

### New deadlines at the News

The News Office is asking our readers and advertisers to take note that our deadline for ads and news information has been moved up to Mondays at 5:00 p.m. We have had to make this move in order give ourselves more time getting each issue ready.

### No school on Thursday, Feb. 26

Knox City - O'Brien CISD Superintendent Louis Baty advises parents that teachers will have a work day on Thursday, Feb. 26 and there will be no school.

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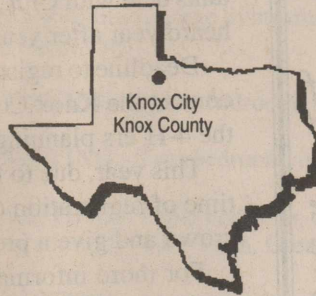


### KC Elementary News

Principal Maribeth Williams reflects on a valuable lesson she learned from a student at a basketball game.

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## Filing begins for city, school, hospital elections

Along with the Democratic Primary Election on March 10 for state and county offices, the filing began on Monday for the City Council of Knox City, the Knox City - O'Brien Consolidated Independent School District Board of Directors, and the Knox County

Hospital Board of Directors. With an election date set for May 2, the last date for filing for a spot on the ballot will be Wednesday, March 18. In the elections for the City Council of Knox City, the terms of councilmen Carol Felts, Ben

Vasquez, and Walter Rauch are up for election. All three positions are for a two year term of office. If you are interested in filing for one of these City Council positions, you need to contact Brenda Correll at City Hall prior to March 18.

In the elections for the Knox City - O'Brien CISD Board of Directors, the terms of Dwayne Johnson and Dale Turner are up for election. A former board member, Dale Turner was named to fill the unexpired position of former board member Jerry Williams

when he resigned. Both positions are for three year terms. To file for a place on the ballot, you need to contact the Superintendent's office. In the elections for the Board of Directors of the Knox County Hospital District, the terms of

Peggy McGaughey of Knox City and Don Bunton of Munday will be on the ballot. Both positions are for two year terms of office. To file for a place on the hospital election ballot, you need to contact the office of Kevin Ansley, Hospital Administrator.



WORLD FAMOUS WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHER Wyman Meinzer of Benjamin is shown in this photograph with Kenji (at left), and Riyo before they left Texas for Pennsylvania.

### Wyman goes 'international'....

Wildlife photographer Wyman Meinzer of Benjamin added an international flair to his world-wide resume recently when he was interviewed for Japan's Esquire Magazine.

The magazine is carrying an advertisement for a Japanese watch manufacturer in several upcoming issues. In the ads, the watch company is using notable American photographers to display the watches. The advertisement will highlight the photographers with a one or two page spread in Esquire, telling about the work of each photographer.

Writer 'Riyo' and photographer 'Kenji' from Japan's Esquire Magazine flew in to meet Wyman in Lubbock, then traveled with Wyman to Yellow Horse Canyon for the photo shoot. While in Lubbock the Japanese duo wanted authentic American food, so Wyman took the pair to a bar-b-que restaurant for a real 'Texas style' meal!

After finishing their assignment with Wyman, Riyo and Kenji boarded a plane for Philadelphia to continue their work, traveling around the United States while interviewing and taking pictures of American photographers.

### Grand jury returns indictments

A Knox County Grand Jury returned ten indictments against nine individuals on Wednesday, February 11, according to District Attorney Bill Neal.

Rohn Kingston, 26, of Goree and Christi Nacole Cameron, 20, also of Goree, were both indicted on three counts of injury to a child, a first degree felony; Kimberly Diane McMillian, 33, of Clyde, and Jerry Edward Dugan, 31, also of Clyde, were indicted for theft over \$20,000.00 / Under \$100,000.00. Dugan was also indicted for felony DWI.

Also indicted were Jason Curtis Rannels, 26, of Knox City, theft

of a firearm; Nelson Salmeron Ramos, 28, Irving, felony DWI; and Mark Sosa, 24, Knox City, felony DWI.

Also, Roy Quintinilla Lerma, 32, of Knox City, deadly conduct with a firearm; and Cresencia Mary Castillo, 35, of Abilene, aggravated assault.

Grand jury members were Mary Zeissel Groves, foreman; Carneal B. Gleaves, Barbara Horne, Randal Kinnibrough, Debra Moorhouse, Billy G. Young, Ynosencia Ramirez, Raul Espinosa Jr., Leona Burkhams, Frieda Pope Brown, Frank Dutton and Pam Bloxham.

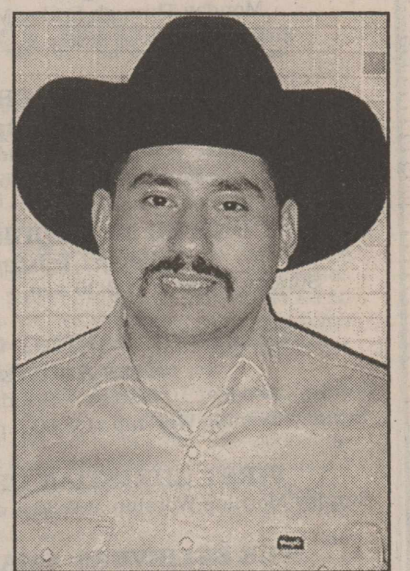
## Andrade seeks election as Knox County Sheriff

Johnny M. Andrade, candidate for Knox County Sheriff in the March 10 Democratic primary, has issued the following formal statement to voters:

"My name is Johnny M. Andrade, and I am currently your Chief Deputy of the Knox County Sheriff's Department. I am running for the position for Sheriff of Knox County, so let me tell you a little bit about myself. I was born in Houston, Texas, on April 5, 1959, moving to Knox County when I was less than a year old. I went to Munday Elementary, Junior High and graduated from Munday High School in 1978. I attended South Plains Junior College in Levelland, Texas, which began my interest in my law enforcement career. I began as a Reserve Peace Officer in Munday in 1985, after receiving my Reserve Peace Officer's license, staying as a reserve until 1992. In 1987, I earned my Basic Peace Officer's License, then received my Basic Jailers License in 1988. I worked with the Texas Department of Corrections in Huntsville and Snyder, Texas, from 1988-1992. I have been with the Knox County Sheriff's Department since March 1992. I have seen a lot of changes having worked with three Sheriffs, my commitment and determination have remained the same through all of them. I was interim Sheriff from August 1, 1997 until October 15, 1997, working along, but always with the help and support of the local Law Enforcement Agencies. This relationship is very important to me as I feel that the cooperation between the different local Law Enforcement Agencies is vital to our survival. This is a large County with relatively few officers. My training and education has not stopped after I received my licenses. I continued my education through Wichita Falls Colleges, Abilene Colleges, Texas Department of Public Safety, Lubbock Colleges, Texas Municipal League, West Central Texas Council of

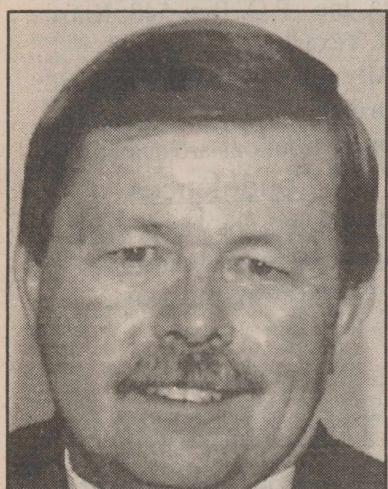
Governments, North Central Texas Regional, South Plains Association of Government, Abilene and Wichita Falls Police Departments. I have received training in Investigations, Basic Telecommunications, Texas Crime Information Center (TCIC), National Crime Information Center (NCIC), Family Violence Prevention, Child Abuse Prevention, Management, Supervision, Standardized Field Sobriety Testing, Hazardous Material (HAZ-MAT), Cultural Diversity, and Special Investigations, just to name a few. I've also received training on the duties that the Sheriff's Department perform every day, such as proper and legal procedures on serving civil papers and criminal warrants, courtroom procedures on being a bailiff in County and District Courts, and safe and proper procedures for transporting prisoners. I am also designated as a Crime Victim Liaison Officer, which deals with victims of crime. As you can see being in Law Enforcement is very demanding. I have over 704 hours of training, 13 years experience as a Peace Officer, 6 1/2 years experience as a Telecommunications Operator, 9 years experience as a Jailer, and 5 years experience as a Crime Victim Liaison Officer. I am

*See Andrade.....Contd. on Page 3*



Johnny Andrade

## Speck seeks re-election as District/County Clerk



Danny Speck

Danny Speck, seeking re-election as Knox County and District Clerk, has released the following statement to Knox County voters:

"I have been serving Knox County for the past three years as County and District Clerk. Two years prior to taking office, I was a deputy clerk trained by Gloria L. West. I feel with this experience and training that I am capable of filling the duties and responsibilities of this office.

"Since I have been associated with the office, many changes have taken place. I have tried to keep abreast of these changes by attending schools and conferences concerning the laws and duties. New methods of running the office and keeping records are necessary due to the many changing laws and technology. As your Clerk, I've tried to keep up with these changes to better serve the citizens of Knox County.

"This office has a tremendous task of preserving and protecting the records for the citizens of Knox County. I feel a strong concern for this responsibility and I will, if re-elected, continue to preserve and protect

these records with the latest and best updates available. I am currently responsible for the duties of the office. Some of these duties consist of monthly reports, minutes of Commissioner's Court, records management, hunting and fishing license and administrator of elections. I am also responsible for the filing of court cases, child support funds, trust funds, recording land records, birth and death certificates, marriage license, probate and brand registration.

"I feel that at the age of 45, that I am capable and ready to continue to handle the duties of this office. I was born and raised in Knox County and have lived here most of my life. I graduated from Benjamin High School in 1971 and I served for five years in the United States Navy. My wife, Sherry, of 19 years is a school teacher for Knox City-O'Brien CISD. We have two children, Julie, a senior at Angelo State University and Shawn, an eighth grade student at O'Brien Middle School. I also have a stepdaughter, Joy, and two grandsons, Zakery and Brandon, who live in Fort Worth. We are members of the Knox City Foursquare Church.

"I would appreciate being able to continue to serve the people of Knox County. Due to my work schedule, I have not been able to get out and meet each one of you personally as I would have liked to, so I would like to take this opportunity to ask for your vote and support in the upcoming Democratic Primary Election on March 10."





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1/24	23	61	
1/25	38	69	
1/26	36	68	
1/27	27	72	
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1/29	37	61	
1/30	29	70	
1/31	47	68	
2/1	39	58	
2/2	31	64	
2/3	34	49	
2/4	36	39	
2/5	33	37	.21
2/6	29	42	
2/7	26	55	
2/8	35	61	
2/9	40	72	

**New members appointed to historical board**

Three new members of the Knox County Historical Commission were announced at the meeting. They are Betty Moore and Pat Smith of Munday and Mary Birkenfeld of Rhineland. These were all recently approved by the Knox County Commissioners Court.  
Plates and other supplies left over from the dinner were bought by various board members for community centers and church fellowship programs in the county.

include an allowance for the museum, archives and some office needs of KCHC activities in the next county budget.

A meeting in March will include a program by Doris Crownover, who recently attended a workshop on museum preservation methods. The date will be announced later and the public is invited.

Mary Jane Young pointed out that the success of the project came from not only the KCHC members but also from the contributions and help of numerous Knox County citizens, from those who bought tickets to helping with the

food and food service, to making donations.

"Their support made the event a success and it was deeply appreciated," she said. "The desire of Knox County for a museum was reflected in the support so many people gave to the February 8 project."

Members of the KCHC and others met at the Benjamin center, Tuesday, February 10, to review the event. Plans were made to have another fundraiser dinner in 1999.

The project was discussed to not successes and ways the event can be improved.

**Social Security News Update**

**Medicare three month sign up period ends March 31, 1998**  
Social Security beneficiaries age 65 or over who don't have Part B Medicare (medical insurance) coverage, can sign up during the 1998 annual enrollment period from January 1 through March 31, 1998. Each year, the U.S. government offers the three-month open enrollment period to give beneficiaries who didn't enroll when they were first eligible or who dropped their coverage in the interim. If you enroll during this period, your coverage will begin July 1, 1998. For 1998, the cost for Part B coverage is \$43.80 per month.  
People who want to sign up for Part B Medicare coverage should call Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. any business day.

**Baby needs a Social Security number**  
Babies are a lot of fun, but they bring with them a lot of responsibility. One of the first things you probably want to do is get a Social Security number for your baby so that you can include him or her as a dependent on your tax return. The Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 changes what you have to do to get your baby a Social Security number.  
Effective immediately, the new law requires the Social Security Administration (SSA) to obtain the Social Security numbers of parents when an application is made for a Social Security number for a child who is under age 18. Because of the new law, SSA will also forward the parents' Social Security numbers to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for use in administering tax benefits based on support or residence of children. Therefore, you should be prepared to provide the Social Security numbers of both your baby's mother and father as part of the application process for a Social Security number for your baby. This change in the law applies only to first time applications for a child's Social Security number. The new regulation does not apply to requests for replacement cards.  
Once you receive your child's Social Security card, keep it in a safe place, as you would any important document. If you should lose the card, Social Security will replace it at no charge.

**Working while retired? You can earn more in 1998**  
Social Security beneficiaries who will be working during 1998 should note that they can earn more money and still receive their full benefit amount. Beneficiaries between the ages of 65 and 69 can earn up to \$14,500 a year (up from \$13,500 in 1997) before benefits are reduced \$1 for every \$3 in excess earnings. Beneficiaries under age 65 can earn up to \$9,120 a year (up from \$8,640 in 1997) before benefits are reduced \$1 for every \$2 in excess earnings. The earnings limits do not apply to working beneficiaries age 70 and older.

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## WCTCOG approves three grants for Knox County

ABILENE - Knox County Judge David N. Perdue reports that during the January Board of Directors meeting of the West Central Texas Council of Governments finalized and approved three grant awards for Knox County.

(1) Brush / tree chipper, diesel operated, with an automatic feed system capable of cutting trees and brush up to 12-14" diameter. This grant cost Knox County nothing and is worth \$21,000. Only five of these awards were approved in the 19 county area.

(2) Another grant, given to Knox County and the City of Benjamin, was \$600.00 to purchase a used economy recycling baler. This will be used to bale recycled cardboard and paper.

(3) The Knox County Aging Center in Knox City received a new fax machine at no cost to the county.

Additionally, a new Emergency

Response System (ERS) was approved that serves seniors and / or disabled persons, allowing them the ability to have a comfortable and safe living arrangement while maintaining independence. It also gives peace of mind to loved ones and / or friends who may be concerned about the safety or well-being of the individual.

Judge Perdue reported that this program has not been upgraded in about ten years. This upgrade will consist of the ERA program purchasing new communication and smaller lightweight personal help buttons that can be worn around the neck or wrist.

Some of the new benefits will include automatic two-way voice which permits immediate verbal contact with an operator after the button has been pushed and the operator calls the recipient back.

A remote answering service will allow subscribers with mobility limitations to answer in-

coming phone calls easily (can answer phone when it rings by pushing the personal help button). This feature can be used daily for all incoming calls. The recipient never has to leave their present condition to get to the phone.

This new upgrade system will increase response time to alarms, will have continuous internal checks on the unit and the system is monitored 24 hours a day by trained operators. These operators will ensure that help is secured before terminated contact with the recipient. The cost of the service is \$30.00 per month with a one time installation fee of \$25.00. More information will be available when the new system is available.

Judge Perdue is a past president of the Council of Governments and remains as a member of the Board with State Representative David Counts of Knox City.

## News from Knox City Elementary



By Maribeth Williams, Principal

I want to thank you as parents, community members, teachers and students for making our annual PTO baked potato supper a success. Your donations of food, money, time and effort are very much appreciated. The money our Elementary PTO has raised this year will go toward the purchase of Accelerated Reader, a reading program which uses computer testing to check comprehension

after students have read specific library books.

Elementary Wisdom: I was on duty at a local basketball game a couple of weeks ago. We were playing Munday and our boys had run neck and neck with the Moguls for most of the game. Our Hounds played hard and had all of us fans really worked up into the game, yelling, chanting.

Toward the end of the game I went to the stands so I could see all the action and really participate in the excitement. I sat next to the aisle, four of five rows up. A fourth grade boy sat across the aisle from me. In a minute he moved over beside me. At about

this point the Munday score started to slide away from us and everybody around me said it was because of some bad referee calls. It looked that way to me, too.

Now there were only seconds left to play. My fourth grade buddy still sat beside me. He touched my arm and said, "Mrs. Williams, I think we're gonna lose." I nodded back to him. Then he solemnly said, "we've lost some other games, too, haven't we?" I answered that yes, we had. He looked at me, his face still serious and he said slowly, "but we just have to remember," and with a proud tilt of his chin, he added, "that we are the Greyhounds."

## Jane's News Notes By Jane Rowan, Knox County Extension Agent - FCS

### Food safety training available to food service managers

Local food establishments have a chance to show their customers that they really do come first by attending a food safety training seminar beginning March 19.

The Food Protection Management Training Program is an effort of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in cooperation with the National Restaurant Association, Texas Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association and the Texas Department of Health. The program seeks to better educate food handlers to reduce the risk of foodborne illness.

Food managers who participate in the 15 hour course will receive in-depth training in all areas of food safety. The course will cover the latest information in food safety including: personal hygiene; how to use food thermometers and keep temperature logs; how to store food safely; how to prepare, serve and hold food safely; and methods of cleaning and sanitizing.

Food service establishments that participate in this program will receive numerous benefits. Good food safety practices provide a proactive defense against costs (legal fees, insurance, lost wages, medical claims) of a foodborne illness outbreak. Food

service operations can increase the quality of their food and improve profitability by reducing waste with safe food storage and transportation. Also, those establishments under the Texas Department of Health's jurisdiction will receive a 10 percent reduction in license fees annually while the certification is in effect.

Many public health jurisdictions in urban areas of Texas already require training. This training and certification is designed for managers of any establishment in Texas involved in preparing or serving food to customers including restaurants, cafeterias, hospitals, nursing homes, school lunch programs, day care facilities, grocery stores, convenience stores and mobile vendors.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 24 to 81 million people get sick and more than 10,000 related deaths occur due to food poisoning in the United States each year.

Those who complete the 15 hour course and obtain a satisfactory score on the course exam will receive certification from the National Restaurant Association. They also will qualify to join the Industry Council on Food Safety and to receive a decal to display in their window, which lets custom-

ers know the managers are certified in food safety.

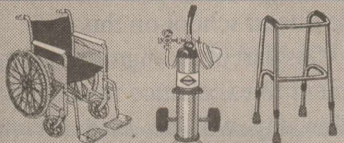
The bonus of the Food Protection Management Training Program is that it is a train-the-trainer course. Managers who complete the program are urged to teach food safety to their employees. We have been educating consumers for years on food safety at home. Customers are improving their food safety habits. Now, it's time to lend a hand to those food businesses who feed us when we are away from home.

Training materials for the course are provided by the SERVSAFE Program from The Educational Foundation of the National Restaurant Association. The fifteen hour course is tentatively planned to be taught in three separate Thursday evening sessions on March 19, March 26, and April 2. The first session will be held at the Haskell County Extension office beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Cost of the training is \$99. Registration forms have been mailed to most food service establishments in Knox County. If you are interested and did not receive a registration form, contact the Knox County Extension office at 454-2651. Deadline for registering is Monday, March 2, 1998.

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Thank you . . . for all the expressions of love shown to us during the loss of our sister Jene. The beautiful flowers, cards, prayers, phone calls, food and visits helped make our sorrow easier to bear. Friends are truly a gift from God. Bud & Sequoyah Reynolds & family Cleo Collins & family

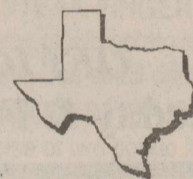
## Mitzi Ham & family . . .



Mitzi and her family... Seated, Heath - age two and Mitchell - age five. Standing, Ray - age 14 and Misty - age 17.

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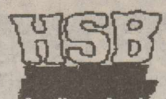


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### No school on February 26

Louis Baty, School Superintendent, has informed The Knox County News that students will not be required to attend classes on Thursday, February 26. However, students assigned to the Alternative Education Placement (AEP) program will be required to attend school on this date.

As part of an ongoing commitment to excellence in education, this day will be used for staff development allowing instructional and administrative personnel the opportunity to increase their technological skills. Through these increased skills school personnel will be able to more effectively use the technology provided by the TIF grant the district received this past year.

### Local weather

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Date	Low	High	Rain
2/10	39	57	
2/11	31	63	
2/12	39	48	.35
2/13	40	55	
2/14	39	57	
2/15	48	57	
2/16	42	48	.85

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### Knox City featured in 1998 Texas Midwest Guide

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A project of Texas Midwest Community Network, the 64-page full color guide is a marketing tool for tourism and quality of life in a 20 county region surrounding Abilene. In addition to a regional calendar of annual events, listings can be found for attractions, accommodations, bed and breakfasts, golf courses, lakes and

camping, medical facilities, recreation and state parks. Each participating town is featured with a description of its history and community highlights.

Guides are distributed to Texas Travel Information Centers at 11 entry points along the Texas border, chamber of commerce offices in the region, convention and visitors bureaus around the state and at 14 trade shows from coast to coast. Information in the guide is also offered on the TMCN

home page through the Internet.

The list of participating communities includes Abilene, Albany, Anson, Aspermont, Baird, Ballinger, Breckenridge, Brownwood, Cisco, Clyde, Coleman, Colorado City, Comanche, Cross Plains, Eastland, Gorman, Hamlin, Haskell, Knox City, Ranger, Rising Star, Rotan, Snyder, Stamford, Sweetwater and Winters.

For guide information, contact local chamber offices or call the TMCN office at 915-893-2099.

### TDA to mail ballots for March 11 regional boll weevil vote

AUSTIN—Cotton farmers and landowners with cotton production are eligible to vote in a March 11 referendum that will determine whether a boll weevil eradication program should continue in the 22-county Rolling Plains Central Boll Weevil Eradication Zone.

Eligible voters in the Rolling Plains Central Boll Weevil Eradication Zone should receive an official ballot by mail the week of Feb. 18. A postage-paid return envelope will be included. Completed ballots must be postmarked before midnight, March 11 to be counted. Producers who planted cotton in 1997, but do not receive a ballot should contact the Texas Department of Agriculture at (512) 463-7593.

In addition to deciding if an eradication program should continue in the zone, voters will elect a board member from the Rolling Plains Central Zone to serve on

the statewide board of directors for the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Inc.

Those candidates seeking to represent the Rolling Plains Central Boll Weevil Eradication Zone on the statewide board are Woody Anderson of Mitchell County and Mike Massey of Nolan County. Both candidates are cotton producers who farm in the zone and who have grown cotton for at least seven years.

Unlike establishment referenda where two-thirds of all voters must approve a proposition, a majority of those returning ballots will determine whether an eradication program will continue. Growers in the Rolling Plains Central Zone initially approved a boll weevil eradication program Dec. 1, 1994 and a maximum assessment of \$10 per land acre to fund it. If cotton producers vote to continue the program, the assessment rate

will remain at that level.

The March 11 referendum for the zone was established by new legislation that corrects a constitutional problem found by the Texas Supreme Court with the statewide boll weevil eradication program. Under the new statute, the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation continues to carry out the program. However, TDA takes on additional responsibilities that include setting new elections on assessments and eradication programs in regional zones and appointing advisory committees for each zone.

Counties in the Rolling Plains Central Eradication Zone are: Baylor, Callahan, Comanche, Eastland, Erath, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Palo Pinto, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Young, Stonewall, Throckmorton, and parts of Archer, Borden, Brown and Taylor.

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### Early voting begins Monday

Early voting in March 10 Democratic Primary will begin Monday, February 23, and continue through Friday, March 6, at the County Clerk's office in the

Courthouse at Benjamin.

By mail voting is already underway and requests for ballots by mail may be made until Tuesday, March 3.

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### Co. retired school personnel to meet Tues.

The Knox County Retired School Personnel will meet Tuesday, February 24, at 2:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Munday. Program will be by the "Elementary Music Markers" directed by Marilyn Bennett.

### Aging center lunch menus

February 23 thru 27

**Monday, February 23** - Beef and macaroni casserole, tossed green salad, hominy casserole, blackeyed peas, cornbread, cobbler.

**Tuesday, February 24** - Chicken strips with gravy, carrot and raisin salad, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, cake.

**Wednesday, February 25** - Chicken and rice, fresh garden salad, corn, sweet peas, sliced bread, cobbler.

**Thursday, February 26** - German sausage, apple and cabbage slaw, butter beans, turnip greens, hot rolls, cookies.

**Friday, February 27** - Chicken fried steak with gravy, green pea salad, baked potato, hot rolls, 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.)

### Baptist women attend meeting

Twenty-three women from the Haskell/Knox WMU Association of First Baptist gathered recently.

A meal was enjoyed and Sammie Turner of First Baptist Church in Haskell reviewed the book, "Come Go With Me".

This title is the theme for the year.

Topics included Jesus' Model of Ministry, Turning Stumbling Blocks into Stepping Stones, Joy, Faith and Repentance.

Attending were Mae Lou Yeldell and Stevie Mae Jackson of Greater Independent, Billie Cadenhead, Millie Smith of Munday FBC, Dorothy Trussell, Billyjo Roberson, Mildred Robertson, Mary Martin, Lorene Adams, Gladys O'Neal, Jerene Couch, Gene Culpepper, Haskell FBC; Bobbie Brass, Barbara Kile and Linda Hensley, Rule FBC; Modelle Barton, Rochester; Mary Nivens, Haskell FBC; Joy Riggins, Elizabeth Acree, Gerri Newberry, Rochester FBC; Tomi May, Rule FBC; and Ella Mae Anderson and Dell Groves, Gillespie Baptist.

Project for this year's association is the Hospitality House in Abilene.

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### On A Wizer Note....

By Paul Weiser, Knox County Extension Agent - Ag.

#### Grain pests, weed control

With the warm, wet weather that we have experienced this winter, wheat farmers can only hope for a good yield. However, some fields are experiencing pest problems. Greenbugs and other aphids are multiplying fast in several ungrazed fields. While some of the fields that are being grazed seem to be keeping greenbug numbers down.

There are two other small grain pests to keep your eyes on. Watch for winter grain mites and army cutworms.

The winter grain mite will produce two generations annually. Second generation mites are being found in Wichita, Wilbarger and Archer counties. I have not received any reports of winter grain mite problems in Knox County. Very large winter grain mite numbers, hundreds per row foot, accompanied by the wheat foliage turning gray is a good indication that control measures are needed.

Army Cutworms are being found in Wichita County and possibly in some fields in northern Knox County. Many of these Army Cutworms are small and are not causing excessive damage. As these worms grow the

amount of damage will increase greatly. Wheat that is making good growth is less likely to be damaged. Wheat with slow growth can be damaged quite heavily. Army Cutworms will have only one generation each year. Most of their damage is noticed in February and March.

Before applying any chemical it is important to positively identify the pest. A pest identification training is being planned. This training will mainly cover cotton insects, however, it will be beneficial for wheat producers also. The date and location hasn't been finalized. Please watch for more details.

I have had a few calls regarding weed control in lawns and gardens. One of the easiest ways to kill weeds now is the use of blyphosate (Roundup®). This chemical will kill any growing vegetation that it is applied to. The best part about Roundup is that it will not travel through the soil to other plants.

There are other products that will work the same as Roundup. I do not know all of the names. Be sure that you do not use a soil sterilant. These type of chemicals will keep any vegetation from growing for months or years at a time. If a tree or grass roots hit the

area this is applied to that tree or grass will also die.

It has also been asked about applying a weed and feed to the area to be used for a garden. If the chemical applied is a pre emergent herbicide - this means it keeps weed seeds from sprouting - it will or could possibly keep pea, bean, corn, or any other vegetable crops seeds from sprouting.

Once again, a good safe plan is a chemical like Roundup. Apply it to growing weeds. Please remember that Roundup works very slow - about two weeks.

No matter what your chemical needs are, please be sure to read the entire label before applying. This is to ensure that the product will control the pest that you have. It is also important to be sure that it will not control anything that you do not want controlled - lawn, roses, pest, etc. Be sure to also follow directions on how to apply and read and follow all safety precautions on the label.

For more information about the contents of this article, please give Paul Weiser a call in the Knox County Extension office 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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### Bloodmobile to visit Tuesday

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in Knox City, Tuesday, February 24, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Knox County Aging Center.

By donating only one pint of blood at this month's blood drive, residents of Knox County will ensure that blood transfusion patients in our hospitals receive a gift from the heart.

Donating blood is a very simple process that takes less than one hour. To donate, persons must be at least 17 years of age, weigh at

least 110 pounds, and be in good health. For more information about the Red Cross blood drive or about donating blood, call 658-3428. Charlene Brothers is the local Red Cross volunteer blood drive coordinator.

Anyone wishing to come in at a certain time can do so by calling 658-3428 and make an appointment for the time they would like to come in.

Plan to be at the blood drive, Tuesday, February 24, between the hours of 4:00 and 7:00 p.m.

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