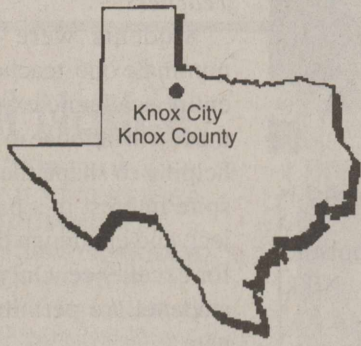


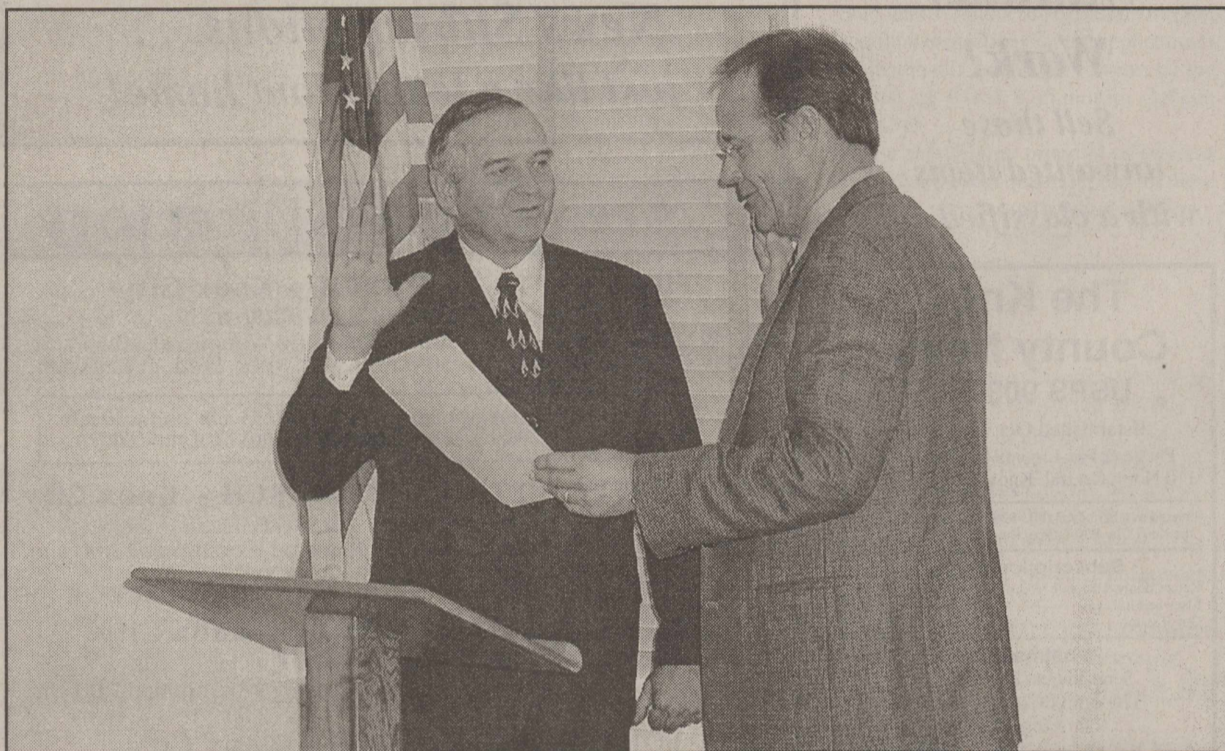
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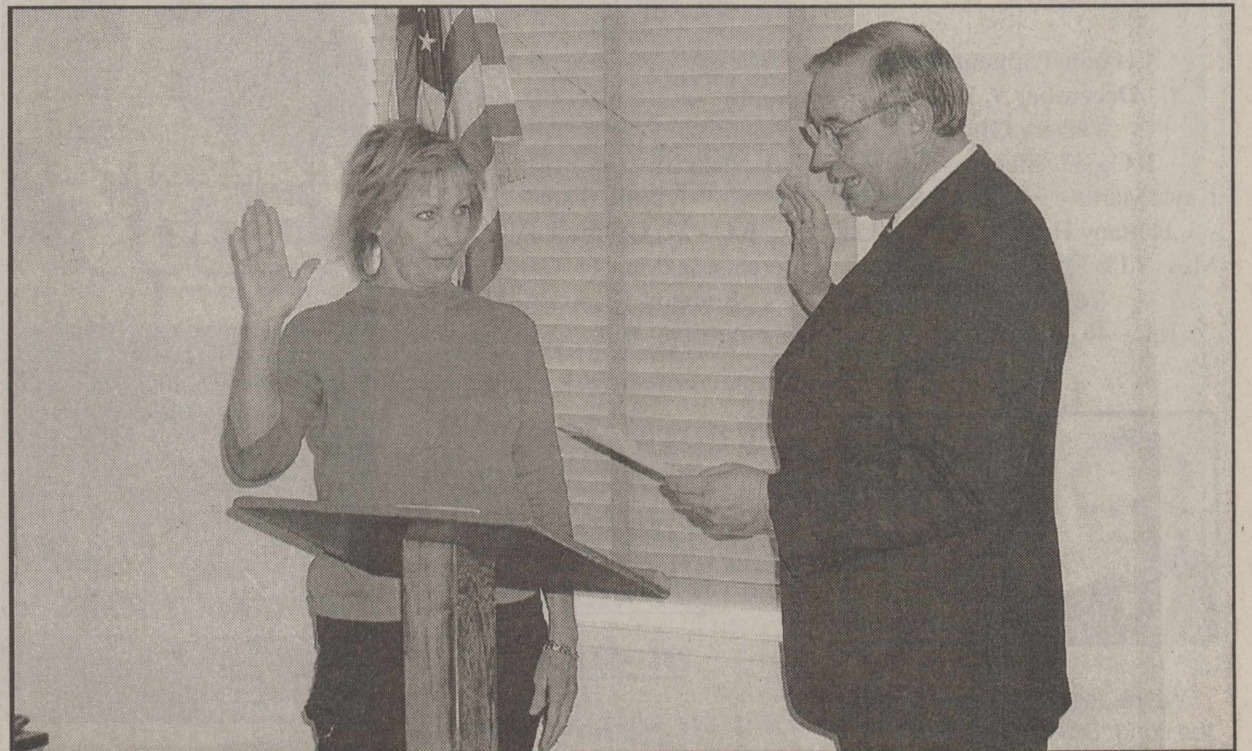


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TAKING THE OATH OF OFFICE is newly elected Knox County Judge Travis Floyd of Munday. Floyd was sworn in by outgoing County Judge Greg Clonts during ceremonies Wednesday, November 8, at the Knox County Courthouse. (Courtesy photo)



FOLLOWING TAKING THE COUNTY JUDGE oath of office, Travis Floyd swore in newly elected Knox County Tax-Assessor/Collector Linda Parker last Wednesday. (Courtesy photo)



OKLAHOMA STATE RUNNERS-UP - Former Greyhound Cameron Hutchinson, #44, a member of the Tonkawa Buccaneers, finished their 2004 season as the Oklahoma Class A State Runners-Up. The Bucs ended their season Saturday afternoon with a 31-14 loss to the Pawnee Blackbears at the state championship game held at Ponca City's Sullin Stadium. Cameron's personal stats for his junior year were 96 carries for 543 yards rushing and three touchdowns. Defensively, Cameron had 70 tackles in 14 games. The Bucs ended their season with a record of 12-2. Cameron is the son of Kelly and Chuck Hutchinson of Tonkawa. His Knox City grandparents are Nona Hutchinson and Eloise and Leon Watson. Attending the Saturday afternoon game were his grandmother Nona Hutchinson; and his uncle, aunt and cousins, Wayne, Kelly, Hagen and Wes Hutchinson of Knox City. (Courtesy photo)



KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL presented the 2004 Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson Award to Donna Albus. Making the presentation in Washington D.C. was Ray Empson, KAB president. (Courtesy photo)

Donna Albus national winner of the 2004 Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson Award

Presented December 3 in Washington, D.C.

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Donna Albus of Abilene, former Knox City resident, won the National 2004 Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson Award at the Keep America Beautiful (KAB) conference on December 3, 2004, in Washington, D.C.

Donna's family includes her parents, Mat Verhalen and the late Lillian Rae Verhalen of Knox City; brothers, Ronnie Verhalen, Knox City; Laval Verhalen, Stillwater, Oklahoma, and the late Bon Urban Verhalen; sisters, Melanie Mitchell of Newcastle, Kathy Verhalen of Arlington, and the late Velvet Verhalen Noah; three sons, Darren Albus and Dennis Albus of Austin and Damon Albus of Abilene; and her nine grandchildren.

Donna was recognized on behalf of her longtime commitment to environmental stewardship.

The nationally coveted award has been awarded 46 times since Lady Bird Johnson began her work to beautify this nation. In honor of the First Lady's lifetime commit-

ment to beautification, Keep America Beautiful named its most prestigious individual honor in her name. Donna is the 47th woman in the nation to receive this award.

Ms. Albus received the award for various project that she has championed over the years. Most notably, the Crape Myrtle project - dubbed "Myrtle's coming, get your bed ready" which resulted in the planting of thousands of trees across Abilene, Teexas.

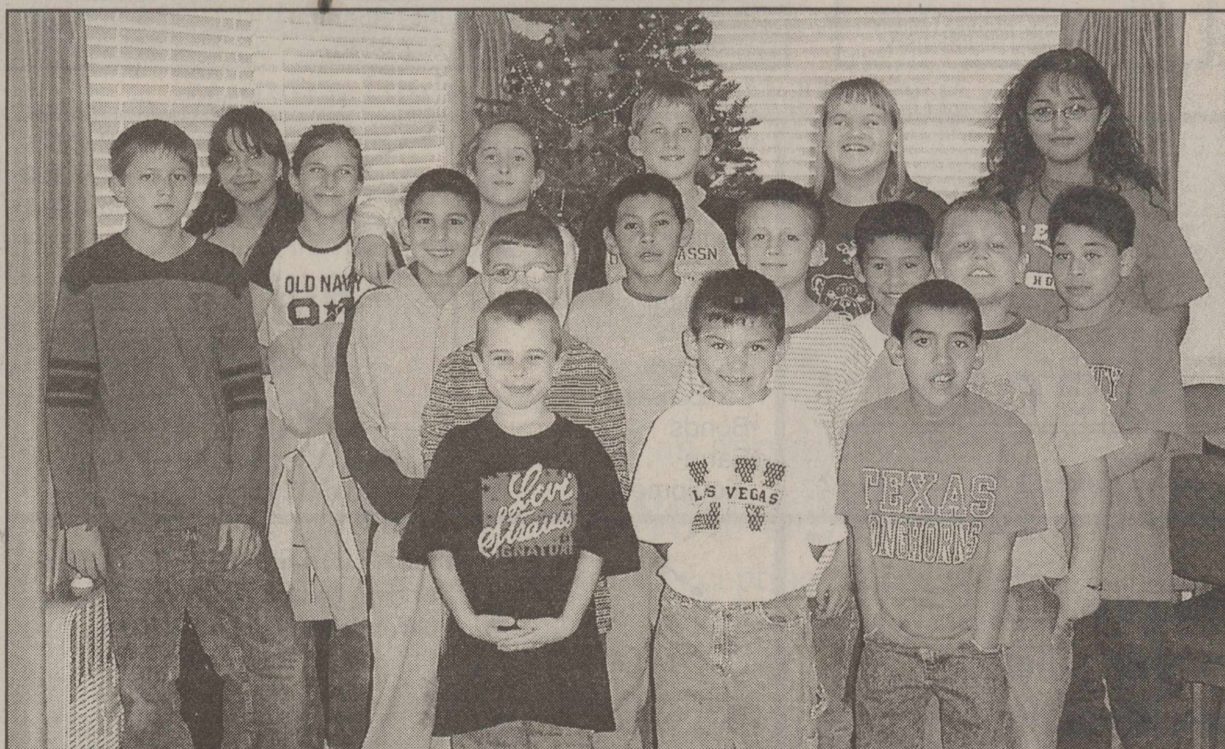
In addition, Donna spearheaded many innovative campaigns which have been used as national models in other states such as the TxDOT and City of Abilene glass recycling project. The glass is ground by the City of Abilene and then used as flex base in TxDOT road construction. Ray Empson, President of Keep America Beautiful said, "It is one of the greatest honors to bestow this award annually, but none has brought me such pleasure as to recognize Donna Albus. We at Keep America Beautiful have worked closely with the former Keep

Texas Beautiful President to create and implement innovative programs that have created cleaner, more beautiful communities across Texas."

Joanne Weik, President of Keep Texas Beautiful said, "She has been an inspiration to volunteers and communities and has championed program after program in Texas. She has served as a role model to all Texans as she demonstrates what it is like to truly make a difference."

Prior to leaving the podium, Ms. Albus was read a letter from First Lady Laura Bush who was unable to attend, but sent her congratulations.

Surprising Ms. Albus at the awards were two of her sons, Darren Albus and Dennis Albus, grandchildren Demi Albus and Dalton Albus; her sister, Kathy Verhalen, and Representative Pete and Nelda Laney. All were on hand to congratulate Donna as she was unaware of the award prior to its being awarded at the luncheon.



KNOX CITY 4-H'ERS brought cheer to the Brazos Valley Care Home residents last week. The group visited the care home and while there went caroling and also made fleece lap blankets for the residents. (Courtesy photo)

KC teams continue basketball, Nikki on all-tournament team

December 7, 2004
JV Girls
KC - 39, Rotan JV - 15
 Sarah Burt - 10, Tiffany Wilde - 3, Jessy Schur - 4, Kursten Stafford - 9, Candace Carver - 6, Kayla Stewart - 7.

Varsity Girls
KC - 66, Rotan - 30
 Bridgett Billington - 4, Kayla Martin - 7, Jessica Albus - 6, Shana Nicholson - 5, Brittany Hawkins - 16, Nikki Moss - 24, Jamilla Ward - 2, Michelle Smith - 2

JV Boys
KC JV - 12, Rotan - 35
 Rico McCrary - 8, Robert Norton - 4.

Varsity Boys
KC - 45, Rotan - 63
 Jeremy Saxton - 14, Grant Lewis - 1, Derrick Magana - 2, Dustin Johnson - 13, Brandon Grimsley - 7, T.J. Richardson - 8.

No individual scores available.

December 10, 2004
Varsity Girls
KC - 61, Memphis - 13
 Kayla Martin - 11, Jessica Albus - 6, Sarah Burt - 6, Sophie Gutierrez - 16, Shana Nicholson - 2, Brittany Hawkins - 8, Nikki Moss - 11, Jamilla Ware - 4.

Varsity Boys
KC - 30, Motley County - 52
 Jeremy Saxton - 5, Grant Lewis - 2, Dustin Johnson - 15, Brandon Grimsley - 2, T.J. Richardson - 6.



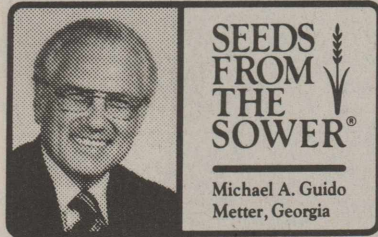
NIKKI MOSS

December 11, 2004
Varsity Girls
KC - 52, Crowell - 59
 Jessica Albus - 4, Sarah Burt - 1, Sophie Gutierrez - 1, Shana Nicholson - 8, Brittany Hawkins - 10, Nikki Moss - 28.

Varsity Boys
KC - 27, Quannah JV - 30
 Jeremy Saxton - 11, Grant Lewis - 1, Brandon Grimsley - 2, T.J. Richardson - 6, Ty Chisum - 7.

Vernon Tournament
December 9, 2004
Varsity Girls
KC - 37, Electra - 38
 Kayla Martin - 3, Shana Nicholson - 3, Brittany Hawkins - 12, Nikki Moss - 17, Michelle Smith - 2.

Varsity Boys
KC - 46, Vernon JV - 62



SEEDS FROM THE SOWER
 Michael A. Guido
 Metter, Georgia

Years ago many were singing the song "Don't Fence Me In." Why? Life has a way of building walls around us. There's a wall of fear. All who hide behind it are sure of defeat. There's a wall of failure. Many are behind it because they've followed the line of least persistence. There's a wall of falsehood. It's easy to tell one lie, but hard to tell only one. One lie calls for another, and the wall rises. But there's power to scale the walls. Testified one, "By my God have I leaped over a wall." Fenced in? Care to be a high jumper? It's by God. Trust Him, won't you?

Be sure and call in your news for 'From This Angle'

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

Date	Low	High	Rain
12/07	43	62	
12/08	42	67	
12/09	42	74	
12/10	29	64	
12/11	36	69	
12/12	40	68	
12/13	32	50	

Total 2004 Rainfall - 39.77

Former teacher nominated for 'Who's Who'

A select group of America's teachers are being honored by their toughest critics - their former students - in the Eighth Edition of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*.

Students were required to nominate one teacher from their entire academic experience who made a difference in their lives by helping to shape their values, inspire interest in a particular subject, and challenge them to strive for excellence. Only top-ranking students are permitted to nominate.

Among those nominated was LaNell Boyles Mahan Kight, a former Knox City Elementary School teacher.



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O'Brien happenings

By Audie Johnston, O'Brien Correspondent

"The answers to life's problems aren't at the bottom of a bottle. They're on TV."

"What's the point of going out? We're just going to end up back here anyway."

"Trying is the first step toward failure."

"You can't keep blaming yourself. Just blame yourself once and move on."

"Doughnuts. Is there anything they can't do?"

"The three little sentences that will get you through life. No. 1: Cover for me. No. 2: Oh, good idea, Boss. No. 3: It was like that when I got here."

Here and There - Visiting Adelle Herring last week were her grandson Kevin Urbanczyk of Goree and Claudia and Marsha Reid of Rochester.

Rose Marie and Jimmy Johnston were in Abilene Monday. Rose Marie's doctor's appointment and Jimmy had several things to take care of.

First Baptist Church of O'Brien was blessed Sunday with a Christmas and Thanksgiving lunch. We were blessed by having a visitor Kelly Pigott of Abilene who had preached for us before we elected our new pastor, Bro. Jim Reed and wife Sherry and son Scott. We all enjoyed a great lunch and church services. Sunday night those from our church who attended services at First Baptist in Haskell. Those of us attending were Don and Diane Roberts and their daughter Trish was one of the group performing and Marilyn and Dan Talbot, Bernice Rowan, Charlene Brothers, Bro. Jim and

wife Sherry and son Scott, Mutt and Birdie Ivie, Betty Poe, Sherry from Benjamin and son and daughter and Sherry Ellis of Knox City and I.

Billie Walker traveled to Austin over the weekend to visit her grandson, Kenneth Banner. While there she stayed with Kenneth's fiancée, Dianna Stathos and visited with Dianna's parents in their home. The wedding is planned for sometime in 2005 in the Greek Orthodox Church in Austin.

Junior Reeves was in Abilene last week for a doctor's appointment and seems to be coming along but still needs our prayers.

Royce Manning of Abilene, Orval and Helen's son, is home after being in a hospital in Dallas and seems to be getting along pretty good. But prayers sure help.

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- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ~ Knox City**
Pending name of new Pastor
 Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 10:55 a.m.
 Sunday Evening Worship at 6:30 p.m. ~ Mid Week, Wed. at 6:30 p.m.
- FBC Sunday School, and the worship services at 10:55 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. are telecast live on Classic Cable, channel 6 in Knox City and O'Brien*
- FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ~ Knox City**
John Wade, 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**
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 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**
John Wade, Pastor
 Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m. ~ Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.
- GILLESPIE BAPTIST CHURCH ~ Gillespie**
Matt Harrington, Pastor
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 Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m. ~ Mid Week, Wed. at 6:00 p.m.
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 Bible Study at 9:00 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m.
- THE BELIEVERS' CHAPEL ~ Highway 222**
W.O. Smith, Pastor
 Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.
 Mid Week, Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.
- O'BRIEN BAPTIST CHURCH ~ O'Brien**
Pending name of new Pastor
 Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.
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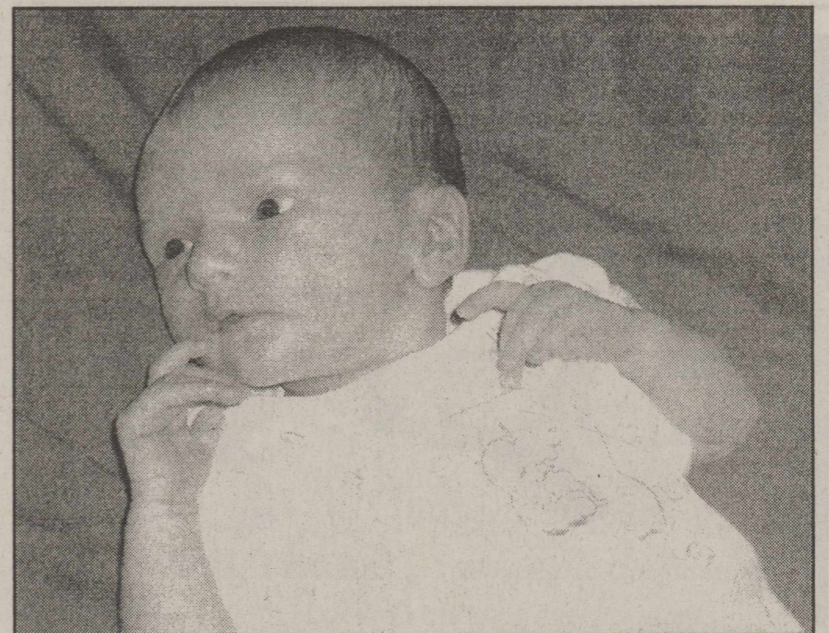
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New Arrivals

It's a boy!



*Raegan Kirk Flores
'Another sweet smile to brighten our day,
Another small hand to hold on the way.'*

Alex and Leslie Flores are proud to announce the birth of their son, Raegan Kirk Flores.

Raegan was born on November 16, 2004, at 6:05 p.m. at Presbyterian Hospital of Plano.

He weighed 7 pounds, 13

ounces, and was 21 1/2 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Billy Joe and Carolyn Flores of Knox City, LaNell Kight of Knox City and Jodie and Vicki Mahan of Corpus Christi.

**- Deadline -
Mondays at
4:00**

New Arrivals

It's a girl!

Arin Lainy Lewis

Aaron and Julie Lewis are proud to announce the birth of their daughter born November 7, 2004, at 12:48 a.m. at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

The baby has been named Arin Lainy Lewis and she weighed in at 9 pounds, 1.5 ounces and measured 21.5 inches.

Big brother Sloan welcomed her home.

Maternal grandparents are Danny and Sherry Speck of Knox City. Bertha Driver of Knox City is maternal great-grandmother.

Paternal grandparents are Danny and Amber Lewis of Knox City and Keith and Patti Currie of Abilene. Dallas and Dorothy Jean Dykes of Knox City, Larry Don and Betty Lain of Buchanan Dam, Elaine Lewis of Knox City and Sterling and Josie Lewis of Knox City are paternal great-grandparents. Ida Pack of Knox City is paternal great-great-grandmother.

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It's a girl!



Hannah and Victoria Nicole Delgado

Two and one-half year old Hannah Delgado welcomed her new baby sister, Victoria Nicole, on November 30, 2004, at Abilene Regional Medical Center.

Tori weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces and was 19 3/4 inches long.

Mark and Kim Delgado of

Abilene are the proud parents. Grandmothers are Toni Thompson and Joanna Delgado. Great-grandparents are Harold and Nettie Partridge of Munday. Older siblings, Robert and Katrina Delgado, will get the opportunity to spoil the newest addition during the Christmas holidays.

Terry Utley appointed new county agent - agriculture

Began duties December 13

Terry Utley has been appointed County Extension agent - agriculture according to the Knox County Commissioner's Court and district Extension administrator, Galen Chandler of Texas Cooperative Extension. He officially began his appointment on December 13, 2004.

Utley, of Paducah, received his bachelor of science degree in agriculture education in May 2002. He received his master of science degree also in agricultural education in December 2003. Both degrees are from Tarleton State University in Stephenville.

Presently, Utley is managing a seventy head sow swine operation near Bridgeport and also has responsibilities at the Bridgeport Feed Store. Prior to this job, he served as a herdsman for a sixty sow show pig operation in Bluff Dale, Texas. He was responsible for collection of boars for semen sales and provided custom hay baling for the public.

Terry has an extensive back-

ground in FFA and 4-H where he was involved in leadership positions, leadership teams in FFA, livestock judging, and has experience in raising animal projects for exhibition. While in college, he was a member of the Aggie Club and worked at the Bluff Dale swine operation while he was attending college.

Utley will serve as the agriculture program leader for the Texas Cooperative Extension program in Knox County. He will be joining Lorrie Coop, County Extension agent - family and consumer sciences, to provide the necessary leadership in agriculture, 4-H and youth development, and community development to address the needs of the people of Knox County.

He is excited about his new Extension career and looks forward to working with the people of Knox County. He and his wife, Jennifer, who is a special education teacher, will be moving to Knox County.

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Friday, December 23

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VISITING IN KNOX CITY and mailing those all important Letters to Santa last week at the News were Brydon and Lexa Mabry, grandchildren of June and Tim Moss. Brydon, age two, and Lexa, age four, are the children of Trent and Nikki Mabry of Lubbock. They have been frequent visitors in the Moss home as their parents are expecting twins on December 31 'if not earlier', grandmother June said. (Courtesy photo)

New Arrivals

It's a girl!

Marina Lei-Ann Acree

Sgt. Will and Tara Acree are proud to announce the arrival of their daughter, Marina Lei-Ann Acree, born December 9, 2004, in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

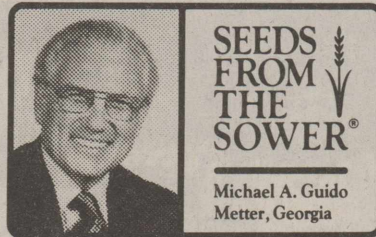
She weighed seven pounds, nine ounces and measured 19 1/2 inches in length.

Helping welcome his sister home was big brother, Edward Allen.

Grandparents are Eddy and Betty Bailiff of Knoxville City, the late Phil Acree, Allan and Betty Hauer of Great Falls, Montana, and the late Joan Hauer.

Great-grandparents are George Hodges of Knoxville City, Elizabeth Acree of Rochester and Nick and Evette Hauer of Great Falls, Montana.

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They just returned from their honeymoon, and the husband said, "Now that we're married, it might be helpful if I pointed out your defects."

"Don't bother, darling," she replied. "I know them. They kept me from getting a better man."

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

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County youth win at district 4-H food show

Knox County 4-H members participated in the Rolling Plains District Food Show on December 11 at the Wilbarger Auditorium in Vernon.

In the Food and Nutrition Project, 4-H'ers learn the importance of including foods from each of the basic food groups from the Food Guide Pyramid in the daily diet. They learn the principles of nutrition as they relate to health, physical fitness and appearance as well as acquiring and demonstrating skills in planning, purchasing, preparing and serving tasty, attractive and nutritious meals and snacks. 4-H is the youth development and leadership program of the Texas Cooperative Extension, a part of the Texas A&M University System.



KNOX COUNTY 4-H youth win at district food show held recently in Vernon. (Courtesy photo)

A total of 11 Knox County 4-H'ers participated in the District Show. They are: Kristen Kuehler - Jr. Fruit and Vegetable, 1st place; Katelyn Brown - Jr. Bread and Cereal, Lindsey Myers - Jr. Nutritious Snacks, Ethan Griffith - Jr. Desserts, Brittany Coop - Intermediate Fruit and Vegetable, 5th place, Clay Clark - Int. Bread and Cereal, 4th place, Samantha

Esquivel - Int. Nutritious Snack, 2nd place, Jessica Vanderpol - Int. Dessert, 3rd place, Leah Vanderpol - Sr. Main Dish, Sharrisa Beck - Sr. Fruit and Vegetable, 5th place, Vanessa Solis - Sr. Nutritious Snack, 5th place.

Entrants from 24 counties participated in the Junior, Intermediate and Senior Divisions. Contestants in the District event were all

winners from their county food show held in October. The competition at this event was very tough and these 4-H'ers did a fantastic job representing Knox County. Also helping with the event this year were several Knox County Food and Nutrition Project Leaders who served as judges, Michelle Esquivel, Daveine Clark and Dana Beck.

From this angle

This is a beautiful Monday morning, even though it is somewhat cooler than the Indian Summer days we have been enjoying. They tell us to get ready for winter weather this week, though. The cold we can take, just so there is no ice!

Spending Thanksgiving here and enjoying an early Christmas with Evelyn Balis were her children, Shelly and Dave Sipley of Syracuse, NY, Danny, Michelle and Josh Balis of Dallas, and Dana and Jim Hopkins of Garland.

Former residents Katherine and Danny Compton of Lampasas have returned to Knox City to make their home. The Comptons purchased the home of Elva Gonzales at 1006 South Fourth and have been making some repairs to the house. It is always good to welcome new residents.

Received an invitation this week from Jimmy Jackson whose mother Judy was nail tech at Appearances for many years before she accepted a job in the Clerk's office at Guthrie. Jimmy is a candidate for a Bachelor of Arts degree in Theatre Arts from the University of North Texas at Denton and commencement will be December 18. Our congratulations to Jimmy and his family.

Also, congratulations to Russ Chisum's daughter, Tara McMahan of Lubbock who made the Presidential Honor Roll at LCU.

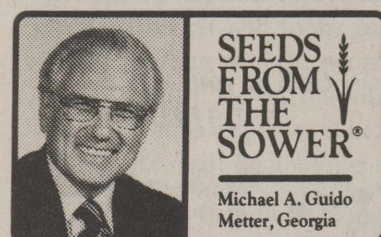
Russ Chisum was in Lubbock to attend the Stratford-Windthorst game at Lowrey Field. The score was 34-31 in favor of Stratford. They will play Shiner Saturday evening at 6:00 at Memorial Stadium in Wichita Falls for the state

championship.

Another guest in the home of Elaine Lewis on Thanksgiving was Jerry, an MSU student from Neves, the West Indies. She was with the Braden Neiman family.

We were sorry to hear that Gladene Green, Benjamin correspondent for many years, is 'laying down her pen' as of last week. Gladene has been such a dependable writer and we know how much she is going to be missed!

Congratulations to LaNell Kight - what a great teacher! She always wanted her students to remember something about their year in her class and when we had a student in her third grade class, she took them outside and had them do a rain dance. Would you believe it actually rained! That was LaNell! If you failed to have her as a teacher, you missed out.



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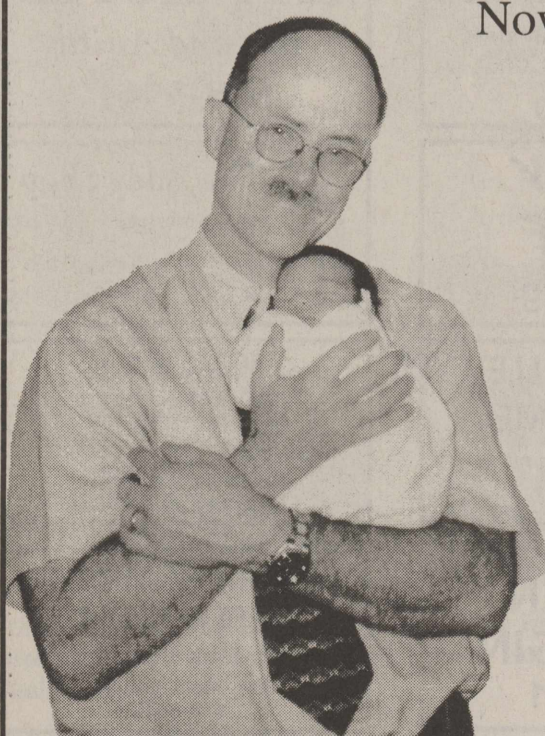
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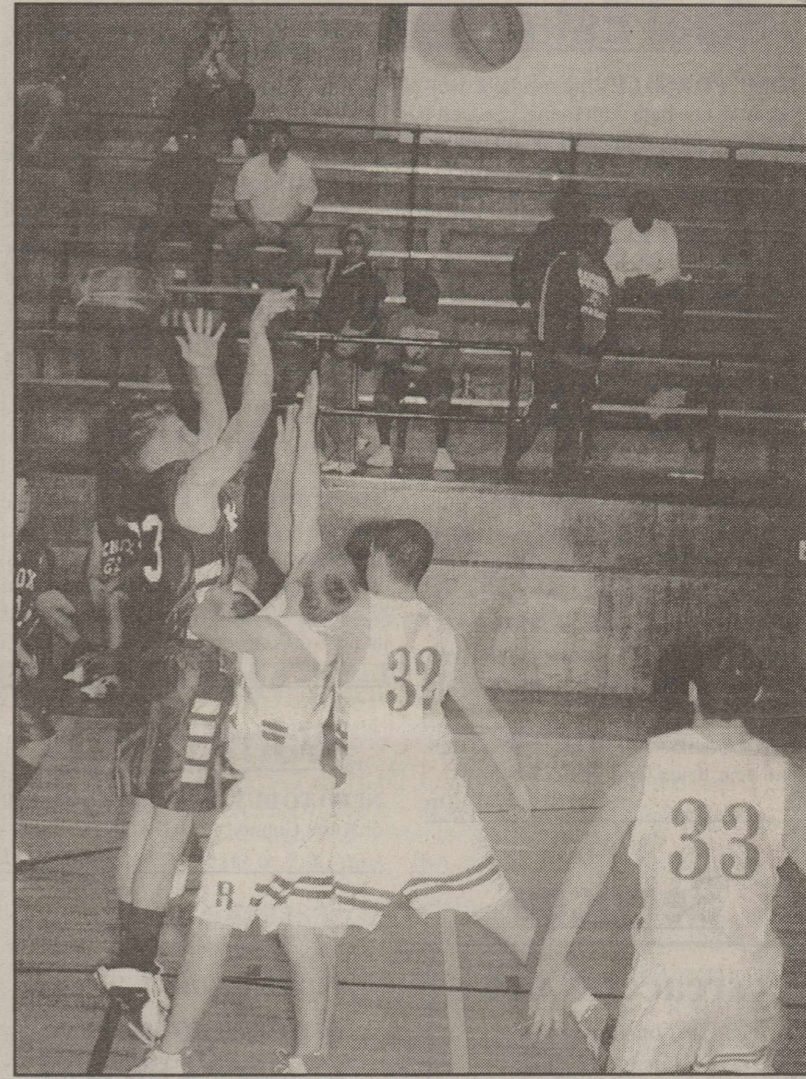
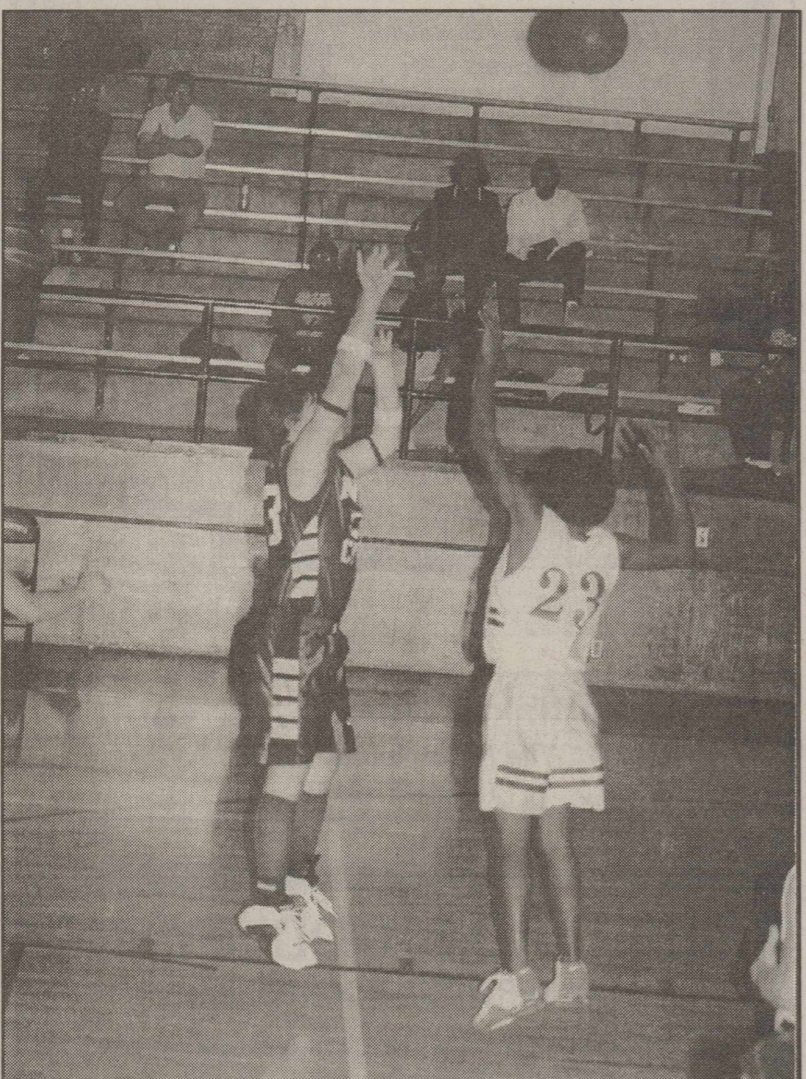
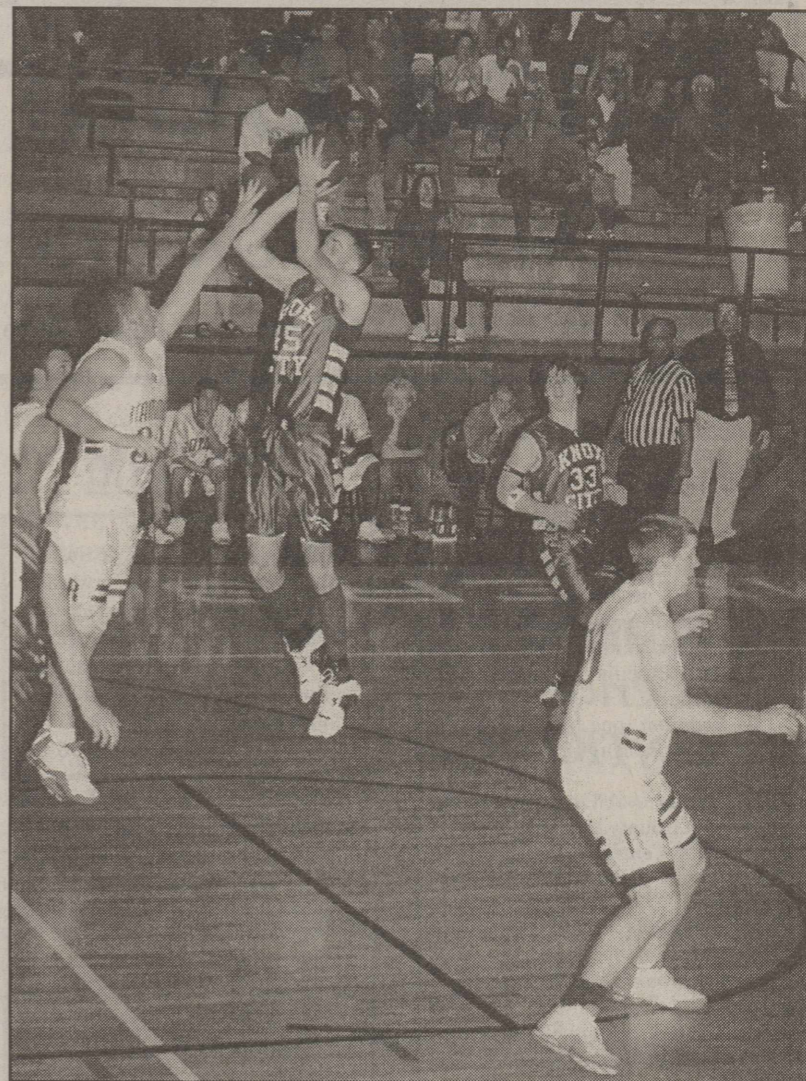
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