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Y2K 2000 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) urges small town emergency services to "act now"

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) officials are urging the emergency management, fire and emergency services communities and the public to get ready now for Y2K. "It is very important that counties, municipalities, school districts and other organizations that have not yet begun to work on Y2K issues, start now," FEMA Deputy Director Mike Walker said. "While some failures will be minor annoyances, some may have more serious consequences."

The Y2K issue is worldwide and refers to electronic and computer system problems that may occur because of the inability of date-sensitive devices to compute "2000" when systems move from 1999 to the Year 2000 (Y2K). Virtually all systems that rely on computers or electronic devices that refer to date and time may be affected by Y2K in one way or another. This includes power, dispatch and communications systems, 911 systems, microcomputers, and much more.

In a recent FEMA survey of state emergency management directors concerning Y2K issues at the state and local levels, the directors reported that although Y2K fixes are well underway in state-level emergency preparedness offices, the emergency service systems of many counties and municipalities remain untested. "Generally states and the larger local governments are aware of and making some progress toward resolving Y2K issues, however, many smaller local governments as well as some state and territorial governments seem not to be aware of the problem," Walker said. "Clearly the most serious potential for problems is at the local level, and this is what we are concerned about."

In February and March, FEMA will conduct Y2K Consequence Management workshops around the country to identify critical issues, assess vulnerabilities, review contingency plans and consider policies and decisions that need to be taken to deal with possible Y2K consequences. Participants will include state Y2K emergency coordinators, emergency managers and state fire marshals as well as regional representatives of FEMA's Federal Response Plan partners.

Many states also reported that they have not developed contingency plans specifically for Y2K problems; instead they plan to address problems under existing emergency plans or they expect to have their systems Y2K compliant in time. Most states expressed some level of concern over the possibility of power failures, especially where power is provided by smaller utilities. Other areas of concern cited by the states include limited or lack of resources to assess, test and validate systems and fixes for Y2K problems.

"Every community, every organization and every individual has an obligation to learn more about their vulnerabilities and take action to prevent potential problems before they occur." Walker said. "Potential problems need to be identified and addressed now."

As chair and coordinator of the Emergency Services Sector (EES), FEMA is one of 34 sector coordinators working with the President's Council on Y2K Conversion, headed by Presidential Advisor John A. Koskinen. The EES group is working to make sure that all segments of the nation's emergency management community operate normally through the cross-over period from 1999 to the Year 2000 and beyond.

In the coming months, The Knox County news will be publishing a series of articles on the potential for a Y2K 2000 problem with governmental agencies, utility companies and financial institutions in our local area. We feel that this is an important issue that our readers need to be both aware of and concerned about as the turn of the century approaches with the year 2000.



Early voting on approval of groundwater conservation district underway at county courthouses in Benjamin and Haskell

NEWLY ELECTED COUNTY OFFICIALS took their respective oaths of office during a swearing-in ceremony held December 31 at the Knox County Courthouse. From left are Ronnie Verhalen, Knox County / District Clerk; Dean Homstad, Knox County Sheriff; Penny Goodwin, Knox County Treasurer; Johnny Birkenfeld, Commissioner of Knox County Precinct Four; Jerry Parker, Commissioner of Knox County Precinct Two; and David N. Perdue, Knox County Judge. Not pictured are Imogene Young, Justice of the Peace for Knox County Precincts 1 and 2; and Charles Pankhurst, Justice of the Peace for Knox County Precincts 3 and 4. (Courtesy Photo)

Haskell County and Knox County - Voters in Haskell and Knox counties can now participate in early voting to decide whether to approve a local groundwater conservation district. If approved, the district will allow an appointed board of local citizens to regulate groundwater resources.

Voters can vote early at the Haskell and Knox county courthouses until 5:00 p.m., January 22, 1999, or vote in the special election on January 26, 1999. Voters in Haskell and Knox counties with special needs can also contact their county clerk's office for a mail-in ballot.

The district would be governed by a board of directors appointed

by the Haskell and Knox County Commissioner's Courts and would manage groundwater in the two counties. Groundwater management by the district would include issuing permit for water wells, developing a water management plan for the area, and implementing rules to help adopt the plan.

"A groundwater district would give local people the power to manage local resources," Richard Albus said. "The best way to ensure that the state doesn't step in and manage our water resources is to take the initiative and mange it ourselves."

Texas first provided for the formation of groundwater 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.

"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. "When the Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill 1 in 1997, they encouraged us to set up these districts because we can manage our water resources better than any state agency in Austin."

EDC's Duckwall store project update



AFTER FINALLY GETTING A WARM SUNNY DAY, work at the rear of the new Duckwall's Hometown Variety Store began in earnest on Monday morning with the pouring of concrete for the slab that will serve as the foundation for the new addition to the old Perry Brothers store. The expanded building will house a 5100 square foot showroom area, an office, storeroom, and a restroom that will be ADA certified and handicap accessible. Work should start this week on the new building, and that phase of construction should be completed within a few weeks. While the new building is going up, work continues on the inside of the old building as new flooring is being installed and the store front remodeled to remove the old double set of doors and replace them with new plate glass and one set of doors that will also be handicap accessible. Barring any further weather delays, a tentative date for opening the new Duckwall's Hometown Variety Store has been set for the week of April 1. Billy Woodruff, Real Estate Manager for ALCO/Duckwalls, is scheduled to be in town next week to inspect progress on the building. Sid Richardson of Richardson Construction Company is the contractor for the renovation work. In the past several weeks, there has been a lot of interest in where to obtain applications for those wanting employment in the new store. ALCO/Duckwalls will notify The Knox County News in advance of a representative coming to Knox City to conduct a day of interviews. As soon as that date is known, we will publish that information so those wanting to fill out an application and be interviewed for possible employment will be able to plan in advance.

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Thanks to our many friends for your condolences, your friendship, and the visits and plants sent during the loss of our mother and grandmother, Vera Carver.

Johnnie, Bill and Grandchildren

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by Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Emerson;

Paul Garcia

Word was received at the News

office Tuesday of this week, that

Carol Felts who is a patient at

Medical City in Dallas following

a heart transplant, is progressing

by Craig and Debbie Wilde.

Carol Felts update

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 * Sunday Evening Worship at 7:00 p.m. ~ Mid Week, Wed. at 8:00 p.m. Sunday Services telecast live on Channel 17 in Knox City & O'Brien

Alvis rites are held in Rochester

Olga M. Alvis died Sunday, January 10, following a brief illness.

Services were held Wednesday, January 13, at 2:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Rochester.

She was born April 2, 1909, in Hartley. Olga married Truett Alvis in 1937. They lived and raised their family in Rochester where she was a teacher and he was a farmer and rural mail carrier.

In 1957, Olga started the first community kindergarten in her home when her youngest child was six. She continued to operate the kindergarten i her home until it was incorporated into the public school system, but even then she maintained her position as the teacher until her retirement in 1976.

She was committed to her volunteer work at First Baptist Church

Johnson rites held in Weinert

Burl L. Johnson of Fort Worth, nephew of Iola Hudson of Knox City, died Wednesday, December 30, 1998.

Graveside services were held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, January 2, 1999, in Weinert Cemetery in Haskell County.

Mr. Johnson was born April 17, 1922, in Munday. He retired from the United States Army in 1973 at the rank of sergeant first class E-7. He served in World War II, Korea and Vietnam. He Vacation Bible School classes and led Sunbeams and Girls Auxiliary groups as her children grew up. She moved to Oklahoma City in 1990 to live with her daughter's family until her death. Survivors include her sister and

in Rochester where she taught

children's Sunday School and

brother-in-law, Charlene and Ed Stagg of Fort Worth; three children, Sydna Hall of Round Rock, Mary Lue Eastmond of Oklahoma and Bill Albis of Vienna, Virginia; two sons-in-law, Kenneth Hall and Tony Eastmond; three grandchildren, Mike Eastmond of Norman, Oklahoma, Brian Easley of New York City, NY, and Steve Eastmond of San Antonio; and one great-grandchild, Natalie Ryan Oreb Eastmond.

Memorials be made to the First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 127, Rochester, TX 79544.

worked for the postal service as a postal clerk for 11 years. He had been a resident of Tarrant County since 1950.

Survivors include his wife, Ima Robertson Johnson; a daughter, Norma Lee McCormick; two brothers, Ellis A. of Belton and Doyle Dean of Pasadena, Texas; two sisters, Sybil Beauchamp Chandler of Crowell and Betty J. Chandler of San Tee, California; a granddaughter; and an aunt, Iola Hudson of Knnox City.

Grindstaff rites are held Friday

Mary E. Grindstaff, 95, died Thursday, January 7, 1999, in the Knox County Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Graveside service were at 4:00 p.m., Friday, January 8, in Willow Cemetery with Johnny Johnson officiating, directed by Smith Funeral Home of Knox City.

Ms. Grindstaff was born in Palo Pinto County in 1903. She grew up in Haskell and later moved to Dallas and worked as an accounclasser in the United States.

She retired and moved to Knox City in the early 1970's. She moved back to Dallas after two years and worked several more years. She then moved to Bowie to be near her sister.

She was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include one sister, Ava Merritt of Lamar, Colorado, and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by five brothers and one sister, in-



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FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH ~ Knox City Steve Pepper, Minister Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.

FOURSQUARE CHURCH ~ Knox City Paul Chambers, Interim Pastor Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 10:45 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship at 6:30 p.m. ~ Mid Week, Wed. at 7:00 p.m.

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THE BELIEVERS' CHAPEL ~ Highway 222 W.O. Smith, Pastor Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m. Mid Week, Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL ~ 8 Miles South Of Knox City Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m. Mid Week Bible Study, Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

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cluding the late John Grindstaff Sr. of Rochester.

Wednesday rites held for Josh Burt, 21

Funeral services for Kenneth Joshua (Josh) Burt were held Wednesday, January 13, at 2:00 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church in Munday.

The Rev. Bruce Parks, church pastor, officiated, assisted by the Rev. Bobby King of Trinity Baptist Church in Missoula, Montana. Interment was in the Knox City Cemetery directed by McCauley-Smith Funeral Home.

He died Sunday, January 9, at Parkland Hospital in Dallas.

Born June 11, 1977, in Knox City, he graduated from Knox City High School in 1995. He received his degree from Texas Tech University in Lubbock in August 1998.

Josh had accepted a position with Allstate as a marketing consultant, moving to Irving in 1998. He was a member of the First

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Baptist Church in Knox City. Josh had a love for karate in which he held a black belt in Tae Kwon Do.

He was also an enthusiast of motorcycling, jet-skiing, great music and great cars.

His loving family, Jenna, Jan and James Williams of Munday and Dottie and Buster Lowrey of Knox City, survive him.

The family requests that memorials be made to the Children's Church, First United Methodist Church, Munday, Texas.

Pallbearers were William J. (Billy) Curd II, Ryan Marion, Eric Greenwood, Eric Richardson, Jeremy Rosencranz and Lance Haragan.

Honorary pallbearers were Riley Carver, Cody Manning, Brian Rosencranz, Byron Waldrip and Abel Johnston.

Melissa Barnard named to ASU fall dean's list

Melissa J. Barnard has been named to the Dean's List at Angelo State University in San Angelo for the fall semester.

A sophomore and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Barnard, Melissa is a finance major at ASU.

Pink Ladies to meet Monday at 5:00 P.M.

The Knox County Hospital Auxiliary Pink Ladies will meet Monday, January 18, at 5:00 p.m. in the downtown thrift shop.

Members will review general business and all members are asked to be present for this meeting.

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Rep. Counts urges voters to endorse vote for groundwater conservation district

AUSTIN - 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.

Texas first provided for the formation of groundwater 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.

"The creation of a locally-controlled groundwater district is the only mechanism we have to ensure that our water resources are managed by local folks," David Counts, D-Knox City, said. "Without a district, the groundwater rights of people in Haskell and Knox counties could someday be in jeopardy.

"As a member of the Texas Legislature and as Chairman of the House Committee on Natural Resources, I am a strong believer in private property rights and have fought countless times for the protection of individual water rights," Counts said, "but, as water resources become more scarce across West Texas, the best way to protect those rights is through the creation of a local groundwater conservation district.'

Under Texas water law, groundwater is treated differently than surface water, or water in lakes, rivers and streams. The state controls surface water, and people must obtain a permit for the right to use a designated amount of water. In contrast, groundwater falls under the "right of capture" rule, which generally means that landowners can pump as much groundwater as they are able to without being liable if they make neighbors' wells go dry.

This scenario has led many to refer to Texas groundwater law as the "law of the biggest pump." The deepest well and most powerful pump gets the water. Current law provides no recourse for those whose wells go dry unless they are part of a water conservation district.

"Groundwater law or 'the law of the biggest pump' is being reviewed in Texas," Counts said. "A case currently before the Texas Supreme Court could play an enormous role in the way we regulate groundwater across the state."

The Texas Supreme Court in November heard oral arguments on the appeal of Bart Sipriano, et al. v. Great Springs Waters of America Inc., et al. (Ozarka Natural Spring Water Co.). In the case, the plaintiff filed suit in March 1996 claiming that Ozarka's water pumping activity in the county negligently depleted his and neighboring wells. The court's decision to hear the Ozarka case has attracted attention to the 94year-old "rule of capture" water law, and the court's ultimate decision could change the way some companies do business in Texas and make fights over groundwater more common.

"The people of Haskell and Knox counties can manage their water better than any Austin agency or court," Counts said, "and the consequences of not taking local control of our groundwater today could mean it will be out of our hands tomorrow."

Early voting on the creation of the district began January 11. Voters can cast their ballots at either the Haskell or Knox County Courthouses.

Lady Bulldogs basketball **By Coach Chappell**

Thursday, January 7 On Thursday, both teams played Rotan at the O'Brien gym. It was a great way to start the New Year; both teams were victorious.

The seventh grade team came out playing hard. At the end of the first half the score was 12-2. The second half just got better with the girls scoring 18 points. The final score was 31-11. It was definitely a team effort. We were short a couple of players due to grades, but the others rose to the occasion. Scoring was very balanced. Ariana Gomez, Jodi Chambers, and Haleigh Chenhall all had 6 points. The rest of the scoring was as follows: Oudems - 4 points, Lankford - 4 points, Garcia - 2 points, and Samantha Gutierrez -2 points.

The game of the night was the eighth grade game. In this game, the girls showed heart and determination. The beginning was a bit shaky, but by the second quarter everyone had settled down. Each girl did the job they were given to do. By the third quarter the Lady Bulldogs had pulled ahead for good. That was partly due to the defense holding Rotan to zero points in that quarter. The whole team played pretty good defense, but Diana Miranda held their star to 10 points and Jacquelyn Lerma's defense saved quite a few points. Scoring for the Lady Bulldogs was as follows: Savannah Gutierrez - 22 points, Diana Miranda - 2 points and Ashley Jobe - 7 points.

January 11, 1999

Another fun filled night of girls basketball against our rivals Munday at their gym. Both teams played with heart.

The seventh graders started out slowly. They made their coach's blood pressure rise. With a few "inspirational" words, they seem to have come to life in the fourth quarter. The final score was 24-23. It wasn't a pretty win, but is

Gutierrez all had 4 points, and Sondra Lankford had two points. In the eighth grade game, the tables turned on us. We played close the first quarter, then fell into turnovers. In the second quarter Munday outscored us 14 points

Sue Woodall returns from Oregon visit

Sue Woodall of Knox City returned Thursday night after a three-week stay in Stayton, Oregon, with her daughter and family, Nancy and her husband John Peterson.

Also visited granddaughters Stephanie and Darby Fender and their four children and Heather and Justin Sterrett.

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Individual scoring was as follows:

Savannah Gutierrez 10 points,

Ashley Jobe 4 points, and Kim-

berly Hawkins and Jacquelyn

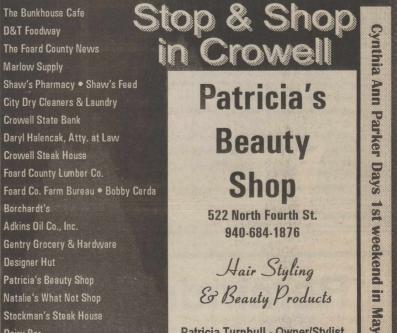
Lerma two points each.

This was Sue's first visit in four years.

We would like to thank all of you who thought of us during the loss of our loved one. Your many acts of kindness were greatly appreciated. May God bless you all.

The Family of Paul Garcia





TxDOT public meeting is January 14 in Munday

To discuss options for improvement of US 277 through Knox County

CHILDRESS - The Texas Department of Transportation is hosting a public meeting on January 14 at the Perry Patton Community Center in Munday. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m

The purpose of the public meeting will be to discuss options for the improvement of US 277 through Knox County.

Public viewing of the plans for US 277 is encouraged. Plans for the route that will affect US 277 in Munday can be viewed at the Goree can be viewed at the Goree City Hall, which began Monday, January 4.

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.

The public meeting will be conducted in English and the community center is handicap acces-

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 these needs.

Any comments following the public meeting may be submitted in writing to David B. Castell, Childress District Engineer, P.O. Box 900, Childress, Texas 79201, or Gary Mizer, Munday Area

Munday City Hall and plans affecting the route for US 277 in

sible. Any request for language interpreters or other special needs Engineer, P.O. Box 349, Munday, TX 76371.

was a win against Munday. Individual scoring was as follows: Ashley Garcia 10 points, Haleigh Chenhall, Martha Silva, Samantha Stockman's Steak House **Dairy Bar** Vehicle Classics & Collectables

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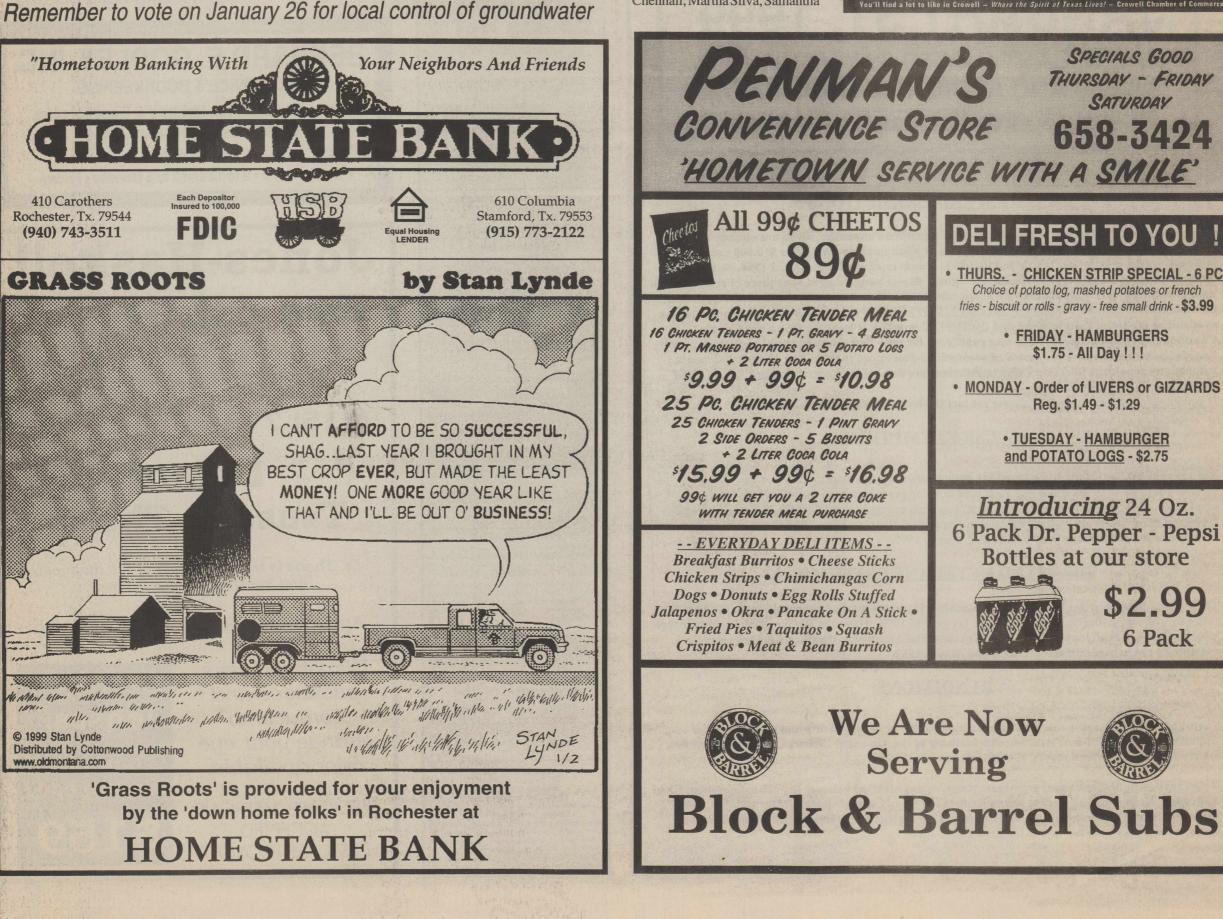
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Aging center lunch menus

January 18th thru 22nd

Monday, January 18 - Barbecue chicken, fresh green salad, green beans, hominy casserole, hot rolls, cake. Tuesday, January 19 Chicken fried steak, gravy, green salad, peas and carrots, mashed potatoes, hot rolls, cookies.

Wednesday, January 20 Beef and macaroni casserole, green pea salad, whole kernel corn, batter bread, pudding. Thursday, January 21 -Fish with tarter sauce, macaroni and cheese, cole slaw, baked beans, sliced bread, pineapple crumb cake with topping.

Friday, January 22 - Roast beef with gravy, blackeyed peas, glazed carrots, mashed potatoes, hot rolls, fruit cobbler.

(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.

Surprise party to honor 90 yr. old **Buck Townsend**

Family and friends will honor Buck Townsend with a 90th birthday party Sunday, January 17, from 1:30 until 3:00 p.m. at his home in Rochester.

Buck was born in Eastland County to Mr. and Mrs. Truman Townsend on January 14, 1909, He is the second oldest of a family of nine, eight of whom are still living.

Buck moved to Rule in 1928 where he met Myrtle Webb and they were married January 21, 1930. Their only child, R.B., as born December 10, 1932. They lived around Rule until 1942 when they purchased a farm southeast of Rochester. In 1965, they bought the Grace McGhee place east of Rochester where they are presently living.

Buck retired from active farming in 1974 but continued his favorite hobby of trading horses. To hear Buck tell it, he never made a bad deal or lost any money on a horse trade.

Buck would probably attribute his longevity to 'eating cornbread every day and lots of good fat pork'.

Free college hotline available **January 16 & 17**

The toll free College Information Hotline will be available to all Texas residents on Saturday, January 16, and Sunday, January 17, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Anyone in the state of Texas may telephone, toll-free 1-800-347-3475 and receive free information about any university or college, regarding college selection, admissions, testing and financial aid. Up-to-date information regarding the application process, college majors, entrance requirements, financial aid and meeting deadlines will also be available.

The hotline will be staffed by professionals from secondary guidance departments, colleges, and universities from across the state. Spanish-speaking counselors will be available.

The Texas Association for College Admission Counseling (TACAC), a non-profit association of professional educators, and the Greater East Texas Higher Education Authority will co-sponsor this event.

For more information, contact Myra Gomez, media coordinator at 409-845-3741.

Benjamin news

School's back in full swing, basketball has resumed and people are finally about to settle down after the holidays so news is pretty scarce this week. With bitter cold again last week, folks were glad to stay inside. Tho cold today (Monday) we do have promise of a few nicer days and even tho it's winter, I, for one, will be glad to see a little bit warmer temps.

Concerning Our Ill - Debra and Mike Moorhouse are enroute to Houston today for her to see doctors at M.D. Anderson. We will be glad to get a report. Her appointment is 7 a.m. tomorrow (Tuesday, 12th). Talked to Debra just before she left Sunday. She was tired. Had done some shopping on Saturday so was "worn out" from that but said otherwise she felt pretty well.

No recent report on Louise Hall. The last I did hear, she was doing well. Was in occupational and physical therapy several hours a day but said things were pretty encouraging for her. She's still at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

Joe Nunley is now a resident of Brazos Valley Care Home in Knox City. He moved over there last Wednesday. Is doing pretty well and invites his many friends to drop by anything to see him.

O'Brien happenings

"What A Pane! One morning my father dropped off his van at a service center to have the electricwindow switch on the driver's side replaced. When we went to pick up the van later that afternoon, however, he was told that the part was backordered for two weeks. 'You don't understand,' my father said. 'Everything I eat comes through that window!' "

Here and There - College students from O'Brien are gone or getting ready to go back to college are Stefani Stephens to Texas Tech in Lubbock, Scott Stephens who will be graduating from VRJC, Amy Hunt will be going back to

Elsewhere Out of stat

My sister, Maxine Nelson, who underwent surgery Wednesday, December 30, is doing pretty well. Shill not certain whether or not she will have to have chemo or radiation but should find out soon. Thanks to all who have asked about her and shown concern. I appreciate it.

Jan Carver is having some dental work done. Keep her in your thoughts. That can be pretty uncomfortable!

Basketball - District basketball started Friday night. Benjamin hosted Rochester and split the victories. The girls won by a pretty good margin but the boys came out on the low side of the scoreboard. Girls scoring in double figures were Micah Larned with 18 points and Elizabeth Hostas with 12. Boys scoring high were Jacy Collins and Clayton Conner with 17 each and Tyler Carroll with 10. Both were good games.

Here 'N There - Deann Lamb spent a couple of days in Wichita Falls last week visiting and also seeing her doctor.

Nora Hertel was honored Sunday with a family birthday gettogether at Leisure Lodge in Munday where she resides. Nora is 92 today (11th). Family mem-

By Gladene Green, Benjamin Correspondent

bers there for the party were Daniel and Rosellen Albus of Lubbock, Walter and Peggy Hertel of Munday and Don and Louise Hertel of Benjamin. Congratulations, Nora, on reaching another milestone.

Kim Moore and daughters Samijo and Shelby of Spur were weekend Benjamin visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Burch and family of Abilene visited in the Roger Bohannon home during the weekend. Also visiting were Wesley's parents, Bob and Betty Goodwin of Earth.

Rosie Brown of Trenton, Georgia, is here for a few days visit with her son Mark and family and other relatives and friends.

Joy Yancey of Lakeside City visited relatives here on Saturday.

Valerie and Sidney Mendoza of Seymour spent the weekend with their grandparents, Jane Gideon and Weldon Gideon, while their parents, Carlos and Lana, were in Fort Worth for his company's belated Christmas party.

Just a brief personal thanks to all who have called or seen me in town to tell me how much they appreciate my column. Folks who appreciate it and let me know make it worthwhile.

By Audie Johnston, O'Brien Correspondent college in Denton and Reed Underwood is also a student at Tech in Lubbock. Beatrice Ellis spent last Tuesday night in Plainview with her daughter Sammie Murry and husband Grady. She also visited her cousin Myrtle Belle while there and she visited her aunt Mildred

Draper in Lubbock. She also had a doctor's appointment while there. Attending the 'Jesus' film show-

ing Sunday night at the KC First Baptist Church were these from our church, Orval and Helen Manning, George Hodges, Mutt Ivie, Veeta Reed, Bernice Rowan, C.H.

and Linda Underwood, Dan and Marilyn Talbot and I. Believe me everyone everywhere should see that film. It will surely make your skin crawl.

Vivian Hendrix spent last Monday night in Wichita Falls with her daughter LeNear and she had a doctor's appointment as she was having problems with her hearing aids. We have several on our ailing list this week and need our prayers, some of these are Troy and Clara Hanson, Evelyn Trice, Evelyn Underwood, Claudale and Jean Barnard and Mutt and Bertie Ivie. I'm sure there are others we haven't heard about.



Reminder To Taxpayers

JANUARY 31, 1999 IS THE LAST DAY TO PAY YOUR 1998 TAXES AND AVOID THE ADDITIONAL **PENALTY AND INTEREST CHARGES**

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS

Homeowners are not required to file a homestead exemption annually. If you are already receiving the state mandated \$15,000 homestead exemption or additional over sixty-five \$10,000 exemption, you need not reapply for the taxing year of 1999. However, if you became 65 in 1998, you need to apply for the additional over 65-\$10,000 exemption. If you have changed your place of residency you need to apply for a new exemption. All homestead applications must be filed with Chief Appraiser Stanton Brown, between the dates of January 1, 1999 and May 1, 1999. These exemption forms are available at the Knox County Appraisal District Office, which is located in the Knox County Courthouse, Benjamin. Individuals who qualify for the over sixty-five additional homestead exemption, described above, have the option of paying their homestead taxes in four equal installments, without any penalty or interest. These installments are due before January 1, April 1, June 1 and August 1.

If you qualify, and are interested, please contact the Knox County Appraisal District.

AG-USE EXEMPTIONS

Annual applications for qualifying land for agriculture use is not required. If you have been receiving the AG-USE exemption on your land in prior years, you need not reapply for the exemption. If you recently purchased a farm, you need to report this to the Chief Appraiser. AG-USE exemption forms are also available at the Appraisal District Office. Deadline for filing new exemptions are between January 1, 1999 and May 1, 1999.

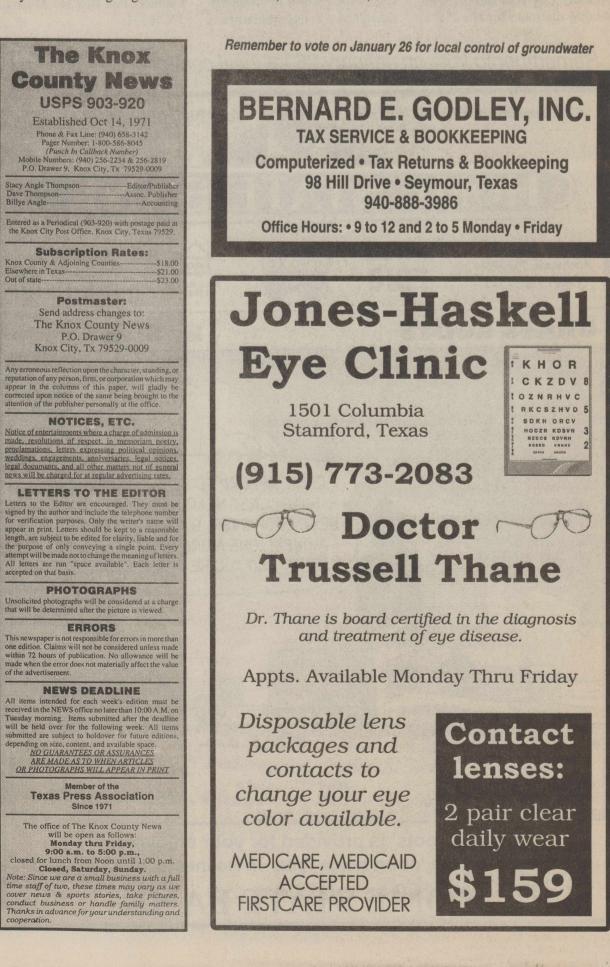
DISABLED VETERANS EXEMPTION

These exemptions need not be applied for annually. If you received your exemption on the 1998 tax roll, you will automatically receive it for the tax year of 1999. However, if your disability percentage has changed, you need to report the change to the Chief Appraiser. Deadline for filing new exemptions are between January 1, 1999 and May 1, 1999.

RENDITIONS

Taxpayers are reminded that it is still their responsibility to render their property to the Chief Appraiser. These rendition forms are also available at the Appraisal District Office. Deadline for tax renditions is between January 1, 1999 and April 1, 1999.

If you have any questions about your exemptions, or any other ad valorem tax related question, Chief Appraiser, Stanton Brown, invites you to write to the Knox County Appraisal District, P.O. Box 47, Benjamin, Texas 79505 or call 454-3891. If Appraisal District employees can be of any assistance, please let us help.



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Legal Notice ORDINANCE # 1999-1

An ordinance of the City of Benjamin, Texas, adopted January 11, 1999, for the provision of city mowing on private property by complaint of adjacent property owner for weed control.

Section 1. After receiving a signed complaint from an adjacent property owner, the City will notify the owner of the property that 10 days will be given to mow said property.

Section 2. After 10 days notice the City will mow the property if it has not been mowed.

Section 3. The charge for mowing on private property will be \$25/hr minimum plue expense for any equipment damage incurred as result of mowing that property.

Read, passed, and adopted, this the 11th day of January, 1999.

Mike Sheedy, Mayor 1-14 ltc 125



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Election Notice

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION To the registered voters of Haskell and Knox Counties, Texas: Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on January 26, 1999, for voting in a special election to create the Haskell-Knox Underground Water Conservation District. Early voting is January 11 through Janu-

ary 22. Locations of Polling Places: County

Clerk's Office in Haskell and Knox Counties. 12-21 2tc, 1-11 2tc 74

Vehicles

FOR SALE - 1996 Chevrolet Astro Van, fully loaded, 40,000 miles. Call Cathy 422-4500 or 658-3213 after 5:30. 'JANUARY CLEARANCE prices on occasional furniture (that's items that only sell occasionally). Computer desks, roll top desks, bookcases, tables, etc. are all reduced for quick sale. Kinney Furniture in Stamford where you get quick free delivery, small town personal service, and no high pressure salesmen since 1932.' 1-14 ltc

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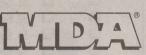
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LEGAL NOTICE - THAT IN ACCOR-DANCE WITH SECTION 30.05 OF THE PENAL CODE OF TEXAS - (CRIMI-NAL TRESPASS SENATE BILL III LEGISLATURE), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ALL LANDS OF THE SPIKE BOX RANCH AND CACTUS FARMS ARE POSTED - SAVE AND EXCEPT WHERE WRITTEN PERMIS-SION IS GIVEN TO COME UPON THE SAME.

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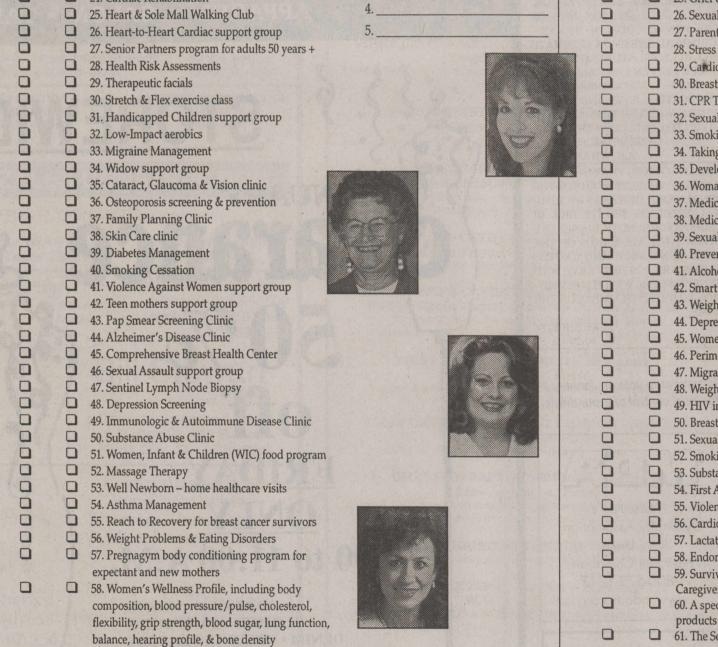
And ARMC's commitment also includes offering you the healthcare services and educational classes that you, and other women in our community, want, need, and expect.

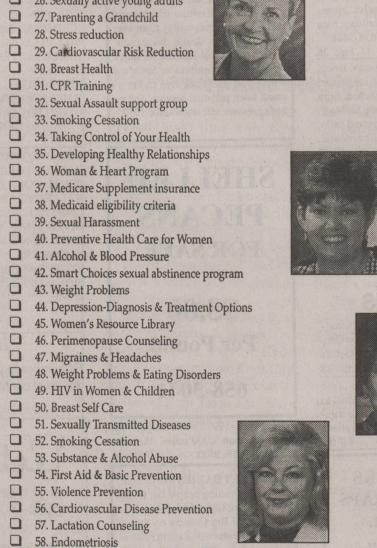
So please take a few minutes to complete this brief

survey...let us know how we can best serve you.

Please return your completed survey by 2-7-99 to enter the drawing for a \$250 gift certificate to the Mall of Abilene. Mail your survey to ARMC, Community Relations Department, 6250 Hwy. 83-84 at Antilley Rd., Abilene, TX 79606. The first 100 completed surveys returned will also receive a free gift!

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- 60. A specialty boutique for women's healthcare products
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