We hope that you and yours have a safe and happy New Year holiday - - - see you in 1999!

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Knox and Haskell County Voters need to remember the special election on January 26 for important vote on critical area water district issue

Voters in Haskell and Knox counties will decide in a special election January 26, 1999, whether to approve a local groundwater conservation district. If approved, the district will allow an appointed board of local citizens to regulate groundwater resources.

"Water in our area is one of the main resources that we still have. We have good water and we're very fortunate in that respect," Judge David Perdue in Knox County, said. "But we have to maintain it and use it properly and wisely to protect it. We can better do that ourselves than someone else from outside who doesn't know our needs."

The counties relocated above the Seymour aquifer, one of the nine major aquifers in the state. Groundwater from the aquifer is used primarily to support agricultural production, which in 1997 amounted to \$48 million in cash receipts in Haskell County alone, according to Greg Kaase, Haskell county agent for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Municipal residents in Knox and Haskell counties use primarily surface water from Miller Creek Reservoir for their drinking water although some towns mix half surface and half groundwater. Additionally, groundwater in the aquifer is part of a drought management plan for the area, Mayor Tommie Reynolds in Knox City, said. Judge David Davis of Haskell County said that the need to use groundwater may arise at any time. "At any point when it doesn't rain. Haskell and Rochester might have to go back to using groundwater, It's an asset that needs to be protected."

People do not want their water regulated by anyone but themselves, but we've got to realize that if we don't decide to regulate ourselves, we could be regulated by a bureaucracy in Austin in the future, Perdue said.

Texas first provided for the formation of ground water conservation districts in 1949 in order to allow some local control and management of groundwater use. In 1997, the state legislature passed Senate Bill 1 which said that groundwater conservation districts are the state's preferred method of managing groundwater resources.

Dr. Bruce Lesikar, an agricultural engineering program leader with the Extension Service, said that conservation districts allow a local group to monitor aquifer resources.

"A local group would monitor the aquifer, let people know what their current water situation is on a timely basis, help with educational programs to explain how to conserve the resource and better plan how to use the limited resource to meet demands in their area," he said.

For example, districts can regulate how far apart wells must be spaced to reduce occurrences of pumping interference between adjacent landowners. However, regulations extend only to residents within the groundwater conservation district. Rules do not apply to neighboring counties that are not part of a conservation district unless a process is undertaken to annex that area into an existing district.

Most districts use ad valorem taxes to generate revenue. The law allows groundwater conservation districts to tax up to \$0.50 per \$100 of property values; however, most districts tax a much smaller amount. Some districts - = including the one being proposed - - have included a smaller tax cap of \$0.05. This permits the local board to tax up to \$0.05 per \$100; taxing above that amount would require voter approval in another election.

Major considerations of the upcoming confirmation vote include how the district will be paid for, what powers it will have and how it will affect water exports and existing wells. However, the main issue for many has been the right to control their own water.

"I think it's important to stress what can happen if they don't have a district," Dolan Moore, manager of the North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority manager, said. "If the district is created, it allows us to set our own rules to manage and protect our groundwater resources. If we don't take the initiative, the state may come in and control it if the law changes," he said.

Judge Davis said the main reason the district has been proposed is to plan the future of the aquifer.

"The main reasons we're considering this is to plan the use of our underground water. We need an understanding of our underground water supply and how to conserve it so that it will be available for this generation and future generations," David said.

Richard Albus, temporary board chairman, stated that early voting would begin on December 28, 1998, at the County Clerk's office in Haskell and Knox Counties. Mail ballots will be available to registered voters, 65 years and older, by contacting the County Clerk's office by phone.

Windbreak tree short course set

will be held Thursday morning, ral Resources Conservation Ser-January 7, at the Knox City Community Center located on South Third Street in Knox City.

The short morning program will cover installation and design of windbreaks, selection of trees and shrubs, planning for wildlife, and care and maintenance. The optional afternoon session (weather permitting) will demonstrate weed barrier installation and use and a look at actual trees and shrubs at the Knox City Plant Materials Center.

Speakers for the program will include individuals from the Texas Forest Service, West Texas Tree

A windbreak tree short course Nursery at Lubbock and the natu-

This short course is designed for anyone interested in windbreaks for the farm or home, and/ or individuals interested in planting trees and shrubs for wildlife.

Seating will be limited, so call to reserve a seat by January 5, 1999, by calling 940-658-3922.

This program is sponsored by the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Texas Forest Service, the Knox County Extension Service and the Wichita-Brazos Soil and Water Conservation District. USDA is an equal opportunity employer.

VRJC registration is January 6

the 1998 spring semester at Vernon Regional Junior College is scheduled for Wednesday, January 6, 1999, at the King Physical Education Center from 9:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. and 2:30 to 3:30

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VERNON - Registration for asked to have high school transcripts and college transcripts (if they have attended other colleges), TASP scores and trial scheduled that have been signed by an advi-

> Students should make an appointment with an advisor and have their trial scheduled signed.

Call 940-552-6291 for more information or check the VRJC website at http://www.vrjc.cc.tx.us for the schedule.

The Knox County News office will be closed all day on Friday, January 1, 1999, for the New Year's holiday. We will reopen on Monday, January 4.

SAMPLE BALLOT

SPECIAL ELECTION (ELECCION ESPECIAL)

FORMATION OF HASKELL - KNOX UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

January 26, 1999 (26 de Enero De 1999)

Vote for or against the referendum described below by placing an "X" in the square.(Vote por o contra el plebiscito Describir abajo marca con una "X" el cuadro al lado del nombre por o contra.)

FOR (POR) The creation of the Haskell - Knox Underground Water Conservation District and the levy of a maintenance tax at a rate not to exceed 5 cents for each \$100 of assessed

> (La Creacion de Distrito de Conservacion De Agua Subterranga Haskell – Knox Y la recaudacion para mantener los taxes a un coeficiente que no exeder 5 centavos por cada \$100 de tasar valoracion.)

AGAINST (CONTRA)



EDC's Duckwall store project update



TAKING ADVANTAGE of this week's good weather, workers are making progress at the downtown construction site for the new Duckwall's Hometown Variety Store in Knox City. Shown in the photo at left, Monty Stevens of Richardson Construction Company is levelling beams to hold up new flooring in the West end of the former Perry's building. Severe water related damage to the old flooring made it necessary to remove all the flooring as shown in the photos at left and right. In the photo shown above, Jeff Wilson of Espinosa and Sons Contractors is continuing the job of removing the old two story building that is being demolished as a part of the Duckwall project. If good weather holds, project contractor Sid Richardson hopes to have a subcontractor in by next week to set forms and pour concrete for the new addition to the rear of the old Perry's building. The new addition will allow a 5100 square foot showroom floor for the new Duckwall store.



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Date	Low	High	Rain
12/15	31	66	
12/16	29	68	
12/17	30	65	
12/18	41	64	.03
12/19	26	48	
12/20	34	42	.01
12/21	13	42	
12/22	13	21	
12/23	19	24	
12/24	17	34	
12/25	10	46	
12/26	16	65	-
12/27	30	54	
12/28	25	62	
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Researchers know that the protein ApoE is involved in Alzheimer's Some Duke researchers say people who inherit a variant calles ApoE are at risk before age 70.

Atkinson rites held in Goree

Services for Blanche Atkinson, 83, of New Deal were held Monday, December 28, at ten o'clock in the New Deal First Baptist Church with the Rev. Tim Winn and the Rev. Terry Jones officiating. Graveside services were held at 4:00 p.m. Monday in the Goree Cemetery with the Rev. Leonard Brothers officiating.

Mrs. Atkinson died Friday, December 25, 1998, in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital.

Born July 22, 1915, in Mississippi, she married Lewis Atkinson in Seymour on November 5, 1932. He preceded her in death on August 24, 1964. She lived a majority of her life around Benjamin and Goree and lived in Lubbock from 1960 until moving to New Deal in 1964. She was a member of the New Deal First Baptist Church and had been employed by the New Deal ISD for 29 years, retiring in 1993. She worked for the Girl Scout Camp during the summer months.

Survivors include a daughter, Peggy Shropshire of New Deal; a brother, E.J. Jones of Abilene; three sisters, Agnes Stewart of Soccoro, New Mexico; Fannie Belle Lambeth and Lois Howard, both of Munday; two grandchildren, Vanessa Lee of Idalou and Kerry Shropshire of Mertzon; and three grandchildren, Trajina Nelson of Idalou and Cody and Katelin, both of Mertzon.

The family requests that memorials be made to the First Baptist Church. P.O. Box 49, New Deal, TX 79350.

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> > The NEWS Office

Benjamin news

Christmas '98 has come and gone and now with only 4 days till the New Year, we start "yet another" very busy week. Hopefully by next weekend, things will settle down to some sort of a normal routine again.

My holiday was very nice. Went to Childress Friday p.m. and had all my family together for our Christmas dinner on Saturday and gift exchange Saturday night at the home of Debbie and Gordon Taylor. Also enjoying the weekend with us was Gordon's mom, Eula of Plainview. I had Christmas dinner - Christmas Day - with Joy and Charles Jones and their family. Santa was very good to me. I got far more than I deserve but am very grateful for everything. I hope everyone reading this (and everyone else, too!) had a good Christmas with family and friends.

About Our Ill - Louise Hall underwent more surgery the first of this last week for removal of more of her leg. She's reported to be doing pretty well. Please remember her and her family in your prayers.

Taylor Bohannon, two year old daughter of Bonnie, was taken to HMC today (Sunday) after suffering a fall at her home. Later reports are that she had a slight concussion and is on her way home. That's good

Eunice Friday, a resident of Brazos Valley Care Home, has been a patient in the HMC in Abilene for a few days. She's better and was brought back to Knox County Hospital today. She is the mother of Jimmie Kay

Other Benjamin residents with ongoing health problems, Bill Ryder, Omitene Barnett and George Parrish are all feeling pretty well. Joe Trepanier is now able to get up and walk around a little and so he's feeling lots better. Glad to be able to be

We urge you all to keep all these friends in prayer.

On December 19, the Dukes and Moorhouses hosted separate parties for their friends enjoyment. I was "nursing" a case of the flu so had to miss them but got reports from those who did go and they all said they were lots of fun. It's great to have folks in our community who do these things so we all can enjoy!

Wasn't that cold weather last week something? So unusual compared to what we have been having but now we are getting back to more seasonable temps. We had very little moisture over here but sure did have cold! Guess we needed it.

Look Who's Here - Cheyenne Conner would like you to know that she has a new baby brother. Cayden Darr was born December 18, 1998, at 1:15 p.m. in St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock. He weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces, and was 20 1/4 inches long. He and Cheyenne are the children of Jeff and Stacy Conner of Lubbock. Very proud grandparents are Larry Conner of Lubbock and Judy Conner of Benjamin. Also Mr.. and Mrs.. Byron Eldredge of Lubbock and Nancy Guess of Alamogordo, New Mexico. Paternal great-grandparents are Bobby and Philomae Roberson of Benjamin. According to reports, they all think he's a pretty good early Christmas gift.

Here 'N There - Visitors of Jonnie Williams and Mary Bohannon during the holidays were Jack "Corky" Barker of Tuscon, Arizona, L.O. Jackson and Micky Jackson of Munday, Brandi, Cliff, Kayla and Courtney Hacker of Knox City and Charlie Barker of Austin.

On Sunday, December 20, Omitene Barnett and Earlene Meinzer were in Seymour to help Fannie Gilbert celebrate her 90th birthday. The get-together took place in the home of Fannie's daughter, Nan Mathis. A large group of family and friends were on hand to help observe this milestone in her life. When you reach 90 you deserve a party with all the

Visitors of Charles and Joy Jones during Christmas week were Walter and Peggy Hertel of Munday, Tim and Ann Hertel of Windthorst, Larry and Judy Hertel and family of Lubbock, David Jones and Kayla and Kay Simmons of Runaway Bay, Sheila, Ishmael and Tiffany DeLosSantos of Vernon and Bobby Trainham of Benjamin.

Visiting Don and Louise Hertel Christmas were their sons and their families, Scott, Debbie and Megan of Dallas, Kent and Elizabeth of Coppell and Craig and Donna of Gainesville. Also visiting on Saturday were Daniel and Rosellen Albus of Lubbock, Brett and Shawna Glenn of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Karen Herd of San

Pearl Ryder said she and Bill had a pretty quiet Christmas. They and Judie, Jack and Jay Whitten had lunch together. Judie and Jack went to Mill Creek, Oklahoma, Sunday for a visit with their daughter, Christi Ross and family.

Tommy and Julie Thomas and grandsons, Hunter and Pate Meinzer, visited their daughter Paula and family in Midland one day before Christmas. Tommy had a several day stay in the hospital before Christmas but is OK now. On Christmas Day, they, along with Wyman and Rick and his family had lunch with the boys' mom, Earlene.

Sharon Johnson and Maretha Patterson spent Christmas with Sharon's daughter Suzanne Overton and family in Seminole. Suzanne and family then spent the weekend here with her mom and grandmother.

Jack and Mary Young spent Christmas with their children at their daughter, Debbie's, home at Haltom City. Their grandson, Trevor, came home with them for a "school break" holiday.

Hazel Stockton and Bud Conner had Christmas all week last week. On Sunday, Steve Conner and family of Colorado City and Kim Moore and family of Spur came for an early Christmas. Then on Monday, Keith, Pam and Casey Conner of Big Spring came and spent time here and at her parents' in Rule. Keith was on vacation. Others here were Stephanie and Bobby Brannan and Michele Conner of Lubbock. Kim and family also came back Friday for Christmas Day with the family.

Omitene Barnett spent Christmas Day with Bernice and Jack Steward

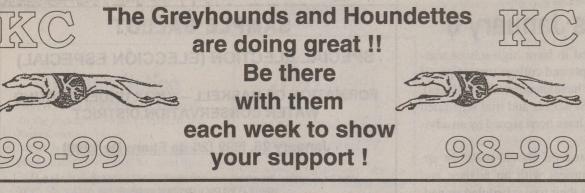
Christmas guests of Gertrude Brannan were her daughter, Mary Whitsitt and family of Gallup, New Mexico, and sons, Bobby and Stephanie and Johnny and little son, Anson of Lubbock.

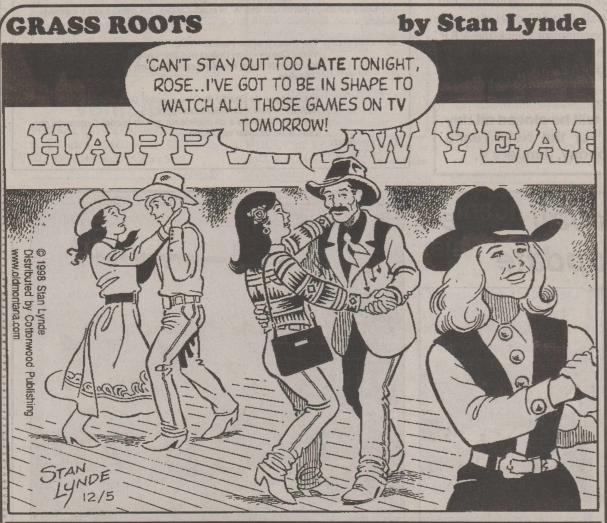
Having Christmas dinner with Bobby and Philomae Roberson were Jim Bob Conner and Jeff, Stacy, Cheyenne and Cayden Conner of Lubbock, Robbie Feemster of Vera and Judy Conner, Jack, Kathie and Justin Waldron and George and Corrine Parrish, all of Benjamin.

Jeremy Amburgy of TSTI in Sweetwater, is here between semesters with his parents, Gary and JoAnn Hamilton.

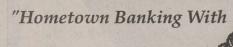
If news seems a little scarce, especially after a busy holiday weekend, it is. It's because I got home late today and since Dallas is playing ball tonite, I didn't do a lot of calling. By next week, I should have a pretty good bunch gathered up.

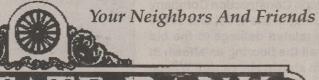
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Thursday, January 7-Chicken and rice casserole, glazed carrots, blackeyed peas, sliced bread, fruit cobbler.

Friday, January 8 - Barbecue on a bun, pickles, onions, relish, cottage cheese with fruit, tater tots, cookies.

(All menus subject to change without notification due to conditions beyond the control of the staff at the Knox County Center. It is important to contact the site manager in order that your meal can be prepared.

Zeitler - Williams wedding held in San Angelo

Nicole Ann Zeitler and Andrew Ross Williams, both of Irving, were married Saturday, December 19, 1998, at Holy Angels Catholic Church in San Angelo with the Rev. Andrew Wueste officiating.

Parents of the bride are Dr. and Mrs. Irvin Zeitler of San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Williams of Knox City are parents of the bridegroom.

Maid of honor was Sara Zeitler of San Angelo.

Bridesmaids were Trudi Bounds of Carrollton, Sabrina Strudwick of Arlington, Eleda Brannan and Angie Stasey, both of San Angelo.

Flower girls were Caelan Zeitler of San Antonio and Katlin Alvidrez and Madison Alvidrez, both of Lewisville. Best man was Brian Will-

iams of Knox City. Groomsmen were Brian Ricci of Dallas, Justin Emerson of Abilene, Jody Redding of Huett and Chris McDowell of San Angelo.



MRS. ANDREW ROSS WILLIAMS ... the former Nicole Ann Zeitler

Ring bearer was Liam Zeitler of San Antonio.

Ushers were Eric Zeitler of San Antonio, Ryan Childers of Austin, Jeremy Motley of Abilene and Roger Marion of Midland.

The bride is a 1993 graduate of San Angelo Central High School. She received a bachelor's degree in biology in 1997 from Angelo State University and is a student in the physician's assistant program at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas.

The bridegroom is a 1991 graduate of Knox City High School and received a bachelor's degree in psychology and marketing in 1996 from Angelo State University. He is employed by the Heritage Organization, LLC in Dallas,

Following a wedding trip to Cancun, Mexico, the couple is at home at Valley Ranch, Irving.

Granddaughters of local residents

Local's kin to perform at Sugar Bowl halftime

are honored for school activities

Destiny James, granddaughter of Esther Conn of Knox City, will be performing

Captain of the Cherokee Charmers, Destiny is the daughter of Carmen Cook of

The performing group is one of about 15 dance teams selected from across the

country to perform in the halftime extravaganza. The selection of teams is based

upon videotaped auditions or by receiving a direct invitation based on a team's

The Charmers will assemble in New Orleans for three days of intense rehearsal

and will participate in a variety of social activities including a Gala Awards

Ceremony, dinner and dance at Mardi Gras World, and a private dinner party

and the Charmers are looking forward to this wonderful experience," Destiny, a

"I am confident that the Sugar Bowl will be a lot of fun. The routines are upbeat,

with the Jacksonville High School Cherokee Charmers at the Nokia Sugar Bowl

Halftime Show to be held New Year's Day in the New Orleans Superdome.

Jacksonville and Wayne James of Waxachchie.

display of excellence in competition.

senior student at JHS, said.

aboard the John James Audubon river boat.

High School Basketball Scores

Tues., Dec. 15 at Crowell JV Girls Knox City 33 Crowell 35

> JV Boys Knox City 27 Crowell 32 Varsity Girls Knox City 64 Crowell 31 Varsity Boys Knox City 35

Fri., Dec. 18 vs. Paint Creek

Crowell 50

Varsity Girls Knox City 64 Paint Creek 19 Varsity Boys Knox City 71 Paint Creek 65

JV Tourney at Crowell Thursday, Dec. 17

JV Girls Knox City 35 Quanah 56 JV Boys Knox City 48 Quanah 50 Saturday, Dec. 19 JV Girls Knox City 23 Crowell 42 JV Boys Knox City 28 Crowell 20 JV Girls

Knox City 13 Vernon 40 JV Boys Knox City 38

Vernon 62

Letter To The Editor

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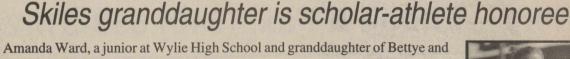
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Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m.

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O'Brien happenings

Here and There - Visiting with me over the holidays were Kenneth and Sammie Roberts of Plainview, John Tom and Nancy Johnston of Louisiana, Kim, Trace, Taylor and John Walker, also of Louisiana, Jim and Tenia Johnston of Lubbock and daughter Jamie Wells and husband Mike of Midland, Don, Marilyn and Lance Johnston of Slaton, Freddie and Shirley James of Shallowater, Cody, Brandy and Hallie and Christie Manning of KnOX City and Cliff Bnaner of Hawley, and Joe Banner of Amarillo and his mom, Billie Walker.

Dan and Marilyn Talbot were in Shallowater for Christmas with their daughter, Cahy Hughes and husband Gary and son Derrick. They enjoyed lots of good eatings and the visiting.

Visiting John and Jo Lippard over the holidays were Nancy, Jim and Joseph Ellis of Bethany, Oklahoma; Jonette, Bruce, Shawna and Leah Tibbets of Rochester; Mark, Judy, John, Beka and Deitre Lippard of Blanchard, Oklahoma; Calvin and Betty Lippard (John's brother) of Iowa Park, Denny Tibbets of Abilene, Myra and Junior Reeves of Knox City, and Bobbi Jennifer Lippard of Moore, Oklahoma.

Jean and Claudale BaRNard's company over the holidays were Donnie and Diane Roberts and Angela, Claudia and Eddie Bryant, Jon Bryant of Levelland, Micah and Lindsey Robertson of Levelland, Keith, Jennifer Hicks and Cecylee of Hawley, Joe and Sharazan Riggins and family of Rochester and Virginia Smith of Knox City.

Visiting recently with J.O. and Charlene Brothers and Don Brothers were Jerry and Rosie Brothers of Azle and Jeremy, Lisa, Ethan and Emily Brothers of Fort Worth,

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Jean Gibson and Marvelene Lancaster of Springtown, Craig, Lori and Chase Brothers of Abilene. They all attended the wedding of Tammy Brothers and Chris Lindley.

Visiting J.O. and Charlene Brothers and Don Brothers on Christmas Day were Tammy and Chris Lindley of Abilene.

Jean Gibson and Marvelene Lancaster of Springtown visited with their father, Marvin Manning and the James Manning family of Knox City recently.

Billie Ruth Walker and son Joe Banner of Amarillo visited Billie's sister Mary Beth in Minden, Louisiana, and they were all in Alabama for Christmas visiting with Mary Beth's daughter Pam.

Visiting with Rose Marie Johnston and son Jimmy over the holidays were Rose's daughter Shirley Hil and husband Gary and daughters Alyessa and Jessica of Bowie. Butch Banner of Hawley also visited them.

Visiting with C.H., Linda and Reed Underwood over the holidays were Beckie Jones of San Antonio and Beth Donham and husband Shawn and daughter Faith of Roby and Diane and Gary Condron and Cody and Yvonne of Houston.

Bro. Bill Trice and Evelyn's visitors over the weekend were Renda, Walter, Jodi and Toni Carlton, Marti and James Gresham of Stephenville, John, Gena, Josh and Jaqi Trice of Alvord and Ruthie, Bob and Matthew Acree of Knox City.

Delbert and Norma Hayes enjoyed Christmas in Midland visiting Norma's daughter Andrea and husband Jeb and children Andre and Amy Hughes. They also visited Delbert's sister Felda Wilson in the hospital in Wichita Falls.

Visiting Ranzy and Adelle

Herring over the holidays were Andy, Tami, Haleigh and Austin Hines, Julie, Wayne and Stephanie Keeling and Pansy Hines, all of Lubbock; Aderle and Doris Herring, Ken, Cheryl, Garrett, Trent and Shea of Junction; Kevin Jr. Urbanczyk of Munday and Tamara and Marsha McGaughey of Knox City.

By Audie Johnston, O'Brien Correspondent

Bernice Rowan's company over the holidays were Lowell, Sue and David of Denton, Jerry, Margaret, Angelia and Julie of Henrietta, Tray, Debbi, IV and Della of Haskell, Rusty, Traci and Cutter Oggelsby of Red Oaks. Lowell's son, Paul of Washington and three friends.

Alton and LaUna Hester had their children, Brenda and Doyle and family of Panhandle and Jay and Elaine Eaton and children and grandchildren of Knox City for a wonderful Christmas dinner and celebration over the holidays.

Junior and Myra Reeves and Frank and Billie McAuley enjoyed a wonderful day of Christmas celebrations of lots of food eats and visitation over the weekend with Arnold and LaRue Reeves in Munday.

Visiting Edrie Barnard over the holidays were Jim Ellis and Joseph and Bobby Lippard of Bethany, Oklahoma; Joe, Barbara, Melissa and Brack and R.P. and Barbara and Drew, all of Knox City. They all enjoyed visiting a

Orval and Helen Manning were in Odessa last week to attend a funeral for N.L. Allred, who is a brother-in-law of Helen.

Dan and Marilyn Talbott, Delbert and Norma Hayes, and Orval and Helen Manning were in Abilene last Tuesday night. They enhoyed an early Christmas dinner and afterwards toured the town of beautiful Christmas lights.

Orval and Helen spent Christmas in Abilene with their son Royce and wife Peggy, and Kash and Agnes Powers and their son Ronald and an aunt of Agnes', Mrs. Johnny Guest. A wonderful meal was enjoyed by all.

Visiting Christmas Day and having dinner with Coy and Loretta Hewitt were Allen, Rhonda, Kelli and Casey Moeller of Haskell; Richard, Vicki, Reece and Jerod Daniel of Abilene; Tony, Toni, Ashton, Andrea and Aubrey Neal of Wichita Falls; Frank and Karen Griffith of O'Brien; and Edna Davis of Snyder who is spending a few days here. Other visitors in the afternoon were Mark, Gayle and Jamie Daniel of Houston and Estelle Micheals of Knox City.

Dwight Gothard spent Christmas in Blackwell with his son Paul Dean and wife Kay and family. They all enjoyed lots of grand food and visiting.

Having Christmas dinner with Janoma Stephens were Sue and Bennett Shortes and Bennett's daughters, Heather and Haile and Scott Stephens, student at Vernon Regional Junior College, and Stefani, student at Texas Tech; and Lori Clem of Munday.

Visiting in the home of Beatrice Ellis during Christmas was Sammie and Grady Murry of Plainview, Nancy and Kevin Murry of Manhattan, Kansas, Kelly Murry of Dallas, Sarah and Rebecca Murry of Irving, Sandra and Pleas Childress of Ozona, Julie and Matt Harrison of San Diego, California, Martin, Vicki and Madison Childress of McCamey, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Currie of Childress and their son Jaime Currie of Lubbock and Gene's mother, Mrs. Widemon. They all ate dinner with the Ellises Christmas Day.

Enjoying the holidays with Bennett and Sue Shortes and Scott and Stefani Stephens were Haile and Heather Shortes of Seminole, Dessie Egenbacher, Janoma Stephens, Don and Marilyn Talbot, Mike Mustin of Graham, Bobby, Patsy and Natalie Day of Lubbock and Kenneth and Katherine Day of Lubbock

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KING COUNTY GIRL WINS BEEF AWARD - Katie Boyd of King County, (shown at right of photo) received a first place beef award in the senior main dish contest with Pitchfork Beef Pot Pie at the Rolling Plains District 3 4-H Food Show held in Wichita Falls on Saturday, November 21. She is the daughter of Steve and Debbie Boyd. At left, is Kallie Antilley of King County who participated in the Intermediate Nutritious Snacks with Dried Beef Cheese Ball. Kallie is the daughter of Gary and Stasia Antilley. Approximately 222 4-H club members represented the 25 county area.

(Courtesy Photo)

Paul Bullion dies in Lubbock

Paul Bullion of Lubbock, a longtime Truscott resident, died Tuesday, December 22, in a Lubbock nursing home.

Services were held Saturday, December 26, at 2:00 p.m. in Womack-Manard Chapel in Crowell. The Rev. Steve Brooks, pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Crowell, officiated. Burial was in the Truscott Cemetery.

Born March 20, 1920, in Sentinel, Oklahoma, he married Ila Mae Summers on June 8, 1949, in San Angelo.

He moved to the Gilliland-Truscott area with his parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. John Bullion, when he was three years old and remained in this area until mov-

Letter To The Editor

December 23, 1998 Knox County News editor, Included \$23.00 for the renewal of my subscription. Thank you. Merry Xmas to you, the folks I know in Knox City and those I don't know also. Dan Martinez

San Lorenzo, Calif.

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ing to Lubbock in 1998. He was a veteran of World War II and a member of the Truscott United Methodist Church.

He was a farmer and a postal clerk. He was a member of the Knox City American Legion, a former member of the Truscott Elevator Board, the Knox County Farm Bureau and was past president of the Truscott Cemetery Board. He organized and played in the "Bullionaires", a countrywestern band.

Survivors include his wife of Lubbock; a daughter, Gail Whitley of Lubbock; a son, Murry Bullion of Orlando, Florida; two brothers, Sam Bullion of Lubbock, and Kelly Bullion of Odessa; and four grandchildren.



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Under a comprehensive octane testing program now underway, TDA inspectors collect samples for both octane and alcohol analysis during routine gas pump inspections. Those service stations found selling gasoline that doesn't match up with the posted octane levels face a fine of up to \$500 per violation.

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Texas Agriculture Commissioner

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As I prepare to end my administration, I may be leaving the Texas Department of Agriculture but I'll always have agriculture with me. This industry has ever been an important part of my life and will continue to be whatever the future may hold for my family and me

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The purpose of the public meeting will be to discuss possible routes for US 277 through Knox County. Those desiring to make oral comments or presentations at the meeting may register starting at 5:00 p.m. Any interested persons may appear and offer comments, either orally or in writing. Comment cards will be available at registration.

It is TxDOT's intent to place preliminary route drawings for public viewing approximately two (2) weeks prior to the public meeting. The drawings will illustrate possible alternative routes for US 277 through Knox County. The drawings will be placed at the Munday City Hall, and at the local TxDOT Area Engineer's Office. Interested persons may visit either location for viewing of the drawings. Any comment following the public meeting may be submitted in writing to David B. Casteel, Childress District Engineer, P.O. Box 900, Childress, TX 79201, or Gary Mizer, Munday Area Engineer, P.O. Box 349, Munday, TX 76371.

The public meeting will be conducted in English and the community center is handicap accessible. Any request for language interpreters or other special needs should be made at least two days prior to the public meeting by contacting Barbara Seal, Public Information Officer at (940) 937-7145, or Gary Mizer, Area Engineer, at (940) 422-4115. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate 12-31 1tc 274 these needs.

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