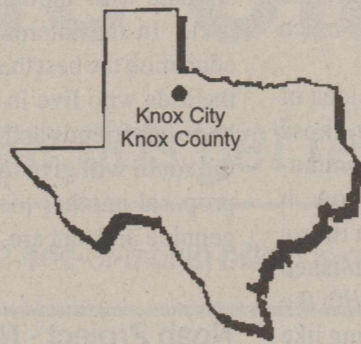




Guess who is a half century old on Friday? See inside for details...



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## Houndettes wrap up district title

### Basketball teams split games with Paducah, blowout Munday teams in all three games

-- Tuesday, February 3 --

Varsity Girls - KC - 62, Paducah - 53

Sophie Gutierrez - 21, Jodi Chambers - 2, Nikki Moss - 21, Jessica Albus - 2, Bridgett Billington - 1, Samantha Gutierrez - 15.

Varsity Boys - KC - 27, Paducah - 52

Ben Simmons - 1, Quentin Spells - 3, Derrick Magana - 7, Carlos Ruiz - 6, Dustin Johnson - 10.

-- Friday, February 6 --

JV Girls - KC JV - 41, Munday JV - 35

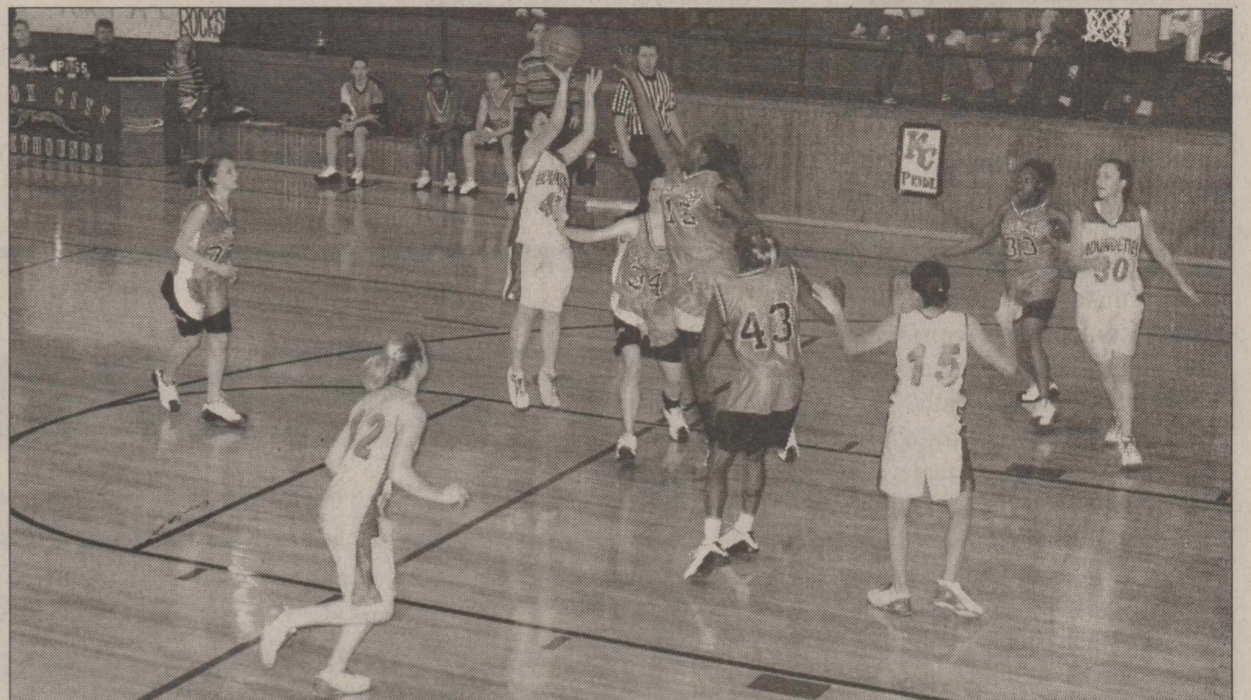
Lindsey Villa - 5, Sonda Silva - 16, Erica Nevarez - 4, Lisa Garcia - 2, Vanessa Solis - 11, Tiffany Wilde - 3.

Varsity Girls - KC - 53, Munday - 35

Sophie Gutierrez - 15, Jodi Chambers - 3, Nikki Moss - 19, Bridgett Billington - 1, Samantha Gutierrez - 12, Brittany Hawkins - 3.

Varsity Boys - KC - 47, Munday - 44

Quentin Spells - 12, Derrick Magana - 9, Rick Gonzales - 2, Carlos Ruiz - 4, Dustin Johnson - 14, Jeremy Saxton - 6.



THE KNOX CITY HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM wrapped up the District Championship title with solid wins over Munday and Paducah last week. The final district game was played on Tuesday night of this week at Crowell. In the above NEWS photo, Samantha Gutierrez goes up for a shot against the Lady Dragons from Paducah. Other Houndettes in the photo are (shown left to right in the white uniforms) Sophie Gutierrez, Nikki Moss, Kursten Stafford and Jodi Chambers. Our Houndettes will play the runner-up of District 5, next Tuesday in Jayton.

(News digital photo)

### Voters in Rochester turn down consolidation proposal by Haskell ISD in Saturday election

Residents of Rochester expressed their feelings about a proposed school consolidation with Haskell, turning down the proposition by a vote of 147 to 128 last Saturday.

Despite the fact that Haskell voters approved the measure with a vote of 627 for and 100 against, the proposed consolidation will not happen because both communities had to vote their approval for the merger to take place.

The idea of consolidation has been discussed for quite a long time in Rochester, forced because of the school districts declining

enrollment and funding. The Rochester ISD has lost 30 students in the past five years, and has a current enrollment of 110 students. To provide the current level of services, the school district spends \$1.2 million, but only generates \$1.1 million in revenue. School financial reserves are being used to make up the difference, those reserves currently stand at \$350,000.

In a story that appeared on February 8 in the *Abilene Reporter News*, Staff Writer Sidney Levesque quoted Rochester Superintendent Steve Self as saying

that "There will be changes, we told the community that Rochester would not be the same no matter what happened."

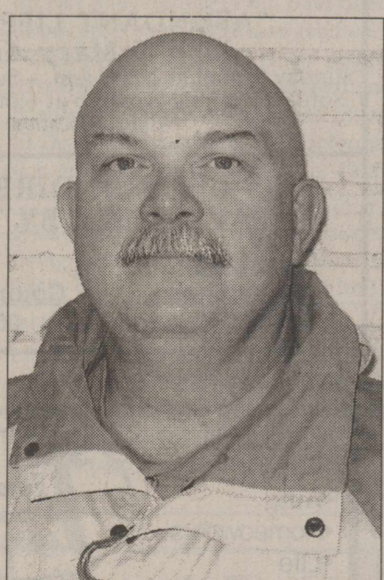
If the voters in Rochester are still considering consolidation as a way to overcome the problems caused by shrinking enrollment and funding, the proposal submitted earlier by the Knox City - O'Brien C.I.S.D. is still on the table. In order to consider that proposal, another vote would have to be scheduled and voters from Knox City, O'Brien, and Rochester would all have to vote in favor of the consolidation.

### Council appoints Rob Harrison to fill vacancy created by resignation of Lewis

The City of Knox City appointed Rob Harrison as an interim member of the City Council last week, filling a vacancy on the council created when Aaron Lewis of Knox City resigned from the council.

Lewis is currently attending the basic police academy sponsored by the West Central Texas Council of Governments in Abilene and will become a police officer in Knox City when he completes the academy and is certified as a law enforcement officer by the State of Texas.

The council appointed Rob Harrison to fill the unexpired term



Councilman Rob Harrison

of Lewis. Harrison has prior experience, having served in the capacity as a City Councilman once before.

Harrison is the Municipal Judge for the City of Knox City, and will continue to serve in that capacity. Rob has lived in Knox City just about all his life and is familiar with all aspects of the community. He is married to Dorethy Harrison, and the couple reside in Knox City.

Harrison joins councilmen Fred Ledesma, Domingo Garcia, Bud Reynolds, and Darren Clark, working with Mayor Charles Lankford on the City Council.

### Knox City to celebrate a century !!

The Knox City Chamber of Commerce's annual banquet this year will 'Celebrate a Century'.

This year's special event will be held March 18 in the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets for the banquet will go on sale February 16 and are \$10 per ticket. For more information, contact the Chamber office at 658-3442.

Daveine Clark, executive di-

rector of the Chamber, is soliciting help to make this Century Celebration a success.

Chamber officials are looking for pictures, memorabilia, stories, or any additional information citizens are wishing to share about the past 100 years.

The Chamber is planning for a wonderful birthday celebration and are hoping that many will be on hand to be part of the fun.

Immediately following the ban-

quet, the Knox City High School one-act play cast will present "The Other Side of the Wall" in the W.R. Baker Auditorium. As in year's past, everyone is invited to attend the production.

*If you have any pictures, memorabilia or stories relating to the last 100 years in Knox City, please contact the chamber office at 658-3442.*

### KCHS junior selected for NASA program

By Betty Moore  
KCHS Counselor

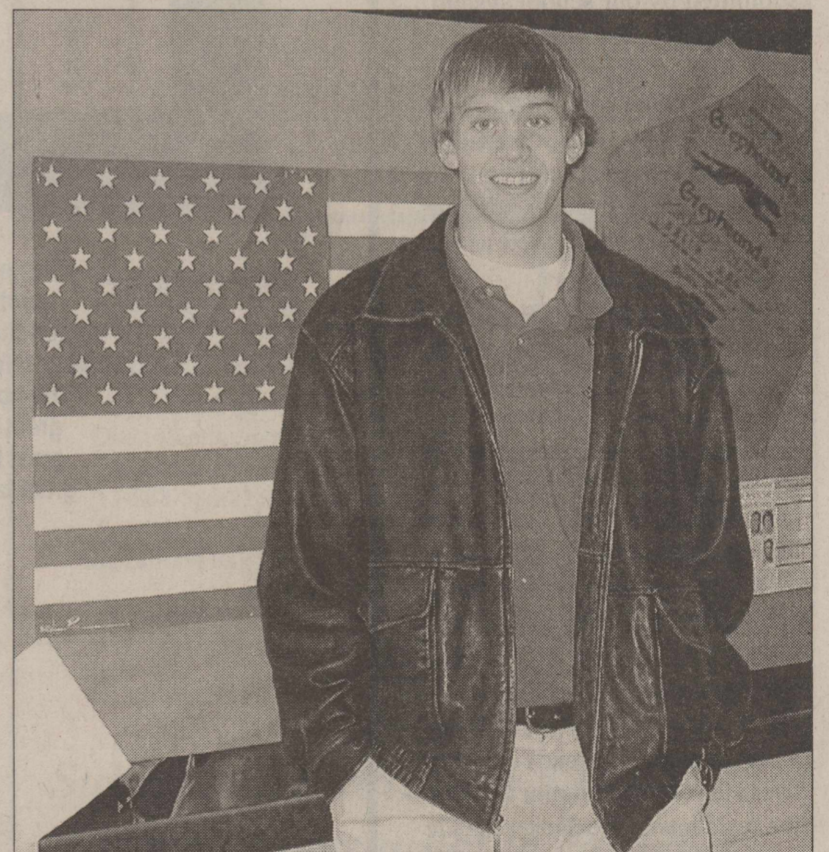
Ben Simmons, a junior at Knox City High School, was recently notified by NASA that he has been selected by Representative Rick Hardcastle to participate in the High School Aerospace Scholars Program for 2004.

The prestigious program is a math, science and engineering based distance learning program. Ben will be engaging in a variety of activities including: interactive web based assignments; online mentoring; briefings and tours at Johnson Space Center; and a summer group project.

This program features an all expense paid, week long summer residential program at the Johnson Space Center in Houston.

Ben is an all around student and athlete at KCHS.

The staff and faculty at KCHS congratulates Ben on this fine accomplishment.

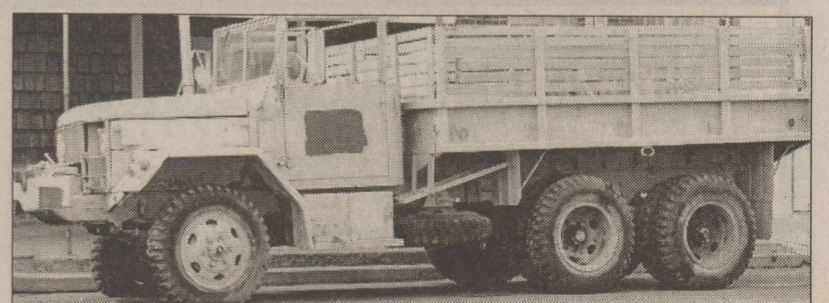


SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN A NASA PROGRAM, Ben Simmons is a junior at Knox City High School. (NEWS digital photo)

### KC fire department gains aid from TFS

Knox City Volunteer Fire Department took advantage of equipment aid available from the Texas Forest Service. The department acquired a free 2 1/2 ton flatbed truck courtesy of the Federal Excess Personal Property (FEPP) equipment program administered by the agency. Under the FEPP program, equipment acquired through the military is transferred to qualifying fire departments at no cost.

Additional free equipment is available to rural fire departments, thanks to the Volunteer Fire Department Helping Hands program, through which companies and organizations donate used fire equipment for use by volunteer fire departments. Companies interested in donating industrial fire equipment should contact the TFS



Rural Fire Defense Section at 936-639-8130 for more information.

Volunteer fire departments may save money through several other programs administered by the Texas Forest Service. A self-insurance vehicle liability insurance pool offers liability coverage for \$200 per vehicle, ambulances excluded. Fire departments can also purchase firefighter clothing, hand tools and water handling accessories at discount prices through the Fire Safe pro-

gram. TFS regional fire coordinators located across the state now provide local training in wildland firefighting techniques and assist fire departments with applications for equipment and financial assistance.

Detailed information on volunteer fire department assistance programs is available from the Texas Forest Service regional fire coordinators and from the agency's Rural Fire Defense Section, P. O. Box 310, Lufkin, TX 75902-0310.

# Straight Talk



By Dave Thompson

What's next for Rochester ?

This past Saturday, voters in Rochester and Haskell went to their respective polling places to cast votes about the consolidation of their school districts.

Voters in Haskell apparently liked the idea, 727 voters turned out to vote and 627 voted in favor of the consolidation.

Even though Haskell voters wanted the consolidation, it will not happen because voters from both school districts had to vote their approval and the folks in Rochester turned down the idea with a vote of 128 for and 147 against.

When Rochester began looking for a school to consolidate with, both Haskell and Knox City submitted proposals. The proposal presented by the Knox City - O'Brien C.I.S.D. was actually a much better proposal for Rochester than the one turned in by Haskell, but the steering committee in Rochester selected the proposal by Haskell over Knox City.

Now that the voters in Rochester have turned down a consolidation with Haskell, what is next for our neighbors to the south?

The proposal submitted by Knox City is still on the table, and folks locally like the idea of the two school districts consolidating. The plan submitted by the Knox City - O'Brien C.I.S.D. allows the Rochester campus to remain open as the mid school facility for both districts. That assures the citizens of Rochester that their campus will not be closed. The Knox City plan also assured the citizens of Rochester that their property tax money collected for schools would be dedicated towards the upkeep and improvement of that campus.

If the steering committee in Rochester revisits the proposal submitted by our school system, the entire process would have to start all over again. That would include another vote scheduled at a later date by both school districts. Voters in Knox City and O'Brien would have to approve the consolidation, as well as the voters in Rochester.

Since the voters in Rochester turned down the proposal submitted by Haskell, the basic question when wondering about what happens next is: Do the residents of Rochester actually want a consolidation, or did they just did not like what Haskell was offering?

A consolidation of Rochester and Knox City - O'Brien would be in the best interest of all three communities, and it would further the bonds of family, friendship, and business that already exist between the two communities. While the residents of Rochester decide what their next step will be, all of us in Knox City and O'Brien can help out. Whenever you speak to your relatives in Rochester, and/or whenever you are in Rochester

conducting business, take the opportunity to let our neighbors know that we would welcome not only the consolidation, but the opportunity for our communities to unite in this way and become much closer.

No one really likes the idea of consolidation, especially those folks who have lived in a community all their lives. Somehow, it seems that a consolidation robs a community of its long established traditions and identity. With the economy and times changing like they are, reality creeps into our daily lives and we realize that ideas like consolidation are necessary to insure the rural way of life that we all enjoy. As our population base shifts with so many families moving away, school districts suffer the most. Not only do they lose the property tax revenue dedicated to schools and education, but they also lose the federal and state money made available on a per student enrolled basis. When the enrollment drops too much, school districts are financially hard pressed to keep the doors open. Declining enrollment also forces schools to drop in classification, and that process affects both sports and academic programs and com-

petition.

No one here knows what is next for Rochester, only the voters there know if they actually want to consolidate with another school district. In the interest of keeping education the best that it can be for the kids who live in Rochester, I hope our friends and neighbors to the south will give the Knox City proposal another look. It is both genuine and sincere.

## Noah Project - North's dinner theatre is Saturday

The Noah Project - North's annual dinner theatre is Saturday, February 14, at the Haskell Civic Center beginning at 6:00 p.m.

A brisket dinner with all of the trimmings will be served. The silent auction will also be held with items like Tom Ryan prints, motels, gifts and many other things to bid on.

There will be a comedy play with the "Golden Girls of Haskell County" starring Mary Kennedy, Darlene Burson, Martha Jarred and Yvonne Swofford.

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## Knox City - O'Brien School Menus

February 16 thru 20  
Breakfast Menus

**Monday, February 16** - Strawberry Poptart, Juice, Milk.

**Tuesday, February 17** - Biscuit with Gravy, Juice, Milk.

**Wednesday, February 18** - Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.

**Thursday, February 19** - Pancake with Syrup, Juice, Milk.

**Friday, February 20** - Cowboy Bread, Juice, Milk.

Lunch Menus

**Monday, February 16** - Cheese Pizza, Pinto Beans, Lettuce, Peach Cobbler, Milk.

**Tuesday, February 17** - Fish, Cheese Sandwich, Blackeye Peas, Pineapple, Milk.

**Wednesday, February 18** - Hoagie Sandwich, Lettuce, French Fries, Fruit Cocktail, Milk.

**Thursday, February 19** - Steak Fingers with Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Apple, Roll, Milk.

**Friday, February 20** - Hamburger with Cheese, Tator Tots, Hamburger Salad, Cookies, Milk.

## DPS reports on accident stats from cell phones, road rage

The number of cell phone-related and road rage-related collisions both increased in the latest statistical data compiled by DPS.

Cell phone-related traffic crashes increased from 716 to 1,032 from 2000 to 2001 - a 44 percent increase. In cases where cell phone use was listed as a contributing factor, there were 7 fatalities in 2000 compared to 8 in 2001.

Road rage-related accidents jumped from 90 to 219 - a 143 percent increase. There was one fatality in both 2000 and 2001 that was attributed to road rage.

It is important to note that new

accident reporting forms listing cell phones and road rage as contributing factors were not available until April 2000, so comparing the two years may not present an accurate picture.

"It is difficult to draw conclusions at this point, but the data probably understates the problem," said DPS Director Col. Thomas Davis Jr. "There is no doubt that cell phone misuse and road rage create major problems on Texas roadways."

The DPS urges drivers to minimize cell phone usage in their vehicle and refuse to be drawn into the road rage cycle.

## KC Area Church Directory

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ~ Knox City**  
*Bobby King, Pastor*

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 10:55 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m. ~ Mid Week, Wed. at 6:30 p.m.

FBC Sunday School, and the worship services at 10:55 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. are telecast live on Classic Cable, channel 6 in Knox City and O'Brien

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ~ Knox City**  
*Claude McKiddy, Pastor*

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

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH ~ Knox City**  
*Tex Cox, Pastor*

Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.

**FOURSQUARE CHURCH ~ Knox City**  
*Paul Chambers, Pastor*

Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 10:45 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m. ~ Mid Week, Wed. at 7:00 p.m.

**SANTA ROSA CATHOLIC CHURCH ~ Knox City**  
*Father Leo Schloemer ~ Deacon Ben Vasquez*  
Sunday Bilingual Mass at 11:00 a.m.

**ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH ~ Rhineland**  
*Father Leo Schloemer ~ Deacon Ben Vasquez*  
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 of Benjamin**  
*John Gillispie, Pastor*

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

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of Benjamin**  
*Claude McKiddy, Pastor*

Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m. ~ Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.

**GILLESPIE BAPTIST CHURCH ~ Gillespie**  
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**CHURCH OF CHRIST ~ Benjamin**

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**THE BELIEVERS' CHAPEL ~ Highway 222**  
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Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.  
Mid Week, Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

**FAITH CHAPEL ~ 8 Miles South Of Knox City**

Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.  
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**O'BRIEN BAPTIST CHURCH ~ O'Brien**  
*Milton McManus, Pastor*

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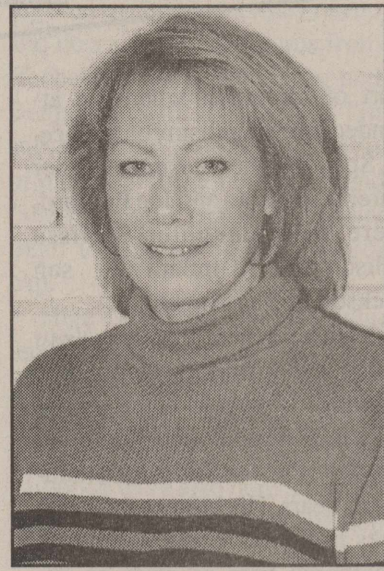
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## Linda Parker of Benjamin announces candidacy for office of Knox County Tax Assessor-Collector



LINDA PARKER

Linda Parker of Benjamin formally announces her candidacy for the office of Knox County Tax Assessor-Collector.

To the Voters of Knox County, I am a lifetime resident of Knox County, having graduated from Benjamin High School in 1966. I am married to Jerry Parker, formally of Munday and we have made our home in Benjamin for the past thirty-four years. We have two daughters and three grandsons.

I have been employed in the Knox County Appraisal District Office and Knox County Tax Assessor-Collector's Office for twenty-two years, as these offices share office space and employee salaries. I feel the compatibility of these two offices has served to reduce costs over the past years that would otherwise be a significant budget increase for all Taxing Entities involved in maintaining separate offices, equipment and employees.

I have completed mandated certification required by the Board of Tax Professional Examiners, State of Texas, acquiring my Registered Texas Collector Certification and Registered Professional

Appraiser Certification. This entails, over a period of years, a number of courses designed on a professional level and eventually, State Level Exams. I have complied with requirements set by the State of Texas for CEU hours needed to maintain by R.T.C. and R.P.A.

The office of Tax Assessor-Collector handles on a daily basis all vehicle title transfer documents and vehicle registration for Knox County.

Numerous other permits and placards are obtained through the Tax Assessor-Collector's Office, as well as the maintenance of the Knox County Voters Registration System. Vehicle Title and Registration, and Voters Lists for Knox County require an accounting of and reporting to the State on a regular basis, the collection and depositing of any money, as well as daily accuracy of bookkeeping and accounting procedures necessary for an annual audit of the Tax Assessor-Collector Office functions.

I believe any small office required handling different situations on a day to day basis, meeting with and working with the public in a productive and efficient manner, and performing the duties and responsibilities of that office in a conscientious manner with a pleasant and accommodating attitude toward everyone.

During my campaign, I will attempt to contact each of you personally. If I fail to do so, I apologize that I missed you. I would greatly appreciate your confidence and support in asking that you vote for me as your Tax Assessor-Collector in the March 9 Democratic Primary.

## Think Texas

by Appraisal Commissioner  
**SUSAN COMBS**

Got risk? If you're a business owner, of course you do. With any business venture there is an element of risk; it's one of the first principles taught in Business 101. A new series of risk management workshops is being launched this spring to guide and inform cattle producers — the ultimate agricultural business leaders.

The workshops will be held between April 5 and May 26, 2004, in eight major beef production areas of the state including Amarillo, Wichita Falls, Hallettsville, Abilene, Sulfur Springs, Waco, Palestine and Alpine. For more information, please call 1-800-TELL-TDA.

## 4-H photography workshop set for Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

By SHERRY MCGOUGH  
County Extension Agent / Ag

A 4-H Photography workshop will be held Tuesday, February 17 at 6:00 p.m. in the Knox City Community Center (212 SE 3rd - across from the park). Sheri Baty will present a workshop on the basics of photography, such as light contrast, composition, subject matter and other topics. We will also be covering the 2004 Photography Project Guidelines for 4-H contest entries. This program is open to all 4-H'ers and other interested school age youth.

Please join us on the 17th to learn more about photography. Students are encouraged to bring their cameras in case they have questions regarding their equipment. We'll see you there! For more information, contact Sherry McGough, County Extension Agency/Ag at (940) 459-2651.

Educational programs of the Texas Cooperative Extension are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age or national origin. Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service or accommodation in order to participate in a meeting or program are encouraged to contact the Knox County Extension office at (940) 459-2651.

## Heart drive begins with kickoff coffee

June Tankersley, Knox City and O'Brien business and individual heart drive chairman, reports that the 2004 drive began with a kickoff coffee at Kathie and Jack's.

Volunteers collecting these donations are Dorothy Dykes, Susan Emerson, Jo Cornett, Jan Lankford, Charles and Faye Reed, Joyce Lloyd, Frankie Baker, Charlene Brothers, Audie Johnston, Doris Jones, Lea Reeves, Peggy Grindstaff and June Tankersley.

In the past year alone, research funded through the American Heart Association has produced such treatments and techniques as:

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- Development of a new treatment option for heart failure patients
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**Happy 50th !!**

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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.

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## FROM THIS ANGLE

Local KC Notes by Billye Angle

As we begin a new work week this Monday morning, it is cloudy and cool but at least the wind is not blowing 30 mph - or should I say "yet".

Knox City fans enjoyed good basketball games Friday night when we hosted Munday. The varsity girls won 53-35 and the Hounds won a close one 47-44. The JV girls also won 41-35.

The varsity girls' district record is 5-0 with one more district game to be played at Crowell Tuesday night of this week. The Hounds' record is 1-4.

Bro. Bobby, Sylvia and Katelyn King were in Arlington the first

part of the week where he attended an evangelism conference.

Spending the weekend with her parents, Barbara and Joe Barnard, were their daughter Melissa Ellison and 18 month old son Jackson of San Angelo.

Visiting recently in the News office was former resident Otice Green of Lubbock. Otice served as administrative assistant to the late Gov. Preston Smith for a number of years. His brother Paul also lives in Lubbock and will be remembered here as quite an accomplished pianist.

Faye Railsback returned home

Friday after undergoing knee surgery in Dallas. Following the surgery, Faye recuperated in the home of their daughter, Donna Railsback, who lives in Sachse, east of Plano.

Kimberly Hawkins, student at HSU in Abilene, spent Friday night here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Hawkins and Travis.

Recent guests in the homes of Romain Stubbs and Scott and Shea Edmonds and children have been Patsy and Natalie Day of Lubbock. Natalie played tennis last weekend in Wichita Falls and won super champ. She will now advance to Austin, Romain said.

## O'Brien happenings

By Audie Johnston, O'Brien Correspondent

"Shakey said to the psychiatrist, "Doc, every time I get into bed, I think there's somebody under it. You gotta help me!"

"Come to me three times a week for two years and I'll cure your fears," said the shrink. "And I'll only charge you \$200 a visit."

"I'll think about it," said Shakey. Six months later the doctor met Shakey on the street and asked why he never came to see him.

"For two hundred bucks a visit? A bartender cured me for ten dollars."

"Is that so! How?"  
"He told me to cut the legs off the bed."

Here and There - Visiting with

C.H. and Linda Underwood over the weekend were their daughter Beth and daughters Faith and Hope and husband Shawn Donham of Roby. They enjoyed a good weekend together visiting and attending church on Sunday.

Visiting Bro. Milton and Rhonda and Laci Saturday were their son, Nathan and a girlfriend of near Dallas. Bro. Milton returned home last Thursday after spending several days in Florida attending a pastor's conference.

There were 24 men in attendance for the community breakfast on Saturday morning. It was rumored that the food was the best ever served. Thanks to Junior,

Johnny and Mutt for preparing the meal. Bro. Milton shared some of his experiences from the Florida pastor's conference.

Dan and Marilyn Talbot were blessed having company over the weekend. Randall Hughes and a friend Greg of Corsicana visited with them.

Bro. Milton McManas was to be in Dallas a day or two attending to some good transactions for different occasions. We still have since people who still her health problems and doctors appointments.

Claudale and Jean Barnard, Billie Walker, Loretta Hewitt and Vivian Hendrix need our prayers.

## IRS has \$203 million for Texans who did not file their taxes in 2000

DALLAS - More than 158,000 Texans could face losing refunds totaling \$203 million dollars because they did not file tax returns in 2000. Half of the people who could claim refunds would receive more than \$563, according to Internal Revenue Service estimates, but, in order to collect their money, a tax return must be filed with an IRS office no later than April 15, 2004.

In some cases, people had taxes withheld from their wages, or made payments against their taxes out of self-employed earnings, but had too little income to require filing a tax return. Some taxpayers may also be eligible for the refundable Earned Income Tax Credit.

"The clock is running if you want to get your refund," said IRS

Commissioner Mark W. Everson. "People who aren't required to file sometimes overlook that they had tax withheld. Don't wait until it's too late. We want all taxpayers to get the refund they're due."

In cases where a return was not filed, the law provides most taxpayers with a three-year window of opportunity for claiming a refund. If a return is not filed to claim the refund within three years, the money becomes property of the U.S. Treasury. For 2000 returns, the window closes on April 15, 2004. The law requires that the return be properly addressed, postmarked and mailed by that date. There is no penalty assessed by the IRS for filing a late return qualifying for a refund.

The IRS reminds taxpayers seeking a 2000 refund that their

checks will be held if they have not filed tax returns for 2001 or 2002. In addition, the refund will be applied to any amounts still owed to the IRS and may be used to satisfy unpaid child support or past due federal debts such as student loans.

By failing to file a return, individuals stand to lose more than refunds of taxes withheld or paid during 2000.

Generally, individuals qualified for the EITC in 2000 if they earned less than \$31,152 and had more than one qualifying child living with them, less than \$27,413 with one qualifying child, or less than \$10,380 and had no qualifying child.

Taxpayers who need help also can call the IRS help line at 1-800-829-1040.

### BENJAMIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2003

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES:</b>			
Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 420,899	\$ 6,177	\$ 427,076
State Program Revenues	805,172	60,282	865,454
Federal Program Revenues	9,176	68,837	78,013
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>1,235,247</b>	<b>135,296</b>	<b>1,370,543</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>			
<b>Current:</b>			
Instruction	559,248	96,901	656,149
Instructional Resources & Media Services	8,670	-	8,670
Curriculum & Instructional Staff Development	535	-	535
School Leadership	13,071	389	13,460
Guidance, Counseling & Evaluation Services	6,543	-	6,543
Health Services	208	-	208
Student (Pupil) Transportation	39,061	545	39,606
Food Services	-	54,661	54,661
Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	73,205	338	73,543
General Administration	137,084	1,690	138,774
Plant Maintenance and Operations	151,945	1,137	153,082
Data Processing Services	17,475	-	17,475
Community Services	177	-	177
<b>Capital Outlay:</b>			
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	15,194	-	15,194
<b>Intergovernmental:</b>			
Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	34,619	-	34,619
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>1,057,035</b>	<b>155,661</b>	<b>1,212,696</b>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	178,212	(20,365)	157,847
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):</b>			
Transfers In	8,016	28,170	36,186
Transfers Out (Use)	(28,170)	(8,016)	(36,186)
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>(20,154)</b>	<b>20,154</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net Change in Fund Balances</b>	<b>158,058</b>	<b>(211)</b>	<b>157,847</b>
Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	1,364,130	11,240	1,375,370
Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	68,436	-	68,436
<b>Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)</b>	<b>\$ 1,590,624</b>	<b>\$ 11,029</b>	<b>\$ 1,601,653</b>

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Thank you for the support and interest shown by participating in our Knox County Museum Fundraiser held on February 1, 2004. The delicious meal was a compliment to everyone who donated their time to prepare the food. Thanks to everyone who donated door prizes and silent auction items, the County and area newspapers, the area radio stations, County Precinct employees and the Benjamin HS seniors for helping with the cleanup. We also thank those who contributed monetary donations, volunteers for their donation of time and labor, and the interest shown for the Wichita-Brazos Museum and Cultural Center to preserve Knox County history.

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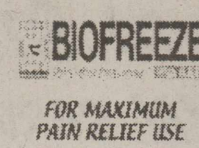
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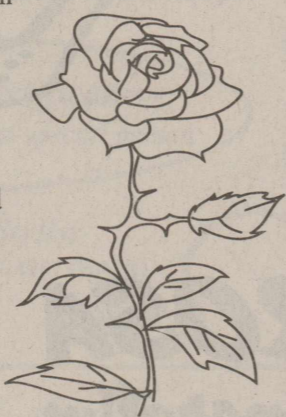
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February 16  
in observance of  
President's  
Day

### Remember Me

Remember me when the flowers bloom  
Early in the spring  
Remember me on sunny days  
And the fun that summer brings

Remember me in the fall  
As you walk through the leaves of gold  
And in the winter time remember me  
In the stories that are told

But most of all remember  
Each day right from the start  
I will be forever near  
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### Aging center lunch menus

February 16th thru 20th

**Monday, February 16** - Mexican casserole, whole kernel corn, salad, crackers, sopapillas with honey.

**Tuesday, February 17** - Meat loaf, pinto beans, buttered spinach, Mexican cornbread, pudding.

**Wednesday, February 18** - Chicken noodle casserole, sweet peas, pear salad, hot rolls, apple crunch.

**Thursday, February 19** - Tuna casserole, green beans, light bread, cookies.

**Friday, February 20** - Sliced ham, broccoli and rice casserole, apple and celery salad, hot rolls, dessert.

### Benjamin news

By Gladene Green, Benjamin Correspondent

It's been a pretty slow news week. Guess folks are staying close to home and enjoying the warmth of inside during these "chilly" days. It's been sort of wintry the past week or so but no ice, or now, and we are happy about that.

News of our ill - Dutch Young underwent hip replacement surgery last Wednesday in Wichita Falls and is doing OK. He is now in rehab therapy. Not sure how long he will be there but maybe not for too long. He needs to stay until he's able to maneuver on his own without a problem. Also his daughter, Deann Lamb, is still doing nicely. Goes back to doctor on Wednesday and hopes to be "turned loose" to do a little more.

Tib Burnett underwent knee surgery Tuesday - also in Wichita Falls. He's still in the hospital and don't know when he may go to rehab or come home - whichever his doctors think best.

Omitene Barnett is a patient in Haskell hospital. She was feeling better on Sunday, so maybe she will be home in a day or so.

Leroy West spent last Tuesday night in Haskell hospital with chest pains. Was afraid it might be his heart but that was ruled out. He is, however, in Abilene today for some further testing.

Ball news - It was a good week for our high school basketball teams last week. On Tuesday night, both boys and girls defeated Northside at Northside. The girls victory came pretty easy but the boys won by only 2 points. Those kind of games are exciting as long as your team wins, but the boys tell me they prefer a little more of a lead!

Megargel came over on Friday night for a game with the boys (girls didn't play). Wasn't much of a contest - our team won 77-33.

Jr. High played Chillicothe here Monday night. Lost but I'm told played a pretty good game.

New residents - Charles and Lynna Ann Ray and daughter, Amie, are the newest residents of Benjamin. They are employed by John Moorhouse and are living in the rock house east of town (formerly League Ranch house). Amie is in the sixth grade and the family attends the Catholic Church. We welcome them to Benjamin and hope they enjoy living here.

The Sr. Class sponsored a Little Dribblers tournament Saturday and lots of folks were over here to see their kids and grandkids and

little friends play. It was fun watching their excitement as they ran up and down the court. Teams from Rochester, Rule, Knox City and Benjamin participated. And I'm sure the Seniors took in quite a bit of money at the concession stand (and bake sale) that will help get them to Hawaii on their senior trip.

Here 'N There - Mary Rainwater of Nocona visited her son, Chad and family, Saturday and enjoyed seeing Jonathan play ball.

Charles and Linda Griffith of Lubbock were also here Saturday for the gall games and to visit their daughter, Becky Jones and family.

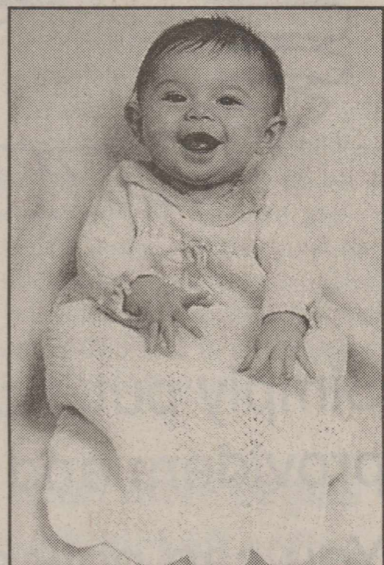
Charles Ray called to tell me Amie did alright in the Barrell Racing event Sunday in Graham. She won third in the 2D category and her time was 15.873 seconds. She's riding a horse she raised and has done well every time she races.

Helen Green who lives in Guthrie called Sunday night to tell me her brother James Coppedge has finished his second round of chemo and is feeling

pretty well. Said he says he may even try to work a little this week. His doctors caution him to stay out of crowds and his job sort of isolates him from everyone so he thinks he'll be OK.

Also her brother Gary of Stamford spent last week in Abilene Hendrick Hospital. He's home but really didn't learn his problem. He had a number of tests so maybe when they are all studied, he will know what's going on.

### New Arrivals It's a girl!



Christine Conaway

Annika and Brent Conaway and big sister Annelise of Whitehouse announce the birth of Christine. Born on June 27, 2003, at Trinity Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler, she weighed seven pounds, twelve ounces.

Her grandparents are Joan (Shaver) and John E. Muller of Tyler and Janet (Fife) and Steve Conaway of Whitehouse. Christine is the second great-grandchild of Faye (Yarbrough) Shaver of Knox City and the late Edward Braxton Shaver Jr. Other great-grandparents are E.P. (Gene) Muller of Harlingen and the late Grace (Knudson) Muller, Marjorie (Baldwin) Conaway of Tyler and the late Ed L. Conaway, and the late Marydell (Greer) and Jack W. Fife.

On December 21, 2003, Christine was baptized at Marvin United Methodist Church in Tyler by the Reverend Michael Dent. Family members attending the service were Annelise Conaway, Faye Shaver, Edward and Laurin Muller of Chicago, Il; Brian and Holly Conaway of Whitehouse, Brack and D'anna Shaver, and cousins Braxton and Austin Shaver of Fort Worth, as well as her grandparents.

Afterwards, Christine's grandparents hosted a luncheon at Hollytree Country Club, Tyler, for the family members attending the baptism.

### News renewals due by March 1

March renewals at The Knox County News are as follows.

Subscription prices are \$22.00 for Knox and adjoining counties, \$25.00 elsewhere in Texas and \$28.00 out-of-state.

- David Albus, KC
- Mary Ann Boone, KC
- Susan Bowman, KC
- Calvin C. Brown, Perryton
- Tom R. Campbell, Georgetown
- H.B. Graves, KC / Chelsea, VT
- John A. Hayes, Amarillo
- Elizabeth Howard, Haskell
- Marvin Jones, KC
- Bobby King, KC
- Kuehler Ag, KC
- Doug Logsdon, Muleshoe
- Milton McManus, O'Brien
- Rhonda Moeller, Haskell
- James F. Nance, Turlock, CA
- John Rector, KC
- Pam Reed, Munday
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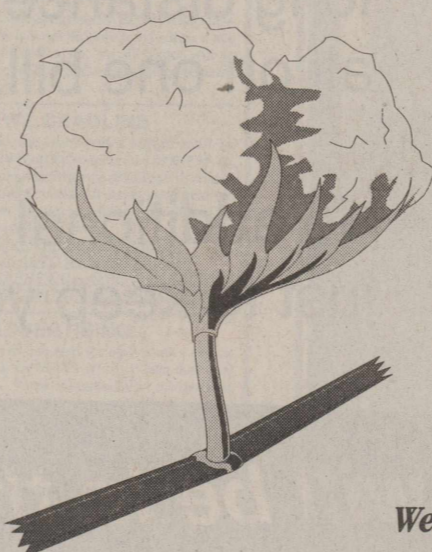


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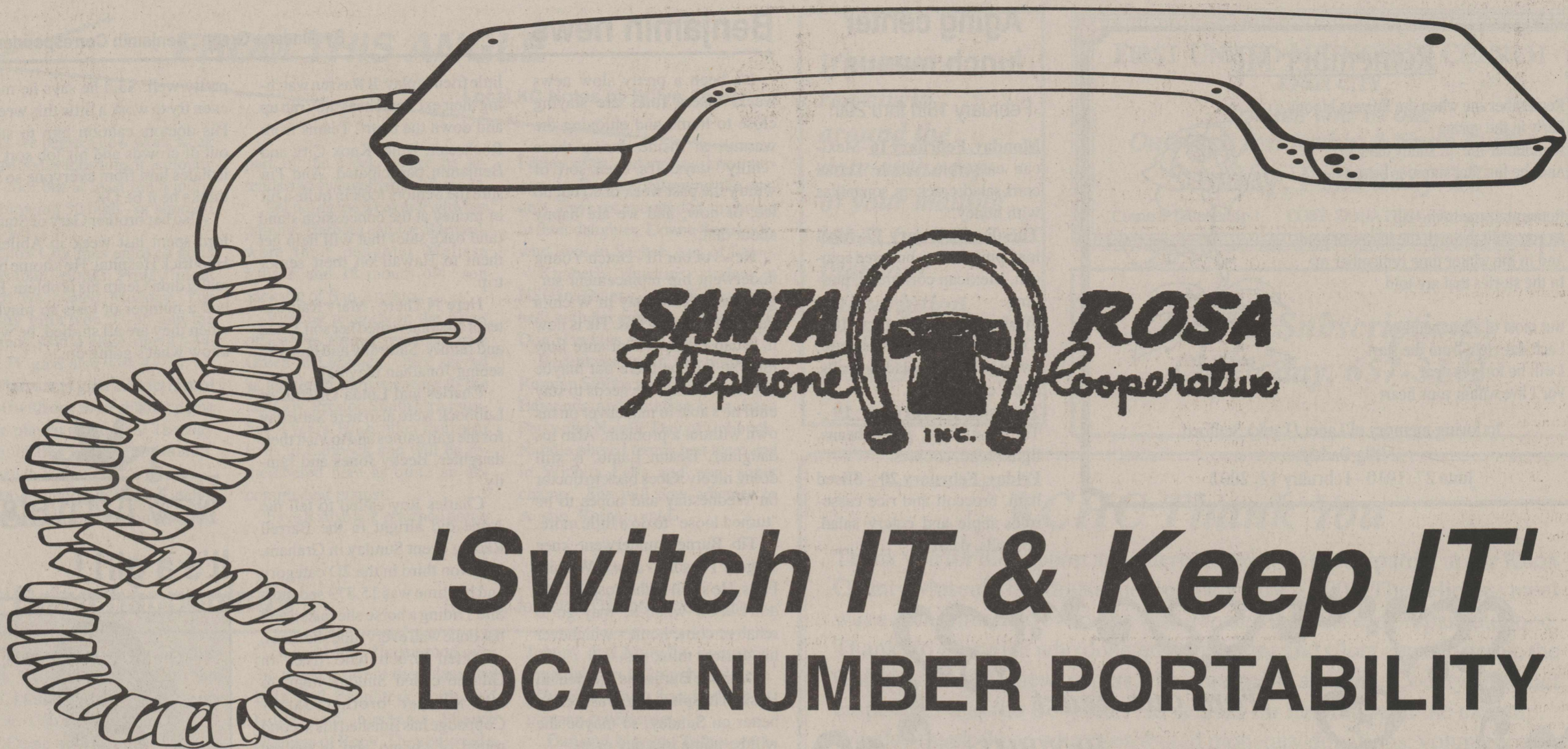
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10-17 tfc 29

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6-19 tfc 30

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1-8 tfc 40

**FOR SALE** - Nice two bedroom, one bath home for sale. Storm cellar, water well. 704 Aspen, 940-657-1064.

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2-5 tfc 17

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## Public Notice

### NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

#### CONSTRUCTION / MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Childress  
Contract 6110-25-001 for TYPE II FULL WIDTH MOWING IN KNOX COUNTY, etc. will be opened on MARCH 25, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$49,868.00.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div. Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

NPO: 12210

#### State Office

Constr./Maint. Division  
200 E. Riverside Dr.  
Austin, Texas 78704  
Phone: 512-416-2540

#### Dist/Div Office(s)

Childress District  
District Engineer  
7599 US 287  
Childress, Texas 79201-9705  
Phone: 940-937-2571

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex or national origin.

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## Political Calendar

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

50th Judicial District Judge  
**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  
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### ESTRAY 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

Breed -

Color - Black Motley face cow w/ calf

Sex - Cow

Age - 7-8 years

Size - 1200 lbs.

Brand, Marks, Identifying Characteristics -

Left hip 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 County

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, beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Witness my hand this 2nd day of February, 2004.

/s/ Dean W. Homstad

Sheriff of Knox County, Texas

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## Bid Notice

**ASPERMONT SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER, INC.** is accepting invitations to bid for the 2004 Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program, (CEAP) in the Heating and Cooling component. Bidders must be qualified to assess, as well as, repair, replace or retrofit central units, window units and all other major heating and/or cooling appliances for individuals who qualify. Counties to be served include: Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Stonewall and Throckmorton. To request a bid package please contact Kim Lowack at 940-989-3538 or 800-722-0137 or reply to PO Box 188, Aspermont, TX 79502.

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## Help Wanted

**HELP WANTED** - Full time maintenance man needed. Must have a valid DL. Will be required to get a Class D Water/Wastewater License with in one year of employment with the City. Basic knowledge of water and wastewater lines is a plus. If you have any questions you may call Shawnda Moore at Goree City Hall at 940-422-5306.

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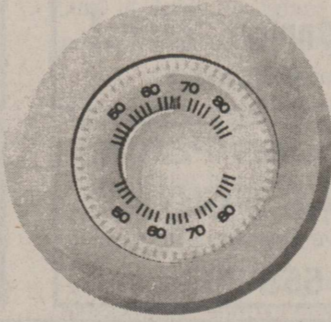
## Keeping an Eye on Texas

### Winter Energy Saving Tips

According to the Public Utility Commission, an energy efficient thermostat setting is 68 degrees for winter.

Consumers can save about 3 percent on their winter heating bills for each degree they lower their thermostat. If a monthly bill is about \$100, lowering the thermostat four degrees could save up to \$12 on each bill.

Lowering the temperature setting on the water heater to about 120 degrees will also help save money and keep consumers from getting hot under the collar.



SOURCES: Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn and the Texas Public Utility Commission.

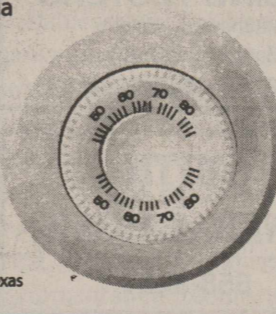
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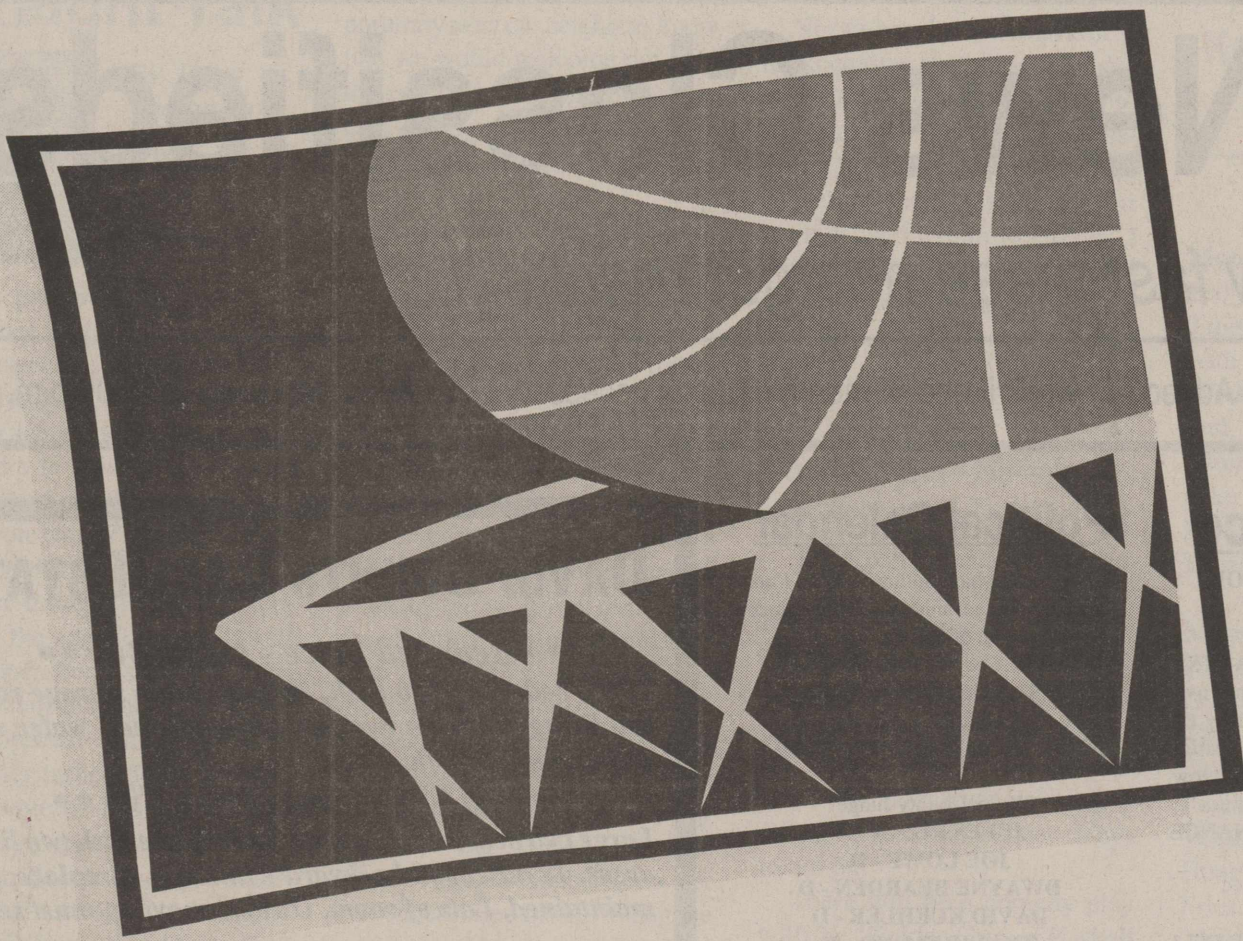
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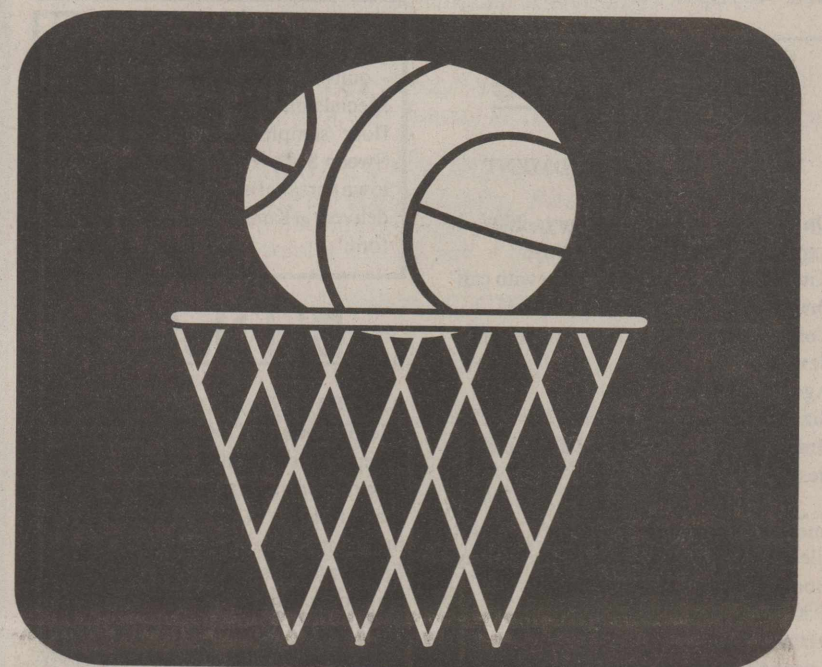
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