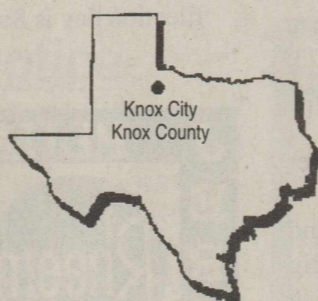


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Congratulations to Coach Wayne Hutchinson

Wayne Hutchinson, Athletic Director for the Knox City - O'Brien Consolidated Independent School District, has been honored as the Head Coach of the Knox City Greyhound football team by being selected one of the coaches for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes All-Star Classic football game to be played in June at the Wylie High School Football Stadium. Formerly known as the Big Country All-Star Classic, the game features All-Star players and coaches from throughout the area.

'Coach Hutch' will be allowed to take one assistant coach with him, and he has selected Greyhound Defensive Coach Mitch McLemore to help with the North Team coaching.

Rolling Plains Regional Jail & Detention Center open house set for February 23 from 10:30-12:30

The Haskell County Commissioners Court, the mayor and the city council of Haskell and Management & Training Corporation (MTC) will officially open the new Rolling Plains Regional Jail and Detention Center on Saturday, February 23 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

A tour and lunch will be provided following the 10:30 a.m. dedication at the center, 118 County Road 206 in Haskell. The Haskell Chamber of Commerce will conduct an official ribbon cutting and the public is invited.

"We look forward to welcoming the community and building the same kind of positive relationships in Haskell that we have in other Texas communities" Curtis E. Price Jr., MTC's vice president of government and community relations.

The new 48-bed regional jail was created through a partnership with Management & Training Corporation (MTC), Haskell County and the City of Haskell.

MTC expects to hire 24 employees to work in the regional jail. Inmates for the jail will be provided through an agreement with Haskell County. MTC is pursuing possible contracts to fill the detention facility, but has not made any formal agreements.

"We decided that oil and farming would not be able to carry the load in the future. We began a quest to change the destiny of Haskell and the opening of this prison marks the end of the beginning. We are just getting started on a long difficult road to change the economic base for this city," Haskell Mayor Ken Lane said.

Haskell County Judge David Davis said, "We are looking forward to the opening of our Regional County Jail and Detention Center. The time has come for that to happen. After three years of hard work, now the results are visible. I want to thank all the people who have supported what seemed to be a lost dream. There are still questions that are not an-

swered, but with time they will be. We look forward to seeing everyone at the grand opening."

MTC's priority is the safety and security of the community, staff and inmates. MTC also brings a history of helping improve the lives of inmates through education and rehabilitation. MTC also values relationships with the community through establishing community advisory boards and participating in service projects.

Based in Centerville, Utah, MTC is a leader in the management and operation of correctional facilities. MTC has 17 contracts in Texas, Arizona, New Mexico, California, Ohio, Canada and Australia. It is the third largest private operator of secure adult correctional facilities in the world. In addition, MTC operates 23 Job Corp centers for the U.S. Department of Labor, where youth ages 16-24 are offered vocational, academic and social skills training. For more information, see the website at www.mctrains.com.

Services are held Sunday afternoon for local businessman Terry Carter

Funeral services for William Terry Carter were held Sunday, February 17, 2002, at 2:30 p.m. in the Foursquare Church in Knox City with the Rev. Paul Chambers and Rev. Steve Pepper officiating. Burial was in the Knox City Cemetery with Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Carter, 61, died early Friday morning, February 15, 2002, in the Knox County Hospital.

Born February 5, 1941, in Knox City, his parents were the late Christine and T.C. Carter. He graduated from Knox City High School in 1960.

Mr. Carter was owner of Pumpers Supply and Equipment in Knox City.

Terry married Darlene Patterson on February 6, 1960, in Rochester.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Knox



TERRY CARTER
1941 - 2002

City.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Tommy Carter.

Survivors include his wife, Darlene of the home; two sons, Tracy and wife Paula of Knox

City and Chad and wife Hanna of Midland; a daughter, Sonia and husband Johnny Denison of Old Glory; four sisters, Deanna Beal of Plano, Glenda Green of Maypearl, Carol Muskgrove of Fort Worth and Sandra Lowe of Weatherford; six grandchildren, Brittany, Chelsea and Brianna Denison of Old Glory and Jordan, Cassidy and Zachary Carter of Knox City; and another expected grandbaby due in April.

Pallbearers were Shayne O'Brien, Jerry Williams, Ed DeYoung, Fred Ledesma, A.J. Pharr, Ronnie Oliver, Jim Johnson, Keith Bowles, Nathan Bowles and Bill Boise.

Honorary pallbearers were Charles Auburg, Donnie Mack Bowles, Boots Walker, Otis Wright, Bob Munsell, Milton Simmons, Speedy Smith, Steve Pepper and Marvin Jones.

Texas Tech health sciences center offers new program for students interested in rural health

LUBBOCK - Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center has announced a new program to assist undergraduate and graduate-level students at Texas Tech pursuing health care educations. The new financial support program is

part of an overall rural health initiative being launched by TTUHSC.

The Rural Health Education Stipend Program is geared to address the shortage of health professionals in rural West Texas by easing the expense of college for rural students. Patti Patterson, N.D., vice president of rural and community health at TTUHSC, says the best way to address the need for health professionals in rural areas is to help rural students pursue an education in health care.

"The Rural Health Education Stipend Program is an excellent way for rural students to gain an education that will enable them to go back to a rural community and make a difference," she said.

This new program at Texas Tech University is available to entering Texas resident freshmen showing a substantial interest in health careers in rural Texas.

Awards are based on demonstrated commitment to a rural health career and academic his-

tory.

The stipend amount for undergraduate students at Texas Tech University is \$2,500 per year for a maximum of four years, and is renewable providing the student maintains a 3.2 grade point average.

The student must demonstrate a commitment to rural health practice by participating in rural health focused activities while enrolled at Texas Tech. Deadline for applying is March 15, 2002.

Besides this new rural stipend program, TTUHSC will begin other programs, which increase awareness of health care careers for youth, and programs which support current health care providers in rural West Texas.

The Rural Health Education Stipend Program also is available to students enrolled at TTUHSC.

For more information contact Shannon Kirkland at 806-743-1338, or visit the website at: <https://www.remedy.ttuhs.edu/orch/letter.asp>.

Saluting Our Heroes...

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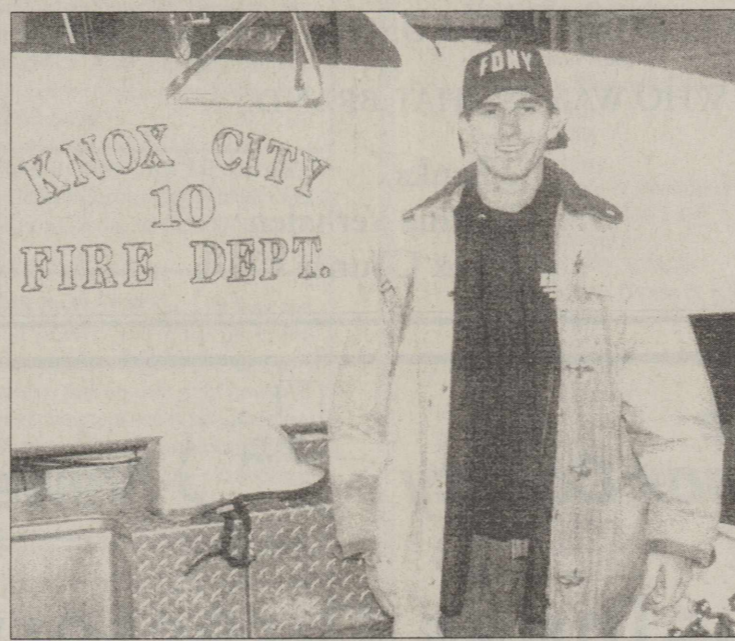
Profile of a firefighter: Eric Green

Eric Green joined the Knox City Volunteer Fire Department in September of 2001. A rookie firefighter, he is currently undergoing training in order to gain certification.

A student at Knox City High School, he is also employed part time by the Knox City - O'Brien Consolidated Independent School District.

Eric's hobbies and interests away from the fire department include watching and participating in sports of all kinds.

"Wanting to volunteer in our community" was Eric's motivation to become a member of Knox City's all volunteer fire department.



Profile of a firefighter: Aaron Lewis

Aaron Lewis became a member of the Knox City Volunteer Fire Department in February of 1999. His training within the department includes the Haz-Mat class at Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene, and he has attended the EMT Basic School.

Employed full time at Penman Conoco Service, Aaron's reason for joining the all volunteer department was because he "enjoys helping people" and "enjoys late night calls".

If you have an interest in joining the Knox City Volunteer Fire Department, feel free to talk with Eric Green, Aaron Lewis, or any member of the department for more information.

Filing period begins for joint election

Filings for the joint election of the City of Knox City, the Knox City-O'Brien CISD and the Knox County Hospital began Monday.

In the city election, the terms of James Manning, Fred Ledesma and Jessie Rios will expire. Manning was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Charles Lankford's when he filed to run for the position of mayor. Ledesma and Rios are both incumbents.

Filing on the first day, which was Monday, Bud Reynolds and Fred Ledesma filed for two of the

council positions.

In the school election, the terms of Charlie Schur, Scott Lynn and Bill Stewart are expiring. As of Tuesday noon, Schur and Lynn had filed for re-election for their three year terms.

In the Knox County Hospital election, the two positions of Don Bunton and Peggy McGaughey are expiring. According to hospital administrator Dick Stout, both have indicated that they will not seek re-election.

See filing begins, page 2

Obituaries

Loree Bean

Funeral services for Loree Bean of Haskell, former Rochester resident, were held Friday, February 8, 2002, at 2:30 p.m. at the Rochester Church of Christ with John Greeson officiating. Burial was in the Rochester Cemetery with Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Bean, 84, died Wednesday, February 6, 2002, at a Wichita Falls hospital.

Born May 2, 1917, in Loving, Texas, she married John Wilson Bean on February 15, 1936. He preceded her in death in November 22, 1973. She had resided in Haskell from 1974 to 2002, moving from Rochester. She was a member of the Church of Christ in Rule.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Wynell Hester in December 27, 2000.

Survivors include a daughter and her husband, Carolyn Ann and Tommy Don Sloan of Weatherford; a son-in-law, William Hester of Big Lake; six grandchildren, Kandon Wilson DalShae Sloan, a CPA in Dallas; Karomy NaShae Sloan Harmel, a first grade teacher at Rogers and her husband, Dr. Daren Harmel of Temple; Carolyn Yvonne Conner of Robert Lee, Jonathan Eric Hester of Big Lake, Nanette Loree Friend of Longview and Wilson Ray Hester of Rankin; ten great-grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Pallbearers were Tony Daniel, Wayne Hutchinson, Jim Dillon, Jimmy Rogers, Bruce Tibbets and Mitch McLemore.

The family requests that memorials be made to the Rochester Educational Foundation, c/o Rochester ISD, Rochester, TX 79544.

Maria Quintanilla

Funeral services for Maria Quintanilla of O'Brien were held Saturday morning, February 16, 2002, at Santa Rosa Catholic Church with Father Leo Schromeyer officiating. Burial was in the Knox City Cemetery with Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Quintanilla, 98, died Wednesday, February 13, 2002, at the Knox County Hospital.

Born March 3, 1903, in Mexico, she married Doinecio Quintanilla. He preceded her in death. She was a member of the Catholic Church.

Survivors include a sister, Josita Espinosa Montoya of Mercedes, Texas; a sister-in-law, Celia Quintanilla of Knox City; three sons, Luciano of O'Brien, Rudy of Needville and Ted of Corpus Christi; a daughter, Juanita Lerma of Haskell; 15 grandchildren, 37 great-grandchildren and 16 great-great-grandchildren.

Dr. Jerry Culwell

Dr. Jerry Hyde Culwell, 80, of Palm Desert, California, died January 25, 2002, in Rancho Mirage.

Memorial services were held Monday, January 28, 2002, at 2:30 p.m. in Ramon Chapel of Palm Springs Mortuary. Rev. Donald Williamson officiated. Entombment was in Palm Springs Mausoleum.

Born March 21, 1921, to Jerry Hyde and Alma Alice Favor Culwell in Stamford, Texas, he married Willie Mae Rutherford on February 28, 1943, in Athens, Georgia. He was a medical doctor practicing in Dallas for 35 years and served in the U.S. Naval Air Corps from 1942 to 1946, achieving the rank of lieutenant. He was a member of the American Medical Association, the Medical Fraternity Phi-Chi, and the University of Texas System Chancellors Council.

Survivors are his wife, Willie Mae of Palm Desert; three daughters, Karen Alma Drayer of Pebble Beach, Jeri Edwina Konig of Montecito and Kristi Kay Wiseman of Fort Worth, Texas; and four grandchildren.

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Filing period begins, Contd. from page one

In the local elections, interested persons may file at the respective offices.

The Benjamin Independent School District has three places up for election. Positions filled by Tracy Cartwright, Richard McCanlies and Tim Horne will be expiring. Candidates may file at the Benjamin ISD office.

Election day is Saturday, May 4.

Amanda Baker named to McMurry dean's list

Amanda Baker of Knox City has been named to the Fall 2001 Dean's List at McMurry University in Abilene.

To be eligible for the dean's list, a student must have maintained at least a 3.5 grade point average while taking 12 or more credit hours.

Amanda is a senior and a multidisciplinary studies III major.

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Wesley Holland, Pastor
Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m.

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

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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
Sunday School at 10:00 a.m., Sunday Morning at 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening at 6:00 p.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ~ Benjamin
Wesley Holland, Pastor
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Ross Anderson, Pastor
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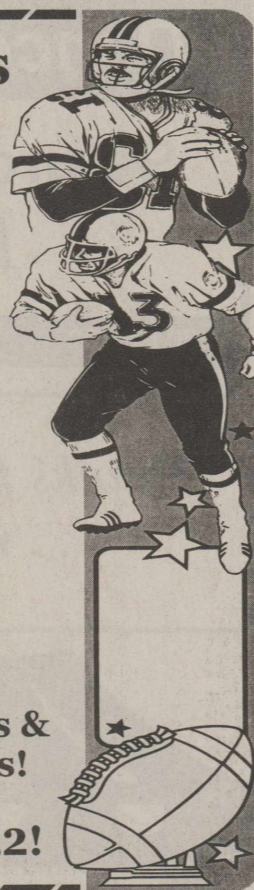
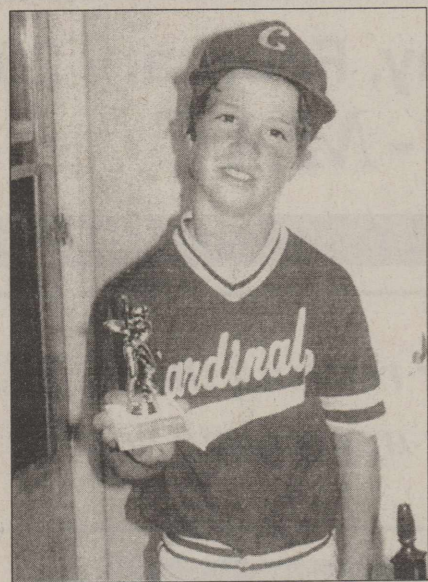
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*Lunch will be served at the church for all conference attendees.

Powerlifters win Saturday at Eastland meet

Knox City High School powerlifters traveled to Eastland Saturday for another meet.

Winning second in the 165 lb. class was C.J. Bruce. His totals were 380 - squat, 235 - bench press, 410 - dead lift for a total of 1,025 lbs.

Wes Parker placed fourth in the 132 lb. class with totals of 285 - squat, 170 - bench, 385 - dead lift for a total of 840 lbs.

Placing fifth in the 181 lb. class was Sedrick Roberson with totals of 425 - squat, 200 - bench, 435 - dead lift for a total of 1060 lbs.

Riley Spells had the same totals as Sedrick tying with him in the contest, but Sedrick won according to body weight.

Participants were Casey Carver in the 950 lb. division with 350 - squat, 235 - bench, 365 - dead lift; and Dominique Collier.

District 20-A II all-district girls team announced

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All-District Team
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Melina Garcia, Rochester
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Diana Gonzales, Paint Creek
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Nancy Siemens, Benjamin
Lesli Isbell, Paint Creek
Maggie Brzożowski, Paint Creek
Amy Turner, Rochester

O'Brien happenings

By Audie Johnston, O'Brien Correspondent

"Check your head - I had just finished selecting a head of cabbage in the local supermarket when a young man came along and started studying the produce very closely.

As he picked up various heads of cabbage, squeezed them and removed loose leaves, I began to think he might know something that I didn't about selecting the perfect cabbage.

"What exactly are you looking for?" I asked him.

"A good head of lettuce," he replied.

Here and There - John Lippard was in Wichita Falls Monday to see a doctor about his eyes.

Royce and Brownie Lee Underwood stopped by for a short visit with Billie and Frank McAuley and Jr. and Myra Reeves. Brownie is Billie and Jr.'s nephew. The Underwoods are from Andrews and were on their

way home from Dallas where Royce was receiving medical care.

Lynn and Velma Grace Davidson of Abilene spent Monday with Jr. and Myra Reeves. The ladies are cousins and always enjoy visiting.

Visiting Loretta Hewitt over the weekend was Vicki Daniel, Reece and Jerod of Abilene and Toni Neal, Ashton, Andrea and Aubrey of Wichita Falls. They were here for the 25th silver anniversary 'surprise' reception for Allen and Rhonda Moeller of Haskell held at The Branding Iron lodge room near Rochester. Approximately 45 guests registered. Attending from O'Brien were C.H. and Linda Underwood, Audie Johnston, Bernice Rowan and Ronnie and Teresa Denson of Stamford.

Cathy Walsworth, wife of my late nephew Danny Walsworth of

Weatherford, visited with me Sunday afternoon and she attended the funeral for Terry Carter. Terry and Cathy's late husband Danny Walsworth worked together at KC for a long time and it was one year to the day that Danny passed away.

Dennis and Wayne Qualls spent Sunday night in Stephenville with Dennis's daughter and husband and they were both to see doctors in Abilene today. They need our prayers.

Spending the weekend with Dan and Marilyn Talbot were Randal and Kim Hughes of Texarkana and Gary and Cathy Hughes of Shallowater.

We have a number of people in and around O'Brien that aren't doing real well physically and need our prayers. There's Demp Emerson in the care home at Haskell and Dwight Gothard is at home but not doing too good.

'Seth James' Walker making name for self in music world

King County native Seth James Walker, son of Becky and Tom Moorhouse of the Moorhouse Ranch, is making a name for himself in the music world.

Using the stage name of 'Seth James', the 21 year old has blasted into the music scene with his debut album entitled Bad Luck and Trouble.

This recording highlights his blues guitar featuring eight original songs.

Seth recently played in College Station for a sold out performance of 3000 people as well as at the Texas Blues Festival in Dallas at the Sons of Hermann Hall before a packed house.

He recently moved to Austin where he has performed with such notable artists as Jerry Jeff Walker,

Junior Brown and Omar and the Howlers.

Seth was also featured in the November/December 2000 issue of 'Best In Texas' country music magazine as the 'Star on the Horizon'.

Rick Star, program director for KBLK had this to say about Seth in the Fort Worth Weekly: "Seth James, words cannot describe this young Texas blues man's talent; comparisons are not worthy. Sets stands alone at the top of the heap, with an amazing new CD "Bad Luck & Trouble", and a sheer ear pleasing joy to see him alive. Seth is a young man on the road to the very top."

More information on Seth and his career can be found at <http://www.sethames.com>.

Haskell County Republicans to consolidate vote

For the March 12 primary election, the voting location for all 10 Haskell County Republican voting precincts is being consolidated into one location.

The location for all Republican candidates and those voting Republican will be the Haskell National Bank Community Room on South First Street in Haskell. Anyone expecting to vote Republican in voting precincts 1 through 10 may vote at that one polling place on election day, Tuesday, March 12.

Early voting will be conducted for both political parties in the Haskell County Courthouse starting Monday, February 25 and ending Friday, March 8. Republican and Democrat voters may vote prior to the primary election day during that time.

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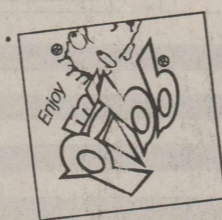
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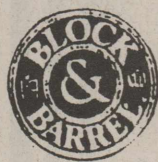
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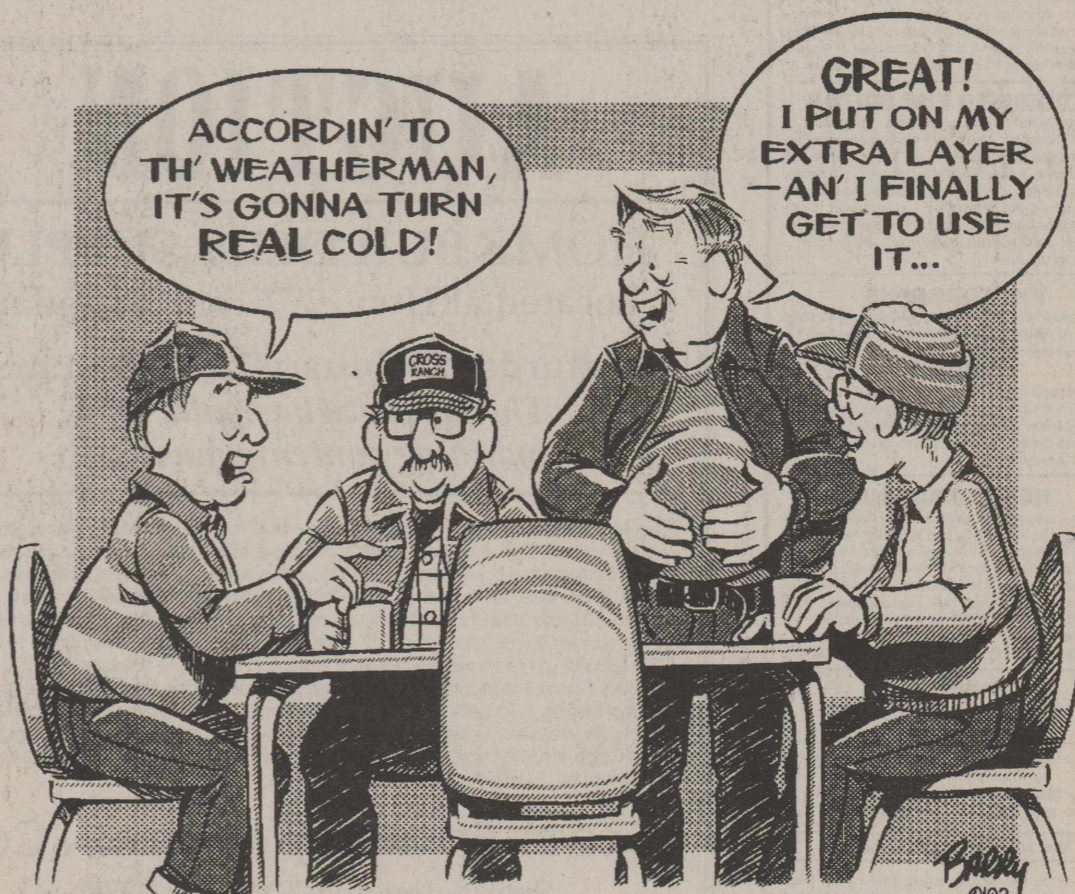
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Veterans News Notes

By John Gillispie, Knox County Veterans Service Officer



AUSTIN-Texas Land Commissioner David Dewhurst today announced a new program for Texas veterans: a 110 basis point reduction in interest rates for land financing provided by the Texas Veterans Land Board (VLB). Dewhurst said the new rate is 6.4 percent, in contrast to the previous rate of 7.5 percent.

"We thought our land loans were below the market even before this rate cut," said Dewhurst, the VLB chairman, "but we found more ways to reduce our costs and pass the savings on to veterans. This new lower rate will save a veteran about \$30 a month on a \$40,000 VLB land loan, and almost \$1,000 over the life of the loan. That's real money a veteran can use for groceries, or light bills."

Dewhurst recently eliminated a \$375 administrative fee formerly charged for VLB land contracts, as well as a \$25 fee for determining eligibility to participate in VLB programs, for a combined savings of \$400 for each veteran who gets a VLB land loan.

"We're always striving to improve our services while reducing costs to Texas taxpayers, and that's exactly what we've done," Dewhurst said. "The combination of our lower interest rates and the

elimination of fees makes our land loans highly attractive. We want all 1.7 million veterans in Texas to know we can save them money if they want to buy a home or land."

Dewhurst said more Texans are now eligible for VLB loans, including surviving spouses of Texas veterans who die from service-connected causes, and active-duty veterans stationed out-of-state.

Dewhurst said Texas veterans can borrow up to \$40,000 from the VLB to purchase land, with a 5 percent minimum down payment on a 30-year loan, and veterans can borrow up to \$150,000 to purchase a home. He said the program is self-supporting and funded by the sale of bonds authorized by voters. The monthly repayments from participating veterans pay for the costs of administering the program and retiring the bonds.

"From the earliest days of Texas independence, we have always honored our veterans," Dewhurst said. "The young Republic, as well as the early State of Texas, rewarded veterans with land grants. We can't do that today, but we can do the next best thing and give our veterans below-market interest rate loans to buy land and/or a home."

Dewhurst said five acres is the minimum-size parcel financed by the VLB, which has funded more than 117,000 land loans for Texas veterans since its creation by the state Legislature in 1946. Dewhurst said veterans don't have to live on the land they are buying, and there is no penalty for early pay off of the contract.

"Traditionally, we Texans love the land and are drawn to it," Dewhurst said. "In the early years, our state was rich in two things: its hard-working people, and land. Now, we're more urbanized, and our economy is more diverse, but the appeal of land ownership is still strong. I hope the changes we've made on our loans help Texas veterans get the homes of their dreams."

Dewhurst said detailed information on VLB loans for homes, land and home improvements is available on the Texas General Land Office Web site at www.glo.state.tx.us/vlb, or by calling (~800) 252-VETS and speaking with a VLB specialist. Information also is available on the new Texas State Veterans Homes for veterans and their spouses who need long-term, skilled nursing home care.

Basketball scores

Monday, February 11
Practice Game - Varsity Boys
KC - 61, Chillicothe - 50
Brad Johnson - 9, Carlos Ruiz - 1, T.J. Roberson - 8, Will Grimsley - 12, Kendrick Green - 27, Landon Weiershausen - 4.

Saturday, February 16
Practice Game - Varsity Boys
KC - 47, Archer City - 58
Brad Johnson - 3, Caleb Carver - 5, T.J. Roberson - 16, Will Grimsley - 6, Kendrick Green - 16, Landon Weiershausen - 1.

Weather

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Date	Low	High	Rain
02/05	33	46	.62
02/06	31	45	.02
02/07	28	61	
02/08	32	70	
02/09	38	59	
02/10	28	50	
02/11	20	60	

Total 2002 Rainfall - 1.59

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Aging center lunch menus

Feb. 25th thru Mar. 1st

Monday, February 25 - Chicken noodle casserole, fried squash, green salad, light bread, donuts.

Tuesday, February 26 - Broccoli and cheese soup, tuna fish sandwiches, crackers, birthday cake.

Wednesday, February 27 - German sausage, baked beans, macaroni and cheese, cole slaw, batter bread, cobbler.

Thursday, February 28 - Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, corn casserole, biscuits with peanut butter whip, cookies.

Friday, February 29 - Tacos, ranch style beans, Spanish rice, lettuce and tomato salad, dessert.

(All menus subject to change without notification. It is important to contact the site manager in order that meals can be prepared.)

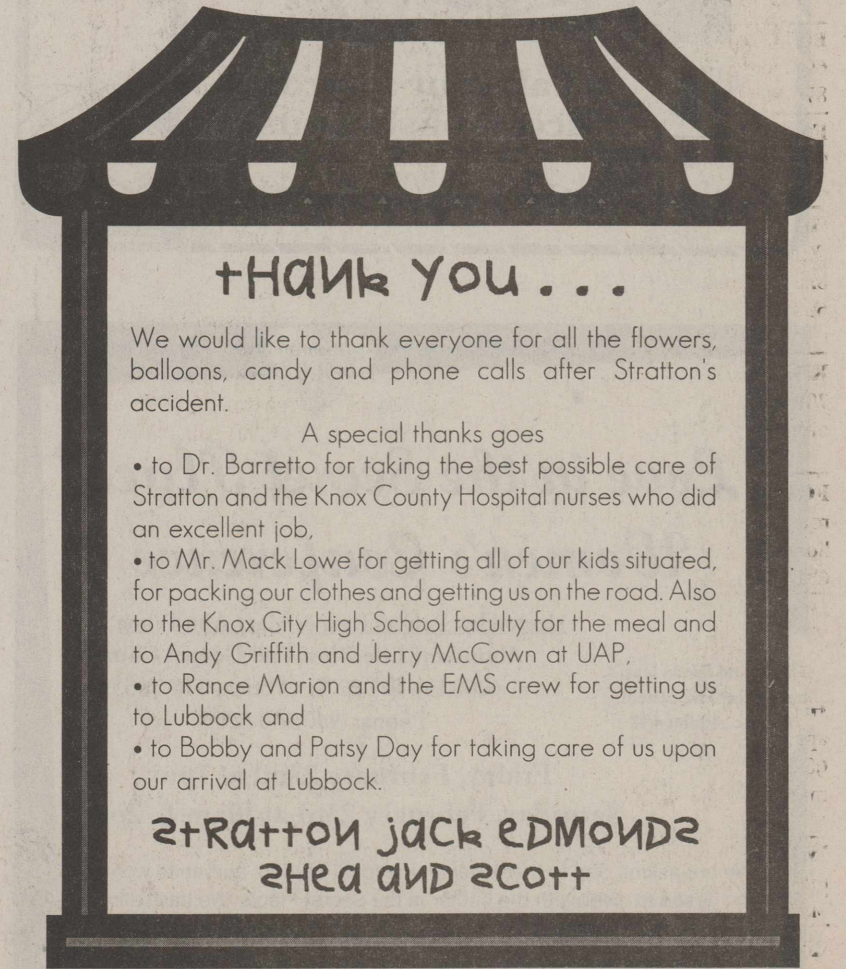
Dance at Rhineland

Saturday, February 23
K-MAC

9:00 to 1:00

\$5.00 Per Person

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Vernon College sets course

Beginning Photography to be offered starting February 28 - April 11

A class entitled Beginning Photography will be offered by the Division of Workforce Education and Training of Vernon College.

Students will learn basics of photography, shutters, speed, F stops, depth of field and how everything works together.

The class is scheduled to meet on Thursdays beginning February 28 and ending April 11.

The time is set for 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and will be instructed by

Mike Byford at Studio Mi Ca, 1901 Lamar Street in Vernon, Texas.

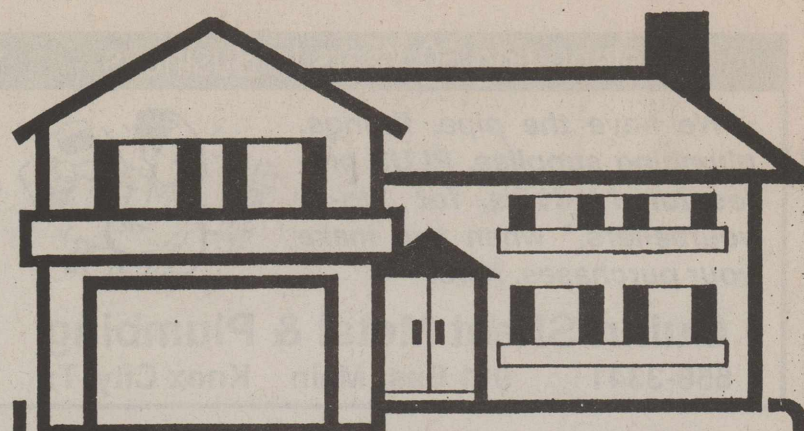
Registration fee will be \$42.00. Class size will be limited so early registration is recommended.

Registration forms are available by calling the Office of Continuing Education of Vernon College at (940) 552-6291, ext. 2209.

Retired Teachers to meet Tuesday at 2:30

The Knox County Retired Teachers will meet Tuesday, February 26, at 2:30 p.m. at the Haskell-Knox Shared Services in Knox City.

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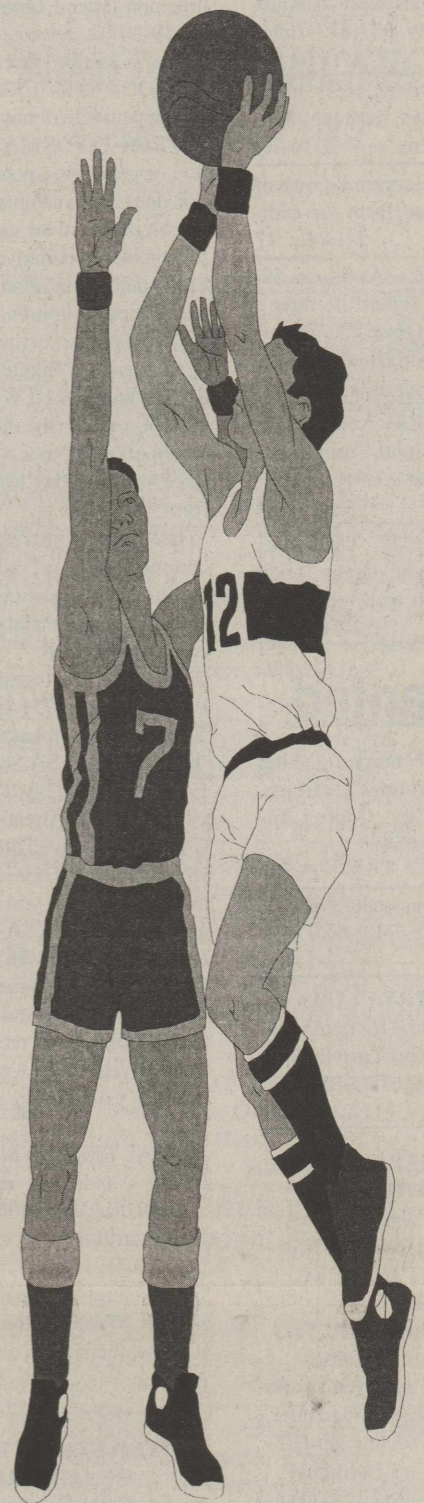
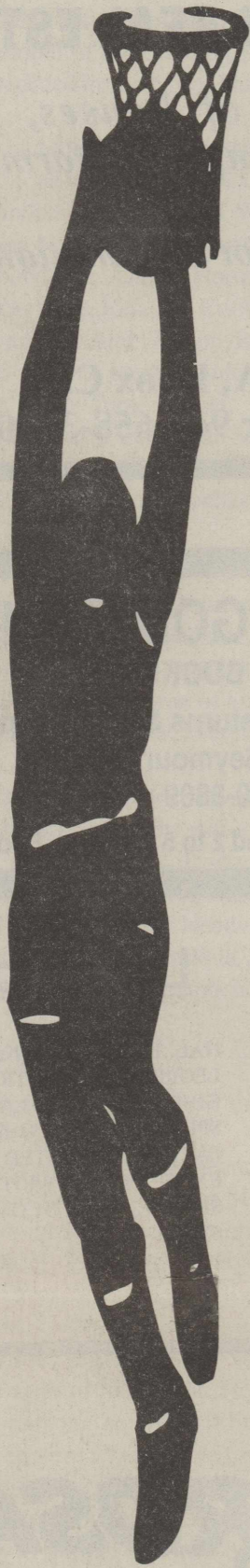
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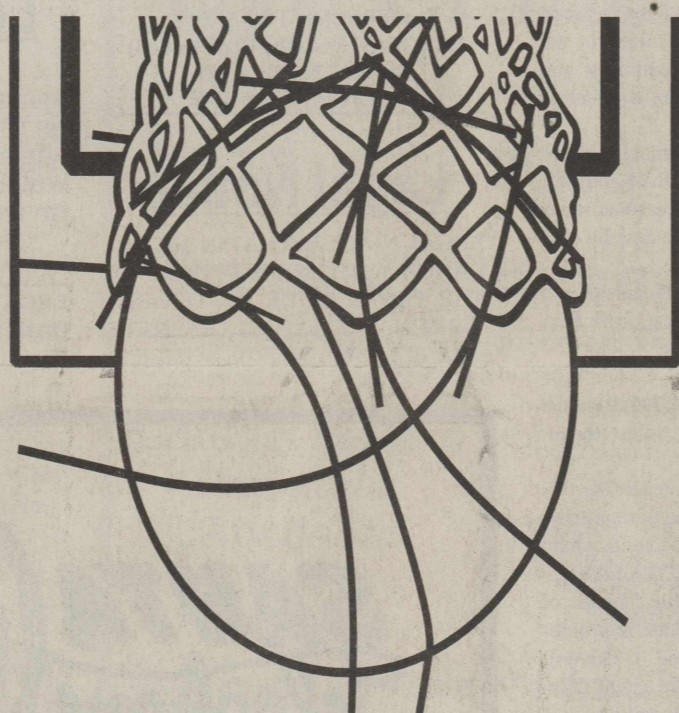
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