



### O'Brien Principal talks about school

Eddie Bland briefs parents on track meets, UIL, band & more.

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### Couple to wed June 20

Trish Roberts of O'Brien and Tim Johnson of Haskell announce their June 20 wedding date

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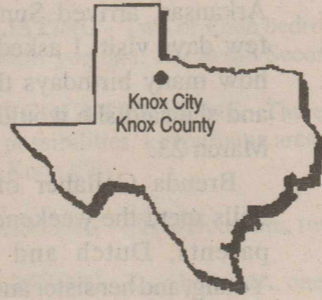


### Top sellers

KC students are top ticket sellers

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## Chamber Banquet is Tuesday, March 24

### Wildlife Photographer Wyman Meinzer is program speaker

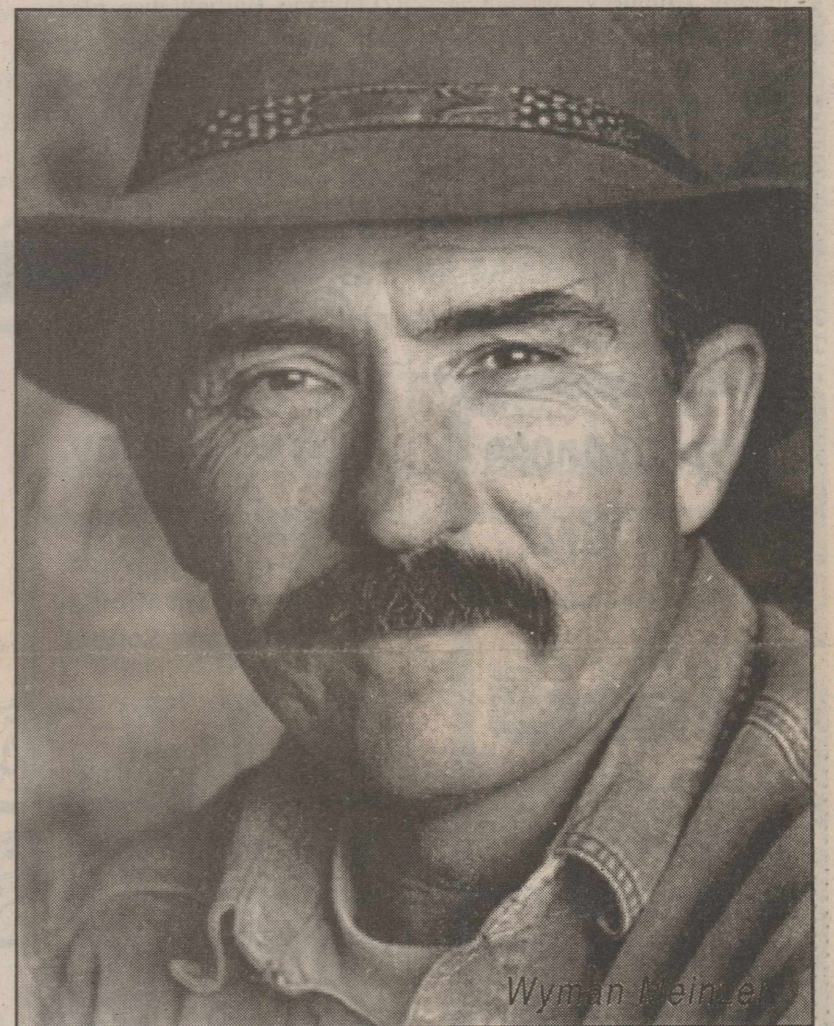
With tickets on sale now, the members of Knox City's Chamber of Commerce are looking forward to a large crowd at next week's annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet. Slated to begin at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 24 in the Knox City High School Cafeteria, the featured speaker this year will be noted wildlife photographer Wyman Meinzer of Benjamin.

Also featured each year at the Chamber of Commerce Banquet will be the presentation of the e. Hobb Smith Most Appreciated Citizen Award. The award is presented to an individual or group within the community in recognition for services contributed to make Knox City a better place to live. Some of the past recipients of this prestigious award are the Knox City Volunteer Fire Department, The Knox County Hospital 'Pink Ladies' Auxiliary, Joe M. Clonts, Leon Burkham, the late John Crownover, and current Knox City Mayor Bud Reynolds.

Rita Rosencranz will be honored during the banquet as she steps down from her year long position as President of the Knox City Chamber of Commerce. Retiring Chamber of Commerce Directors Charles Auburg and Ben Vasquez will also be honored for their service to the chamber. Replacements for the two directors and the new President for 1998-1999 will be named.

Famous throughout the world for his still photographs and slides of native wildlife, Wyman Meinzer has also achieved success in recent years with three book publications. A Benjamin native and 1974 graduate of Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Meinzer has also been recognized as an Outstanding Alumni from Texas Tech. Working all his life as a photographer, his work has been published in more than 60 magazines from all over the world, including France, Italy, Great Britain, Japan, and the United States. The country's two largest outdoors magazine, *Field & Stream* and *Sports Afield*, featured six Meinzer photographs on their covers in the course of a year. His work has also been included in three *National Geographic* books. The amazing twist to Wyman's success is that he has never received any formal training in photography. Trained and working the first 20 years of his life as a cowboy, he grew up being a fanatic on hunting and the outdoors. Cattle work took second seat to his eventual career of wildlife photography. Approaching his photographs from the viewpoint of a hunter, many magazine editors have commented that his photographs have a unique approach that is different from other photographers. Wyman's ability to "read" animals, their signs and body language, also add greatly to his photographs. Although Wyman did spend a few years photographing models in fancy clothes and another few years photographing weddings, his true love of animals and the outdoors are reflected in every photograph he shoots. From laying on his belly in the dirt to photograph a Texas Horned Toad to being honored at the State Capitol by Texas Governor George Bush, Wyman has remain a very humble 'country boy' from Benjamin, Texas. Wyman's talks are truly entertaining, so be sure to make your plans now to attend the Chamber Banquet.

Tickets for the evening's festivities are \$10.00 each and are available from the Chamber of Commerce office, or from any director of the Chamber. As an added feature that ties in with Wyman Meinzer as the guest speaker, a drawing will be held during the banquet for a Wyman Meinzer print. To be eligible for the drawing, all you have to do is sign the back of your ticket and drop it in the drawing hopper when you arrive at the banquet next Tuesday evening.



Wyman Meinzer

### Stanfield Hunting Outfitters 'Big Honker Lodge' Destroyed by early morning fire last Thursday



THE 'BIG HONKER LODGE' located at Stanfield Hunting Outfitters Southwest of Knox City was completely destroyed by an early morning fire on Thursday of last week. While the loss of the building was tragic enough for the hunting firm, the loss of several hunting dogs and a family of small puppies inside the building added to the tragedy. Firemen from Knox City were assisted by other area departments, but the building was completely engulfed by the time the first firefighters arrived at the remote location. The firm plans to rebuild the lodge as soon as possible.

(Photo courtesy of Stanfield Hunting Outfitters.)

### Circus performances set for April 8 in Munday

*The Star Spangled Super Spectacular!!*

The star spangled super spectacular Allen Brothers Circus will be traveling into Knox County to set up and perform two evening shows in Munday on Wednesday, April 8. Sponsored as a fund-raising event for the Munday Volunteer Fire Department, the circus will perform at 5:15 in the evening, and again at 7:30.

Scheduled to arrive early in the morning on April 8, the circus will set up acres of canvas, including the famous 'Big Top,' at 11:00 a.m. on the empty lot across from the Munday Elementary School on the Munday - Knox City highway.

See Circus performances in Munday, Continued on page 3



### Candidates continue to file for May 2 local elections

Candidate filings for the May 2 local elections are as follows:

In the City of Knox City council election, Jeff Stanfield and Barbara Ainsworth have filed. Three seats are open on the council with the posts of Walter Rauch, Carol Felts and Ben Vasquez,

being vacated. As of Tuesday noon, none of the three incumbents had filed.

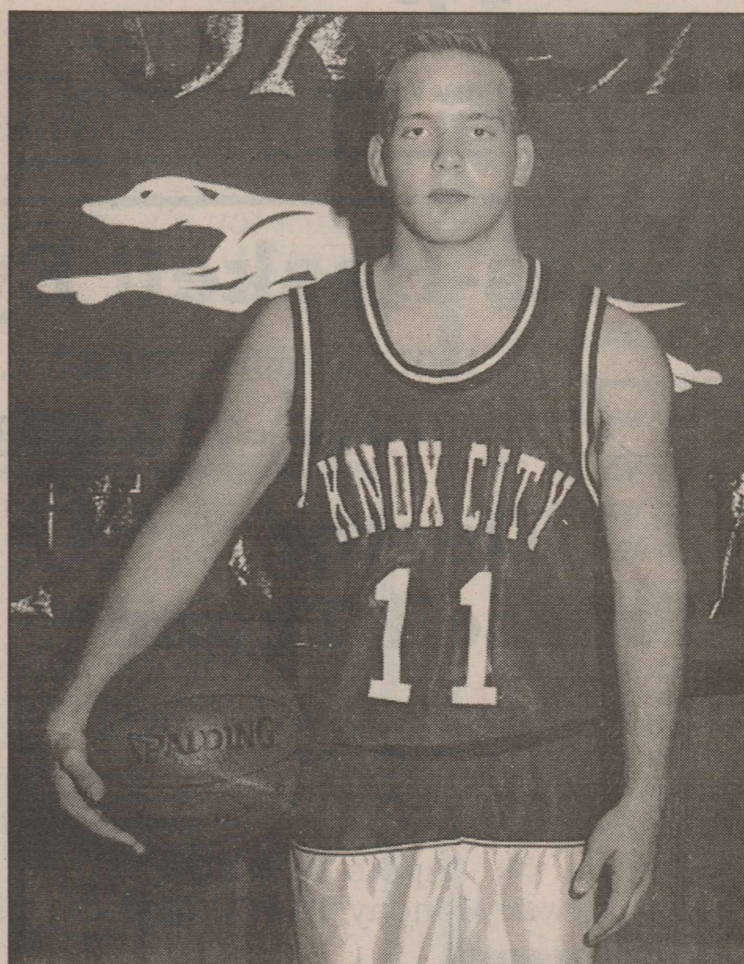
For the School Board, two seats are being vacated. Dale Turner has filed for the position he is now holding and Raul Espinosa Jr. has also filed.

Dwayne Johnson is currently serving on the board. As of Tuesday noon, Johnson had not filed.

Filing deadline in the city and school elections is Wednesday.

Hospital Board incumbents Peggy McGaughey and Don Bunton have both filed.

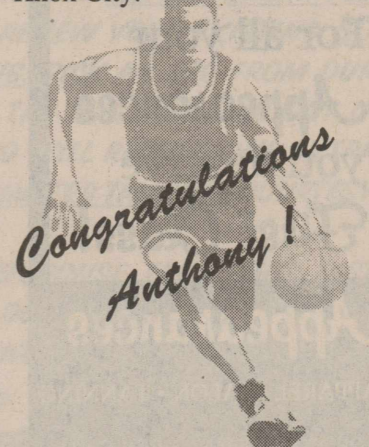
### KC's Ainsworth selected for All-District Team



Anthony Ainsworth, a senior at Knox City High School, has been notified that he was selected for the All-District Basketball Team for District 16-A.

Anthony joins other players in the district from Aspermont, Roby, Munday, Rotan, and Spur who were selected for this prestigious post season honor.

Anthony is the son of Ronnie and Barbara Ainsworth of Knox City.



## Benjamin news

By Gladene Green, Benjamin Correspondent

Lots going on this past week. The main topic of conversation was the election. We had six residents on the ballot running for various offices and all made a great showing. I congratulate each of them (all the others who were running) on their "well-run" races.

Regarding Our Ill - Debra Hudson Ebraheim is a patient in the Knox County Hospital. She had an ear infection that ran into more trouble than expected. She's doing some better and hopefully can return home in a day or so.

My sister is a patient in Harris Hospital in Fort Worth. She was admitted last Tuesday morning and will be there for several more days. She is a severe diabetic and has several more problems that keep her system pretty well upset most of the time. When I talked to her Sunday she was resting better.

Bill Ryder is still having good and "not so good" days.

Here 'N There - Rebel Rainwater, student at Texas A&M, is here for spring break with her family.

Lorene Powers and her daughter and granddaughter, all of Midland, were here a couple of days last week to visit relatives and friends.

Jeremy Amburgy, student at TSTI in Sweetwater, visited his parents, Gary and JoAnn Hamilton, Friday night.

Kim Moore and daughters, Samijo and Shelby of Spur, spent Monday and Tuesday with her grandmother, Hazel Stockton and her dad, Bud Conner.

Corrine and George Parrish and Judy Conner spent a few days last

week in the Houston and Waco area.

Don, Marilyn and Amanda Ervin were Fort Worth visitors a few days last week.

Judy Robinson and Sara of Sherman and Suzanne Robinson of Texas Tech spent the weekend with Judy's parents, Lewis and Betty Lyles and the Mike Lyles family.

Ishmael and Sheila DeLosSantos of Vernon spent the weekend with Sheila's parents, Charles and Joy Jones. Their daughter, Tiffany, returned home with them after a week's visit with her grandparents.

I visited my girls in Childress on Friday afternoon.

Gary and JoAnn Hamilton were in Wichita Falls Friday for JoAnn to undergo some medical tests.

Dennis and Pam Duke had all their kids for the weekend, Zeke and Rachel from Tech and Phil, Rebekah and Paige Boone of Trent.

Sara Blackstock of Denton visited her parents, Gaye and Larry Neal, one day last week. Audra Neal is here for her spring break from HSU.

Omitene Barnett was pleasantly surprised Saturday when several family members and friends honored her with an early birthday get-together at her home. Those coming to help her celebrate were Wynelle Holloway

of Fredericksburg, Annette Elliott of Dallas, Betty Martin of Benton, Louisiana, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Steward of Goree, Betty Jo Rogers of Elk City, Oklahoma, Fannie Gilbert and Nannie Lou Mathis of Seymour and Earlene Meinzer, Stanton and Shari Brown, Dickie Lloyd and Debbie Clower, Michael, David, Sara and Vicki, all of Benjamin.

Connie Porter of Fayetteville, Arkansas, arrived Sunday for a few days visit. I asked Omitene how many birthdays this makes and she said she would be 85 on March 23.

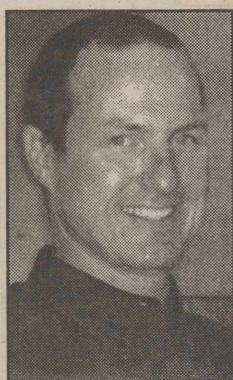
Brenda Gallaher of Wichita Falls spent the weekend with her parents, Dutch and Imagean Young, and her sister and nephew, DeeAnn Lamb and Anthony.

Jane Gideon spent the weekend with her brother, Joe Nunley in Seymour.

Susan Cartwright and her sister and niece, Linda Oustad and LeeAnn Harlan of Munday met their sister (and aunt) Becky Beaty of Howe in Wichita Falls Wednesday for a day of fun and visiting.

The Seniors have begun to be honored with banquets and dinners leading up to their graduation.

The Junior-Senior banquet was March 7 with the meal being brisket and all the trimmings. This week the folks of the Baptist Church will honor them with a dinner on Wednesday.



## News from O'Brien Mid School

Track meets, UIL, cheerleader tryouts, band contest

By Eddie Bland, O'Brien Principal

We have hit the home stretch for this school year. There are only nine weeks left in the school year and they will be busy. There are track meets and UIL academic contests that require a lot of preparation for the competition. The middle school cheerleader tryouts are right around the corner. Mr. Tucker is also planning on taking

middle school band students to a competition in early May.

With all of this practice and preparation for extra curricular activities it is important that we not lose focus on classroom work and performance. Now more than ever it is critical for parents to stay involved in their children's school work. For some of the students how well they perform in the classroom during the next nine weeks is more important than ever.

David Gordon from Region IC Education Service Center completed his presentations of the district's human growth and de-

velopment curriculum. A number of parents attended one or more of the session. Mr. Gordon did an excellent job. Our district is fortunate to have access to someone like Mr. Gordon.

The O'Brien Middle School track participants owe a big thank you to Patsy Gonzales for providing her suburban as our "Chuck Wagon" at the Munday track meet and our future junior high track meets that are away from Knox City. It is important for us to feed our kids when they are on a road trip and Patsy's help has been invaluable.

## O'Brien happenings

By Audie Johnston, O'Brien Correspondent

"At the county clerk's office where I work, a couple applying for a marriage license complained that they were having a hard time finding a clergyman who would tie the knot without requiring premarital counseling. 'What do I need counseling for?' the groom-to-be moaned. 'I've already been married three times!'"

Here And There - Beatrice Ellis spent the weekend in Ozona with her daughter Sandra and husband Pleas Childress and granddaughter Julie and family. They all helped Sandra celebrate her birthday with a surprise party and Beatrice's grandson and wife and baby also visited them.

Johnny and Jo Lippard will be in Oklahoma for several days vis-

iting their son Mark and family and daughter Nancy Ellis and family. Johnny is going to help his son Mark with some fence painting and other odd jobs.

Spending spring break from college and school with Sue and Bennett Shortes are Scott and Stefani Stephens and Bennett's two daughters.

Kenneth and Sammie Roberts of Plainview and Rodney, Sherri, Jerod and Jenna Roberts of Lubbock met their son Randy, Angie, Hayes and Tristian Roberts of College Station in Abilene over the weekend and celebrated Sammie and Ken's 45th wedding anniversary. Ken and Sammie came and spent Sunday night with me.

Veeta Reid spent a few days with her daughter Angelia in Fort Worth during the spring break.

Buddy Fincher of Albany was our Gideon speaker in O'Brien Baptist Church Sunday morning. He delivered a good sermon. Everyone enjoyed him.

Several members of our church really are in need of everyone's prayers. Some of them are Oather Poe, Nellene Force, Roy Stewart and our pastor Bro. Bill and Evelyn was pretty sick over the weekend. J.O. Brothers is having some arthritis problems and went to Abilene Monday to see an arthritis doctor.

Angelia Roberts spent a few days in Lubbock with her sister, Trish, a student in Texas Tech.

## On A Wizer Note....

By Paul Weiser, Knox County Extension Agent - Ag.

### Bloxham is ninth at San Angelo goat show

One particular graduating Knox County 4-H member ended his livestock show career during the market goat show in San Angelo on Monday, March 9. Nathan Bloxham, senior at Knox City High School, exhibited his heavyweight market goat for the last time as a Knox County 4-H member. This was the same goat that was named grand champion market goat at the 1998 Knox County Junior Livestock Show exactly two months earlier.

Hopes were high as Nathan prepared his Knox County Champion goat for competition against West Texas' best market goats. In a class that consisted of 93 very good goats, Nathan and his par-

ents Pam and Dale Bloxham were hoping for a top 20 placing -- hopefully better.

As the judge whittled down the competition, Nathan and his goat stood out in the show ring like two champions. As time went by the number went from 93 to 32. The judge worked his way around the group of goats. The number fell to 12 and then ten. Everyone from Knox County sat on the edge of their seats as the judge worked his way through the group of goats and their exhibitors.

Sounds exciting, doesn't it? Well it was. Nathan stood ninth in the final placing -- that's ninth out of 93 goats. In my opinion, that is a very successful showing.

This was Nathan's second year to raise show goats. He has learned many things about goats -- so has his mom and dad. That is why programs like 4-H and FFA are so important.

Other youth from Knox County who exhibited goats included Logan Morrow, Ashley Jobe and Tiffany Jobe. Although these three did not place in the top ten, they did gain valuable experience and even had some fun in San Angelo.

People interested in 4-H or FFA should contact the local high school ag science instructor for FFA information and the Knox County Extension office in Benjamin at 940-454-2651 for 4-H information.

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**Couple to wed June 20 at O'Brien**

Donnie and Diane Roberts of O'Brien are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Trish, to Tim Johnson, son of Loraine and Bobbie Johnson of Haskell.

Trish is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claudale Barnard of Knox City and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Roberts of Benjamin. Tim is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. N.L. McHam of Knox City.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Knox City-O'Brien High School and is currently a senior elementary education major at Texas Tech University. The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Haskell High School and a 1992 graduate of Texas Wesleyan University. He is employed by Johnson Real Estate in Haskell.

The couple plan to marry June 20 at First Baptist Church in O'Brien and will reside in Haskell.



Trish Roberts  
Tim Johnson

**Circus performances in Munday**

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For the convenience of the public, Munday Firemen will have reduced price tickets available for sale to the public prior to April 8, the day of the performances. Those wishing to save money on tickets are encouraged to see any member of the Munday Volunteer Fire Department, or go by the offices of either the *Munday Courier* newspaper, Parker Implement, Munday High School, or Munday Elementary School. Again, the reduced prices will only be available prior to the day of the performance. Tickets purchased on the day of the performance, or 'at the door' will be higher priced.

Allen Brothers Circus will travel over 25,000 miles this season, performing two shows each in over 225 cities in 23 states across the country. The circus is on the road nine months out of the year, playing in a different town each day. The remaining three months are spent in the show's winter quarters in South Texas, preparing for the next season.

**TxDOT to hold Benjamin hearing**

CHILDRESS - The Texas Department of Transportation will hold a public meeting on April 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the Benjamin City Hall.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the proposed roadway improvements of US 82 from east of Benjamin to FM 276. The proposed project is a rehabilitation of the existing road, with base and fly ash stabilization, with a Super Two Design in different areas within the project. A Super 2 design consists of two lanes on one side of the centerline and one lane on the other side for approximately two miles and reversing the configuration for the next two miles. This aids the traveling public in

performing safe passing maneuvers and is less expensive to construct than a four lane undivided highway.

Verbal and written comments relative to the proposed project may be presented at the meeting or submitted to Martin R. Smith, P.E., Design Engineer, TxDOT, P.O. Box 900, Childress, TX 79201, (940) 937-7250, at any time on or before April 13, 1998.

This meeting will be conducted in English. Any request for language interpreters or other special needs should be made at least two days before the public meeting by contacting Barbara Seal, Public Information Officer at (940) 937-7145

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**McKinney to join United States Army**

Willie J. McKinney Jr. has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the United States Army Recruiting Station in Abilene.

The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year.

The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as \$40,000

toward a college education. After completion of basic training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career speciality.

McKinney, a student at Cooper High School in Abilene, will report to Fort Sill in Lawton, Oklahoma for basic training on July 7, 1998.

He is the son of Willie J. McKinney of Knox City and Jacqueline R. McKinney of Fort Worth.

**Aging center lunch menus**

March 23 thru March 27

**Monday, March 23** - Spaghetti with beef sauce, green salad, whole kernel corn, green peas, hot cheese bread, cake square.

**Tuesday, March 24** - Hamburger steak with brown gravy, mixed vegetable salad, buttered rice, green beans, jello with fruit.

**Wednesday, March 25** - Chicken strips with gravy, salad, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, fruit cobbler.

**Thursday, March 26** - Barbecued chicken, potato salad, pinto beans, batter bread, fruit cobbler.

**Friday, March 27** - Ham and cheese sandwich, lettuce, tomato, baked beans, potato rounds, cookies.

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

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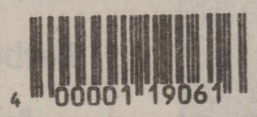
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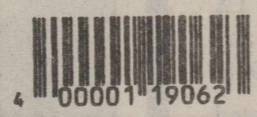
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### Retired school personnel to meet Tuesday in KC

The Knox County Retired School Personnel will meet Tuesday, March 24, at 2:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Knoxville.

The Knox County oral readers with sponsor Greta Waldrip will present the program.

### Kirkland rites are held in Hamlin

Mary Elizabeth "Lizzie" Kirkland of Hamlin, 87, sister of Bessie Large of Knoxville, died Sunday, March 8, in a Hamlin hospital.

Services were Tuesday, March 10, at 10:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Hamlin with the Revs. James Brigham and Tracy Watson officiating. Burial was in Hamlin East Cemetery.

Born in Rising Star, she attended school there. She returned to Hamlin from Munday in 1942 and was a member of First Baptist

Church.

She married George Kirkland Sr. in 1929 in Rising Star. He preceded her in death.

Survivors include three sons, Marvin Kirkland and G.W. Kirkland Jr., both of Hamlin, and Frankie Kirkland of Pryor, Oklahoma; two daughters, Alta Isbell of Hamlin and Nancy Hughes of Pryor, Oklahoma; two sisters, Bessie Large of Knoxville and May Dell Woods of Duncanville; 15 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

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### Letter to the editor

March 7, 1998

Dear Dave and Stacy,

Enclosed is our renewal for another year. We still look forward to receiving *The Knox County News* each week. We always enjoy reading what the homefolks of the county are doing. Gladene Green's Benjamin News is always of interest since

we were originally from Benjamin.

Keep up the good works.

Sincerely,

Calvin and Thelma Brown  
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Justice of the Peace, Precincts 1 & 2  
**IMAGEAN YOUNG (D)** - Re-Election  
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Tract 3: Being all of Section 70, Block C, H&TCRR Co. Survey, containing 640 acres;

Tract 4: Being all of Section 81, Block C, H&TCRR Co. Survey, containing 320 acres; and

Tract 5: Being all of Section 82, Block C, H&TCRR Co. Survey, containing 320 acres. If this citation is not served within ninety (90) days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to the requirements of law and the mandate thereof, and make due return as the law directs. ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT at Benjamin, Texas, this the 26 day of February 1998.

/s/ DANNY SPECK

District Clerk of Knox County, Texas

## Knox County Residents,

*I wish to thank all of you that supported me in this Primary. Even though I did not win, I think much was gained. Again, I really appreciate all the support that I received.*

**Linda Wagner**

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This contract is subject to all appropriate Federal laws, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Acts of 1964. The Texas Department of Transportation hereby notifies all bidders that it will insure that bidders will not be discriminated against on the ground of race, color, sex or national origin, in having full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation, and in consideration for an award. Plans and specifications, including minimum wage rates as provided by Law, are available for inspection at the office of Gary Mizer, Area Engineer, Munday, Texas, and at the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, Texas. Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Construction and Maintenance Division, 200 East Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas 78704-1205. Plans are available through commercials printers in Austin, Texas, at the expense of the bidder. Usual rights reserved 25-D-42066 25-76-0032-05-029

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## The condensed version.....

By Dave Thompson



This column is written weekly with a different and somewhat personal perspective about what is happening around the area.

### My apologies

I feel that I owe an apology to the members of the Knox City Volunteer Fire Department, so here it is: I was asked to be the announcer for their basketball games on Monday night against the school faculty and members of the senior class. Due to an illness on Sunday and Monday, I was just not able to make the games and I offer this apology to the firemen for being a no-show. I do hope that everyone had a good time, as of our press deadline on Tuesday, I have not heard how the annual fund-raiser turned out.

### Chamber Banquet

Next Tuesday evening is the scheduled time for the annual Knox City Chamber of Commerce Banquet. For those of you who have never been to the event, or those of you who have never heard Wyman Meinzer speak, I urge you to make plans right now to attend the event! If you are a resident of our community, work in - or own - a business here, it is important for you to be involved with the Chamber of Commerce and their activities. Supporting the community is the goal of the chamber, and that means supporting you..... so it's only fair that you return the same kind of support back to the chamber on this important night. It would be great to see every seat filled as everyone gathers in the cafeteria on the Knox City school campus for the event. Not only will you enjoy a good meal, but you'll have an opportunity to hear world famous wildlife photographer Wyman Meinzer as he presents the evening's program. I have heard Wyman speak before, and I can assure you.....it's always good!! But seriously, aside from how great of a talker Wyman is, it's worth the price of a ticket just to see if he will 'dress-up' for the occasion!!!!

### A concerned parent

Last week I had a conversation with a parent here in Knox City who was concerned about how easy it was for our youth to obtain smokeless tobacco products here in Knox City.

It seems that some store clerks will sell dip and snuff to the kids while most will not. Most clerks follow the state law and ask for identification, but there seems to be a few that do not. In a recent edition of this newspaper, we quoted the Knox City Police Chief in an article that he submitted to us about how strict he was going to be on youth who violated the new, stricter laws on youth in possession of alcohol or tobacco products. At this point, that seems to be the only solution for the problem described in the concerned parent's conversation. Not only is it against the law for minors to be in possession of this stuff, but is very much against the law for an employee of a store to sell tobacco products or alcohol to a minor in the first place. But, being the resourceful kids they are, some minors seem to skirt around the law by having an older person go in to the store and buy the illegal products for them. The store employees are not violating any laws if they are selling it to an adult who in turn gives it to a minor. Then, the only solution is for adults to say NO when approached by a juvenile to buy the products. Again, when this does happen, the only action that will have an effect seems to be that

which can be taken by law enforcement officers.

Now here's the part of this story that's tricky for me. In no way, shape or form, do I presume myself capable of telling today's police officers what to do; and I do not want to jeopardize the friendship that I have with several of our local officers, but..... with statistics on the rise for lip, gum and throat cancers caused by smokeless tobacco products, I am one parent that hopes our local law enforcement officers will take a tough stand on this issue.

## It's a boy!

Casey Ryan Stiewert



Kerri and David Stiewert of Stamford announce the arrival of a son born Friday, February 13, at 9:43 p.m. in an Abilene hospital.

The baby has been named Casey Ryan and he weighed seven pounds, 4.8 ounces, and was 20 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Linda Stice of Abilene and Karl and Cheryl Ford of Winnsboro.

Karen and David Stiewert of Knox City are paternal grandparents.

Great-grandparents are Jessie and Carolyn Ford of Stamford, Gerry Ford of Breckenridge, P.M. and Zana Davis of Lueders, Dave and Virginia Bowen of Knox City and Leroy and Thelma Stiewert of Lubbock.

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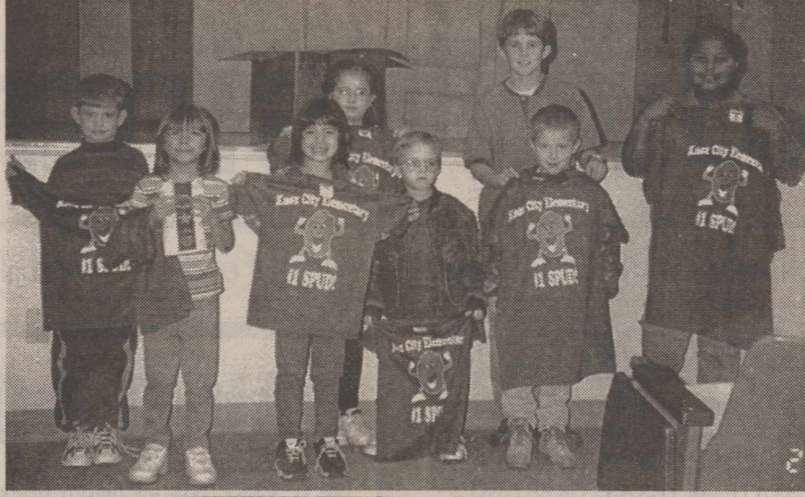
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TOP SPUDS from ticket sales at this year's Knox City Elementary PTO Baked Potato Supper were recognized at a recent awards assembly. From left are Tyler Johnson, Michelle Espinosa, Britany Gonzales, Katelyn Railsback, Will Kuehler, Andy Shaver, Zak Shaver (in front of Andy) and Dannie Garcia. (NEWS Photo)

## Whitten rites are held Wednesday

Vivian Adele Earp Whitten, 85, died Sunday, March 15, in a Decatur hospital in Wise County.

Services were Wednesday, March 18, at First Baptist Church in Eastland with Dr. Tom Goodman of Eastland and James Earp of Denton officiating. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery in Cisco.

Mrs. Whitten was born November 13, 1912, in Okra, in Eastland County. She was the only child of Gus and Jessie Marsh Earp. She married David H. Whitten on June 26, 1929, in Rising Star. He preceded her in death in 1947.

Mrs. Whitten was a resident of Eastland County most of her life, moving from Cisco to Eastland in 1953. She moved to Governor's Ridge Retirement Center in Decatur in 1998.

She was a faithful member of First Baptist Church in Eastland and the Thursday Afternoon Study Club. She had been active in the

Women's Missionary Union of First Baptist Church and as a volunteer for Meals-On-Wheels. Mrs. Whitten worked for Texas Electric Service Company until 1977 and had also worked for Anderson's Dress Shop and the Eastland County Clerk's Office.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Wilma and E.L. Smith of Allen; daughter and son-in-law, Jean and Neal Edwards of Breckenridge; a son and daughter-in-law, David and Janie Whitten of McKinney; and a son and daughter-in-law, Jack and Judie Whitten of Benjamin; 16 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were grandsons Johnny, Rick and Sean Smith, David and Phillip Fortenberry, Alan Edwards and Jacob, Jordan and Jay Whitten. Honorary pallbearers were great-grandsons Cooper, Landon and Heath Smith, Edward Selz, John and Aaron Shelley and Parker Dudley.

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**Thanks, Ronnie Verhalen**

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Voting is a privilege we tend to take for granted. Voting is also a civic duty we should take very seriously. We must strive to be informed of the duties of each office and the capabilities of each candidate in order to place into office people qualified to make decisions for us.  
When I decided to become a candidate for Knox County Treasurer, I received an abundance of support and encouragement. I would like to thank each one of you personally for your support and your vote. Your trust and confidence in my ability to serve you has made my decision to devote my working time and energy to the duties of County Treasurer an easy one. There is much for me to learn, but with the help, advice and patience of people like Evelyn Balis and the members of the Knox County Commissioners Court, I know I will be able to handle the duties required honestly and efficiently.  
It is to this end, and with mixed emotions, I am announcing that I will close my office in Munday, effective April 16, 1998. I have enjoyed working for you these past nine years and I will miss the fellowship we shared through our business relationships. My care and friendship will always be with you, even though I am taking a new business direction.  
I am excited about this position and fully intend to give the citizens of Knox County my very best.  
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