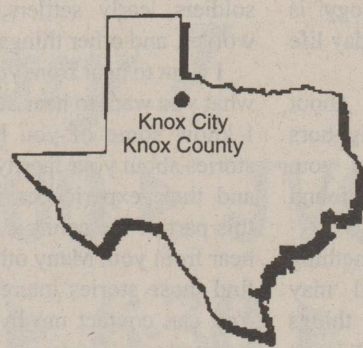


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## Wichita Falls Man Arrested for Unlawful Possession of Anhydrous Ammonia — Second Suspect Still at Large

One suspect was arrested and another eluded law enforcement personnel after an incident Monday night that began around 8 P.M. just west of Gilliland.

According to the Knox County Sheriff's Department, the suspects fled the scene after being approached by county law enforcement personnel.

A foot chase ensued which later involved the Foard County Sheriff's

Department and at 3 P.M. Tuesday, one suspect was apprehended.

Brian Ware of Wichita Falls was detained and arrested for unlawful possession of anhydrous ammonia with the intent to manufacture a controlled substance, mainly methamphetamine. He is currently being held in the Knox County jail.

Law enforcement personnel is seeking the second suspect, a white male in his mid-twenties.

## Cotton Comes In

Area farmers worked straight through from 2004 to 2005, bringing in the cotton along with the new year.

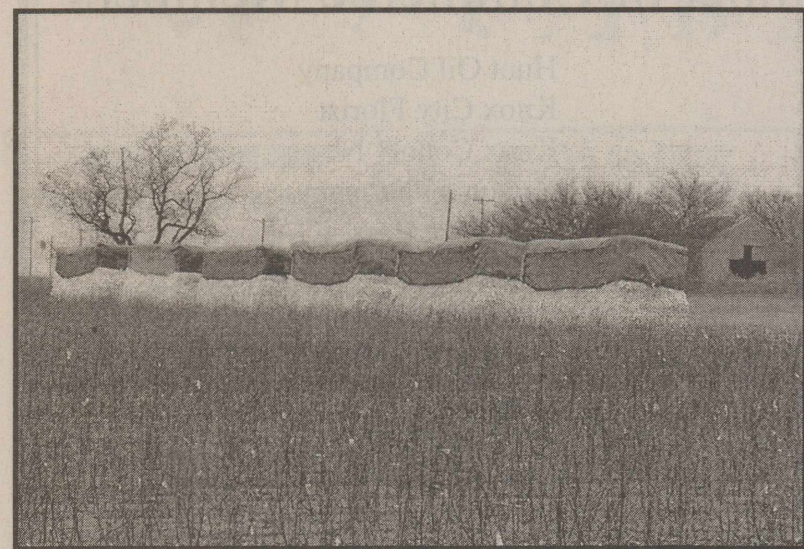
According to a couple of the area cotton gins, most of the cotton has been harvested and is waiting to be hauled in.

"Most all of the cotton is off the stalk and in modules," Rhineland Co-op manager Larry Tomlinson said. "It's just waiting to be picked up."

Even with all the wet weather, the

crop looks to be a good one, if it all makes it out of the fields. Area farmers made several attempts to strip the cotton, but muddy conditions throughout the Rolling Plains have slowed the process. However, this year's harvest is expected to be a good one.

"We do expect it to be up from last year," Tomlinson stated. "Here at the Rhineland Co-op, we'll have around 50,000 bales on the yard as opposed to last year where we had about 39,000.



Most Knox County cotton has been stripped from the fields and is being processed at local gins.

(KCN staff photo)

## In the Flyway Texas Leads Central Flyway in Duck Population

By Robert Copeland

What comes to Texas from the northern states in record numbers, usually beginning in January of every year without fail?

No, not yankees seeking refuge from the bitter cold of New York City. And no, not retirees from Minnesota in motor homes.

We're talking about ducks. Waterfowl of all types migrate to Texas in early January to the tune of 3.7 million birds.

Of the 10 states located in what is known as the central flyway, Texas acts as a winter home or rest stop for about 70 per cent of all ducks in the region during the first month of the year.

According to Texas Parks and Wildlife biologist Dave Morrison, last year approximately 384,000 waterfowl inhabited the Rolling Plains. That number was down considerably from 2003 with 690,000.

When asked about this year's crop, Morrison stated what most duck hunters already know.

"It really all depends on the weather," Morrison said. "We anticipate quite a few more birds, more than likely a few more than last year."

On average, the Rolling Plains constitutes about 12 percent of the 3.7 million total count on ducks. Mallards make up the highest percentage of the overall Texas duck harvest at around 14 percent. Texans harvest

about half of the total ducks shot in the entire central flyway.

More of the most common ducks found in Texas are the gadwall, wigeon, green-winged teal, pintail, scaup and northern shovellers.

With timely rain being the most important factor in the duck population, last year's wet weather could work either for or against an increase.

"It's hard to predict the numbers in the Rolling Plains since it has been so wet," Morrison stated.

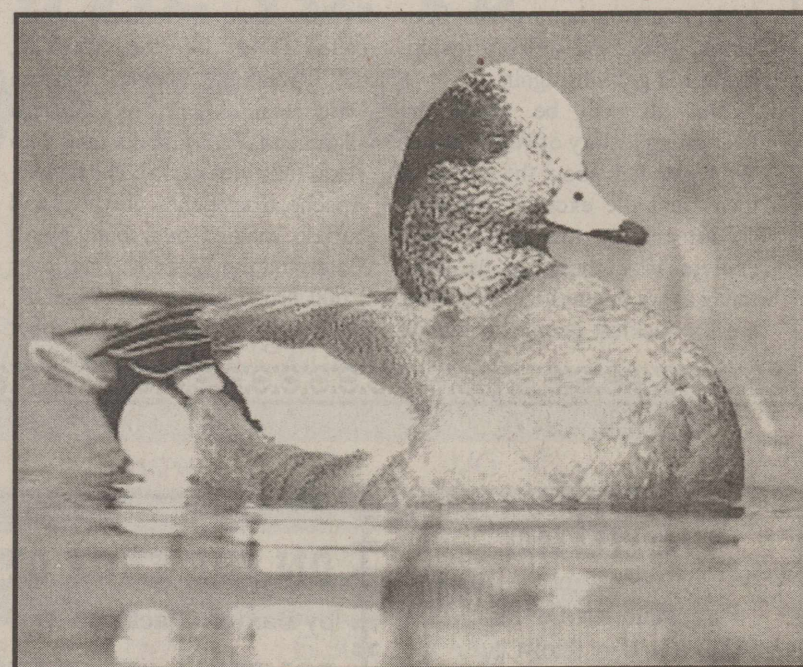
"Usually when one area experiences a lot of rain, some surrounding areas will still be in a drought, causing the birds to congregate in the wet areas. This year that isn't the case because the rain has been so widespread."

Local duck hunting outfitters, Ron Stanfield and sons Tony and Jeff of Stanfield Hunting Outfitters, bring in about 4,500 hunters each year, of which 1,400 are waterfowl hunters.

Just this week, Jeff Stanfield said they had a group of 20 kids from the Longview 4-H club. The young hunters harvested around 70 birds during their hunt.

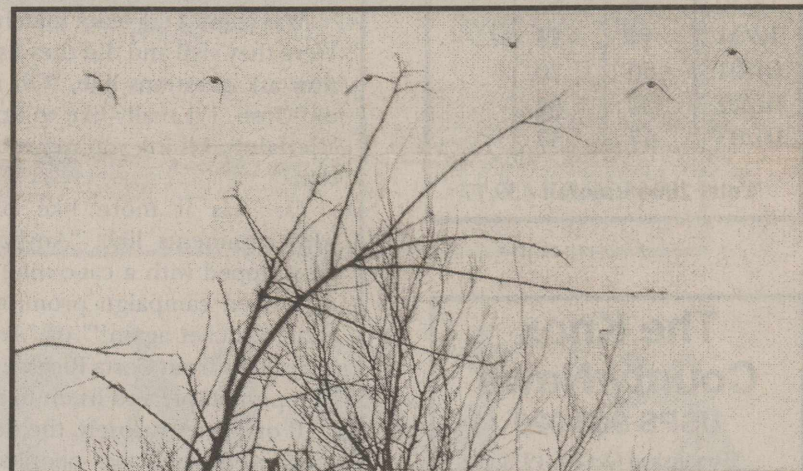
Agri-Alliance brought in a group of customers from Beaumont to the Stanfield lodge who shot their full limit Tuesday morning.

Although many of the duck hunters are not locals, the hunters from out of town and out of state pour a lot of dollars into the Rolling Plains.



(TPWD photo)

Waterfowl are a familiar sight in Knox County in January, whether in the water or silhouettes in the sky.



(KCN staff photo)

Tom Walker and his brother Scott "Duck" Walker of TXdovehunts.com bring in hundreds of duck hunters through their website and from advertising in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex. Next week, the Outdoor

Life Network will be out near Truscott filming a future episode of Binelli's American Bird Hunter.

Hunting is one occurrence of urban money transferring to the rural areas of the state.

## LOCAL SPORTS

### Knox City Basketball

With the advent of cold weather, indoor sports like basketball are a welcome event and in Knox City, the varsity boys and girls teams are looking to heat things up over the next few weeks.

Head Greyhounds basketball coach Larry Welch has his team at 2-1 in district play and ready for the rest of the season.

We're definitely going to give

them a run for their money," Welch said. "Our guys are tough, a little raw but willing to give it their best every game."

On the girls side, the Houndettes are also at 2-1 in district play and boast an overall record of 12-5. Their only district loss came at the hands of Aspermont. Knox City, Paducah and Aspermont will challenge for the title.



### Benjamin Girls Hoops

The Lady Stangs battled for a hard fought win last Friday night at home against Newcastle, 61-59. Benjamin outscored Newcastle by three points in the final period, rallying for the victory.

Leading the way for the Lady Mustangs were junior Cassie Lyles with 22 points and Sophomore

Shaylee Propps with 14. Sophomore Kaitlyn Kuehler added 10 points including one from downtown and Karla Benson tossed in eight points. Sadie Benson hit two filed goals and one from the charity stripe and Nancy Siemens contributed a bucket early in the game which proved to be the difference.



SWISH! Kaitlyn Kuehler sinks a free shot for the Lady Stangs.

(KCN staff photo)

(LEFT) Knox City coach Larry Welch lines it out for the Greyhounds.

(KCN staff photo)

## Commissioner's Court to consider full agenda on Monday, January 10

The Knox County Commissioners Commission will meet in Regular Session of the Court on Monday, January 10th, 2005 in the County Assembly Room at the county courthouse in Benjamin.

On the agenda for Monday are requests for private road conversion to county road or neighborhood road by John Moorhouse/League Ranch Headquarters, and a request by Moorhouse to install cattle guards at each end of County Road 1030.

Also, officers for the Historical

Commission will be considered.

The Court will also consider request from Knox City to surrender holdings on property; Bids on foreclosed property; Implementing the HAVA project (voter registration); Consolidation of Precincts; Surplus equipment; Office for District Attorney; and other road and bridge issues.

The Court will also consider accounts payable; Financial statements for December 2004; and Budget for FY 2005.

## TxDOT offering scholarships to seniors who "Don't Mess With Texas"

Scholarships are available through the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to high school seniors who work hard to keep Texas litter free.

One \$3,000 and two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded in the spring

of 2005. Applications are due April 1, 2005 and are now available online at [www.dontmesswithtexas.org](http://www.dontmesswithtexas.org) or through high school counselors. The scholarships are TxDOT's effort to generate more youth involvement in the Don't Mess With Texas campaign.



## Rolling Plains Ramblings

By Morton Scott

Hello! I am Morton Scott. I'll be writing this column in your newspaper: Ramblings Across the Rolling Plains.

My columns are a part of your publishers' efforts to make this newspaper more interesting and useful to you, the readers who are, after all, the boss.

I'll be writing about a wide range of things related to Knox City, Knox County, the state, nation, the world (and, maybe, beyond). We'll explore the early days, when settlers first came. We'll talk about thundering buffalo herds, cowpokes herding thousands of longhorns across expansive plains, hills and creeks, settlers carving homesteads from virgin lands, and cities growing, dying and growing again.

Not all will be about the fascinating history of North Texas. We'll also talk about the events of today and the exciting vistas of an astonishing tomorrow. We'll explore why those of us alive today as we begin the 21<sup>st</sup> Century are the luckiest people in human

history.

Our exploding technology is giving us miracles in everyday life for now and our future.

Sometimes we'll talk about your friends and neighbors - and maybe even about you. Fascinating stories can be found everywhere.

You need to know something about me. I'm 74 (so I may sometimes talk about how things were "in the good ol' days"). I'm a widower, I have been a newspaper reporter, sports editor, a soldier, a city and state planner, a Federal bureaucrat. Probably the driving forces in my life are a curiosity, a deep thirst for knowledge, and my belief that Love is the most important force on Earth.

I've done a radio program called Tales of the WestOK, the "WestOK" being Western Oklahoma. Much of Western Oklahoma history spills over into Texas (and vice versa). The Kiowa, Apache, Comanches, cowboys and buffalo roamed over both North Texas and the WestOK. I did over 1,000 broadcasts of the WestOK. So I'll bring many stories about

our Native Americans, cowboys, soldiers, early settlers, buffalos, wolves, and other things western.

I want to hear from you. Tell me what you want to hear about. Also, I know some of you have good stories about your family members and their experiences in settling this part of the country. I'd like to hear from you. Many others would find those stories interesting, too. You can contact me by e-mail at [fmortonscott@aol.com](mailto:fmortonscott@aol.com). Or you can leave me a note at the Knox County News office.

We've have just gone through a very heated presidential election battle. I can remember 18 presidential elections; none have been this intense. Now we must join as Americans to support the Nation and President Bush. He (and we) faces serious, important problems. His job will be complicated and difficult.

The President needs our support as he begins his second term. We must work together as Americans. Some may differ with the President. Those who do must pursue that difference constructively.

## O'Brien happenings

By Audie Johnston, O'Brien Correspondent

Visitors in the home of Billie Walker over the holidays were friend Mary and Roger Caffee and children Ashley and Cody of Amarillo; son Cliff Banner of Hawley; grandson Kevin Banner and his son C.J. of Lott, Texas; Joe Banner's son; daughter Julie Sanders, husband Dale, granddaughter Cyan Cole and Dale's mom Annie Sanders all from Amarillo.

Thanks to Audie Johnston who came by daily to check on Billie and

to Sherrie Reid for food and medicine.

Spending the weekend with Beatrice Ellis and attending church on Sunday morning was her daughter Sandra.

They were to go to a funeral for one of Beatrice's relatives. David and Ellis of Alpine also visited them over the night.

Vivian Hendrix returned home over the weekend after spending several days with her daughters and fami-

lies in and around Wichita Falls.

Visiting Adelle Herring over the weekend were Claudia and Marsha Reid of Rochester. Claudia and Adelle are sisters.

There seems to be a lot of people who are ill and need our prayers. Prayer sure changes things. Those that need our prayers are Janoma Stephens, Myra Reeves, Jo Lippard, Billie Walker, Rose Marie Johnston, Vivian Hendrix, Patsy Orr and Jean Barnard.

## CAPITOL COMMENT



U.S. SENATOR

KAY BAILEY HUTCHINSON

### The New Year Will Bring Important Developments

New Year's is not just a time for ringing out the old year and ringing in the new. It is a time to reflect on how far we have come over the past twelve months, and where we are going.

This past year saw some obvious highlights, not the least of which was the sight of a young Afghan woman casting the opening ballot in that nation's first democratic elections. Some thought it would never happen, yet Afghanistan is heading in a new direction toward peace and prosperity after years of violence and oppression.

In 2005, we are on track to see the same momentous occurrence in Iraq. This storied land, home to the world's most ancient civilization, will see its first free and fair elections as her people establish a democracy. Will there be setbacks and problems? Possibly.

But what we do know is this: for decades, this was a nation that knew only tyranny and dictatorship, without hope and without freedom. For the Iraqi people, this New Year offers unprecedented and enormous promise. The ouster of a Saddam Hussein regime known to support terrorism is due to the brave men and women in our armed forces who are fighting alongside stalwart Iraqis to defend liberty.

We should stand shoulder to shoulder with the friends of democracy in Iraq in the upcoming year. I think our efforts will bear significant dividends in the

years ahead and deal a blow to terrorists worldwide.

I also believe 2005 will bring welcome developments in our own country.

If there is one government program which looks to the future, it is schooling, because public education has laid the foundation of democracy in America. Implementation of the No Child Left Behind Act will continue to provide incentives, funding, and accountability to our public school system. I have also supported grants to many Texas institutions to help our state recruit and retain highly skilled educators to prepare our children to excel tomorrow. We are already seeing gains in education for our children, and these should continue through 2005.

Texas' colleges and universities will continue making strides as well. I have worked to increase our share of federal research, and hope to see our ranking among the states in R&D funding improve in the coming year. That will translate into more discoveries and advances as well as stronger economic growth in our state.

One of most important legislative initiatives we shall see in 2005 will be a plan to improve and strengthen the Social Security program and preserve it for future generations.

As the Baby Boomer generation retires, the system will be placed under tremendous strain and will eventually become insolvent unless we take steps soon. President Bush has shown courage and vision in addressing this issue now. Delaying action would only make changes that are inevitable more painful to implement.

Any legislation I support will be based on two bedrock principles. First, the United States will fulfill its promises to present beneficiaries and those who will be retiring soon. Reform will also allow recipients to voluntarily invest a portion of their Social Security payroll tax payments into personal accounts which will provide a better return on investment and offer beneficiaries ownership over their retirement security.

This subject requires serious study and discussion before Congress takes action, but I am hopeful we will make progress in 2005 to strengthen Social Security.

## Weather

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Date	Low	High	Rain
12/28	38	68	
12/29	44	64	
12/30	48	68	
12/31	44	73	
01/01	50	70	
01/02	50	68	
01/03	47	57	

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Letters to the Editor are encouraged. They must be signed by the author and include the telephone number for verification purposes. Only the writer's name will appear in print. Letters should be kept to a reasonable length, are subject to be edited for clarity, liability and for the purpose of only conveying a single point. Every attempt will be made not to change the meaning of letters. All letters are run "space available". Each letter is accepted on that basis. Political statements or endorsements will not be accepted or published as Letters to the Editor.

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Monday thru Thursday

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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.

## ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

by Baxter Black, DVM

### POLITICAL RELATIVES

Okay, how many had a pleasant family holiday get-together DISRUPTED by members of opposing political parties going at it tooth and nail? Me too.

Was yours a tag team match, one on one, or a mob lynching? Were they civil and did they listen to each other's opinions? Did they ask questions like, "Oh really, where did you read that?" or "Gosh, I'd really like to know more about that subject." or "Certainly, I think you're probably right. Why didn't I think of that?"

Or...was it more like professional wrestling, peppered with comments like, "Anybody who'd vote for him should be whipped with a cat-o-nine tails and drug through 26 acres of broken campaign promises while reciting, 'I'll never vote straight ticket again!'" or "Are you so stupid you didn't know that aliens from Costa Rica were controlling his mind! Put down that punkin pie and listen to me!"

If one listens closely, the debating points resemble the same ones used when two people are debating Ford vs. Chevy or Hereford vs. Angus, i.e., "It has a better tone." "I like the way it handles." "I just don't trust 'em." "He's got no mothering instinct." "The bloodline is better." "I'm sticking to what my daddy said!"

I think it's possible for a supporter or even a fanatic to change their mind. But rarely is it a result of something heard in a debate. More often as we age and change, we begin to realize that what we wanted then is not what we want now. Regarding these tedious or enlightening adversarial holiday conversations (depending on whether your side is winning), there is much historical precedent. Winston Churchill's post-prandial dinner discussions were legend. Learned, opinionated people holding forth on the topics of day. Stimulating to many. I'm sure others would have been more comfortable knitting or pulling cockleburrs out of a wild cat's tail rather than listening to windy, overbearing, condescending, earnest, self-important bores.

"Winston, send these people home, Saturday Night Live is on in ten minutes and you've still got to walk the mongoose!"

So, to all you family and friends who bore the burden of having to watch football over the high volume, non-stop verbal wrangling of a few rabid political relatives, my apologies.

And to my bright, articulate, narrow-minded, knowledgeable, partisan kin folk, thanx. I take great pleasure in your company. You are my whetstone. You help me sharpen my wit.





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### Hello from the Publishers

Regular readers of the Knox County News know that Dave and Stacy Thompson have sold the newspaper to Terry Armstrong and Jeff Jordan. This is our first issue of the paper and we want to take this opportunity to say hello to our readers.

It is our goal to provide our readers with a newspaper that gives broad coverage to every corner of Knox County, from the county commissioner's court to 4-H club news.

Robert Thompson is the new editor of the Knox County News and Laura McCandlies is the friendly face and "Jill-of-all-trades."

Readers will be seeing some new things in this issue and in the weeks to come.

Sadly, readers will also notice the loss of two popular columns in the KCNews - Billye Angle's "From This Angle" and "Benjamin News" by Gladene Green. We understand the need for these valued contributors to get away from the demands of weekly deadlines.

We welcome columns of these types and invite anyone from these communities to take up the reigns of a tradition which adds to the richness of community newspapers.

Anyone interested in writing a community column can come by or call our office to take a chance at being the next Liz Carpenter.

We want to thank the people of Knox County for the warm welcome we have received and we will make every effort to provide you with a newspaper that you will enjoy.

Please bear with us as we settle in to our new surroundings and our doors and minds are open to you - our customers - to know what you want in your newspaper.

Our thanks to Dave and Stacy Thompson and Billye Angle for providing us this opportunity to be a part of Knox County. We will handle with care the newspaper that has been such a big part of their lives. We wish them all the blessings in the world.

Terry Armstrong  
Jeff Jordan

### EMS needs cell phone numbers with home addresses for 9-1-1 emergency situations



With the ever increasing popularity of cell phones, many people are using them for their home phones. While these phones are convenient, and sometimes, less expensive, they can create problems for emergency services. At this time, the 9-1-1 automatic location system does not depict addresses from cell phones. There have been some instances wherein callers either have not known their addresses or have been unable to give them to the 9-1-1 operator. This causes delays in dispatching help to the caller.

Anyone using a cell phone as his/her home phone, is urged to take the phone number along with the physical address of the residence to the Knox City or Munday EMS station. EMS will provide 9-1-1 with a list of names, cell phone numbers and physical addresses.

The goal of law enforcement and emergency agencies is to provide the best service possible to Knox County citizens. Your support in this matter will be appreciated.

### Weinert volunteer fire dept. to sponsor country dance

Weinert Volunteer Fire Department will host a country music dance, Saturday, January 15, at 9:00 p.m. at the Weinert School, featuring Sheila Helton and her "Good Kinda of Country". Tickets are \$6.00 advance - \$7.50 door. For information call 940-673-5307

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Register for Spring II semester (8-week) while registering for Spring or Spring I. For more information on Spring II classes, see schedule on VC Web site. Classes begin January 18. See the schedule at [www.vernoncollege.edu](http://www.vernoncollege.edu)

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### New Year's Driving Resolutions

While you're making your New Year's resolutions, Texas DPS has a suggestion: add "Improving Driving Habits" to your list. Driving can be one of the most dangerous activities you engage in during the day, so taking a few moments to think about your driving is a good idea.

Here are some good driving habits to employ:

- Make sure everyone is buckled up.
- Drive sober.
- Use your turn signals.
- Do not tailgate.
- Obey the speed limit.
- Do not speed up, block lanes, slam or tap on brakes.
- Report extreme cases of reckless driving to the appropriate authorities.
- Do not retaliate, gesture or make eye contact.

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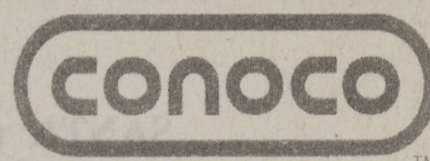
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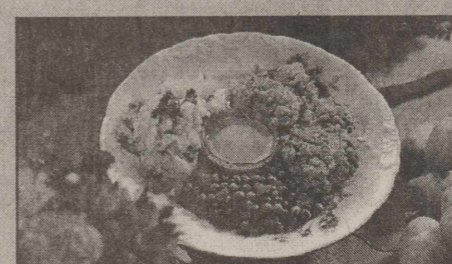


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## Obituaries

### Alton Lawrence Byrd

Alton Lawrence Byrd, 84, of Rochester, died on Monday, December 27, 2004, at Hendrick Medical Center. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 29, 2004 at Faith Chapel in Rochester with Paul Chambers, Randy Hollingsworth and Basilio Andrade officiating. A private family burial will follow at Rochester Cemetery under the direction of Smith Funeral Home.

Mr. Byrd was born on March 30, 1920 in Stamford, Texas to Mr. and Mrs. L.R. Byrd. He married Katherine Wimberly in Aspermont, Texas. Alton was the owner of a lumber and Hardware Company. He was the Mayor of Rochester and was on the West Texas Council of Government for twenty-three years. Mr. Byrd was a member of Faith Chapel in Rochester. Hew as a loving husband and father and will be greatly missed by them all.

He is survived by his wife, Katherine Byrd of Rochester; two sons, Anthony Byrd and wife Evone, and Tommy Byrd; three grandchildren, Michael Byrd, Cody Byrd and Tiffany Bell Byrd; three great grandchildren; Brook Byrd, Brandi Byrd and Bryson Byrd, one sister, Mary Poindexter of Abilene.

## The bidding is underway...NOW!

Though the 35th annual telethon benefiting West Texas Rehabilitation Center won't be aired until January 15, the telethon auction website is now open for bids on more than 350 retail items and dozens of handcrafted quilts and afghans. Log on at [www.rehabauction.org](http://www.rehabauction.org)

If you're looking for something with four wheels, take your choice of a 2005 Chevrolet Silverado with extended cab, a 2005 Ford Mustang, a 2005 Pontiac G6 or a Polaris Ranger...or how about a Tige boat, a Texas Motor Speedway experience, or a six-person spa?

With 17 categories of retail merchandise plus all the quilts and afghans, the Rehab telethon auc-

tion has something for everyone..

Auction bidding will continue on-line until midnight on January 15. The toll free number to call and bid between 6 p.m. and midnight that evening is 866-219-7013.

While keeping tabs on bids for an item of particular interest, a great way to spend January 15 from 7 p.m. to midnight is to watch Rehab 2005, a five-hour television special featuring fast-paced entertainment.

Underwriting for the show is being provided by AEP-American Electric Power and Associated Publishing/Area-Wide Phone Book. Auction sponsors are NTS Communications and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas.

## New Arrivals It's Twin Girls!



Trent and Nikki Mabry of Lubbock announce the arrival of twin daughters, born Dec. 21, 2004. Cambria Kashlyn weighed in at 6 lb. 4 oz. and Daycia Dakotawighed 8 lb 4oz. They are welcomed home by big sister, Lexa, age 4 and big brother, Brydon, age 2. Tim and June Moss are proud grandparents and Nikki Moss is the proud aunt of the new twin girls.

## It's a boy!

*Landry Shane Lewis*

An early Christmas "gift" was received by Shane and Aimee Lewis of Yukon, Oklahoma.

A son was just what Shane ordered, seven pounds, four ounces and 19 1/2 inches long. He made his entrance at 12:32 a.m. on December 17, 2004.

Big sister, Abby, age 2 1/2, has a special name for him already. She has called him "Baby Hop Hip" since she was told she was to have a little brother. Where that came from, no one knows!

Paternal grandparents are Elaine Lewis and Sterling and Josie Lewis, all of Knox City; and maternal grandparents are Dennis and Pat Zacharias of Yukon, Oklahoma. Maternal great-grandmother is Evalyn Zacharias of Gotebo, Oklahoma.

Wonder where the name Landry came from!

## Thank You

Words cannot express how much we appreciate all the cards, flowers, phone calls, memorials, special masses and food during the loss of our dear Mother and Sister.

We have never felt so overwhelmed by the love and prayers through so many of our friends, family and throughout the community.

Our Mom was a very special lady with a "Big Heart." She touched many lives. We will miss her very much.

Our days ahead will be difficult at times, but through the love and prayers from all of you, we will make it through. Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered.

May God Bless You,  
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Lyndon Moore and Family

## Thank You

Thank you to the citizens of Knox City and Benjamin for helping make Christmas in 28 families.

About 85 children were provided clothes, toys, etc. Some picked up angels, some donated toys and other merchandise, many contributed monetarily, and all are really appreciated.

Pam Duke, Sherry Ellis  
JoAnn Albus  
Doris Ward, Peggy Guinn

## Aging center lunch menus

January 10th thru 14th

**Monday, January 10** - Bar-B-Q Beef Tips, Pinto Beans, Macaroni & Tomatoes, Cornbread, Fruit

**Tuesday, January 11th** - Chicken Strips, Mashed Potatoes, Hominy Casserole, Biscuits, Cobbler

**Wednesday, January 12th** - Beef Stew, Cheese Sticks, Cornbread, Cookies

**Thursday, January 13th** - Beef & Macaroni Casserole, Glazed Carrots, Pea Salad, Garlic Toast, Dessert

**Friday, January 14th** - Hamburgers/Cheese, Lettuce & Tomatoes, Chips, Coconut Ice Box Pie

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No man really becomes a fool  
until he stops asking questions.  
—Charles Steinmetz  
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### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ~ Knox City

*Gayle Baucum, Interim 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

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### FOURSQUARE CHURCH ~ Knox City

*Paul Chambers, Pastor*  
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Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m. ~ Mid Week, Wed. at 7:00 p.m.

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### FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of Benjamin

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### GILLESPIE BAPTIST CHURCH ~ Gillespie

*Matt Harrington, Pastor*  
Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.  
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**Friday, January 7**

**Knox City ▶ At Jayton ▶ 4:00 ▶ JVG, VG, VB**

**Benjamin ▶ At Northside ▶ 6:30 ▶ VG, VB**

**Tuesday, January 11**

**Knox City ▶ Paducah Here ▶ 4:00 ▶ JVG, VG, VB**

**Benjamin ▶ Megargel Here ▶ 6:30 ▶ VG, VB**

**Knox City Basketball**

Jan. 7	* Jayton	There	4:00	JVG, VG, VB
Jan. 11	* Paducah	Here	4:00	JVG, VG, VB
Jan. 14	* Guthrie	There	4:00	JVG, VG, VB
Jan. 18	* Rule	There	4:00	JVG, VG, VB
Jan. 21	* Aspermont	Here	4:00	JVG, VG, VB
Jan. 24	Crowell	Here	4:30	JVG
Jan. 25	* Paint Creek	There	4:00	VG, VB
Jan. 28	OPEN			
Feb. 1	* Jayton	Here	4:00	JVG, VG, VB
Feb. 4	* Paducah	There	4:00	JVG, VG, VB
Feb. 8	* Guthrie	Here	4:00	JVG, VG, VB

\* District Games

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**Benjamin Basketball**

Jan. 7	* Northside	There		VG, VB
Jan. 11	* Megargel	Here	6:30	VG, VB
Jan. 14	* Crowell	There	4:00	JVG, VG, VB
Jan. 18	* Harrold	There	6:30	VG, VB
Jan. 21	* Chillicothe	Here	6:30	VG, VB
Jan. 25	* Northside	Here	6:30	VG, VB
Jan. 28	* Megargel	There	6:30	VG, VB
Feb. 1	* Crowell	Here	4:00	JVG, VG, VB
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