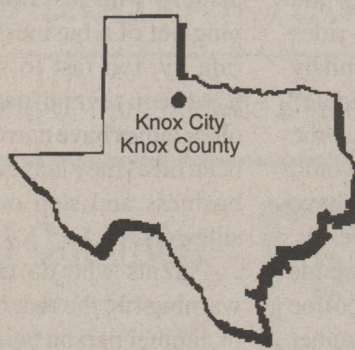


Vandals deface city park playground equipment, reward offered by Crimestoppers for information

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THIS PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT in the Knox City Park was one of several items vandalized over the Christmas holidays when a person or persons still unknown wrote obscene and pornographic messages with a black magic marker. (NEWS digital Photo)

Vandals damage park playground equipment

Obscene and pornographic messages left for children to see

Sometime during the Christmas holiday season, vandals left messages on the city park playground equipment, and the thoughts left for children to see did not reflect messages of Christmas cheer and good will toward man. In contrast, the handwritten messages that were scrawled with a black magic marker were obscene and pornographic in nature.

Left where children playing on the park equipment could read them, the messages were reported to Knox City Police Chief Harry Steen by a concerned parent.

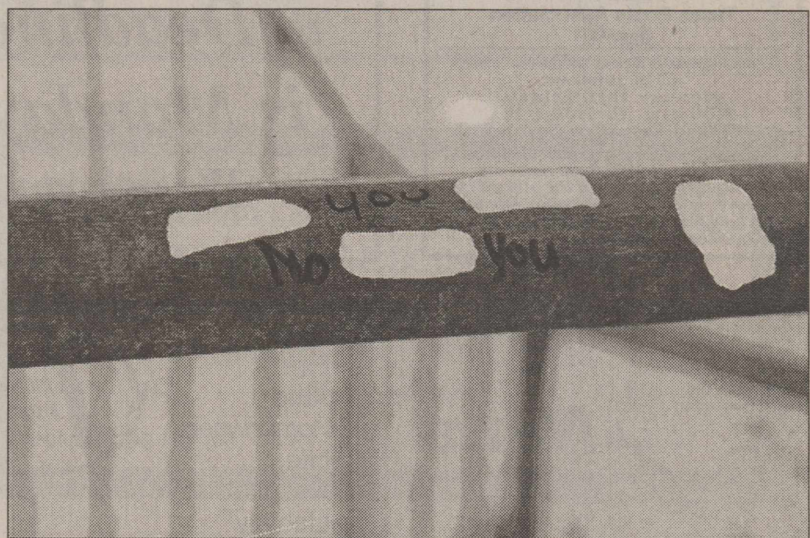
After examining the vandalism and messages, Chief Steen authorized The Knox County news to publish that a reward of up to \$1000 will be offered through the city's Crimestopper program for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of those responsible.

Knox City Municipal Judge Rob Harrison and City Manager Barbara Rector were also at the park viewing the damage and figuring out ways to cover up or remove the pornographic messages so more children would not be exposed to them. All three city officials were mad and upset, promising swift action and the harshest of penalties to those who are convicted of this senseless act.

If you have information, and would like to claim the reward, just call 657-STOP and leave anonymous information.



POLICE CHIEF HARRY STEEN looks over the messages left scrawled on various items of playground equipment at the city park. The Police department is offering a reward through the Crimestoppers program for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible. (NEWS digital photos)



BLURRED FOR PUBLICATION, the messages contained pornographic words and references, left where children can see them.

Parents asked to warn children about proper use of electric scooters on Knox City streets

Also about riding bicycles on downtown sidewalks

Knox City Municipal Judge Rob Harrison has asked *The Knox County News* to help get the word out to parents about some activities involving kids that could be potentially dangerous. Parents are

being asked to have a talk with their children about the following two topics:

Electric Scooters

If your child received an electric scooter for Christmas, they

are legal to ride on city streets, but since they are an electric vehicle, the kids riding them have to conform to and obey all existing traffic laws, just as the driver of any

See *electric scooters*, page two

Pioneer developer of Knox City's famous seedless watermelons dies

Donald W. Johnson rites are held Wednesday

Funeral services for Donald W. Johnson, the pioneer developer of Knox City's famous Sun World seedless watermelons, were held Wednesday, January 14, 2004, at 10:00 a.m. in the Knox City Church of Christ.

Gene McCarty and Joe Ed Hackney officiated and burial was in the Knox City Cemetery with Mansell-Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Johnson, 62, died Monday morning, January 12, 2004, in an Abilene hospital.

Born July 17, 1941, in King County, Texas to Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Johnson, he graduated from Knox City High School in 1960. He married Kay Dean Hester on August 27, 1960, in Knox City. He farmed and ranched.

Mr. Johnson was the pioneer with the development, growth and distribution of Knox City's famous Sun World seedless watermelons that are shipped all over the world. He and his son, Dwayne, still maintain the business, Johnson Melon Corporation.

Survivors include his wife, Kay Dean Johnson of Knox City; son Dwayne Johnson and wife Lorie of Knox City; two grandsons, Brad Johnson of Lawton, Oklahoma, and Dustin Johnson of Knox City; his mother, Mrs. Fannie Mae Johnson of Knox City; brother, Garry Johnson of Knox City, sister, Annette DeWitt of Duncanville; and his mother-in-law, Mrs. Lillian Hester of Knox City.

He was preceded in death by his father and one infant granddaughter.



DONALD W. JOHNSON

Local show is Thursday night, county show here this Friday and Saturday

Thursday night beginning at 6:00 p.m. the Knox City local show will get underway in the school bus barn on the Knox City campus.

Friday and Saturday, Knox City will host this year's Knox County Junior Livestock Show also at the school bus barn also on the Knox

City school campus.

Friday, January 16, the schedule will be 8:00 a.m., weigh market swine and rabbits, 10:00 a.m., weigh lambs and goats; 10:30 a.m., broiler show, followed by rabbits; 1:00 p.m., lamb show followed by goat show.

Saturday, January 17, 8:00

a.m., market swine show; 12:00 p.m., steer show; 3:00 p.m., premium auction.

Judges for this year's 2004 Knox County Junior Livestock Show will be rabbits and poultry, Ed Blankenship; sheep and goats, Lee Wiley Burch; and swine and steers, Ray Dean Sites.

Avoid a ticket, remember this new Texas law designed to save the lives of DPS Troopers

By Tele Mange
Department of Public Safety
Public Information Officer

Slow down or change lanes for stopped emergency vehicles

SB 193 requires drivers nearing stopped emergency vehicles with lights activated to either slow down or change lanes.

The law states a driver must

vacate the lane closest to the stopped emergency vehicle or slow down 20 miles below the speed limit. (If the speed limit is below 25 mph the driver must slow down to 5 mph.)

Emergency vehicles include police, emergency medical service and fire vehicles.

A violation is punishable by a

maximum fine of \$200. If the violation results in property damage, the maximum fine increases to \$500. If the violation results in bodily injury, the offense is enhanced to a Class B misdemeanor.

The new law was passed in the last regular session of the Texas Legislature and went into effect Sept. 1, 2003.

Parents encouraged to warn their children

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vehicle would.

A near tragedy could have taken place this past Monday when an alert Knox City driver watched a young girl on an electric scooter ride right through a stop sign without even looking for oncoming traffic.

Parents need to caution their children about the requirement that they obey traffic laws and watch for other vehicles. Any motorcycle rider will let you know real quick that the biggest danger to motorcycles on the roadway are drivers who do not look for or see motorcycles. If car and truck drivers have a hard time seeing motorcycles, one can safely say that the new breed of small, electric scooters are nearly impossible to see in traffic.

Parents who do not heed this warning now run the risk of their children being seriously injured or killed.....so please sit your children down and remind them of the rules and the need to be extra cautious while riding their electric scooters.

Another point to consider on these electric scooters is just who is riding them and the liability

issues involved. Over the Christmas holiday, I saw groups of kids with a scooter, all taking turns riding. If your child has one that you purchased for him/her and they loan it to a friend who rides through a stop sign and gets hit by a car, would you be legally liable? I would be willing to bet that the parents of the injured child would soon own everything you have worked so hard all your life for. Remembering that McDonalds got sued for serving hot coffee that was 'too' hot, it's a no brainer to figure out how fast you would be sued if another child was injured on your son or daughter's electric scooter.

Riding Bicycles

Parents are also asked to remind their children who ride bicycles around town that they are also required to follow traffic rules and regulations, especially those that pertain to stop signs and right of way.

Another area of concern is the sidewalks in the downtown business area. It is illegal for children to ride their bicycles on the downtown sidewalks, but several do on a regular basis. They start at one

end of the block and ride as fast as they can to the other end of the block. In doing so, they endanger not only themselves, but all other persons who just might be stepping out of a business as the kids ride by, too fast to stop. There have been several 'near misses' as older ladies have narrowly missed been hit as they leave a downtown business and step out on to the sidewalk.

Parents who do not heed this warning run the risk of their child or another person being injured in a collision on one of the downtown sidewalks. This is another instance where parents need to remember that they can be held legally liable for the actions of their children and could be sued for all the medical expenses incurred by any person your child might hit while riding a bicycle on a downtown sidewalk. An event like that could ruin a family financially.

The bottom line here is that parents need to talk to their kids and make them aware that they have to obey traffic laws when they are riding these new electric scooters or bicycles on the streets.

Blood drive nets fifteen pints here

A total of 15 pints of life-saving blood was collected during the December blood drive for the Meek Blood Center hosted by the Knox County Hospital.

Less than 5% of the population give blood so that 100% of the population can count on blood being there in case it is needed.

Frances Baker, Meek donor recruiter, thanked those who were willing to take an hour of their time to give someone else a life-time.

Weather

Courtesy of Plant Materials Center
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Date	Low	High	Rain
01/06	13	29	
01/07	28	57	
01/08	32	63	
01/09	28	59	
01/10	26	68	
01/11	32	69	
01/12	42	66	

Total 2004 Rainfall - 00.00

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Note: Since we are a small business with a small staff, these times may vary as we are out of the office to cover news & sports stories, attend school events, take pictures, conduct business or handle family matters.

O'Brien happenings

By Audie Johnston, O'Brien Correspondent

"Thinking no one is home, a robber breaks into a house, only to find the frightened owners in bed watching TV.

"What's your name?" he says menacingly to the wife at gunpoint.

"E-E-Elizabeth," she says.

"This is your lucky day," he says. "I can't shoot anyone named Elizabeth because that was my dear mother's name." He turns to the husband. "What's your name?" "My name's Harry," says the man. "But everyone calls me Elizabeth."

Here and There - Visiting Janoma Stephens and Bennett and Sue Shortes over the weekend were Scott Stephens and wife Dani of Lubbock. Scott and wife Dani

sure have been missed since they moved to Lubbock but one has to go where the jobs are.

David Ellis of Alpine is spending a few days with her mom, Beatrice and helping her get caught up with some things.

Eddie and Claudia Bryant were blessed by having their son, Jon and wife and son of Lubbock, with them over the weekend.

Kevin Urbanczyk of Munday and Tamara McGaughey spent some time with Kevin's grandmother, Adelle Herring, last week.

Spending the weekend with Paul and Lila Sanchez and sons, Pablo and Aaron were their son Rey Rey and wife and daughter Reyme of Lubbock.

Reed Underwood returned

home from a trip to New York over the weekend and visited his parents, C.H. and Linda. He had a very enjoyable trip.

Bro. Milton McManus went to Dallas Monday to visit with his son there.

We still have a few people on our sick list. Loretta Hewitt just left for the hospital at Haskell. Delbert Hayes is still not doing as well as usual and Laci McManus is needing our prayers and Myra Reeves isn't doing real well.

We were happy at church Sunday to see that the Wayne Rowan's had returned home for awhile after traveling and working in several different places for quite a while. Everyone has to go where the work is.

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Associated Press All State football picks include C.J. Bruce as Honorable Mention

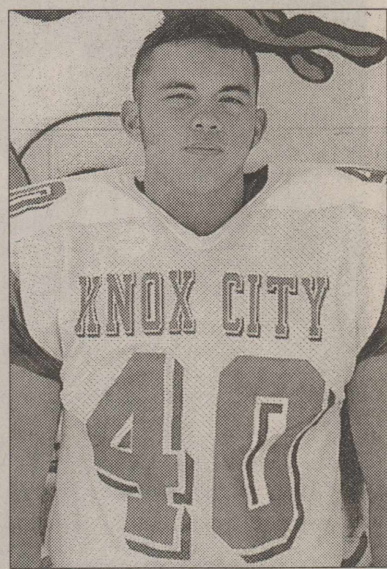
When a story was run last month in the *Abilene reporter News* about the Associated Press All State football selections, it listed Carlos Ruiz of Knox City as a pick for All State Second Team, but failed to mention that KCHS junior C.J. Bruce was also selected as an All State Honorable Mention Defensive pick.

A linebacker for the Greyhounds, C.J. is the son of Ronnie and Annie Bruce of Knox City.

The only other local player selected was Dustin Flye of Munday, who was named to the Second Team offense as a Running Back.

Voting was based on players' regular season performances. Nominees were selected during the season, and balloting was conducted during the playoffs.

Other players selected from teams that Knox City played this year were Andrew Haley of Roby, selected as First Team offense, center; Justin Rodriguez of Albany, First Team offense, lineman; Jordan Morales of Albany, First Team Offense, end/receiver; John Barrera of Hamlin, First Team Defense, linebacker; Gerald Walker of Paducah, First Team, back; Peyton Parsons of Albany, First Team Offense, punter; Mike Wilson of Albany, Second Team, Linebacker; Adrian Barrera, Honorable Mention Defense, linebacker; and Frankie Gonzales of Roby, Honorable Mention Defense, back.



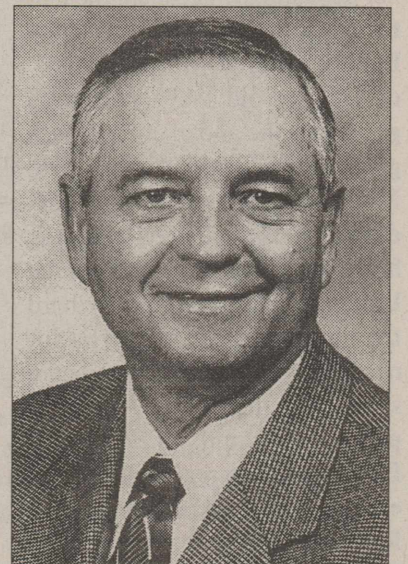
C.J. Bruce
KCHS Junior
Named to AP All State
Honorable Mention - Defense

Travis Floyd formally announces Knox County Judge's candidacy

Travis Floyd formally announces his candidacy for the office of County Judge in Knox County.

Travis was born in Knox City and grew up in and around Munday. He graduated from Munday High School in 1965 and went to work almost immediately for AT&T. Travis married his school sweetheart, Brenda Johnson, in December of 1965. Travis and Brenda have two married daughters and three grandchildren. Travis is active in the First Baptist Church in Munday. He enjoys sports, gardening, camping, reading and visiting with family.

Travis has received extensive technical, management, and leadership training throughout his 30 plus years with AT&T. He retired from AT&T in 1996, and he and Brenda moved back to Knox County where he was a District Supervisor for the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation. He resigned from that position after being offered consulting work in the telecommunications field, which took him overseas. Some of the consulting work included: Senior Engineer/Program Manager for PT Telkom in Indonesia; Centrum Radiocomm-unications and telecommunications in Poland; Saudi Telecommunications Company in Saudi Arabia; Lucent Technologies in Hilversum, Holland; Winstar Communications in Herndon, VA; Pensat International in Omaha, Nebraska; and National Account Manager for NTSB, Inc. at Cisco Systems in Plano, Texas.



TRAVIS FLOYD

Travis states, "Having managed diverse groups of people in the U.S. as well as several countries, has equipped me to work in challenging situations. I believe the experience that qualifies me for this position of leadership is; organization skills, planning, problem solving and communicating well with people on a professional level. Much of the work with AT&T and in the consulting area has been to bring people together to solve problems. If elected, I will resign from consulting work and I will approach the County Judge position as a full-time responsibility. I have long been interested in the inner workings of county government and would appreciate the opportunity to serve the people of Knox County. I will perform all the duties of the office in an open, honest, and professional manner. Some of my goals include working together with the Economic Development Teams to attract businesses and jobs to Knox County, also to develop and present a no-frills budget for Knox County. At AT&T, I developed budgets to present to the Executive Officers and had to operate within that budget, so I realize the importance of maintaining the budget proposed. I will work hard to bring the citizens of Knox County together to solve any problems we may encounter."

What does the future have in store for Knox City?

By Dave Thompson

In one of last week's editions of the *Abilene Reporter News*, the front page carried a big headline and story about the "Thirty Year Plan for Abilene".

After reading the story, I found myself wondering what the plan is for the future of Knox City, or even if anyone has thought of a long range plan to insure the survival of our community.

In the next few weeks, I will be looking into this topic further and will try to find out answers for these questions:

- Does our county government have a long range plan for the future?

- Does our county hospital have a long range plan for the future?

- Does our city government have a long range plan for the future?

- Does our school district have a long range plan for the future?

- Does our chamber of commerce have a long range plan for the future?

- Do our economic development boards (EDC) have a long range plan for the future?

As information is obtained, we will publish what we find out so our readers can stay informed about a subject so vital to our community.

**Deadline
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Linda Parker seeking Tax-Assessor/Collector office in March 9 primary

Linda Parker, a resident of Benjamin, has authorized *The Knox County News* to announce her candidacy for the office of Knox County Tax Assessor / Collector in the upcoming March 9 Democratic Primary.

Mrs. Parker plans to issue her formal statement to county voters in a future issue of the *News*.

Mitzi (Ham) Welch announces candidacy for Knox County Judge

Mitzi (Ham) Welch, a Benjamin resident, has authorized *The Knox County News* to announce her candidacy for the office of Knox County Judge on the Democratic ticket in the March 9 primary.

She plans to issue a formal statement to the county voters in a future edition of the *News*.

Aging center lunch menus

Monday, January 19 - Closed for Martin Luther King Day.

Tuesday, January 20 - Chicken spaghetti, green beans, apple and celery salad, bread sticks, pineapple crunch.

Wednesday, January 21 - Meat loaf, butter beans, turnip greens, cornbread, jello with fruit.

Thursday, January 22 - Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, sweet peas, hot rolls, cobler.

Friday, January 23 - Bar-b-q chicken, mixed vegetables, macaroni and cheese, light bread, strawberry shortcake.

(Due to the rising cost of operating, the Knox County Aging Services has to raise the price of our meals. Effective February 1, 2004, the price for meals for those who are under 60 years of age will be \$4.00 and the suggested donation for those over 60 will be \$3.00.)

Obituaries

Edward (Ed) Franklin Daniel

Edward (Ed) Franklin Daniel, 67, of Knox City died Saturday, January 10, 2004 in an Abilene hospital.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m., Monday, January 12, 2004 at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Bobby King officiating. A Masonic burial followed at the Knox City Cemetery with Mansell-Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Born May 11, 1936, in Foard County, Texas, to the late Roy Daniel and Evelyn Dunn, Ed married Cheryl Headrick on June 30, 1962, in Benjamin. He was a Master Mason, Scottish Rite Mason and Shriner. He was a member of the Orient Lodge #905 for many years. He was a member of the Farm Bureau and the Texas Cattle Raisers Association. He was also a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors are his wife of 41 years, Cheryl of Knox City; two sons, Mark Daniel and wife Teresa of Seymour, Richard Daniel and wife Sherri of Haslet, daughter Karen Reid and husband Larry of Ackerly; two grandsons, Ryan and James Reid; two granddaughters, Katherine and Victoria Daniel; two brothers, R.C. Daniel and Don Daniel of Truscott; sister, Janice Tolson of Benjamin; sister-in-law, Carol Duke and husband James of Throckmorton; and father-in-law, Lacy Headrick of Knox City.

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Benjamin news

By Gladene Green, Benjamin Correspondent

This past week was a busy one for me. My daughter Debbie and her husband, Mike, spent most of the week with his dad in Wichita Falls hospital so I was "in charge" of 12 year old Will. We had a good time tho and of course I was glad to help out. Mike's dad, David Moorhouse, passed away Thursday night. He had been in failing health for quite sometime but the last few weeks were really hard for him and his family. His funeral was Sunday. My sincere sympathy to his family. Also sympathy to the family of Ed Daniel. Ed has not been real well for several years and had been in Abilene Regional Hospital several days before his death. I had known him many years but only saw him occasionally the past few years. We just were not at the same place at the same time. But when I did see him, he was always friendly and usually had a past experience to share. He will be missed by many other than his family.

Ball news - There were several ball games last week involving our local team. Monday night, Jr. High traveled over to Megargel and brought home victories - both boys and girls. The girls are undefeated for the season and the boys have a good record too, but I'm not sure how they are standing.

High school was at Harrold Tuesday night and boys and girls won. The girls score was Benjamin 69, Harrold 40. Scoring were Margaret Siemens with 2, Kaitlyn Kuehler 2, Jessica Moorhouse 4, Nancy Siemens 10, Brittney Sheedy 4, Sadie Benson 10, Shaylee Propps 4, Cassie Lyles 31 and Christine Zavala 2.

The boys score was Benjamin 57, Harrold 39. Scoring were

Tomas Acevedo 2, Matthew Cartwright 9, Chance Propps 12, Anthony Lamb 6, Enrique Acevedo 7, Tyler Collins 29 and Seth Kuehler 2.

On Friday night, we played host to the "fired-up" Crowell teams. (And, I might add a "fired up" bunch of their fans.) Crowell played well and seems our kids just couldn't get going so end result - two losses for the home teams. The girls score was Crowell 59, Benjamin 48. Leading scorers were Cassie Lyles with 21 and Shaylee Propps with 10. They are now 8-5 for the year.

The boys score was Crowell 74, Benjamin 51. Leading scorers were Tyler Collins with 15 and Enrique Acevedo with 13. They are now 12-1 for the year.

This week's lone game is Friday here with Northside.

Here 'N There - Lynn and Michael Rogers of Maryneal were here this past weekend to attend the funeral of her granddad, David Moorhouse in Seymour, Sunday.

Larry Conner of Wolforth visited his brother, Bud, on Friday.

Saw Jacob Siemens one day last week and he's still feeling pretty well. Of course some days are better than others. Remember he and his wife were injured when their van hit a horse north of Knox City last May. Jacob received the more serious of the injuries. He feels very blessed to be doing as well as he is.

Chase Polvado and Tiffany DeLos Santos of Vernon spent Sunday and Monday with their grandparents, Charles and Joy Jones.

Jane Gideon is mighty proud of a new grandson. Ian was born Friday, January 9, in a Gilbert,

Arizona, hospital. He weighed eight pounds and his mom and dad are Oscar and Shannon Gideon. He has a sister, Ariel and a brother, Damon. And his grandfather is Weldon Gideon. Seems all the family is doing well.

Among those from Benjamin attending the Moorhouse funeral in Seymour Sunday were Hank and Linda Wagner, Tracy and Susan Cartwright, Matthew, Ashley and Lucas, Nancy Siemens, Lucille Moorhouse, Jessie Roberts, Nancy McGreger and myself.

My visitors Sunday were Diane Evans and Ashlee and Wade and Beckie Keys, Dillon and Randi of Childress. They also attended the funeral in Seymour.

An update on Dillon. He had the implant procedure Tuesday and was able to come home Wednesday and is doing fine. He will have the radiation treatment in about 4 or 5 weeks and hopefully he won't have anymore real serious problems. Please continue to pray for him.

Wilma Smith returned home last Saturday after several days visit with relatives in San Angelo, San Antonio and Waxahachie.

Couple wed in Oklahoma

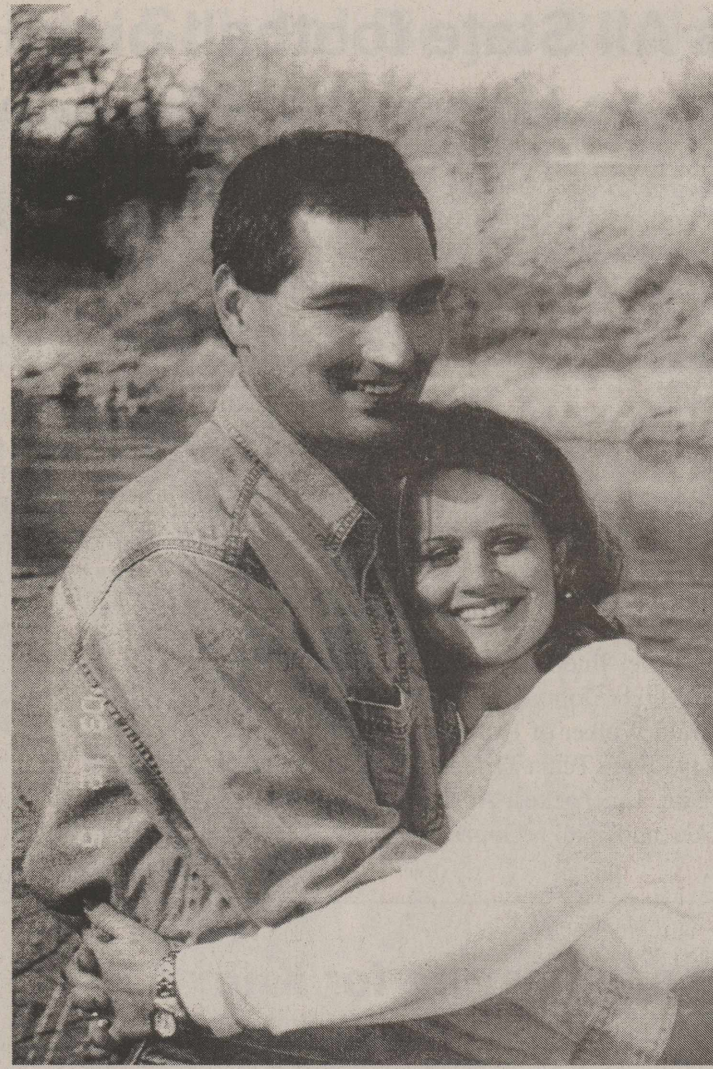
Traci Renee Fry, daughter of Keith and Sandra Fry of Rochester, Texas, and Donnie Earl McNeff, son of George and Lou McNeff of Chickasha, Oklahoma, were married Saturday, December 6, on the Washita River in Grady County, Oklahoma.

The bride's grandparents are the late Ira and Thelma Grinstead of Rochester, Texas, and Dr. and Mrs. Polk Fry, Jr. of Frederick, Oklahoma.

Judge Richard Van Dyck performed the ceremony on the banks of the River in the presence of Dayla Morris, sister of the bridegroom; Trina Watson, sister of the bride; Jerome Doss, friend of the bridegroom; and Philip West, friend of the bridegroom. Following the ceremony, the wedding party enjoyed Roy's Barbecue in Chickasha.

Traci attended Abilene Christian University and is currently teaching high school in Iowa Park, Texas. Donnie attended Southwestern Oklahoma State University and Northwestern Oklahoma State University. He is a self-employed dairyman of McNeff Dairy.

The couple plans a reception / renewal ceremony in March. They live outside Chickasha.



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The Knox County Child Welfare Board

expresses their appreciation to all that made the Children's Christmas Project a big success. Many helped in so many ways. To the ones that took an angel and provided the needs and wants for one or more, we thank you.

To the ones who sent contributions and jury checks, thank you.

Thank you to the Citizens Bank, Lawrence Bros., Penman's Conoco, First United Methodist Church, Pumpers Supply, Santa Rosa Church, Benjamin Methodist Church, Knox City Lions Club, Knox City First Baptist and The Knox County News for exceptional help this year. Many thanks to JoAnn and David Albus, David and Beverly Speck, Norma and Vic Lowry, Greg Clonts, Kathy and Jimmy Ray Albus, Marilyn and Dan Talbott, Jessie and Kenneth Roberts, Jackie and Mary Jane Young, Paul Chambers, Pam and Rocky Mongrain, Barry Lee and Eileen Rolo, and Bobbie Harrison.

Thank you to those who sent memorials, thank you to Romain for letting us put the Angel Tree in her business and thank you to Duckwalls for the money from the Baby Contest and their support.

Because of the generous contributions we helped provide a happy Christmas for 37 families and about 100 children. For this, bless you all.

FROM THIS ANGLE

Local KC Notes by Billye Angle

We're really excited to begin a new feature in the *News* this week. So many of our readers have asked that we have a column reporting on the 'goings and comings' of our local community that we are going to make every effort to provide this each week. However, we are going to need your help in calling in your news and also any reports on those who are ill.

Former resident Rita Rosencranz of Seminole was here Thursday attending to business and visiting friends. She reported that her husband Roger is really enjoying his work there.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Joe Large, who recently moved to Azle, were in the *News* office Thursday to renew their subscription. They bought a home there to be closer to their sons, Billy Wayne and family in Granbury, who are only thirty miles away, and Aaron, who will graduate in May from UT at Arlington. They are keeping their home here so they can come in occasionally to check on his mother who is in Brazos Valley Care Home, as well as their other relatives.

Joan Muller of Tyler came in Tuesday of last week to visit her mother, Faye Shaver. She returned home Saturday.

Arlene Felts, who had been here in the home of her son Carol and

his wife Zo since early December, was dismissed from Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene Monday where she had received a pacemaker. Mrs. Felts is now at Teakwood in Stamford for a period of recovery.

Patricia Deering of Abilene was here Friday to return her mother, Elaine Lewis, to her home following a week's recuperation. Elaine, who had undergone surgery on her left foot for bone spurs, ruptured her Achilles tendon on the injured foot while she was at the home of her granddaughter Amy McClellan in Anson helping with her new great-grandchild. She will go back to her doctor Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Danny Speck were in Abilene Sunday to return their son Shawn to Abilene Christian University for the second semester.

Guests in the home of Peggy and Charlie Clarke last weekend were Terri Carnes and Kelli Whitten, both of Lubbock, and Greg and Sandra Whitten and Ashlee of Pearsall. They were here to attend funeral services for Peggy's brother-in-law David Moorhouse of Iowa Park.

Longtime Knox City resident George Hodges stopped by the *News* office last week with a Christmas gift from his family.

This was George's Letter to Santa Claus' published in *The Knox County Herald* that he thinks was written in 'about 1920' and was found in his late sister's, Corrie King's, belongings. He remembers that he was 'about six' at the time. His letter read, "Dear Santa Claus, I can't write so my mama is writing this for me. I have been a good little boy, so please bring me these few things. A little train, a little red wagon, a little tricycle, some marbles, a big top, a little car, a big rubber ball, a little gun, some candy, nuts and fruit and if you have a little negro doll left, please bring it to me. Please don't forget my little sister, Dollie B. for she is a good little girl sometime. It is bedtime for all good little boys like me so goodbye until Christmas. George Hodges" George recalled that he received each of the gifts he asked for.

It is the hopes of this writer that readers will call in at 657-3142 and share their news with us each week.

So many of you have expressed your desires for hometown news that we want it to be enjoyable. We will not report an illness unless we have the permission of the patient or family members. See you next week!



THE KNOX CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE received help last week from A-Team Construction with moving more tractors into place around town. In the photo above, this older tractor was moved into position in the Y intersection leading out of Knox City to the south. In the next few weeks, the tractor will receive a new, brightly colored paint job as the Chamber recognizes the area's farming heritage. (Courtesy Photo)

Straight Talk

By Dave Thompson



Totally senseless vandalism

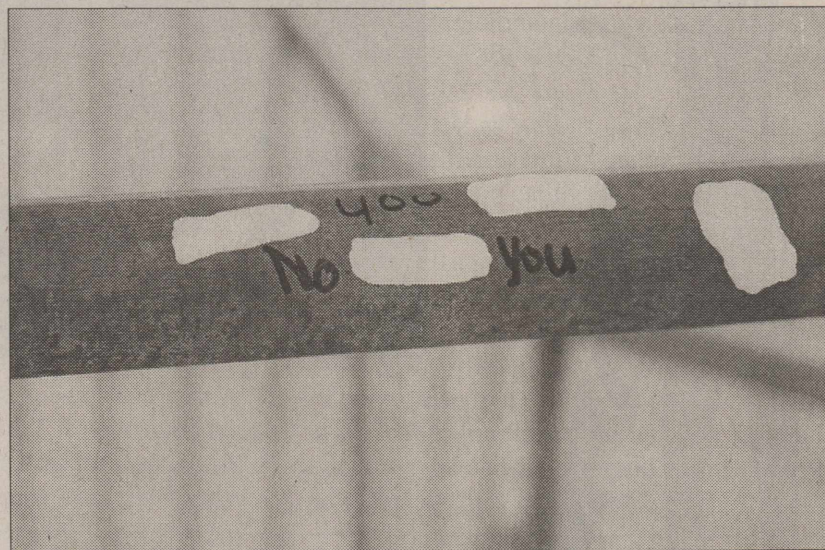
On Thursday of last week, Municipal Judge Rob Harrison came by our office and asked me if I would go to the city park with him and take photographs of recent vandalism to city owned property. When we arrived at the park, Police Chief Harry Steen and City Manager Barbara Recor met us and showed me a lot of graffiti that had been recently written all over several pieces of the playground equipment.

Sometime during the recent Christmas holiday season, an unknown person or persons had used a black magic marker to scribble a lot of obscene remarks on various items of the parks playground equipment that is used on a daily basis by children of our community. There were references to names and sexual innuendo, plus frequent use of the 'F' word in descriptive statements.

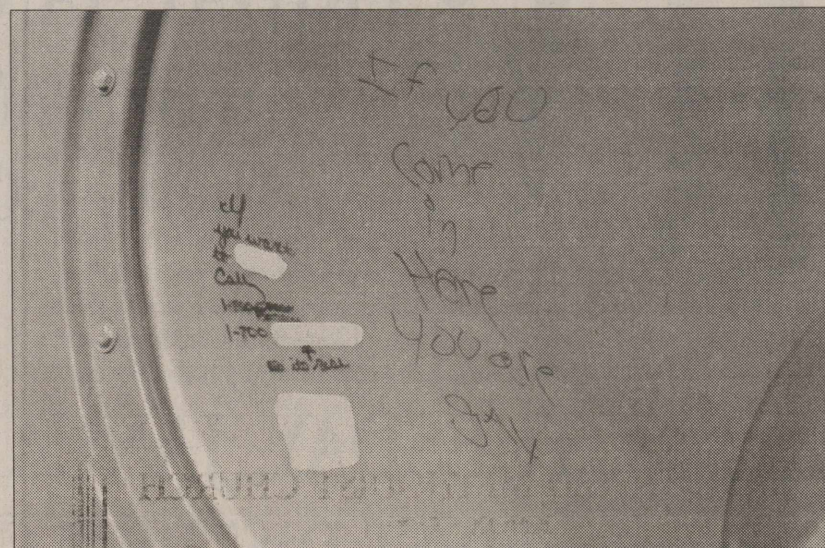
With the type of comments made and references to certain names, it is almost certain that the vandalism was the work of teenagers, done while school was out for the holiday break.

The vandalism is not only offensive to most who would read it, but what bothers me the most about all of it is that very young children who play at the park are being exposed to it. Unsuspecting parents who let their children go to the park to use the playground equipment are shocked and upset when the kids come home and repeat what they read on the slide, swings and other equipment.

While those who committed this senseless act of vandalism are still unknown as of the time I am writing this column, I don't think it will take too long to find out who committed the crime. To say that our city officials are mad about this would be an understatement, they are flat pissed! To get to the bottom of this, Po-



Obscene words have been blurred out for publication.



lice Chief Harry Steen has authorized a reward of UPTO A THOUSAND DOLLARS through the local Crimestopper program for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of those responsible. The beauty of this reward is that the person providing the information can remain anonymous. Just think of it this way.... if you know who did this crime, you can call 657-STOP, leave the information and if your tip leads to an arrest and conviction, you can enjoy your reward money without anyone knowing it was you who helped solve the crime!!

If the person or persons that vandalized the playground equipment at the park are juveniles, they will be arrested, charged and appear before Municipal Judge Rob Harrison. The graffiti scrawled on the playground equipment can be charged as a separate crime for each piece of equipment vandalized. With fines that can range as high as \$500.00 for each charge, the penalties could get ex-

pensive in a big hurry. Parents of juveniles need to keep in mind that they can be legally liable for damage caused by their children. Those costs can include not only the fines imposed in court, but the cost that the city incurs in labor and materials while cleaning up the mess.

If the offenders are legally classified as adults, they will be charged in District Court with felony charges.

This is a senseless, sick and disgusting crime that affects the children of our community who use the playground equipment in the city park. With that in mind, I personally hope that the offenders are not only caught, but charged to the fullest extent of the law. Having a total lack of respect for city property is bad enough, but to leave this kind of stuff where children will see it is an act of the lowest kind that the entire community should despise.

I applaud and offer full support to our city officials as they make every effort to get to the bottom of this.

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REMINDER TO TAXPAYERS

JANUARY 31, 2004

IS THE LAST DAY TO PAY YOUR 2003 TAXES AND AVOID THE ADDITIONAL PENALTY AND INTEREST CHARGES

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS

Homeowners are not required to file a homestead exemption annually. If you are already receiving the state mandated \$15,000 homestead exemption or additional over sixty-five \$10,000 exemption, you need not reapply for the taxing year of 2004. However, if you became 65 in 2003, or will become 65 in 2004, you need to apply for the additional over 65-\$10,000 exemption. If you have changed your place of residency you need to apply for a new exemption. All homestead applications must be filed with the Chief Appraiser between the dates of January 1, 2004 and May 1, 2004. These exemption forms are available at the Knox County Appraisal District Office, which is located in the Knox County Courthouse, Benjamin, Texas. Individuals who qualify for the over sixty-five additional homestead exemption, described above, have the option of paying their homestead taxes in four equal installments, without any penalty or interest. These installments are due before February 1, April 1, June 1 and August 1. If you qualify, and are interested, please contact the Knox County Appraisal District.

AG-USE EXEMPTIONS

Annual applications for qualifying land for agriculture use is not required. If you have been receiving the AG-USE exemption on your land in prior years, you need not reapply for the exemption. If you recently purchased a farm, you need to report this to the Chief Appraiser. AG-USE exemption forms are also available at the Appraisal District Office. Deadline for filing new exemptions are between January 1, 2004 and May 1, 2004.

DISABLED VETERANS EXEMPTION

These exemptions need not be applied for annually. If you received your exemption on the 2003 tax roll, you will automatically receive it for the tax year of 2004. However, if your disability percentage has changed, you need to report the change to the Chief Appraiser. Deadline for filing new exemptions are between January 1, 2004 and May 1, 2004.

RENDITIONS

Taxpayers are reminded that it is still their responsibility to render their property to the Chief Appraiser. These rendition forms are also available at the Appraisal District Office. Deadline for tax renditions is between January 1, 2004 and April 15, 2004.

If you have any questions about your exemptions, or any other ad valorem tax related question, you are invited to write to the Knox County Appraisal District, P.O. Box 47, Benjamin, Texas 79505 or call 459-3891. If Appraisal District employees can be of any assistance, please let us help.

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A Mayo Clinic study says that depressed people tend to recover less well from heart attacks, coronary bypasses and other heart condition problems than people without emotional problems. The study followed 310 men and 70 women entering cardiac rehabilitation programs.

Researchers know that the protein ApoE is involved in Alzheimer's. Some Duke researchers say people who inherit a variant called ApoE are at risk before age 70.

Basketball scores

Tuesday, January 6 - JV Girls
KC JV - 41, Windthorst JV - 38
Kirsten Stafford - 14, Erica Nevarez - 7, Sondra Silva - 10, Tiffany Wilde - 7, Laura Harrington - 3.

Varsity Girls
KC - 61, Windthorst - 59
Sophia Gutierrez - 13, Jodi Chambers - 11, Nikki Moss - 7, Jessica Albus - 2, Samantha Gutierrez - 22, Brittany Hawkins - 6.

JV Boys
KC JV - 21, Windthorst JV - 73
Jeremy Saxton - 4, T.J. Richardson - 2, Ty Chisum - 5, Grant Lewis - 10.

Varsity Boys
KC - 46, Windthorst - 60
Riley Spells - 14, Quentin Spells - 15, Derrick Magana - 2, Carlos Ruiz - 10, Dustin Johnson - 5.

Friday, January 9 - JV Girls
KC JV - 13, Windthorst JV - 39
Kirsten Stafford - 8, Vanessa Solis - 2, Sondra Silva - 3.

Varsity Girls
KC - 37, Windthorst - 61
Sophie Gutierrez - 12, Nikki Moss - 5, Jessica Albus - 4, Bridgett Billington - 1, Samantha Gutierrez - 9, Brittany Hawkins - 6.

JV Boys
KC JV - 45, Windthorst JV - 59
Jeremy Saxton - 13, T.J. Richardson - 11, Ty Chisum - 12, Brandon Grimsley - 4, Grant Lewis - 5.

Varsity Boys
KC - 36, Windthorst - 56
Ben Simmons - 1, Riley Spells - 2, Quentin Spells - 9, Derrick Magana - 11, Rick Gonzales - 4, Carlos Ruiz - 9.

2003-2004 Knox City High School Boys Basketball Team

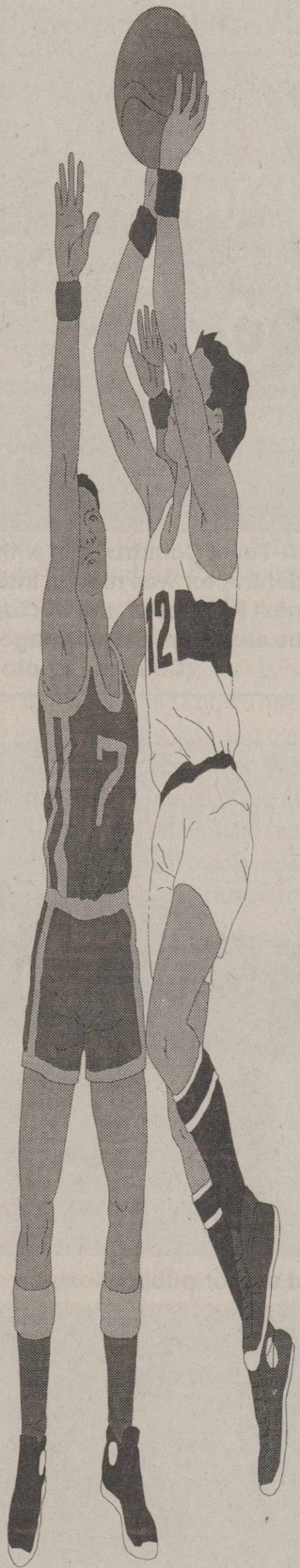


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2003-2004 Knox City High Girls Basketball Team

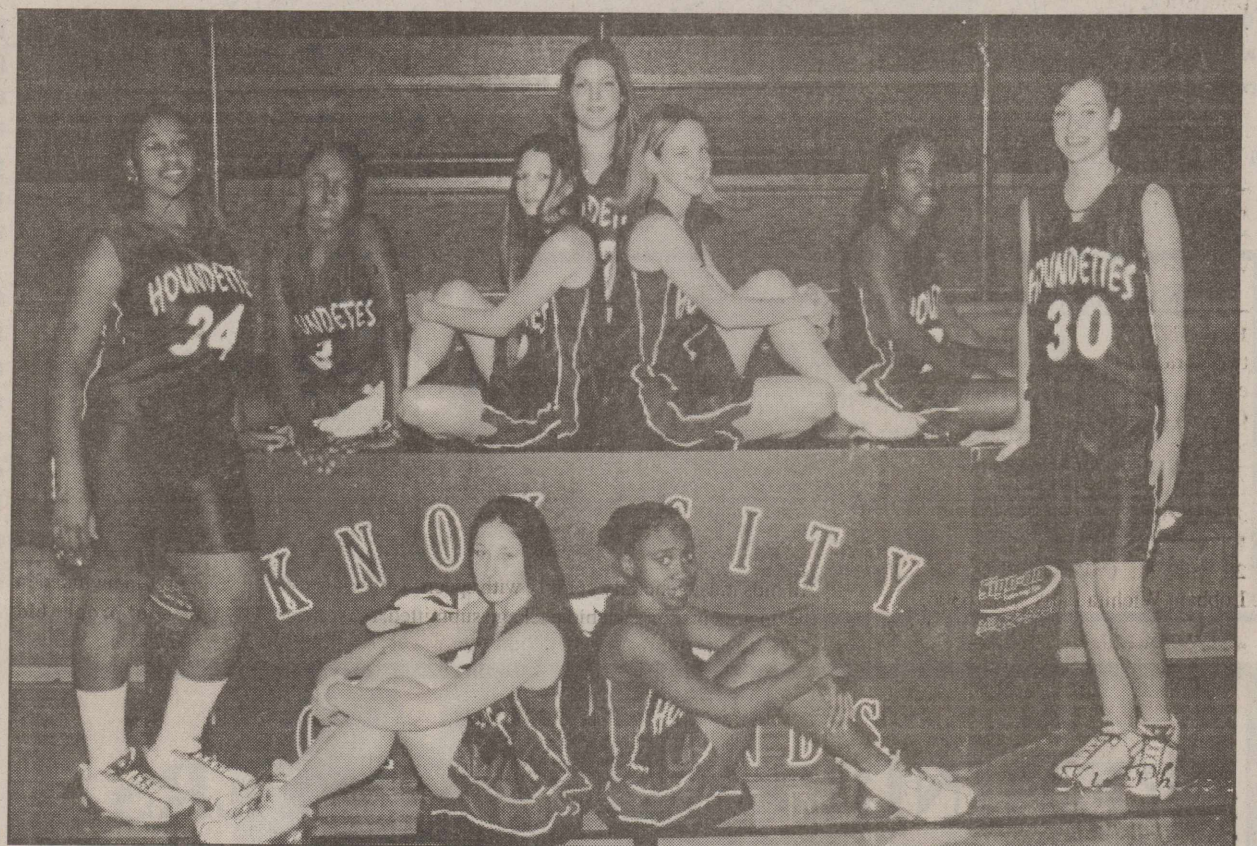


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EL PROGRAMS PARA estudiantes talentosos en grade K esta aceptando nominaciones en las escuelas Knox City -O'Brien CISD January 15-29. Forms para hacer una nominacion se pueden levantar en la oficina de cualquier, principal o con la Shea Edmonds, coordinadora de programas. Para registrar es el 29 de enero. 1-15 2tc 46

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that Knox City-O'Brien CISD, using construction manager-agent services for construction, will receive sealed, written bids in Knox City-O'Brien CISD's Campus Cafeteria, 400 North 4th, Knox City, TX 79529, until 4:00 p.m. C.D.T. on Thursday, February 12th, 2004, for individual construction contracts encompassing (but not limited to) demolition, structural steel, doors, ceramic tile, interior finished, toilet accessories, mechanical, and electrical work for Renovations to Knox City-O'Brien CISD.

Any bid received after 4:00 p.m. C.D.T. on Thursday, February 12, 2004, will be returned unopened. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in Knox City-O'Brien CISD's Campus Cafeteria beginning at 4:00 p.m. C.D.T. on the same date that bids are received.

FAXED BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!

MODIFICATIONS TO BID PACKAGES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!!!

Bid, Payment, and Performance Bonds shall be as follows:

For individual bid packages in excess of \$25,000.00 encompassing labor only or both material and labor shall furnish a Bid Bond or a certified cashiers check in the amount of 5% of bid, Payment Bond and a Performance Bond of not less than one hundred (100) percent of the contract price, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the contract and upon payment of all persons supplying the labor or furnishing the materials used on this project. Costs of the bonds shall be paid by the Contractor.

Contract Documents, including plans and specifications, will be issued by the Architect beginning Monday, January 19, 2004 and may be examined during normal business hours at the following:

CADCO Architects - Engineers, Inc.
2401 S. Willis, Suite 200
Abilene, Texas 79605

Knox City-O'Brien CISD
Superintendent's Office
606 E. Main St.
Knox City, Texas 79529

AGC - Abilene
676-7447 Office (FAX) 676-0107

FW Dodge Rm - Abilene
673-3868 - (FAX) 676-8019

Contract Documents, including plans and specifications, may be procured from the architect at the above address upon receipt of a \$150.00 refundable deposit. Contractors will be responsible for payment of contract documents delivery and return costs. Requests for plans the week that bids are due may not be honored by the Architect. Plan holders not returning plans within two (2) weeks of bid date will forfeit their deposit!

All bids must generally comply with specifications and be on the Bid Form included in the documents for each bid package submitted. Any bid received without proper bid security or on a form other than that provided in the documents will not be read and will be returned as "non-responsive" without recourse.

Knox City-O'Brien CISD reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any informalities or technicalities, and to award the bid considered most advantageous to Knox City-O'Brien CISD including consideration of amount bid, ability to meet the needs of the District, past experience, and previous relations with the District.

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

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PAUL SCOTT - D
WILLIAM H. (BILL) HEATLY - D

Knox County Judge
JULES RIZAN - D
JOE LOWE - D
DWAYNE BEARDEN - D
DAVID KUEHLER - D
TRAVIS FLOYD - R
MITZI (HAM) WELCH - D

Knox County Tax Assessor/Collector
KAY SHEEDY - D
LINDA PARKER - D

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GENE W. WILLINGHAM
A.B. WHARTON 52

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Plans begin for Feb. 1 museum fundraiser meal

The annual Knox County Historical Commission and Friends of KCHC barbecue fundraiser for the Knox County Museum and Historical projects set for the first Sunday in February, February 1, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Barbecued brisket, sausage and oven baked turkey will lead the menu, backed with homemade cole slaw, potato salad, special recipe red beans, deviled eggs and homemade pies and cakes.

Door prizes and a silent auction are also planned and the Autumn Leaves quilt will also be on display for a museum supporting raffle. Donations for door prizes and the silent auction are being sought.

Quilt tickets are available at the Munday and Knox City banks, the KCHC office at the courthouse, Shear County in the Mini Mall and the Art Stall in Knox City, Crafts 'N Clutter in Munday, B J's Country Store in Benjamin and Commission Members as well as at the February 1 fundraiser.

The museum has been an ongoing project. Drawings of the proposed building will be on display February 1. Plans are underway for a special fund raising drive in 2004 to encourage families to unite in helping meet a goal of \$25,000. So that, along with promised materials and labor, a 100 x 50 foot building can be raised with foundation, floor, roof and exterior walls ready for completing the attaching of utilities and interior finishing.

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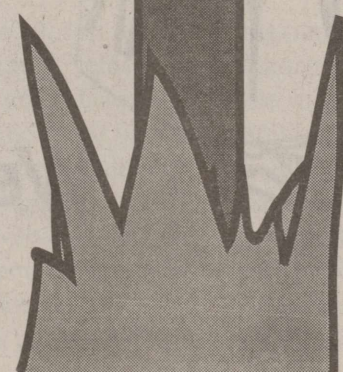
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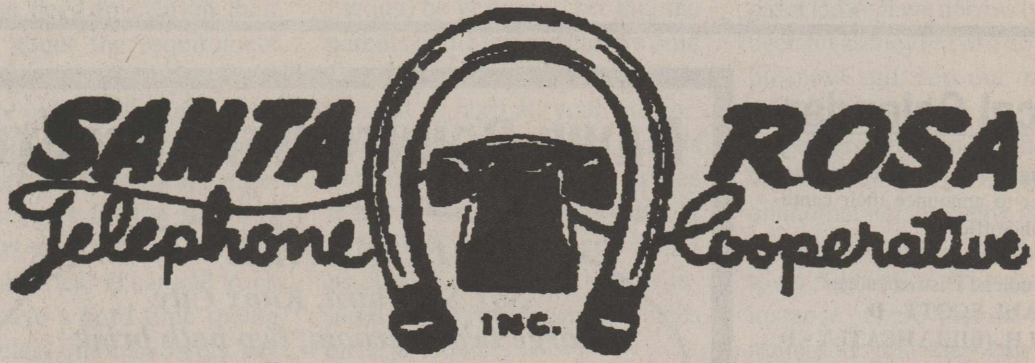
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