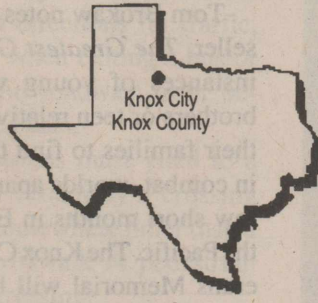


## Knox City - O'Brien CISD school bells to ring bright and early Monday morning

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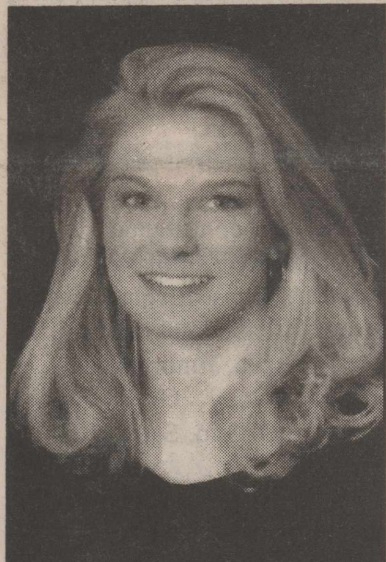
### 100th birthday celebration set for local woman

Family members of Gretchen Howell Colehour are honoring her on the occasion of her One Hundredth Birthday.

A celebration will be held this Saturday, August 12, from 7:00 until 9:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, South Second and Avenue D, Knox City.

A special invitation is extended to the entire community and the area to come and join in this special time.

Gretchen has touched many, many lives throughout her years in the community and is loved by all.



RONI MORROW

### KC graduate recipient of Cargill honor

Veronica Morrow has been selected to receive a Cargill Community Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00.

In addition a check for \$200.00 will be given to the Knox City High School library.

Roni was chosen from among 5,549 applicants nationwide. This program is sponsored by Cargill and all phases of the scholarship competition are independently managed by Junior Achievement, Inc.

A representative of Cargill and Junior Achievement, Inc. commended Roni for her high degree of excellence in academic achievement, leadership, extra curricular activities and community accomplishment.

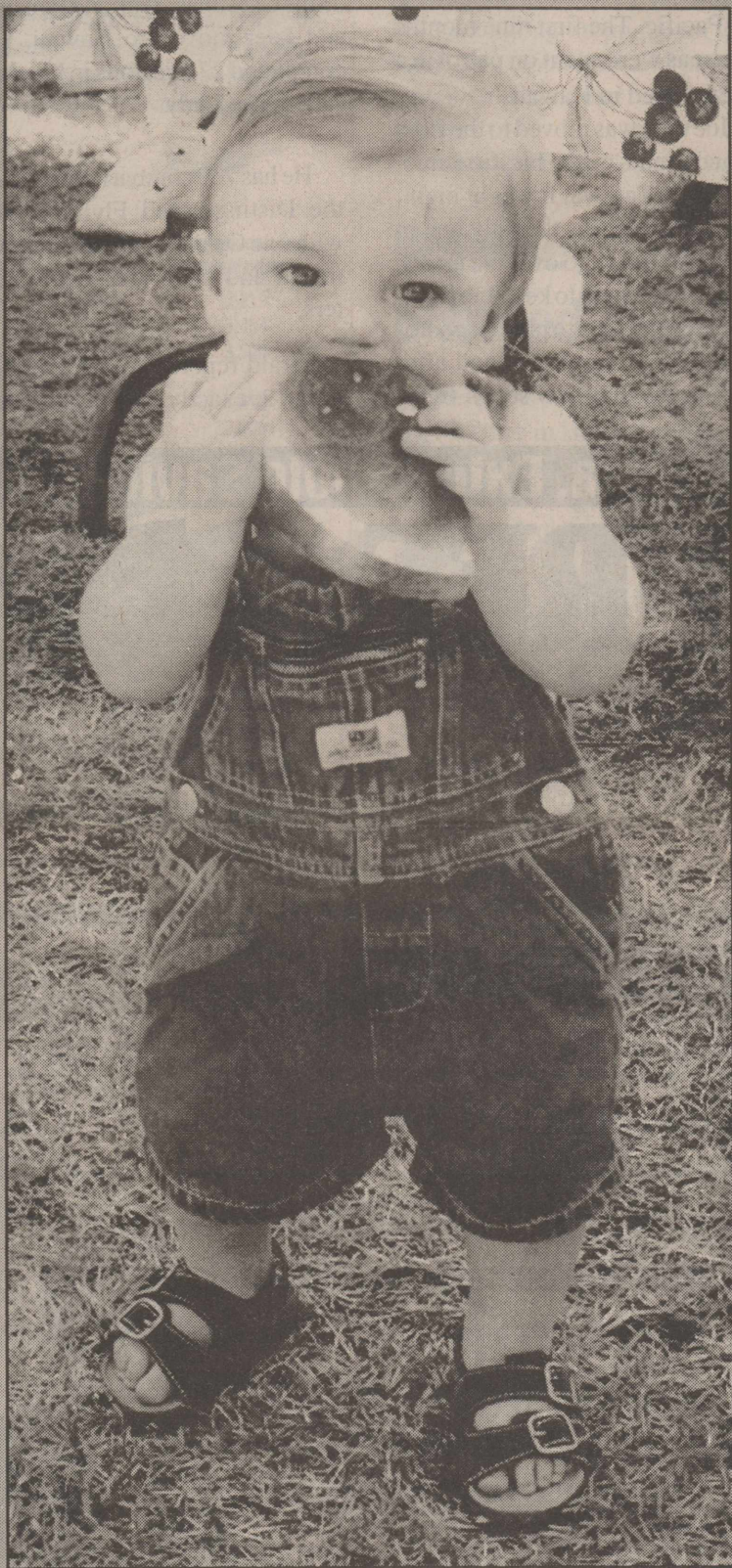
Roni, a spring honor graduate of Knox City High School, is the daughter of Leisa and Poncho Morrow.

### Noah project - North to meet Friday at noon

The Noah Project - North Advisory Committee will meet in the Haskell County Courthouse Jury Room at noon, Friday, August 11.

This is an important budget meeting and all members are urged to attend.

### 12th Annual Knox City Watermelon Festival was very successful!



IF JUST ONE PHOTO COULD SAY IT ALL..... This would have to be the picture that best describes the 12th Annual Knox City Watermelon Festival. Ten Month old Carson Lewis, son of Tonya and Clint Lewis of Knox City is shown here as he appears to be thoroughly enjoying what the day was all about.....Knox City Watermelon!  
(Our special thanks to 'Granny Jo' for the photo)

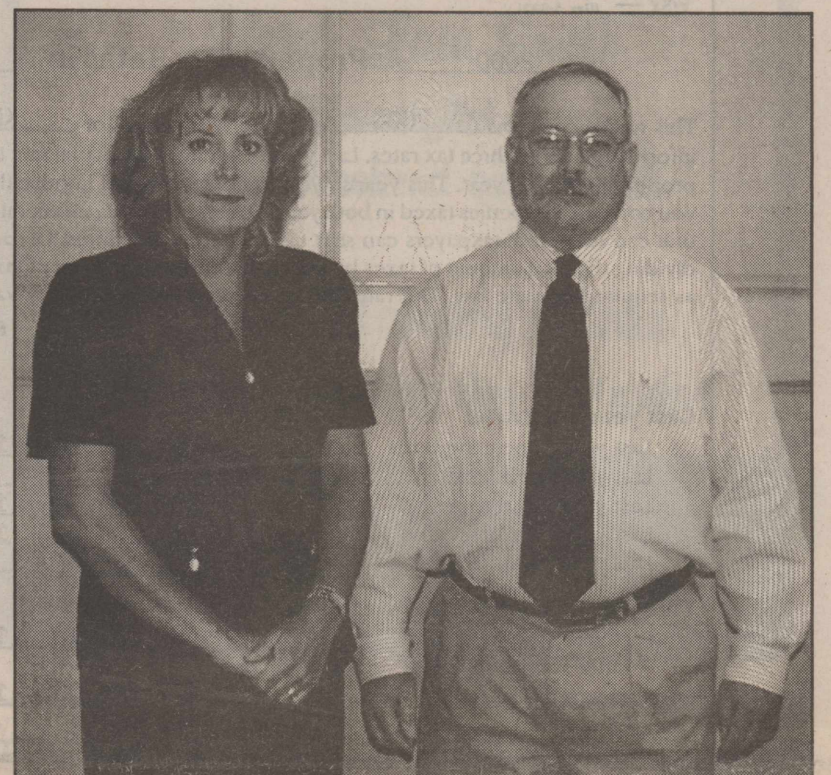
### Citizens Bank N.A. announces two executive officer promotions

Citizens Bank N.A. has announced two promotions at Knox City.

Mike Davis, President and CEO stated, "We are very excited about the promotion of Clint Jones to Executive Vice President and Sharon Cypert to Senior Vice President". Both of these executive officers are currently serving on the board and have been stockholders since the change of ownership of Citizens Bank in January 1999.

Davis continued by saying, "These two individuals have been instrumental in the development of our management team and have proven their ability to support the bank's performance over the last several years. Management's objective has been to allow the people who actually make the crucial decisions and who know how best to serve the community to take the leading roles in the bank. The commitment of Independent Bank to communities like Knox City is best exemplified by people like Clint and Sharon."

Jones graduated from Sudan High School in 1970 and from Texas Tech University in 1974 where he received a bachelor of science in agricultural education. He has also completed the two-year graduate banking program at Texas Tech School of Banking. He started his career in 1975 with Crosbyton Seed Company as warehouse and seed stock foreman. In 1980, he was employed



NEW PROMOTIONS AT Citizens Bank N.A. have been announced. Sharon Cypert has been named to Senior Vice President and Clint Jones to Executive Vice President.

(NEWS digital photo)

by the Soil Conservation Service until 1992, at this time he started as Vice President and Director of Citizens Bank.

Clint is active in Lions Club, serves as trustee and is on the financial committee of the First United Methodist Church, and serves on the Knox County Hospital Board. He is also actively involved in his own farming and ranching business, along with his wife Doris.

Mrs. Cypert is a graduate of Munday High School and attended

Midwestern State University. Sharon began her career at a law firm in Wichita Falls in 1981 and then was employed by the First Wichita National Bank in Wichita Falls until 1982.

In 1983, she went to work for Citizens Bank in Knox City as a loan secretary.

A member of the Church of Christ in Munday and the Knox City Chamber of Commerce, she and her husband, Randy, an auto mechanic, have two children, Justin 14, and Kelli, who is 11.

### First volleyball game is Saturday in Abilene

The Knox City Houndette volleyball team will travel to Abilene on Saturday to play a dual meet with Ranger and Abilene Christian High School. The game was to originally be played at Ranger. Both varsity and junior varsity teams will see action on Saturday for their first games of the season.

## Knox County Hospital District welcomes new physician

### Dr. Kevin Finley begins practice on August 1

The Knox County Hospital District is proud to welcome Dr. Kevin W. Finley on staff. Dr. Finley began his family practice August 1 and will be practicing in the Knox City Clinic and the Munday Clinic, as well as the hospital emergency room.

Dr. Finley will eventually practice primarily in the Munday Clinic once he is established. A graduate of Abilene Christian University in Abilene, Dr. Finley is also a graduate of the University of North Texas Health Science Center in Fort Worth, and has recently completed his Family Practice Residence Training at the Osteopathic Medical Center of Texas in Fort Worth.

While in his residency training, Dr. Finley was a teaching assistant for Osteopathic Manipulative Therapy. He was also active in the Big Brother / Big Sister for the incoming freshman students and was active in Cowtown Marathon as well as the spring break campaign to Mexico.

While in undergraduate studies, Dr. Finley was an All-American Cheerleader, placing third and fifth in national championship. Dr. Finley is a native of Kansas city, Missouri, but is no stranger to Munday. Kevin's wife Lynn Parker-Finley is a Munday native. Kevin and Lynn are making their residence in Munday with their two sons, Brady and Parker. Their hobbies include golf, hiking and gymnastics.

The Finleys are members of the Munday Church of Christ. The Knox County Hospital District is very proud to have Dr. Finley as a part of their excellent medical staff. The Hospital District encourages everyone to welcome this fine family to the staff and to Knox County.



DR. KEVIN W. FINLEY



Come say good-bye to Jason Cox on his last day.  
 August 11, 2000 1-3 PM at  
 Ag Credit of Texas, PCA 151 S. Munday Avenue, Munday, Tx.

Thanks for reading the NEWS

# Veterans memorial to honor young and old soldiers alike

Tom Brokaw notes in his best seller, *The Greatest Generation*, instances of young volunteers, brothers or teen relatives leaving their families to find themselves in combat, worlds apart, within a few short months in Europe and the Pacific. The Knox County Veterans Memorial will honor several of these youth, two of whom are Lt. Jerold D. Kethley and his 'kid' brother, Captain Joe L. Kethley.

Jerold left for overseas in April 1943 and was based in England. He was shot down in a raid August 12, 1943, after he had earned the Air Medal and two Oak Leaf clusters. The next tormenting 21 months as a German prisoner were times Jerold refuses to talk about.

Such is the case with so many prisoners of war. He was at Moosburg when he was liberated.

During the 21 months in German prison, Jerold could not communicate with Joe. He was asked by the Germans after his capture if he had a brother in service and when he said he did not, to safeguard their future in case Joe should be captured, the interrogation officer insisted he did have.

At home, letters received from Jerold spoke of Joe as "Josephine", and by that the family knew they were not to mention Joe in letters that would go through he prison.

Joe, stationed at Fairfield, California, with the Air Transport command returned to the states in August 1944 after 19 months in the Pacific. The first nine months overseas were spent on patrol in a B-24, based in Hawaii.

Joe then was moved to the Ellis islands, and made his first mission over Tarawa. It was at night, and his plane was the only one in his squadron to go over the target. They were trying to keep Jap fighters on the ground to protect photo-reconnaissance planes, and after seven runs they saw seven fight-

ers trailing the, so they dropped six 500 pound bombs on the runway. His crew said, "He made our bomber into a pursuit ship and cleared out."

He was moved to Tarawa from the Ellis Islands, and hit targets in the Marshalls. Here his young recruits were targets of multiple Japanese bombings and spent much time in surrounding caves where the Japs had been earlier. Mangled parts of some were still there, corpses abandoned by their troops. "So we got out of there in a hurry," Joe said.

From there Joe's group moved to the Kwajalein Islands for raids on the Carolinas, Truk and Ponape, and later moved to Hawaii. He completed 27 missions in his ship called The Lady.

He has 700 combat hours, holds the Distinguished Flying Cross with one Oak Leaf cluster, the Air medal and three Oak Leaf clusters.

Jerold reported to Miami August 12, exactly two years to the

day after he was shot down in Germany.

Both are sons of the Ruby Kethley family, formerly of Munday.

## Child Welfare Board News

By Peggy Guinn

The Knox County Child Welfare Board would like to recognize and express gratitude to many in our great community for not forgetting the needs of the many children in foster care. We have received several memorials and many jury fees in the last few months. The Board has provided birthday presents for several of the kids and money to providers for school supplies and clothes for all of them.

Following are memorials received in the last few months:

In memory of:

Louise Hertel - Vic and Norma Lowry,

Ken Frizzell - Sammy and Barbara Pierce, Jerry and Peggy Guinn

Carl Shelton - Faye and Don Railsback,

Ruth Denton - Faye and Don Railsback,

Jewell Bailey - Sammy and Barbara Pierce, Jerry and Peggy Guinn, Hazel and Demp Emerson, Virginia Hamm - Jerry and Peggy Guinn

W.H. Patterson - Hazel and Demp Emerson

Wayne Hutchinson - Hazel and Demp Emerson

Jury fees contributed:

Knox City - Jimmy Tankersley, Robert Collins, Richard Averitt, Josie Gillilan, Frankie Baker, Susan Emerson, Jimmy Vaden, Joseph Godsey, Greg Clonts, Sammie Offield, Sammy Grindstaff;

Munday - Allen Brown, Dayle Kuehler, Freddie Caram, Kim Brockett, Michael Bowman, Lloyd Shahan, Robbin Rocha, Liz Valencia, Kathy Bowen, Mercedes Cypert;

Vera - Marilyn Coffman, Randal Kinnibrugh, Joyce Scott; Benjamin - Brent Vanderpol; Truscott - Ben Gleaves, Kenneth Carroll, Jerry Bob Daniel; Goree - Paula Hudson

Board members appreciate these for remembering to provide essentials to the many foster children of Knox County.

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	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund	Jury
<b>Last year's tax rate:</b>			
Last year's operating taxes	\$694,939.74	\$136,866.40	\$23,557.28
Last year's debt taxes	\$-0-	\$-0-	\$-0-
Last year's total taxes	\$694,939.74	\$136,866.40	\$23,557.28
Last year's tax base	\$117,786,396	\$114,055,336	\$117,786,396
Last year's total tax rate	\$0.59 / \$100	\$0.12 / \$100	\$0.02 / \$100
<b>This year's effective tax rate:</b>			
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$694,236.10	\$136,572.09	\$23,533.43
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$117,986,033	\$114,136,123	\$117,986,033
- This year's effective tax rate for each fund	\$0.5884 / \$100	\$0.1194 / \$100	\$0.0199 / \$100
Total effective tax rate	\$0.7277 / \$100		
This year's 1.03 Rate	\$0.7495 / \$100		

**This year's rollback tax rate:**

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and including taxes for state criminal justice mandate)	\$694,236.10	\$136,533.43	\$23,533.43
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$117,959,033	\$114,316,123	\$117,959,033
- This year's effective operating rate	\$0.5884 / \$100	\$0.1194 / \$100	\$0.0199 / \$100
x 1.08 - this year's maximum operating rate	\$0.6354 / \$100	\$0.1289 / \$100	\$0.0214 / \$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$-0- / \$100	\$-0- / \$100	\$-0- / \$100
- This year's rollback rate for each fund	\$0.6354 / \$100	\$0.1289 / \$100	\$0.0214 / \$100
This year's total rollback rate	\$0.7857 / \$100		

**Statement of Increase/Decrease**  
 If KNOX COUNTY adopts a 2000 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.7277 per \$100 of value, taxes would INCREASE compared to 1999 taxes by \$6,837.34

**Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances**

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
GENERAL	\$572,156.83
SPECIAL	\$85,806.96

**Schedule B - 2000 Debt Service**

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
<b>THIS ENTITY, KNOX COUNTY, DOES NOT HAVE DEBT SECURED BY PROPERTY TAXES.</b>				

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at KNOX COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT  
 Name of person preparing this notice: Stanton Brown  
 Title: Chief Appraiser & Knox County Tax Assessor/Collector  
 Date prepared: August 1, 2000

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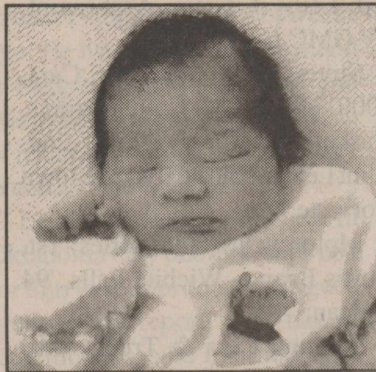
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## New Arrivals

### It's a boy!



Andrew Michael Xavier Ledesma

Lydia and Michael Ledesma are the proud parents of a baby boy born July 27, 2000, at 8:31 a.m. at United Regional Health Center Services in Wichita Falls.

The baby has been named Andrew Michael Xavier Ledesma and he weighed in at six pounds, fourteen ounces, and measured 19 3/4 inches in length.

Paternal grandparents are Manuel and Mary Ledesma of Knox City and paternal great-grandparents are Y.Z. and Jo Jimenez of Anson.

Maternal grandparents are Diana Hernandez and Roberto Hernandez, both of Wichita Falls. Maternal great-grandparents are Victoria Gonzales and Richard Gonzales Sr. of Wichita Falls.

If you have a red circle on your address label, that means your subscription to the NEWS is about to expire.

## O'Brien happenings

By Audie Johnston, O'Brien Correspondent

"When a certain couple went to bed after watching "Who Wants to be A Millionaire" on TV, the husband was in an amorous mood. He asked his wife if she wanted to something about it. She said no. "Is that your final answer?" he asked.

"Yes." "Well, then," the husband replied, "I think I'd like to call a friend."

Here and There - Weekend guests visiting Eddie and Claudia Bryant were Jon Bryant and fiancée Lindsay Robertson of Levelland. Also visiting Saturday for a hamburger supper were Keith, Jennifer, Cecylee and Hadlee Hicks of Hawley, Claudale and Jean Barnard, Donnie, Diane and Angela Roberts and Jennie Smith and Leroy Leflar.

Dan and Marilyn Talbot spent several days last week with

Marilyn's sister, Jimmie Green and family in Corsicana.

G.D. and Bonnie Underwood of Levelland spent a few days with C.H., Linda and Reed Underwood. They also visited Evelyn Underwood.

Nancy Ellis of Oklahoma spent the weekend with her father John Lippard of Knox City and sister Jonette Tibbets of Rochester.

Mutt and Bertie Ivie were in Clyde Sunday to attend a Stewart family reunion. They had a good day and pretty good turnout.

Among the sick Alton Hester goes back to Amarillo Wednesday for another checkup. Leonia Raby still needs our prayers. Her diabetes has kept her pretty well knocked out. Clara Hanson was to go back to the doctor this week for a checkup. Ranzy Herring is still in the Munday Care Home. He's

gradually getting better. Vivian Hendrix is still having problems.

Paul Gothard of Blackwell spent Saturday with his father, Dwight Gothard and they enjoyed a good visit and a good meal.

Billie Walker will be in Graham Monday (today) to attend a retired teachers meeting and Bill Baker attended also.

My daughter, Shirley James and husband Freddy of Shallowater, spent Saturday night and Sunday with me. Shirley always enjoys coming back to church here. They're on a week's vacation attending several different happenings and some relatives hopefully.

Jerry Hodges of Graham and Teresa Denson of Stamford visited with their mother, Clara Hanson, Sunday.

Sue Shortes was in Lubbock Monday to visit with her daughter, Stefani Stephens, who is a student at Texas Tech.

## KC News subs are due by September 1

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Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 146,061.85
Last year's debt taxes	\$ -0-
Last year's total taxes	\$ 146,061.85
Last year's tax base	\$ 20,129,803
Last year's total tax rate	\$ .7256 /\$100

This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 145,678.73
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 20,784,128
= This year's effective tax rate	\$ 0.7009 /\$100
This year's 1.03 tax rate	\$ 0.7219 /\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for transferred function)	\$ 145,678.73
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 20,784,128
= This year's effective operating rate	\$ 0.7009 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$ 0.7569 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ -0- /\$100
= This year's rollback rate	\$ 0.7569 /\$100

### Statement of Increase/Decrease

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### Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

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GENERAL	67,902.34

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Name of person preparing this notice STANTON BROWN  
Title CHIEF APPRAISER & TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR  
Date prepared AUGUST 2, 2000

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Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m.

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Sunday Evening at 6:00 p.m.

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Ross Anderson, Pastor  
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Sunday Evening Worship at 7:00 p.m. ~ Mid Week, Wed. at 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m. Mid Week, Thurs. at 7:00 p.m.  
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## Obituaries

### Rosie Lee Payne

Funeral services for Rosie Lee Payne were held Friday, July 7, 2000, at 3:00 p.m. at the First Assembly of God Church in Haskell. The Reverends J.C. Amburn and Carl Gates officiated. Burial was in the Willow Cemetery.

Mrs. Payne, 85, died Wednesday, July 5, 2000, at her home in Knox City. Born February 20, 1915, in Comanche, Texas, she married Cecil Payne on July 21, 1930, in Haskell. He preceded her in death on October 25, 1985. She was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include four daughters, Juanita Jordon of Haskell, Wanda Walton of Slaton, Deloris Brothers of Graham, and Brenda Parker of Knox City; six sons, Orival Payne of Dublin, Jerrel Payne of Brownwood, Curtis Payne of Graham, Danny Payne of Mineral Wells and Claude Payne and Robert Payne, both of Haskell; 66 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Cecil Lee Payne and Billy Dewayne Payne.

Pallbearers were grandsons Daniel, Robie, Mitchel, Lynn, Terry and Cooter Payne.

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First Flight - 1st - Dill, Starnes, Tankersley; 2nd - Bishop, Bishop, Wilde; 3rd - Ivy, Ivy, Speck.

- Car Show Results -  
Cars, pre 1954, 1000 Series- 1st, Glen Large, Knox City, '57 Ford Fairlane; 2nd, Wes Steele, Haskell, '65 Ford Mustang; 3rd, Felix Calamaco, Aspermont, '63 Ford Country Sedan;

Cars, 1966 and up, 200 Series - 1st, Billy Joe Large, Knox City, '70 Chevy Chevelle; 2nd, David Craft, Henrietta, '66 Shelby GT350H, 3rd, Jack C. Patterson, Wichita Falls, '79 Chevy Corvette;

Pickup, pre 1973, 3000 Series - 1st, Carol Large, Knox City, '57 Ford Ranchero; 2nd, George Giles, Aspermont, '51 Chevy Pickup; 3rd - Ben Ensminger, McCaulley, '66 Chevy El

Camino; Pickups, 1974 and up, 4000 Series - 1st, Leon Jordan, Munday, '80 Chevy 1/2 ton; 2nd, Mark Rocha, Knox City, '83 Chevy 'Lewis Paint and Body wrecker'; 3rd, Leroy Lipham, Aspermont, '79 GMC truck;

Street Rods and Race Cars, 5000 Series - 1st, Coy Scoggins, Haskell, '67 Chevy Nova; 2nd, Clint Lewis, Knox City, '71 Blown Corvette;

Motorcycles, 6000 Series - 1st, Curtis Brown, Wichita Falls, '94 Vulcan;

Antique Cars & Trucks thru '50, 7000 Series - 1st, Melvin Henson, Abilene, 1911 Ford Model T; 2nd, Ariana Gomez, Knox City, '48 Ford F-1; 3rd, Tiney Jones, Aspermont, 1931 Ford Model A;

Antique Tractors, 8000 Series - 1st, Robert Patterson, Seymour, 1936 John Deere; 2nd - Jerry Don Lowe, Munday, 1940 Farmall;

People's Choice, by one vote - Glen Large, Knox City, '57 Ford Fairlane;


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Note: Since we are a small business, these times may vary as we cover news & sports stories, take pictures, conduct business or handle family matters. Thanks in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

**Benjamin news**

By Gladene Green, Benjamin Correspondent

Same song - "umpteenth" verse - hot and dry so that being said on to new of other nature.

Not much new regarding our ailing of the community. Don Morrill continues to do well since cataract surgery a couple of weeks ago. He has new glasses now and is back at "doing - around" and "fixin-up" around his place. One of his newest projects is putting a fence around his yard.

Lewis and Betty Lyles were in Oklahoma City one day last week for him to see his doctor. He got a pretty good report. Just has to remember to take his medicine. He's kinda like some of the rest of us - has a tendency to forget it once in a while.

The Parhams - Billy Jo and Melba of Vera, are in Houston for him to see doctors and have some tests. Maybe be next week, I'll have a more detailed report about what's going on with them. For those of you who don't know it, Melba is our postmaster and doing a great job. She replaced Dub Cartwright when he retired late last year. We all wish Billy Joe well.

Carol and Dick Dickson have returned from Houston where she had a checkup. All went well according to reports. I haven't talked

to her since they returned.

Here 'N There - Reba and Charlie Morrill spent the weekend in Houston. They are still trying to get all the "loose ends" tied up since moving here last spring.

Kim Moore of Spur was a weekend visitor with Benjamin kin. Her girls, Samijo and Shelby, remained for a few days visit.

Janet Reed spent last week in Lubbock with her daughter and family, Michele, Jimmy and Caleb Barrientez. She helped out with Caleb while Michele was doing some last minute training and work toward her RN degree from Tech.

Brenda and Jim Larned were in Kirkland Tuesday for graveside services for his uncle who died on Saturday.

Jacob and Tina Siemens made a fast trip to Alberta, Canada, last weekend helping his sister and her family move up there. Tina said most of the time was spent on the road but aside from being tired, they enjoyed the time away.

Betty Bohannon's dad, James Mosteller of Dumas, has been in the hospital in Lubbock after breaking a bone in his hip while visiting his sister in Levelland. He was to return to his home in Dumas today. Betty has been in

Lubbock with him.

Judy Conner was in Lordsburg, NM, during the weekend for the wedding of her son Jim Bob and Mixie Siepel. They were married Saturday evening. A reception honoring the newlyweds will be this next Saturday, August 12, at the Benjamin Ex-Student Building. The invitation only event will begin at 7:00 p.m. with a dinner followed by a dance.

Bud Conner spent the weekend with his sons Steve and family in Colorado City and Keith and family in Big Spring.

Former resident, Betty Mancille, now of Knox City, underwent some heart surgery in Abilene last Tuesday. She's back home now and is doing pretty well. My best wishes to Betty.

Cathryn Hertel and her daughters, Simone and Sonja of Fillmore, Oklahoma visited Odessa Cox last Saturday. They discussed old times when their children were all small and they were spending a lot of time together.

Briceton Pierce of Dallas is visiting his great-grandparents, Bobby and Philomae Roberson a few days. Also grandparents, Jack and Kathie Waldron in Knox City. Sue Roberts of Woodbridge,

VA, is here for a few days visit with her parents-in-law, Kenneth and Jessie Roberts and other relatives. On Sunday, they, along with Dennis and Pam Duke, Rachel Duke and Nancy and Fred McGreger attended the White Coat ceremony for those entering medical school at Tech. Zeke Duke, son of Dennis and Pam, is among those who are going on the med school and will be a member of the Class of 2004. The event was held at Allen Theatre at Tech. Others attending were Phil and Rebekah Boone and children of Trent.

I visited with Linda Griffith today, former Benjamin resident, now of Lubbock. She was here to visit her kids, Becky and Kemp Jones and family - the last visit before school starts! And speaking of school in starts Friday. The teachers are already at work - getting ready. Two-a-days began today.

The Clower children, Michael, David and Sara won first place at the Watermelon Festival with their

watermelon carving. Carved out a car, complete with windows cut out, doors that opened and tires all made from a watermelon that had

been cleaned out with only the rind to work with. Took time to get it perfected, & it was cute. Congrats, Michael, David & Sara.

*The Family of Keith Burt wishes to thank everyone whose kindness and sympathy made his passing easier for all of us. God bless you, The Family*

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**CITY OF BENJAMIN**  
**TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

City of Benjamin is giving notice of the city's intent to submit a Community Development Fund application for a grant from the Texas Community Development Program. The grant application request is \$250,000.00 for water and sewer system improvements in the City of Benjamin. The application is available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.

50-212 (Rev. 5-005)

2000 Property Tax Rates in BENJAMIN CITY

This notice concerns 2000 property tax rates for BENJAMIN CITY. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 18,555.89
Last year's debt taxes	\$ -0-
Last year's total taxes	\$ 18,555.89
Last year's tax base	\$ 2,948,655
Last year's total tax rate	\$ 0.6293 /\$100

This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 18,528.26
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 2,915,985
= This year's effective tax rate	\$ 0.6354 /\$100
This year's 1.03 tax rate	\$ 0.6544 /\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for transferred function)	\$ 18,528.26
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 2,915,985
= This year's effective operating rate	\$ 0.6354 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$ 0.6862 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ -0- /\$100
= This year's rollback rate	\$ 0.6862 /\$100

50-179 (Rev. 5-009)

**Statement of Increase/Decrease**  
if BENJAMIN CITY adopts a 2000 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$ 0.6354 per \$100 of value, taxes would INCREASE compared to 1999 taxes by \$ 357.65

**Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances**  
The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
M&O	-0-

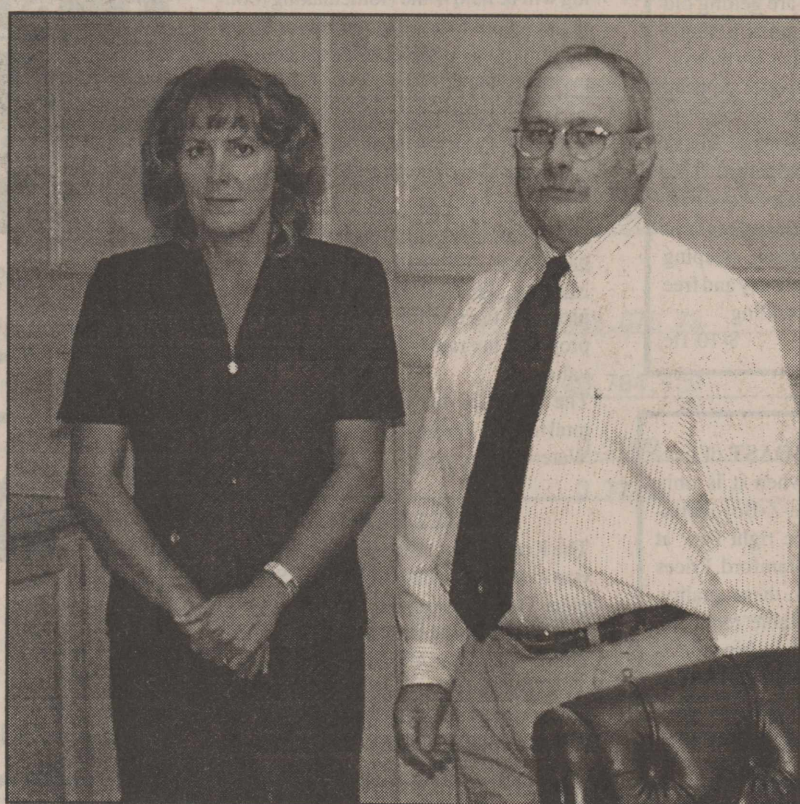
This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at **KNOX COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT**  
Name of person preparing this notice Stanton Brown  
Title Chief Appraiser & Tax Assessor/Collector  
Date prepared August 2, 2000

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**HOUSE FOR SALE** - Four miles east of Knox City on Hwy. 222. 940-852-5615. 7-20 4tp

**FOR SALE** - Lake cabin, sleeps 11, with two space garage. Includes lot, channel and dock at Veda's Camp at Stamford Lake. Has city water, \$15,000.00. Call 940-658-3670 or 940-256-2224. 7-20 4tc 31

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**HOUSE FOR SALE** - 705 NE Third. 3/1, fenced, \$19,900.00, \$500 down, \$240 monthly. 15 yrs. WAC. 940-997-9505. 7-27 4tp

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**'SOME PEOPLE BOAST** of having an open mind when it is only vacant. Get 2 great La-Z-Boy recliners for one low price right now at Kinney Furniture in Stamford. Prices start at 2 for \$549 on these quality, long lasting, comfortable recliners. We have recliners for the big man as well as the little lady in stock. Another large shipment has just been received. Phone 915-773-2232 or 800-256-2232. 8-10 1tc

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**LEGAL NOTICE** - THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 30.05 OF THE PENAL CODE OF TEXAS - (CRIMINAL TRESPASS SENATE BILL III LEGISLATURE), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ALL LANDS OF THE W.T. WAGGONER ESTATE ARE POSTED - SAVE AND EXCEPT WHERE WRITTEN PERMISSION IS GIVEN TO COME UPON THE SAME. GENE W. WILLINGHAM A.B. WHARTON 52

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## Garage Sale

**GARAGE SALE** - 205 SE Fifth Street, Knox City, Friday, August 11, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday, August 12, 8:00 a.m. to noon. Macintosh Performa 5200CD Power PC with keyboard and Hewlett Packard Desk Write 660C color printer, \$220.00; over 50 baseball caps, \$2.00 each; deep fryer \$5.00, bedding - queen comforter \$5.00 each, women's dresses, shirts, shorts and shoes, Tommy Hilfiger shirts \$3.00, men's shirts, ties, shoes, several household items. 8-10 1tc 76

**HUGE GARAGE SALE** - Seven miles east of Knox City on Hwy. 222. Saturday, August 12, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Women's and girls clothes, shoes, toys, household items, crafts, tools, lots more stuff, too!! 8-10 1tp

**GARAGE SALE** - Fridge, love seat, lots of stuff. Saturday 8:30 - ? 204 South Second, Knox City. 8-10 1tc 16

## Help Wanted

**HELP WANTED** - We are seeking a qualified individual to serve as Administrative Assistant and Secretary for the Knox County Judge and County Attorney. The applicant should have excellent computer and secretarial skills, good organizational ability, honest, dependable, good telephone manners and have good work background experience for this career position. For application please contact the Knox County Treasurer. Mail application / resume to Knox County Judge, P.O. Box 77, Benjamin, TX 79505. 8-3 2tc 72

**HELP WANTED** - Home Health attendants needed in your area. Must have a clean criminal record. If interested please call 1-800-658-9569 and ask for Diana or Betty. 8-3 2tc 28

**WANTED** - Persons willing to substitute in Head Start classrooms when regular staff is absent. \$5.50 per hour. Orientation and training is provided and is mandatory for all substitutes. If interested, please contact Genell Brown or Mary Jo Toole at 1-800-633-0852. 8-3 2tc 42

## Public Notice

**NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING** Benjamin Independent School District will have a Budget Hearing on the proposed 2000-2001 school year budget on August 14, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Homemaking room in the school located at 300 Hayes Street in Benjamin. Any interested citizens are invited to attend. 8-3 2tc 55

**PUBLIC NOTICE** - The HASKELL-KNOX UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT will hold a meeting at 7:00 p.m. on August 17, 2000 at the North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority Business Office, Munday, Texas to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2000. The proposed tax rate is \$0.0300 per \$100 of value. The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in Haskell-Knox Underground Water Conservation District by 2.04%. 8-10 1tc 69

## BUDGET HEARING

The Knox City-O'Brien Board of Education of the Knox City-O'Brien CISD will meet Tuesday, August 22, 2000, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Office at 606 East Main, Knox City, Texas. Purpose of the meeting is to hold a public hearing on the proposed school budget for 2000-2001. 8-10 1tc 61

## A Golden Time

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A USC researcher is working with a gene that he says can transform other body cells into muscle cells. The gene has possible implications for heart attack victims. The gene might be able to change some dead heart muscle into new healthy muscle.

A survey reported in The ElderLaw Report says a third of law schools are now offering courses on law and aging. About 30 schools have added aging programs in the past five years.

## Legal Notice

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A RULE 10 EXCEPTION**  
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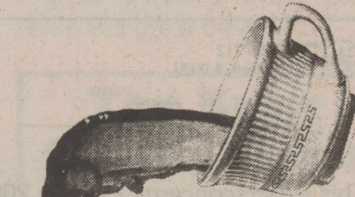
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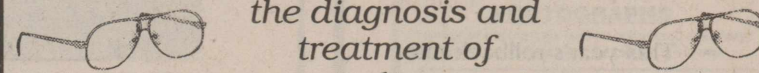
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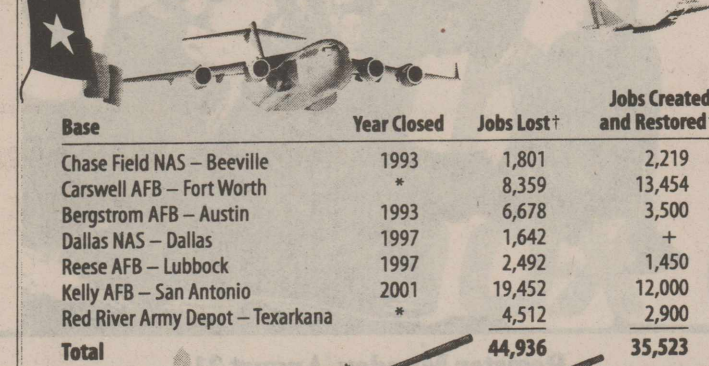
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**Keeping an Eye on Texas**

**Defense downsize shuffles jobs**

Since 1988, Congress has recommended closing or reorganizing more than 500 military bases in the United States — seven of them in Texas. Jobs were lost, but local economic development strategies restored jobs and created others.



Base	Year Closed	Jobs Lost†	Jobs Created and Restored†
Chase Field NAS — Beeville	1993	1,801	2,219
Carswell AFB — Fort Worth	*	8,359	13,454
Bergstrom AFB — Austin	1993	6,678	3,500
Dallas NAS — Dallas	1997	1,642	+
Reese AFB — Lubbock	1997	2,492	1,450
Kelly AFB — San Antonio	2001	19,452	12,000
Red River Army Depot — Texarkana	*	4,512	2,900
<b>Total</b>		<b>44,936</b>	<b>35,523</b>

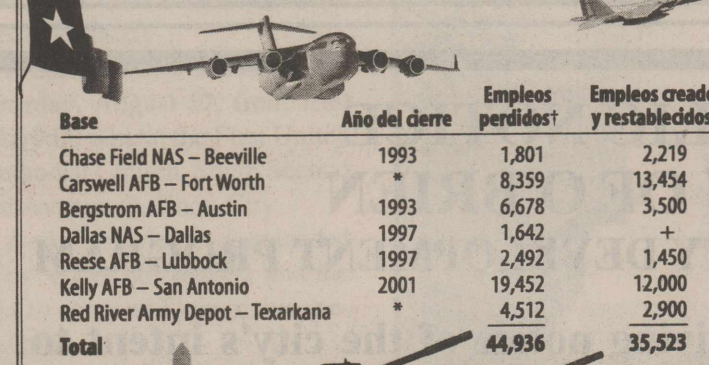
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SOURCE: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

**El bienestar de Texas**

**Las reducciones en defensa resultan en cambios en los empleos**

Desde 1988 el Congreso ha recomendado el cierre o la reorganización de más de 500 bases militares en los Estados Unidos — siete de ellas en Texas. Se perdieron empleos, pero a través de estrategias locales de desarrollo económico muchos empleos se restablecieron y otros fueron creados.



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FUENTE: Carole Keeton Rylander, Contralora de Cuentas Públicas de Texas

**TxDOT offers tips for school-year traffic**

AUSTIN - With the start of the school year, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) offers students and motorists some reminders about school-year traffic.

"This is the time of year when sharing the road with student pedestrians and bicyclists requires mutual respect and awareness," Carlos Lopez, TxDOT's Director of traffic operations, said. "Motorists should always use extra caution as they approach a school bus," Lopez said.

Texas law prohibits vehicles from passing a school while its flashing red warning lights are activated.

Motorists can be fined up to \$1000 for such a violation and subsequent violations can lead to driver's license suspension for up to six months.

Motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians should obey all traffic laws including stopping for red lights and stop signs and pay attention to vehicle and bicycle lane markers.

A few tips for travelers to keep

in mind during this period of increased traffic due to school-year traffic include:

- Pedestrians should always cross roadways at intersections; look in all directions for traffic, especially when exiting a bus or entering the roadway from behind parked cars.
- Pedestrians must yield to a vehicle on a roadway if crossing the street somewhere other than a marked crosswalk or pedestrian tunnel or crossing.
- Pedestrians have the right of way in crosswalks and should walk along the right-hand side of crosswalks.
- Pedestrians should stay on sidewalks and when walking along a roadway without sidewalks walk on the left side facing traffic.
- Bicyclists should ride near the curb, traveling in the same direction as the traffic and use proper hand and arm signals when turning or stopping.
- Bicyclists should wear properly fitting headgear to reduce the changes of injury and death.

**Weather modification meeting planned August 22 in Stamford**

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Haskell and Jones County will sponsoring an informational meeting on the topic of Weather Modification or Cloud Seeding on Tuesday, August 22. This area covers the counties of Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Concho, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor and Throckmorton.

This meeting is open to the

general public and anyone is welcome. Speakers will be George Bomar, TNRCC State Meteorologist; and Jason Johnson, Extension Economist from San Angelo. The meeting will be from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. in the Stamford High School cafeteria. For info, call the Haskell County Extension office, 864-2658; or the Knox County extension office.

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TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

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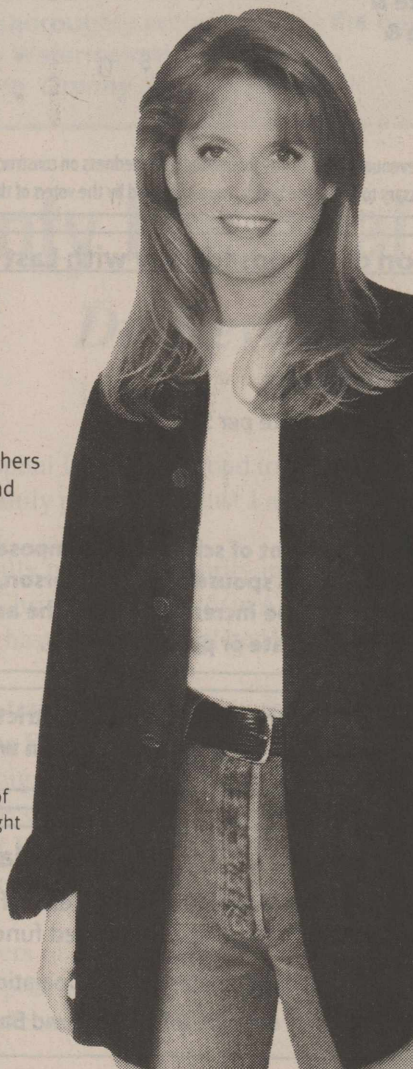
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**2000 Property Tax Rates in KNOX COUNTY HOSPITAL**

This notice concerns 2000 property tax rates for KNOX COUNTY HOSPITAL. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

**Last year's tax rate:**

Last year's operating taxes	\$ 625,092.40
Last year's debt taxes	\$ -0-
Last year's total taxes	\$ 625,092.40
Last year's tax base	\$ 117,786,396
Last year's total tax rate	\$ 0.5307 /\$100

**This year's effective tax rate:**

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 624,459.49
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 117,986,033
= This year's effective tax rate	\$ 0.5292 /\$100
This year's 1.03 tax rate	\$ 0.5450 /\$100

**This year's rollback tax rate:**

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for transferred function)	\$ 624,459.49
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 117,786,396
= This year's effective operating rate	\$ 0.5292 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$ 0.5713 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ -0- /\$100
= This year's rollback rate	\$ 0.5713 /\$100

**Statement of Increase/Decrease**

If KNOX CO. HOSPITAL adopts a 2000 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$ 0.5292 per \$100 of value, taxes would INCREASE compared to 1999 taxes by \$ 5110.57

**Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances**

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS	\$320,000.00

**Schedule B - 2000 Debt Service**

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

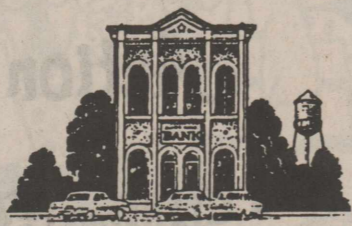
Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
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THIS ENTITY, KNOX CO. HOSPITAL, DOES NOT HAVE DEBT SECURED BY PROPERTY TAXES

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at KNOX COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT  
Name of person preparing this notice STANTON BROWN  
Title CHIEF APPRAISER & TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR  
Date prepared AUGUST 2, 2000

### Use Safety When Operating An Automatic Teller Machine

It's a late night when you realize you're short on cash. No problem you think to yourself, most convenient ATMs operate 24 hours a day. In search for a cash machine, you find a sidewalk bank terminal at the end of the street and another within a neighborhood grocery store.



#### Tips from your Community Banker

The PULSE EFT Association recently launched an ATM Safety campaign to aid in the education process. A list of security measures have been established to assist account card holders.

1. You should avoid using ATM machines at night if they are not in well-lit areas. Using an ATM inside a busy grocery store would be more preferable to the sidewalk machine located in a darkened neighborhood.
2. Bypass terminals near bushes, fences or other obstructions that could provide easy hiding places for criminals.
3. Take a friend along for safety.
4. Reduce time spent at the terminal. Have your card ready for use.
5. The Personal Identification Number (PIN) is the password for your account that may be assigned or chosen. Do not choose your birth date, address or other predictable codes, thieves know all the standard tricks.

6. Memorize your PIN. Do not write your access code on your card or keep it in your wallet to be seen by a thief.
7. Cover the ATM key pad when typing your PIN, so others can not see.
8. Keep your windows rolled up, engine running and doors locked when using a motor terminal.
9. Don't forget to keep your receipts. You need them to compare your records with your monthly statements. If there are any discrepancies, contact your financial institution for clarification. It is always a good idea to follow up all calls with a written letter.
10. Report lost or stolen ATM cards immediately to your financial institution and the police. Time is a key factor, the longer you wait the more money you may lose. If you discover your card is missing before it is used, you are not responsible for any unauthorized withdrawals.

Provided as a public service by the Independent Bankers Association of Texas (IBAT)

### Thanks for reading the News.

*Words seem so inadequate when trying to express our thanks to each of you for your love and support shown to our family in the loss of our loved one.*

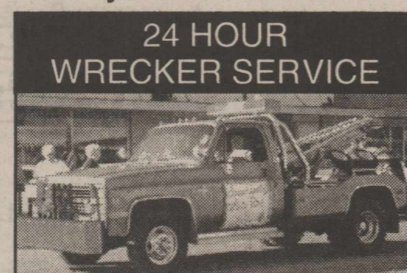
*Your visits, prayers, phone calls, cards, memorials and all other expressions of sympathy have meant so very much. May God bless each of you.*

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## Two area ag teachers receive distinguished service awards

LUBBOCK - Dick Dickson, Benjamin FFA Advisor; and Keith Rowan, Rule FFA Advisor, were awarded the Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas Distinguished Service Awards for their years of service to agricultural science and education.

Dickson was honored for 15 years of service and Rowan for 10 years.

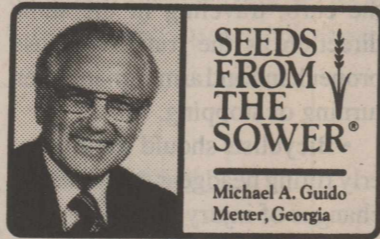
These awards are designed to commend individuals who are dedicated and supportive of agricultural education in Texas.

The awards were presented during the Agriculture Teachers' Professional Development Conference on Wednesday, August 2, in Lubbock.

"This year's conference focused on the need for agriculture for a changing society," Ray Rabroker Jr., president of the Vocational

Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas, stated. "As we move forward into the 21st century, it's imperative that agriculture be recognized as a vital component of people's lives. This recognition begins in the classroom with students and we aim to continue to improve our teacher's knowledge and applicability of agriculture each year with our annual summer conference," Rabroker said.

In Texas, there are over 1,500 agricultural science and technology teachers that impact over 95,000 students who are enrolled in agriculture education classes at the secondary level. The Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas is headquartered in Austin and aims to improve agriculture by teaching.



A minister returned his defective car to the dealer. "What's the matter?" asked the salesman. "Can't you run it?"

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Wouldn't you like to turn yourself in to the Maker now?

## Physical Therapist Assistant in two years

VRJC offers the PTA program from Amarillo College on the Vernon Campus



Register Monday, August 21  
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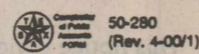
For more information call a VRJC counselor.  
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www.vrjc.cc.tx.us

*Effective August 1,  
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Thanks for your help !!*

## PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF O'BRIEN

### TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

City of O'Brien is giving notice of the city's intent to submit a Community Development Fund application for a grant from the Texas Community Development Program. The grant application request is \$250,000.00 for the following activities: water system improvements (elevated tank), acquisition, engineering, administration. The application is available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.



### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The KNOX CITY-O'BRIEN CTSD will hold a public meeting at 7:00 p.m., AUGUST 22, 2000 in THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION OFFICE AT 606 EAST MAIN, KNOX CITY, TEXAS. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates					
	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.39	\$ 0	\$ 1.39	\$	\$
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.3878	\$ 0	\$ 1.3878	\$	\$
Proposed Rate	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

\* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence		
	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 19,230	\$ 19,634
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 4,230	\$ 4,634
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.39	\$ 1.44
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 58.80	\$ 66.73
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 7.93

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.489/\$100 OF VALUE. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.489/\$ VALUE.

Fund Balances	
The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:	
Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 1,427,738
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0