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With a new year upon us, we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their sincere loyalty to us during this past year. It has been our pleasure to bring you the news and also serve your cellular phone needs.

Here's wishing each of you a happy and prosperous 2001. May each of you find success, peace and good health during the new year soon to be rung in.

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Thursday, January 4 - Beef stew, seven-minute cabbage, cheese sticks, cornbread, cake. Friday, January 5 - Bar-b-q chicken, cole slaw, macaroni and cheese, sweet peas, hot rolls, cobbler.

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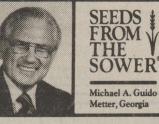
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#### **Earlene Austin**

Funeral services for Ermine Earlene Austin were held Sunday, December 24, 2000, at 2:00 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church in Rochester. The Rev. Dolan Brinson officiated. Burial was in the Rochester Cemetery with Mansell-Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

**Obituaries** 

Mrs. Austin, 58, died Friday, December 22, 2000, in an Abilene

Born in Knox City to Earl and Tempie Alvis, she graduated from Rochester High School and received a bachelor of science degree from McMurry University. She was an elementary school teacher for the El Paso ISD and the Knox City ISD. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Rochester.

Survivors include her mother, Tempie Lee Alvis of Rochester; a son, Todd Austin of Abilene; a brother, Dr. James Alvis of Rochester; and several aunts and cousins.

Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Rochester.

#### **Mary Wilson**

Graveside services for Mary Wilson of Haskell were held Thursday, December 21, 2000, at 3:00 p.m. in the Knox City Cemetery. Arrangements were by Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mrs. Wilson, 51, died Tuesday, December 19, 2000, in a Haskell hospital.

Born October 10, 1949, in Apache, Oklahoma, she married Jesse J. Wilson on February 13, 1968, in Hugo, Oklahoma. She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ in Haskell.

She was preceded in death by two grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband, Jesse Wilson of Haskell; a daughter, Sandra Tatum of Haskell; two sons, Timothy Wilson of Mineola and Billy Wilson of Haskell; five brothers, Hershell James of Broken Bow, Oklahoma; Lonnie James of Golden, Oklahoma; Leonard James of Broken Bow, Oklahoma; Russell James of Anadarko, Oklahoma; and Jason James of Bethel, Oklahoma; a sister, Karen James of Arkansas; and seven grandchildren.

#### KC News subscriptions due by January 1, 2001

The following subscriptions to The Knox County News are due by January 1, 2001.

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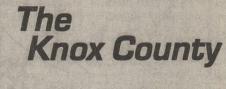
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#### Around town

#### Activities of proactive citizens for the benefit of everyone

By MIKE BURKHAM City Manager

With Christmas behind us, the spirit of the season has been showing with the activities and contributions of our citizens to projects that are important to us all. It is pleasantly surprising to all of us at the city offices that there has been so much positive feedback on the current projects of the city and our activities continue to increase in importance and impact for the citizens of Knox City.

A large donation has been received to build a fence at the Knox City Cemetery. This generous contribution will provide for the construction of a high quality masonry and wrought iron fence that will dress the front of the cemetery. Any additional funds that become available for this project will go toward extending the fence to encompass the entire property, curb and gutter roadways to provide for improved drainage, pave the roadways so that the monuments in the cemetery will no longer be subjected to the soiling from mud and gravel being thrown on them and reestablish an irrigation system that will promote the overall appearance of this final resting place for many of our friends and relatives. It is our wish to provide the most attractive facility possible for our community and we will all have to realize that the closing of some roads to automobile traffic along with the rerouting of others may be required. Your input and contributions to any of these areas is welcome. This is, above all, our cemetery and it should be a concerted effort of the entire community to make it another part of our town that we can be proud of. Anyone wishing to contribute to these cemetery projects can get more information by contacting City Hall where you can see the preliminary drawings

of this project. This is a project that will begin soon after the first of the year, once the surveys and clearances are verified with the proper authorities we are prepared to begin the construction on this great project.

The new street sweeper is proving itself with each use. It is amazing how much accumulation of dirt and debris there is on our streets, but with each pass of the sweeper we are getting one step closer to our goal of creating a more attractive Knox City for each of us. Moving ahead of the sweeper is your city maintenance crew that continues to trim the brush and trees back from the roadways and the loader that is attempting to do some pre-cleaning ahead of the sweeper. All of this work is highly labor intensive and often time consuming, but we remain committed to insuring that you will be able to be proud of your streets and property once we are done.

The city has been able to obtain a dump truck from the Texas Department of Transportation this past week. We are currently using this truck in our clean-up efforts and it is proving to also be a valuable piece of equipment that has been needed for a long time. With the addition of this truck we will be able to fully dedicate one truck to a regular brush pickup detail. Once we have everything in shape the demands on our small, old truck should be ore manageable and it will then be possible for us to look at establishing a regular brush and limb pickup schedule. Until that time, we keep on working toward providing each citizen with the services that you require and expect.

Plans are continuing to be accepted on the vacant lot across from city hall. Anyone who wishes to submit a plan or just offer sug-

gestions on the use of this area may come by and pick up a entry board or drop us a note at city hall. The city council is committed to working with the EDC boards to establish a facility for business or recreation here in Knox City.

One area of work that can be accomplished with the aid of each citizen is the ongoing street cleaning project. If we can all work toward removing the "abandoned" automobiles from our streets and properties, we will be taking a giant step toward creating a neater appearance for our town. It may be a little difficult for each of us to find places to park these vehicles and we understand this problem, so if you are needing some assistance in moving or getting rid of your inoperable vehicle the police department is willing to assist our residents in finding reasonable solutions to this problem. Chief Steen and officer Provost will work with you to get any unwanted vehicle from your property and they can provide you with the procedures and requirements for accomplishing this task. The help of anyone in this area

would be greatly appreciated. With everything that is going on in your city's business it is our wish that each citizen of Knox City become an active part of any or all of these projects. The small core of people that are initiating these projects can only do so much. It will take the continued efforts of everyone for us to attain the goal of making Knox City our garden spot in the rolling plains.

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#### Basketball scores

December 12 at KC, JV Girls KC 21, Throckmorton 20 Lankford 2, Chambers 12, Gutierrez 7. •• JV Boys, Varsity Girls and Varsity Boys canceled due to ice storm

December 14, Rule Tourney Varsity Girls - KC 34, Trent 48 Vacek 3, Lankford 6, Roberts 3, Garcia 8, Gonzales 10, Quintana 3. Varsity Boys - KC 29, Trent 35 Hernandez 11, Rocha 13, Roberson 2, Grimsley 1, Green 2.

**December 15, Rule Tourney** V Girls - KC 70, Rochester 26 Vacek 6, Lankford 8, Roberts 6, Miranda 4, Garcia 16, Gonzales 14, Quintana 16.

V Boys - KC 60, Rule 30 Hernandez 9, Rocha 24, Grimsley 8, Green 15, Walton 4.

December 16, Rule Tourney **Consolation - V Girls** KC 62, Aspermont 42 Vacek 10, Lankford 14, Roberts 2, Miranda 2, Jobe 2, Garcia 20.

Gonzales 4, Quintana 8. V Boys - KC 46, Asperment 46 Hernandez 7, Rocha 24, Grimsley 3, Speck 3, Green 6, Walton 3. . • Erik Rocha was named to the All-

Tournament Team at Rule. **December 16, Seymour Tourney** 

JV Boys - KC 57, Throck 25 Ruiz 10, Bishop 2, S. Roberson 9, Johnson 2, Burkham 7, Weiershausen 19, W. Espinoza 3, Duncan 4, Miranda 2, B Espinosa 1.

**KC 34, Munday 31** • • Won First Place • • Ruiz 9, Burkham 2, S. Roberson 2, Johnson 2, Weiershausen 15, Duncan

**December 21, Notre Dame** JV Boys - KC 44, Notre Dame 39 S. Roberson 2, Johnson 5, Burkham 7, Weiershausen 15, Carver 13, B. Espinosa 2.

V Girls - KC 57, Notre Dame 51 Quintana 2, Roberts 6, Garcia 6, Vacek 14, Lankford 7, Jobe 6, Gonzales 16.

V Boys - KC 36, Notre Dame 49 Hernandez 4, Grimsley 9, Rocha 8, K. Green 9, Speck 6.

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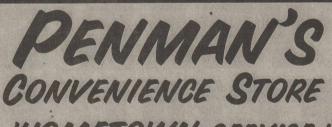
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#### Nov. police report By Harry E. Steen, Chief of Police

November 2000 The Knox City Police Department had another very busy month during November 2000, receiving a total of 661 calls and tasks which required attention. This total included 12 actual criminal offenses, of which 10 were cleared or otherwise handled. Six charges were filed in regard to the above offenses, with two of the offenses involving juveniles as of-

Offenses reported include: Harassment - 1, Physical Neglect - 1, Burglary of a Habitation - 1, Violate City Ordinance (Abandoned Vehicles) -2, Theft (shoplifting) - 1, M.I.P. (Alqohol) - 1, Consumption of Alcohol by a Minor - 1, False Report to Peace Officer - 1, Assault (Domestic Related) - 3. Traffic Charges Filed - 7, Warnings Issued - 81, Accidents - 4.

Other items reported to the Knox City Police Department during November are classified as incidents. These incidents were not able to be considered as a criminal offense, however, they must be handled in a responsible and proper manner.

Incidents reported include: Prowler - 4, Property Found - 2, Dog Call- 1, Welfare concern - 2, Open Poor - 11, Tree Limb in Roadway - 2, \$kunk Call - 18. Over Dose - 1, Helicopter LZ - 1, Opossum - 1, Neighborhood Disturbance - 3, Funeral Escort - 2, Domestic Dispute -, Civil Standby - 4, Escort for Students - 2, Motorist Assist -4, Courtesy Standby - 4, Cat Call - 1, Gas Leak (Haz-Mat) - 1. Throughout the month of November, this department received several calls from the following: Central (911) - 49, Sheriff's Office - 13, City Hall - 19.

On the 16th of November, I attended the TASK FORCE meeting, concerning the ongoing problem with drugs in the area. Held traffic during the downtown pep rally for the high school students and the supporters of our kids. On the 27th of November, we shut down East Hwy. 222, which the TXU workers, repaired the ruptured high pressure gas line. On the 28th, District Court was held in Benjamin, concerning a local case.

Winter came early this year, by snowing a few inches, this department would like the drivers to take due caution when weather turns bad.

This department has heard some people complaining about KIDS, riding along with this department. The KIDS are members with our local Law Enforcement Explorer Post and these KIDS (MEMBERS) are allowed to ride-a-long with the offic-

This program is a part of the Boy Scouts of America and this Post has received the Quality Unit Award for the two years. These members show interest in making Law Enforcement

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Christmas Eve, the family began their party with the greatnieces and nephews playing the piano, singing and poetry reading. The adults told memories of past Christmases with their late parents, Ruth and A.P. Sr. After a supper buffet, everyone old enough to count participated in a Bunco tournament. Then the diehards played "42" 'til the wee

Christmas began with Nancy reading the Christmas story from the family Bible. The children participate in the story with the handson nativity.

After singing Christmas carols, everyone put on a Santa Claus hat and looked in their stockings. Christmas dinner was served on china and crystal. When the dishes were done, the younger generation left for other gatherings and the elders stayed for another day or two of fun.

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LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Underground Injection Control Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-2967 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

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application of the Texas Railroad Commission to obtain a Rule 10 Exception to Downhole Commingle production from the Twin Peaks (Strawn Upper) Field, lease No. 60889, and the Twin Peaks (Strawn 5400) Field, lease no. 62725, in the S.B. Burnett Estate, Well No. W-27. The subject well is located 2106' FWL and 660' FNL of Section 13, Block F of the H&TC RR Survey in King County, Texas. Request for additional information can be made to Hunt Oil Company Field Office at P.O. Box 69, Knox City, Texas 79529. Phone number 940-658-3567.

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## Legal Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Hunt Oil Company, Fountain Place, 1445 Ross at Field, Dallas, Texas 75202-2785 has applied to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil or gas. The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Twin Peaks, Strawn Reef formations in the S.B. Burnett Estate "RRR" Lease Well Number RRR-31. The proposed injection well is located 10 miles southeast of Guthrie, Texas in the Big RRR (Strawn Reed) Field, King County, Texas. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 5340' to 5672'.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Underground Injection Control Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-2967 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR WATER QUALITY LAND APPLICATION PERMIT RENEWAL OF MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER

PERMIT NO. 11162-001

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. City of Benjamin, P.O. Box 286, Benjamin, Texas 79505, has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) for a renewal of Permit No. 11162-001, which authorizes the disposal of treated domestic wastewater at a daily average flow not to exceed 42,500 gallons per day via surface irrigation of 10.5 acres of land. This permit will not authorize a discharge of pollutants into waters in the State. This application was submitted to the TNRCC on June 23, 2000.

The facility and disposal site are located south of the City of Benjamin, approximately 0.75 mile south of the intersection of U.S. Highway 82 and State Highway 6 and approximately 800 feet west of State Highway 6 in Knox County, Texas. The facility and disposal site are located in the drainage basin of Brazos River Above Possum Kingdom Lake in Segment No. 1208 of the Brazos River Basin.

The TNRCC executive director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The executive director has made a preliminary decision to issue the draft permit. The permit application, technical summary and executive director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at the City Hall, 101 West Cedar, Benjamin, Texas.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about his application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit written or oral comment or to ask questions about the application. The TNRCC will hold a public meeting if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

Written public comments or requests for public meeting should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of the notice.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. The response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who requested to be on the mailing list for this application. If comments were received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the executive director's decision. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn. Issues that are not raised in public comments may not be considered during a hearing. The TNRCC may act on this application to renew a permit without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION.** The executive director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or a timely request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the executive director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and requests to the TNRCC Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

MAILING LIST. In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. You may request to be added to: (1) the mailing list for this specific application; (2) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (3) the permanent mailing list for a specific county. Clearly specify which mailing list(s) to which you wish to be added and send your request to the TNRCC Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. Unless you otherwise specify, you will be included only on the mailing list for this specific application.

**INFORMATION.** If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, (such as being added to the mailing list), please call the TNRCC Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040 or write to them at MC 105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. General information about the TNRCC can be found at our web site at <a href="https://www.tnrcc.state.tx.us">www.tnrcc.state.tx.us</a>.

Further information may also be obtained from City of Benjamin at the address stated above or by calling Ron White, City Manager at (940) 454-3131.

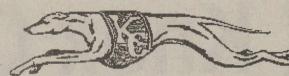
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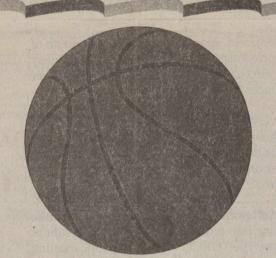
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