.

The New York state chief justice determined that Washington should swear on a Bible, which set off a scramble to find a copy of the Good Book. When none was found in New York's Federal Hall, a Bible was borrowed from a Masonic lodge a few blocks away.

President Washington also started the custom of the inaugural speech. In his second term, he began the practice of having the oath administered by a U.S. Supreme Court Justice.

The first inauguration in Washington, D.C. was of the third President, Thomas Jefferson, who walked to and from his boarding house to the Capitol for the swearing in. In his second term, he rode on horseback from the Capitol to the White House. A small band played music and a crowd gathered to watch the procession. Thus the inaugural parade was born.

President Jefferson also held an open house at the White House, a now-discontinued tradition that almost resulted in calamity for Andrew Jackson. "Old Hickory," as the hero of the Battle of New Orleans was known, had to flee from a friendly, but unruly, crowd by exiting the White House through a window.

The location of the inauguration has also changed through the years. It was held indoors until 1817, when President James Monroe was sworn in on the east portico of the Capitol. It remained there until Ronald Reagan moved the ceremony to the west side of the Capitol in 1981 to allow more Americans to witness the ceremony in person.

Even the date of the inauguration has changed. Congress passed the 20th Amendment of the Constitution in 1933 to decrease the delay between election of a new president and the end of the outgoing president's term by moving the ceremony up from March 4 to January 20. President Franklin Roosevelt was the last president to take his oath on the original date and the first to take his oath on the new.

While most Americans believe no inauguration is complete without festive balls, this was not always the case. President James Madison's famous wife, Dolly, presided over the first inaugural ball in 1809. In 1869, President Ulysses S. Grant's inaugural ball degenerated into a food fight. President Woodrow Wilson declined to host any balls because he considered them undignified. Because President Warren Harding opposed the festivities in 1921, unofficial balls were the rule until President Harry Truman revived the official inaugural ball in 1949.

Because of heavy demand, President Dwight Eisenhower held two inaugural balls, and the numbers have grown ever since. This year, though many balls are being held, the Black Tie and Boots inaugural ball hosted by the Texas State Society is considered "the" inaugural ball to attend. Its tickets sold out online in less than an hour, and those sold by mail were snapped up immediately as well.

If you are in Washington, D.C. through April, you may want to visit The Library of Congress and see "Presidential Inaugurations," a display of artifacts, documents and photographs from the ceremony's long history.

Exhibits like this remind us that the traditions of the Presidential Inauguration are something we can take pride in, whether we are in Washington D.C. or in Washington-on-the-Brazos.

Weather

Courtesy of Plant Materials Center 4 Miles N.W. of Knox City

Date	Low	High	Rain
01/04	37	42	.06
01/05	26	37	.34
01/06	23	35	
01/07	27	58	
01/08	25	66	
01/09	42	72	
01/10	50	71	

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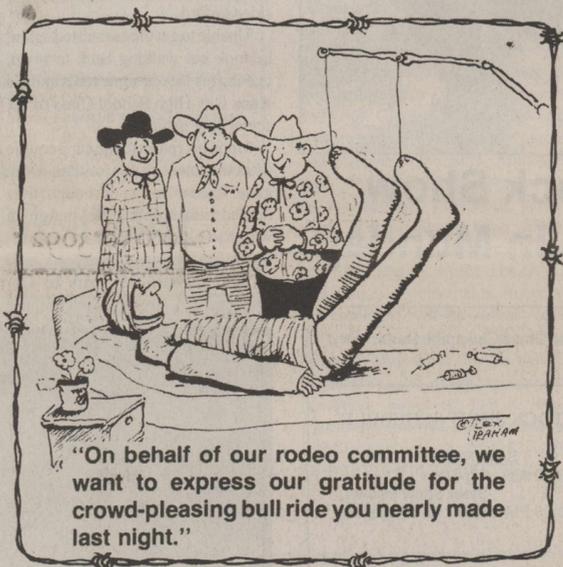
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Monday thru Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Closed Friday-Saturday-Sunday

Note: Since we are a small business with a small staff, these times may vary as we are out of the office to cover news & sports stories, attend school events, take pictures, conduct business or handle family matters.



ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

by Baxter Black, DVM

HEY COWGIRL, NEED A RIDE?

You can talk about the glamour and the love of rodeo
The challenge and the heartbreak of the dally and the throw
Of the guts and luck and glory, the leather and the sweat
The gristle and the power of the bull that ain't rode yet
And the get up-in-the-morning and the miles-down-the-road
And the bronc that stands awaitin' and the rope that ain't been throwed
The vision of the buckle worn by superhuman champs
And paid for in contusions, broken bones, in aches and cramps
And mothers in the bleachers and spouses back at home
Who keep the home fires burning while their darlin' loved ones roam
The siren's call of rodeo that beckons one last ride
The gambler's itch, the mountain top, the pinnacle, the pride
The reason they give all they have is measured in a score
A crowd, a millisecond, flag and timer, judge and roar
But for some the lure is simpler, the attraction that still pulls
Like me...just gettin' girls was the reason I rode bulls!

Hello Knox County Again

By Robert D. Copeland

Farming, ranching, cooking, hunting and driving. Sound familiar? How about plowing late on Monday, going to a basketball game on Tuesday, church on Wednesday, the grocery store on Thursday and another ballgame on Friday? These are the Rolling Plains of Texas and our daily grind.

Although I don't have any kids to make my week a little busier, I have been punching cattle, plowing fields, hunting deer, going to ballgames and listening to sermons all my life.

I left this part of the state for many years, going off to college to study reading, writing and 'rithmetic. I worked in the big city, traveled the country and earned a good living plying my trade, but something was always missing.

Once the wide-open spaces and the somewhat slower pace of things work their way into your blood and bones, that yearning for the room to roam is always there with you. It's like an old dog that always tags along waiting for you to say, "Load up." You just can't make yourself leave it behind.

My name is Robert Copeland and I'd like to say hello and thank you to all the wonderful people I have met in the last couple of days here in Knox County and to all those I plan to meet in the coming days. I always missed the neighborly attitudes of the rolling plains residents.

A friendly wave from atop a steering wheel met on a county road. People you've never met smiling and speaking to you on the streets. Men holding doors open for women. Kids carrying grocery sacks out to cars and saying "Thank you, Ma'am." You don't see that in Austin or Dallas. Ever.

Growing up not far from here over in Young County, I'm not too far removed from how things work out here in what I call the "Real Texas." I just hope I can do justice to all the real events, real people, and real places of interest I will write about

for my new employers, The Knox County News and for the people of Knox County.

Back when peach baskets were hanging from the walls of the gymnasium, as a high school sophomore I played in the Knox City basketball tournament for Olney.

Some of the more fun-loving fans in attendance who may have been amused by my 70's hairdo, my red suede Doctor J shoes, my ever-present smile when caught by the referees holding an opponents jersey or stepping on their feet, but probably more so for my charging foul acting abilities, gave me a nickname. Hollywood.

Yes, for a young bronc-busting, cattle-hauling, tough kid from west Texas, Hollywood was a slap in my too smug face, but being a good sport, I thought it amusing and played along.

So, in the finals of the tournament against the host team, I did what any self-respecting smart-alec sixteen-year-old would do. I came out for the pre-game warm-up wearing sunglasses. Thanks again for the wonderful warm welcome.

Hopefully, I have grown up some since those days and have begun to take life a little more seriously. I have learned that diplomacy, not rebellion is more suited to my line of work and now I try to always listen to both sides of any given story.

We may still be the new kids on the block here at the Knox County News, but we will always give our best effort to present the area news in a fair and impartial manner. That, you can bank on.

I look forward to meeting more of my new neighbors so please drop by the office any time to say hello. Otherwise, I'll be seeing you at a ballgame, out in the fields, over at the cafe or driving down the highway.

I'll be the one in the sunglasses waving from behind the steering wheel.

I hope you will too.

LETTER TO EDITOR

Knox City lost a real saint and gentleman last week when Jack Chambers went to be with the Lord. Mr. Chambers was not only a gentleman but he was a gentle man.

When he came into my shop to get his hair cut there was always a light in his eyes and joy in his countenance. He would brighten your day just with just his presence.

Mr. Chambers was known for his walking because he walked all over town. He was known for his firm handshake.

But I knew him as a generous kind man. Mr. Chambers would pay for his haircut and with a little smile he would always say as he dug further into his billfold, "Let me see if I can find a little something in here for you". He was such a delight.

I have often wondered as a Christian if anyone would ever even know that I was a believer. Mr. Chambers always had something to say about His Lord in just the sweetest way. The Bible doesn't have a lot to say about the way Jesus looked but I think He must have looked a lot like Jack Chambers.

I wish you could have know him. I will miss him. Knox City's loss..heaven's gain. We rejoice with Mr. Chambers family. I just know that he is walking around heaven with a bounce in his step.

Sincerely,
Wilma Hogan

Make a Note!

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Knox County Hospital District Receives Grant Funding

Knox County Hospital District, in response to the needs of the patients it serves, announces the addition of a Physical Therapy Department. This additional service will allow citizens to receive rehabilitation in order to develop, maintain, and restore maximum movement and functional ability when these have been threatened by the processes of aging or that of injury or disease.

The District received grant funding from the Priddy Foundation in the amount of \$45,000.

The funding has enabled the District to purchase state-of-the-art equipment and will allow for renovations of the designated area. Briana (Alexander) Hostas will serve as Physical Therapist.

Local availability of this service will benefit citizens of all ages. Physical therapy will be available to patients admitted to Knox County Hospital for acute care and swing-bed services, homebound patients through Home Health Services,



Pictured are Hospital Administrator Stephen Kuehler and Physical Therapist Briana Hostas

and to outpatients as well. The District believes that this service is appropriate for the needs of the communities of Knox County and that it will also function to improve

the health of our citizens. Patients will be accepted beginning in late January or early February. An open house will be scheduled in February.

Knox County Museum to host fundraiser

By Mary Jane Young
Knox County Historical Commission

Mark Sunday, February 6 on your calendar and make plans to be at Benjamin's Ex-Students Memorial building to support the preservation of Knox County history and the building of a museum.

Yes, it will cost you for you will be attending a fundraiser. It will cost you time, money and the effort to wrap your eyes around the biggest, most beautiful, most mouth-watering display of pies you'll ever hope to see straight out of the ovens of the best cooks in Knox County baked for the hundreds of history lovers attending, as they do every year.

Not only will Knox County loving historical preservationists be selecting a delicious dessert choice on Sunday, but they will fill their plates from mounds of smoky barbecued brisket and sausage, stacks of tender baked turkey, beans, wonderful bread, fresh potato salad, cole slaw and deviled eggs.

Buying your meal ticket will give you a chance at a door prize. Already \$150 in cash prizes have been donated for the event. Each year many door prizes are made available by businesses and individuals in Knox County.

Anyone wishing to help by donating a prize can contact the Knox County Historical Commission office for information (940) 459-2229.

In past years at these annual meals some have asked, "But are we ever going to get a museum building?" The 2005 answer is, "Yes, and the time is now."

The foundation was poured in the fall of 2004 and can be seen on US Highway 82 one block east of the courthouse in Benjamin.

The next step will be pouring the

porch which will go along the south side of the 100' x 50' building. After that will come the walls, roof, doors, and the windows which will put the interior "in the dry."

This means the basic building will be up, but the interior will be completed as money becomes available.

Making the money available is the purpose of the barbecue tickets along with other projects including brick and stone markers which will be placed on the museum grounds to honor persons of Knox County, living and dead.

The sale of tickets for a quilt to be given away that day, a silent auction, the sale of Knox County historical calendars, and the Joe Barton memories of his World War II experiences.

Also on February 6, the veterans albums and obituary albums will be available for browsing. Each of these projects is a continuing effort. More information is needed for veterans as the goal is to have information about every veteran listed at the Knox County Veterans Memorial.

Obituaries are needed as these newspaper clippings often are very revealing about the lives and families of Knox County people. People should check these albums to make sure their relatives are included, and to donate obituary copies if there is a need.

Anyone wishing to help with the February 6 event in any way, from cooking, serving, washing dishes, etc., is welcome to call (940) 459-2229. Those wishing to donate silent auction items or door prizes can also call for information at the KCHC office or contact a KCHC member.

Freedom of Choice Comes To In-Plant Cotton Insect Protection

With the registration of **WideStrike™ Insect Protection**, freedom of choice returns to the nation's cotton fields.

WideStrike is a new, stacked insect-protection trait developed and introduced for the cotton market by Dow AgroSciences. WideStrike expresses the Cry1F and Cry1Ac proteins from *Bacillus thuringiensis* (Bt) in cotton plants, and was granted full registration by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in September 2004.

Extensive field trials conducted over the past four years demonstrated season-long protection from a broad spectrum of worm pests such as cotton bollworm, tobacco budworm, pink bollworm, fall armyworm, southern armyworm, and loopers. Results were consistent on pests in trials conducted throughout the Southeast, Mid-South and Texas.

Trial results also demonstrated the potential of the three new WideStrike varieties that will be available in limited supplies from PhytoGen Seed Company in 2005. **PHY 440 W** features WideStrike alone, while the others - **PHY 470 WR** and **PHY 480 WR** - feature WideStrike stacked with the Roundup Ready® technology. Field trials have shown these new PhytoGen™ brand varieties demonstrate broad geographical adaptation and potential for high yield and optimal fiber characteristics.

To help protect WideStrike and other Bt cotton products, the same refuge requirements required for current Bt cotton products will be followed in order to help maintain consistency in the market and help extend the durability of Bt cotton in general.

For more information on WideStrike™ Insect Protection and PhytoGen™ brand seed varieties, contact your local ag retailer or visit www.widestrike.com.

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Ralph Porter
Sales Representative
Abilene, TX

I long to accomplish a great and noble task, but it is my chief duty to accomplish small tasks as if they were great and noble.
—Helen Keller

Healthy Tips for Flu & Colds
Hands off of your eyes, nose and mouth.
Each person should have their own cup to avoid sharing germs.
Avoid close contact with those who have a cold or the flu.
Lather up and wash hands frequently.
Thoroughly clean all shared surfaces.
Have a glass of orange juice. It contains a full day's supply of vitamin C to help maintain a healthy immune system.

Knox City Council Agenda

- A. Call to Order.
- B. Invocation.
- C. Public Comments.
- D. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting.
- E. Deliberate and act on Request by Dave Thompson.
- F. Deliberate and act on Resolution for Grant Management Services.
- G. Deliberate and act on Resolution for Engineering Services.
- H. Deliberate and act on Knox County App. District Collection.
- I. Deliberate and act to Call Election for (Sat) May 7, 2005.
- J. Deliberate and act on Appointment of Election Judge.
- K. Deliberate and act on Municipal Assistant Judge.
- L. Deliberate and act on Atmos Energy-GRIP.
- M. Deliberate and act on Chamber Request for Approval of Projects.
- N. Deliberate and act on Bid on Property Held in Trust-Parcel 8896.
- O. Deliberate and act on Lease Well Request by Tommy Richards.
- P. Deliberate and act on Update on City Hall Drawing.
- Q. Deliberate and act on Police Dept. Report and Procedures.
- R. Deliberate and act on Fire Dept. Report and Procedures.
- S. Deliberate and act on Public Works Report and Procedures.
- T. Deliberate and act on Paying of Accounts Payable.
- U. Deliberate and act on Approving Financial Reports.
- V. Adjourn.

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OBITUARIES

Jack Chambers

Jack Chambers, 91, died Sunday, January 2, 2005. Funeral services were held at the Knox City Foursquare Church on January 6, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. Dr. S.O. Westbrook and Steve Pepper officiated.

Jack was born March 2, 1913 in Yell County, Arkansas. He married Bernice Turner April 5, 1942 in Donna, Texas.

They lived in Donna for 53 years where he farmed. They moved to Knox City in 1995.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Bernice.

Survivors include: two sons and daughters-in-law, Paul and Sandra Chambers of Knox City, Texas and Jerry and Viola Chambers of Dickinson, Texas; one brother, John Ed Chambers of Agoura, California; four granddaughters and tree grandsons-in-law, Jodi Chambers of Knox City, Texas, Paula and Tracy Carter of Knox City, Texas, Kimberly and Jesse Goodwin of Troutman, North Carolina, and Kristi and Chris King of Wichita, Kansas; five great-grandchildren, Jordan, Cassidy and Zachary Carter of Knox City, Texas, and Austin and Ethan King of Wichita, Kansas.

The family wishes to express their love and appreciation to Bertha Driver and Bernice Bivens for all their help in making it possible for Dad-Dad to remain living in his home. All who knew and loved Jack will miss his positive attitude, thankful heart, and love for God. We will miss you Dad-Dad.



Ella Estelle Landreth

Graveside services for Ella Estelle Landreth of Knox City were held Saturday, January 8, 2005 at the Aspermont Cemetery in Aspermont with Rev. Bill Trice, pastor of the Sweet Home Baptist Church in Rule, officiating. Mansell-Smith Funeral Home of Knox City was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Landreth, 93, died Thursday, January 6, 2005, in a Haskell hospital.

Born May 15, 1912 in Stonewall County, Texas to Myra Isabelle Hurst and Wilmer Peacock, she married Elmer V. Landreth on December 12, 1928 in Paducah. He preceded her in death on October 22, 1968.

Estelle was a housewife and a loving mother and grandmother. She had lived the past 70 years in Haskell and Knox Counties.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Ruth and Billy Leach of Knox City and Regina and Tony Serrano of Arlington; two sons and daughters-in-law, Wesley and Trudy Landreth of Beeville, Texas and Virgle and Marla Landreth of Tulsa, Oklahoma; four sisters, Maybelle Cleveland of Aspermont, Joyce Goodwin of Paducah, Naida Barker of Winters and Pat Anderson of Garland; two brothers, Bob Peacock of Abilene and Shirley Peacock of Ackerly; 24 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Estelle was preceded in death by her husband; a son, Jack Landreth, in 1994; two brothers, Wesley and Bill Peacock; and two sisters, Hazel Donnell and Ethel Walker.

Pallbearers were Jimmy Landreth, Spencer Landreth, Kevin Leach, Allen Landreth, Bill Landreth, Justin Serrano, and Christopher Serrano.



Margaret Reeder Siecke

Margaret Reeder Siecke, 93, of Abilene, and formerly of Knox City, died Saturday, January 1, 2005 at an Abilene care facility. Graveside funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, January 3, 2005 at the Knox City Cemetery with the Rev. Dolan Brinson and Joe Reeder III officiating and under the direction of Tankersley Funeral Home of Stamford.

Margaret was born on August 10, 1911 in Knox City to the late Joe and Grace Anderson Reeder. A member of an early pioneer family, her grandparents, the late T.P. and Mary Arte Reeder were the first people to homestead in Knox County. Her grandparents gave one-half the land for the town site of Knox City. Her maternal grandparents, the late Sam and Nancy Anderson founded the First Christian Church in Knox City and Margaret was a lifelong member of this church.

She attended school in Knox City and received her Bachelor's degree from Texas Christian University in 1933. She met Paul Siecke in Port Arthur, Texas and they married in July 1983 in the First Christian Church in Knox City. She and Paul were charter members of the Mount Lebanon Christian Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He retired in the early 1970's and they moved to Bryan, Texas.

Margaret moved back to Knox City in 1978 and to Abilene in 1993, where she was a resident at the Windcrest Alzheimer's Care Center.

She is survived by a sister-in-law, Maurine Reeder of Knox City; one niece and nephew-in-law, Jinx and R.A. Shaver III of Rochester; one nephew and niece-in-law, Joe and Celia Reeder III of Fort Worth; four great-nephews and great-nieces-in-law, Richard and Mandy Shaver IV of Summersville, Texas, Ross and Tricia Shaver of Hico, Texas, Joe Reeder IV and Joshua Reeder, both of Fort Worth; one great-niece and great-nephew-in-law, Jennifer and Dale Caddell of Stamford, and three great-great-nephews. Her parents, her husband, and one brother, Joe Reeder, Jr. preceded her in death.

KC Area Church Directory

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FOURSQUARE CHURCH ~ Knox City
Paul Chambers, Pastor
 Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 10:45 a.m.
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John Gillispie, Pastor
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 Sunday Evening at 6:00 p.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF Benjamin
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 Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m. ~ Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.

GILLESPIE BAPTIST CHURCH ~ Gillespie
Matt Harrington, Pastor
 Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.
 Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m. ~ Mid Week, Wed. at 6:00 p.m.

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 Bible Study at 9:00 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m.

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 Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.
 Mid Week, Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

O'BRIEN BAPTIST CHURCH ~ O'Brien
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Tuesday, January 18 Fish with Tarter Sauce, Sweet Peas, Macaroni & Cheese, Hush Puppies, Cake	Friday, January 21 Beef Spaghetti, Fried Squash, Cole Slaw, Garlic Bread, Dessert
Wednesday, January 19 Mexican Casserole, Whole Kernel Corn, Salad, Crackers, Fruit Punch	

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O'BRIEN HAPPENINGS

By Audie Johnston, O'Brien Correspondent

Beatrice Ellis and son David of Alpine were in Plainview this week for Beatrice to see a Doctor about a toe infection of some kind.

David and Diane Roberts were in Lubbock Saturday to attend a basketball game, but weren't too happy over the finish.

Several men from O'Brien Baptist Church attended a 7 o'clock breakfast at Knox City Baptist church on Saturday morning and they all enjoyed the meal and visitation and sermon.

Those from our church were Bro. Jim Reid, Donny Roberts, Orval Manning, Jr. Reeves, John Typard, Mutt Ivie, Joe Godsey and Bro. Bill Trice.

O'Brien was proud to have some people of O'Brien moving back. David Ivy & family moved back after living away from some time.

We still have several from our church and home residents that need our prayers. Patsy Orr, Jonna Stephens, Rose Marie Johnston, Joe Barnard, Loretta Hewitt.

Visiting Adelle Herring on Saturday was her grandson Devin Urbankz of Goree. Today (Monday) Adelle was in Abilene for and eye checkup.

Joe Banner of Hawley spent a while with his mother Billie Walker and they did some odds & ends around the house & yard.

Spring TAAS Tests

Knox City High School will administer the Spring, 2005 exit level TAAS test beginning at 9 A.M. February 22, 23 and 24.

The TAAS test is divided into three specific sections with Writing scheduled for February 22, Mathematics on February 23, and Reading on February 24, 2005.

Students can register online at: <http://k12testing.tx.ncspearson.com/> or by completing a registration form.

Individuals no longer enrolled in a Texas public school who wish to reg-

ister may pick up a registration packet at the Knox City principal's office.

The test registration forms must be completed and returned in the pre-addressed envelope and received in Austin, Texas no later than 5:00 P.M., January 21, 2005.

The Texas Education Agency and NCS Pearson will not be responsible for registration forms that are delayed or lost in the mail.

Questions concerning the TAAS test should be directed to the Texas Education Agency, Student Assessment Division at (512)463-9536.

CARE HOME NEWS

We are all looking forward to a great New Year 2005.

Time is going by so fast, I have enjoyed everyday that I have spent with the residents.

Their smiling faces and the love they have for what ever you do for them. It is like God has blessed me with an extended family.

If anyone would like to volunteer their time for music, games, crafts or anything, just let me know, so as we can set you up on our schedule.

A special thanks to everyone who volunteered last year and the ones that are on our 2005 schedule.

Shirley Taylor
Activity Director

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Estate planning seminars set across Texas

A two-day seminar designed to help families reduce their estate taxes and make effective estate planning decisions will be offered at four different locations across the state in January and February, 2005.

"The goal of our Farm and Ranch Estate Planning Seminars is to help families make wise estate planning decisions by providing a wealth of information on tax and estate planning matters," states Dr. Wayne A. Hayenga, Texas Cooperative Extension Economist-Management.

"It is useful for married couples, spouses, potential estate executors, trustees and those who want to make estate settlement less burdensome for their loved ones."

In addition to discussing estate planning systems, tax savings possibilities will be discussed from corporations, partnerships and trusts when family members are involved in the business.

The two-day seminars are scheduled: January 25-26, 2005 in Robstown; January 31-February 1, 2005 in San Antonio; February 3-4, 2005 in Amarillo; February 14-15, 2005 in Denton; Hayenga is an attorney as well as an Extension Economist.

He works extensively with farmers, ranchers and family-owned firms in financial, business and estate tax planning. The seminars are scheduled from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Registration cost is \$100 per person and includes printed materials, refreshments and lunch both days. For a brochure and registration information, email Sharon at s-wehring@jamu.edu or call (979) 845-2226.

This year the statewide seminars are sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension in cooperation with the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, The Cattleman magazine.

There are three ways to get something done: Do it yourself, employ someone or forbid your children to do it.
—Monta Crane

KITCHEN KORNER

Chili Peppers Can Help Add Warmth To Life

(NAPS)—In the grip of blustery winter weather, many Americans crave a taste of the tropics. Fresh, colorful fruits and vegetables from Mexico can provide some warm sunshine on a cool day—in fact, according to the Fresh Produce Association of the Americas, Mexico provides 25 percent of all produce consumed in the United States during the winter.

One way to add variety and warmth to a menu is by adding Mexican chili peppers to soups, sauces and other recipes. Chiles don't just add heat; in fact, there are many different, flavorful varieties of chili peppers. Fat-free, they're packed with beta-carotene and vitamin C, which help to boost the immune system.

From the mild and sweet ancho pepper to the scorching-hot habañero, chiles can add new flavor and zest to any recipe and any style of cooking. While many think of chili peppers strictly in the context of Southwestern, Mexican or Latin American cuisine, chopped chiles folded into a hearty casserole, stir-fry or stew may be just what the doctor ordered to add excitement to any meal.

Chiles can add spice and sunshine to everything from egg dishes at breakfast time; to salad dressings; to dips and appetizers; to rubs for poultry, beef and pork; to vegetable side dishes—and, yes, even to desserts.

Try this chili sauce as a versatile accompaniment to everything from grilled shrimp to beans and rice. When working with the hot-



Chili peppers can add flavor and zest to just about any dish.

ter chiles, such as the serrano variety called for here, it's a good idea to wear rubber gloves.

Sweet, Salty & Spicy Chili Sauce

- 1 cup Asian sweet chili sauce
- 1 Tbsp. fresh lime juice
- 1 Tbsp. Asian fish sauce or soy sauce
- 1 tsp. minced garlic
- 1 tsp. packed light brown sugar
- 1 tsp. peeled and grated fresh ginger
- 1 tsp. finely chopped fresh cilantro (optional)
- ¼ tsp. finely chopped fresh hot chili, such as serrano, including seeds

Stir together all ingredients. Cover and refrigerate until ready to use; flavors will develop nicely over the course of three or four days. Makes about 1½ cups.

Community Heroes

Celebrating Martin Luther King, Jr. Through Service

(NAPSA)—For hundreds of thousands of Americans, this Martin Luther King Day will be "a day on," not "a day off." That's because this year, people across the country will honor Dr. Martin Luther King's life and legacy through community service.

Working alongside neighbors, families and co-workers, citizens in every state will join together on Monday, January 17 to tutor children, build homes, clean parks, paint classrooms, deliver meals and perform countless other acts of service.

This is the 11th year in which the country has officially marked the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday by encouraging Americans to volunteer and serve their communities. In 1994, Congress passed the King Holiday and Service Act to encourage Americans to celebrate the King holiday as a day of service.

At the time of its passage, Coretta Scott King said, "The greatest birthday gift my husband could receive is if all people of all racial and ethnic backgrounds celebrated the holiday by performing individual acts of kindness through service to others."

During his lifetime, Dr. King sought to forge common ground on which people from all walks of life could join together as equals to address important community issues. Service, he realized, was the great equalizer.

"Dr. King once said, 'Everybody can be great, because everybody can serve,'" said David Eisner, CEO of the Corporation for



For many Americans, Martin Luther King Day will be a day to give back to the community.

National and Community Service, which has led the effort to transform the holiday into a day of service. "On the King holiday and every day, we hope citizens of every age, race and faith honor the legacy of this great American by following his example to serve together to make a better nation."

The King Day of Service is a special initiative sponsored by the Corporation for National and Community Service, the federal agency that administers the Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, and Learn and Serve America programs. The Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change, Inc., Best Buy and other partners are working to transform the King holiday into a day of volunteering and service to others.

To learn more about the King Day of Service and how you can become involved with projects in our area, visit www.mlkday.org.

CORRECTIONS

Last week's Knox City Chamber of Commerce ad had a misspelled name. Mr. Charles Auburg deserves a thank you as a long standing Chamber member and to have his name spelled correctly.

KCHS STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

By Laura Harrington

The Knox City High School Student Council is taking items for Sarah and Rusty Comer of Lovington, NM. The Comers' lost their house and all of their possessions in a house fire.

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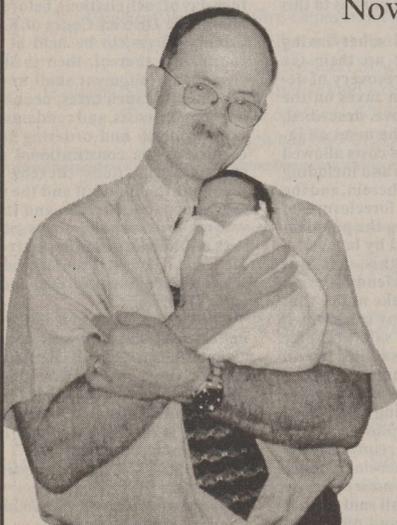
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9, Block 6, Original Townsite to the City of Goree, Knox County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 180, Page 505 of the Deed Records, Knox County, Texas; 100' of the East End of Lot 1, Block 8, Original Townsite to the City of Goree, Knox County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 271, Page 588 of the Deed Records, Knox County, Texas; Lot 17, Block 1, Original Townsite to the City of Goree, Knox County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 180, Page 237 of the Deed Records, Taylor County, Texas; the West 48' of Lots 11 and 12, Block 23, Original Townsite to the City of Goree, Knox County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 153, Page 485 of the Deed Records, Knox County, Texas; Lot 9, Block 62, Original Townsite to the City of Goree, Knox County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 101, Page 212 of the Deed Records, Knox County, Texas; Lot 4, Block 43, Original Townsite to the City of Goree, Knox County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 179, Page 251 of the Deed Records, Knox County, Texas; .140 acres, Lot 8, Block 101, Original Townsite to the City of Goree, Knox County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 225, Page 309 of the Deed Records, Knox County, Texas; Lot 1, Block 99, Original Townsite to the City of Goree, Knox County, Texas being that property more particularly described in

Volume 89, Page 248 of the Deed Records, Knox County, Texas; Lots 3 and 4, Block 54, Original Townsite of the City of Knox City, Knox County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 288, Page 749 of the Deed Records, Knox County, Texas; the East 1/2 of Lot 14 and all of Lot 15, Block 42, Original Townsite to the City of Knox City, Knox County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 256, Page 469 of the Deed Records, Knox County, Texas; the North 50' of Lot 4, Block 135, Reeves & Musser Addition to the City of Munday, Knox County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 55, Page 303 and Volume 61, Page 542 of the Deed Records, Knox County, Texas; Lot 2, Block 9, Warren Addition to the City of Knox City, Knox County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 122, Page 601 of the Deed Records, Knox County, Texas; and a 64' X 100' tract of land, more or less, out of the Southwest corner of Lot 12, Block 4, West Addition, City of Munday, Knox County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 163, Page 94 of the Deed Records, Knox County, Texas.

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiff for taxes in the following amount: \$9,755.41, exclusive of interest, penalties and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes, all said interest, penalties and costs therein allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by the Knox County Appraisal District, Plaintiff, against the above named persons, as Defendants, by petition filed on February 27, 2001, in a certain suit styled the Knox County Appraisal District et al vs. Felix Amberiz, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Knox County, Texas, 50th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 8557, that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit are NONE.

Plaintiff and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, and in addition to the taxes all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiff, Defendants, and Interveners, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties and costs allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefor, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and

answer to all claims and pleadings now on file and which may hereafter be filed in said cause by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance of this citation as set out below, said appearance and answer date being the 7th day of March, A.D., 2005, (which is the return day of such citation), before the honorable District Court of Knox County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiff and the taxing units parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein and all costs of this suit.

This citation is issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court in the City of Benjamin, Knox County, Texas, this 7th day of January, A.D., 2005.

Clerk of the District Court, Knox County, Texas, 50th Judicial District, Ronnie Verhalen.

Deputy Michelle Esquivel, Witness.

Published January 13, 2005 and January 20, 2005

Wardens Offer Tips to Avoid Serious Deer/Car Collisions

FORT WORTH - With rutting, or deer mating season and also hunting season, deer are moving about more than usual. And as a recent fatality in this area demonstrates, there is a greater risk of damage to your car, serious injury or even death from hitting a deer. Experts offer tips to avoid doing so, or at least tips that could help avoid a more serious crash.

A 34-year-old woman from Denton County was driving on a Denton County road just east of the City of Denton recently in a semi-rural area of the metroplex when she was killed by a deer she hit. The collision caused her windshield to cave in. The deer was also killed.

Game Warden Capt. Scott Haney in Fort Worth worked on the case and has some advice to offer drivers in ANY area of Texas, which has a high white tailed deer population.

"You have to maintain your course and if you hit the deer, you hit the deer, but the affects are going to be more severe if you try to swerve or completely slam on the brakes because of the other factors that come into play when you do that (hitting other cars, weather, losing control of the vehicle).

My suggestion is maintain your speed and direction. But sometimes it is just an unavoidable accident," he said.

Though this is the first fatal deer-car collision Haney can recall in his area, deer-car accidents tally to more than 1.5 million crashes in the United States, costing an estimated \$1.1 billion in vehicle damage, according to recent reports from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. The average cost per insur-

ance claim was \$2,000, with costs varying depending on the type of vehicle and severity of damage, according to the Institute.

During deer season, there can be dramatic movements in the deer population with a significant number of deer darting onto highways and into suburban neighborhoods. So the Institute agrees with Haney that this is the most likely time to hit a deer on the road.

"As our wildlife habitat continues to shrink, accidents with deer and other animals are likely to increase unless we are more vigilant in our driving," said Jeanne M. Salvatore, vice president of Consumer Affairs for the Institute.

The Institute suggests the following defensive driving tips to avoid hitting a deer:

- Be attentive from sunset to midnight and hours shortly before and after sunrise. These are the highest-risk periods.

- Drive with caution when moving through deer-crossing zones, in areas known to have a large deer population and in areas where roads divide agricultural fields from forestland. Deer seldom run alone. If you see one deer, others may be nearby.

- When driving at night, use high beam headlights when there is no oncoming traffic. The high-beams will better illuminate the eyes of deer on or near the roadway.

- Brake firmly when you notice a deer in or near your path, but stay in your lane. Many serious crashes occur when drivers swerve to avoid a deer and hit another vehicle or lose control of their cars.

- Do not rely on devices such as

deer whistles, deer fences and reflectors to deter deer. These devices have not been proven to reduce deer-vehicle collisions.

- Always wear your seat belt. Deer-vehicle collisions can result in serious injuries. People tend to underestimate how much damage collisions with animals can cause.

- If your vehicle strikes a deer, it's best not to touch the animal. The frightened and wounded animal could hurt you or itself. If the deer is blocking the roadway and poses a danger to other motorists, you should call law enforcement. Contact your insurance agent or company representative to report any damage to your car. Collision with a deer or animals is covered under the comprehensive portion of automobile policies.

And if you have a wreck that kills a deer, the question many people want answered — can you keep the deer?

"There is a statute that says TPWD can donate animals killed accidentally by vehicles to group homes, orphanages, places like that, but typically what we do is, if you want the deer, most of the time we will let you keep it. But, what you need to do is contact the local sheriff's office to reach a local game warden when you hit a deer," Haney said

Meanwhile, he continues to respond to the calls that do come in, acknowledging that many more deer are hit than are reported.

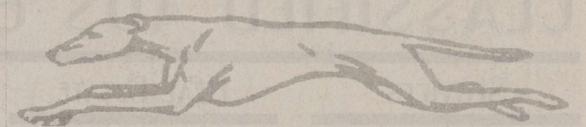
"We probably get about six or seven calls a week in my district, and we're in a five-county area. There's no telling how many we don't hear of."

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High School Basketball



Greyhounds Take Number Three Paducah Down to the Wire



The Knox City defense was all over state-ranked Paducah from start to finish Tuesday night but fell just short, 60-54.

A strong defensive effort and a great inside-outside offense kept the home team in the game but there was one area where the Greyhounds were at a disadvantage.

Paducah went to the free shot line 43 times, sinking 27, compared to Knox City's five-of-nine from the line. The game changed leads a dozen times with the score tied at the end of the first and third quarters. At the half, Paducah was up by four.

Quentin Spells went off from downtown in the fourth quarter, hitting three consecutive three-pointers to give the Greyhounds the lead 49-42 with just under six minutes left. Spells finished the game with 21 points including five treys to keep the game close throughout.

Dustin Johnson, who was matched up against Paducah's big man, worked the paint for 19 points and doubled up for 11 boards.

Johnson broke free on a fast break pass from Derek Magana to tie the game at 27 all late in the third quarter.

Jeremy Saxton hit four buckets and also defended the much taller opponents with help from Grant Lewis and Magana. Lewis added four points and Magana had two.

Paducah went to the line seven times in the final thirty seconds of play, including an unexplained technical foul that really got the hometown crowd buzzing. Paducah now stands at 15-5 overall and 5-0 in district.

Knox City falls to 6-11 overall and 3-2 in district. Friday night the Greyhounds will take it on the road to Guthrie for another district matchup.

Greyhounds Basketball

Down by 18 points with just over six minutes remaining in the fourth quarter, the Knox City Greyhounds went on an furious 11-2 run against the Seymour Panthers last Tuesday night but fell short 38-47.

Good hustle in the paint from Dustin Johnson and timely outside shooting from Quentin Spells led the comeback effort for the Greyhounds. Jeremy Saxton, who added 12 points offensively, played a tough game defensively against the Panthers.

Spells was the high scorer for Knox City with 14, Johnson added five points, Derek Magana had four and T.J. Richardson scored three to

round out the offensive stats for the Greyhounds.

Friday night the Hounds bounced back with a hard-fought win over Jayton, 50-42.

Spells led the way again for the Knox City offense with 17 points, followed closely by Saxton with 14 and Johnson with 10. Magana added 6 points, Grant Lewis had two and Brandon Grimsley sank one from the free throw line.

The boys improved to 3-1 in district play and face a tough Paducah team Tuesday night at home. Paducah is ranked in the top five of several statewide polls.

Lady Stangs Basketball

The Lady Stangs demolished Vernon Northside on the road last Friday, 65-26.

Cassie Lyles led Benjamin's offensive juggernaut with 15 points. Shaylee Propps heated up for 14, Karla and Sadie Benson added 10 each.

Nafeesa Ebraheim came off the bench and settled in the paint to score four points, and Margaret Siemens and Laura Benson chipped in four as well. Rounding out the scoring with two each were Nancy and Tina Siemens.

Houndettes Coast to Win Over Paducah, 76-27

Basketball definitely takes a team effort to be successful and Tuesday night the Knox City Houndettes were just that. A very successful team.

"Overall we played well as a team and that allowed us to excel in this game tonight," Coach Shannon Fisher said.

Nikki Moss continues to dominate in her matchups each week and her tireless effort is often too much for opposing players.

Eight players for the home team scored against Paducah. Leading the charge were Moss with 18, Sophie Gutierrez and Shana Nicholson with

13 each, and Jessica Albus tore up the paint inside for 12.

Kayla Martin also had the hot hand scoring 11, and Bridgett Billington and Jamilla Ward had two apiece.

Tonight was one of the best games we've played all year," Fisher added. "We had it going inside and outside on offense and Jessica (Albus) really stepped it up for us on the inside."

The quickness of the varsity girls is a great advantage and one Coach Fisher appreciates.

"The amount of floor Sophie (Gutierrez) covers is phenomenal," Fisher stated. "Her speed is a real threat and

teams have to take that into consideration when they play us."

The only way to catch up to the three-time state track and field qualifier was after the game.

"There's a lot of competition out there but I can usually beat them down the court," Gutierrez said. "We're a good team but a lot of opponents underestimate us."

Gutierrez' teammate Brittany Hawkins, who dumped in five points summed it up well.

"We think we can stay with any team in the state if we bring our A-game," Hawkins said.



Houndettes vs. Seymour

When the Knox City Houndettes take to the basketball court, opponents should know one thing for certain. Bring your "A" game.

Even though Seymour came out on top last Tuesday, 49-35, the Houndettes stayed with the Panthers for most of the night.

Nikki Moss led the Houndettes in scoring with 19 points, her season average, and continued her impressive defensive play. Another defensive standout for Knox City is senior So-

phie Gutierrez. Also a track and field standout for Knox City, Gutierrez is so quick, no passing lane is safe with her on the court. She also scored four points for the offense.

Adding to the scoring for the Houndettes were Shana Nicholson with six points, Brittany Hawkins with four and Jessica Albus chipped in two.

The Houndettes overall record stands at 12-6 and they remain at 2-1 in District 8-1A.



Benjamin Boys Hoops

The Mustangs picked up a crucial win on the road against Vernon Northside in last Friday night's thriller, 47-46.

"This was a great district win over Northside," Coach Danny Copeland said. "Our four seniors led us to this big win and we needed it."

Senior Chance Propps scored 24 points and classmate Seth Kuehler added 20. Matthew Cartwright cleared the glass for seven rebounds and Kuehler pulled down eight and dished

out six assists. Seniors Michael Clower grabbed four boards and one steal. Carlos Rodriguez hit one bucket from the line and Tomas Acevedo added two points, two steals and both juniors played their usual stingy defense.

The win over Northside improves Benjamin's record to 10-4 overall, and 2-0 in district play.

Tuesday night's scheduled game was forfeited by the Megargel Mustangs.

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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Houndettes vs. Jayton

Near the end of the second half and all throughout the third period, Knox City turned up the defensive pressure last Friday in Jayton for their third district win, 64-43.

"We went to a zone press right before the half and stayed with it in the third quarter," Coach Shannon Fisher said. "It caused a lot of turnovers from Jayton and we were able to take advantage of them."

Knox City scored 21 points in the third to put the game away early. Once again Nikki Moss was the high scorer

for the Houndettes with 24, followed by Kayla Martin with 10 and Sophie Gutierrez with nine.

Adding to the scoring flurry were Brittany Hawkins with six points, Shana Nicholson and Jessica Albus had five each, Bridgett Billington scored three and Kursten Stafford sank one bucket for the Houndettes.

Tuesday night the Houndettes faced Paducah, a game that could decide the district title. Scores were not available at press time but will follow in next week's edition.



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