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Early voting for Democratic Primary now underway, see page 3 for information

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Play Ball !! KCHS begins 2000 baseball season



MAKING A PLAY AT SECOND BASE, KCHS Senior Myles Richardson is shown here on the right as a Hamlin runner tries to slide back in to the base. The Greyhounds played Hamlin High School at Hamlin last Friday, then played another game against Aspermont High School in Aspermont on Monday. Myles also hit a home run, driving in one run Monday evening against Aspermont.

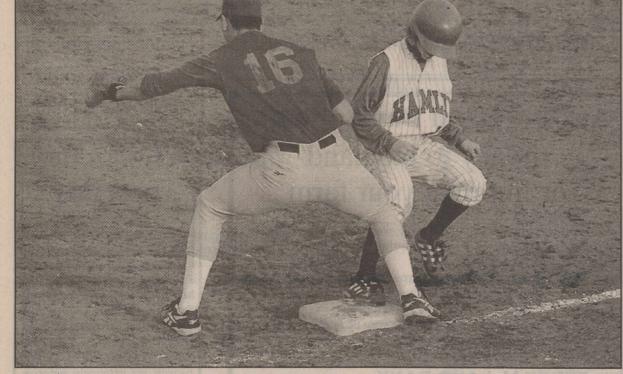


THE 2000 KNOX CITY HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY BASEBALL TEAM is shown here just before their first game in Hamlin last Friday evening. On the back row, from left to right are: Team Manager B.J. Stewart, Nefro Gonzales, Chris Garcia, Kevin Casillas, Jay Sandusky, Eric Green and Coach Kim Smith. From left to right in the middle row are: Omard Walton, Scooter Thompson, Myles Richardson, Shawn Speck and Eric Rocha. On the front row from left to right are: Ryne Burkham, Jeffrey Hernandez, Sal Silva, Russell Bishop and Sedrick Roberson.

WTU to close Knox City bill paying office

ABILENE - West Texas Utilities Company is announcing operational changes to position the company for the start of retail competition in Texas. week via a toll-free telephone number.

"A changing business environment and changing customer



KCHS JUNIOR FIRST BASEMAN JAY SANDUSKY receives a throw from pitcher Nefro Gonzales while trying to tag a Hamlin runner out on first base dueing last Friday night's game at Hamlin.



UP TO BAT AGAINST A TOUGH HAMLIN PITCHER, KCHS JUNIOR JEFFREY HERNANDEZ is shown here during the first part of the ball game at Hamlin last Friday. The Hamlin catcher is shown with the ball right in front of his catcher's mitt.

The Knox City High School track team will compete in the first meet of the 2000 season, this Saturday at Roscoe High School.

"We will be discontinuing our merchandise program by the end of September," WTU President and General Manager Paul Brower, said. "Additionally, our area offices will be used more exclusively for operational purposes."

Brower said that after September, WTU local offices will no longer provide traditional customer transactions, including bill payments. He noted that customers will continue to have company access through its Customer Service Center, which provides service 24-hours a day, 7 days a

Additional information provided to The Knox County News by a representative of WTU confirmed that the Knox City office will be closing and some of the employees at the local office will be forced to seek other positions elsewhere within the company. Some employees may have enough time with the company to choose an early retirement package instead of having to relocate themselves and their families to other areas. The Knox City office currently has three full time employees. Servicemen may remain in the local area, possibly operating out of a centrally located office convenient to several communities.

needs are reshaping our business' Brower said. "WTU will continue to work in partnership with communities through its economic development activities, volunteerism, contributions and customer service. The company is following an industry trend in making use of new technologies to provide more options in customer service." Brower said that to promote fair competition, utilities must separate their operations. This requires a reevaluation of the services offered by WTU. As a result, WTU's merchandise program no longer fits with its business priorities.

For more information on paying bills, call 1-888-216-3490.

Caution urged: West Texas area ripe for wildfires

Extremely dry vegetation coupled with high, gusty winds and low humidities will combine to create a situation that is ripe for disaster.

High winds and low humidities could contribute to major wildfires in this region over the next few days if people get careless with fire outdoors, a Texas Forest Service fire behavior analyst warns. "Intense burning and rapid rates of wildfire spread will be likely during the dangerous weather conditions that are expected to prevail throughout the region over the next several days," Tom Spencer, fire risk assessment coordinator with the Texas Forest Service in Huntsville, said. "It will take everyone's cooperation to prevent even larger and more dangerous fires than occurred over the past week."

The fire risk assessment coordinator noted that the wildfire risk is greatest in the area west of a line from Del Rio to San Angelo to Abilene to Childress.

Residents and visitors in these areas need to be particularly mindful of the danger of wildfires and take all possible actions to avoid accidental fires. Extreme caution is urged.

KC Elementary to celebrate 'Read Across America'

Knox City Elementary will celebrate "Read Across America" on March 2 with a party celebrating the 95th birthday of renowned children's author, Dr. Seuss.

"Read Across America" day was originated by the National Education Association, NEA, as a massive literacy campaign on what would have been the 95th birthday of Dr. Seuss. NEA president Greg Nash of New York, said, "The more children read, the better children read. Reading a book to a child will make a world of difference in that child's life."

Across the nation, educators, parents, celebrities and millions of others are inventing ways to rekindle the love of reading not only at school but at home as well.

The 'Cat in the Hat' is the official mascot of the event and he will be in evidence all through the day at Knox City Elementary. Classes will go from one room to another hearing Dr. Seuss books read, followed by activities to reinforce the fun of the books. The children will hear 'The Cat in the Hat', 'Green Eggs and Ham', 'My Many Colored Day', 'McElligot's Pool', 'Horton Hatches An Egg', 'Bartholemew and Ooblick' and others.

The children will color eggs, make fantastic fish, eat green eggs and ham, experiment with a "gak" substance, and enjoy many things with these fun books. Each class will visit the library for a story and will go to the computer lab and play computer type games at "www.seussville.com" on the In-See KC Elementary, Page 3

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IT'S TUXEDO TIME !!!

FOR ALL OF YOU 'PROM - GOERS',

It's tuxedo time . . . come in at your convenience for measuring and selection of your tuxedos. With prom season on the horizon, it is good to lock in your order.

Appearances

APPAREL • SALON • TANNING 108 North Central • 658-5301



Knox City Area Church Directory

Local congregations welcome your attendance this Sunday

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ~ Knox City Johnny Johnson, Pastor

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. ~ * Sunday Morning Worship at 10:55 a.m.
* Sunday Evening Worship at 7:00 p.m. ~ Mid Week, Wed. at 7:00 p.m.
Sunday Services telecast live on Cable Channel 6 in Knox City & O'Brien

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH ~ Knox City Steve Pepper, Minister

Vergil Ichtertz, Pastor

FOURSQUARE CHURCH ~ Knox City Paul Chambers, Interim Pastor

Sunday Bilingual Mass at 11:00 a.m.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH ~ Rhineland Father Leo Schloemer ~ Deacon Julian Estrada Monday Through Friday Mornings, 8:00 a.m. Mass Saturday Mass at 7:00 p.m. ~ Sunday Mass at 9:00 a.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ~ Benjamin John Gillispie, Pastor

Vergil Ichtertz, Pastor

Police Dept. Report

Warnings issued - 28

Other items reported to the

Knox City Police Department

during January are classified as

incidents. These incidents were

not able to be considered as a

criminal offense, however, they

must be handled in a responsible

Incidents Reported Include:

Traffic Control (assisted MPD

Assisted Ambulance Crew - 6

Domestic Disturbance - 2

Suspicious Person - 3

Welfare concern - 2

Accidents - 2

and proper manner.

Loud Music - 2

with evacuation) - 1

Fire Calls - 4

Landing Zone - 3

Civil Stand-by - 8

Funeral Escorts - 3

Motorist Assist - 3

Prowler - 1

For January 2000

The Knox City Police Department had another very busy mor th during January 2000, receiving a total of 587 calls and tasks which required attention. This total included 14 actual criminal offenses, of which 13 were cleared or otherwise handled. Thirteen charges were filed in regard to the above offenses, with five of the offenses involving juveniles as offender.

Offenses Reported Include: Burglary of a Habitation - 1 Violate City Ordinance (s) - 3 Theft by Check - 1 Theft - 1 Minor in Possession - 2 Assault - 3 Consumption of Alcohol by a Minor - 1 Resisting arrest - 1 Failure to Attend School -1

American Red Cross schedules lifeguard course to begin March 24

Traffic Charges Filed - 14

The American Red Cross is accepting applicants for a lifeguard course beginning March 24. For more information or to register for the class contact Rachael Daniels at 940-322-8686 ext. 20.



By Harry Steen, Knox City Chief Of Police

Escort - 1 This department received several calls from the following: Central (911) - 44

Sheriff's Department - 27 City Hall - 23

During the month of January, this department assisted Munday Police Department with the evacuation's of the northeast side of town, hazardous smoke.

Fire call out at Stubbs residence, grass fire around a residence in town.

Assisted Haskell's DPS with accident scene, located three miles west of O'Brien.

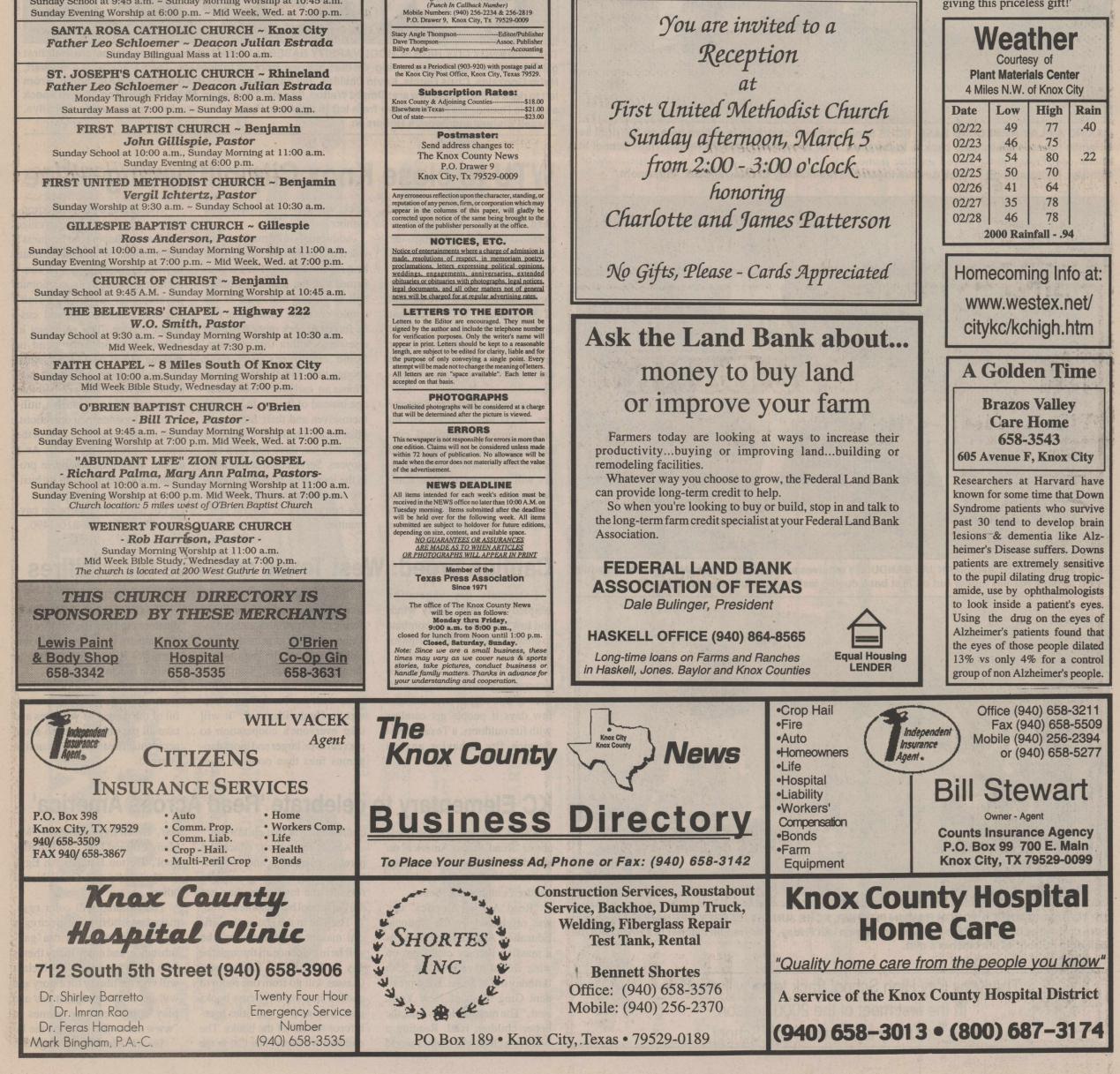
This department would like to remind the public that, residential speed limits are 30 mph or otherwise posted.

/s/ Harry E. Steen Chief of Police Knox City Police Department

American Heart Association's annual local drive nets \$2090.00

Knox City and O'Brien businesses and individuals were generous once again in giving donations totaling \$2090.00 in the February 2000 American Heart Association drive, chairperson June Tankersley said.

Betsy Allen, Frankie Baker, Susan Emerson, Charlene Brothers,



Blood drive rescheduled to Monday

The American Red Cross blood drive originally scheduled for Tuesday, March 7, has now been changed to Monday, March 6. The time and place will remain the same, 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Knox City Community Center.

"The American Red Cross is issuing a plea to first-time and repeat donors to take the time to give blood in order to ensure that there is enough blood available for the people who need it," Kathy Rios, Red Cross representative, said. "The blood we receive will help people who depend on Red Cross every day for lifesaving transfusions."

A Few things to remember before you give blood: try to increase fluid intake 24 to 48 hours prior to donating, eat a good meal, and continue to replace fluids for 1 to 2 days following a donation.

The need for blood by patients being treated for accidents, routine surgeries, and serious diseases, such as cancer, heart disease, and hemophilia, is ongoing. Thousands of people rely on the generosity of blood donors daily.

Weather Courtesy of Plant Materials Center 4 Miles N.W. of Knox City			
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02/24	54	80	.22
02/25	50	70	a horr
02/26	41	64	行行之心
02/27	35	78	
02/28	46	78	
2000 Rainfall94			

Tankersley - Lisle wedding to be May 20 in Stamford

A May 20 wedding is planned at First Baptist Church in Stamford for Jaclyn Jeannette Tankersley and Justin Aaron Lisle.

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The bride-elect, daughter of Tommy and Rebecca Rodden and Sam and Tena Tankersley, graduated from San Angelo Central High School. She is the granddaughter of Hazel Eastland of San Angelo, the late Rae Eastland and the late Jack and Vernelle Tankersley.

The prospective bridegroom, son of Jimmy and Rhonda Lisle of Haskell, graduated from Haskell High School. He is the grandson of JoAnn Carroll of

Haskell and JoRuth Lisle of Rule and the late James Lisle. Both are students at Texas Tech University.

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Dr. Seuss.

Early voting now underway

Early voting for the Democratic Primary Election began Monday, February 28, and will continue through March 10, 2000.

Persons may vote early by appearing in person at the Knox County Clerk's Office in Benjamin from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Applications for ballot by mail should be mailed to Ronnie Verhalen, Knox County Clerk. P.O. Box 196, Benjamin, TX 79505-0196.

Ballot applications by mail must be received no later than the close of business on March 7.

Primary election is Tuesday, March 14.

BEACH SANDALS have arrived!! Get 'em now, while we've got 'em. ANGELIC CANDLES they're heavenly!



JACLYN TANKERSLEY JUSTIN AARON LISLE

KC Elementary

After lunch the teachers and

Crepe myrtles will be planted

A big birthday cake is planned

to top off the celebration of the

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Call 658-3142

The NEWS

today ...

students will watch a movie of the

Dr. Seuss book, 'The Lomax',

which is about saving trees.

as symbols of the day.

....from page one

Eric Richardson, bride are married New Year's Eve

Toni Williams and A1C Eric Richardson were married December 31, 1999, in the home of the bride's uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Frick of Abilene.

A.L. Deatheredge performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Williams of Abilene.

Eric is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Flint Richardson of Alpine and the late Debbie Richardson.

Attendants were the bride's cousin, Melissa Jenkins; and Ryan Marion of Wichita Falls, cousin of the bridegroom. Toni is employed by Nabi

Biomedical. Eric is medical technician with the United States Air Force, stationed at Dyess AFB, Abilene.

Testing dates released for Wichita Falls LVN program

VERNON - Testing dates have been released for Vernon Regional Junior College's licensed vocational nursing (LVN) program at Wichita Falls. The test is required for all applicants to the VRJC nursing program.

For anyone interested in starting a career in nursing, the next test date for the Nurse Entrance Exam (NET) is Saturday, March 8. Other dates are March 11 and March 29.

Cost for the NET is \$13. For

Your acts of loving kindness toward our family during this time of loss will always be remembered. Thank you and God bless you.

The Family of

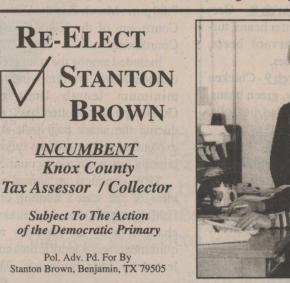
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One files for school board election

With the combined elections set for Saturday, May 6, Billy Chenhall submitted the necessary paperwork for a seat on the Knox City-O'Brien CISD board. As of press time Tuesday, incumbents Tammy Gonzales and Dalton Harrington had not filed.

In the Knox City Council, names reported of Sammie Offield, Jessie Rios and incumbent Charles Lankford in last week's *News* remained as the only persons who had filed. Incumbents Tommy Mangis and Jeff Stanfield had not filed as of press time.

Neither incumbents Peggy McGaughey or Don Bunton had filed for their positions on the Knox County Hospital Board. Filing deadling is March 22.





.VN program more information on testing or on the nursing program, call (940)

MR. AND MRS.

ERIC RICHARDSON

... the former Toni Williams

the nursing program, call (940) 696-8752 ext. 3221 or ext. 3256.

To all our friends,

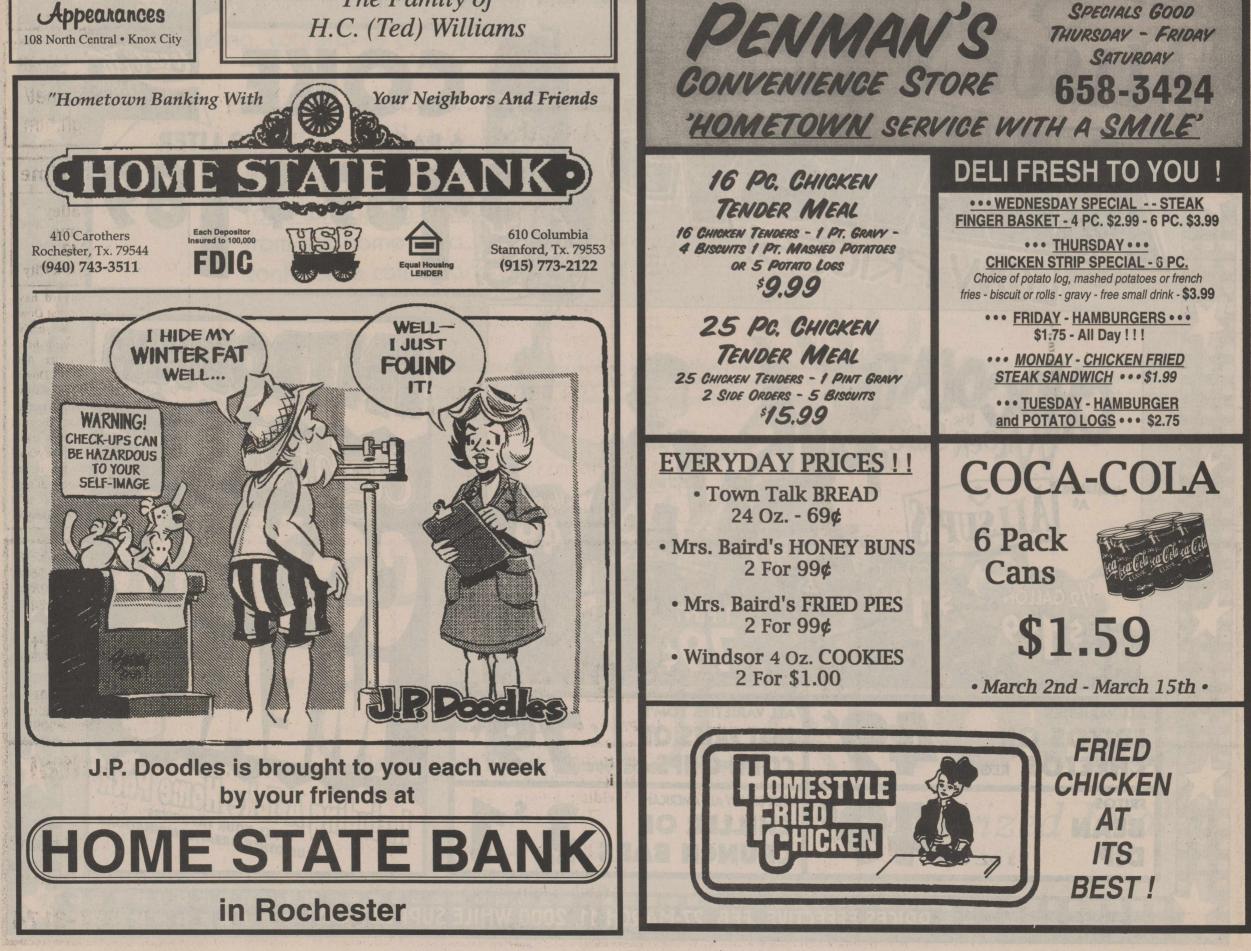
We thank you for the love and kindness shown to us and our family. We are so grateful to each of you by name, for the many prayers and acts of comfort that you have given us. Once again God has revealed His grace and mercy to this world.

We want to thank Sharla Carver and all the nursing staff at Knox County Hospital for their very gentle and loving care for Daddy as he departed this world . . . they are 'angels of mercy'.

The scripture on our prayer calendar for 2/20/2000 was James 3: 17. "We humbly bow before our Father and His wisdom."

To each of you who helped us with Daddy in any way over the last six months, we thank you. His care was truly a 'community effort'.

Don and Marla Hawkins



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Aging center lunch menus

March 6th thru 10th

Monday, March 6 - Beef stew, cheese sticks, 7-minute cabbage, cornbread, cobbler. Tuesday, March 7 - Beef spaghetti, cole slaw, mixed vegetables, garlic bread, cobbler. Wednesday, March 8 - German sausage, butter beans, turnip greens, Harvard beets, cornbread, cookies.

Thursday, March 9 - Chicken strips with gravy, green beans, potato wedges, salad, hot rolls, pudding.

Friday, March 10 - Burritos, lettuce and tomato salad, corn on the cob, Spanish rice, cinnamon rolls.

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

Texas Parks & Wildlife sets public hearing for Benjamin

For Thursday, March 2, at 7:00 p.m.

Hunters and anglers are invited to express their views on Texas Parks and Wildlife's (TPW) proposed regulation changes during a public hearing scheduled from 7:00 p.m., March 2, in the District Courtroom of the Knox County Courthouse.

Included among the state's recommendations are removing the minimum length limit on Guadalupe and spotted bass, reducing the shark bag limit and expanding spring eastern turkey hunting into eight more counties.

TPW conducts an annual review of the state's hunting and fishing regulations and makes changes based on statutory requirements and scientific data collected by field biologists. The

objective of the process is to provide sound biological management of the resources while maximizing hunter and angler opportunity. State wildlife officials gather public input on the proposed changes before submitting final recommendations to the TPW Commission. If adopted by the TPW Commission in April, the proposed changes will take effect September 1.

"We're encouraging public input on any of the proposals, particularly from those people affected by the changes. These are issues of local and regional interest, and we want folks to be involved in the decision-making process," said Bob Cook, TPW chief operating officer.

A very special thank you

to the Knox City Volunteer Fire Dept. for their quick response to the home during the fire in our laundromat Monday night.

We appreciate so very much your concern of the residents and your efforts.

It was amazing how quickly you arrived. Once again, many thanks to each of you.

The Staff and Residents of **Brazos Valley Care Home**



Brayden Lee Leaverton

Lee and Amy Leaverton of Levelland are proud to announce the birth of their son, Brayden Lee Leaverton, who was born at 10:51 p.m. Thursday, February 17, 2000, in Covenant Hospital - Levelland. He weighed eight pounds and

was 20 and 1/2 inches long. He was welcomed home by his sister, Brittany Rebecca, who is

four and one-half years old. His grandparents are Bert and Judy Leaverton of Knox City and Stan Lassiter of Clovis, New Mexico.

His great-grandparents are Lou Leaverton of Knox City, Ima Smith of Levelland, Charles and Shirley Lassiter of Clovis, New Mexico, and Edna Prisk of Stephenville.



"What's wrong with me? I don't have any friends. Why?"

"You build barriers instead of bridges," I answered.

One disagrees with you. You argue, and you build a barrier. Another has wronged you. You bear a grudge. Up goes another barrier. One's in need. You hoard, you don't help. Up goes another barrier.

But love is a great transformer. It turns anger into affection, selfishness into sacrifice, resentment into reconciliation. These are bridges.

The Bible says, "Be reconciled." Build bridges, not barri-

Elementary honor roll

Woodson, Zakery York.

Northrup, Kishan Raghu.

Second Grade: Eric Casillas,

Derrick Coleman, Kenyin Collier,

Molly Espinosa, Micaela Hern-

andez, Holly McCrary, Derrick

Third Grade: Mealinda Abila,

Micheal Agraz, Molly Agraz,

Ryan Casillas, Brittany Coop,

Rachel Ellis, Samantha Esquivel,

Leandro Hernandez, Will Living-

ston, Dillon Loftiss, Robert

Fourth Grade: Derek Agraz,

Sarah Burt, J.C. Chappell, Carmen

Garcia, Travis Hawkins, Rechele

Raynes, Brieanna Rios, Jessy

'A-B' HONOR ROLL

Fifth Grade: Vanessa Solis.

Sixth Grade: Antonio Aguayo,

Nikki Moss, Tomas Myers, Sonny

Parker, Tanisha Patel, Meagan

Schur, Andy Shaver, Sandra Silva.

Erica Nevarez, Dimple Patel, Ben-

Seventh Grade: Eric Lewis,

Eighth Grade: Cody Brockett,

Jodi Chambers, Brian Homstad,

Sondra Lankford, Carlos Ruiz.

Salazar.

Schur.

'A' HONOR ROLL **Fourth Six Weeks**

First Grade: Taylor Chappell, Whitney Collins, Landon Lynn, Zachary Shaver.

Second Grade: Elmina Banks, Brittney Gonzales.

Third Grade: Jordan Carter, Kayla Hacker, Tyler Johnson, Christopher Taylor.

Fourth Grade: Joseph Albus, Candace Carver, Orrin Myers, Isaac Ruiz.

'A-B' HONOR ROLL

First Grade: Kaley Ainsworth, Brandon Bradley, Kelsey Harrington, Tiffany Wertz, Latrell

Mid-school honor roll

'A' HONOR ROLL **Fourth Six Weeks**

Fifth Grade: Bridgett Billington, Brandon Grimsley, Laura Harrington, Emily Lewis, Katelyn Railsback, Tiffany Wilde.

Sixth Grade: Jessica Albus, Ryan Harrington, Grant Lewis, Micah Lierly.

Seventh Grade: Drew Barnard, Kaylie Billington, Justin Parker. Eighth Grade: Brandon Espi-

nosa, Ariana Gomez.

Funeral services for R.B.

Mayes of Knox City were held

Tuesday, February 29, at 2:00 p.m.

in the First Baptist Church in Knox

City. Rev. Shelton Rhodes offici-

ated. Burial was in the Knox City

Cemetery with Smith Funeral

Home in charge of arrangements.

February 25, at the Knox County

Hospital following a brief illness.

Stamford, he was a farmer. He

married Cozetta Ware and he

served in the United States Army.

Mr. Mayes, 66, died Friday,

Born September 8, 1933, in

Tuesday rites are held for R.B. Mayes

He was a Baptist.

Kursten Stafford.

jamin Simmons.

Survivors include his wife, Cozetta; a son, Roy Lee Mayes of Knox City; three daughters, Linda Billington and Adreanne Mayes, both of Knox City; and Tamieka Ware of Clarendon; two brothers, Elbert Curry of Midland and John H. Mayes of Merkel; five sisters, Johnnie M. Price of Los Angeles, California; Beatrice Ewing of Dimmitt, Margo Smith of Denison and Jessie McBride and Betty J. Beavers, both of Abilene; and five grandchildren.

Yesterday one asked me,



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Veterans Memorial receives first donation, groundbreaking ceremony set for May 29

The first \$1000 contribution to the Knox County Veterans Memorial was received February 8, 2000. This donation is the first major financial contribution toward the project's financial goal of \$50,000.

All contributions are tax-deductible and go toward the monument's cost and groundwork.

Another major contribution came from the Commissioner's Court which designated a portion of the lot located at the corner of State Highway 6 and U.S. Highway 82/State Highway 114 as the memorial site.

Significant progress is being made toward the memorial; however, additional financial contributions are needed. Persons interested in giving to the project may send their contributions to: Knox County Historical Commission, Attn: Veterans Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 77, Benjamin, TX 79505.

A ground breaking ceremony for the memorial that will pay a lasting tribute to the estimated 3000 men and women who served in our country's armed forces is planned for Memorial Day, May 29 at the monument site.

Activities will include a guest speaker and fundraiser lunch. Additional activities are in the planning stages.

"The ceremony is gearing up to be a very momentous occasion," according to committee secretary Sheri Baty. In addition, a dedication ceremony is scheduled for Veterans Day, November 11.

The Knox County Veterans Memorial Committee is looking forward to the upcoming events and invites everyone to attend.

By Gladene Green, Benjamin Correspondent

Benjamin news

News is scarce this week. If thee's much going on I don't know it! I am glad to report that most of our friends who have health problems are doing pretty well. Pearl Ryder begins chemo today (Tuesday) in Wichita Falls. She has one treatment a week for four weeks then will see her doctor to see what progress has been made then a determination will be made on whether she needs more. Bill is doing better after a day or so of not being at his best. He has good days, then some not so good.

I understand that S.L. Milson has been released from the Seymour Hospital and is now back in the care home at Seymour. We hope his progress continues.

Chris Phillips has not been feeling very well. He has had to be off of work for a few days and is scheduled to be in Abilene to see his doctor one day this week.

Lucy Mings has to see a cardiologist next Monday, March 6. She says she's feeling much better but does need to see a heart doctor since she had her problems a couple of weeks ago.

Mabel Moorhouse was in Wichita Falls Monday for a checkup. She was given a good report.

Prom held Saturday - On Saturday night, the Junior Class honComes" and beautifully decoratedFto blend with the theme. It was aJo Iformal affair and all those attend-withing were "decked out" in theirin-labest. The meal was brisket and allis setthe trimmings. And for the pro-Fgram Júniors Christi Phillips andJacoJuli Larned read the prophecy andKnoSeniors Blaine Conner and Eliza-a fabeth Hostas read the class will.MutSlides were shown of the Seniorsthefrom babyhood 'til now. All I'veItalked to said it was an excellentGenbanquet. Belle Grill is Jr. sponsorpass

and she and the Jr. parents and students did all the planning, decorating, cooking and cleaning up!! Here 'N There - Randolph and Betty Barnett of Alvin are here for two or three days to visit Omitene Barnett and do a little more "planning and looking" about their house they are going to build.

Lucille Moorhouse was honored by her sons and their families on Sunday, the occasion was her birthday. Visiting and attending church with her on Sunday morning were Tom and Becky Moorhouse of Benjamin, Bob and Linda Moorhouse of Pitchfork Ranch, John and Carolyn Moorhouse of Seymour and Ed Moorhouse and a friend, Jo Page of Dallas. Also a granddaughter, Kelly and Reno Livingston and Alyssa, also of Seymour. Lucille said she didn't mind at all if I told you she was 84 on Sunday. After church and lunch, she said they enjoyed an afternoon of visiting.

Penny Phillips and her mom, Jo Ima Hill, are in Dallas to be with their brother-in-law and sonin-law, Johnny Antoneisse, who is seriously ill in a hospital there.

Earlene Meinzer's sister, Mabel Jacobs, spent three days in the Knox Co. Hospital last week after a fall in the nursing center at Munday. She was able to return to the center on Friday and is better.

I learned that former sheriff Gene Nix underwent triple bypass surgery last Wednesday in a Waco Hospital. It was first thought he would have five by passes but he had three. He's doingwell and will be going home in a few days if progress continues. To send a card, send it to his home at 1009 December, Hewitt, TX 76643.

Sympathy to H.B. Graves and family of Munday. His wife, Mildred, died Thursday after a long battle with cancer.

I congratulate the Munday Mogulettes for their accomplishments in basketball. Tho eliminated at Regional they did well. Best wishes to the "Mighty Moguls" as they (at this time) are still in the running. Win or lose, they have nothing to be ashamed of.

And of course congratulations to our own Lady Stangs on being on the all-district team - Lynne Moorhouse, Elizabeth Hostas,

Your VOTE on MARCH 14 Does Make A Difference !

• I am asking for your vote as I am truly dedicated to serving the people of Knox County.

• No matter where you live or work in our county, those who abuse drugs could have an effect on you or your family. Those selling or 'pushing' drugs have a history of targeting our youth as easy victims.



• I believe in our youth, and I care about what happens to them NOW and in the future.

• I have talked with some of the younger citizens of Knox County and they have made me keenly aware of the drug problems in our county.

• To protect you and your children, I will fight the drug problem through education and good ole' fashioned law enforcement. You can help me to help our county by electing

BEN GLEAVES for your SHERIFF of KNOX COUNTY

I know the job, I can get the job done and I'll do it <u>right</u>!

Ay'udeme combatir drogas en el Condado de Knox. Vote por Ben Gleaves por Sheriff Marzo 14 - 2000 Pol. Adv. Paid for by Ben Gleaves. Truscott. Tx. 79227

CITIZENS BANK, N.A., KNOX CITY

ored their upper classmen with the Junior-Senior Banquet. Held at the community center, the theme was "If Tomorrow Never

Carmen Acevedo and Blaine Conner. Blaine was named district MVP. Ashley Cartwright was given honorable mention.

St. Joseph's Catholic Church SAUSAGE DINNER

Homemade Sausage and Fried Chicken SUNDAY, MARCH 5 Serving 11:00 - 2:00 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL Rhineland, Texas Adults \$7.00 - Children \$4.00

Bulk Sausage - \$3.00 Per Pound Place Orders at 422-4207, 422-4390, 658-3926

<u>Pick-Up Orders at Brown's Store</u> on Saturday, March 4, before 1:00 P.M.

Raffle Prizes to be Given Away

TV-VCR Combo • Gas Grill Handmade Quilt 3 Cash Prizes of \$100 • 2 Cash Prizes of \$150

TEXAS COUNTRY BANCSHARES 7.9% A.P.R.* 6-MONTH INTRODUCTORY RATE

The Citizens Bank, N.A., Knox City, as a result of our commitment to our customers, has joined with our parent company, Texas Country Bancshares, Inc., to bring you a valuable service. <u>The Texas Cards</u>. The Texas Cards are MasterCards and Visas carrying a *low introductory*

CSHARES

VISA

EXAS COUNTRY BANCSHARES

Member FDIC

interest rate of 7.9% and no annual fee!

Enjoy shopping, dining, and traveling worldwide. Our Texas Cards are accepted at over 14 million merchant locations, and cash advances can be made at automated teller machines displaying the Cirrus logo.

COUNTRY BANCSHARES

Applying is easy! Simply complete an application. We will quickly process your application to enable you to start using your card right away.

SHARES

Citizens Bank, N.A., Knox City 110 North 2nd Knox City, Texas 79529 940-658-3527

*Annual Percentage Rate

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O'Brien happenings

"One Sunday a minister played hooky from church so he could enjoy a round of golf, leaving his assistant to conduct the service. He drove to a faraway golf course to avoid bumping into any parishioners.

Looking down, St. Peter said to God, "You're not going to let him get away with his, are you?"

The Lord shook his head. The minister took his first show, and scored a 420-yard hole in one. St. Peter was outraged. "I thought you were going to punish him!" he said to the Lord.

The Lord looked at St. Peter and replied, "So who's he going to tell?" Here and There - Attending the musical Saturday night at Old Glory were Delbert and Norma Hayes, Vivian Hendrix, Bernice Rowan and I. There was really a big crowd and some good music and was it every loud.

Kenneth and Sammie Roberts of Plainview spent Thursday night with me and we attended the funeral for Howard Brass in Rule on Friday.

Visiting Veeta Reid is her daughter Angelia and son Sam of Dallas. They all attended church together Sunday.

John Lippard was in Oklahoma

over the weekend to visit his daughter, Nancy and family and to see his granddaughter win third place in wrestling.

By Audie Johnston, O'Brien Correspondent

Visiting Beatrice Ellis for a while is her sister, Vondell of California. Her daughter, Sammie Murry and husband Grady of Plainview, also visited with them.

Jean Banner of Littlefield visited Rose Marie and Jimmy Johnston last week and also visited with Beatrice Ellis and sister Vondell of California.

Our church had services for our care home in Knox City Sunday at 3:30. There were close to 20 patients participating. They all seem to enjoy everything especially singing time. Don always knows just about the songs all remember. Bro. Bill Trice gave the scriptures and sermon. Billie Walker, Bernice Rowan and I helped with the song service. Our piano players are all ailing at this time.

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Knox County republicans set convention date

The Knox County Republicans will hold their county convention at the Knox City Community Center, Saturday, April 1, beginning at 2:00 p.m.

The convention is open to all Knox County Republicans.

Main purpose will be to consider precinct resolutions and elect delegates and alternates to the June 15 - 17 Texas Republican Party's State Convention in Houston.

> Knox City -**O'Brien CISD Spring Break** is next week March 6-10

Master gardener to speak here Tuesday, March 14

Knox County FCE Clubs will be sponsoring programs during March on home gardening. Programs will include topics on when and what to plant, gardening tips and a special emphasis will be given to growing tomatoes.

Speakers for the programs will be Volunteer Master Gardeners for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Al Norris of Wichita Falls and Tucker Reeve of Jayton. These gentlemen are volunteers who have had extensive training and experience in gardening and each specializes in 'tomatoes'.

A program is planned in Knox City for Tuesday, May 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the home of Rita Rosencranz, 501 South Third, Knox City. For details contact Ramona Helms at 658-3286.

More information may be obtained by calling Jane Rowan, County Extension Agent / FCS -940-454-2651.

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

Brazos Valley Care Home News

Brazos Valley Care Home has had a lot of activities going on this year. Every month we have a birthday party for the Birthday Bunch with local groups providing the goodies and gifts. In January, the residents celebrating a birthday were Charles Johnstone, Bessie Duncan, Ronald Burress, Bessie Molloy, Gaylord Crowley, Jose Loya, Lois Buckley and John Fouts. The birthday party was held on January 18, 2000 and was given by the Knox City Foursquare Church. January 21 was National Hugging Day with residents and staff sharing hugs all day long.

In February, residents having birthdays are Ageda Espinosa, Jesus Marquez, Lillie Rushing and Ruth Denton. The birthday party was held on February 8 with the Knox City First Baptist Church hosting the party. On February 14, we had a Valentine's Party and crowned the Valentine King and Queen. The King and Queen were chosen by staff, residents and visitors by playing a vote in a Valentine's Bag on each resident's door. The winners were Ruby Robinson and Jack Montgomery. Everyone had a great time!

Residents participate in a slue of activities all week long and have special activities at night

English provide music and Brother Hodges provides Bible Study. The Sunshine Ladies come and fix fingernails on Thursday afternoon. This is a great opportunity for everyone to get their nails done and socialize! We also have Jamie Brumley in the beauty shop to fix the ladies hair and give haircuts on Mondays and Wednesdays. Judy has Bingo every Monday and Friday morning at 10:15 and on Wednesday afternoon at 2:30.

We have special music provided at night by Bud Conner on the first Thursday of each month, Bonnie Workham on the second Tuesday of each month and Jim Burt on the third or fourth Thursday. We really appreciate all the volunteers that give their time to the residents every month. It means a great deal to them. Anyone who would be interested in volunteering, please let us know!

Administrative staff at Brazos Valley Care Home is Jason Hall, Administrator; Sandra Logsdon, Director of Nurses; Alexy Lampe, Assistant Director of Nurses; Judy Conner, Activity Director; and Nancy Duncan, Food Services Supervisor.

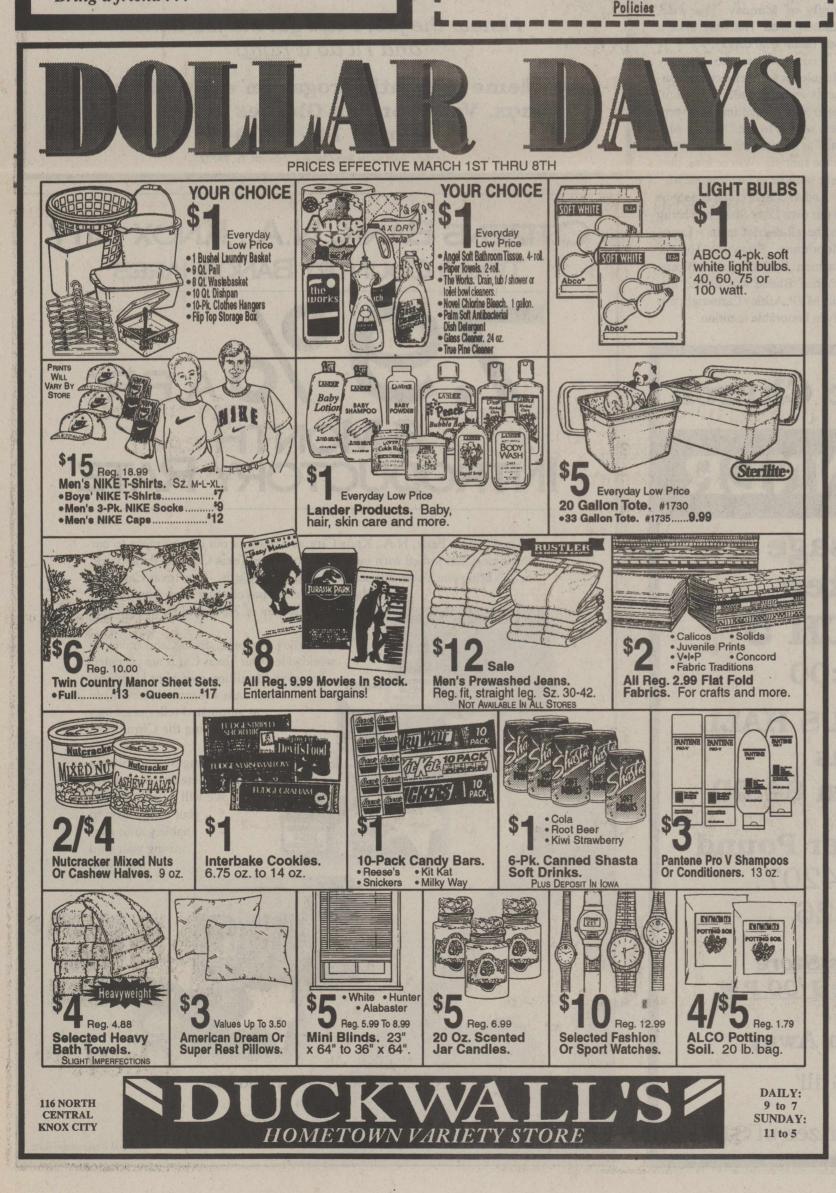
If you have any questions or would like any information about the facility, please feel free to call

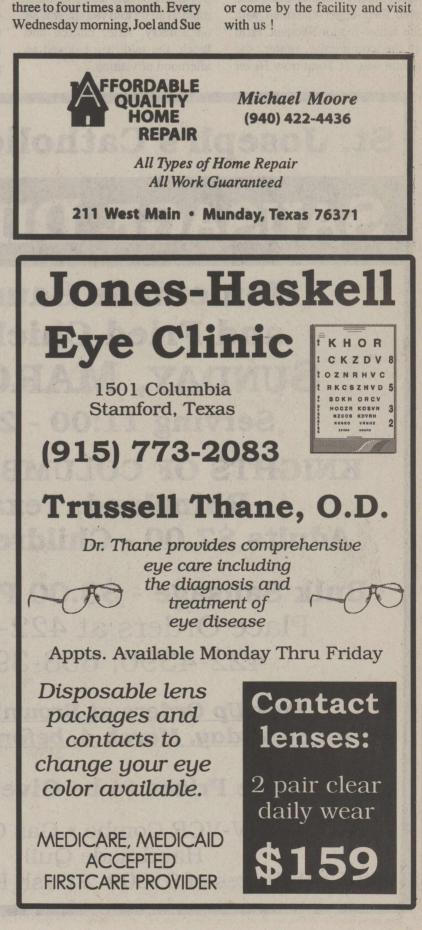
REVIVAL 'Come to hear a Man of God' Guest Speaker: Dr. Jacob Kurien **Apostle & Prophet from World Outreach Ministries** Houston, Texas

Place: Abundant Life Zion **Full Gospel Church Located Five Miles West** of O'Brien Baptist Church Time: Friday, March 3, 7:00 P.M.

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The merchants and individuals sponsoring this sports booster page wish the best for both the Knox City High School **Boys Baseball Team and Girls Softball Team** as they begin their 2000 seasons.



April 3 - against Northside, there at 4:00 p.m. April 10 - against Albany, there at 4:30 p.m. April 17 - against Chillicothe, here at 4:00 p.m. April 24 - against Paducah, there at 4:00 p.m. May 1 - Open Date May 8 - against Northside, here at 4:00 p.m.

March 31 - against Anson, there at 5:00 p.m. April 4 - against Stamford, there at 5:00 p.m. April 7 - Open Date April 11 - against Haskell, there at 5:00 p.m.



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1-27 tfc 24 WATER FOWL LEASE Wanted - By an individual, not a guide service, 2000-2001 season. Geese, ducks, crane. 254-753-5116 office, 254-662-6363 home. 2-17 8tp

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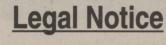
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Garage Sale

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NOTICE OF IMPOUNDMENT OF ESTRAY CASE NO: K2000-019 DATE: 2/21/2000 On the 17th day of February, 2000, I impounded the following estray: Kind of animal - Heifer

Breed - Angus / Saler cross Color - Red

Sex - Female Age - Less than 1 year Size - @ 600 pounds

Brand, Marks, Identifying Characteristics - None and, on the 22nd day of February, 2000, I filed a NOTICE OF ESTRAY in the Estray Book of Knox County, Texas.

have made a diligent search of the register of recorded brands in Knox County, 1 exas, for the owner of said estray, but the seasrch did not reveal the owner. Notice is hereby given that, if the ownership of said estray is not determined by the 7th day of March, 2000, said estray will be sold at public auction / sheriff's sale at 11763 Hwy. 6 North, Truscott, Tx.

Help Wanted

HELP WANTED - RN / LVN needed. Contact LaJoyce Bailey, Business Office Manager, 940-864-2652. Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Rice Springs, Haskell. 12-2 tfc 27

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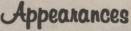
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Political Calendar

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

> 50th Judicial District Attorney **BILL NEAL - (Re-Election)**

Knox County Commissioner, Prec. 1 WELDON SKILES - (Re-Election) Knox County Sheriff

DEAN W. HOMSTAD - (Re-Election) **BEN GLEAVES**

Knox County Tax Assessor / Collector STANTON BROWN - (Re-Election)

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IN RE: **ESTATE OF** JERILANE SMITH CAUSE NO. 2,311 DECEASED

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF **JERILANE SMITH. DECEASED:**

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary in the Estate of Jerilane Smith, Deceased, were issued to Monte Max Bradley and Sandra Sue Bradley on the 14th day of February, A.D., 2000, in the proceeding indicated above which is still pending. All persons having claims against the Estate which is being administered in Wichita County, Texas, are hereby required to present the same by filing in the probate proceedings and delivering a copy of such claims to Monte Max Bradley and Sandra Sue Bradley, Independent Executors of the Estate of Jerilane Smith, Deceased, in care of their attorneys at the address below given within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. The mailing address is:

> Monte Max Bradley and Sandra Sue Bradley, Independent Executors of the Estate of Jerilane Smith, Deceased c/o Sherrill, Crosnoe & Goff P.O. Drawer 97511 Wichita Falls, Texas 76307-7511

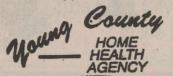
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