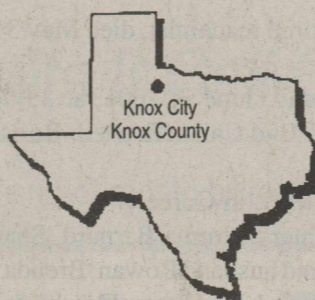


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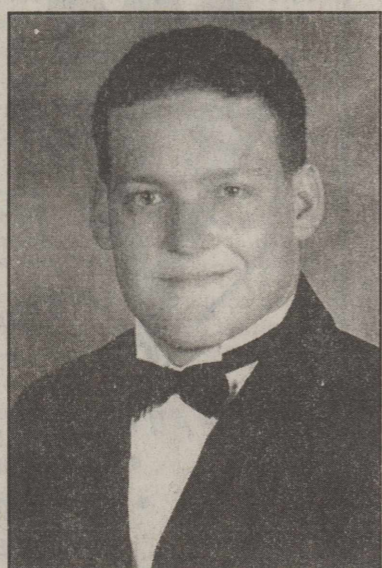
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4-H member receives Knox County Extension Education Association scholarship

Jeremy Lowe, 17 year old son of Jerry and Judy Lowe of Munday, has been selected as recipient of the Knox County Extension Education Association's "4-H Scholarship".

The \$200.00 scholarship is awarded annually to a Knox County 4-H member. The scholarship is based upon their 4-H participation, need for financial assistance, grades, community service and extra curricular activities.

Jeremy has participated in the 4-H program for 10 years, taking part in such projects as swine, safety, photography and foods & nutrition. Jeremy has held numerous 4-H club offices and served as a district 4-H Council Delegate. He has received the Knox County 4-H Gold Star Award and Jr. Gold Star Award. Jeremy excelled in the 4-H Foods & Nutrition project. Through participation in project meetings he expanded his knowledge in the foods and nutrition



Jeremy Lowe

...4-H scholarship recipient

area. His knowledge and skills were exhibited as he participated in 4-H Foods Shows placing 1st in the county and district competitions for eight years. In 1999 he placed 7th in the state 4-H Food Show. As a part of his Foods & Nutrition project Jeremy served

as a Jr. Project Leader for the project, presented programs at the local Child Development Center and Lions Club and volunteered for the Knox County Aging Center meal program.

In addition to 4-H, Jeremy was active in school UIL activities and church activities.

The Knox County Extension Education Association is proud to honor Jeremy with this scholarship.

Jeremy is the grandson of Jerry & Susie Ray of Knox City.

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County Commissioners' Court votes to place county funds at First National Bank of Munday

Judge David N. Perdue called the REGULAR meeting of Commissioners' Court to order at 1:30 P.M. on May 14, 2001 at the Courthouse in Benjamin, Texas. Also present were Commissioners Weldon Skiles, Jerry Parker, Jimmy Urbanczyk, and Johnny Birkenfeld, County Attorney Bobby Burnett, Sheriff Dean Homstad, District Extension Agent Galen Chandler, Knox County Extension Agent Jane Rowan, and Homer Lowrance of Munday. Treasurer Penny Goodwin, Tax Assessor-Collector Stanton Brown, and Clerk Ronnie Verhalen appeared during the debate concerning the Bank Depository Bid.

The Court considered the following matters as posted and filed for Record in the office of the County Clerk on May 11, 2001 at 2:30 P.M.

Upon motion by Commissioner Parker and second by Commissioner Urbanczyk, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 9, 2001 were unanimously approved.

Judge Perdue introduced Galen Chandler, District Extension Director of Vernon, who spoke concerning his requested agenda item of the possible replacement of Agriculture Extension Agent for this County, a matter previously discussed by this Court. Numerous questions were asked by the members present concerning a qualified candidate for the position, one that has been vacant since June, 2000. Commissioner Parker presented a motion to continue the search for a qualified person and if he/she can be found that the Commissioners Court should interview the applicant. Commissioner Urbanczyk seconded, with all in favor.

Commissioner Birkenfeld moved to appoint Sam Boone of Benjamin and David Albus of Knox City to the Haskell/Knox Underground Water District, replacing Greg Clonts and Louis L. Baty, Jr., both of Knox City. The second came from Commissioner Parker, and all voted for the motion.

The Court officially rescinded its bid to purchase the unused Texas Department of Transportation facility in Benjamin, since the City of Benjamin also bid on the same property, a situation that would have caused TxDOT to open the bidding process to the general public. This action was unanimously approved upon a motion by Commissioner Parker and a second by Commissioner Birkenfeld.

Judge Perdue informed the Court that the County needed to release funds held over from the TxDOT Enhancement Project awarded the County in 1996 since we will no longer pursue a Visitors' Center on the third floor of the Courthouse. Judge Perdue verified that TxDOT representative Dwayne Culpepper on May 15, 2001 related that the funds were to be released; the judge is to check again with TxDOT to see if these funds could be used for other

expenses. These actions were approved on a motion by Commissioner Urbanczyk, seconded by Commissioner Birkenfeld, and supported by all.

The Court was advised by Judge Perdue that the Knox County Country Club has requested the County to be the nominating agency for a Knox City Pedestrian and Bike Trail to be located on city property but outside the city limits on State Highway 6. The proposed path would be an eight-foot wide all-weather paved surface located around the outside of the golf course facility. This project is part of the TxDOT 2001 Enhancement Program. Commissioner Birkenfeld moved to approve Judge Perdue working with those members on the grant project. A second followed by Commissioner Skiles, and all approved.

On a motion by Commissioner Skiles, Judge Perdue is to request certain changing of "off system" bridge classifications within the County and to oversee new signs appropriate from TxDOT. Second was by Commissioner Urbanczyk, and all approved.

Bids were opened for the sale of Lots 9 and 10, Block 4, City of Benjamin, which had previously been advertised for sale by this court. The only bid received was from Wyman Meinzer for \$300 for each lot. Commissioner Birkenfeld moved to accept that bid, Commissioner Skiles seconded, and all voted in favor. Commissioner Parker moved to authorize Judge Perdue to sign the warranty deed on behalf of the Court, Commissioner Urbanczyk seconded, and all approved.

Judge Perdue advised the Court that several citizens of Truscott have requested the Court to post 30 mph speed limit signs in Truscott proper (but not on Highway 6, which bypasses). Commissioner Parker so moved, Commissioner Urbanczyk seconded the motion, and all favored it.

Judge Perdue presented two

bids for the Court's consideration for Bank Depository for the County's funds. They were from First National Bank in Munday and CitizensBank in Knox City. Bids were opened, and County Treasurer Penny Goodwin duplicated them and distributed copies to each member present. Judge Perdue stated at the beginning that he would not enter into any discussion nor vote on the depository bids because his wife is employed by one of the institutions. Ms. Godwin reviewed each bid for the court and reported that the First National Bank had a slightly higher interest rate of savings for some (?) terms and offered free printing of checks, which seemed to be the only difference between the two bids. After a discussion of the merits of the two banks, Commissioner Urbanczyk moved to accept the bid from the First National Bank, and Commissioner Birkenfeld seconded. The vote was split, with Commissioners Birkenfeld and Urbanczyk in favor and Commissioners Parker and Skiles voting no. Judge Perdue advised the members that he had abstained from voting, which meant the motion would fail. Commissioner Urbanczyk offered another motion to accept the bid of the Munday bank, and Commissioner seconded. Those voting for the motion this time were Commissioners Urbanczyk, Birkenfeld, and Skiles; Commissioner Parker voted no; and Judge Perdue again abstained.

County Attorney Bobby D. Burnett advised the Court that computers in several offices in the courthouse have received a duplication of software products, for various reasons. Dove Computer Consulting reviewed and inspected all County courthouse computer systems and has made a recommendation that we should standardize and upgrade software where duplications exist. Randy Burns of Haskell has submitted a bid of approximately \$3000 to

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City Council swears in new Mayor at May meeting

The following are unapproved minutes from the May 10, 2001 City Council meeting

The Knox City City Council met in regular session on May 10, 2001 with Mayor Tommie Reynolds presiding. Council members present were Charles Lankford, Fred Ledesma, Jessie Rios, J.M. Emerson, and Leon Watson. Also present were City Administrator Michael Burkham, Chief Harry Steen, Municipal Court Judge Rob Harrison, Adam Campbell, Mary Ann Boone, Sherry Ellis, Lara Steen, Isabel Rodriguez, Jeff Acree, Linda Abila, and Donna Banks. Mayor Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:07 P.M.

The first item on the agenda was Public Comments. Mary Ann Boone addressed the Council on amending livestock ordinances. Lara Steen then addressed the Council on the treatment of Police officers in Knox City by public officials and non-city residents.

The next item on the agenda was to deliberate and act on the hiring of the swimming pool manager. The Council interviewed 3 applicants-Donna Banks, Linda Abila, and Isabel Rodriguez. After discussion, Charles Lankford made the motion to hire Donna Banks. Jessie Rios seconded. All voted in favor.

Next on the agenda was to deliberate and act on the hours of the Convenience Center. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided to have Mr. Burkham speak with Willard Skiles to see if he would be interested in opening the Center in the afternoons. This would begin with a 30 day trial period.

The next item was to deliberate and act on possible amendments to the Livestock Ordinance. Mayor Reynolds recommended to the leave the ordinance as it but

include regulations. After discussion, it was decided to have Mr. Burkham check on State and Federal regulation before any action be taken.

Next on the agenda was to deliberate and act on Municipal Court Technology. Judge Rob Harrison addressed the Council on the need for a computer system for the Municipal Court. After a lengthy discussion, Fred Ledesma made the motion to purchase a computer for the Court. Leon Watson seconded. All voted in favor.

The next item was to deliberate and act on appointment of Leon Burkham as a North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority director. Charles Lankford made the motion to appoint Mr. Burkham. J.M. Emerson seconded. All voted in favor.

Next was to deliberate and act on the resignation of Charles Lankford from the City Council. J.M. Emerson made the motion to accept the resignation. Jessie Rios seconded. All voted in favor.

The next item on the agenda was to deliberate and act on the replacement of Council member Charles Lankford. Leon Watson nominated Don Railsback. Fred Ledesma nominated James Manning. Fred Ledesma made the motions for nominations to cease. The nominations were then put to a vote. J.M. Emerson voted for Don Railsback. Jessie Rios, Fred Ledesma and Leon Watson voted for James Manning. Mr. Manning was elected by majority.

The Council then took a five-minute break.

Next on the agenda was the swearing in of the newly elected officials. Mayor Reynolds admin-

istered the oath of office to Charles Lankford, Mayor and J.M. Emerson and Leon Watson, Council members.

The next items was to deliberate and act on the appointment of Mayor pro tem. J.M. Emerson nominated Jessie Rios. Fred Ledesma nominated J.M. Emerson. Fred Ledesma made the motion for nominations to cease. Leon Watson seconded. The nominations were then put to a vote. J.M. Emerson voted for Jessie Rios. Jessie Rios, Fred Ledesma, and Leon Watson voted for J.M. Emerson. J.M. Emerson was elected mayor pro tem by majority.

Next on the agenda was the City Administrator's report. During this report, Mr. Burkham recognized outgoing mayor, Tommie Reynolds and presented him with a plaque in honor of his service to the City.

Next was the Keep Texas Beautiful report given by Charles Lankford.

The next item on the agenda was to deliberate and act of the Police Dept. report. Fred Ledesma made the motion to approve the report. Jessie Rios seconded. All voted in favor.

Next on the agenda was to deliberate and act on approving the financial reports. Fred Ledesma made the motion to approve the reports. Jessie Rios seconded. All voted in favor.

With no other business before the Council, Leon Watson made the motion to adjourn. Jessie Rios seconded. All voted in favor.

Michael Burkham,
City Administrator
ATTEST:
Elaine Eaton, City Secretary

Stubbs granddaughter to be head of Owasso student council

Shanna Smethers, granddaughter of Jack and Romain Stubbs, will be holding the position of the 2001-2002 Student Council President in her hometown of Owasso, Oklahoma.

Shanna will be the "head honcho" of about 1200 juniors and seniors. This summer, she will be traveling to North and South Carolina where she will attend the National Student Council Convention. She will have an opportunity to get acquainted with delegates from all over the United States.

Shanna is also the school's mascot, the "RAM" and has been for two years.

She will be attending a mascot camp at Southern Methodist University in Dallas this summer and will be competing in a National



SHANNA SMETHERS

Mascot Competition in December.

Shanna is the daughter of Sandy and Gary Smethers of Owasso.

The next regular scheduled meeting of the City Council of Knox City is Thursday, June 14, 7:00 p.m. at City Hall

Commissioners select bank
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upgrade those computers in question. Commissioner Birkenfeld moved to accept Mr. Burns's proposal, Commissioner Skiles seconded, and all were in favor.

Ms. Goodwin advised the Court of Tax Assessor-Collector Stanton Brown's recent appointment to the State Board of Tax Professionals by Governor Rick Perry. Information only.

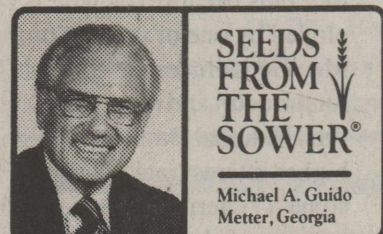
Commissioner Skiles moved to pay receivables from the County Treasurer, Commissioner Parker seconded, and all approved. Commissioner Birkenfeld moved to accept the quarterly report from Ms. Goodwin. Commissioner Urbanczyk seconded, and all approved.

There being no further business to come before the Court at this time, upon motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Skiles, and carried unanimously, the meeting of the Court was ADJOURNED.

APPROVED this 11th day of June 2001.

DAVID N. PERDUE
COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:
COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF KNOX COUNTY, TEXAS



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Michael A. Guido Metter, Georgia

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Obituaries

Harvey Lee James

Harvey Lee James, 71, a retired machinist, died May 31, 2001, in a Fort Worth hospital.

Funeral services were Sunday, June 3, 2001, at 3:00 p.m. at the Hawkins Funeral Chapel. Bro. Bud Call officiated. Burial was in the East Bridgeport Cemetery.

He was born September 6, 1929, in Goree. Survivors include six daughters, Norma Barnard, Sharlette Lester and husband Fred, Paula Crist and husband Rowan, Brenda Vaughn and husband Tony, Donna Tynes and La Fleata Fletcher and husband Johnny; three stepdaughters, Lisa, Latricia and Sonya; 13 grandchildren, six great grandchildren, two brothers, Wayne and Doyle James; and six sisters, Alta Mae Call, Helen Cooper, Edith Brown, Opal Zedlitz, Linda Kay Large and Marlena Teer.

Alex G. Godsey

Funeral services for Alex G. Godsey of O'Brien were held Saturday, June 9, 2001, at 2:30 p.m. in the Foursquare Church in Knox City. The Rev. Paul Chambers and Rev. Rob Harrison officiated. Burial was in the Knox City Cemetery with Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Godsey, 75, died Thursday, June 7, 2001, at a Stamford nursing home following a lengthy illness.

Born July 1, 1925, in Bovina, he farmed and combined for harvest here all his life. He married Carol Finley on July 22, 1960, in Knox City. He served on the O'Brien and Carney school board and later on the Knox City-O'Brien CISD school board for several terms. He was a member of the Foursquare Church.

Alex served in the United States Army during World War II. He was decorated with Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon with one bronze star, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal Distinguished Unit Badge-Co. #40, Army Occupation (Japan) Victory Ribbon with two Overseas Service Bars.

Survivors include his wife, Carol of the home; three sons, Jonathan and wife Martha of Anson, Joe of Knox City and Dan of Knox City; a sister, Dorthy Harris of Knox City; three grandchildren, Bo, Ryan and Jordan; three nephews and three nieces.

Pallbearers were Adam Carver, Hoot Holmes, Alan Holmes, J.M. Emerson, Ricky Ulrich, John Hendrix, Morris Houck and Jerry Curd.

Honorary pallbearers were Orval Manning, Ken Butler, W.R. Orr, Weldon Leek, Charles Pack, Hiram Whitaker, Eddie Adkins, Bob Berryman, John Lippard, Delbert Hayes and David Albus.

Local's grandson named to North Texas dean's list

DENTON - Noah Adam Norrid, grandson of Lola Hudson of Knox City and nephew of Mona Cook of Knox City, has been named to the University of North Texas dean's list for the spring semester 2001.

To be named to the dean's list, students must complete at least 12 academic hours during the semester with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9.

FROM PAMPA

Evelyn Allen Warner of Pampa, granddaughter of the late E.B. Dentons, visited in Knox City Monday of this week.

She also visited A.P. Denton Jr. while here.

Weather

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

Date	Low	High	Rain
06/05	68	93	
06/06	67	90	
06/07	67	92	
06/08	69	91	
06/09	66	92	
06/10	66	96	
06/11	70	99	

2001 Rainfall - 12.24

Aging center lunch menus

June 18th thru June 22nd

Monday, June 18 - Chicken strips with gravy, buttered potatoes, peas and carrots, salad, biscuits, cookies.

Tuesday, June 19 - Fish and tartar sauce, macaroni and cheese, green beans, cole slaw, hush puppies, cake.

Wednesday, June 20 - Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, blackeyed peas, cucumber salad, hot rolls, peaches with topping.

Thursday, June 21 - Peppered steak, buttered rice, glazed carrots, salad, hot rolls, cobbler.

Friday, June 22 - Chef salad, corn on the cob, ranch style beans, crackers, dessert.

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

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God bless you all,
Betty, Willard and Bruce Skiles
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Pam Tommy, Amanda and Cole Ward

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* Sunday Evening Worship at 7:00 p.m. ~ Mid Week, Wed. at 7:00 p.m.
Sunday Services telecast live on Cable Channel 6 in Knox City & O'Brien

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH ~ Knox City
Steve Pepper, Minister
Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ~ Knox City
Wesley Holland, Pastor
Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m.

FOUR SQUARE CHURCH ~ Knox City
Paul Chambers, Pastor
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 10:45 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m. ~ Mid Week, Wed. at 7:00 p.m.

SANTA ROSA CATHOLIC CHURCH ~ Knox City
Father Leo Schloemer ~ Deacon Julian Estrada
Sunday Bilingual Mass at 11:00 a.m.

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Father Leo Schloemer ~ Deacon Julian Estrada
Monday Through Friday Mornings, 8:00 a.m. Mass
Saturday Mass at 7:00 p.m. ~ Sunday Mass at 9:00 a.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ~ Benjamin
John Gillispie, Pastor
Sunday School at 10:00 a.m., Sunday Morning at 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening at 6:00 p.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ~ Benjamin
Wesley Holland, Pastor
Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m. ~ Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.

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Ross Anderson, Pastor
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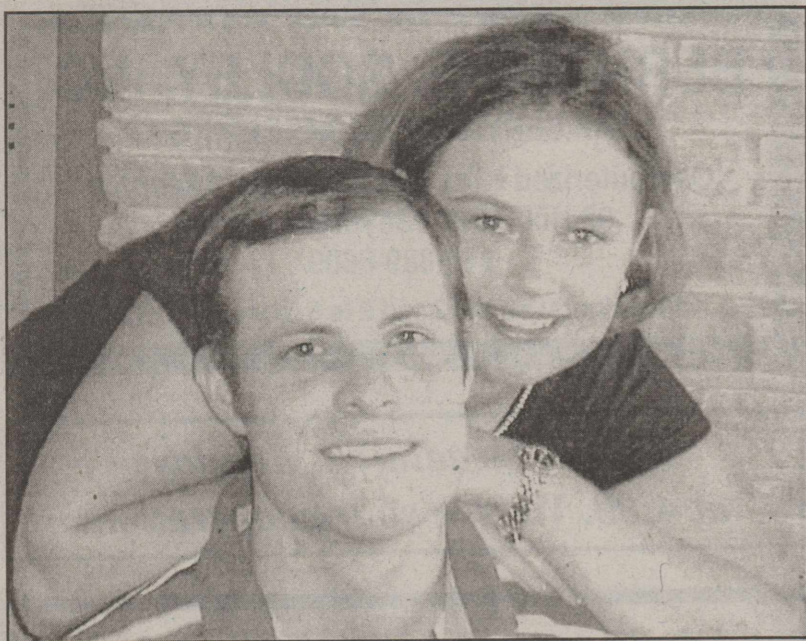
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MICHAEL MCGAUGHEY and TANDY ROBERTS

Engagement announced

Rick and Tammy Gonzales and Mark and Marsha McGaughey are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Tandy Roberts to Michael McGaughey.

The couple is planning a Saturday, July 14, wedding at six o'clock in the evening at the First United Methodist Church in Knoxville.

Veterans News Notes

By John Gillispie,
Knox County Veterans Service Officer



Questions and Answers...

Q: I saw a news program on television that says veterans graves are going unmarked. When did VA stop giving headstones to veterans.

A: Since the Civil War, the federal government has provided headstones or markers for the graves of veterans. There has always been a catch, which news organizations recently focused upon. VA gives the headstones or markers only if the veteran's grave doesn't already have a marker. In this case, a marker is defined as something with the veteran's full name, date of birth and date of death.

If a veteran's grave already has a marker, federal law says, in effect, that VA cannot provide a headstone or marker. Some lawmakers and survivors of veterans are working to persuade Congress to change this law.

Q: There hasn't been much said lately about VA benefits for the children with spina bifida. Where does that program stand?

A: Since Dec. 1, VA has offered health-care insurance and an allowance ranging from \$221 to \$1,317 a month to some people with spina bifida. They must be the children of veterans who served in Vietnam during the Vietnam War. Congress authorized

the benefits because of evidence linking the illness to a parent's exposure to the herbicide Agent Orange. VA recently created a toll-free number where people can receive information about the spina bifida program. The number is 1-888-820-1756.

Q: Is VA sponsoring the wheelchair games again this year?

A: The 21st National Veterans Wheelchair Games are scheduled to begin July 1 in New York City. The event, co-sponsored by the Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA), will be headquartered at the New York Marriott Marquis on Times Square. It runs through July 5.

About 500 veterans are expected, making it the largest annual wheelchair sporting event in the nation. Actress Bo Derek is scheduled to present the medals. The program is open to all U.S. military veterans who use wheelchairs due to spinal cord injuries, amputations or most neurological conditions or mobility impairments. For more information contact your local VA medical facility.

For further information about VA financial payments, call 1-800-827-1000, VA health care, call 1-877-222-8387, or visit VA's web-page at <http://www.va.gov>.

O'Brien happenings

By Audie Johnston, O'Brien Correspondent

"Ego Twist - Halfway home from church, my seven-year-old daughter realized she'd left her Sunday-school homework behind. We turned around, and all the way back, her grandfather and I lectured her on assuming responsibility for her things.

We waited in the car, and when she emerged from the church, laughing, her homework was in one hand and my purse in the other."

Receives award - The Texas Association of private and parochial schools award banquet was held June 1, 2001, in the San Antonio Omni Hotel for Class 1A, 2A and 3A schools in Texas. Attending was Juanita Wilcox of Knoxville City to see her son, Gary (Bimbi) Wilcox of El Paso, receive the award for "Fine Arts Teacher of the Year" in Class 2A schools in Texas. Gary teaches music at Jesus Chapel School in El Paso. Gary is pastor of the First Baptist Church in Fort Hancock.

Here and There - Beatrice Ellis spent the weekend in Plainview and Slaton and attended an Ellis family reunion while there.

Charlene Brothers was in Junction last week to visit Adelle and Doris Herring and families.

Dwight Gothard, along with his son Paul Dean Gothard, were in Kokomo Saturday to attend the family reunion for his late wife Edrie's, Whorton family.

Loretta Hewitt was in Snyder last week to visit her mom, Edna Davis, in a care home there.

We've been blessed in O'Brien by having two new families move

in. The Loftiss family moved and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hutchinson moved in Veeta Reid's rent house and a family moved in Billie Walker's rent house across from the O'Brien school. We are all proud to have some new neighbors.

Angela Roberts along with her "cheerleaders" will be at Hardin-Simmons for cheerleading school this week.

Jerry and Lou Hodges of Graham spent the weekend with Jerry's mom, Clara Hanson and sister, Joan of Alabama.

Royce Manning of Abilene visited with his parents, Orval and Helen Manning, a while last week.

Members of O'Brien Baptist Church who attended Haskell-Knox Association WMA meeting in Rochester today (Monday) were Bro. Kyle Gullede, Marilyn Talbot, Helen Manning, Bernice Rowan, Billie Walker and I. It was a great meeting. Had some great speakers. They are really doing a great job for Hospitality House in Abilene.

Visiting Ranzy and Adelle Herring last week were Adelle Herring of Junction, Claudia Reed of Rochester and Kevin Urbanczyk of Goree.

Pink Ladies plan meeting for Monday at 5:00 p.m.

The Knox County Hospital Auxiliary Pink Ladies will meet Monday, June 18, at 5:00 p.m. in the downtown thrift shop.

All members are asked to please attend the meeting.

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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.

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may cause and thank you in advance
for your cooperation.



U.S. Army Pvt. Joey Posey

Former Grad completes U. S. Army Basic Training

Pvt. Joey Posey graduated from the United States Army's Basic Combat Training on Friday, June 1, at Ft. Benning, Georgia. He was a member of 3rd Platoon, E Company, 2nd Brigade, 19th Infantry.

After a 10 day leave to visit friends and relatives in Knox City, he is scheduled to report to his next duty assignment at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. His new assignment is with the Army's prestigious and historic 101st Air Assault Division.

Joey is a 1998 graduate of Knox City High School and the son of Frances and Roy Posey of Knox City.



SEEDS FROM THE SOWER
Michael A. Guido
Metter, Georgia

Yesterday I saw a Talking Patty Prayer Doll. She knelt and prayed. Touch her tummy and she says the whole prayer that begins with the line: "Now I lay me down to sleep."

Great! Isn't it? Are your prayers, like that doll's, mechanical but not meaningful, sweet but not sincere?

Like the poem says: "I often say my prayers, but do I really pray?"

And do the wishes of my heart go with the words I say?"

"For words without the heart the Lord will never hear;

Nor will He to those lips attend whose prayers are not sincere."

A woman boarded a train and continued to hold her burden.

"Ma'am," said the conductor, "if you put your burden down, the train will carry you and your burden."

And that's what the Divine Conductor says in the Bible: "Cast your burden on the Lord, and He will sustain you."

Some, when burdened, turn to grief and become a grouch. Others turn to stimulants and become slaves. But I've turned to the Lord.

Burdened? Roll them on the Lord, and He'll carry you and your burden. Roll them anywhere else and they'll roll back on you.

Why don't you let the Lord be your Burden-bearer?

Benjamin news

By Gladene Green, Benjamin Correspondent

June is nearly half gone and it is getting drier each day. These warm, windy days sap the moisture very quickly. I think wheat harvest is nearing completion and seems everyone is pretty well pleased with the yield. It's the price that aggravates folks, but maybe things will "turn around" one day soon. We hope.

Brenda Young Golleher lost her life last Monday night in an automobile accident in Wichita Falls where she resided. She had started to work around 10:30 p.m. when the one car mishap occurred.

Brenda was a very warm, living, sincere person who will be missed by all who knew her. As the pastor said at her service Friday, she was small in stature but a giant in many, many ways. Sympathy goes to her parents, Dutch and Imagean Young; sister and nephew, Deann and Anthony Lamb; and brother, Mike.

Also sympathy to Cheryl and Buford Berryhill and family of Munday who lost their daughter, Melissa, in an automobile accident in Abilene Wednesday night. Melissa was the sister of former Benjamin resident, Cindy Josselet, whose husband Kent was coach here a few years ago.

Here 'N There - Chase and Dewayne Polvado and Tiffany DeLosSantos of Vernon spent last week with their grandparents, Charles and Joy Jones.

Don Hertel had a birthday last week and his sons, Kent and Elizabeth of Coppell and Craig and baby daughter, Olivia Louise of Gainesville, came to help him "celebrate". His other son, Scott of Dallas, was unable to be here but called. Also Craig's wife Donna didn't get to make the trip but Don said he and the ones who did come had a good visit.

Leroy and Margaret Walker of Marlowe, Oklahoma, spent the weekend with Larry and Gaye Neal. Larry and Gaye spent the first of last week with relatives in Hatch, NM. They also spent some time in Ruidoso.

Wanda West of Cisco visited Leroy and Gloria West and attended the funeral of Brenda Golleher in Wichita Falls Friday. Other Benjamin relatives and

friends attending the funeral of Brenda on Friday were Jane Gideon, Jack and Mary Young, Pat Benson, Billy Carl Benson, Bud Conner, Joy Jones, Betty Lyles, Hazel Stockton, Jonnie Williams, Bobby Hudson and myself. Also John and Peggy Gillespie of First Baptist in Benjamin but who live in Knox City.

Dorothy Spikes had her three sons during the weekend. They were Ty and his friend, Gail of Holcomb, Kansas; Rusty of Wichita Falls and Guy and family of Seymour. They missed having their sister, Penny, here but she couldn't make it as she's being transferred to Colorado with her job. Was to leave today to go out there and "look around" but had her trip delayed as her children's dad (and former Benjamin resident) is in critical condition in Parkland Hospital in Dallas following a motorcycle accident in Dallas Sunday. He was in surgery

when I talked to Dorothy today. As always, our prayers are with Ernie and his family.

I learned this afternoon of the death of Jason Pierce, son of former Benjamin resident, Johnny Pierce and grandson of Ivalene and Jimmy Pierce. Young Jason was an asthmatic and I understand had an attack shortly after noon today and succumbed to it. We extend sincere sympathy to the Pierce families.

FYI - Regarding dumpsters - Dorothy Spikes says from here on trash pickup day will be Thursday instead of Tuesday and the choice as to what kind of dumpster we have is our own. Those desiring to keep what we have now may do so or if you want a big one to go in the alley just call Dorothy. Also says we are getting one for the park and we can paint it and design it as we wish and there'll be no charge for it. Can't beat that kind of deal, can we?

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1. Group Health and Life Insurance
These proposals should be addressed or delivered to Louis Baty, Superintendent, at 606 East Main, Knox City, Texas 79529. The District will accept proposals until 12:00 noon, July 1, 2001. Proposals will be reviewed by the Superintendent and presented to the Board at the first board meeting following the deadline.
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Bids may be submitted to City Hall, 200 North Central, Knox City.
More information may be obtained by contacting City Manager Mike Burkham at 658-3313.
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THE CITY OF KNOX CITY is accepting bids on

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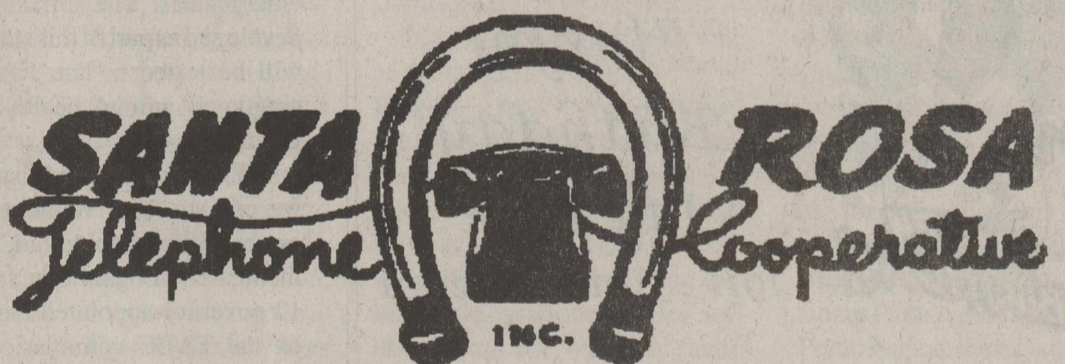
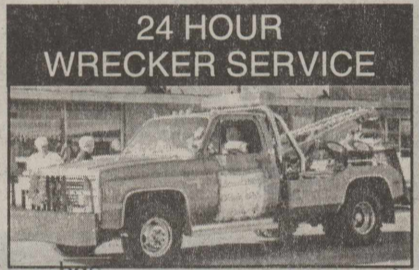
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