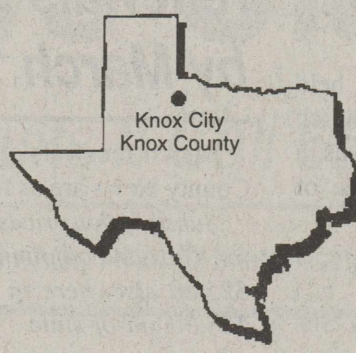


Congratulations to the Greyhound Basketball Team as they advance to the playoffs, see back page

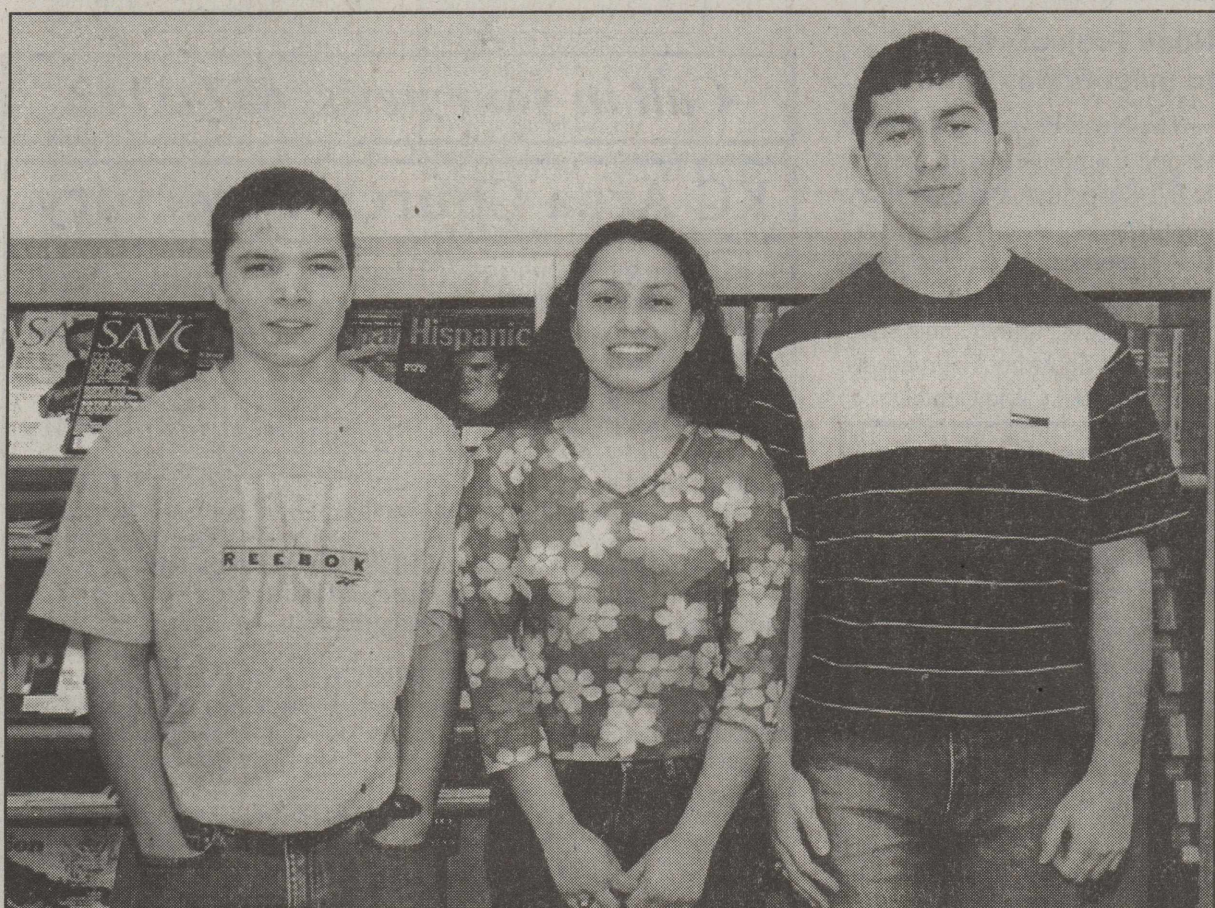
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RAISING FUNDS TO ATTEND the prestigious Lorenzo De Zavala Youth Legislative Session in Las Cruces, New Mexico this summer, Carlos Ruiz, Ariana Gomez and Brandon Espinosa are excited about participating in the event, which develops communication, leadership, networking and management skills among Hispanic youth. (NEWS Photo)

Three KCHS juniors selected to participate in prestigious summer Hispanic leadership program

Trio seeking to raise funds for June 29 - July 6 event in New Mexico

Three of Knox City's brightest students are making plans to attend a summer leadership program that could make a big difference in their lives, and they are seeking the help of their community in order to accomplish their goal. Brandon Espinosa, Ariana Gomez and Carlos Ruiz, all juniors at Knox City high School, have been invited to attend the prestigious Lorenzo De Zavala Youth Legislative Session in Las Cruces, New Mexico from June 29 to July 6.

Sponsored by the National Hispanic Institute, the week long program focus on developing communication, leadership, network-

ing, and management skills among Hispanic youth who want to know more about the needs and challenges facing the future Latino community. The high impact, high intensity experience of eight days on a college campus involves the youth in intellectually engaging discussions regarding the changing demographics of Latinos in the United States and the role they perceive themselves playing as future community leaders.

In order to attend the event, each student must raise the required \$590 tuition expenses. The students are seeking sponsors from within the community to aid them in their dream of attending the

event at New Mexico State University.

Brandon, Ariana and Carlos each have sponsor forms, they may also be obtained from either Principal Mack Lowe or Counselor Betty Moore at Knox City High School.

Businesses, community organizations and individuals from the area who would like to help sponsor the students are urged to contact the students in a timely fashion, as the tuition funds must reach the National Hispanic Institute within 60 days of the date the student was admitted into the program in order to guarantee their attendance.

KCHS seniors sign to play college football



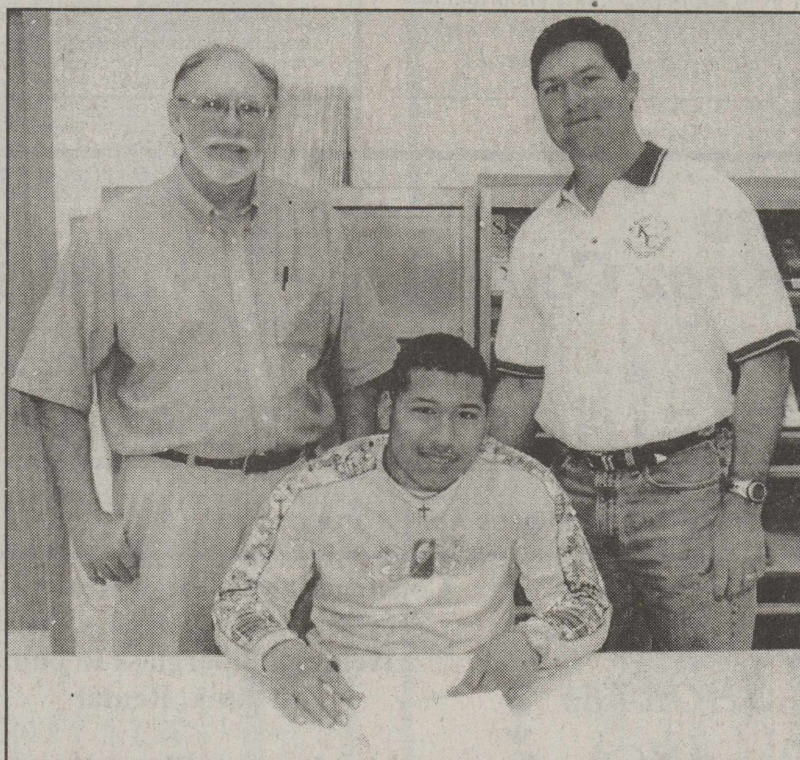
KCHS SENIOR SCOOTER THOMPSON is shown here last Wednesday afternoon in the KCHS Library, just before he signed his Letter of Intent to play football as a linebacker next year at Abilene Christian University. From left to right at the rear are Betty Moore, KCHS Counselor; Louis Baty, KC-O'Brien CISD Superintendent; Mack Lowe, KCHS Principal; Mitch McLemore, KCHS Coach and Football Defensive Coordinator; and Wayne Hutchinson, KCHS Athletic Director and Head Football Coach. (NEWS Photo)



KCHS SENIOR CALEB CARVER is shown here last Wednesday morning in the KCHS Library, just before he signed his Letter of Intent to play football next year at Cisco Junior College. Caleb's Mother, Sharla, is seated next to him, from left to right at the rear are Mack Lowe, KCHS Principal; and Wayne Hutchinson, KCHS Athletic Director and Head Football Coach. (NEWS Photo)



KCHS SENIOR SEDRICK ROBÉRSÓN is shown here last Wednesday morning in the KCHS Library, just before he signed his Letter of Intent to play football next year at Cisco Junior College. From left to right at the rear are Mack Lowe, KCHS Principal; and Wayne Hutchinson, KCHS Athletic Director and Head Football Coach. (NEWS Photo)



KCHS SENIOR DOMINIQUE COLLIER is shown here last Wednesday morning in the KCHS Library, just before he signed his Letter of Intent to play football next year at Cisco Junior College. From left to right at the rear are Mack Lowe, KCHS Principal; and Wayne Hutchinson, KCHS Athletic Director and Head Football Coach. (NEWS Photo)



KCHS SENIOR KENDRICK GREEN is shown here last Wednesday morning in the KCHS Library, just before he signed his Letter of Intent to play football next year at Cisco Junior College. From left to right at the rear are Mack Lowe, KCHS Principal; and Wayne Hutchinson, KCHS Athletic Director and Head Football Coach. (NEWS Photo)

Obituaries

Cozetta L. Mayes

Funeral services for Cozetta L. Mayes of Knox City were held Wednesday, February 12, 2003, at 2:00 p.m. in the First Baptist Church with the Revs. Gene Ward and Gerald Ward officiating. Burial was in the Knox City Cemetery with Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Mayes, 54, died early Sunday morning, February 9, 2003, at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Born March 22, 1948, she was married to the late R.B. Mayes. She was a member of the Liberty Church of God in Christ.

Survivors include her mother, Cleola Ware of Knox City; a son, Roy Lee Mayes of Knox City; three daughters, Linda Billington and Adreann Mayes, both of Knox City; and Tamiaka Ware of Amarillo; a brother, Lloyd Ware of Waco; a sister, Leola Eddington of Knox City; and seven grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Quentin Spells, Riley Spells, Sedrick Roberson, Gemile Roberson and T.J. Roberson.

Paul Wayne Stovall

Paul Wayne Stovall, 48, died Monday, February 3, 2003, at Hendrick Hospice Center in Abilene.

Funeral services were held at Thursday, February 6, 2003, at First Baptist Church in Knox City with Marq Brockett officiating under the direction of McCauley-Smith Funeral Home. Burial was in Johnson Memorial Cemetery in Munday.

Paul was a loving husband, father and brother who will be missed by his family and friends. He was an avid sportsman, who enjoyed playing and watching baseball, softball, football and golf. He loved Little League Baseball and served as a coach and umpire for many years. He also served one year as Knox City Little League President. He had lived in Knox City for the past ten years.

Paul was born July 1, 1954, to Paul Newton Stovall and Elizabeth Morgan Stovall in Staten Island, New York. He grew up in Baltimore, Maryland, and Boca Raton, Florida. Paul was a veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard.

Mr. Stovall moved to Haskell in 1977. He married Laura Johnson on July 1, 1978.

Survivors include his wife of 24 years, Laura Stovall of Knox City; three daughters, Melissa Sayers and husband Anthony of Belleville, Illinois, Heather Stovall of Vernon and Nicole Stovall of Knox City; two sons, Derek Stovall of Ludington, Michigan, and Sean Stovall of Knox City; a sister, Debbie Kuntzleman and husband Michael of Las Vegas, Nevada. His parents preceded him in death.

Memorials may be made to the Stovall Children Educational Fund, c/o Citizens Bank in Knox City.

Beatrice Guerrero

Funeral services for Beatrice Guerrero of Irving, formerly of O'Brien, were held Tuesday, February 11, 2003, at 10:00 a.m. in the Santa Rosa Catholic Church in Knox City. Burial followed in the O'Brien Cemetery. Rosary was said Monday, February 10, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. at Tankersley Funeral Home Chapel in Stamford with Deacon Julian Estrada officiating.

Mrs. Guerrero died February 8, 2003, in Irving.

Born October 29, 1908, in Houston to Vincent and Margarita Flores, she married Henry Guerrero in Groesbeck in 1934. She had been a resident of the Haskell county area since 1949, moving to Rule and then to O'Brien in 1964. She was a member of the Santa Rosa Catholic Church.

Survivors include her husband, Henry Guerrero of Irving; two sons, Sabas Sebastian Guerrero of San Angelo and Alfonso Guerrero of Amarillo; five daughters, Sally Garza of Irving, Margarita Sarabia of O'Brien, Hortencia Agüero of Amarillo, Olivia Morales of Plainview and Mary Silvas of Haskell; 39 grandchildren, 67 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

Longina Barrios

Funeral services for Longina Barrios of Crowley, formerly of O'Brien, were held Saturday, February 8, 2003, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church with Rev. Michael Melcher officiating. Burial was in the Knox City Cemetery with Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Barrios, 79, died Wednesday, February 5, 2003, in a nursing home.

She was married to the late Refugio Barrios and moved to Fort Worth in 2000 from O'Brien. She was a member of the Catholic Church.

Survivors include two sons, Ismael Barrios of Tom Ball and Arthur Barrios of Haskell; four daughters, Rebecca Gonzales, Esperanza B. (Hope) Rocha and Oralie B. Allen, all of Fort Worth; and Bertha B. Cortez of Mission; two brothers, Santos Gonzales of Edinburg and Epifanio Gonzales of Baytown; 22 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Grandsons were pallbearers.

KC News renewals due by March 1

March renewals at The Knox County News are as follows.

Subscription prices are \$22.00 for Knox and adjoining counties, \$25.00 elsewhere in Texas and \$28.00 out-of-state.

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Weather

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Date	Low	High	Rain
02/04	23	55	
02/05	36	54	.03
02/06	31	44	
02/07	20	37	
02/08	25	50	
02/09	37	67	
01/10	25	63	

Total 2003 Rainfall - .13

Aging center lunch menus

February 17th thru 21st

Monday, February 17 - Closed - President's Day.

Tuesday, February 18 - Mexican casserole, whole kernel corn, potato wedges, lettuce and tomato salad, cinnamon rolls.

Wednesday, February 19 - Chicken strips with gravy, mashed potatoes, sweet peas, salad, biscuits, pineapple crunch.

Thursday, February 20 - German sausage, pinto beans, buttered potatoes, cole slae, cornbread, cookies.

Friday, February 21 - Chef salad, corn on the cob, crackers cobbler.

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

Grief group to meet Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

A grief group will meet Thursday, February 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Anyone who has suffered the loss of a loved one is invited to attend.

This is a support group and there may be those who need support or want to offer support to someone else.

Grief is a life long process and comfort can be found in the company of those who have experienced loss.

The group meets the second Thursday of every month at 522 South Second in Haskell.

For more information contact Helen Wilson at 940-256-0537 or 940-864-5188.

Noah Project - North to meet Friday at noon

The Noah Project - North Advisory Committee will meet at K.P.'s Restaurant at noon Friday, February 14.

All members are asked to attend to finalize the plans for the variety show, dinner, and silent auction on Saturday, February 15, at the Haskell Civic Center.

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Notice of entertainments where a charge of admission is made, resolutions of respect, in memoriam poetry, proclamations, letters expressing political opinions, weddings, engagements, anniversaries, legal notices, legal documents, and all other matters not of general news will be charged for at regular advertising rates.

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THANK YOU

seems so inadequate in trying to express our feelings of gratitude for all the kindness shown to us during Paul's illness and after the loss of our loved one.

The kind words of encouragement and sympathy, the offers of help, the monetary gifts to help with our expenses, the visits, the beautiful flowers and plants, the cards and most of all the prayers, have comforted us and lifted us up and helped us cope during this difficult time. We are truly blessed.

Laura, Derek, Heather, Nicole and Sean Stovall
 Anthony and Melissa Stovall Sayers
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KC Area Church Directory

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ~ Knox City
Miller Robinson, Interim Pastor
 Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 10:55 a.m.
 Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m. ~ Mid Week, Wed. at 6:30 p.m.
 Sunday Services telecast live on Channel 6 in Knox City & O'Brien

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 Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m.

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

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Paul Chambers, Pastor
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 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
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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF 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 OF Benjamin
Claude McKiddy, Pastor
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GILLESPIE BAPTIST CHURCH ~ Gillespie
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Historical commission fundraiser dinner serves approximately 475 people, sees \$2,500.33 profit

The Knox County Historical Commission and the Friends of the KCHC held their annual fundraiser dinner on February 2 at the Benjamin Memorial Building. Officials were quite happy with the turnout and interest shown in building the museum and preserving Knox County history.

The food was delicious, thanks to the many volunteers and the door prizes were plentiful with a special addition of a silent auction contributed by Randy Lewis. Attendees had a good time visiting with friends besides enjoying a wonderful meal.

Fifty-one door prizes were donated by the following:

Penman Conoco and Shear Country;

Knox City - Appearances, Art Stall, Bud's Cafe, Dillon Greenhouse, Duckwalls, Farm and Garden Supply, Kathie and Jack's Restaurant, KC Video, Knox County Cleaners and Lawrence Bros.;

Munday - Buds For You, Crafts & Clutter, Dairy Queen, Four-K-Feed & Supply, Kuehler Irrigation & Supply Co., Lawrence Bros., Memories of Munday, Munday Nursing Home, Munday Tire & Appliance, Osbornes, Pack Rat Surplus, Parker Implement Co., Prairie Stitches, Quality Implement, SchoolMarm Antiques and Smith Drug;

Rhineland - RAS Trucking and

Rhineland Cattle Co.

Individual donations were received from Gordon Bell, Harold Beck, Clara Brown, Frances Cook, David and Mary Counts, Jackie Lowrance, Kenneth and Jessie Roberts and Jackie and Mary Young. Anonymous cash donations of \$150 were received.

The First National Bank of Munday and the Citizens Bank of Knox City made possible the news ads announcing the dinner.

Approximately 475 people were fed and committee members are proud to announce that proceeds including meal tickets, food sales and donations totaled \$3,503.15 with a profit of \$2,500.33.

Financial Aid Workshop planned for February 20

A Financial Aid Workshop for senior parents and any interested junior parents will be held Thursday, February 20, at 6:00 p.m. in the Knox City High School library.

According to high school principal Mack Lowe, a representative from Vernon College will be on hand to conduct the workshop.

Pink Ladies to meet Mon., Feb. 17, at 5:00

The Knox County Hospital Auxiliary Pink Ladies will meet Monday, February 17, at 5:00 p.m. in the downtown thrift shop.

Members are asked to attend.

Chad Richardson named to MSU vice-president's honor roll for fall 2002 semester

WICHITA FALLS - Midwestern State University recognized 720 honor students for the fall 2002 semester.

Named to the Vice President's Honor Roll was Chad Brian Richardson of Knox City.

The President's Honor Roll included 223 students; the Vice President's Honor Roll included 212 students and the Dean's Honor Roll included 285 students.

To make the President's Honor Roll, a student must complete a semester schedule of at least 12 hours with no grade lower than A (4.0).

To make the Vice President's Honor Roll, a student must complete a semester schedule of at least 12 hours with a GPA of 3.75 to 3.99 and no grade lower than a C.

To make the Dean's Honor Roll, a student must complete a semester of at least 12 hours with a GPA of 3.50 to 3.74 and no grade lower than a C.

Chad is a graduate of Knox City High School.



ROMAIN and JACK STUBBS

Jack and Romain celebrate 50th wedding anniversary in December

Jack and Romain Stubbs celebrated their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary on December 15, 2002, at the Church of Christ Annex surrounded by family and very close friends.

Jack and his bride, the former Romain Day, were married December 18, 1952, at the Knox City Church of Christ.

The Stubbs are the parents of three daughters, Rolanda Bowman of Pampa, Sandy Smethers of Owasso, Oklahoma; and Shea Stubbs-Edmonds of Knox City.

Serving anniversary cake and punch from a beautifully decorated table carrying out the 'Golden Anniversary' theme were Donna

Byrd and Rita Rosencranz.

Dr. Shirley Barretto served cheesecakes from Jack's table decorated with United States Marine Corps memorabilia.

Presiding at the guest book was Patsy Day of Lubbock.

Jack was lease operator for Skelly, Getty and Texaco before retiring in 1988.

Romain is a homemaker and operates a gift shop known as The Art Stall and Frame Shop.

Jack and Romain love spending time with their family including family get-togethers - but most enjoy caring for their grandchildren, four granddaughters and six grandsons.

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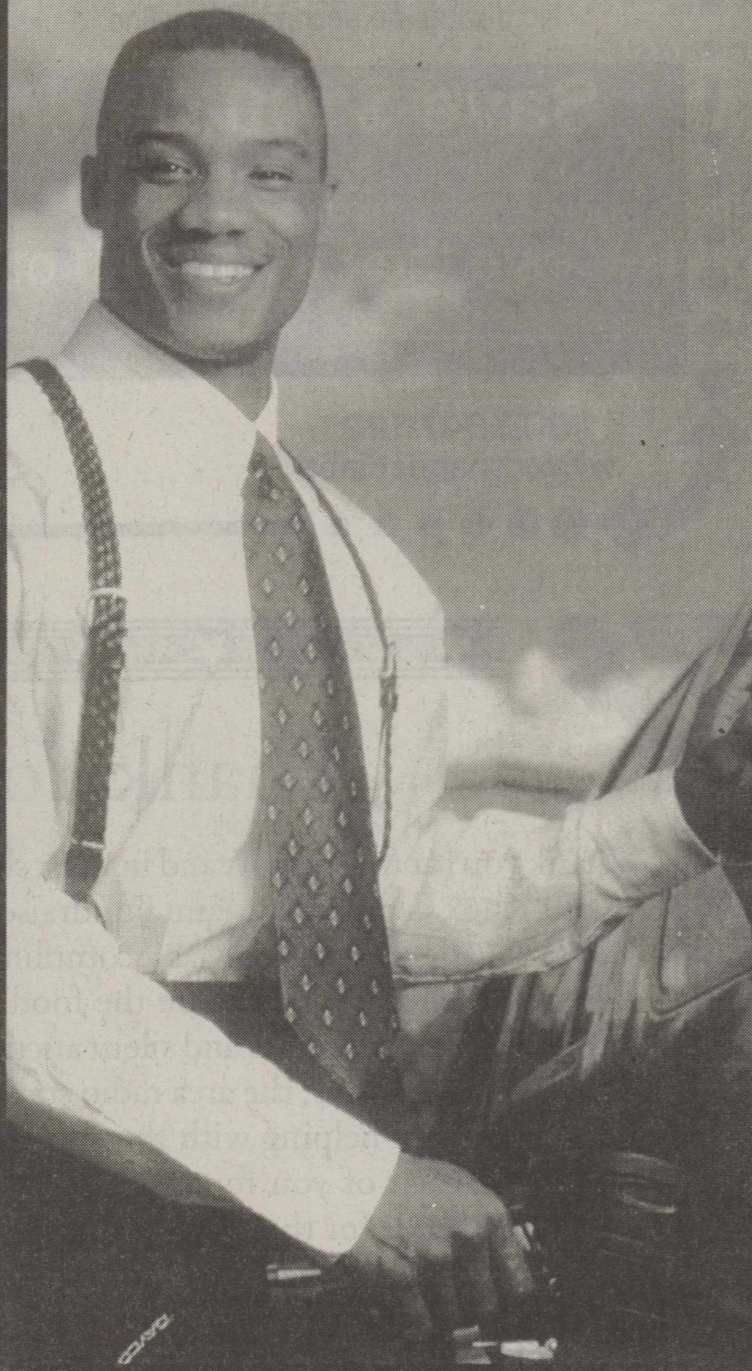


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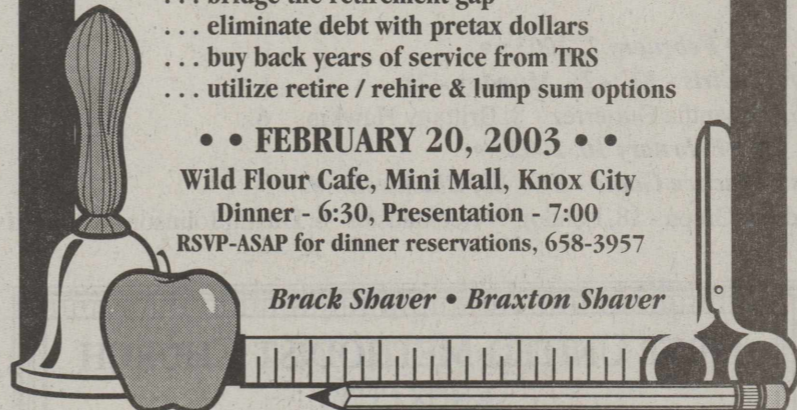
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New Arrivals

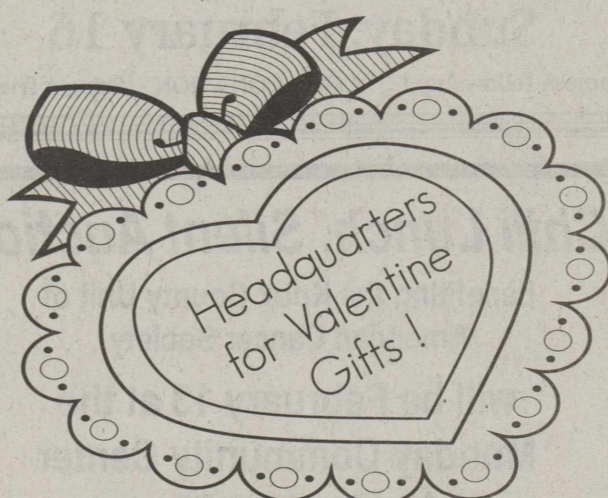
It's a boy !

Ray and Dianne Lerma are proud to announce the birth of their grandson, Tristian Xavier.

Tristian was born February 6, 2003, at 12:40 p.m. He weighed six pounds, ten and one-fourth ounces and measured 18 inches long.

Proud parents are Joni Lerma and Steven Estrada.

Spoiling the baby are Aunt Jacquelyn and Aunt Jasmine.



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Benjamin news

By Gladene Green, Benjamin Correspondent

Hello again on a pleasant Monday. Temps are nice but we do have a little wind swishing around. Getting to seem a little spring-like but I fear more winter lies ahead.

This is that time of the year when news is scarce. But if "something" doesn't appear from Benjamin, I get scolded!

Good to report that we have no real serious illnesses to report - any that I'm aware of, at least. Pat Benson returned home late last week after several days in Knox County Hospital. She's better of course, but will have to take care of herself for awhile.

Bill Parham of Vera is in the Wichita 8th Street Hospital having been taken last Tuesday night. He's having some pretty rough days but hopefully this hospital stay and treatment will strengthen him. Bill, as most (or all) know is the husband of our postmaster, Melba Parham. Postal clerk, Laura McCannies is doing a great job keeping our mail coming and go-

ing while Melba's away.

Word was received here Saturday of the death of former resident, Bill Rutledge, who had been living in Odessa the past few years. His funeral is today in Vera.

Also we have learned of the death of G.H. Coody of Seymour. His services, graveside rites, will be here tomorrow at 2 p.m. Sympathy both of these families.

School news - We're proud of our debate team and their sponsor - And look to hear good things after this trip to Austin.

The girls have finished basketball and the boys play Northside tomorrow at Munday at 8:00 p.m. to try to secure second place in district. Chillicothe has cinched first place and hopefully, we can go on as second place winners.

Here 'N There - Raul Barrientez was honored Saturday - the event was his birthday. Those here to help him and Reyes celebrate were their children, Sean, Mary and Hannah Widmer of Argyle, Jr., Virginia, Michael and Sarah

Barrientez of Stamford, Freddie and Lupe Palacious of Crowell and Jimmy and Michele Barrientez and family of Benjamin.

Dale Railsback and Sara Segar of Springtown visited Dicky, Laura and Jenna McCannies during the weekend.

Steve and Brenda Conner of Colorado City visited family here a while on Saturday.

Brandi Hacker of Abilene visited her mom and grandmother, Mary Bohannon and Jonnie Williams, during the weekend.

Mike and Debbie Moorhouse and Will visited family in Childress Saturday.

Charles and Joy Jones' grandson, Chase Polvado of Vernon, suffered a broken collar bone in a "bike-wreck" Saturday. He survived a school year of athletics then had a problem as a result of a bicycle mishap. Knowing Chase, I bet he's glad basketball season is over as I think he really enjoyed that and would hate to miss any games.

Girl Scout cookies orders begin!

Girl Scouts are planning to "Dream Big" with their Girl Scout Cookie Sale 2003. NorCenTex Girl Scouts will kickoff their traditional cookie sale with order taking beginning on February 14.

Order taking will continue through February 23 with the delivery of cookies and booth sales beginning on March 7 and completing on March 23.

The 2003 Cookie sale will have eight varieties of the famous Girl Scout cookies, including America's favorite, the Thin Mint. Other types of cookies available are the NorCenTex favorite cookie, Samoas (coconut and caramel, striped with cocoa), Do-Si-Dos, Trefoils, Tagalongs, All Abouts, Ole'Ole' and Aloha Chip. Little Brownie Bakers uses vegetable shortening and the cookies contain no preservatives or artificial colors. The Bakery is also kosher approved. The cost is \$3.00 per box.

NorCenTex Girl Scouts in the 11 county area will be participating in the cookie sale. Valuable skills, such as goal setting, the handling of money, dealing with the public, marketing products and working together as a team to accomplish goals will be learned as the girls push to "Dream Big" during the sale.

The remaining income enables NorCenTex to provide programs for girls and to provide financial assistance for girls of modest means. Cookie proceeds support and maintain Twilight Camps; Camp Stonewall Jackson, a primitive campsite; purchase equipment and provide training to volunteer Girl Scout Leaders as well as girl events.

See your favorite Girl Scout to order cookies now. If you don't know a Girl Scout and want Girl Scout cookies, call Annette Harris at 657-4092.

Benjamin students earn first place at debate competition

Duo advances to State UIL meet in Austin, March 10, 11

On Thursday, February 6, District 15-A met in Vernon for Cross-Examination Debate Competition.

Eight teams competed from Chillicothe, Vernon Northside, Prairie Valley and Benjamin.

Earning a trip to Austin as the first place team was Chance Propps and Laura Benson of Benjamin.

The Propps-Benson team was undefeated (5-0) in district competition and will attend the State UIL meet in Austin March 10 and 11 where approximately 60 Class A teams will gather for competition.



Laura Benson
Chance Propps

O'Brien happenings

By Audie Johnston, O'Brien Correspondent

"While showing tourists Washington, D.C., a guide pointed out where George Washington supposedly threw a dollar across the Potomac River.

"That's impossible," said a man. "No one could throw a coin that far."

"You have to remember," answered the guide. "A dollar went a lot farther in those days."

Here and There - First Baptist Church at O'Brien was blessed Saturday to have our new pastor Bro. Milton McManus and wife Rhonda and daughter Lacy and son Nathan move into the parsonage. There were a number of 'good buys' and some women help move things into the parsonage and the church and pastor's office. We enjoyed a great sermon Sunday morning and they will return soon to make it their home and we will be blessed.

Our sympathy goes out to

Margie Sarabia in the loss of her mother, Beatrice Guerrero, who was 94 years old. We all need to remember Margie and family in our prayers.

Kevin Urbanczyk of Goree visited his great-grandmother, Adelle Herring, Sunday. His visitation means a lot to his 'granny'.

Anne Underwood, Dorothy Dykes, Janoma Stephens and I attended the KC girls basketball playoffs in Seymour. They played good but lost to the Munday girls for the final games for KC girls this year.

Audie Johnston and Billie Walker were in Stamford last week for Audie's eye appointment.

Billie Walker was in Amarillo to help celebrate her daughter, Julie Sanders' birthday.

Cliff Banner visited in O'Brien with his brother, Joe and his mother, Billie Walker.

Beatrice Ellis was in Plainview

to visit her son-in-law Grady Murry and her sister-in-law in Olton care home. She picked up her sister, Vondell from California, on Tuesday and she will be visiting Beatrice for several days.

Those from our church attending "the area Sunday School and Evangelism Conference" at First Baptist Church in Stamford Sunday. Everyone enjoyed all of the different classes, a good meal and a very good speaker. The speaker was Dr. Roy Fish, professor of evangelism at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Those attending were Janoma Stephens, Charlene Brothers, Bernice Rowan and (me) Audie Johnston. All of the churches in Double Mountain Baptist Area Evangelism Rally were invited to attend.

"Let's everyone call one person's name a day and say a prayer for them. You know prayer does change things."

KC teams finish out district play, girls fall to Munday, boys win Monday night practice game with Blackwell

•• February 4, 2003 ••

JV Girls - KC JV - 18, Crowell JV - 30

Daisy Martinez - 2, Sondra Silva - 9, Erica Nevarez - 2, Dimple Patel - 5.

Varsity Girls - KC - 73, Crowell - 45

Sophie Gutierrez - 19, Kaylie Billington - 20, Jodi Chambers - 7, Nikki Moss - 14, Jessica Albus - 2, April Magana - 1, Samantha Gutierrez - 8, Brittany Hawkins - 2.

JV Boys - KC JV - 30, Crowell JV - 41

Ty Chisum - 6, Derrick Magana - 12, Grant Lewis - 2, Donnie Northrup - 3, Jeremy Saxton - 3, T.J. Richardson - 2, Germaine Louis - 2.

Varsity Boys - KC - 41, Crowell - 45

Caleb Carver - 7, Carlos Ruiz - 3, Kendrick Green - 10, Landon Weiershausen - 7, Dustin Johnson - 7, Brad Johnson - 7.

•• February 7, 2003 ••

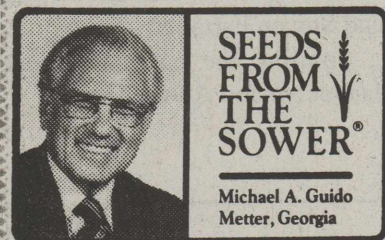
Varsity Girls - KC - 26, Munday - 28

Sophie Gutierrez - 12, Nikki Moss - 6, Samantha Gutierrez - 8, Brittany Hawkins - 6.

•• February 10, 2003 ••

Varsity Boys - Practice Game - KC - 48, Blackwell - 47

Caleb Carver - 3, Carlos Ruiz - 7, Kendrick Green - 18, Landon Weiershausen - 6, Dustin Johnson - 12, Brad Johnson - 2.



When a Roman penny was made, the image of the emperor was stamped upon it. Those who used his coins were expected to obey his laws.

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Later in life that great chemist said, "That experience taught me one thing. My head and heart and hands should be on the same side."

The Living Bible puts it like this: "Do not let any part of your bodies become tools of wickedness, to be used for sinning; but give yourselves completely to God—every part of you."

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MIKE SHEEDY
10-29 tfc 52

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BID NOTICE

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Call City Hall 658-3313 for viewing location.

Bids will close at 5:00 p.m., Monday, March 3.

Bids may be sent to the City of Knox City, Attn: Barbara Rector, P.O. Box 128, Knox City, TX 79529 or brought to City Hall, 200 North Central, Knox City. The Knox City Volunteer Fire Dept. reserves the right to reject any and all bids. 2-6 tfc 85

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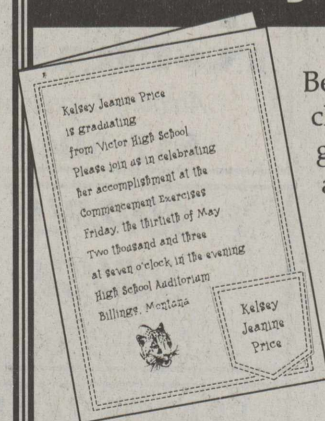
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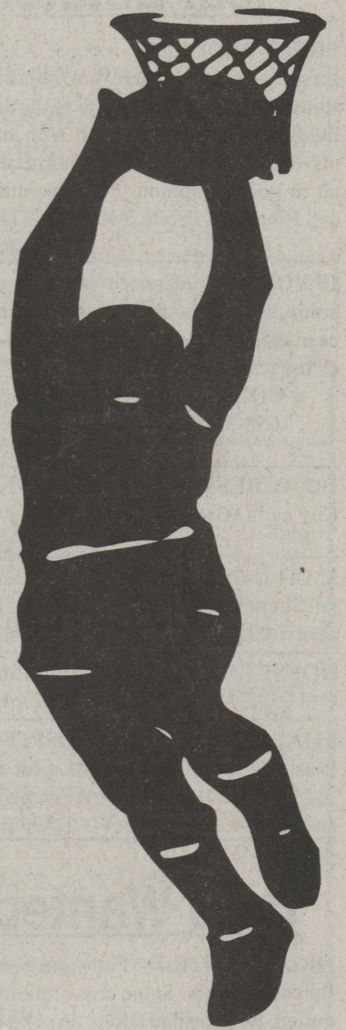
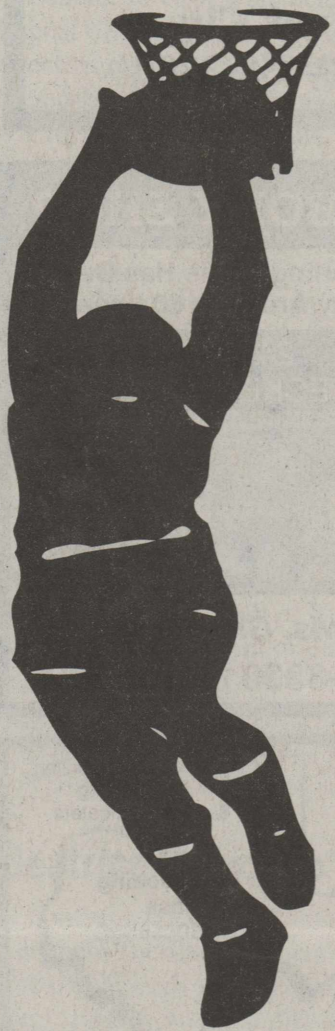
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The 2002 - 2003 Knox City Greyhound Basketball Team

Team members are (from left to right) Coach Colin Howeth, junior Carlos Ruiz, junior Wes Espinosa, senior Landon Weiershausen, senior Caleb Carver, sophomore Dustin Johnson, senior Brad Johnson, sophomore Ben Simmons, senior Kendrick Green, senior Sean Duncan and Coach Larry Welch. Not in the picture is freshman Quentin Spells. (Johnson Kis Photo)



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