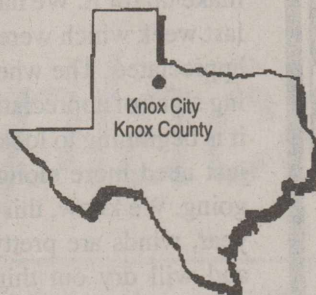


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PROUDLY STANDING BY HIS new Schweizer 300CB Helicopter, Stan Wojcik (above) of Air Ag will soon be offering all sorts of helicopter service to the local area. Wojcik is in the process of being trained and certified on the helicopter that he has leased as a new feature of his business.

Air Ag will soon offer helicopter service

Harrison Field, located just North of Knox City, has been buzzing with a different type of activity the past few days. Instead of the roar of airplane engines as ag spraying and business planes take off and land, the air around Knox City's airport has been filled with the sound of helicopter blades cutting through the West Texas air.

Air Ag, Inc., and owners Stan and Donna Wojcik have taken delivery of a 1995 model Schweizer 300CB helicopter that has been leased to offer a new dimension to the local flying service. Taking advantage of a leasing service offered by the manufacturer, the Wojciks acquired the two seater helicopter to offer new services such as cattle roundup for area ranches and farms, field checking for the spray service and area farmers, surveying prospective locations for hunters and guide services, power line surveys by utility companies, and commercial flying for other customers.



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Air Ag's Chief Pilot, Stan Wojcik, is in the process of training to receive his certificate of rating as a commercial helicopter pilot. With good weather, he hopes to have his rating within a month and begin helicopter operations.

Patrolman Stephens begins work for city P.D.

Beginning his first week of duty this week, Douglas M. Stephens of Mineral Wells has reported for work as Knox City's newest police officer. Working this week with Police Chief Harry Steen, Stephens is familiarizing himself with the city and his new job responsibilities.

Coming to the Knox City Police Department from the Sheriff's Department in Palo Pinto County, Patrolman Stephens has been involved in law enforcement since 1996. His education background in law enforcement includes the 228 hour Basic Reserve Police Officer course in 1996, the 190 hour Intermediate Reserve Police Officer course in 1996, the 142 hour Advanced Reserve Police Officer Course in 1996, the 40 hour Basic Jail Operations course in 1997, and the 32 hour Basic Police Sniper School in 1998. Stephens holds TCLOSE certification as a Basic Sniper, Basic Jailer, and as a Basic Peace Officer.

Stephens served in the United States Army from 1986 to 1995,



KNOX CITY'S NEWEST POLICE OFFICER is shown here during his first week 'on the job' in our community. Douglas M. Stephens (at left) was riding on Monday with Knox City Police Chief Harry Steen (at right) as he familiarized himself with the city.

specializing in the Stinger missile system and small arms repair.

Officer Stephens is single and has already moved to Knox City. Working with Police Chief

Harry Steen, Stephen's employment as a Police Officer will once again allow our local police department to place two certified officers on the streets.

Citizens Bank to honor Leona Burkham

Michael R. Davis, President of Citizens Bank, has announced the retirement of Leona Burkham after 30 years of service to the Bank.

Mrs. Burkham began her banking career on June 1, 1974. During her tenure with Citizens Bank, she has served in many capacities within the bank, including loan secretary, teller, new accounts, receptionist and certificates of deposit. She became Assistant Cashier in 1979 and Assistant Vice President in 1983.

Mrs. Burkham will continue working for the bank in the marketing and public relations area. As additional responsibilities, Leona will be developing a Travel Club for the bank and will help coordinate group trips to various events throughout the country.

In announcing her new position



LEONA BURKHAM

for the bank, Mr. Davis stated that it was important not to lose Mrs. Burkham's years of experience and that in her new public relations and marketing position,

she will help in the transition period of the new ownership of the bank.

Leona married Leon Burkham on December 22, 1955. They moved to Knox City in July 1961. Leon is the vocational ag teacher for the Knox City-O'Brien CISD.

The Burkham's have three children, Mike and his wife Missy of Knox City; Gaylynn Covey and her husband Greg of Littlefield, and Bob and his wife Angela of Canyon.

They also have five grandsons, Ryne and Will Burkham of Knox City, Wade and Lee Covey of Littlefield and Clay Burkham of Canyon.

Citizens Bank will be hosting a reception for Mrs. Burkham on Friday, February 12, during regular lobby hours.

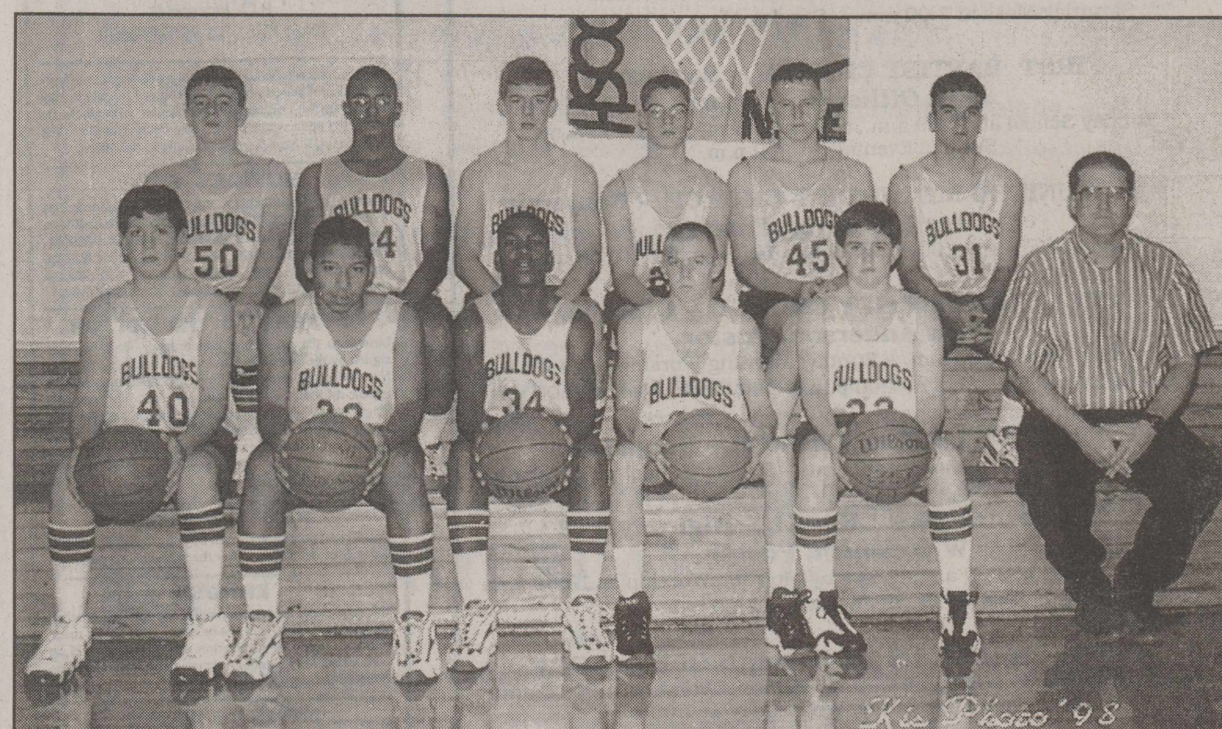
Benjamin 'Lady Stangs' are district runners-up



BENJAMIN LADY STANGS ARE RUNNERS-UP - The Benjamin Lady Stangs finished as runners-up in District 23A. They will face Throckmorton in bi-district next Tuesday at a time and gym to be announced. Lady Stangs, pictured left to right, are Sandra Acevedo, Lynne Moorhouse, Carmen Acevedo, Ashley Cartwright, Elizabeth Moorhouse, Mica Larned, Toby Rainwater, Juli Larned and Monica Zavala. Not pictured is Elizabeth Hostas. Shown with them is Coach C.H. Underwood.

(Courtesy Photo)

Jimmy Chappell's 8th grade boys basketball team at O'Brien Junior High are district champions



CLAIMING THE DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP FOR 8TH GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL, Jimmy Chappell's team at O'Brien Junior High School are now two time district champs as they were also the district champions in football. The boys played in the district tournament last week, defeating Munday at O'Brien on Thursday, then defeating Windthorst at Windthorst on Saturday. Shown in the front row from left to right are Caleb Carver, Dominique Collier, Sederick Roberson, Logan Morrow, Brad Johnson and Coach Chappell. Shown on the back row from left to right are Scooter Thompson, Gemile Roberson, Landon Weiershausen, Ryne Burkham, Josh Warren and Sean Duncan. (Kis photo)

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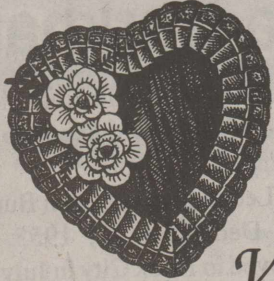


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 Steve Pepper, Minister

Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.

FOUR SQUARE 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 8:30 p.m. ~ Mid Week, Wed. at 7:00 p.m.

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 Father Kevin Fagan ~ Deacon Julian Estrada

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 Saturday Mass at 7:00 p.m. ~ Sunday Mass at 9:00 a.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - Benjamin
 John Gillispie, Pastor

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 Sunday Evening at 6:00 p.m.

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 Ross Anderson, Pastor

Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.
 Sunday Evening Worship at 7:00 p.m. ~ Mid Week, Wed. at 7:00 p.m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH - Benjamin
 Jack Maddox, Pastor

Sunday Morning Worship at 9:30 a.m. ~ Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.

THE BELIEVERS' CHAPEL - Highway 222
 W.O. Smith, Pastor

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 Mid Week, Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL - 8 Miles South Of Knox City
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 Mid Week Bible Study, Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

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Benjamin news

I was scolded again for not having any news last week, but I as just too busy to get any together. Maybe this week will make up for it. We had nice rains last week which were very much appreciated. The wheat is showing signs of appreciation, also, as it is beginning to look better. We just need more along to keep it going. We know, this time of the year, winds are pretty prevalent and will dry out things mighty fast.

Regarding Our Ill - Debra Moorhouse is continuing chemo treatments once a week in Wichita Falls. She's having some side effects from it and is not able to eat very much and that leaves her pretty weak so she's staying pretty close to home. I talked to her last week and she's hoping after her last treatment for a few weeks, she will begin to feel stronger.

Pat Benson spent several days in a Wichita Falls hospital last week. She returned home yesterday (Sunday) and is feeling pretty well.

Omitene Barnett's brother, Howard, is having some bad days. He suffered a broken leg recently and is having complications as a result.

Blaine Conner underwent knee surgery Friday in San Angelo. Blaine received an injury earlier in a basketball game in Colorado City where she now resides with her dad, Steve and his wife. Reports are that she's doing well. Just, like all surgeries, will have to take it slow for a while. Her mom, Janet Reed, was in San Angelo with her for the surgery.

Hazel Stockton has been feeling "under the weather" for several days. She's under the care of a doctor and taking medication and hopefully will be better soon.

By Gladene Green, Benjamin Correspondent

Nora Duke seems to be feeling better after her recent stay in the hospital. Some days are better than others. But as the times go by, maybe she will get stronger.

Our prayers are with all these friends.

Basketball - The basketball season has come down to the playoffs. Benjamin played Rule on Tuesday night and they played well lost both games. On Friday night, Paint Creek came to Benjamin and the girls won by a wide margin. Most of the girl got in on the scoring, but scoring high were Elizabeth Hostas and Micah Larned. Good game!

The boys lost by four points but played well all four quarters. Tyler Carroll and Jacy Collins scored high for Benjamin. The girls are second in district and will be playing a playoff game very soon. We'll find out who and then this week and wish the Lady Stangs much luck.

Museum News - The fundraiser to benefit the Knox County Museum sponsored by the Knox County Historical Commission has been termed "very successful". The not as much money was made as last year the "take" was still good and the commission appreciated all who helped to make it successful.

Door prizes donated by various businesses and individuals were given away at the end of the meal.

Here N There - Jim Bob Conner of Lubbock visited briefly with his mom, Judy, on Friday.

Stephanie and Bobby Brannan and Michele Conner spent the weekend with Hazel Stockton and other relatives and friends. Bob and Stephanie visited his mom, Gertrude Brannan.

Jimmy Barrientez of Lubbock,

Shawn and Mary Widmer and Hannah of Carrollton, Lupe Palacios and family of Crowell and Jr. and Virginia Barrientez and children of Stamford all visited in the home of their parents, Raul and Reyes and helped Raul celebrate his birthday Saturday. Also visiting was Michele Conner, also of Lubbock.

Peggy Shropshire of New Deal visited Benjamin friends Sunday and enjoyed lunch at the Community Center.

I enjoyed visiting with Gwindell and Peggy Cure Richie of Wichita Falls Sunday. They were down to visit around in Gilliland and vera and also had lunch with us. It's always good to have friends come by.

Charles and Joy Jones were in Vernon Sunday to watch their grandson play basketball.

James Duke of Throckmorton visited his mom, Nora, several days last week.

Robbie Feemster of Vera was a Sunday guest of Corrine and George Parrish, Philomae Roberson and Judy Conner.

Jack and Mary Young were in Lubbock Friday for the funeral of a friend who as also secretary for the Parks and Wildlife when Jack was there.

Tommy and Julie Thomas' house is coming along right nicely. It looks good from the outside. I haven't been inside lately but looks like if all goes well, they may be able to "take up residency" there before long.

Also the addition to the George Parrish home, the former H.T. Melton home, is looking good. They are having a sun room added on to the front. Will be so nice, when completed.

Kathy Rainwater of VRJC was a weekend guests of homefolks.

Lady Bulldogs basketball

By Coach Chappell

February 4, 1999
 O'Brien Gym
 District Tournament

It was a tough night at the O'Brien Gym. Both teams came up short in games with Monday.

The seventh grade team forgot to show up the first half. We spotted Monday eight points and just couldn't quite get caught up the second half. The final score was 28-35. Individual scoring: Shea Oudems 4 pts., Martha Silva 1 pt., Sondra Lankford 4 pts., Ashley Garcia 12 pts., Jodi Chambers 2 pts., Haleigh Chenhall 3 pts., and Samantha Gutierrez 2 pts.

In the eighth grade the final score was 40-20. Not one of our more offensive games. The girls played hard. Individual scoring: Lezli Villa 1 points, Savannah Gutierrez 6 pts., Leah Simmons 2 pts., Diana Miranda 10 pts., and Jacquelyn Lerma 1 pt.

February 6, 1999 at

Windthorst - District Tourney
 What a long day! Our day started at 6:30 a.m. on a Saturday. We arrived home about 8:00 p.m. Lots of basketball was played on this day.

The seventh grade is most definitely not a morning team. Our showing is nothing like we thought it would be. In the first game, the Lady Bulldogs were defeated by Petrolia 19-23. Individual scorers were Oudems 4 pts., Silva 4 pts., Lankford 1 pt., Chambers 2 pts., and Chenhall with 8 pts. We won't say much about the last game; let's just say it wasn't what we expected again! Windthorst defeated the Lady Bulldogs 51-30. Individual scoring: Oudems 6 pts., Lankford 2 pts., Garcia 12 pts., and Chenhall 10 pts.

The eighth grade games were only one hour apart. What heart the girls show. Everytime they take the court they improve. In the first game the girls took on Windthorst. They were pretty big girls. We fought and scrapped. The score was Windthorst 41-21.

Individual scoring: Villa 2 pts., Eaton 4 pts., DelValle 1 pt., Gutierrez 4 pts., Simmons 4 pts., Acuna 2 pts., Lerma 2 pts., and Jobe 2 pts. The next game was exciting! We played Petrolia. The score was 27-25; their favor. Individual scoring: Gutierrez 14 pts., Simmons 3 pts., Acuna 1 pt., Miranda 3 pts., and Jobe 4 pts.

February 8, 1999
 at the O'Brien Gym

There were the last games of the season! Both games against Roby were played with the intensity that makes a coach proud no matter what the outcome.

The seventh grade team finally performed up to their potential after the last couple of outings. They played like a team and made me very proud. The girls defeated Roby 30-24. This was a great way to end the season. Individual scoring: Gomez 2 pts., Lankford 2 pts., Silva 4 pts., Chambers 8 pts., Chenhall 12 pts., and Gutierrez 2 pts.

The eighth graders had a tough game ahead of them. Roby had defeated us 52-25 the first time we played them. The girls rose to the occasion and played a super game even though the score was 37-19 in Roby's favor. We had set some goals for the game and achieved every one of them. The girls enjoyed themselves and we can hold our heads high. Individual scoring: Villa 2 pts., Gutierrez 5 pts., Miranda 4 pts., and Jobe 8 pts.

I enjoyed myself this season. The girls worked hard every day! This makes coaching fun. Thanks to the girls and their parents for making my first year back a pleasure. Looking forward to next year. Oh, I almost forgot - - - Track starts Monday!!!!

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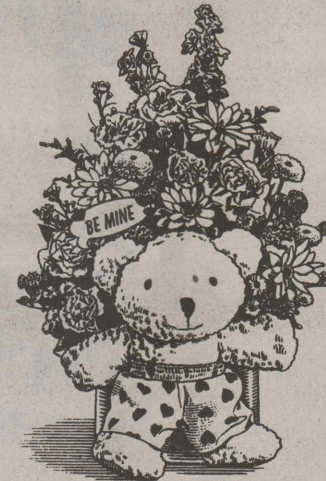
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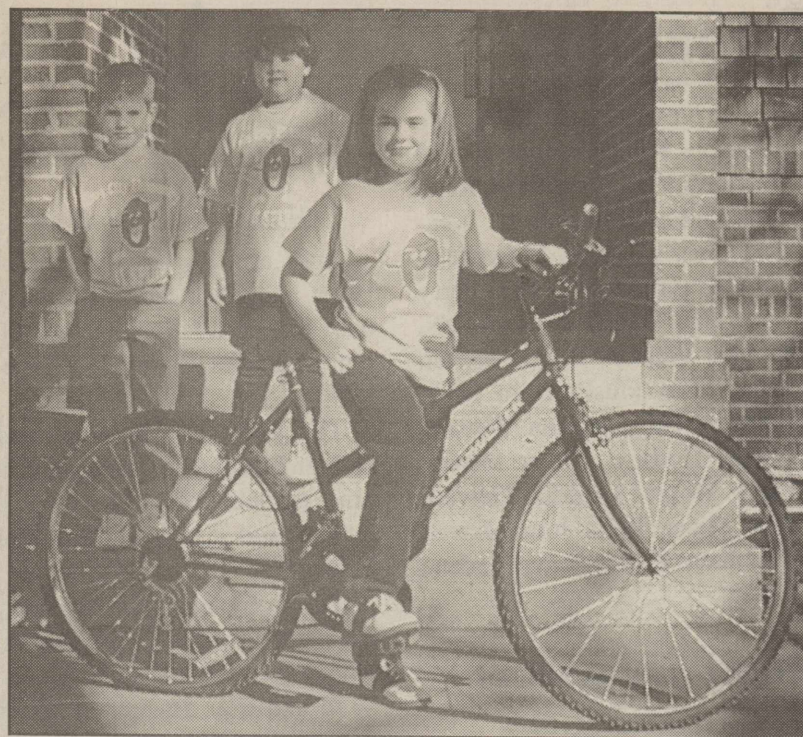
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TOP SELLERS for the Baked Potato Supper were fourth grader Katelyn Railsback, shown with her prize winning bike, who sold 121 tickets for a total of \$442. At left is 2nd grader Tyler Johnson, who sold 40 tickets for \$150; and 1st grader Laura Vasquez, who sold 14 tickets for a total of \$50. Not pictured is Jessy Schur, 3rd grade, 67 tickets, \$212.

Noah Project - North to meet Friday at noon

The Noah Project - North Advisory Committee will meet on Friday, February 12, at noon in the jury room of the Haskell County Courthouse. Plans for the annual dinner theatre will be discussed.

Fundraiser planned for Carol Felts February 27

A fundraiser to benefit Carol Felts' medical expenses is planned in Knox City Saturday, February 27, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the W.R. Baker Auditorium.

According to organizer Joann Maddox, lots of out-of-town guests including 'mostly gospel and some fiddle' will be on hand for the three-hour 'maybe longer' program.

Tickets will be available at the door and additional donations are welcome.

Financial aid night set Feb. 18

Knox City High School will host a Financial Aid Night on Thursday, February 18, in the high school library at 6:30 p.m.

Dave Corley from Panhandle-Plains in Canyon will be here to explain the process for students to apply for financial aid. He will also talk about Grants, Scholar-

ships and Work Study Plans, which enable students to work during their college careers.

This meeting is for juniors and seniors and / or their parents.

For further information, call Bettye Moore at 658-3565 or 422-5400. There will be a drawing for a \$100 scholarship.

Scouts, Explorers set bean, cornbread supper Monday

Boy Scout Troop 161 and Explorer Post 706 will hold a Red Bean and Cornbread Supper, Monday, February 15, in the Knox City school cafeteria.

Serving time will be from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Ticket prices are noted by their ad elsewhere in this week's News.

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

The Knox County Hospital Auxiliary Pink Ladies will meet Monday, February 15, at 5:00 p.m. in the downtown thrift shop.

Members are asked to please attend the meeting.

Plans underway for chili lunch, auction

A chili lunch and silent auction to benefit the Knox Unit of the American Cancer Society will be held February 18 at the Munday Perry Patton Community Center from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Kendra Smith, field representative from Lubbock, will be on hand to answer questions and hand out information concerning the ACS and cancer.

Blood pressure will be checked and tickets are available from a board member or will be at the door. More info will appear in next week's News.

Debra Moorhouse fund started at Citizens Bank

A fund for Debra Moorhouse of Benjamin has been established at Citizens Bank to help the family defray expenses incurred by Debra's illness.

The fund has been designated as the Debra Moorhouse Fund, according to Benjamin school superintendent Ben Grill.

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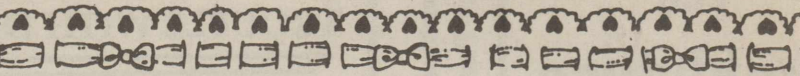
Tuesday, February 16 - Salmon croquettes, green salad, macaroni and cheese, green beans, pineapple crumb with topping.

Wednesday, February 17 - Mexican casserole, garden green salad, whole kernel corn, ranch style beans, crackers, pudding.

Thursday, February 18 - Pot roast with potatoes and carrots, cole slaw, fried okra, cookies.

Friday, February 19 - German sausage, turnip greens, butter beans, cabbage, carrots and pineapple salad, dessert.

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The baby has been named Holden Dean and he weighed in at nine pounds, six and one-half ounces, and measured 22 inches in length.

The baby has two brothers, Harrison, age three; and Ashton, who is six years old.

Jo and C.L. Hacker of Knox City are paternal grandparents.

Tony and Moya Davies of Brisbane, Australia, are maternal grandparents.

Great-grandparents are C.L. Hacker Sr. of Knox City and Nanna Dean of Brisbane, Australia.

O'Brien happenings

By Audie Johnston, O'Brien Correspondent

"Question: Why are lawyers buried 12 feet deep when they die instead of the normal six feet?"

Answer: Because deep down, the really are good people."

Here and There - Billie Walker's son, Joe Banner of Amarillo and great-grandsons Thomas and Jacody Springs spent the weekend in O'Brien. They all went to Hawley Saturday to celebrate Billie's great-grandson, C.J. Banner's fourth birthday. C.J. returned to O'Brien with them. Sunday afternoon, Billie's son, Cliff Banner of Hawley and grandson, Kevin Banner of Killeen came for C.J.

Johnny and Jo Lippard, Junior and Myra Reeves and Bruce, Jonette and Leah Tibbets were in Wichita Falls Saturday where they met Mark, Judy, Rebekah and Diedra Lippard, Jim, Nancy and Joseph Ellis, Calvin and Betty Lippard and Sam and Lula

Lippard. They all celebrated the birthdays of Jo, Diedra and Lula Lippard and Joseph Ellis.

David Ellis of Kermit spent last Thursday night with his mother Beatrice Ellis. He enjoyed going to the aging center for a good meal and played dominoes that night.

Paul Dean Gothard of Blackwell visited his father Dwight Gothard Saturday and as usual they enjoyed a steak dinner.

Greg Oliver and wife spent the weekend with Greg's grandfather Demp Emerson and Hazel. They also attended church services Sunday morning and everyone enjoyed seeing them.

LeNear Phillips of Wichita Falls spent the weekend with her mother, Vivian Hendrix. Vivian has been having some pretty rough ailments and needed some help.

O'Brien Baptist Church was host to the community men's

breakfast Saturday morning. They had a pretty good crowd and enjoyed a good meal.

Scott Stephens, student at Vernon Regional Junior College, visited his mother Sue and husband Bennett Shortes and his grandmother, Janoma Stephens, over the weekend.

Visiting Clara Hanson Saturday was her son. They went to Abilene and visited Clara's husband Troy who is in the hospital at Hendrick. They really need our prayers.

Dwight Gothard, Veeta Reed and I all attended the museum fundraiser lunch at Benjamin Sunday. There were lots of people there and all enjoyed a wonderful meal.

Rich Palma devotional message - "Lord, whatever I encounter today, I hold onto this truth: you will walk beside me, every step of the way. Amen."

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Engagement announced

Mr. and Mrs. Winfred Arp of Levelland announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Lynn Arp to Gregory Keith Bowles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Bowles of Rule.

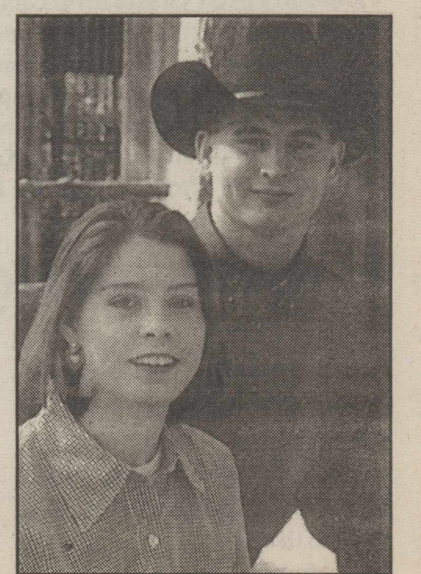
The bride-elect graduated from Levelland High School in 1992 and received a bachelor of science from Eastern New Mexico University in 1997. She is currently employed with Wylie ISD in Abilene.

The prospective bridegroom graduated from Knox City High School in 1993.

He received an associate degree from South Plains College and attended Midwestern University.

He is currently attending the DPS Academy in Austin and plans to graduate in April 1999.

Amy is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ruffin Arp of Ropesville and Mr. and Mrs. J.D.



AMY LYNN ARP
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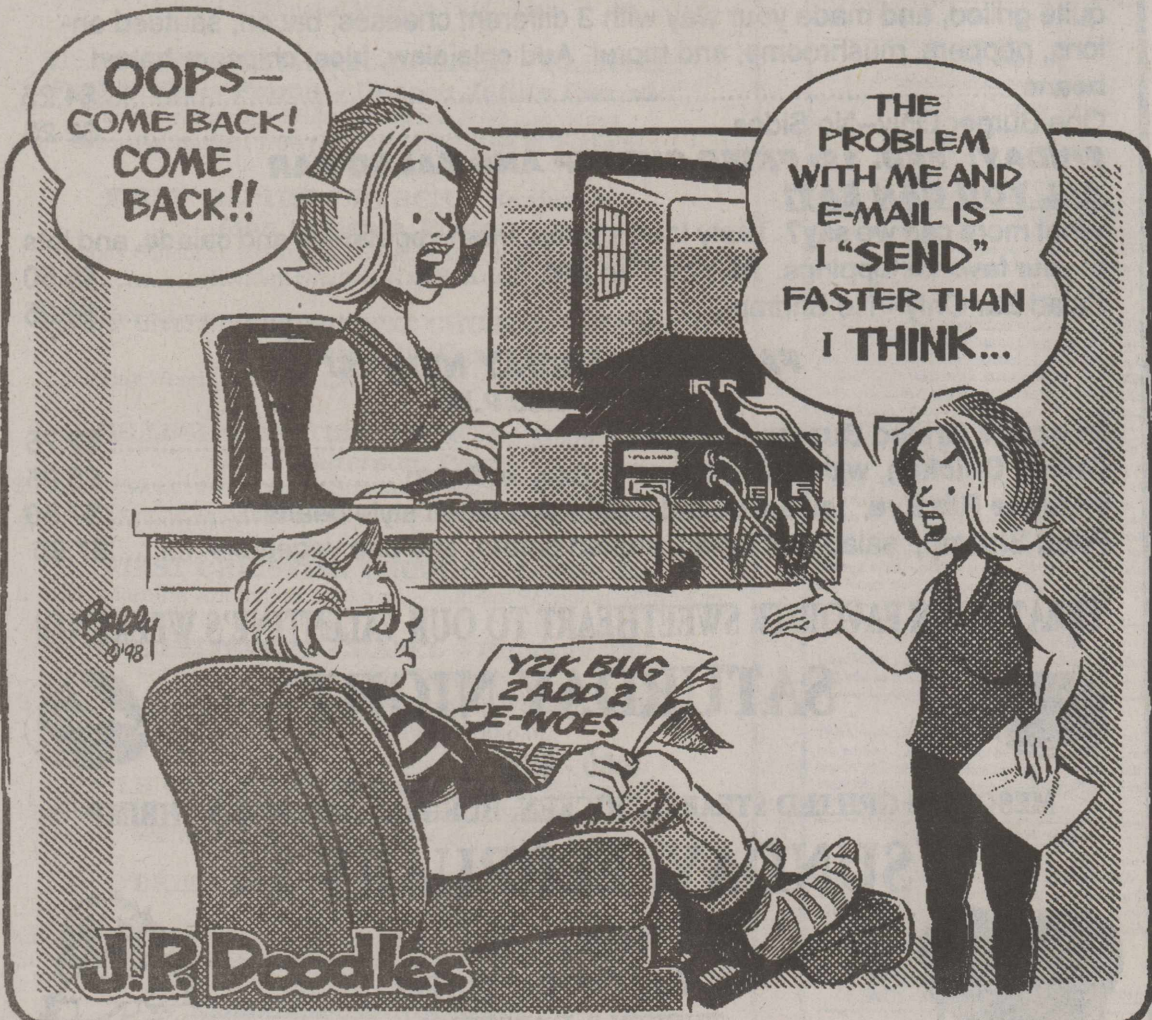
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Juan Garcia rites are held Friday

Funeral services for Juan Munoz Garcia of O'Brien were held Friday, February 5, at 10:00 a.m. in the Santa Rosa Catholic Church in Knox City with Father Kevin Fagan officiating. Burial was in the O'Brien Cemetery with Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Rosary was read Thursday, February 4, at 7:00 p.m. at the Santa Rosa Catholic Church by Father Fagan.

Mr. Garcia, 60, died Tuesday, February 2, in the Haskell hospital following a brief illness.

Born March 1, 1938, in George West, Texas, he had spent most of his life as a resident of O'Brien. He married Julia Portillo on December 21, 1984, in Rhineland.

Mr. Garcia worked for the O'Brien Co-op Gin and was a member of the Santa Rosa Catholic Church in Knox City.

Survivors include his wife, Julia of the home; four sons, Domingo of Knox City, Eulalio of Hobbs, New Mexico, Ricardo of Garland and Juan Manuel Jr. of Harlingen; seven daughters, Elda Garcia of Knox City, Soyla Diaz of Knox City, Luzelida Rios of Knox City, Concepcion Pedroza of Knox City, Rosario Gutierrez of Raymondville, Remedios Casillas of Garland and Yvonne

Rites are held for Theodore Poe

Funeral services for Orville Theodore (Ted) Poe of Italy, Texas, were held Monday, February 8, at 2:00 p.m. in Boze-Mitchell Funeral Home Chapel in Italy. Interment was in Hillcrest Burial Park in Waxahachie.

Mr. Poe, 84, died February 5, in an Italy convalescent center.

Born August 14, 1914, in Perry County, Arkansas, to Luella Leach and Lonzo Poe, he married Bonnie Tuggle on April 3, 1943, in Enid, Oklahoma. Mr. Poe lived and farmed in Knox City for 27 years. After retiring in May 1988,



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Garcia of Harlingen; two step-brothers, Manuel Ysaquarre of Amarillo and Louis Ysaquarre of Houston; three sisters, Ramona Contreras of Visalia, California, Estella Ysaquarre Garcia of Amarillo and Lucia Y. Lara of Greeley, Colorado; 33 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Steven Diaz, Joe Moya, Jamie Gutierrez, R.J. Pedroza, Christopher Garcia, Richard Rincon, Jeffrey Hernandez and B.J. Garcia.

The family requests that memorials be made to the American Heart Association.

they moved to Italy. He was affectionately known as Grandpa to family and friends.

Mr. Poe served in the Air Force Division of the Military from 1940 to 1945. He was a member of the Scottish Rite and the Garfield Lodge #501 AF & AM of Enid, Oklahoma, for 56 years.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Luella Poe; his father, Lonzo Poe; stepmother, Bertie Poe; a brother, Oather Poe; a son-in-law, Vernon Everett; and a brother-in-law, Ed Broach.

Survivors include his wife, Bonnie of Italy; a daughter and son-in-law, Iva and Pic Mauldin of Italy; grandchildren, Shari and David Phillips of Waxahachie, Robin Everett of DeSoto, Michael Everett of Palmer, Landa and Paul Parker of Irving; great-grandchildren, Justin and Traci Phillips and Adam and Brad Parker; a brother, Don Poe and wife Jimmie of Katy; sisters, Leona Raby and Betty Poe of Knox City, Edith Broach of Lubbock, and Mary Reddell and husband Leo of Seminole; a sister-in-law, Hope Poe of Knox City and a number of nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Scottish Rite Children's Hospital

Services held for Mary Alice White

Services for Mary Alice White of Archer City, 60, were held Saturday evening, January 16, in the home of her niece, Tami Wade of Midland.

The Rev. Bob Porterfield of West Kentucky Street Baptist Church conducted the services.

Arrangements were by Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel of Midland. Burial will take place at a later date.

Mrs. White was born to Truman and Mary White of Paducah, Texas, on November 15, 1938. She was raised in the Lubbock

area. She later moved to Midland and lived there for several years. In 1992, she moved to Archer City.

She was visiting in Glasscock County at the time of her death.

Survivors include four daughters, Vickie Stevens of Cloudcroft, New Mexico, Deborah Berryman of Archer City, Amber Lewis of Knox City and Sabrina Berryman of Burkburnett; a sister, Virginia Branham of Big Spring; a brother, Larry White of Topeka, Kansas; three grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Holten rites set for Thursday

Graveside services for Mrs. Bennie Lee Bradford Holten of San Angelo, formerly of Foard County, will be held Thursday, February 11, at 10:30 a.m. in the Crowell Cemetery.

The Rev. Johnny Johnson will officiate. Arrangements will be by Smith Funeral Home of Knox City.

Mrs. Holten, 76, died Monday, February 8, in an San Angelo nursing home.

Born September 27, 1922, in Thalia, she was a certified dental assistant. She married Joseph Holten on July 11, 1975, in San Angelo.

Her parents were the late Bennie H. and Esther Bradford of Knox City.

She was a member of the Eastern Star, the Rebecca Lodge and Beta Sigma Phi. She was a mem-

ber of the First United Methodist Church in San Angelo.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Kenneth Bradford; two sisters, Nola Claxton and Athleen Owens and a granddaughter, Krista Ward.

Survivors include her husband, Joe Holten of San Angelo; two sons, Tim Ward of San Angelo and Chris Ward of Valley Springs, California; a brother, John W. Bradford of Shawano, Wisconsin; a sister, Evelyn Balis of Knox City; a brother-in-law, Odus Claxton of Abilene; a sister-in-law, Lorene Bradford of Knox City; six stepchildren, three grandchildren and 13 step-grandchildren.

The family requests that memorials be made to the West Texas Rehab Center, 4601 Hartford, Abilene, TX 79605.

Rodriguez rites held Saturday

Funeral services for Mrs. Erminia (Minnie) Reyes Rodriguez of Knox City were held Saturday, February 6, at 11:00 a.m. at the Santa Rosa Catholic Church with Father Bob Strittmatter officiating. Burial was in the Knox City Cemetery with Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Rosary was read at 7:00 p.m. Friday night at Smith Funeral Home.

Mrs. Rodriguez, 87, died Wednesday afternoon, February 3, in the Knox County Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Born April 19, 1911, in Campbellton, Texas, her parents were the late Ralphel and Benita Reyes. She married Vidal L. (Bill) Rodriguez on February 23, 1935, in Campbellton. Mr. Rodriguez preceded her in death on August 15, 1986.

They moved to Knox City in 1947. She as a member of the Altar Society and very active in the Santa Rosa Catholic Church in Knox City.

She was preceded in death by two brothers and a sister.

Survivors include seven sons, Martias Rodriguez of Hobbs, New Mexico, Ernest Rodriguez of Boyd, Ray Rodriguez of St. Paul, Minnesota, Richard Rodriguez of Brush, Colorado, Mike Rodriguez of Odessa, Henry Rodriguez of Abilene and Leonard of Knox City; three daughters, Anna Flores of Rule, Margaret Ribera of Hamlin and Elma Garcia of Hobbs, New Mexico; three brothers, Ralph Reyes of Flint, Michigan, Mike Reyes of Jouranton and Procopio Reyes of Campbellton; three sisters, Phyllis Artiz and Lola Saurez, both of Bakersfield, California, and Mary Arigo of Pleasanton; a sister-in-law, Jacinata Figuerio of San Antonio; 21 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

Grandsons Jimmy Lopez, Kemper Slayton, Jeff Quintana, Ruben Rodriguez, Ernest Rodriguez Jr., Tommy Rodriguez, Michael Rodriguez and Julio Rodriguez served as pallbearers.

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