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Santa visits Saturday at Knox City Florist



VISITING SANTA SATURDAY morning at the Knox City Florist was Carson Lewis, son of Tonya and Clint Lewis. (Courtesy Photo)



BROTHER AND SISTER Bransen and Bailey Speck visited Santa on Saturday at Knox City Florist. They are the twin children of Natalie and David Speck. (Courtesy Photo)

Familiar face returns as hospital administrator

Dick Stout assumes duties at Knox County Hospital

A familiar face has returned to the Knox County Hospital.

Dick Stout, who worked as chief lab and x-ray technician, during the 1970's; and returned to Knox City in July 1987 to be hospital administrator when the hospital reopened in September 1987, has once again returned to serve as hospital administrator.

He began his duties at the Knox County Hospital on Monday, November 26.

Stout remained at the Knox County Hospital until the latter part of 1988 when he went to Hamilton Hospital, reopening the hospital there under his guidance. He remained in Hamilton for nine

He moved here from Winters



DICK STOUT

where he held the administrator position. He also has held this

position in Hilton, Oklahoma; and Throckmorton.

During the last year, he consulted with Greg Clonts during his interim as administrator.

His wife, Nancy, who is retired from the medical field, will join his shortly. Both of their children, who attended school here, are in the medical field.

Son Richard is a paramedic in Hamilton and daughter JoDee is a registered nurse employed by the State of Texas as a medicare nursing home inspector living in Waco.

Dick proudly reports that he and Nancy have two wonderful grandchildren.

He also noted that he has always had "heart for Knox City and this hospital".

Basketball scores

Tuesday, December 4 JV Girls - KC -0, Haskell 53

JV Boys

KC - 24, Haskell - 57 Ben Simmons - 2, Dustin Johnson - 4, Josh Hunt - 2, Sean Duncan -4, Wesley Espinosa - 5, T.J. Roberson - 7.

Varsity Girls KC - 30, Haskell - 63 Sophie Gutierrez - 15, Kaylie Billington - 2, , Nikki Gonzales -4, Samantha Gutierrez - 9.

Varsity Boys KC - 37, Haskell - 66 Carlos Ruiz - 5, Caleb Carver - 7, Will Grimsley - 1, Shawn Speck -6. Kendrick Green - 8, Ryne Burkham - 3, Sedrick Roberson -3, Riley Spells - 4.

Roby Tournament Thursday, December 6

Varsity Girls KC - 38, Roby - 63 Sophie Gutierrez - 11, Kaylie Billington - 6, Jodi Chambers - 2, Angela Roberts - 8, Diana Miranda - 2, Arianna Gomez - 2, Nikki Gonzales - 5, Samantha Gutierrez

Varsity Boys KC - 35, Winters - 54 Brad Johnson - 5, Caleb Carver -8, Will Grimsley - 4, Shawn Speck - 4, Kendrick Green - 4, Ryne Burkham - 4, Sedrick Roberson -4, Russell Bishop - 2.

Roby Tournament Friday, December 7

Varsity Girls KC - 30, Abilene Christian - 35 Sophie Gutierrez - 6, Jodi Chambers - 2, Angela Roberts - 4, Nikki Gonzales - 12, Samantha Gutierrez - 6.

Varsity Boys KC - 43, Slaton - 46 Brad Johnson - 9, Carlos Ruiz - 2, Caleb Carver - 14, Kendrick Green - 9, Ryne Burkham - 5, T.J. Roberson - 4.

Roby Tournament Saturday, December 8

Varsity Girls KC - 44, Roby JV - 36 Sophie Gutierrez - 2, Kaylie Billington - 2, Angela Roberts -14, Arianna Gomez - 3, Nikki Gonzales - 17, Samantha Gutierrez - 6.

Varsity Boys KC - 43, ACHS - 46 Carlos Ruiz - 4, Caleb Carver - 6, Will Grimsley - 5, Shawn Speck -2, Kendrick Green - 14, Ryne Burkham - 8, Sedrick Roberson -2, T.J. Roberson - 2.

This week, the Knox City varsity Hounds and Houndettes will play in the Rule tournament beginning on Thursday.



Knox Prairie Trail of Lights to be judged on Saturday, December 15

Chamber of Commerce asks community participation

The Knox City Chamber of Commerce in a county wide effort will sponsor The Knox Prairie Trail of Lights.

Communities, businesses and individuals are strongly encouraged to decorate for the holiday season and help the chamber of commerce promote local committees and the county.

'Brand of Texas' by driving through and appreciating the variety of holiday decorations to be offered for viewing pleasure.

The Chambers of Commerce will promote the countywide decorations and lights as an important part of the Christmas season and their tourism promotion for the

FOUR YEAR OLD WES HUTCHINSON, son of Wayne and Kelly Hutchinson of

O'Brien, is shown here mailing that all important letter at the News office.

Goree. Additional cash prizes will be awarded to the best decorated business in Knox City and Munday.

Also the best decorated neighborhood or block will be recognized from each community.

On December 15, the judging of the lights will take place in the communities. Results will be published in the county newspapers in the December 19 issues.

For questions or additional information, contact the Knox City Chamber of Commerce at 658-3442.



Veterans News Notes

By John Gillispie, Knox County Veterans Service Officer

Texas Land Commissioner David Dewhurst today announced the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) will provide \$15.5 million in matching grants for two new Texas State Veterans Homes. Dewhurst said the VA grants will fund about two-thirds of construction costs for the new veterans

"This is great news for Texas," Dewhurst said. "Many communities want to host these superb facilities for Texas veterans who need long-term, skilled nursing home care. This could add up to 320 additional beds to our program, which currently offers 640 beds."

Dewhurst said the Texas Veterans Land Board (VLB), which he chairs, will likely begin the process for determining site selection criteria in the first quarter of 2002. He said a donation of land large enough to accommodate a veterans home is a basic requirement to secure one of the facilities.

"Once we settle on our site selection criteria, we'll send out requests for proposals," Dewhurst said. "We want to give every community a chance to compete for the new homes, but we will locate them where they're most needed."

Dewhurst said the existing four Texas State Veterans Homes are located in Temple, Floresville, Big Spring and Bonham. Each home has 160 beds in spacious private and semi-private rooms, and provides a broad spectrum of health



care services, a comprehensive rehabilitation program, special diets, recreational activities, social services, a library, a gift shop and a secure 32-bed Alzheimer's unit with its own secure yard.

"Our veterans homes are firstclass facilities, where veterans and their spouses receive state-of-theart care and are treated with honor," Dewhurst said. "It's a wonderful program that doesn't cost Texas taxpayers a dime. That's a win-win for our veterans, and all Texans."

Dewhurst, who served in the U.S. Air Force, said Texas needs more state veterans homes to serve the state's 1.7 million veterans, some 500,000 of whom are 65 or older.

"We must not forget the personal sacrifices made by veterans on our behalf," Dewhurst said. "We owe them a debt of gratitude that can never be fully repaid, but at least we can offer them dignified care when they are unable to care for themselves."

The Big Spring home, roughly equal distance from Abilene, Lubbock, Midland, Odessa and San Angelo, serves West Texas and the Panhandle. The Bonham home, located north of Dallas near the Red River, serves North and East Texas. The Temple home, located midway between Austin and Waco, serves Central and East Texas. The Floresville home, located 30 miles from San Antonio, serves Central and South Texas.

"We still have openings in all our veterans homes, but now is the time to apply for admission, because they're filling up fast," Dewhurst said. "I urge my fellow Texas veterans or their family members to call (800) 252-VETS and talk to one of our specialists."

Watercolor class to be held at Vernon College

VERNON - Watercolor Painting (All Levels) will be taught by Ron Howard of Vernon for the Division of Workforce Education and Training of Vernon College.

This course will be open to students of all levels of experience. Classes will be held at Firewater Art Studio, 3114 Wilbarger Street in Vernon.

This class is scheduled for Tuesdays from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. beginning January 8 and ending January 29. The enrollment fee will be \$60.00 and a supply list is available.

Early registration is recommended. For more information, call the Office of Continuing Education at 940-552-6291, ext. 2209 or 2210.

Noah Project - North to meet on Thursday

The Noah Project - North Advisory Committee will meet at noon in the Haskell County Courthouse jury room on Thursday, December 13.

All members are requested to attend to discuss the fund raiser at the new Rolling Plains Regional Jail in February.

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A jockey lost his first race and his next 250, but he kept trying. And Eddie Arcaro became the most famous jockey of his day.

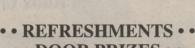
A ball player struck out 1,330 times. But he didn't quit. And Babe Ruth became the greatest home run hitter of his time.

A man failed 99 times on the same experiment, but Thomas Edison made it a success. And he became the world's greatest

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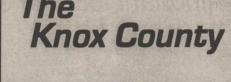
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COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT Trish Jones (at left) with Knox County 4-H horse judging participants. (4-H courtesy photo)

Local 4-H'ers participate in horse judging contest

Knox County 4-H members competed in the Rolling Plains District 34-H Horse Judging Contest that was held on Saturday, November 10 at the Wilbarger County Exhibit Building in Vernon, Texas.

In the Horse Project, 4-H'ers learn to care for horses while learning about animal health and nutrition, breeding, selection, and marketing. The Horse Project also teaches decision making skills, record keeping, responsibility, sportsmanship and leadership. The Horse Judging Contest provides the opportunity for 4-H'ers

to practice these skills by having them select horses based on body confirmation and muscling, use decision-making skills to place the horses in their classes, and then give oral reasons to validate their decision, which builds their public speaking skills.

Four-H is the youth development and leadership program of Texas Cooperative Extension, a part of the Texas A&M University System.

A total of nine 4-H'ers from the county competed in the District Horse Judging Contest. They were: Jessica Ledesma, Sharria

Hearn, Mitchell Ham, Chase Reed, Michael Taylor, Donny Taylor, Kile Rowan, Kimberly Williams, Lindsey Penman and Matthew Coffman.

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Aging center lunch menus

December 17th thru 21st

Monday, December 17 Tacos, ranch style beans, Spanish rice, lettuce and tomato salad, pudding.

Tuesday, December 18 -Baked ham with cranberry sauce, green beans, sweet potatoes, fruit salad, hot rolls, cake. Wednesday, December 19 Bar-b-q chicken, potato salad, whole kernel corn, sweet peas, hot rolls, pudding.

Thursday, December 20 Chicken fried steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, blackeyed peas, fried okra, hot rolls, cobbler.

Friday, December 21 Chicken salad sandwiches, broccoli cheese soup, fruit, cookies.

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

WANTADS Work!!!

O'Brien happenings

"Fuzzy Logic - When my time with his brother, Joe and

brother Travis was in kindergarten, he was learning about the differences between reptiles, fish and warm-blooded animals.

One day, Travis came home with a concerned look on his face. When my mother asked him what was wrong, he responded hesitantly.

"Mom, when Dad loses all of his hair, will he still be a mam-

Here and There - Cliff Banner was in O'Brien spending some mom, Billie Walker.

Joe was in Abilene for some lab work and doctor's visit last

Orval and Helen Manning were in Abilene last week for a doctor's appointment for Orval after having a cataract removed and he seems to be doing pretty good.

Beatrice Ellis and son David of Childress were in Stephenville over the weekend to attend the funeral for Beatrice's son-in-law's, Grady Murry's, mother, Nancy

Murry.

Bennett and Sue Shortes left Sunday to spend a few days in Las Vegas to enjoy a few days resting and attending different happen-

LaDocia and LeNear, daughters of Vivian Hendrix, spent a few days last week with their mother getting some things done that needed re-doing.

Visiting Bro. Kyle and wife Leah is Leah's friend, Amy Sowell and she is a student at Mary-Hardin Baylor University in

By Audie Johnston, O'Brien Correspondent

First Baptist Church was hostess to a big Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner Sunday at the church. There were lots of eaters enjoying a good meal and visitation. Our children's Christmas musical will be Sunday, the 16th at 7:00 p.m. We have a great bunch of children and wonderful leaders in all areas. You are invited to be

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WANTADS Work!!

Food pantry gearing up for holidays

The Knox County Food Pantry volunteers are busy gathering for the Christmas Holidays. The Knox City School student body will begin gathering canned goods soon to help with the extra needs at this time of the year.

The Knox City Food Pantry is a non-profit organization that distributes food to families and shutins in Knox County. Most of the food comes from the Wichita Falls Area Food Bank, whose mottos is "Preventing hunger by preventing waste!" Each month volunteers go to Wichita Falls to pick up surplus food. Sometimes as much as 2000 pounds of food can be purchased for a very minimal amount. Other volunteers work diligently to unload food, stock shelves, and distribute food. The food is distributed once a month. Every third Monday, the shut-ins are served and every third Thursday the public is served.

The food pantry operates on a donation basis only. Every month more people seek help from the pantry. The pantry cannot stay open without the support of everyone in the community. Volunteers and donations are needed each month to keep this ministry going. Volunteers ask that with the Christmas season approaching to remember the food pantry with prayers and donations. These are expenses for electricity and water besides the expense of processing food orders.

NEWS Deadline

Mondays at 4:00

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Texas A&M Engineering News

Texas A&M chemical engineers suggest Alzheimer's onset tied to cholesterol, brain chemicals

college station—few people can look Alzheimer's disease in the face without flinching. Alzheimer's takes from people the things they value most: intellect, emotion, independence, hope, and eventually, life itself.

Now, a group of unlikely Alzheimer's researchers, chemical engineers in Texas A&M University's Dwight Look College of Engineering, are developing new understanding of how the disease robs Alzheimer's sufferers of their memory and reason. They've also found hints of new ways to eventually prevent its onset

Laboratory studies conducted by chemical engineer Theresa Good, an assistant professor in the Department of Chemical Engineering, and Ph.D. students Dawn L. Rymer and Steven S. Wang, suggest that Alzheimer's onset and the damage it causes to memory and cognitive abilities are tied to two substances: cholesterol (the same cholesterol doctors say people have too much of) and a complex chemical called ganglioside GM-l, found in the brain cells it attacks.

Their work centers on an important characteristic of Alzheimer's disease, a build-up of masses of protein, known as senile plaques. These plaques attach, or bind, to neurons, specialized cells that allow information to move from place to place in the brain. When the plaques attach to the neurons, it causes a biochemi-

cal process to begin that eventually kills the neurons. Loss of neurons is what brings on the disease's characteristic loss of memory and cognitive abilities. High levels of either cholesterol or ganglioside GM-1 seem to make it easy for the plaques to attach to neurons.

The good news is that Good's research also suggests that reducing the amount of either cholesterol or ganglioside GM-l interferes with the plaque's ability to attach to the neurons. In fact, simply reducing the amount of cholesterol in the cells seems to block attachment by almost all of the plaque.

Good and her students used a well-known chemical engineering test called a diffusion study to understand how this process works. They also used analytical techniques such as image analysis and mathematical modeling of molecules, techniques more familiar to chemical engineers than biochemists or molecular biologists, to carry out their studies.

A lot of research remains to be done before the work done by Good and her colleagues is translated into medications that can prevent or treat Alzheimer's disease.

• The results of her studies must be confirmed by other scientists.

 New medications must be developed, and they must be tested in laboratory animals, then in humans.

• Finally, the indications will have to be approved by the Federal Drug Administration.

In the meantime, what is Good's advice to people who want to boost their odds against developing Alzheimer's? "Use diet to reduce cholesterol levels, drink your red wine, eat your oatmeal and throw out your butter."

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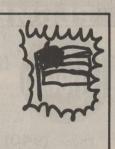
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Amid the excitement of the Christmas season, our hearts are warmed by family, friends and coworkers at wintertime gatherings. What will you take to this year's holiday office potluck or family gathering? When you need an appetizer that will travel well, make Spicy Southwestern Dip. With its bold flavors and varied textures, it's a festive hot appetizer that will start any party off on the right note.

The culinary professionals at Pioneer Brand developed this recipe with busy people in mind. This quick-to-fix layered southwestern dip can be put together the night before your gathering. Start with lean ground turkey seasoned

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with taco spices and brown gravy mix; top with Mexican-style corn, black beans and salsa. Cover tightly and refrigerate. A few minutes before you're ready to serve, microwave the dip until it's hot and bubbly. Add Cheddar cheese and microwave until cheese is melted. Garnish the hot dip with a creamy cilantro sauce and chopped red and green bell peppers. Serve with tor-

For an attractive serving idea, place a microwave-safe holidaythemed container in the center of a 13x9-inch baking dish. Layer the ingredients around the small dish. After heating the dip, spoon the cilantro sauce in the center of the

Spicy Southwestern Dip

- 1 lb. extra-lean ground turkey 1 package (1 1/4 oz.) taco seasoning mix
- 1/2 cup water 1 package (1.61 oz.) Pioneer Brown Gravy Mix (Regular or No-Fat)
- 1 can (11 or 15 oz.) corn with red and green bell peppers, drained 1 can (15 oz.) black beans,
- rinsed and drained 1 cup Mexican-style salsa (mild, medium or hot), drained
- Cilantro Sauce: 1 cup sour cream
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro 2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese (8oz.) Tortilla chips

In large skillet, cook and stir turkey, taco seasoning mix and water over medium heat for 5 minutes or until turkey is no longer pink. In 2-cup glass measure, stir together gravy mix and milk; add to cooked turkey mixture. Cook and stir until thickened. Pour into 13x9x2-inch microwave-safe baking dish coated with cooking spray. Layer corn, black beans and salsa over turkey mixture. Cover tightly with plastic wrap; refrigerate. Stir together sour cream and cilantro. Transfer to small

dish and cover tightly; refrigerate. At serving time, microwave dip (covered with plastic wrap) on High for 5 minutes or until hot and bubbly. Uncover; sprinkle cheese on top. Cover loosely and microwave on High 1 to 2 minutes more or until cheese is melted. Spoon cilantro sauce on top of cheese or into center decorative serving dish. Garnish with chopped red and green bell pepper, if desired. Serve with tortilla chips. Makes 16 appetizer servings.

For more information, visit the Pioneer Brand Web site at: www.pioneerbrand.com



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The loss leaves Groom with a record of 12-1 for 2001.

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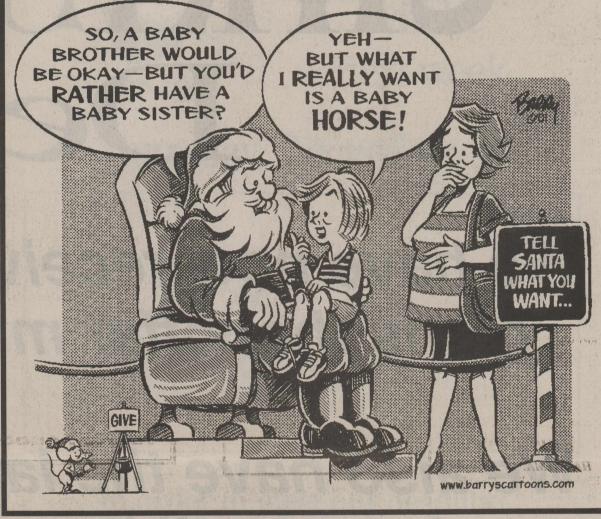
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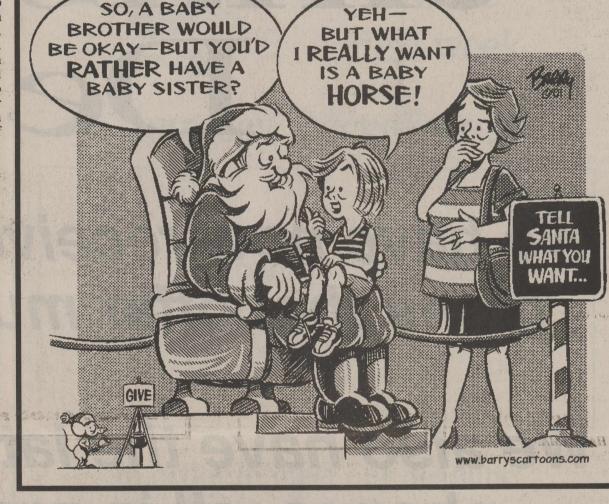
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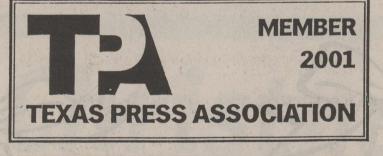
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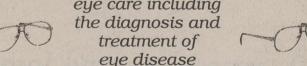
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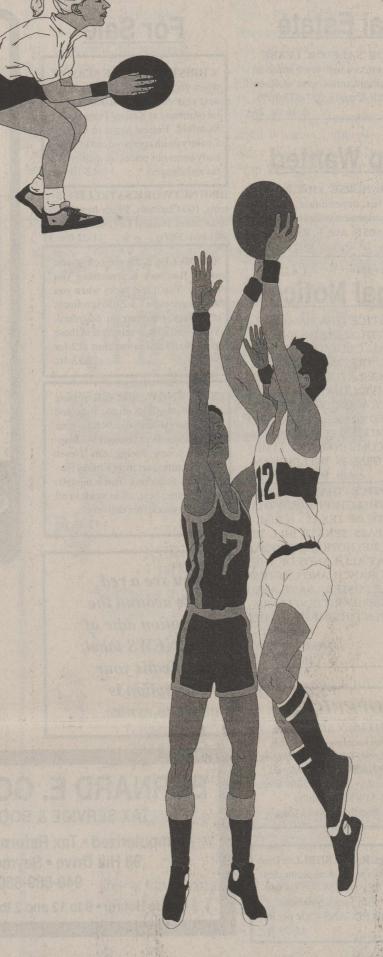
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Date	Place	Time	Where	
Nov. 13	Aspermont	4:00	There	JV & VAR
Nov. 16	Seymour	4:00	There	JV & VAR
Nov. 20	Woodson	4:00	Here	JV & VAR
Nov. 27	Rotan	4:00	Here	JV & VAR
Nov. 29-Dec. 1	Haskell Tour.	TBA		VAR
Nov. 29-Dec. 1	Goree Tour.	TBA		JV
Dec. 4	Haskell	4:00	Here	JV & VAR
Dec. 6-8	Roby Tour.	TBA	There	VAR
Dec. 11	Throckmorton	4:00	There	JV & VAR
Dec. 13-15	Rule Tour.	TBA	There	JV
Dec. 20	Rotan	?	There	JV & VAR
Jan. 4	Anson	?	Here	VAR. BOYS
Jan. 8	Aspermont	4:00	Here	JV & VAR
Jan. 11	Open			
Jan. 15	Rule	4:00	There	JV & VAR
Jan. 18	Paducah*	4:00	There	JV & VAR
Jan. 22	Munday*	4:00	There	JV & VAR
Jan. 25	Crowell*	4:00	Here	JV & VAR
Jan. 29	Paducah*	4:00	Here	JV & VAR
Feb. 1	Munday*	4:00	Here	JV & VAR
Feb. 5	Crowell*	4:00	There	JV & VAR

O'Brien Bulldogs 2001-2002 Basketball Schedule

Nov. 12	Aspermont	5:00	Boys Here	- Girls There
Nov. 19	Roscoe	5:00	There	Boys & Girls (Two Gyms)
Nov. 26	Rotan	?	There	?
Dec. 3	Roscoe	4:00	Here	Boys & Girls (4 games)
Dec. 10	Aspermont	5:00	There	Boys
Dec. 10	Aspermont	5:00	Here	Girls
Jan. 3	Paducah*	5:00	Boys Here	- Girls There
Jan. 7	Munday*	5:00		e Girls Here
Jan. 14	Crowell*	5:00		- Girls There
Jan. 21	Paducah*	5:00		Girls Here
Jan. 28	Munday*	5:00		- Girls There
Feb. 4	Crowell*	5:00		e-Girls Here



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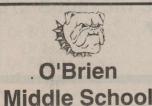
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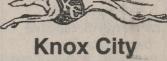
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