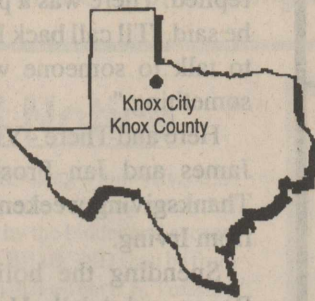


Please remember the Knox County Child Welfare Board's toy drive when you go Christmas Shopping!

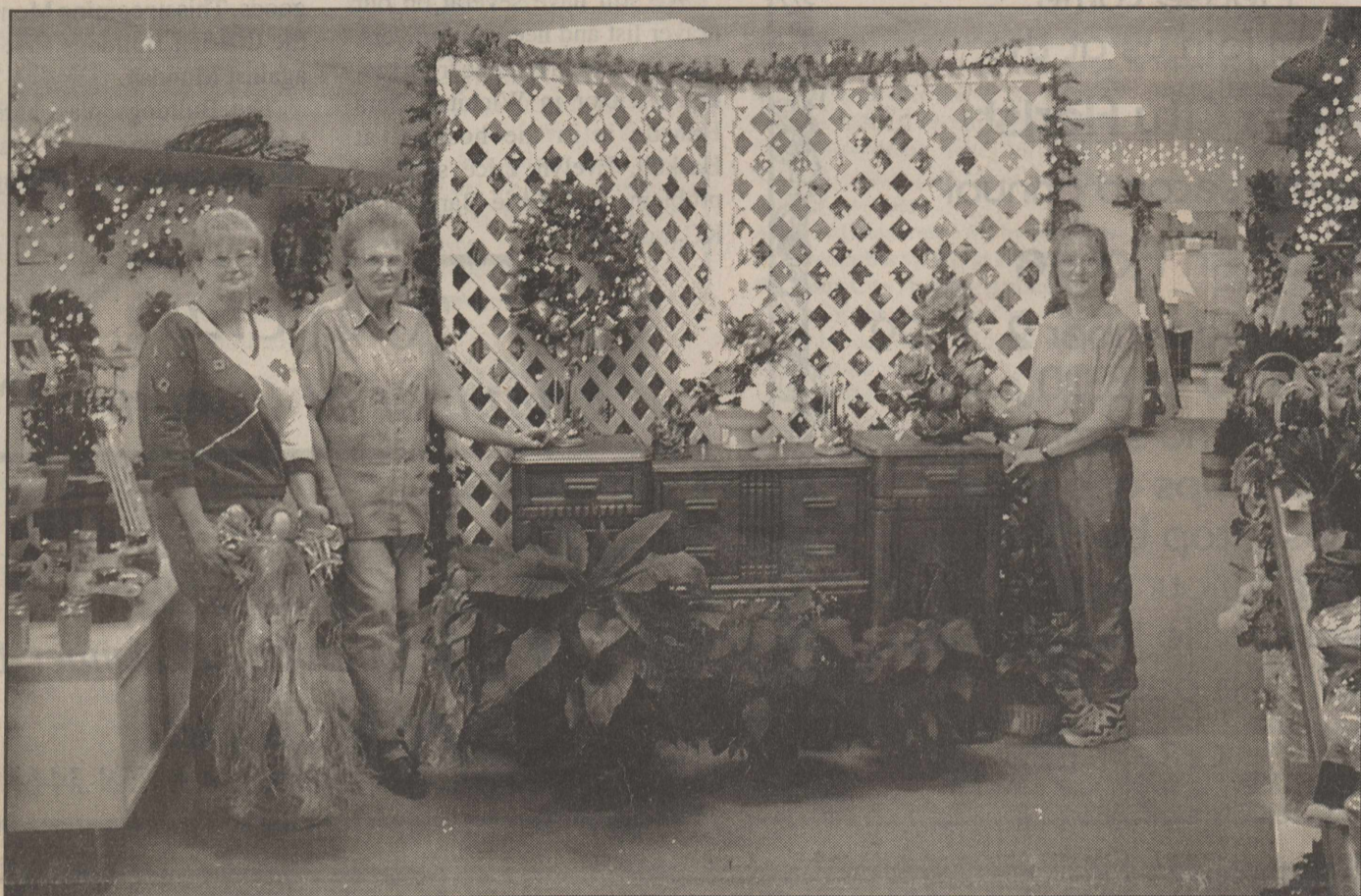
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Merchants prepare for special holiday shopping on Thursday night



GETTING READY FOR A CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE, Knox City Flower Shop owner Barbara Barnard (at right) has been working hard with Beverly Munsell (at left) and Charlene Brothers (center) to prepare everything for the store's second annual Christmas open house this Thursday evening during late holiday shopping hours in downtown Knox City.

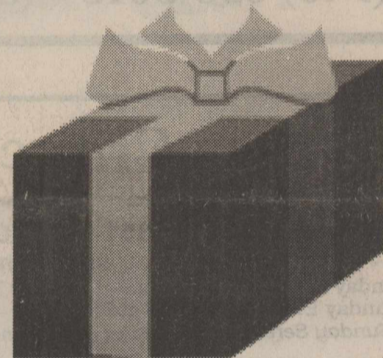
Knox City retail merchants located in the downtown shopping area are working hard for your holiday shopping business as they work together and extend store hours this Thursday for a special evening of holiday shopping.

Participating merchants have agreed to extend their store hours until 8:00 p.m. on Thursday night in order to accommodate their local customers and friends.

Along with in store promotions and specials by various individual merchants, the Knox City Florist cordially invites you to their second annual Christmas open house from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

By shopping with local hometown merchants, you will be able to enjoy their specials as you help the economy of Knox City and enjoy a few hours of fellowship with your friends and neighbors.

Remember, it all happens this Thursday evening in the downtown business area. Come join in the holiday spirit as you enjoy a few hours of fellowship with your friends and neighbors!



Legislation introduced in the Texas House by Rep. David Counts benefits area water issues

Legislation introduced by State Representative (D-Knox City) in the Texas House during the past legislative session will have a big impact on rural area water issues in the future. Working to insure the continued availability of an abundant water supply for rural Texas in the next century, Rep. Counts is justifiably proud of the legislation relating to water issues during the past session.



Rep. David Counts

SB 991 by Lucio (Representative Counts) allows the state to implement water conservation measures in irrigation districts

with the resulting water saved to be deposited into a special water conservation bank.

The water savings deposited can be transferred to municipalities, industries, and other agricultural users. The cost of implementing the conservation measures can be repaid by the sale of conserved water.

The goal of this legislation is to maintain or even enhance agriculture's productivity while making additional water supplies available for growing municipal needs and economic development.

HB 1283 by Representative Counts will save rural city and county governments millions over the next two years by improving the state's wastewater permitting system. According to estimates,

the bill will lower the cost of implementing a new wastewater permitting program from approximately 7.6 million to approximately 2.6 million. With the passage of this legislation, the cost to each permittee (cities) has been greatly reduced, and local governments will benefit by paying lower permitting costs associated with implementation of the stormwater permitting program.

HB 3814 by Representative Counts has allowed the creation of the Salt Fork Water Quality District in Stonewall County. The district will not have any taxing authority, but it will provide a governmental entity that can oversee the implementation of some important feasibility studies of salt content in local creeks.

Thirty-six students included in 'Who's Who'

A total of 36 students from this area are included in the 33rd Annual Edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1998-99.

Who's Who, published by Educational Communications, Inc., Lake Forest, Illinois, is the largest recognition program and publication in the nation honoring high achieving high school students.

Students are nominated by high school principals and guidance counselors, national youth groups, churches and educational organizations based upon students' academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular activities.

Traditionally, 99% of Who's Who students have a GPA's of 'B' or better and 97% are college bound.

The 33rd Annual Edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1998-99, published in 18 regional volumes, features over 750,000 students or just 5% of the nation's 14,000,000 high school students.

The 1998-99 students from Knox City High School are Jeff H. Acree, Christopher D. Bartley, Natalie Bloxham, Casey C. Carver, Anna Lauren Clonts, Natalie M. Dempsey, Crystal L. Espinoza, Jessica Frazier, Kayla Garcia, William C. Grimsley,

Dana G. Holmes, Crystal A. Hunt, Audrey B. Lankford, Manuel Ledesma, Phillip L. Lerma, Monica Magana, Adam C. McCown, Tamara McGaughey, Sabrina D. Powell, Erica M. Quintana, Carrie A. Richardson, Stephanie B. Rios, Angela M. Roberts, Sara E. Rocha, Melissa Ruiz, Shawn E. Speck, Jennifer Vacek, Justin R. Vasquez, Tamiaka Ware.

From Benjamin High School were Carmen Acevedo and Eric W. Santisteven.

From Guthrie High School were Ashley R. Bouher, Michele R. Clark and Lance W. Green.

Dr. Urnosky seminar set for Tuesday, December 7

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Knox County Child Welfare Board and the Knox City Ministerial Alliance will be sponsoring Dr. Terry Urnosky, lecturer and professional counselor, on Tuesday, December 7, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., W.R. Baker Auditorium, Knox City.

Dr. Urnosky presented seminars in Knox County in 1993 and 1996 on "Firm Family Foundations" for which he received an overwhelming response from the participants. Due to popular demand on December 7, 1999, he will return to address "Avoiding The Pitfalls of the New Millennial Family".

Dr. Urnosky's unique teaching style strikes at the heart of issues vital to healthy family life and this program promises to be beneficial to anyone, both men and women, who deal with any aspect of children and youth development.

During the two hour program Dr. Urnosky will take a look at the next millennium and the pitfalls it will hold for families. Ways to avoid these pitfalls will be addressed.

This seminar is open to the public free of charge. Throughout the evening, door prizes includ-

ing a color TV, VCR and microwave oven, will be given away.

Sponsors for the evening speaker are Texas Agricultural Extension Service - Extension Program Council, Family and Consumer Sciences Committee, Family and Community Education Association, KC Circle FCE Club, Northern Knox Neighbors FCE Club, Munday FCE Club and the 4-H and Youth Committee, Knox County Child Welfare Board and the Knox City Ministerial Alliance.

Organizers of the seminar feel that those who attend will leave with their lives deeply touched and greatly enriched.

For more information contact Jane Rowan at the Knox County Extension office at 454-2651 or a Child Welfare Board Member.

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LULAC council meets in Munday

By LULAC Representative


The LULAC, League of United Latin American Citizens, of Knox County held a meeting with the officers on Friday, November 19.

At the meeting, many topics were presented in order to get the LULAC Council in this county on "its feet". Many people around this area are unfamiliar and question the purpose of this organization.

LULAC is a nationwide organization. Knox County did not have one, and a number of people decided it would be a good organization to have in this community.

The basic goal in the council is to strive for achievements in education, employment, housing, civil rights and economic development in order to improve the lives of individuals throughout this area. There has been many criticism that suggest we work against law enforcement and our public schools. That is far from the truth. We cannot help the stereotypes or other false accusations, but we can help by working with law enforcement and our public schools. Since our children are our future, we are focused on education and self respect as well as respect for others. We hope to have a strong enough organization to help the children of this county become involved in activities that are family oriented and to become proud of their heritage.

The purpose of our December 11 fundraiser is to give school scholarships this coming May.


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O'Brien happenings

By Audie Johnston, O'Brien Correspondent

"Since I was the first to arrive at our high-tech company one morning, I answered the telephone. When the caller asked for field engineering, I explained that it was before normal business hours but that I would help if I could. "What's your job there?" he asked. "I'm the president," I replied. There was a pause. Then he said, "I'll call back later, I need to talk to someone who knows something."

Here and There - Visiting with James and Jan Frost over the Thanksgiving weekend was Erin from Irving.

Spending the holidays with Ranzy and Adelle Herring from Lubbock were Wayne, Julie Stephanie, Will and Emily Keeling, Pansy Hines, Kevin Urbanczyk and Mrs. Jack Keeling and grandson.

Dan and Marilyn Talbot were in Shallowater last weekend to visit their daughter Cathy Hughes and husband Gary and grandson Derrick.

Dwight Gothard had Thanksgiving with his son Paul Dean Gothard of Blackwell. They enjoyed lots of turkey and dressing and goodies.

Beatrice Ellis enjoyed Thanksgiving with her daughter Sandra Childress and families in Ozona.

Orval and Helen Manning were in Abilene over the Thanksgiving holidays and spent some time with their son Royce Manning and wife Peggy and enjoyed a good Thanksgiving dinner.

My son-in-law Kenneth Roberts of Plainview came and picked me up late Wednesday. We went back to Plainview and on Thursday (Thanksgiving) their son

Rodney Roberts and wife Sherri and daughter Jenna and son Jerrod came over for Thanksgiving. On Friday we went to Olton and visited my sister Mildred LaDuke in the care home there. On Saturday we were in Lubbock and visited with their son Rodney and family. We went to St. Mary's Hospital and visited with my granddaughter Jamie Wells, who is to have quintuplet boys in a few weeks (and is doing fine) Saturday. My son Don Johnston and wife Marilyn of Slaton picked me up and we had another late Thanksgiving dinner with their daughter Kari Lewis and family and Kenda, Hayes and Kellyn. Jim Johnston brought me home Sunday.

Visiting Billie Walker and son Joe Banner had Billie's sister Mary Beth Senny of Minden, Louisiana, over the Thanksgiving holidays.

Delbert and Norma Hayes were Old Glory Saturday to attend the musical. There was a good crowd and pretty good music.

We still have several on our prayer list and need our prayers. Bernice Rowan is home from seeing a doctor in Wichita; Clara Hanson is in the hospital at Haskell, Evelyn Trice still has problems and Edrie Barnard in KC hospital.

Vivian Hendrix enjoyed Thanksgiving in Wichita Falls with her daughter LeNear and other sisters and grandchildren and families.

Bennett and Sue Shortes enjoyed a good Thanksgiving with their children, Bennett's two daughters Hailey and Heather and his parents and Sue's son Scott and daughter Stefani and Scott and Stefani's grandmother Janoma.

Bro. Bill and Evelyn Trice had company now and then during the holidays. Their son John Mark and some of his family and Renda their daughter and some of their children and Bob, Ruthie and Matthew Acree.

Fifth Grade News

Last Week's News - This past Thursday, the 5th graders at O'Brien Mid-School had a Thanksgiving feast. We got to invite our parents. Thank you to all the parents who came to enjoy a 5th grade time of Thanks.

Mrs. Bartley and Mrs. Chappell cooked hams, the rest of us brought salads, desserts, bread and other goods. This upcoming Monday is the O'Brien Bulldogs first game against Munday.

The Bulldogs play here; the Lady Bulldogs play at Munday. We hope we are successful against our opponents.

Holiday Happenings

Please come
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Lady Bulldogs Basketball

By Coach Sandy Chappell

November 29, 1999

It was an exciting night at the O'Brien Gym as the Bulldogs of O'Brien took on the Bulldogs of Spur. Both teams played hard and went home with victories. That's my kind of night.

The seventh grade team came ready to play. They defeated Spur 32-10. Everyone contributed in some capacity. Our defense is getting better, more people are scoring, and we are getting more aggressive. Keep up the hard work. Individual scoring: Dimple Patel 5 pts., Kaylie Billington 3 pts., Sophie Gutierrez 18 pts., April Magana 2 pts., and Erica Nevarez 4 pts. Dimple also had a great defensive game. Congratulations girls!

The eighth grade Lady Bulldogs had an old fashion barn burner! After a hard fought battle, the O'Brien Lady Bulldogs came away with a much needed victory 32-30. After some halftime adjustments, the girls made up a 5 pt. deficit and played close the rest of the game. I was very proud of the effort these girls gave. Individual scoring: Ariana Gomez 3 pts., Martha Silva 11 pts., Jodi Chambers 9 pts., Samantha Gutierrez 2 pts., and Haleigh Chenhall 7 pts. Ariana Gomez also gave a great effort on defense. Congratulations!

The next Lady Bulldog game will be against Aspermont at the O'Brien Gym. Games begin at 5:00 p.m. Come out and support

the girls.

Last Week's News

The Lady Bulldogs traveled to Munday, Monday night for their season openers. Boy, were we rough around the edges.

The seventh grade girls won their first game as Lady Bulldogs by a score of 33-23. We still have quite a bit to learn, but this was a good start. Individual scoring was as follows: Sophia Gutierrez 23 points, Kaylie Billington 8 points, and Erica Nevarez 2 points.

The eighth grade game didn't turn out quite like we thought it

would. The Lady Moguls defeated the Lady Bulldogs 50-17. We spotted them 28 points in the first half. The girls didn't quit and we will improve. Individual scoring was Martha Silva 4 points, Jodi Chambers 2 points, Samantha Gutierrez 2 points, Sondra Lankford 5 points and Haleigh Chenhall 4 points.

I am expecting great things as the season progresses. These girls are competitive and work hard. Come out next Monday and support the Bulldogs as they take on the Spur Bulldogs. Games begin at 4:00 p.m.

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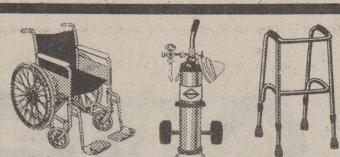


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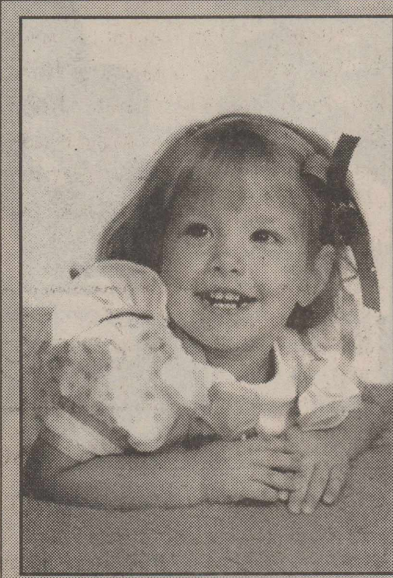
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Many thanks to you.
Carolyn J. Welch



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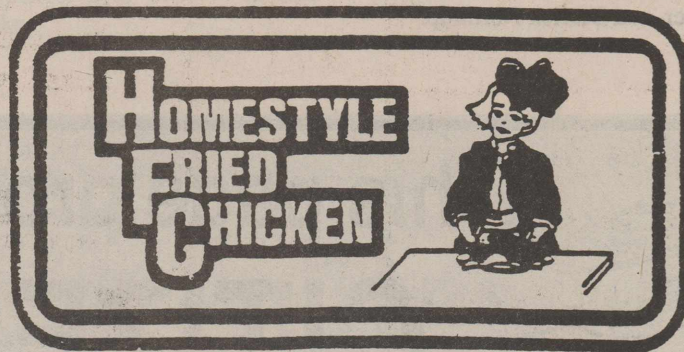
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Aging center lunch menus

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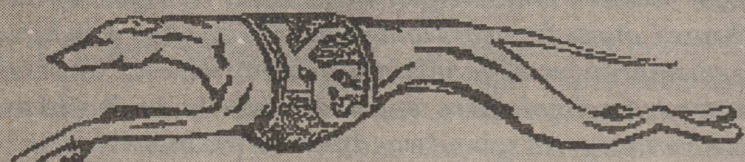
Tuesday, December 7 - Beef tacos, grated cheese, lettuce and tomatoes, whole kernel corn, refried beans, sliced peaches with cookies.

Wednesday, December 8 - Fish with tartar sauce, cole slaw, macaroni and cheese, black-eyed peas, hush puppies, pineapple ice box pie.

Thursday, December 9 - Chicken fried steak, sweet pea salad, buttered potatoes, squash, fruit cobbler.

Friday, December 10 - Barbecued chicken, potato salad, pinto beans, turnip greens, Mexican cornbread, cake square.

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



By the students

GREYHOUND PRIDE

Knox City Elementary serves as proving ground for student teachers

The Knox City Elementary was the training ground for two future teachers. For twelve weeks this fall, Stan Hammett and Stephanie Daniel worked as student teachers. Mr. Hammett spent his time in Marsha McGaughey's fourth grade classroom. Mrs. Daniel worked in the second grade under the direction of Carolyn Brockett. Both teachers were given a nice going-away party and left with lots of hugs and tears, evidence that their presence was appreciated.

Mr. Hammett is a native of Arizona. He spent over twenty years in the Army as a drill sergeant, followed by service as a probation officer in California. He moved to Munday six years ago and began studying at Midwestern State University. He will graduate with a degree in Interdisciplinary studies and a minor in History. He is also currently a dispatcher at the Knox County jail in Benjamin. His

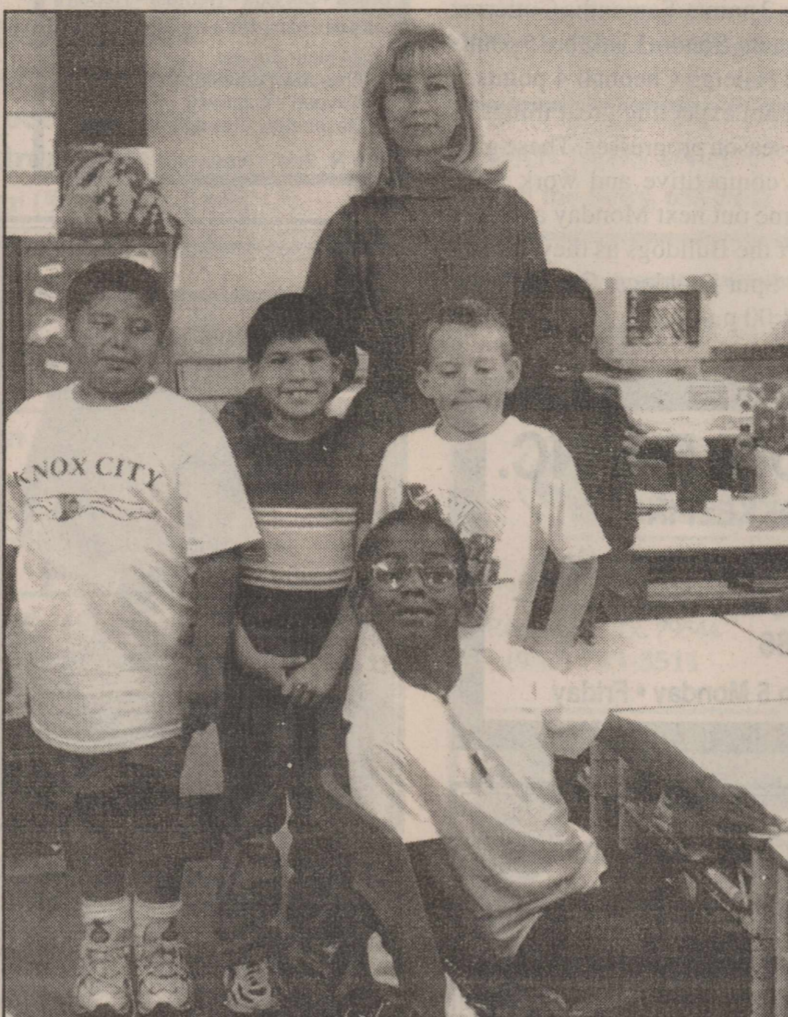
hobbies are hunting and fishing.

Mrs. McGaughey commented, "Having Mr. Hammett here was a pleasant experience. He was very much enjoyed by the students."

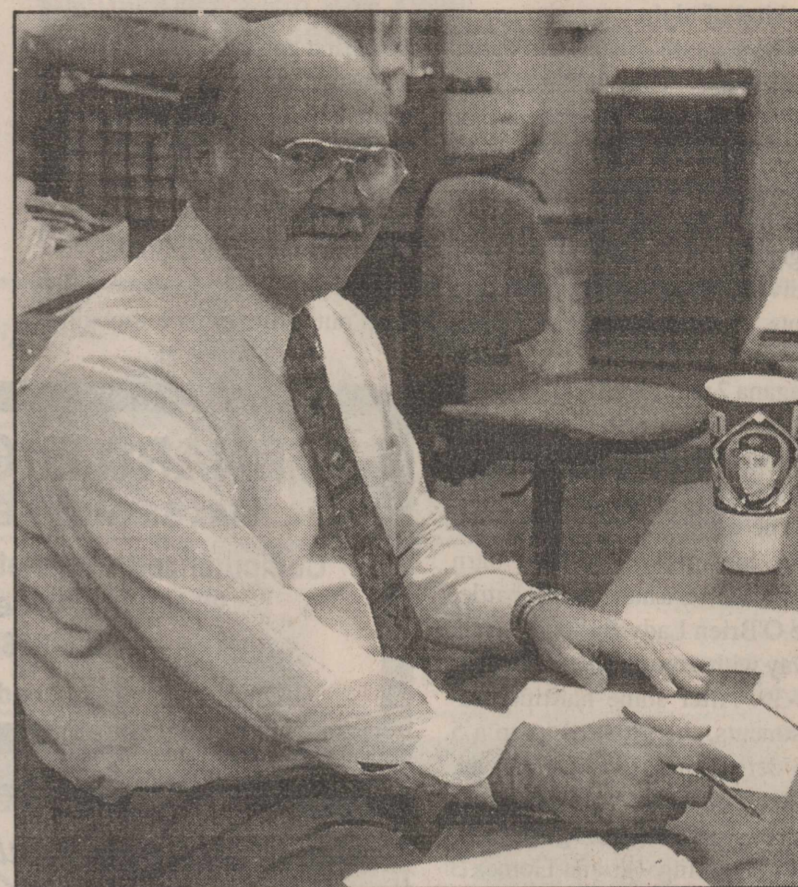
Fourth grader Travis Hawkins stated, "I liked the way he talked about his guns. He said they had to stand a mile away when they fired them and set off the controls." J.C. Chappell said he enjoyed Mr. Hammett's stories he told about his dogs.

Mrs. Daniel is from Guthrie. She also has been studying to be a teacher and is a senior at Midwestern. She will have a major in Elementary Education and a minor in English.

Maribeth Williams, Elementary school principal, stated, "I was pleased that we were the host school for Mr. Hammett and Mrs. Daniel while they were completing the requirements to become certified teachers. I know they both have the qualities to become successful educators."



Student teacher Stephanie Daniel made an impression on these second graders when she worked in their classroom for twelve weeks this fall. Pictured are: Back row, Mrs. Daniel; Middle row: Eric Casillas, M.J. Abila, Rocky Smith, and Derrick Coleman; Seated, Daniel Satchel.



Stan Hammett, fourth grade student teacher, is pictured here hard at work helping plan the lessons for the day. Mr. Hammett worked for twelve weeks in the fourth grade classroom taught by Marsha McGaughey.

Mrs. McGaughey's fourth grade news

Many exciting things have happened in the fourth grade room. They had a special person for 21 weeks. His name was Mr. Stan Hammett and he is going to be an elementary teacher. The class was chosen for him to do his student teaching in. Everyone had a fun time and made a special friend. On his last day, he was given a surprise going-away party.

Another unusual guest came by to visit the other day. Mrs. McGaughey stepped out the door and thought she saw the school cat coming across the street. The "cat" turned out to be a porcupine! Harry Steen was called and with the help of Danny Parker, they were able to trap him in a cage before any harm could

be done. All the students in the Elementary school got to see him before sending him over to O'Brien to Coach DeVill.

The last 13 weeks students have been working hard with the Accelerated Reader Program. Students read books and then take computer tests over the story. The better one reads, the more points he or she scores. Each class is having fun keeping up with their points.

Aaron Alejandro from Wichita Falls came to speak to the school and thought she saw the school cat coming across the street. The "cat" turned out to be a porcupine!

He talked about the three building bricks we need in life to be successful. They are (1) to get along with others, (2) commitment, and (3) courage. He was a very good speaker and we enjoyed listening to him.

Mrs. Richardson's fourth grade news

By: Jessy Schur and Derek Agraz

The new school year brought two new people to the fourth grade. Sara Smith is from Commanche and Mrs. Richardson is from Aspermont.

The class is glad to have them!

In Science the class has been learning about several neat things. Students have collected rocks, experimented with different liquid flows of volcanoes, and explored the digestive system. In Social Studies, students have learned about the Indians of Texas. In Reading the class read *The Hoboken Chicken Emergency* by D. Manus Pinkwater and *Tales of the Fourth Grade Nothing* by Judy Blume. The class just started *Shiloh* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor. Students have also been working very hard to reach their goals for Accelerated reader.

Some great programs have been presented to our school this year. The Mobile Skylab at the O'Brien gym was a fun way to learn about the solar system. Louie the Lightning Bug came to tell us about electrical safety. Aaron Alejandro with "Turning Point" gave us some good tips about making good choices.

The fall festival was fun! The fourth grade booth was the Pie Throw. It was a great success. Thanks to Julie Schur, and also to Coach Chappell, Coach Smith, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Tucker, and Mrs. Waldrip for being willing targets!

Now the class has begun work on its musical Christmas play. It's called "Christmas at the KC Corral" and will be performed on December 9. Ya'll come out and see us!

Second grade news

By: Derrick Coleman

This year our second grade is working very hard. The second graders are studying Science and learning about the stars. In Social Studies class they are learning about different places like mountains, islands, suburbs, and cities. They have also studies about having respect for teachers, other students, and parents. Mrs. Daniel was the student

teacher and she taught us in Social Studies. She was a very nice teacher. We will miss her.

Students are all trying to be Independent Readers in the Accelerated reader program. Seven students have reached their goal: Brittney Gonzales, Kayla Hernandez, Derrick Coleman, Cameron, Mina Banks, Kenyin Collier, and Derrick Northrup.

Mrs. Urbanczyk's and Mrs. Hacker's Kindergarten News

The kindergarten classes have been learning about Indians. They have learned about the different tribes and their homes. The students made some Indian Fry Bread. They learned Indian sign language and all the ways they used the buffalo.

The class had a Thanksgiving feast on Tuesday to celebrate Thanksgiving.

The class is learning lots of things on the computer and is learning to read lots of words.

Kindergarten students are now ready for Christmas!

Mrs. Collins' and Mrs. Cole's Third grade news

By: Chance Agraz, Jordan Carter, and Samantha Esquivel

Third grade has been very exciting. Mrs. Cole and Mrs. Collins teach the class lots of new things. One of the most exciting is multiplication and division in Math. The class has learned to divide by tens but not yet to divide with remainders. They are two great math teachers.

On October 30 the third grade booth at the festival was putt-putt golf. There was also a cake walk, bingo, pick the duckling, and plicko.

On November 18, our class started playing basketball in P.E. after playing flag football and soccer.

The class had fun going to see a porcupine that was found by the fourth grade teacher. Some men came and got it and put it in a cage and took it back out to the country. Many of the students in our class had never seen a porcupine before.

The Christmas play is December 9th at 7:00 p.m. The third graders will be singing with other fellow classmates. The program will be "Christmas at the KC Corral." Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving!

O'Brien Happenings

By: Lindsey Villa

I, Lindsey Villa, the reporter for the Student Council here at O'Brien, would like to catch you up on the O'Brien happenings. The following people are the officers for the Junior High Student Council: Jodi Chambers, President; Dimple Patel, Vice President and Secretary; Ariana Gomez, Treasury, and Lindsey Villa, Reporter.

Right now the projects are collecting cans for a good reason, and that is the people at Christmas that might not have enough food.

We have had a haunted House for Halloween followed by Drug Awareness Week. We had a contest to see which class could have the highest percentage of students wearing their ribbons the whole week. The seventh grade won and got a coke party.

All of the Student Council at O'Brien wants to wish you a Happy and safe holiday for Christmas.

Sixth grade news

By: Jeremy Saxton, Tanisha Patel, and Jessica Albus

Life is very interesting in the sixth grade. There is so much to learn and do. In Math, sixth graders do tests, problem sets, speed tests, Brain activities, and TAAS worksheets. In English, the boys are doing "How to" essays and having spelling tests every Thursday. The girls also learned to write "How to" essays, and they did one on sundaes. After they wrote to papers, they made and ate sundaes. They really enjoyed that part of the fun activity. During boys gym class, they play dodgeball on Fridays and are now playing basketball. In girls gym, they learned volleyball, dodgeball, cross-country, and now basketball!

In history, students have learned about the ancient civilizations and the Nok culture. In science they learned about fossils and "a whole lot of fun things". The band is now getting ready for it's Christmas program.

Pre-K news

This has been a busy fall in the Pre-Kindergarten room. First, the students learned the rules of the classroom. The most important rule is "We are friends." Students learn to work with friends at centers learning to share and take turns. Waiting is hard.

Students had fun learning about the animals in the ocean and playing in the water table. They examined shells in the science center and made sand and sea pictures in the art center. After learning about the ocean, they explored insects and spiders. Halloween brought the opportunity to sponge paint decorations for the booth at the fall festival.

This month students are investigating the people in our neighborhood and trying to decide what they want to be when they grow up. The centers are set up as a beauty shop, a doctor's office, a garden, a post office, a construction center complete with hard hats and a garage.

This is the first year Mrs. Bowen has taught the Saxon math, so students have a meeting each day in front of the math board. They all know that the calendar tells us the month, the day, the date, and the year. Every day students review what they have learned; the six shapes, the seasons, the numbers, and birthdays. In addition, they discuss the make-up of families.

Music plays a major part in the learning in Pre-K. Mrs. Bowen thinks students can learn anything if they sing to it. Students sing a song about each color and a song to go along with each letter of the alphabet. Students have learned many sounds, too, and will be reading before long, and everybody thinks all they do is play!

First grade news

Mrs. Vacek's first graders are busy reading. They are excited because soon they will begin the Accelerated reader program. They are learning to code so they can unlock the sounds in any new words and so they can spell. They are all "super" math people. They learned about the seasons and why leaves change color during this time of the year in Science. In Social Studies, the

Fantastic world of fifth grade

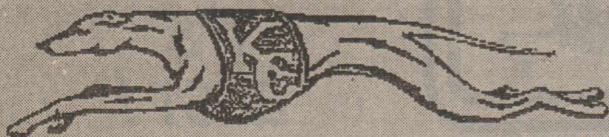
By: Katelyn Railsback

Welcome to the first edition of the fifth grade news. So far, O'Brien is going great for most of us. On the first day of school everybody was a little shaky, but now it's all going pretty smooth. So, I bet you want to hear what's going on in our world at O'Brien. During each bell we have five minutes to get to our next class or we get a tardy slip. As most of you already know, we have a new principal, Mr. Livingston. To most of us he is a really nice guy.

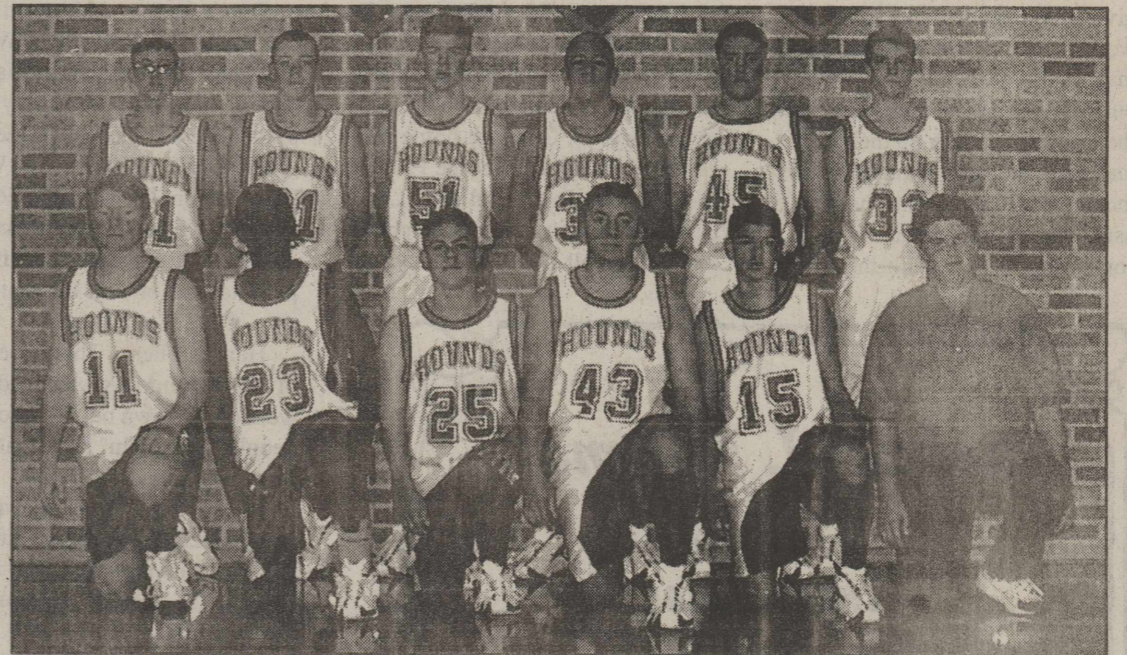
In English class we have been learning punctuation and capitalization of sentences. I Reading class we have to read three books in one six weeks and pass a test on all of them, or we can do one book report on any non-Accelerated Reader book and read a poem. In Math we have learned how to compare, add, and subtract fractions. We also learned short division. In Physical Education the girls and the boys do different tasks every six weeks. Right now it's basketball. This is the fifth grade's first year in band. Boy, it's challenging! At first we had some difficulty in deciding what instrument to play. Here is what we came up with: two drummers, five trombones, one flute, seven clarinets, two saxophones, two baritones, and eight trumpets. We are starting to sound more like instruments now, (sort of) instead of like dying animals!

We hosted a Thanksgiving Dinner for our parents in our classrooms. We used construction paper and made everyone cool-looking place mats that were extremely fun to make. That's a brief look at our fifth grade world. C-YA later, gators!

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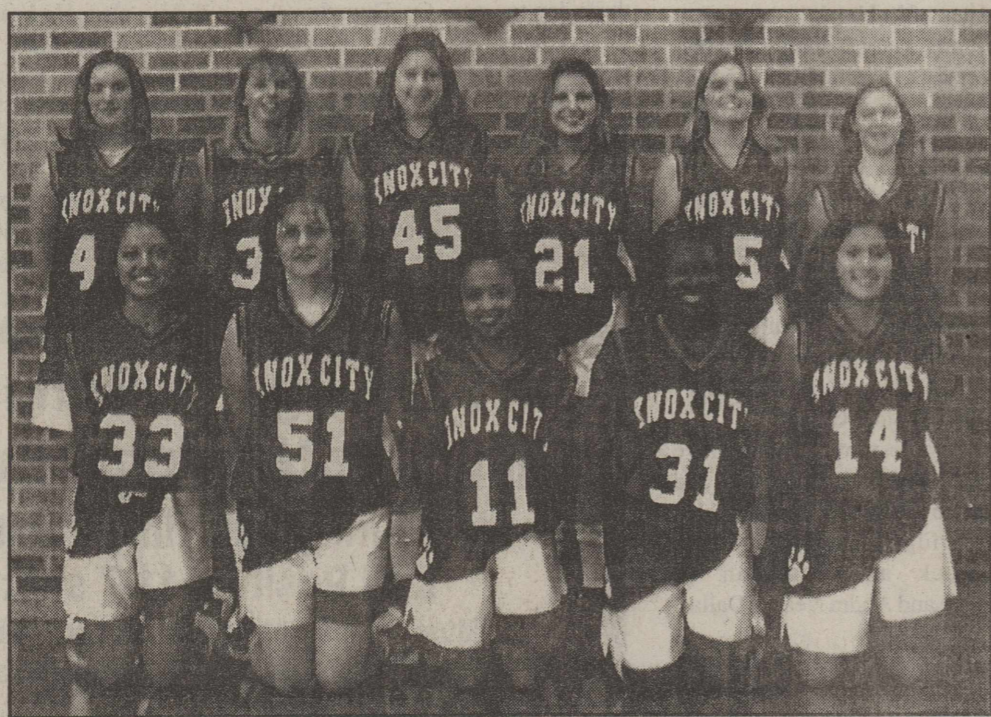
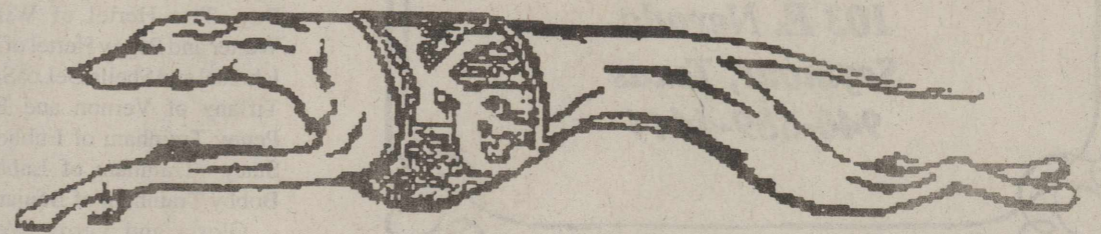


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Front row, from left, Audrey Lankford, Heather Stovall, Sonya Contreras, Kevina Walton, Erica Quintana. Back row, from left, Jane Ann Penman, Dana Holmes, Nikki Gonzales, Kayla Garcia, Angela Roberts, Jennifer Vacek. Coach is Jason Loftiss.

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Benjamin news

By Gladene Green, Benjamin Correspondent

I hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving and ready now for another work week. It's not long 'til Christmas so the next few weeks will be busy. Folks are already decorating their homes, putting up their Christmas trees and getting into the festive mood. The Cartwrights have their usual display out and as always, it is something to see. With the Christ-

mas carols playing each night, one can't help but wonder if Santa may be "just around the corner".

Most of the ailing of the community are about as they have been for several weeks. Our care home residents, Nora Hertel, George Parrish, Joe Nunley, Ruth Idol and Leola Isbell also continue to be much the same. As in all cases, some days are

better than others.

Dutch Young underwent shoulder surgery in Dallas last Wednesday. (some repair work on his shoulder) He came home Thursday but has to stay in pretty close for three weeks when he will go back to his Wichita Falls doctor. Then in six weeks will return to Dallas for his checkup. According to his daughter, Deann, he is in quite a bit of pain but that should ease off after a few days.

Here 'N There - There's been a lot of visiting this past weekend. Some went out of town but most folks had people "coming in" for a visit. I hope I haven't missed too many.

Joe and Julia Trepanier and Mary and Carl Engbrock spent Thanksgiving Day with their daughter and sister, Kathy Zapata and family in Wichita Falls. They also visited Randy Engbrock and family and Kim Trepanier while there.

Thanksgiving guests of Jane Gideon and Weldon Gideon were Lana and Carlos Mendoza and family of Seymour and Sue and Dave Terry and Summer of Dallas.

Charles and Joy Jones had their usual houseful during the holidays. David Jones and Kayla of Runaway Bay, Tim Hertel of Windthorst, Walter and Peggy Hertel of Munday, Ishmael and Sheila DeLosSantos and Tiffany of Vernon and Billy and Penny Trainham of Lubbock. Also Stacy Trainham of Lubbock and Bobby Trainham of Benjamin.

Gloria and Leroy West spent Thanksgiving with their daughter, Betty Parker and family in Aspermont. Their granddaughter, Chelsea, came home with them and returned home Sunday.

Blaine Conner and Christi Phillips spent Thanksgiving weekend with Blaine's dad, Steve and his family in Colorado City. On Friday night, they attended the Rule-Great Falls game at Coahoma.

I had Thanksgiving dinner with friends, James and Jimmie Klutts and their family in Knox City. Came home in time to see the Cowboys-Dolphins game and enjoyed the victory! Then on Saturday went to Childress for lunch and visit with my girls and their families. Enjoyed the entire holiday weekend.

Holiday guests of Don and Louise Hertel were Scott Hertel and Megan of Dallas and Craig and Donna Hertel and Jan Eric Hermann of Gainesville.

Jan is an exchange student from Germany, staying with Craig and Donna.

Thanksgiving guests of Roger and Betty Bohannon and family were Opal Hollingsworth and Gil Hollingsworth of Hale Center, Lonnie Bohannon, Misty Rains and Chance of Abilene. On Saturday, Roger and Betty were in Abilene to help Lonnie celebrate his birthday.

Visiting Joe and Sharazan Riggins and family Thanksgiving were Fred and Beth Killough of Potosi, Kay Smith of Elmdale, David Garcia of Texas Tech and Joe and Joy Riggins of Rochester.

Thanksgiving guests of Dub and Jo Cartwright were their sons Terry and his family of Plano and Tracy and family of Benjamin.

Holiday visitors in the home of Sam and Darla Santisteven were Dixie and Lee Santisteven who live in New Mexico and Tom Ireland, Darla's grandfather, who resides in Wyoming.

Visiting Hazel Stockton and Bud Conner were Keith, Pam and Casey Conner of Big Spring, Stephanie and Bob Brannan and Michele and Jimmy Barrientez of Lubbock and Kim and Billy Moore and girls of Spur.

Raul and Reyes Barrientez had their children, Lupe Palacios and family of Crowell, Sean, Mary and Hannah Widmer of Carrollton, Jr. and Virginia Barrientez and family of Stamford and Jimmy and Michele Barrientez of Lubbock.

Jack and Mary Young's Thanksgiving guests were their son and his wife, Jack Jr. and Cindy of Palestine. Also a grandson, Trevor Neil of Haltom City.

Visiting Jonnie Williams and Mary Bohannon were Betty Mancille of Quanah, Jimmy Mancille of Austin, Brandi Hacker and girls of Knox City and Kelly Adams of Abilene. An early Thanksgiving week guest of Jonnie and Mary Tom was Mary Melton of Dayton, Ohio.

Holiday guests of Larry and Gaye Neal and Laura were Larry Ray and Catherine Neal and sons of Breckenridge, John and Sarah Blackstock and Jonathan of Newcastle and Audra Neal of Dallas.

Last Week's News - We were saddened again last week by the death of Eunice Friday. She passed away Tuesday evening after several months illness. 'Friday' was a wonderful person and loved by many. My sympathy to her family. Her funeral was here Thursday with burial in Dallas.

We have also learned of the death of Tom Collins, the husband of the

former Janis Patterson and brother-in-law of Lamoyne Patterson. He lived at Rotan. Graveside rites were held in Benjamin. And also the death of Grace Bisbee who died early Monday in the Haskell hospital. Grace had been in failing health since suffering a stroke several months ago. Funeral was Wednesday in Haskell with burial here also. Sympathy to both families.

Thanksgiving Program -The annual community Thanksgiving program was last Wednesday evening at the ex-student building. A wonderful 'pot luck' meal preceded the program. Invocation by Hank Wagner, minister of the Church of Christ, preceded the meal. John Gillispie, FBC pastor, offered the prayer of Thanksgiving. The group sang "We Gather Together". Charles Jones led singing. Special music was by members of the Church of Christ, the elementary school children of the Methodist Church directed by Pam Duke and Nancy McGreger and by Bud Conner. Carol Felts of Knox City brought the message. And after we sang "Count Your Blessings". Ronnie White gave the benediction.

Call News - Jr. High defeated Rochester last Monday. And on Tuesday night, high school hosted Lueders in a practice game and defeated them (girls). The boys lost.

Then we went over to Rule for a three day tourney. On Thursday our girls defeated Knox City but were defeated by Jayton Friday and by Rule, two points in OT. On Saturday, the boys played but were defeated each time.

Last night (Mon.) Crowell came over and our JV defeated theirs but their varsity beat us by 1 point. Both were good games. Remaining Jr. High

schedule, Dec. 6, Paint Creek, H, 5:30; Dec. 13, Open; Jan. 6, Rochester, H, 5:30; Jan. 13, Goree, T, 5:30; Jan. 15, Guthrie Tournament, T, TBA; Jan. 20, Rule, H, 5L30; Jan. 24, Paint Creek, T, 5:30.

Here 'N There - Leroy and Gloria West attended the funeral of her uncle, Arthur Yarborough in Early, near Brownwood, on Wednesday.

Randolph and Betty Barnett of Alvin were here a couple of days last week "visiting around" and looking over their prospective house site. They plan to be clearing the lots (where they are going to put their house) pretty soon and hopefully can get underway with construction of an out-building or two soon. They plan to have a house built and moved here.

Larry Neal gave everyone a scare last Tuesday night when he had to be taken to the Knox County Hospital. It was first though he had had a heart attack but that was not the problem. He was released Wednesday and is feeling much better. And that's good news.

Betty Mancille of Quanah and Jim Mancille of Austin visited here last Wednesday. They were in the area for the funeral of Nellie Averitt in Knox City.

We learned Sunday of the death of Terry Jennings. He lived in the Weatherford area. He was the son of former resident, the late Charlene Kendrick Gideon. Sympathy to that family also. He has several relatives here. Among them are second cousins, Imagean Young, Jane Gideon, Leroy West and Bud Conner. Also Joe Nunley at Brazos Valley Care Home.

Steve Conner of Colorado City spent Monday night here with homefolks and watched Blaine play ball.

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For the students



Ashley Harrison, a Knox City High School freshman participating in the Mentor Program, is pictured here with the students she helps from Mrs. Kathy Bowen's Pre-Kindergarten class. Pictured are: (left to right) Jasmine Sanchez, Megan Martinez, Haley Ledesma, Ashley Harrison, Laquita Roberson, Quinten Burt, Isaac Chavez, and Chasity Garcia. Seated in front is Rosie Woods.

High School students participate in mentor program

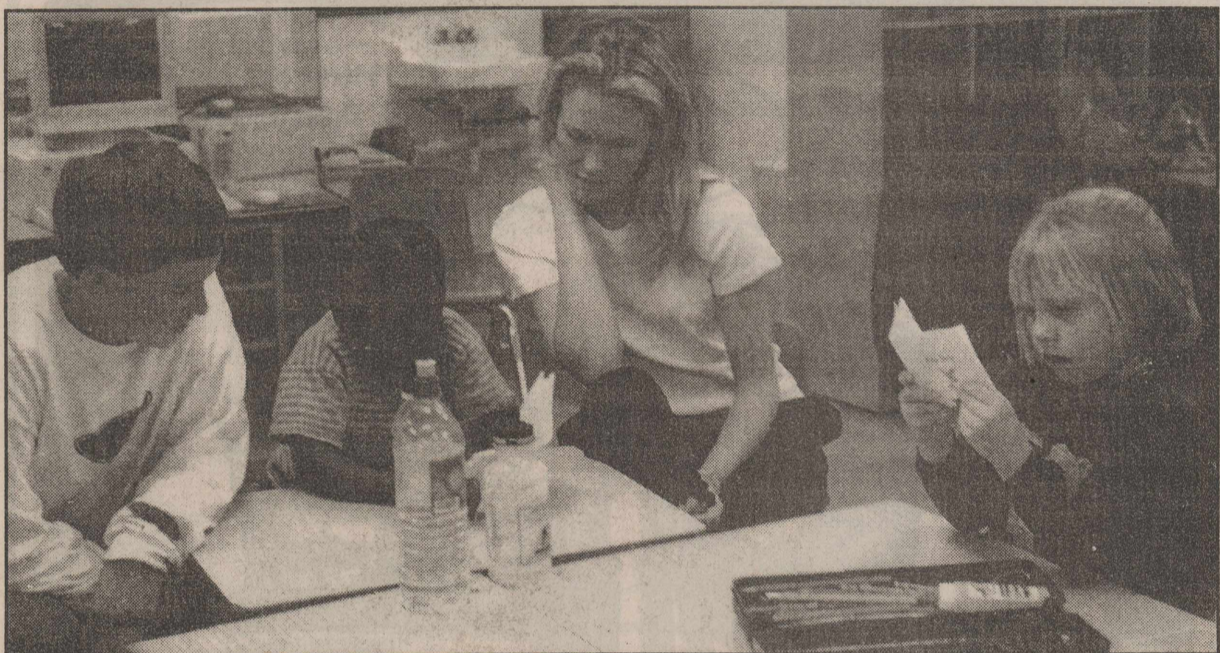
Several students in the high school agreed to participate in a mentoring program this semester. The program's goal is to involve older students in establishing positive rapport with younger students and help them in their school work. By doing so, it is hoped that younger students can have role models and not be afraid to get help from older students.

Program sponsor Greta Waldrip stated, "We were all young once and needed that pat on the back from someone older, someone we looked up to. It is sad when all young children understand about older students is to be afraid of them or be warned not to do what the "older" students do. If we can open up the trust and respect between the age groups, I think we can change some of the attitudes. Both age groups need someone to believe in them. Yes, trust is easily broken, but it has to start somewhere. Everyone has a need to feel needed and important. If teenagers can see what a great impact they can have on young children, I think they will rise to the occasion and help the next generation. You will remember for a lifetime that high school student who inspired you and made you want to try your best at something."

Once a week, high school students go to elementary classrooms and help with lessons or play on the playground with students, showing them sporting skills or cooperation in team play. Participating in the program are Aaron Sanchez, Audrey Lankford, Wes Parker, Scooter Thompson, Ashley Harrison, Kimberly Hawkins, Jennifer Eaton, Landon Weiershausen, Angela Roberts, Wesley Powell, Ashley Jobe, Brad Johnson, Amber Collins, and Lauren Clonts.



Ashley Harrison (right) encourages Megan Martinez (left) on her classwork in Mrs. Bowen's Pre-Kindergarten classroom.



High School Gifted Students Brad Johnson (far left) and Lauren Clonts (center) serve as mentors to first grade students in Mrs. Vacek's class. First graders pictured are Luther McCrary, seated at his desk (left), and Kalie Ainsworth (far right). Not pictured, but also helping with the first grade, is Angela Roberts.

Junior Class has successful dinner

By: Amber Collins and Jennifer Vacek

The Junior Class is very busy this year raising money for the Prom. We have worked long hours in the concession stands and also preparing for the Thanksgiving Dinner that was held on November 21. Approximately five hundred people attended.

The next fundraiser will be the sale of candles.

This year's Junior Class officers are: Audrey Lankford, President; Amber Collins, Secretary; Aaron Sanchez, Vice President; Sabrina Powell, Treasurer; and Jennifer Vacek, Reporter.

FFA report

By: Ashley Turner

Another year has begun and is already half over. In FFA we do a lot of awesome things. Our first meeting was in October. We elected officers and a sweetheart. The President is Roni Morrow. Vice President is Casey Carver. Natalie Bloxham is the secretary, and Ashley Turner is the reporter. Centennial is Logan Morrow and Treasurer, Tiffany Jobe. This year's FFA Sweetheart is Natalie Bloxham.

FFA students sold meats and fruits this fall. That was a job, but we all got it done. This has been a great year in FFA so far. Hopefully it will continue to be all year long.

Teacher's Corner

New teachers join Knox City High School faculty

Several new teachers joined the faculty of the Knox City school system this year. Each edition of the school paper will highlight new teachers. This edition will feature Mrs. Susan Carver, Mr. Jason Lee Loftiss, Mr. Zane Laws, and Mr. John C. Livingston.

Susan Carver graduated from Rotan high school and Texas Tech University. She married Craig Carver in 1975 and has lived in the Knox City area ever since. She has two children, Riley, who is married to KC graduate Stephanie (Williams), and Lacy, a Benjamin graduate and student at South Plains College in Levelland. Mrs. Carver taught at Benjamin ISD for 20 years. She taught one year at the Ninth Grade Campus in La Joya, Texas. She currently teaches Spanish, Keyboarding, Speech, and Geography. She states that what she likes most about teaching is being able to share in the excitement students experience when they achieve success in their lives. Outside interests include spending time with family and friends, camping, and travel.

Jason Lee Loftiss is a graduate of Midwestern University, having come from the hometown of Holliday. He has seven years of teaching experience, most recently coming from Seymour. He is married to Angela and has two sons, Dillon and Kellen. What he enjoys about teaching is "interaction with people and the

opportunity to make a difference in a child's life." He teaches freshman and sophomore English and is the girls' High school coach. His hobbies include chess, reading, and playing with his sons.

Zane Laws comes to Knox City from the hometown of Coleman, Texas. He is a graduate of Angelo State University. He has been a teacher for five years. He is currently the high school Math teacher. His relatives include his mother, Helen, and brother, Frank, whom live in Coleman County. As far as hobbies go, Mr. Laws stated, "Hobbies?! Who has time for hobbies!" When asked what he liked about teaching he said, "Knowing that I have an impact on the future through the knowledge that my students gain."

John C. Livingston is the new principal at O'Brien Mid-School. He is a graduate of Amber University with three and a half years of teaching experience. He has a wife, Tania, two daughters, Meagan (sophomore) and Makenzie (eighth grader) and a son, Will (third grader). Mr. Livingston enjoys running, cycling, and working on the house and yard in his spare time. He states that his enjoyment from teaching is "flexibility, and working with kids and the community to build a better tomorrow."

The next edition will feature Mr. Smith, Mr. Graves, Mrs. Cole, and Mrs. Richardson.

A big thanks from cheerleaders

By: Lorra Lierly, Cheerleader Sponsor

The High School Cheerleaders would like to thank the merchants and the citizens of Knox City for all their support of our fund raising efforts. The merchants have been very generous in placing ads and donating items for our drawings. We would not be able to do all the things we do without your support. Again, thank you.

Volleyball season ends

By: Kimberly Hawkins and Ashley Jobe

This year's volleyball season went very well. The freshmen had a few games by themselves, and the JV tied for first place in District. The Varsity made it to the Bi-District play-offs, but did not advance although they gave it all they had. Honorable Mention honors went to Erica Quintana, Lauren Clonts, and Angela Roberts. All District honors went to Nikki Gonzales, Kayla Garcia, and Jennifer Vacek. Overall, the teams had a great season. They worked hard and put a lot of time and effort into it. Everyone put in their sweat, blood, and gave 110% every time they stepped out onto the court. They are all looking forward to a great season next year. Coaching the team this year was Jason Loftiss.

Thanks to the fans who came to watch. Hope to see you at the basketball games as well.

Debbie Sandusky readies libraries for reading programs

Debbie Sandusky, the Knox City-O'Brien CISD librarian, has been busy this year getting the libraries ready for a new year. She has worked to get all of the books in place for the Accelerated reader program which is in full swing.

This is Mrs. Sandusky's first year as librarian. Of her new duties, she stated, "I have enjoyed getting to know all of the kids at the Elementary and O'Brien campuses. I knew many of the high school students, but not many at the other schools." She also has continued the Story Hour, a program that is a favorite of the elementary students.

"I think students love to be read to in Story Hour. I also have a goal to bring more color to the libraries and provide a stimulating environment." She said. So far, she has worked to buy new reference materials, since some things must still be done with books that can't be done on computer. There are ten new computers which will soon be available for research in the high school library.

Mrs. Sandusky added that the Book Fair this year made approximately \$1,500.00 and got the school over \$900.00 in free books.

Student Council leads plea for canned food drive

By Lauren Clonts

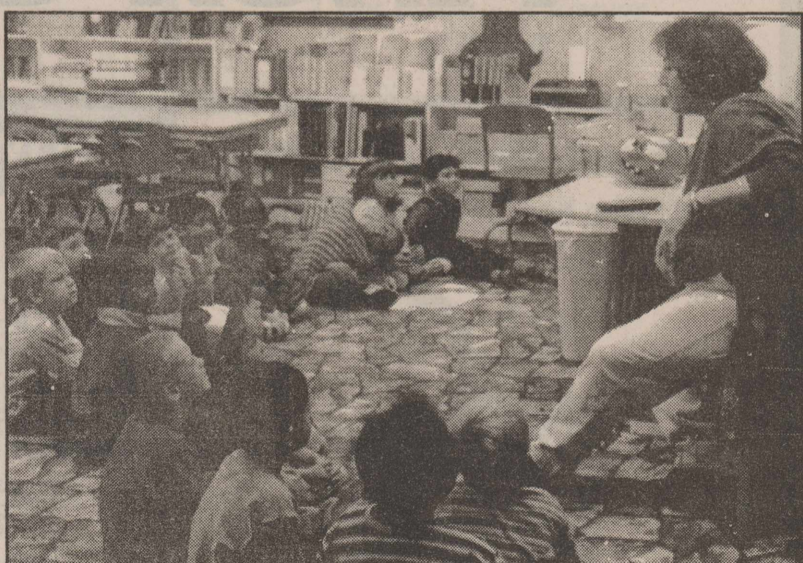
The Student Council of Knox City High School is currently active conducting the canned food drive for needy families during this year's Christmas season. Anyone wishing to donate, contact the Student Council sponsor, Shea Edmunds, or a Student Council member.

Student Council officers this year are: President, Kevin Casillas; Vice President, Casey Carver; Senior Class Representatives, Lauren Clonts and Myles Richardson; Junior Class Representatives, Matthew Lowe and Amber Collins; Sophomore Class Representatives, Tiffany Jobe and Garry Manley; Freshman Class Representatives, Ashley Harrison and Wes Parker. Representatives from the school organizations are; FHA, Jeff Acree and Tandy Roberts; FFA, Roni Morrow; Band, Jennifer Vacek and

Angela Roberts.

The Council members started the year off with many fund-raising activities. They had a bake sale downtown, sold glow sticks to the student body before blacklight pep rallies, sold t-shirts during football season, and sold mums and garters for Homecoming. They worked the volleyball concession stands.

Eight members of the Council traveled with High School Principal Mack Lowe to a workshop in Wichita Falls that emphasized the concept of "Trust". Those attending were Kevin, Myles, Matthew, Wes, Jeff, Casey, Garry, Tandy, and Jennifer. Sponsor Shea Edmunds could not attend because of the expected birth of her son. Members learned how important it is to have trust in a Student Council. They participated in many fun activities.



Librarian Debbie Sandusky (far right) entertains Knox City kindergarten students during their weekly Library Story Hour.



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Bulldogs closes out 1999 season

By Coach Jimmy Chappell

The O'Brien Bulldogs football team enjoyed a successful season finishing with a 5-2-1 record and tying for second place in district.

The Bulldogs started off the season with two big victories over Bryson and Spur, then fell in a close game to Roby by a 8-6 score.

District competition was tough, but the Bulldogs got off to a good start with three victories over Munday, Aspermont and Throckmorton.

The last two games of the season may well have been the toughest. O'Brien fell 15-14 to Crowell and they came from behind in the last minutes to tie Paducah 14-14. This left Paducah and O'Brien in a tie for second place in district with 3-1-1 records.

O'Brien Football Season

O'Brien 42, Bryson 0

O'Brien 44, Spur 0

O'Brien 6, Roby 8

O'Brien 26, Munday 20

O'Brien 26, Aspermont 6

O'Brien 38, Throckmorton 12

O'Brien 14, Crowell 15

O'Brien 14, Paducah 14

Members of the O'Brien football team were:

8th Grade - Brian Homstad, Amado Rodriguez, Matthew Garcia, Wesley Espinosa, Brandon Espinosa, Eddie Vela, Carlos Ruiz, Moses Alfaro, Bobby Herrera;

7th Grade - Dustin Johnson, Will Burkham, Riley Spells, Ben Simmons, C.J. Bruce, Eric Lewis, Joshua Hunt, Drew Barnard, Ricky Dale Smith, Jimmy Albus, Cody Sanders, Justin Parker;

Managers - Cody Brockett, Randy Espinosa, Juan Saldana.

Defensive driving set Dec. 11 at VRJC

The Continuing Education Division of Vernon Regional Junior College has once again scheduled the popular course entitled Defensive Driving.

The course will meet on Saturday, December 11, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the VRJC campus in Vernon. The course will be taught by a licensed defensive driving instructor and the fee will be \$25.00.

For further information or registration forms, contact the VRJC Continuing Education Office at 552-6291, ext. 2209.

Reeves celebrate 57th anniversary

Charles and Lea Reeves celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary on November 27.

Helping them celebrate were

Charles Reeves Jr. and Linda of Flower Mound, Kay Fannin of Chico, Bobby Mae Reeves and Cathy of Lubbock and Betty Davis

Warren of Haskell.

Others helping to celebrate were Jacob Shane Reeves, a grandson from Wichita Falls; and Jacob's friends Alicia Bocquin of Wichita Falls and Ken Bomholdt and Mitch Golley of Norwich, Kansas.

An added celebration on his grandparents 57th wedding anniversary was the announcement of Jacob Shane's engagement to Alicia. No wedding date has been set.

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ATTENTION PARENTS:

Those of you who have been collecting our school sports photos of your kids might be interested to know that we discovered about a hundred more photos while cleaning out a drawer. Some of these photos date back to when the current Sophomore class at KCHS were 8th graders at O'Brien Middle School, others are from this year. Come by and see them at our office.

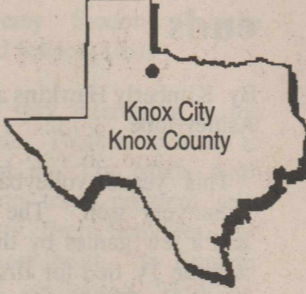
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A Pre-Bid Conference will be held Tuesday, December 9, 1999 at 10:00 A.M. at the Knox City Housing Authority. Copies of the documents may be obtained by depositing \$100.00 with the Architect for each set of documents so obtained. Such deposits will be refunded on return of the plans, specifications and other documents in good condition within 30 days after bid opening. A certified check or back draft, payable

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With the Anson games with Diann Stewart and Michelle Parker as chairpersons and the Guthie games with Diane Roberts and Sandy Garcia as chairpersons, the following games are:
 Dec. 3, *Spur*, four games, starting at 4:00, Rosa Richardson, Leisa Morrow
 Dec. 10, *Rochester*, four games, starting at 4:00, Pat Gonzales, Jan Grimsley
 Dec. 14, *Crowell*, four games, starting at 4:00, Sharla Carver, Debbie Wilde, Sherry Speck
 Jan. 14, *Jayton*, four games, starting at 4:00, Donna Casillas, Gladys Walton, Laura Stovall
 Jan. 25, *Munday*, four games, starting at 4:00, Elda Gaddis, Patty DeValle
 Jan. 28, *Windthorst*, four games, starting at 4:00, Tammy Gonzales, Janice Vacek
 Feb. 4, *Petrolia*, four games, starting at 4:00, Debbie Sandusky, Missy Burkhram
 These games start at 4:00 so the workers need to come by 3:00 on the 4:00 starting games to be sure everything is ready to go. If you are scheduled to operate this concession and you are unable to set-up, clean-up, and schedule workers for the assigned games, please do not wait until that day to 'holler' for help unless it is an emergency. Your replacement will be whoever you can assign in your place.

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 Sixth Grade: Ryan Harrington, Grant Lewis, Micah Lierly.
 Seventh Grade: Drew Barnard, Kaylie Billington, Eric Lewis, Justin Parker.
 Eighth Grade: Brandon Espinosa, Ariana Gomez.
'A-B' HONOR ROLL
 Fifth Grade: Dylan Smith, Vanessa Solis, Kursten Stafford, Kayla Stewart.
 Sixth Grade: Antonio Aguayo, Jessica Albus, Hilary Chenhall, Nikki Moss, Tomas Myers, Sonny Parker, Tanisha Patel, Meagan Schur, Sandra Silva.
 Seventh Grade: Jimmy Albus, Will Burkhram, Dustin Johnson, Erica Nevarez, Dimple Patel, Benjamin Simmons, Ricky Smith.
 Eighth Grade: Cody Brockett, Jodi Chambers, Sondra Lankford, Carlos Ruiz.

High school honor roll

**'A' HONOR ROLL
 Second Six Weeks**
 Ninth Grade: Kimberly Hawkins, Wesley Parker, Scooter Thompson, Landon Weiershausen.
 Tenth Grade: Tiffany Jobe, Carrie Richardson, Angela Roberts, Melissa Ruiz.
 Eleventh Grade: Amber Collins, Audrey Lankford, Kayla Moss, Jon Rocha, Jennifer Vacek.
 Twelfth Grade: Natalie Bloxham
'A-B' HONOR ROLL
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