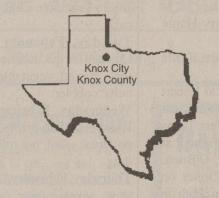
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KC powerlifters

Childress meet

Knox City High School powerlifters traveled to Childress Satur-

Greyhound Riley Spells placed

first in the 181 lb. class with a

1200 total combining bench,

In the 165 lb. class, Greyhound

Greyhound Cameron Hutchinson was second in the 198 lb.

C.J. Bruce placed first with a total

class with a total point score of

Houndette Krystal Hutchinson

Greyhound Chris Norton fin-

Team members will continue

competing in February in order to qualify for regional competition

KC-O'Brien CISD

injury numbers

reduces employee

Knox City-O'Brien CISD, one

of more than 454 participating

schools, received the Resourceful

Award for savings to the district

president of Claims Administra-

tive Services, explained, "Taxpay-

ers will be gratified to know the

results of participating in the CAS

safety program results in a reduc-

tion of injuries and claims costs."

Knox City-O'Brien CISD, rep-

Wesley Slade, executive vice

ished seventh in the 148 lb. class

was first in her class with a total

win, place at

day for another meet.

deadlift and squat.

point score of 580.

with a score of 720.

in March.

of 1205.

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Knox City gains Albany, Haskell in 9-A realignment Monday's highly anticipated UIL realignment saw Knox City gaining Albany and Haskell into the District 9-A slate. Knox City's district foes of Hamlin, Munday and Rotan will remain the same. District 9-A saw Albany, who had dropped from 2A two years ago, moving into this area's district along with 2A Haskell. These two teams replace Crowell and Paducah who dropped to six-man action for next season. Class A enrollment totals are 189 and below while six man cutoffs are 99.9 and below. Current enrollments are Rotan 118, Albany 172, Hamlin 143, Haskell 160, Munday 138, Knox City 92.

Straight Talk



By Dave Thompson

A disgusting show

As most have heard by now, the Superbowl is now history. The New England Patriots claimed the title once again in a thrilling game that should be remembered for the fine performances by both teams, but instead will go down in the record books for having the most embarrassing halftime show in the history of the Superbowl.

Broadcast into living rooms and watched by families all over the United States, the halftime show caught many by surprise as it turned into sleeze that shocked millions of viewers all over the country.

The first hint of what was in store for the audience was a rapper who constantly reached down to grab his crotch and fondle himself while he did his hip hop rap song. One can only guess what his motives were as whatever he was saying was impossible to comprehend.

Then a rock singer appeared on stage wearing an American Flag as his performance costume. He used an actual flag, he just cut a hole in the middle of so he could wear it over his head like a serape or poncho. As he danced around disgracing the Red, White and Blue, a couple of scantily clad bimbos behind him waved other American Flags. This particular singer has performed for the troops on USO tours, too bad he never learned respect for the most powerful symbol of this great land we proudly call the United States of America.

The final disgrace of the sleeze show was a combined performance by Janet Jackson, sister of Michael Jackson, and Justin Timberlake, who is supposed to be the heart throb idol for millions of American teens. As the two danced around the stage, they constantly rubbed up against one another and touched each other in ways obviously designed to give a very strong sexual impression. As their song ended, Timberlake reached across the front of Jackson and ripped away the covering from her right breast. The move appeared to be planned in advance as Jackson was wearing some ornamental kind of jewelry on her right nipple.

While I was just as shocked as the millions of others who have flooded CBS and the NFL with complaints, I was not surprised at what happened. Keep in mind that the halftime show was contracted out to MTV, and they usually try to go for shock value with just about everything they produce.

The fallout from this disgusting show of sleeze is only just beginning. The Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission happened to be watching the game and halftime show with his two children, and is calling for an immediate federal investigation into the incident. MTV, Timberlake and Jackson have all issued statements, but apparently telling the truth is another lesson they have yet to learn.

I appreciated the comments made by Bob Bartlett, news anchor for the CBS affiliate in Abilene that broadcast the game, KTABTV. Bob was also shocked and disappointed and apologized on behalf of the station. He also encouraged letters to the station, stating they would be forwarded to CBS.

There are a lot of lessons to be learned by this disgusting performance that was snuck in on an unsuspecting American public by way of a non rated football game halftime show.

The NFL and all the broadcast networks need to remember this and use it as a valuable lesson learned in the event of future See STRAIGHT TALK, Page 4



HOUNDETTE COACH SHANNON FISHER 'pleas his case' to the official in a recent timeout at Greyhound gym. His Houndette team finished the first round in first place defeating Paducah, Munday and Crowell's teams. (NEWS digital photo)

Basketball action continues with Munday, Crowell games, teams host Munday Friday

- - Tuesday, January 27 - -

JV Girls - KC JV - 48, Munday JV - 28 Lindsey Villa - 3, Sondra Silva - 3, Erica Nevarez - 6, Vanessa Solis - 9, Tiffany Wilde - 2, Laura Harrington

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Varsity Girls - KC - 50, Munday - 31

Sophie Gutierrez - 10, Jodi Chambers - 8, Nikki Moss - 12, Jessica Albus - 3, Bridgett Billington - 4, Samantha Gutierrez - 8, Brittany Hawkins - 3, Kursten Stafford - 2.

Varsity Boys - KC - 35, Munday - 46
Riley Spells - 4, Quentin Spells - 10, Derrick Magana - 6, Rick Gonzales - 6, Carlos Ruiz - 3, Dustin Johnson

- - Friday, January 30 - -

JV Girls - KC JV - 29, Crowell JV - 29
Sondra Silva - 7, Kayla Stewart - 2, Erica Nevarez - 3, Vanessa Solis - 11, Tiffany Wilde - 6.

Varsity Girls - KC - 49, Crowell - 34

Sophie Gutierrez - 10, Jodi Chambers - 4, Nikki Moss - 23, Jessica Albus - 7, Samantha Gutierrez - 5.

Varsity Boys - KC - 39, Crowell - 47

Ben Simmons - 3, Riley Spells - 5, Quentin Spells - 3, Derrick Magana - 5, Rick Gonzales - 2, Carlos Ruiz - 11, Dustin Johnson - 8, Jeremy Saxton - 2.

Trans-Texas Corridor public hearing set Friday, February 13, in Benjamin

At Knox County Courthouse, 6:30 p.m.

The Texas Department of Transportation will hold a series of public hearings throughout the State in February regarding the Trans-Texas Corridor.

In Knox County, the meeting will be held February 13 at the Knox County Courthouse, 100 West Cedar, in Benjamin beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Purpose of the hearing is to gather public comments and opinion on possible routes for the Trans-Texas Corridor.

A network of roads, rail and a dedicated utility zone called the Trans-Texas Corridor will be built to move people, goods, utilities and even ideas - through the state safely and faster than ever before. Construction will be funded over several decades through tolls, bonds and other innovative financing tools. Likely starting points for this corridor will be high-populated areas of the state. Eventual features of the corridor could include separate lanes for cars and trucks, separate passenger, commuter and freight rail lines as well as a dedicated utility zone that includes water, electricity, natural gas, petroleum, fiber optics and telecommunications.



Jules Rizan tosses his hat into the political ring as a candidate for Knox County Judge

See announcement inside on page 3

-7, Samantha Gutierrez - 5.

to be held Feb. 12

The Silent Auction at the an-

nual Chili Lunch / Silent Auction

ACS Benefit on February 12 from

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the

Munday Community Center will

be creating a lot of interest. Many

handcrafted, unique and delicious

boys Gamebook autographed by

Joey Galloway #84, Wyman

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wearings, sports telephone, west-

ern hanging with an old wood

frame, handcrafted purse, a bell,

pecans, horseshoe-spur candle

holder, birdhouse and much more.

urge folk to come to a delicious

chili lunch and get into the bid-

ding on something of interest or

just as a donation. Bidding will

cease at 1:00 p.m.

Local Cancer Society officials

Items include a Dallas Cow-

items will be up for bidding.

resented by Louis Baty, Superintendent, was recognized by the West Texas Educational Insurance Association for success in implementing safety programs designed to prevent employee injuries in the workplace.

of \$32,146.

The workers' compensation program has assisted Texas Schools in avoiding over 13, 533 employee injuries since the year 1991.

Plus, districts have saved over \$154 million dollars through lower cost to the schools.

Barry Jones, CEO/President of CAS, explained, "Our insurance programs were created to offer the safest working conditions and the lowest cost for Texas school districts, creating savings of tax dollars while providing safer work environments for employees. Thirteen years of success for this program is proof of the district's and CAS' commitment to providing Texas Schools with the safest working environment for school employees and the lowest cost to the district

At CAS, our number one priority is providing the safest possible workplace for district employees while keeping costs at a minimum."

Obituaries

Robbie P. Jones

Robbie P. Jones, 97, of Robert Lee died Saturday, January 24, 2004, in the Yellow Rose Christian Home in Midland.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 28, at the Southside Church of Christ with J.C. Wallace and Jerry Horne officiating. Burial was in the Robert Lee Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Steve Adams, Charles Adams, Gabe Nance, Leslie Jones, Marty Caston and H.C. Chafin.

Mrs. Jones was born August 24, 1906, in Knox County to Robert Pannell and Effie Louise West Pannell. Robbie graduated from Knox City High School in 1927, attended Abilene Christian, West Texas State, and graduated from Texas Tech in 1940. She taught school at Union Grove, Grace, Amherst, Fisher County, Knox City, O'Brien, Robert Lee and various area schools. She married S.D. Jones on December 26, 1931, in Hollis, Oklahoma. He preceded her in death on December 14, 1979.

Mrs. Jones was preceded in death by three brothers and one sister. Survivors include two sons, Decatur B. Jones and his wife, Linda of Ballinger, and Danny C. Jones and his wife, Jennifer, of Midland; one daughter, Paula J. Adams and her husband, Craig of Midland; two sisters, Daisy Talley of San Angelo and Hank Chafin of Knox City; eight grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Cheryl Melvin Motley

What a Super Bowl game! Of

A number of people from Knox

course, my team lost in the last

four seconds, but it was a good

City were in Benjamin Sunday at

noon to enjoy the fundraising lun-

cheon for the Knox County His-

Mildred Brackeen of Lubbock

Romain Stubbs laughingly re-

visited here last week with her

ported to us in the News office last

week that she had 'graduated' from

the Wound Center at Abilene

Regional Medical Center last

Thursday. She even had a 'certifi-

cate' decorated with candy kisses

and signed by the doctors and

nurses to prove it! Romain suf-

fered a deep cut on her leg last

September at the home of her

daughter, Shea Edmonds, and due

to her late husband Jack's illness,

did not seek medical attention

until November. She had been

going to Abilene twice a week for

and exciting game.

torical Commission.

cousin, Evelyn Balis.

Funeral services for Cheryl Melvin Motley were held Thursday, January 22, 2004, at University Park Baptist Church in Odessa with Rev. Jimmy Hull officiating. Interment followed at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Odessa.

Cheryl Kathleen Melvin was born September 8, 1945, in Knox City, Texas. She attended the Knox City Schools and graduate in May 1964. She married Joe Bob Motley, October 18, 1968, in Odessa, Texas, and they made their home in Gardendale, Texas, since their marriage.

Cheryl is survived by her husband; one son, William of Austin; one daughter, Cheri of Gardendale; her mother, Mrs. Christine Melvin of Midland; a sister, Louise Rackard of Midland; two brothers, Wesley Melvin of Lubbock and Richard Melvin of Midland; and three grandchildren, Christian Stull and Joey Stull of Gardendale and Christopher Mundy of Austin.

FROM THIS ANGLE

Scooter Thompson, who is at-

tending ACU in Abilene, spent

the weekend here with his par-

ents and celebrated his birthday

Lou Vail met David and Gay

Denton of Arlington and Joe Ann

Stapp of Fort Worth in Abilene

Wednesday. They had dinner at

the Perini Ranch Steakhouse and

then attended the performance of

Katelyn King were in Wichita,

Kansas, last week to visit their

daughter-in-law Kristi King and

children, Austin and Ethan. The

Kings' son Chris who is overseas

with the U.S Air Force, is ex-

pected to return to the states this

Stratton, Spencer, Stuart, and

Saylor, accompanied by Shea's

mother, Romain Stubbs, were in

Shea Edmonds and children,

week.

Bro. Bobby, Sylvia, and

"Grease" at the Civic Center.

which was on Monday.

treatment.

Aging center lunch menus

February 9th thru 13th

Monday, February 9 - Peppered steak, buttered noodles. stir fry vegetables, light bread,

Tuesday, February 10 -Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, biscuits, cobbler.

Wednesday, February 11 -Roast beef with gravy, cheesy potatoes, salad, hot rolls, pud-

Thursday, February 12 - Beef stew, seven-minute cabbage, cheese sticks, cornbread, cook-

Friday, February 13 - Fish with tarter sauce, blackeyed peas, hominey casserole, hush puppies, cobbler.

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

WTAMU releases fall honors list for 2003

CANYON - West Texas A&M University has named more than 1,200 students to honor lists for the fall 2003 semester.

George L. Lewis of Guthrie, a senior agriculture/animal science major, has been named to the Dean's List. Dean's List students must have a GPA between 3.25 and 3.85 and carry a minimum of 12 undergraduate hours.

Local KC Notes by Billye Angle

Grapevine Saturday to attend a skat-

ing party in honor of Noah Strader

on his seventh birthday. Noah is the

son of Cami and Kyle Strader and

former resident Romona Horne vis-

ited in the News office Tuesday of

last week. Sybil and I are first cous-

News office last week asked who

was responsible for the decorated

antique tractor. We told him the

Chamber of Commerce along with

members of the Art Guild had come

up with the idea and he thought that

was really neat or maybe the word

now is 'cool'. Anyway, he liked the

idea and felt that it called attention

to our town and farming commu-

about the local news. Please call me

and tell me YOUR news!

Thanks again for your comments

A Munday man visiting in the

Sybil Simmons of Gilliland and

the grandson of Ken Day.

Immunization clinic to be in Munday Thursday, Feb. 5

The Texas Department of Health will conduct an Immunization Clinic at the Perry Patton Community Center in Munday on Thursday, February 5, from 1:30-4:00.

DTaP, Polio, MMR, Hepatitis B and Chickenpox vaccines for children entering school will be available as well as other immunizations for adults, infants and children. Influenza vaccine is still available for adults and children.

A parent, adult family member or guardian must accompany a minor.

Parents of participants must bring immunization records as well as Social Security card for their child.

Services at the Department of Health are offered on a sliding fee scale, but no one will be denied services.

For more information on the immunization clinic, call 940-552-

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Rizan formally announces as Democratic candidate for office of Knox County Judge

Jules and Melody Rizan proudly announce that Jules will be a Democratic candidate for the office of Knox County Judge.

Jules D. Rizan is a 1971 graduate of Wichita Falls High School. During the Vietnam War, he joined the U.S. Navy and served as a navigation Quartermaster on board nuclear submarines. After returning from serving his country, he worked in design and manufacture of heavy oilfield equipment. In 1979, he started his own machine shop and repaired oil field equipment. Rizan earned his bachelor's degree from Texas Tech University in 1989. He studied Education, Biology and Computer Information Systems. After earning his degree, Rizan worked in Computer Assisted Design for Howmet Corp, a jet engine parts casting company.

Later he worked for Texaco Pipeline Company writing computer software. His responsibilities there also included initiation of safety training, record keeping and planning of disaster response. Through the 1990's, Rizan acquired and operated oil leases in North Texas and now serves as General Manager of a small oil production company.

Jules Rizan and Melody King were married July 3, 1977. They moved to Knox County in 1980.



JULES RIZAN

Melody is a 1970 graduate of Knox City High School and earned her bachelor's degree from Midwestern State University. Like her mother, Francis King, Melody is a special education teacher.

The Rizan's sons are Jonathon, a 1997 graduate of Knox City High School, and RJ, who graduated from Munday High School

Jules and Melody attend the Knox City First United Methodist Church. Both have served as Boy Scout leaders. Jules and his sons have each earned the Eagle Scout Award. His entire family has been selected to be members of the Order of the Arrow.

When asked how he would serve Rizan replied: "My education and work experiences would serve you well. I can manage fiscal matters, conduct contract negotiations, deal with egress disputes, probates, arbitration, and misdemeanor crime. I am qualified able to communicate and work with the Commissioners, county tax districts, and regional planning commissioners to improve the quality of county services on behalf of the citizens of Knox County.

"Since the mid-1990's, the quality of services provided by our Commissioners in Knox County has steadily improved. I would like to continue that trend. While I realize the county needs more money, I am strictly opposed to increasing the property tax burden on the citizens of Knox County. As your County Judge, I would direct efforts of the Commissioners Court and Judge's office toward obtaining Knox County's fair share of the millions of state and federal dollars in direct grants and matching funds that are spent for roads, bridges, drainage, and disaster prepared-

"If elected Knox County Judge, I will make the county judge's office open and available to serve your needs."

Letters from our Readers

2701 South 40 Abilene, Texas 79605 January 27, 2004

Dear Editor:

I was sorry to read in The Abilene Reporter-News of the death of Mrs. Robbie Jones of Robert Lee. I taught with her at O'Brien for several years.

Mrs. Jones was one of the very best teachers I knew. She had a lover for her students. She not only did her best each day to teach them lessons in books but how to live good lives.

May God bless her memory!

Sincerely, Elvin Mathis

Knox City - O'Brien School Menus

February 9 thru 13 **Breakfast Menus** Monday, February 9 - Biscuit with Sausage, Juice, Milk. Tuesday, February 10 - Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk. Wednesday, February 11 - Cinnamon Toast, Juice, Milk.

Thursday, February 12 - Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk. Friday, February 13-Egg, Toast, Juice, Milk.

Lunch Menus Monday, February 9 - Corn Dog, Macaroni with Cheese, Chili Beans, Fruit Cocktail, Milk. Tuesday, February 10 - Beef / Bean Burrito with Cheese, Lettuce, Mixed Vegetables, Pineapple, Milk.

Wednesday, February 11-Hamburger with Cheese, French Fries, Hamburger Salad, Apple Crisp,

Thursday, February 12 - Hot Dog with Chili, Pinto Beans, Tator Tots, Peaches, Cookie, Milk. Friday, February 13 - Sweetheart Chicken Nuggets, Hearty Potatoes, Green Beans, Cupid Orange, Heavenly Roll, Milk.

Lubbock, Texas January 29, 2004

Dear Editor:

It was with great sadness that I opened my Knox County newspaper and read the obituary of Mr. E.H. Tankersley.

As a young man growing up in Knox City, Mr. Tankersley was very kind to me and I considered him a great friend. Off and on I worked for Mr. Tankersley when I needed extra cash for some reason. I could always count on him. He insisted on hard work to earn the money he paid me and I gladly accepted his terms. He never once turned me down when I needed some work. Like my Dad, he instilled in me the value of hard work to earn my way, a value I have used ever since.

I always looked forward to seeing and talking to Mr. Tankersley whenever I was in Knox City for the reunions. I shall miss seeing him on my visits in the future as I am sure all who knew him will. May God bless his family.

Wesley Melvin

Kayla Garcia named to Texas Tech dean's list

LUBBOCK - Kayla Jane Garcia of Knox City has been named to the Dean's List at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

To quality for the Dean's List, a student must have taken 12 quality hours during the semester and maintained a 3.5-3.9 grade point

Kayla is a sophomore Exercise and Sport Sciences major. She is the daughter of Sandy and Ramon Garcia of Knox City.

Kayla is a graduate of Knox City High School.

WANTADS Work!

E.H. loved life. He treasured every moment with his family and friends, and strived to put a smile on the faces of those he encountered. He would be so proud to know the outpouring of love that was shown to our family in his honor. Your prayers, cards, food, visits and words of encouragement all meant so very much to us.

Martell Tankersley and family

Noah Project - North dinner theatre is Valentine night at Haskell Civic Center, starts at 6:00 p.m.

The Noah Project - North is having their annual Dinner The-

atre on Saturday, February 14. The dinner will be at the Haskell Civic Center and doors will open at 6:00 p.m. The "Golden Girls of

Haskell County" will be the enter-

tainment, along with the silent

auction. This is the major fund raiser of the Noah Project - North and a lot of volunteers work hard to make it a success.

For those wishing to make a donation for the silent auction or a monetary one, call 940-864-2551 and the donation will be picked

The Noah Project - North is an outreach of the Noah Project, Inc. in Abilene, providing services to victims of family violence. Noah - North provides services in five counties, Jones, Haskell, Knox, Stonewall and Throckmorton.

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Ashten Lee Pepper with Tayler and Leighten

Tayler and Leighten Pepper are proud to announce the arrival of their baby sister, Ashten Lee Pepper, born January 22, 2004, at 3:44 p.m. at Abilene Regional Medical Center.

Proud parents are Terri and Jarred Pepper. Tayler, age 7, and Leighten, age 6, welcomed her

Ashten Lee weighed in at 7 pounds, 5.2 ounces, and measured 20 1/2 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Bobby and Eldonna Goen of

Maternal great-grandmother is Dorothy Wright of Millsap.

Paternal grandparents are Kay and Steve Pepper of Knox City.

Paternal great-grandparents are Roberta Walton of Knox City, Fred Pepper of Wichita Falls, and Betty and Frank Smith of Bowie.

Paternal great-great-grandmothers are Vera Moore of Bowie and Oleta West of Tishomingo, Oklahoma.

Weather

Courtesy of **Plant Materials Center** 4 Miles N.W. of Knox City

	Date	Low	High	Rain
	01/27	22	55	
	01/28	27	63	
	01/29	28	64	100
	01/30	23	55	S. A.
	01/31	36	69	
	02/01	30	51	
- 7.5	02/02	25	56	1

Total 2004 Rainfall - 0.76



Texas racehorses that have seen their last days at the tracks are usually not ready to hang up their saddles for good. While they may have under-performed or lost interest in racing, many retired racehorses can have bright futures ahead of them in the areas of dressage, show jumping, barrel racing, western pleasure and trail riding. The key to settling racehorses into new careers is placement - matching buyers to trainers - and managing this transitional period.

A new organization, CANTER of Texas, is doing just that. It's a recently launched nonprofit organization that works with Texas racetracks to find second careers for retiring racehorses, which tend to be fairly young high-dollar horses with good genetics that don't necessarily need to be sent to the auction barn.

CANTER of Texas has a solid approach to marketing its services, and recently the Texas Department of Agriculture awarded it a matching fund grant to help boost its efforts. The grant was through TDA's GO TEXAN Partner Program, which is designed to help leverage the dollars available to promote agricultural products grown and processed in Texas. Costs for approved projects are split evenly between the applicant and GOTEPP.

CANTER of Texas plans to use the funds to create a new marketing campaign and showcase the unique nature of its services. With the help of GOTEPP funding, CANTER expects to grow its business and see to it that more racehorses can thrive in new careers "after the



REPORTING FOR DUTY, this old military 'duece and a half' arrived in Knox City early Tuesday. Given to the Knox City Volunteer Fire Department by the Texas Forestry Service, the truck will converted by members of the department for eventual use as a fire fighting vehicle to combat brush fires. Obtained after the vehicle was retired from active military use, the two and a half ton truck is still painted in the 'desert tan' paint scheme used by the military today.

O'Brien happenings

By Audie Johnston, O'Brien Correspondent

"Every December it was the same excruciating tradition. Our family would get up at the crack of dawn, go to a Christmas tree farm and tromp across acres of snow in search of the perfect tree. Hours later our feet would be freezing, but Mom would press on, convinced the tree of her dreams was "just up ahead."

One year I snapped. "Mom, face it. The perfect tree doesn't exist. It's like looking for a man. Just be satisfied if you can find one that isn't dead, doesn't have too many bald spots and is straight.'

Here and There - John Hendrix

STRAIGHT

TALK

(From Page One)

Justin Timberlake and Janet

Jackson need to be banned from the airwaves by the FCC. Justin needs to go back to sacking groceries or whatever he was doing before he was 'discovered', and I

guess Janet Jackson could always join her brother's freak show.

be learned in all of this should be by America's parents. If you let

your kids watch MTV, listen to all

the rap crap, wear their blue jeans

around their knees and idolize sleeze like Timberlake and Jackson, don't be surprised later on if

your kids start acting just like them.

proof that our culture, society and

values are changing,,,, and not for

The entire halftime show is

The most important lesson to

business deals with MTV

spent some time with his mom, Vivian Hendrix, during the weekend. They enjoyed visiting and chatting a lot.

Claudale and Jean Barnard were in Lubbock last week for doctors appointments and they enjoyed visiting with different ones while there.

Bro. Bill Trice preached for us at O'Brien Baptist Church Sunday morning and night. He was filling in the pulpit for our pastor, Bro. Milton, while he is in Florida attending different meetings with our former pastor, Bro. Kyle Gulledge and some of his loved ones.

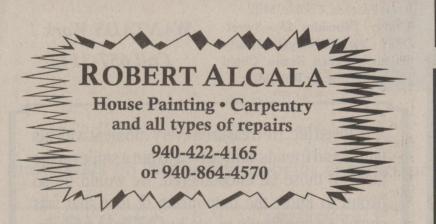
Reed Underwood of Guthrie visited her parents, C.H. and Linda Underwood, one day last week.

We were happy to have Delbert Hayes back in church Sunday. He has had lots of ailments but is getting better all the time.

Visiting with Adelle Herring last week were her grandson, Andy Hines of Lubbock and Kevin Urbanczyk of Munday.

We still have those who need our prayers for their ailments and Loretta Hewitt, Vivian Hendrix, Billie Norton, Myra Reeves and Pearce Manning and Orval and Helen Manning have some doctors appointments in Abilene also.

NEWS Deadline Mondays at 4:00



Open Letter to All the Friends of Leon Ward (Deceased)

As most all of you know, it is tough to lose a loved one, as happened to us recently. However, the grief is somewhat lessened when there are those around that show their support. You did just that. We shall never forget your many words and acts of kindness. Our sincere thanks to all of the wonderful people of Knox City and the surrounding area.

We know there is a liability when one lists names in correspondence such as this, however we would like to point out some of the special people of Knox City and the surrounding

Mozelle, Judy, Maurine, Liberty COGIC, Foursquare Church, First Baptist Church, Smith Funeral Home staff, Sylvia Espinosa, KCH Home Health.

Note: If we misspelled any of the names above, charge it to our heads - - not our hearts.

Nettie Mae and all of the Ward Family

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Classes begin February 18 See class schedules www.vernoncollege.edu

Wedding Shower honors Ryne and Blitzie Burkham

A wedding shower honoring Ryne and Blitzie Burkham was held Sunday, January 11, 2004, from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Church of Christ Annex.

In addition to the honorees; Ryne's mother, Missy Burkham; and his grandmother, Leona Burkham, were

An assortment of cookies, cakes, fruit, coffee and punch was served from a beautifully decorated refreshment table holding a red, white and blue floral arrangement.

Hostesses were Bettye Moore, El McCarty, Pam Mongrain, Marie Darr, Sharla Carver, Tanna Chisum, Peggy Grindstaff, Tamie Weiershausen, Tammy Gonzales, Lorie Johnson, Leisa Morrow, Sharon Cypert and June Moss.

Thanks for reading the News . . . we appreciate you!



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News renewals due by March 1

the better.

March renewals at The Knox County News are as follows.

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Benjamin news

By Gladene Green, Benjamin Correspondent

It's been a pretty good week. Have had some cool days, some warm ones, a little rain and "some" snow but for the most part, it's been pretty nice. And TV says the ground hog saw his shadow today (Monday) so winter may be around a few more weeks. We still could use some more rain.

And we are glad to have no news of any serious health problems. Do have a couple of surgeries scheduled this week. Tib Burnett will be having knee surgery and Dutch Young is scheduled for hip replacement on Wednesday. Both will be done in Wichita Falls.

Deann Young Lamb continues to do well since her hip surgery due to a fall last month. She's getting up more and moving about so should start to show marked improvement soon. She's very ready for a change of pace but is dealing well with her situation.

Ball news - In basketball last week, the Junior High played on Monday night. They split the wins - the boys lost but the girls were again the victors. The game was with Harrold. The girls are undefeated for the season.

Tuesday night, our high school played Rule and again both teams came home winners. Then on Friday night, against Harrold, there wasn't much competition as our teams handled their visitors well. The girls score was B-71, H-28. Scoring were Kaitlyn Kuehler with 12, Shaylee Propps and Cassie Lyles 10 each, Sadie Benson, Christine Zavala and Brittney Sheedy had 8 each, Nancy Siemens 7 and Jessica Moorhouse had 5. They are 14-5 for the season and 5-0 in district.

The boys score was B-79, H-45. Tyler Collins had 27, Enrique Acevedo 25, Chance Propps 15, Seth Kuehler 11 and Anthony Lamb 1. Their record 16-2 season, 4-1 district.

This week's games are with Northside and Chillicothe - both away. With those games, regular season ends, then for those who make it, it's on to the playoffs.

Here 'N There - Debbie and Mike Moorhouse accompanied Beckie Keys and Dillon to Dallas Thursday for Dillon to see his doctors. All's going well and he sould have his radiation treatment next week and after that hopefully his problem and chances of it reoccurring will be lessened or hopefully completely eliminated. We appreciate all the prayers said in his and his families' behalf.

Clayton Conner spent the weekend with his cousin, Casey Conner at South Plains College in Levelland.

A wonderful crowd came over on Sunday for te delicious barbecue and all the trimmings meal sponsored by the Knox County Historical Commission. We saw lots of friends we haven't seen for a whle so not only enjoyed a fine lunch but had a great time visiting!

News is scarce this week - let me know what's going on in your life. Everyone is interested!

IRS news: Check carefully before applying for offers concerning tax compromises

WASHINGTON - The Internal Revenue Service today issued a consumer alert advising taxpayers to beware of promoters' claims that tax debts can be settled for "pennies on the dollar" through the Offer in Compromise Program.

Some promoters are inappropriately advising indebted taxpayers to file an Offer in Compromise (OIC) application with the IRS. This bad advice costs taxpayers money and time. An Offer In Compromise is an agreement between a taxpayer and the IRS that resolves the taxpayer's tax debt. The IRS has the authority to settle, or "compromise," federal tax liabilities by accepting less than full payment under certain circumstances.

"This program serves an important purpose for a select group of taxpayers. But we are increasingly concerned about unscrupulous promoters charging excessive fees to taxpayers who have no chance of meeting the

program's requirements," said IRS Commissioner Mark W. Everson. "We urge taxpayers not to be duped by high priced promises."

The OIC may be considered only after other payment options have been exhausted.

If taxpayers are unable to pay their taxes in full, there are other payment options, such as monthly installment agreements, that must be explored before an OIC can be submitted

The IRS.gov Web site contains complete information on the collection process and payment options. Publication 594, The IRS Collection Process, also provides helpful information on the options available to taxpayers. Taxpayers also should review Form 656, Offer In Compromise, or Form 9465, Installment Agreement Request, to determine if they qualify for either payment program. Form 656 provides detailed instructions for submitting an offer and includes all of the necessary financial forms.

Some taxpayers may be exempt from the \$150 OIC fee depending on income or whether the OIC is based solely on doubt as to tax liability.

Taxpayers who claim the poverty guideline exception must certify their eligibility using Form 656-A, Income Certification for Offer in Compromise Application Fee. The poverty guideline exception applies only to individuals

All publications and forms are available at IRS.gov or taxpayers may order copies by calling 1-800-829-3676.

All publications and forms are available for free.

Taxpayers may feel they need the assistance of a qualified tax professional to prepare and submit an OIC. Taxpayers may contact local or state tax professional associations for enrolled agents, CPAs or attorneys to locate someone in their geographic area that has the education and experience to assist them.

Texas Silver-Haired Legislature looking for candidates as elections are scheduled

The senior citizens of Texas will elect a total of 11 legislators to serve in the 10th Texas Silver-Haired Legislature. "Elections will be conducted by local agencies on aging under the direction of the TSHL area election steering committees," announced Narr Braly, of Caldwell and Chairman of TSHL Election & Credentials Committee.

During January, announcements for candidates for election to the Texas Silver Haired Legislature a posted in places frequented by seniors. Candidates may pick up candidacy forms and petitions from Gail Kaiser, AAA Director of the West Central Texas Area Agency on Aging located at 1025 E. N. 10th Street, Abilene, Texas 79601. Deadline for candidates to file all forms for election is February 27, 2004.

There are four TSHL districts in the West Central Texas area. Any registered voter who is 60 years or older and residing in the district or in the West Central Texas Area may file for election.

The Texas Silver Haired Legislature's candidate campaign extends from January to Election Day, Tuesday, May 25, 2004.

During the second week of March the TSHL election notices

must be posted in places frequented by seniors.

Early voting ballots may be distributed by the West 'Central Texas area election steering committee on April 20, 2004. The West Central Texas Area Agency on Aging serves as the focal point for coordinating the election process.

General Election Day for the TSHL is May 25, 2004, the fourth Tuesday in May. Candidacy and voter requirements are available from the area agency on aging, as well as information on polling places, poll workers and procedures for voting.

Knox County Sheriff issues appeal to local citizens & businesses in fight against crime

Responding to the increased number of citizens and businesses wanting to assist law enforcement officials and build a stronger partnership in the fight against crime, Sheriff Dean Homstad has announced that Knox County Citi-

Scooter Thompson on ACU Dean's List

ABILENE - Scooter Thompson, a Knox City freshman, attending Abilene Christian University has been named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the Fall 2003 semester at the University.

To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must post at least a 3.45 grade point average and carry a minimum of 12 semester hours.

Scooter, an Exercise and Sport Sciences major, maintained a 3.75 GPA.

A 2003 graduate of Knox City High School and an ACU student/ athlete, he participates in both the Wildcats' football and golf programs.

He is the son of Stacy and Dave Thompson of Knox City. zens and Businesses are being invited to become Associate Members of the Sheriffs' Association of Texas. Membership appeals will go out in the mail shortly. The funding provides critically technical resources, training and legislative support on key criminal justice issues.

In addition, dues will be used to support crime prevention and awareness programs, promote public safety, fight drug abuse, provide additional training for sheriffs and their deputies, and provide scholarships for children of law enforcement officers.

Contributions are tax-deductible

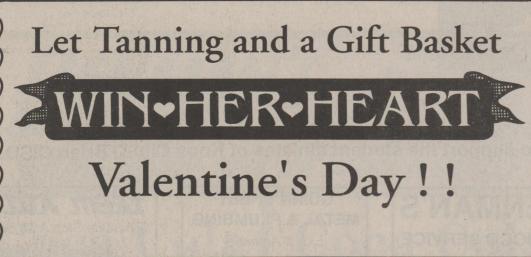
"The Associate Membership Drive helps provide the funding which is vital to helping us carry out our mission of making our communities safer places to live, work and play," Sheriff Homstad

The Associate Membership Program was begun to provide citizens and businesses with an opportunity to lend their support to more effective law enforcement and to better help local Sheriff's protect the lives and property of citizens.

"As the need for building stronger public-private law enforcement partnerships in this country continues to escalate, programs such as this continue to grow in importance," Sheriff Homstad said. "I encourage every citizen and business receiving a membership appeal to consider joining forces with us by becoming an Associate Member. It is a valuable investment in our future."

Founded in 1987, the Sheriffs' Association of Texas is a non-profit professional and educational organization dedicated to the preservation of peace and the protection of the lives and property of the citizens of Texas. Steve M. Westbrook serves as executive director.

The Sheriff's Association of Texas does not make solicitations by telephone. For those receiving a phone call from someone who uses the above name, report it to the Knox County Sheriff or County/District Attorney.



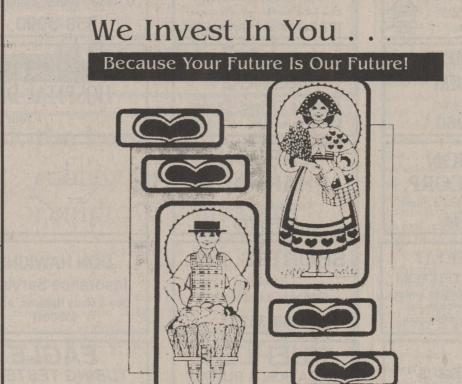


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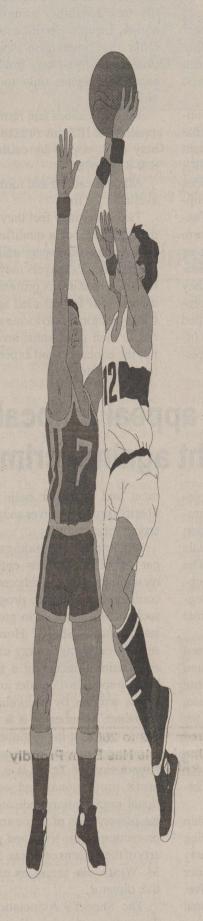




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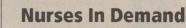
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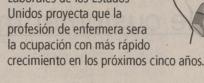
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NOTICE OF IMPOUNDMENT OF ESTRAY

On the 2nd day of February, 2004, I impounded the following estray: Kind of Animal / or Fowl - cow with calf

Color - Black Motley face cow w/ calf Sex - Cow

Age - 7-8 years Size - 1200 lbs.

Brand, Marks, Identifying Characteris-

Fleft hip 7 right hip and, on the 2nd day of February, 2004, I filed a Notice of Estray in the Estray Book of Knox County, Texas. Date Estray reported to Sheriff: 01/29/2004

Location of Estray when found: (Road, Highway #, Rural Route) - Honey Creek pasture, North west of Benjamin, Knox

Location of Estray while impounded: Spike Box Ranch, Pvt. Rd. 1116, 2 mi. South of Hwy. 83 on CO RD 1115, west of Benjamin, 2 miles, Knox County, TX. I have made a diligent search of the register of recorded brands in Knox County, Texas, for the owner of said estray, and contacted local owner of exotic fowl but the search did not reveal the owner. Notice is hereby given that, if the ownership of said estray is not determined by the 21st day of February 2004, said estray will be sold at public auction/Sheriff's

sale at Spikebox headquarters, Pvt. Rd. 1116, Benjamin, TX. Witness my hand this 2nd day of Febru-

ary, 2004. /s/ Dean W. Homstad Sheriff of Knox

County, Texas 2-5 2tc 226

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LEGAL NOTICE - THAT IN ACCOR-DANCE WITH SECTION 30.05 OF THE PENAL CODE OF TEXAS -(CRIMINAL TRESPASS SENATE BILL III LEGISLATURE), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ALL LANDS OF THE W.T. WAGGONER ESTATE ARE POSTED - SAVE AND EXCEPT WHERE WRITTEN PERMISSION IS GIVEN TO COME UPON THE SAME. GENE W. WILLINGHAM

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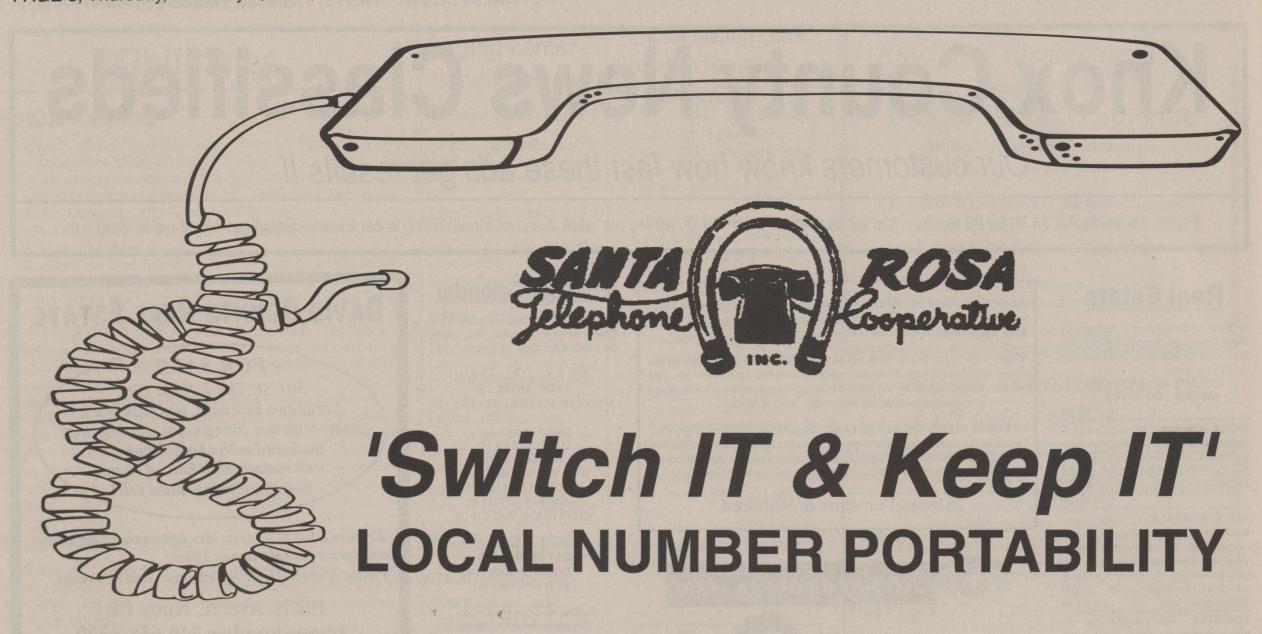
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