

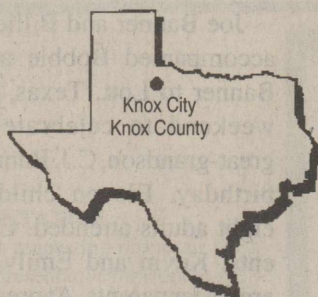
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THE DISTRICT CHAMPIONS - O'BRIEN BULLDOGS 7TH GRADE TEAM with Coach Jimmy Chappell; From left are C.J. Bruce, Ricky Smith, Eric Lewis, Dustin Johnson, Ben Simmons, Riley Spells, Jimmy Albus, Will Burkham, Justin Parker. (School Photo)



SECOND PLACE IN DISTRICT 8TH GRADE GIRLS DIVISION, the O'Brien Lady Bulldog 8th grade team with Coach Sandy Chappell; from left, bottom row, Ariana Gomez, Ashley Garcia, Samantha Garcia, Makenzie Davis; middle row, Haleigh Chenhall, Jodi Chambers, Nicole Stovall; top row, Joanna Perez, Sondra Lankford, Martha Silva, Coach Chappell.



SECOND PLACE IN DISTRICT BOYS 8TH GRADE DIVISION, O'Brien Bulldog 8th grade boys team with Coach Jimmy Chappell, from left, Brian Homstad, Wesley Espinosa, Bobby Herrera, Josh Hunt, Coach Chappell, Drew Barnard, Brandon Espinosa, Carlos Ruiz, Juan Santisteven. (School Photo)



SECOND PLACE IN DISTRICT GIRLS 7TH GRADE DIVISION, O'Brien Lady Bulldog 7th grade girls team with Coach Sandy Chappell; from left, bottom row, Veronica Hernandez, Dimple Patel, Sophie Gutierrez, Lindsey Villa; middle row, Tabitha Hudson, Erica Nevarez, Shawna Reed; back row, Kaylie Billington, Lisa Garcia, Coach Chappell, April Magana, Stephanie Casillas. (School Photo)

Private applicator CEU's meeting set for Thursday

By PAUL WEISER
 County Extension Agent / Ag
 A CEU meeting will be held on Thursday, February 10, at the TAMU Vegetable Research Station in Munday beginning at 7:00 p.m. This meeting will offer 2 CEU's toward a private, commercial or non-commercial applicators license with the Texas Department of Agriculture.

The program will consist of video tapes. Two CEU's will be offered, one in Laws and Regulations, one-half in Integrated Pest Management and one-half in general. Topics will include Controlling Cedar, Mesquite and Prickly Pear, Scouting For Cotton's Six Most Wanted; and Pesticide Hand-

dlers and The Worker Protection Standard. Cost will be two dollars per person.

For more information contact Paul Weiser in the Knox County Extension Service in Benjamin at 940-454-2651.

Educational programs of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age or national origin.

Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service or accommodation in order to participate in a meeting or program are encouraged to contact the Knox County Extension office at 940-454-2651.

ACS chili lunch, auction to be held Thursday

The Knox County Unit of the American Cancer Society's annual chili luncheon and silent auction benefit will be Thursday, February 10, at the Perry Patton Community Center in Munday.

Serving hours will be from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A meal of chili, crackers, cobbler and drink will be available.

Twenty different auction items will be available for bidding as well as a raffle for a baby quilt donated by Offield Oil Co.

Some of the auction items include a Texaco collectible bear, recycled relic stool, dream doll, five-speed mixer, door wreath, coffee mugs and holder, silver necklace and earrings, Italian cream cake, pound cake, manicure, fabric covered address book, bird house, angel pin, enchilada casserole, spring wreath and other items. Bidding will stop at 1:00 p.m.

Fund established for Carver Family

A fund designated with account #1081411-700180 has been established by friends at Citizens Bank N.A. in Knox City to help the David Carver family defray a lot of upcoming expenses as father and son, David and Caleb Carver recover from serious injuries sustained in a one vehicle rollover accident a week ago.

Facing months of healing and physical therapy, it is uncertain when David will be able to return to work, or when Caleb will be back in the classroom at KCHS.

Election filings to begin Feb. 21 for local races in May 6 election

The filing for the City of Knox City and the Knox City-O'Brien CISD Board elections will begin on February 21 and continue through March 22.

Knox City Council seats for the three two-year terms which are expiring are those of Charles Lankford, Tommy Mangis and Jeff Stanfield.

The seats of Tammy Gonzales

and Dalton Harrington are those on the school board whose terms are expiring.

The combined election will be held Saturday, May 6.

Information on the hospital election, which will be held in conjunction with the city and school election, will appear in the next edition of *The Knox County News*.

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O'Brien happenings

By Audie Johnston, O'Brien Correspondent

"Fresh from a retreat on the issue of homelessness, I took one of the group's suggestions - to buy granola bars for those in need. Granola bars are relatively "wholesome and nonperishable," it was pointed out.

A few weeks later, I was driving back to campus with a friend when I saw a homeless person shambling along the sidewalk. The man's unkempt appearance, tattered clothing and worn knapsack all indicated he could use our help.

"Quick, get the granola bars," I told my friend, slowing down the car.

Just as we were about to stop, my friend nudged my shoulder. "You idiot!" he said. "That guy sits across from me in sociology class."

Here and There - Andy Hines of Lubbock spent a while with his grandparents, Ranzy and Adelle Herring last week. Andy's job brings him around pretty often. Kevin Urbanczyk, student at Big

Spring College, visited on Sunday.

Sandra Childress of Ozona spent the weekend with her mom, Beatrice Ellis and attended church. Everyone enjoyed seeing her.

Angela Roberts spent Saturday night with her friend in Aspermont.

Bennett and Sue Shortes and Scott Stephens were in Fort Worth over the weekend to attend the Fat Stock Show.

Gary Hewitt of Tyler spent several hours with his uncle Coy and aunt Loretta last week.

Spending the weekend with Vivian Hendrix were LeNear Phillips of Wichita Falls and Pretrecia of Oklahoma and John Hendrix of Gilliland.

Lou Hodges of Graham visited with Clara Hanson last week and Sharon Morrow and Anne Underwood of Knox City came over and enjoyed a good meal.

Clara got news Sunday of her brother, Dale Farquhar, in a care

home in Sweetwater had passed away. Remember Clara in your prayers.

Several other people in and around this area need our prayers, Carol Dickson of Benjamin, Billy Gene Johnston of Graham, Linda large of Knox City, Howard Brass of Rule and Leonia Raby of Knox City and David and Caleb Carver.

Joe Banner and Billie Walker accompanied Bobbie and Cliff Banner to Lott, Texas, over the weekend to celebrate Billie's great-grandson, C.J. Banner's fifth birthday. Eleven children and eight adults attended. C.J.'s parents, Kevin and Emily Banner, are foster parents. At present, they only have two foster children, but are licensed to keep as many as five.

Billie accompanied Evelyn Underwood to Haskell to check in with her doctor.

Joe accompanied Pastor Bill Trice to the men's breakfast at the Methodist Church.

It's time to prepare for spring green-up, fertilizer and weed control plans to begin

By Paul Weiser

County Extension Agent - Ag

A typical January and February finds people in North Texas waiting for spring and the beginning of moderate temperatures. However, this year because of the weather pattern we are wishing for spring for the possibility of a rain. My hopes and prayers are for a very cold spell to kill some of the insects and a good wet spell for the wheat and next summer's crops.

With all the gloom of today's weather, maybe we can find something good to talk about - let's try lawns. It is time to begin to prepare for spring green-up and that means fertilizer and weed control plans.

One of the most dreaded weed pests in a lawn is the ever present grassburr. Studies are now beginning to find that these pesky little plants, due to these remarkably warm winters, are growing all year and becoming a perennial plant rather than just an annual. They are also finding that some species of grassburrs are beginning to germinate as much as 10 months out of the year. This changes how chemical control should be conducted.

In years past most professionals recommended that your yard be treated with a pre-emergent herbicide in late winter and have a post-emergent herbicide applied in about May. This will no longer control your grassburrs. Recommendations now include pre-emergent control applications in February, June and September. This should be good for maintenance but will not be enough in extreme conditions.

If, every year, you find yourself with a lawn full of grassburrs and a patch of turfgrass it is recommended to add a post-emergent control applications in February, June and September. This should be good for maintenance but will not be enough in extreme conditions.

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If, every year, you find yourself with a lawn full of grassburrs and a patch of turfgrass it is recommended to add a post-emergent herbicide treatment of Image and MSMA to your lawn in May. The date may be adjusted earlier if lawns begin to green up earlier or adjusted later if we have a hard late winter. This treatment is very costly. However there are other chemicals that will control grassburrs, or you may wish to just apply MSMA. But no matter what chemical is used for the post-emergent treatment, please remember that it will take multiple applications to complete the job.

Is there anything that a be done to prevent weed problems? Yes there is! The best prevention plan is to have a thick healthy lawn. To get this is very simple because the grass needs two basic things that most everyone can give, if so desired.

The first is water. This has been very limiting the past few years but is vital to a healthy lawn. This is very important even in the fall, winter and spring if we continue in drought conditions. Watering is not just a summer job. The best rule of thumb is to keep the profile from getting too dry. A good rule of thumb, take a big screwdriver. If you can push the screwdriver six inches into the soil profile you have moisture that deep. If you come up short of four inches you had better begin to water. The step that most homeowners miss is that of the second need - food.

Plants need nutrition just like humans and animals. The best way to determine if your soil can give the plant what it needs is to collect a soil sample. If you are too stubborn to collect the soil or do not wish to play someone to test your soil there are some general ideas to follow for Knox County.

This first thing to avoid is applying too much phosphorous. This will tie up the available iron

and cause yellowing of the grass leaves. This problem is easily identified by looking at a blade of yellowing grass. If the yellow color is located between the veins on the leaf and the veins are green you have an iron deficiency.

A second problem in Knox County can come from the brand of fertilizer that you use. Those who use fertilizer from Wal-Mart, K-Mart, etc. should watch the label carefully. Many companies use a high percentage of filler in the bags. Many times the filler will be limestone. This is good only if you need to add limestone to your soil - I do not now of any of these situations in Knox County. Scott's brand is usually known for its consistency and quality. If your pH is 7.0 or above - according to that soil sample you took, please use Ammonium Sulfate as your nitrogen source to avoid other problems.

The use of time release fertilizer is on the rise. This is good for several reasons. Probably the best, in a lawn maintenance view, is that it will often lower the amount of mowing required.

This is because the turf does not get a huge boost of nitrogen all of a sudden, but rather a slow supply of food.

So, to have a good healthy, weed free lawn the best practices to remember are: keep the soil moisture level up so that the plants are not stressed; collect and have a soil sample conducted to determine what nutrients are needed (if any) and control the weeds that are already there (either by chemical, mechanical or other).

Anyone wishing to have their soil tested may receive the proper instructions and materials from the Knox County Extension office located in the courthouse in Benjamin. If you have any questions regarding this topic please contact Paul Weiser in the Knox County Extension office at 940-454-2651.

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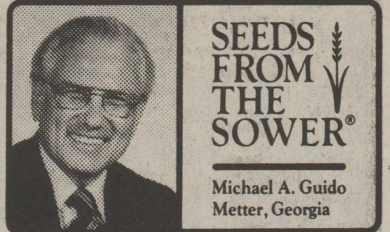
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Stanton Brown seeking re-election to office of Knox County Tax Assessor / Collector

Stanton Brown of Benjamin has filed for re-election as Knox County Tax Assessor - Collection. He has held this position for the past 10 years.

A 1953 graduate of Benjamin High School, Brown is also a 1957 graduate of Texas A & M University. He holds a dual certification as a Registered Professional Appraiser and Tax Assessor / Collector.

He is knowledgeable in the laws, regulations and compliance provisions affecting property valuations, rate calculations, state reporting, and tax collection procedures as promulgated by the Texas Legislature and the State of Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Property Tax Division.

His professional ties include the State of Texas Board of Tax Professional Examiners and he is a Registered Professional Appraiser, a certification he has held since 1992, as well as being a Registered Tax Assessor / Collector.

He has been a member of the Texas Association of Tax Assessor / Collectors for the past 10 years and has also been a member of the Texas Association of Appraisal Districts for the past 12 years.

Brown has been heavily involved in many leadership areas concerning civic and community affairs and professional organizations. He was a member of the Benjamin School District Board of Trustees for 20 years where he served as Board President for four years. He was a director of the Knox County Hospital Board for 16 years and served as chairman for four years. Brown was an active member of the Board of Directors for B-K Electric Cooperative, Inc. for 18 years and has served for four years on the Unemployment Fund Board of the Texas Association of Counties.

He served for seven years on the Rural Chief Appraisers Steering Committee and has been treasurer of the First Baptist Church of Benjamin for over 30 years.

Brown served as a board member of the Bowie National Bank for six years and a member of the Loan Committee for three years.

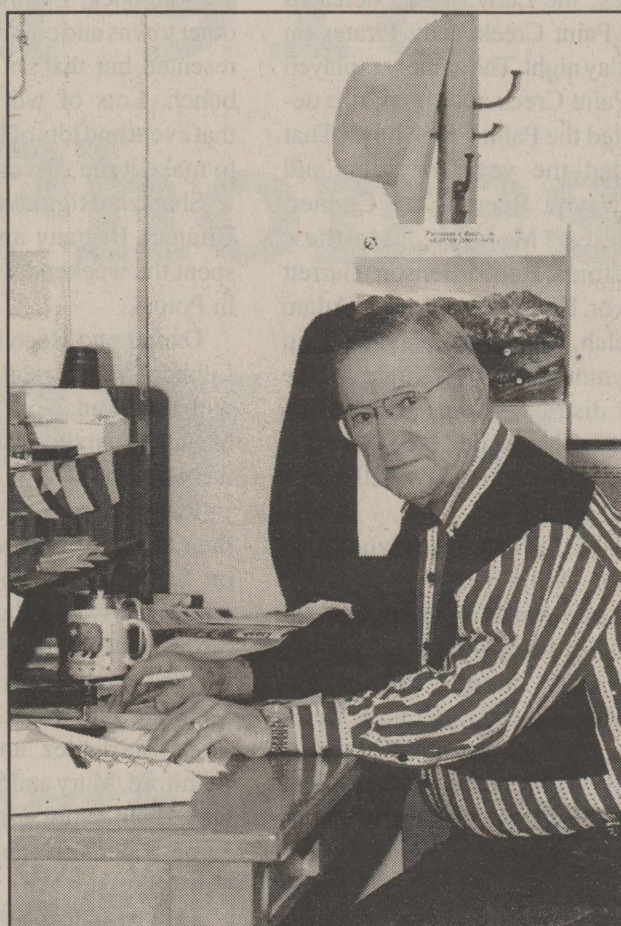
Brown has over 25 years experience in the management of extensive ranching and agricultural holdings, encompassing cattle operations, farm feedlots and crop cultivation. He has applied state-of-the-art resource management techniques to improve unit profitability and business performance. His agricultural and ranching expertise led him to become president of the American Black Maine-Anjou Association for five years. He has also used his knowledge of ranching to serve as a judge at the Fort Worth Stock Show in the Commercial Hereford division and as a Beef Cattle Judge for many county livestock shows over the years.

From 1959 to 1962, he served with the United States Army where he was a Special Agent in the Counter Intelligence Corps.

In addition to his elected position of Knox County Tax Assessor / Collector, Brown has served as Chief Appraiser for Knox County for ten years after being hired to that position by the Appraisal District Board of Directors.

As Tax Assessor / Collector, Brown has no control over taxes. He is furnished the tax rate which are set by the Knox County Commissioners Court. As Tax Assessor, Brown is responsible for county voter registration, vehicle registration and titles, and collection of taxes. The only duty under the Assessor part of the position is calculation of the effective tax rate. As Chief Appraiser of the Knox County Appraisal District, Brown is responsible for appraising all property in the Knox County Appraisal District, along with all the other duties of the Chief Appraiser as described in the Texas Property Tax Code.

Brown wishes to serve the people of Knox County and he would be appreciative of voter's confidence in the upcoming March election.



STANTON BROWN

New Arrivals It's a girl!

Tyler Lane Turner

Heath and Renee Turner are the proud parents of a baby boy born January 6, 2000, at 4:46 p.m. at Abilene Regional Medical Center.

The baby has been named Tyler Lane and he weighed in at 2 pounds, .01 ounce. He measured 14 1/2 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Raymond Gibson of the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex and Rosanne Smithwick of Knox City. Maternal great-grandparents are Betty and James Jolly of Abilene and Granny Gibson.

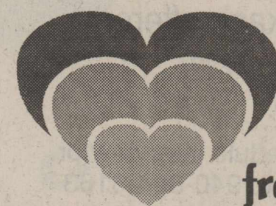
Paternal grandparents are Dale and Sherry Turner of Knox City.

Paternal great-grandparents are Jan and Dale Turner Sr. of Bridgeport and James and Charlotte Jack-son, also of Bridgeport. Paternal great-great-grandparents are Ben and Georgie Bingham of Haskell.

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Saturday, February 12 - UIL Academic meet at Lubbock

Monday, February 14 - Valentine's Day; OAP practice, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 15 - ESS College of Business, seniors 11:45 to 12:30; OAP practice at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 16 - Noon Lions Club, FUMC Fellowship Hall

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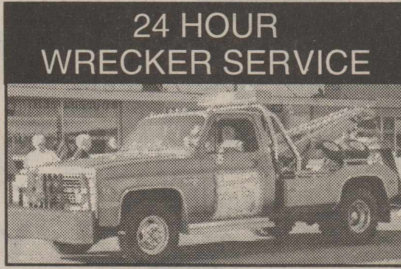
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Benjamin news

Tired of this weekly weather report? If so, skip this first item because I just have to talk about this gorgeous day we have had today. For this time of the year, you could not have asked for a prettier day. Temps were in the 70's by mid-afternoon. Seemed more like May - but we still need rain!

In other news, Pearl Ryder came home Saturday after her surgery in January in Fort Worth. She remained in Fort Worth until after she made her return visit to her doctor and had her stitches out. She stayed two nights at home (her daughters, Sue and Judy were with her). She moved into the Munday Nursing Center today where she will stay until she's able to move back home. She goes back to the doctor in a few days for a checkup and to discuss when she will begin chemo treatments. She and Bill are both feeling pretty well. He's very glad to have her back home.

Carol and Dick Dickson are in Houston this week seeing doctors at M.D. Anderson Hospital. Carl had what seemed to be some minor surgery on her leg in December then got a pathology report that it could be more of a problem than first thought. So they decided to go to Houston and get her checked out - good and go from there. So far, her tests have all come out good. She will have some more on Wednesday of this week but news this far is encouraging. And we are so glad to get that word.

S.L. Milson has been pretty sick in the hospital. No late report but the last I heard, he seemed to be improving slowly. That too, is

good news.

Ball News - In basketball last week, the Lady Stangs defeated the Paint Creek Lady Pirates on Friday night. The game was played at Paint Creek. Our boys also defeated the Paint Creek boys. That ended the year for John and Dwayne Reed, Clay Conner, Hunter Meinzer, Matthew Coffman, Bubba Benson, Garrett Favor, Eric Santisteven and Adam Welch. The girls play Rule in Seymour Thursday night where the district champs will be decided. They re tied for first place. The game Thursday will be at 7:00 p.m.

Here 'N There - Among those from Benjamin who were in DeLeon last Monday for the funeral of former resident, 18 year old Cory Kimmel were Nancy McGreger, Gary and Janet Reed, Darrel and Marsha Condron, James and Stacia Propps, Fred and Jan Carver, Kathie and Justin Waldron, Mike and Tammy Lyles, Lynne Moorhouse, Carmen Acevedo, Rachel Duke, Kathy Rainwater, Wade Pierce, Tyler and Cassie Lyles, Blaine and Clay Conner, Jacy Collins, Tacy and Bobby Condron, Kay and Brittany Sheedy, Lindsey Penman, Pate and Hunter Meinzer and Jay Whitten. Also former residents Shannon Propps, Trey and Shaylee of Forestburg.

The Historical Commission's dinner on Sunday was very successful with a very large crowd on hand to enjoy the "vittles". Not only was it a wonderful meal but gave everyone a change to visit folks we hadn't seen in a while. I saw friends from Munday, Knox City, Vera, Red Springs, Crowell,

By Gladene Green, Benjamin Correspondent

Thalia, Wichita Falls, Rhineland, Olton, Hamlin, Gilliland, Truscott and Lubbock. I know there were other towns and communities represented but that's a pretty good bunch. Lots of work went into that event and lots of folks worked to make it the success it was.

Sharazan Riggins and children, Brianna, Brittany and Cheyenne spent the weekend with her mom in Potosi.

Daniel and Rosellen Albus of Lubbock visited relatives here and with her mom, Nora Hertel in the Munday Nursing Center, during the weekend.

Raul and Reyes Barrientez had their family for the weekend and on Saturday they honored Paul with an early birthday dinner. His birthday is February 9. Those here for the "big day" were Jimmy and Michelle Barrientez, Jr. and Virginia Barrientez and family of Stamford, Mary and Sean Widmer and Hannah of Carrollton and Lupe Palacios and family of Crowell.

Dub and Jo Cartwright have been making pretty regular trips to Munday to visit her aunt Mae Nichols who now reside in the nursing center there. She is a former resident of Littlefield but was in a Lubbock Hospital several days before coming to Munday. She is 96 years of age.

Corrine Parrish and Judy Conner were in Wichita Falls on Saturday.

I visited with Tick Moorhouse on Friday p.m. in the Rice Springs Care Home in Haskell. He's doing pretty well and seems to be adjusting well to being over here. Not sure yet when he can return home.

Guthrie CSD Honor Roll

Fall Semester

Elementary - 1st Grade, A Honor Roll - Kamri Criswell, Stetson Criswell, Lottie Elliott, Blake Fox, Gus Garrison, Kaylee Holloway, Kaylee McCauley, Tabitha Threatt;

2nd Grade - A Honor Roll - Katie Jones, Cody Mongrain, Kelsey Timmons;

3rd Grade - A Honor Roll - Kimberly Contreras, Shaley Shipman, A-B Honor Roll - Ty Adams, Rebecca Avalos, Kendra Partlow, Ashley Daniel;

4th Grade - A Honor Roll - Quentin Daniel, A-B Honor Roll - Ashey Avalos, Chey Ballard, Ty Fox;

5th Grade - A Honor Roll - JoAnna Elliott, Caitlin Mongrain, A-B Honor Roll - Lisa Walls;

Junior High - 6th Grade - A Honor Roll - Jeff Daniel, Holley Hurt, Randy Wilson;

7th Grade - A-B- Honor Roll - Tom Butler, Homar Flores;

8th Grade - A Honor Roll - Jordan Criswell, A-B- Honor Roll - Shai Decker, Jamie Gass, Brittnay Jones, Ashley Tarver;

High School - Grade 9 - A-B Honor Roll - Katie Boyd, Kim Bradbury, Zach Daniel;

Grade 10 - A Honor Roll - Joli Shipman, A-B Honor Roll - Ahshley Bouher, Tara Criswell, Amilyn Daniel;

Grade 11 - A Honor Roll - Ashley Pettiet, Krissy Shipman; A-B Honor Roll - Rusty Bradbury, Elizabeth Cave;

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Retired school personnel meet in Munday Jan. 25
 The Knox County Retired School Personnel met Tuesday, January 25, in the Perry Patton Community Center in Munday. There were 16 members present

and three guests attending. President Billie Walker called the meeting to order, Jessie Roberts gave the invocation. Bill Baker led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Mrs. Walker asked for committee reports. Jessie Roberts asked those who had not brought their books to bring them to the February meeting.

Wretha Fitzgerald asked all members to get their community volunteer hours in to her by February.

The program was presented by the Knox County Hospital Homecare. Betty Hudson RN, Tonya Lewis and Joy York told us about the services they can do, how pay is received and how they help the patients. They serve six counties. There are seven on staff with 35 patients at this time. Members learned a great deal from this presentation and enjoyed the program.

Pie and coffee were served by Leona Partridge, LaRue Reeves and Jacqueline Lowrance.

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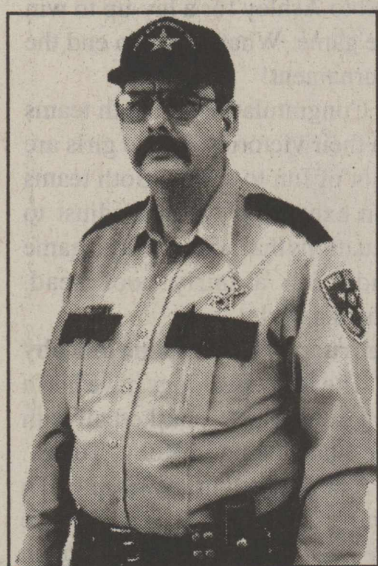
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 Your children at five are your masters. At ten your slaves. At fifteen your doubles. After that? Your friends or foes - depending on their upbringing.

Homstad issues statement to voters for upcoming March 2000 sheriff's race

Dean Homstad is issuing the following statement to voters for his bid as re-election for Knox County Sheriff.

"I would like to introduce myself to those in Knox County who have not had the change to meet with me, and to reintroduce myself to those who do know me. My name is Dean W. Homstad, your current Sheriff, and I will be running for re-election in the March 2000 Election. I was appointed Sheriff in October 1997, ran in the Primary Election in March, 1998 with an opponent, and the ran in the General Election in November 1998, also with an opponent. I was overwhelmingly elected Knox County Sheriff, to serve the remaining two years of the unexpired term left by the previous Sheriff. This term will expire December 31, 2000, which is why I am asking for your vote of confidence again in March, 2000. I have been in law enforcement for going on 15 years, hold an advanced Peace Officer's License, and have education and experience in the planning and operating of a law enforcement department. I believe that I continue to successfully operate the Knox County Sheriff's Department. I also believe that I have not let down the voters of this county since my election as Sheriff.

"I have lived in Knox County for 25 years, and began my Law Enforcement career in 1985 with the Knox City Police Department. I went to law enforcement school while working a regular job, while at the same time serving as a reserve officer. I was hired as Patrolmen in 1987 and continued to work at that position for several years. In January 1993, I was advanced to Chief of Police of Knox City, and continued at that position until my resignation in October 1997 after applying for, and receiving my current job. I have been to numerous schools for law enforcement and management, and have enough certificates to cover a fair size wall. Most of these certificates and schools would not mean much to most people, and in fact, I keep the documents in a couple of file folders. The schools don't mean a



SHERIFF DEAN HOMSTAD

whole lot if the education obtained from them is not used wisely, which I believe that I have done in the past few years, and continue to do at this job. Some folks may not agree with the way that some things are done under my administration. However, I believe that my department's record can stand on its own. The office of the Sheriff is not an office that will operate on its own. It takes day-to-day attention - educated, fair and constant attention - to make it operate successfully.

"The Knox County Sheriff's Department serves all civil process in a prompt and confidential manner, which means that despite understandably natural curiosity, not everyone needs to know whose house we stop at and what we are there for. Warrants that are executed by this department are handled as confidentially as the person arrested allows them to be handled. Investigations are handled in a fair, confidential, discreet, manner, but again, not everyone needs to know about every problem that his neighbor has. Inquiries requested by citizens of this county in various situations are performed within the law, and are held in confidence as necessary. The list goes on and one, so for the sake of preserving paper and ink, I'll go on to other areas of interest.

"This department operates a very efficient jail, and is able to use its employees to the utmost. The dispatchers are also the jailers, and have their hands full having to deal with inmates, radio

traffic, phone calls, walk-in complaints or reports, weather problems, cattle calls, and, well you name it, we have it. Although we don't try to document every call or each time a bird chirps, we do keep very detailed records of offenses and important information forwarded to us, along with then endless documentation and reports required by the state for the general operation of the jail and Sheriff's office.

"Since taking over as Sheriff in 1997, this department has progressed in several areas, including but not limited to, creating a card file for all present and past active inmates, and having an organized filing system for offense reports, which makes it possible to efficiently investigate and keep up with each criminal case. Recently, this department saw the return of a Federal Government Contract for patrolling the Brine Lake, located at Truscott. This contract came with funding making it possible to see the return of a second full time Field Deputy, who by the way, lives in the north part of the county. And finally, in the very near future, probably by the time this article makes it into the newspaper, the appearance of a drug dog owned by this department will be made evident. The purchase of the dog was made possible by the very generous donations and benefit programs intended for this purpose.

"At various times, I have invited the citizens to voice their suggestions for improving this department. Few have responded, so perhaps most feel there is little need for improvement. However, I continue to encourage the citizens to forward their suggestions to me personally, and confidentially if necessary. I also still invite anyone who has a complaint or question, or just wants to meet me, to either flag me down or call me. I'll be glad to answer your questions or hear your suggestions. If re-elected, I intend to continue to operate this department in the same consistent and smooth manner, and intend to continue to administer common sense to the operation on a day-to-day basis."

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Thursday, February 17 - Burritos, lettuce and tomato salad, corn on the cob, Spanish rice, cinnamon rolls.

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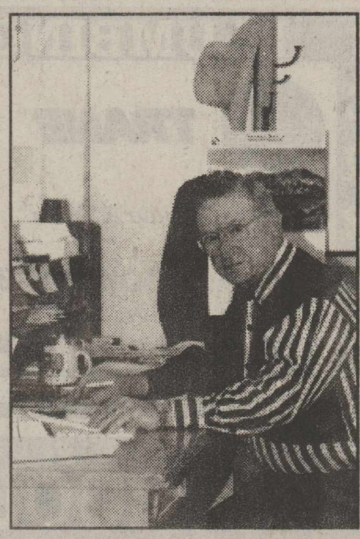
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Haskell nursing program put on indefinite hold

The Development Corporation of Haskell, Inc., The Haskell Consolidated Independent School District, Haskell County Hospital District and Vernon Regional Junior College announce that the proposed Haskell Licensed Vocational Nursing Program has been put on indefinite hold.

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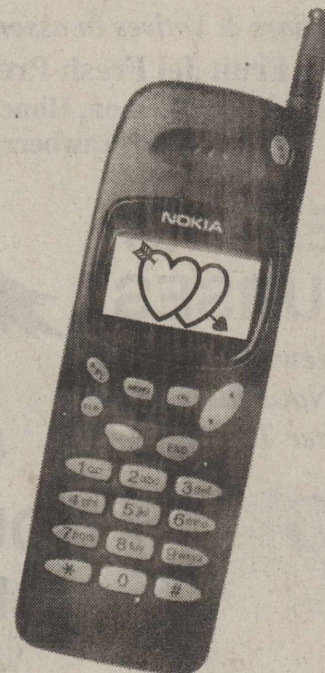
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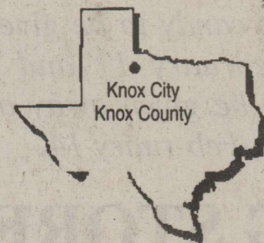
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Lady Bulldogs Basketball

By Coach Sandy Chappell

February 3, 2000 - O'Brien Gym

It was a night to take on our rivals once again the Munday Mogulettes! The only difference was that this was part of the District Tournament. I was very proud of the effort from both teams.

The seventh grade Lady Bulldogs defeated the Mogulettes for the third time this season. That's a tough feat to accomplish. The score was 42-18. Every one contributed in some way. The press was successful providing several easy baskets. The girls executed some new twists to their offense without missing a step. Individual scoring Kaylie Billington 12 pts., Sophie Gutierrez 18 pts. and April Magana 12 points.

Once again, the eighth grade team wanted to make it interesting. We spotted the Mogulettes nine points by the end of the first half. But after making some adjustments to our defense at half-time, the girls transformed into a pretty good looking basketball team. They fought back to a 22-22 tie at the end of the third quarter. The girls dug a little deeper and outscored Munday 9-3 in the fourth quarter. Final score was 31-25. Scoring: Ashley Garcia 5 pts, Ariana Gomez 2 pts., Martha Silva 8 pts., Jodi Chambers 10 pts, Samantha Gutierrez 1 pt., and Haleigh Chenhall 5 pts. This was a good team effort.

Congratulations girls! These girls have HEART. They never give up. I appreciate the hard work. Thanks!

District at Windthorst Feb. 5

This was a terribly long day! It was a terribly fun and exciting day as well! We started the day at 6:50 a.m. on the adventure to Windthorst and returned home at approximately 7:00 p.m. Throughout the course of the day we played quite a bit of basketball. Both the seventh and eighth grade Lady Bulldogs came home placing second in the district. Congratulations to you both.

The seventh grade team played 2 games with only one game in between to rest and recover. The girls defeated their first opponent, Petrolia, by a score of 33-14. They played a well-rounded game. Individual scoring was Dimple Patel 4 points, Kaylie Billington 12 points, Sophia Gutierrez 15 points and April Magana 5 points. After an hour's rest, we took on the toughest team in the tournament. What a test! The girls fought a noble battle coming up 16 points short. Fatigue definitely played a key role, but the last 2 minutes of the game you wouldn't have noticed. Windthorst substituted, and we pressed. They never made it down the court again. It takes a lot of termination and heart to never quite. This group of girls believes in themselves everytime they take the court. The official commented that he would have liked to see a rematch of the two teams both fresh. He thought we would win. Oh, by the way to score was 47-31 in Windthorst's favor. Individual scoring was Kaylie Billington 6 points, Sophie Gutierrez 23 pts. and April Magana 2 points.

The eighth grade Lady Bulldogs seemed to show up awake and ready to play. That's unusual for these girls. Morning is not their favorite time to play basketball. When it was time to play, Windthorst was the first opponent. We matched up well. The girls executed the game plan pretty good. The only problem was there seemed to be a lid on the basket. Nothing would fall. The girls shot and shot - good shots I might add, but nothing went through the hoop. Needless to say we lost 9 - 33. Individual scoring was Jodi Chambers 2 points, Samantha Gutierrez 1 point, and Haleigh Chenhall 6 points. After a long afternoon, the girls played the last game of the tournament against Petrolia. They knew they had to win to get second place. Of course, the game was close. We wouldn't have it

any other way! The lead went back and forth in the fourth quarter. It most definitely was a battle. With about 10 seconds on the clock, and the Lady Bulldogs down 1 point, Haleigh passed the ball to Ashley for a lay-up to win the game. What a way to end the tournament!

Congratulations to both teams on their victories. These girls are a lot of fun to coach. Both teams can execute plays and adjust to situations that arise during a game and keep a fairly cool head. Thanks, girls.

February 7 - Last game at Roby

The Lady Bulldogs have had a fun filled week of basketball with the finale being in Roby, Texas.

The seventh grade team had a rough ballgame. It seemed like we were taking on a different team than we played at O'Brien. We didn't shoot as well as we usually do. It as a tough way to end the season, but the girls never quit. The final score was Roby 35-16. Individual scoring was Dimple Patel 2 points, Kaylie Billington 2 points, Sophie Gutierrez 6 points, April Magana 2 points and Erica Nevarez 4 points.

The eighth graders had the early game. It as the last game of their Jr. High career, and they seemed relaxed and ready to play. Of course, Roby would play a zone. The girls adjusted fairly well and won the game 24-20. Jodi Chambers hit 7 of 8 free throws, that helped out considerably. Individual scoring was Ashley Garcia 3 points, Martha Silva 2 points, Jodi Chambers 11 points Samantha Gutierrez 2 points, Makenzie Davis 4 points and Haleigh Chenhall 2 points.

These two groups have been a pleasure to coach! Both teams have improved and learned a little basketball. I hope they will keep working and improving their skills. These girls are the future of our girls program.

Final tally - 7th grade, 2nd in district record 8-5; 8th grade: 2nd in district, record 9-4, 3rd in Haskell Tournament.

Congratulations and thanks.

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Testing dates released for VRJC nursing programs

Testing dates have been released for Vernon Regional Junior College's licensed vocational nursing (LVN) and registered nursing (RN) programs on the Vernon campus. The tests are required for all LVN and RN applicants to the VRJC nursing programs.

For anyone interested in starting a career in nursing the first test date for the Nurse Entrance Exam (NET) is February 10 on the Vernon campus. Other test dates are March 8, April 14, May 1, 16 and 19. The test will also be given April 25 in Seymour. The deadline for applications is May 31 for the August LVN and RN Generic program.

For an LVN who wishes to enter the RN program, the National League for Nursing (LVN) exam will be administered on Wednesday, February 16, on the Vernon campus. Other test dates are February 29, March 3, 6, 9 and 21. The deadline for applications is March 31 for the June RN program.

For more information on testing or on the nursing programs, call Karla Monson at VRJC Office for Nursing (940) 552-6291 ext. 2268.

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For the purpose of raising much needed funds for the ongoing task of converting the Palma's country farm red barn into a most humble and blessed little country church - 'Abundant Life' Zion Full Gospel, located 5 miles west of O'Brien Baptist Church. We are still in need of various materials, supplies and equipment, along with used refrigerators, insulation, heating and cooling etc. We come to our Brothers and Sisters in Christ throughout the surrounding communities and ask for your loving and most precious support in the name of Jesus.

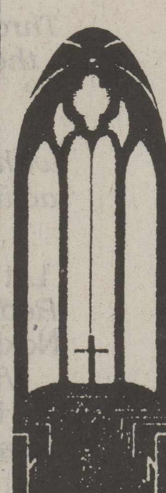

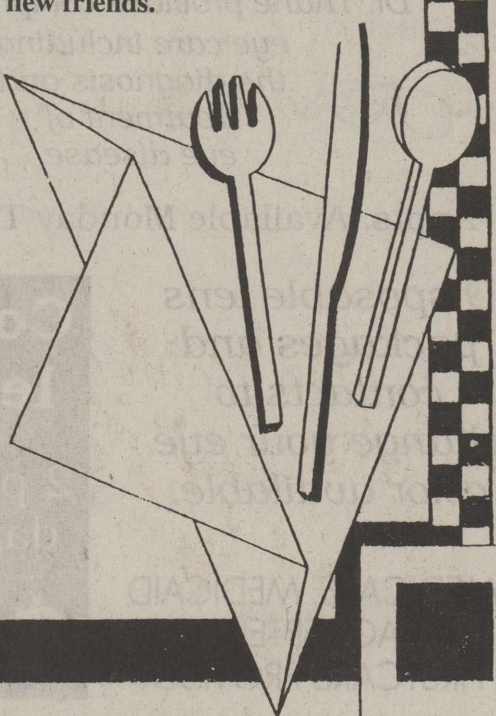
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VRJC spring semester set at Century Club, Wichita Falls

Registration is Thursday, February 10, at VRJC Century Club for the 11-week spring semester at vernal Regional Junior College's three Wichita Falls centers. Classes will begin Wednesday, February 16, at Century City Center, Skills Training Center and Sheppard Learning Center.

High demand fast-track programs are offered at Century City Center. The child development program offers certifications in child development, child care worker and child care administration. A person wishing to become a hair stylist can certify in approximately one year. The nail technician program can be completed in five months. These careers allow a person to have a flexible work schedule.

Training for exciting careers in criminal justice firefighting or

substance abuse counseling is available at Century City center. The criminal justice program prepares students for employment in law enforcement agencies at the local, state and federal levels. The firefighting program trains students for a career as a professional firefighter or as a technician in business or industry. The substance abuse counseling program provides the educational components required by the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (TCADA) for licensure as Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselors (LCDC).

A variety of careers, requiring computer training, are offered such as office technology and health information specialist. The health information specialist program prepares a person to be a medical records technician, who

complies, codes and maintains clinical data.

The legal assisting program prepares a person to be a paralegal. The faculty for legal assisting includes a practicing attorney.

The newest programs offered at the Skills Training Center are heat, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) and computer maintenance/networking, which prepares a person to take the A+ Certification exam. Other hands-on training programs including electronics, welding, machining, industrial equipment maintenance, and computer-assisted graphics.

Four associate degrees are offered at Sheppard Learning Center. The accounting degree prepares a person for a career as a junior accountant. The business management degree prepares a student to enter specific fields of business such as sales, human resource management, banking, finance, and marketing. The management degree combines formal classroom study with work-related projects and experiences to prepare a person to be a supervisor or an assistant manager. The micro-computer applications technology program trains students in operating systems, application software (word processing, spreadsheet, database), and programming languages.

The schedule of classes can be seen on the VRJC website at www.vrjc.cc.tx.us.

Call VRJC at Wichita Falls at 940-696-VRJC or VRJC at Vernon 940-552-6291 for more information.

Noah Project - North to meet Friday, February 11

The Noah Project - North Advisory Committee will meet in the Haskell County Courthouse jury room, Friday, February 11.

Plans for the brisket fundraiser will be discussed. All members are urged to attend.

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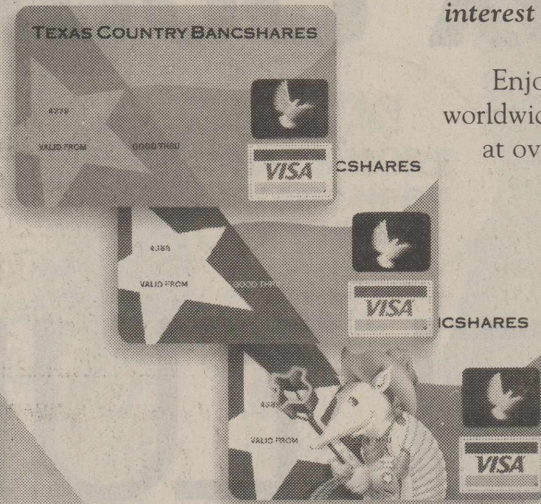
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12-2 tfc 27

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2-10 1tc 41

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The ASBDC, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity Employer; all applicants will be given equal consideration regardless of race, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation or belief.

Closing Date for Application: Monday, February 21, 2000 at 5:00 p.m.

Applications may be picked up at the ASBDC, Inc. / Double Mountain Coach, 612 S. Washington Ave., Aspermont, Texas between the hours of 8:00 - 12:00 and 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. For more information you may call (940) 989-3538 or 989-2239.

2-10 2tc 296

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2-10 1tc

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2-10 1tc 45

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2-3 2tc 86

Political Calendar

The following have authorized *The Knox County News* to announce their candidacy for public office.

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WELDON SKILES - (Re-Election)

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Scope of Work: All work shall be on accordance with HUD Public Housing Comprehensive Assistance Improvement Handbook 7485.1 REV 4 (December 20, 1989)

The scope of construction work consists generally of remodeling, additions and modifications to the structures, electrical, plumbing, and mechanical systems.

The selected individual or firm will be required to assist the Housing Authority with administration of the construction contract, observation of work, reports of defects or deficiencies in the work monitoring the progress, review of the contractors payrolls, interviews of contractor employees for payroll compliance, and other contract related duties as the Contracting officer may assign. Familiarity with building trades and construction practices is required. Knowledge of HUD regulations and the Standard Building Code are desirable.

If you are interested, please respond with a letter of interest, including background, experience, qualifications, and references. The following items will be used in evaluation of qualified candidates.

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Based on the letters of interest received and the apparent qualifications of the proposers, the best qualified candidates will be invited for a personal interview for the final selection. Compensation will be negotiated with the best qualified candidate in accordance with HUD guidelines.

All replies shall be received no later than February 29, 2000, 12:00 noon and shall be sent to:

Housing Authority of the City of Knox City
Address - PO Box 746
City, State, Zip - Knox City, TX 79529
Phone Number - 940-658-3612

2-10 1tc 366

Public Notice

NOMINATIONS ARE NOW being accepted for students K-11 for the Gifted / Talented program at Knox City - O'Brien CISD. Deadline for kindergarten students will be Friday, February 18. Deadline for students in grades 1-11 will be Friday, March 10 with testing to be conducted in April. Nomination forms may be picked up from any principal's office or from Mrs. Waldrip, program coordinator.

2-10 2tc 66

EL PROGRAMS PARA estudiantes talentosos en grades K-11 esta aceptando nominaciones en las escuelas Knox City-O'Brien CISD. Ultimo dia para aplicar para ninos en el grado K es el 19 de febrero. Ultimo dia para estudiantes en grados 1-11 es el 10 de marzo con el examen conductado en abril. Formas para hacer una nominacion se pueden levantar en la oficina de cualquier principal o con la Sra. Waldrip, coordinadora de programas.

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The residence of the Independent Co-Executrices is Sonseeahray Cline, San Angelo, Tom Green County, Texas, and Tonja Aycock, Rowena, Runnels County, Texas; the post office address is:

c/o: **Daryl Ross Halencak**
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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 31st day of January, 2000.

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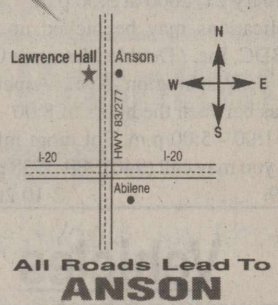
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