Our annual Christmas edition will be published next Tuesday, December 23

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CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR



VERONICA HERNANDEZ

Knox City students accepted into Ambassador Class of 2004

The

Christopher Taylor, seventh grader, and Veronica Hernandez, eleventh grader, have been accepted into the People to People Student Ambassador Class of 2004.

The Student Ambassadors will

exchange, world peace, awareness of governments, and maturity in young people today.

Cost for each student is approximately \$5,000. This includes tuition, airfare, and meals for 21 days.

Schools to dismiss Friday for Christmas

Students in the Knox City-O'Brien CISD will dismiss for Christmas holidays on Friday, December 19, at 1:00 p.m.

Classes will resume for students on Monday; January 5, at the normal time for the three campuses, Knox City Elementary, O'Brien Mid-School and Knox City High School.

Hospital Auxiliary to sponsor Meek **Blood Drive Monday**

The Knox County Hospital Auxiliary will sponsor a blood drive on Monday, December 22.

The Meek Blood Center Bloodmobile will be parked at the hospital from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00

Associated Press All State football picks released, Ruiz named to Second Team

Knox City High received a welcome surprise on Tuesday morning of this week when a story in the Abilene Reporter News confirmed that Carlos Ruiz had been selected to the Associated Press All State Football Team.

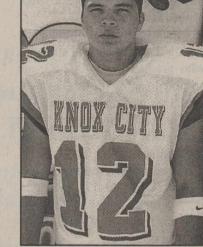
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The senior free safety was selected as a member of the Second Team defense, and was the only player from Knox City to be named for the post season prestigious honor.

The only other local player selected was Dustin Flye of Munday, who was named to the Second Team offense as a Running Back.

Voting was based on players' regular season performances. Nominees were selected during the season, and balloting was conducted during the playoffs.

Other players selected from teams that Knox City played this year were Andrew Haley of Roby, selected as First Team offense, center; Justin Rodriquez of Albany, First Team offense, lineman; Jordan Morales of Albany, First Team Offense, end/receiver; John Barrera of Hamlin, First Team Defense, linebacker; Gerald Walker of Paducah, First Team, back; Peyton Parsons of Albany, First Team Offense, punter; Mike Wilson of Albany, Second Team, Linebacker; Adrian Barrera, Honorable Mention Defense, linebacker; and Frankie Gonzales of Roby, Honorable Mention Defense, back.



News

Carlos Ruiz KCHS Senior Named to AP All State Second Team - Defense

Clonts will not seek full term of **County Judge in November election**

be going to Australia this summer for 21 days.

This program was founded by President Dwight D. Eisenhower. He created People to People with the idea that ordinary citizens of different nations would solve their problems and find a way to live harmoniously with one another. This program promotes cultural

These students will be seeking sponsors, donations and having fundraisers over the months ahead. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Anyone with questions may contact Christopher Taylor, P.O. Box 613, Knox City, TX 79529 or Veronica Hernandez, P.O. Box 214, Knox City, TX 79529.

p.m.

"We are urging those who are blessed with the good health to donate blood to come out and give the gift of life to someone this holiday season. Our mission is to ensure blood availability to our hospitals during the Christmas weekend," Frances Baker, donor recruiter, said.

Knox County appoints new CEA-Agriculture, to begin duties here effective December 29

Sherry McGough has been appointed County Extension Agent-Agriculture for Knox County, effective December 29, according to the Knox County Commissioners Court and District Extension Administrator, Galen Chandler.

A native of New Braunfels, Ms. McGough received her Bachelor of Science in Animal Science from Tarleton State University in 2001, and her Masters of Science Degree in Agricultural Education

from Tarleton State University in December 2002, with a GPA of 4.0. While attending high school, she was a FFA show team member and group leader and committee chairman for FHA. In college, she participated in a student recruitment organization that required speaking to large groups of prospective students.

Ms. McGough worked as a personnel manager and part of a management team for the Texas Long-

horn Breeders Association of America and has a work history based on customer service. She has worked for Alcon Laboratories and as a chemistry lab technician.

She is looking forward to the opportunity to live and work with the people of Knox County and providing the necessary leadership in agriculture, 4-H and youth development and community development.

In a Monday afternoon statement to The Knox County News, Knox County Judge Greg Clonts announced that he would not seek the office for a full term.

He was appointed by the Commissioners Court last October to complete the term of the late David Perdue, who served Knox County for 17 years.

He issued the following statement:

It is an honor for me to have had the privilege of representing the people of Knox County in the office of County Judge this past year. On a personal level, it is also an honor to have been appointed by the Commissioners Court to complete the term of David Perdue who faithfully served Knox County for 17 years.

After much thought and consideration, I have decided not to

seek the office of Knox County Judge for a full term.

I commend the Commissioner's Court for having the courage to tackle some very difficult problems facing the county this past year and for recognizing the need to consolidate services. I believe the Commissioner's did a terrific job representing the interests of taxpayers by taking better control of health insurance costs, consolidating road maintenance operations, modernizing budgeting procedures an making badly needed repairs to the Knox County Courthouse.

I commend the many volunteers who work with the Commissioners Court including the Knox County Historical Commission whose tireless efforts have made possible the Veterans Memorial as well as the Knox County Museum, which is now in the planning stages; also volunteer members of the Knox County Child Welfare Board have made a significant impact in the lives of many children in Knox County and now need your help during this Christmas season. In addition, all of us should be thankful for the many people who serve on a volunteer basis on school boards, hospital boards, appraisal district boards, water boards, chamber of commerce and on and on.

It has been a pleasure working with all of those people and organizations and I look forward to working with whomever the people of Knox County elect to the office of County Judge during transition next November.

> **Greg Clonts** Knox County Judge

Boone urges farmers to submit FSA disaster applications soon, July 6, 2004, is the deadline

Knox County was declared eligible for Farm Service Agency (FSA) disaster emergency loans on November 4. Generally, that means that farmers who have lost at least 30 percent of their production due to drought that occurred from January 1, 2003 and continuing are eligible for FSA loans. Proceeds from crop insurance are taken into consideration when determining eligibility.

FSA Farm Loan Manager, Kelley R. Boone, is urging farmers who are interested in receiving an emergency loan to submit their applications into FSA as soon as possible.

Boone said, "We hope farmers will get their applications in early

rather than waiting until near the deadline which is July 6, 2004. The longer they wait, the more chance there is for long delays. If the applications come in early, we can avoid backlogs and speed up the process."

The FSA office is at 5015 College Drive in Vernon. Phone number is (940) 553-3327, Ext. 2.

Christmas edition requires early deadline

With Christmas Day falling on a Thursday this year, The Knox County News will have to print early in order to get our annual Christmas edition in the mail. We will print on Tuesday, December 23 and papers will go in the mail that day. In order to put everything together, all story copy and advertising material needs to be in our office no later than noon, this Friday, December 19. Thanks in advance from all of us at the News !

Upcoming holiday events in our area.....

Friday, December 19

Citizens Bank, Knox City - Christmas Open House during normal banking hours. Knox City Florist - Pre-Christmas Sale and Open House from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 20

Retirement Coffee - For Joanna Delgado at the KC Elementary School Library, 10:00 a.m.

Monday, December 22

Knox County Aging Services - Christmas Open House from 10:00 a.m. until noon.

Tuesday, December 23

First National Bank, Rochester - Christmas Open House from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 24

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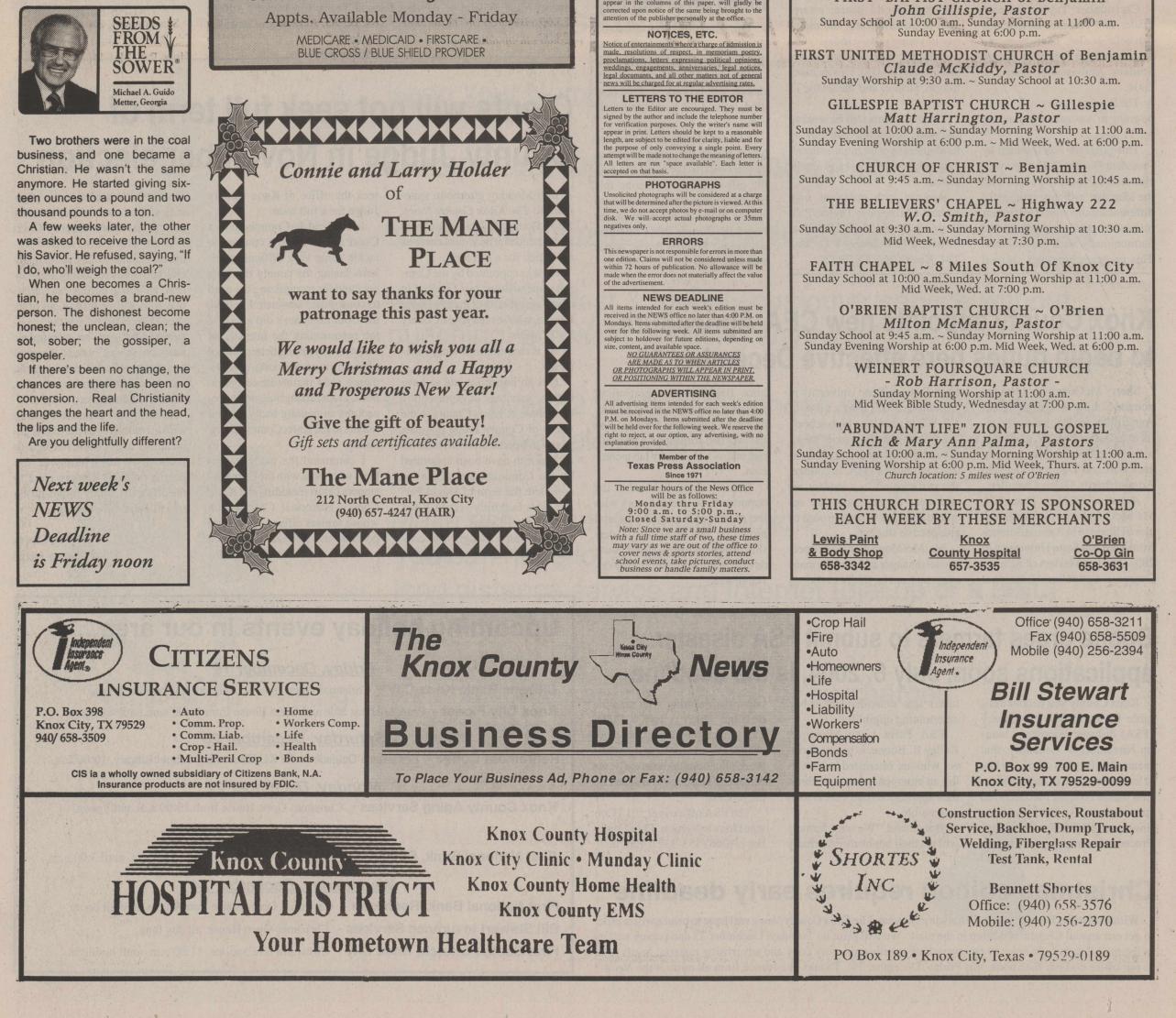
Bill Stewart Insurance Services - Christmas Open House, all day long.

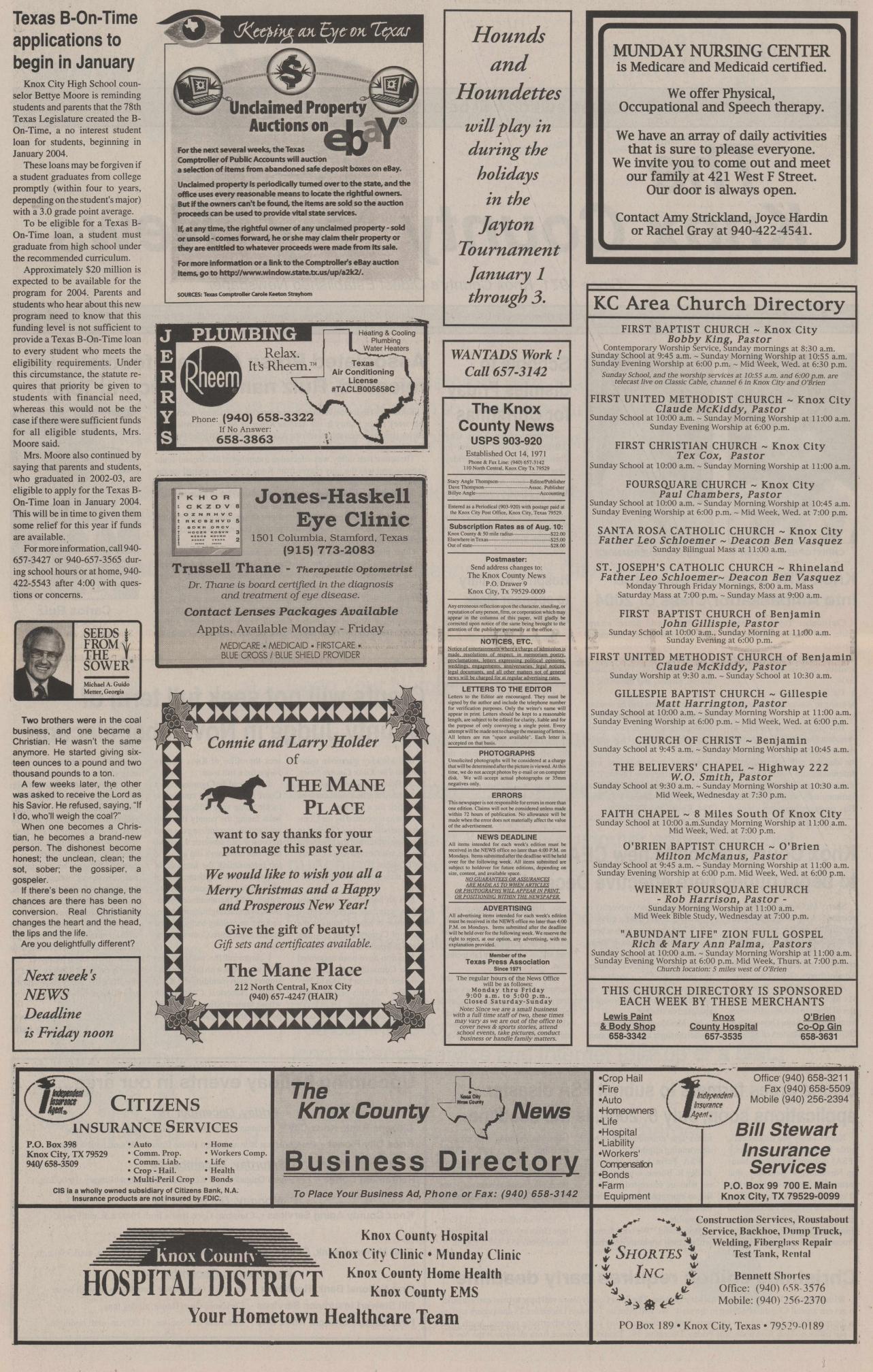
First Baptist Church, Knox City - Christmas Eve Service, 11:00 p.m. until midnight.

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To be eligible for a Texas B-

Mrs. Moore also continued by







Come in and join our

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REHAB JACKPOT BREED CHAMPION WINNER - Hannah Upton, a junior at Munday High School, exhibited her Yorkshire gilt at the West Texas Rehab Jackpot Pig Show on Saturday, December 13. The show was held at Wylie High School in Abilene. Hannah's gilt won first place in the heavyweight Yorkshire class and went on to be awarded the Breed Champion. She was awarded the Rehab's 50th Anniversary belt buckle, prize money and other awards. The West Texas Rehab Show and Sale helps to support the West Texas Rehabilitation Center Foundation and its various activities. She is the daughter of Al and Michelle Upton and the granddaughter of Homer and Jackie Lowrance, all of Munday. (Courtesy Photo)

News renewals are due by January 1

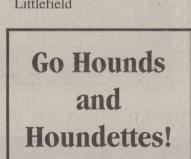
January renewals at The Knox County News are as follows.

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

Danny Allen, KC Teresa Baker, Weatherford Mrs. Daniel R. Banner, Jim Bateman, Denton Brett Boone, Fort Worth Dr. Kris Boone, Manhattan, KS Marq Brockett, KC WCTCOG, Abilene Gaylynn Covey, Stephenville Dr. Burt Denton, Houston Lou Denton, KC Senator Robert Duncan, Lubbock J.C. Eaton, KC Carol Felts, KC John Gillispie, KC Paul Green, Lubbock C.L. Hacker Jr., Bowie Doil Hammons, Brownwood Dorothy E. Herring, Munday

Nona Hutchinson, KC Jim Johnston, Lubbock Tommy Kent, Mason Arche Lieb, KC Dan Martinez, San Lorenzo, CA Ida Pack, KC Hope Poe, Munday Veeta Reid, O'Brien State Rep. Rick Hardcastle, Graham Mary Lou Sanders, Denton Sandy Smethers, Owasso, OK Congressman Mac Thornberry, Wichita Falls Mindy Vance, San Angelo Sammy B. White, KC Sam White Jr., Austin Karen White, Graham

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Jason Hall has been designated to coordinate efforts to comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability.

THANKS 50 MUCH EVERYTHING!

To share the holiday and show our appreciation, we would like to invite you to

BILL STEWART INSURANCE SERVICES OPEN HOUSE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24 • JOIN US ALL DAY !!

Please come by anytime during the day and enjoy some holiday fun and remember, not only through the holidays but throughout the year, we are here to serve you and your insurance needs.

Thank you for your continuing support!

BILL, DIANN & BRENDA

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Local artisian Jane Penman shares talents with G/T students (Photos courtesy of Shea Stubbs-Edmonds)





DPS issues Christmas wish list

AUSTIN - The Department of Public Safety has composed a wish list for the holiday season. DPS is asking travelers for the following gifts:

• Slow down-speed is the number one killer on Texas roads.

• Don't drink and drive; get a designated driver.

• Buckle up everyone in the vehicle.

• Keep cell phone chatter to a minimum.

• Drive with courtesy; it's contagious.

• Slow down in bad weather, construction areas and heavy traffic.

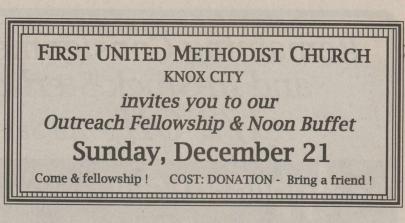
"Following these tips will keep your family and everyone on

Texas roads safer, and that will mean a merrier Christmas for all of us," DPS Director Thomas Davis Jr. said. "The sad truth is that most fatal traffic crashes don't have to happen.

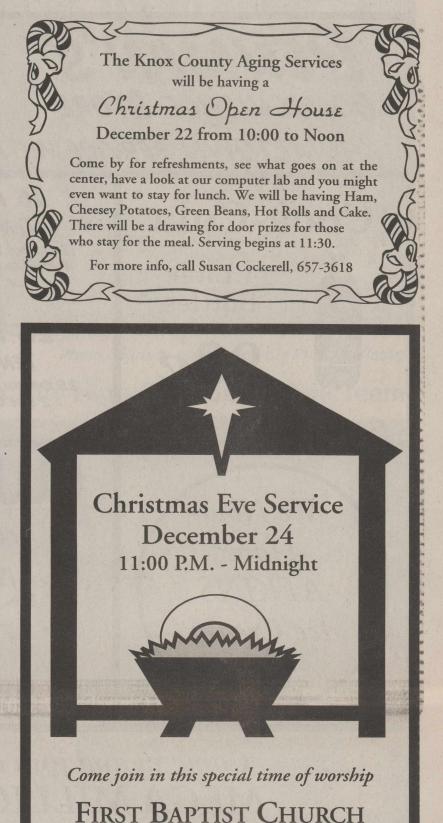
DPS will have all available troopers patrolling Texas roadways Wednesday, December 24, through Sunday, December 28. DPS is once again participating in Operation CARE (Combined Accident Reduction Effort) - a nationwide effort maximizing enforcement on interstate highways to reduce fatalities commonly associated with holiday weekends. Alcohol is always a concern, and DPS is supporting the statewide drunk driving campaign.







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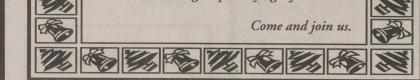


Bobby King, Pastor

658-3527 Knox City







Christmas Open House

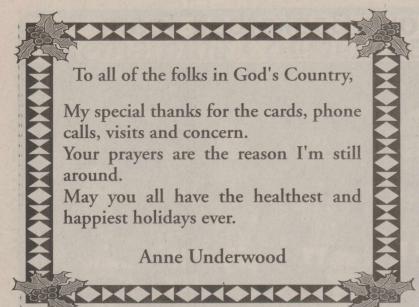
Friday, December 19

during normal banking hours. Come in for Christmas goodies, visiting and share a good time with all your employees of

Citizens Bank N.A.

110 North Second Street in Knox City

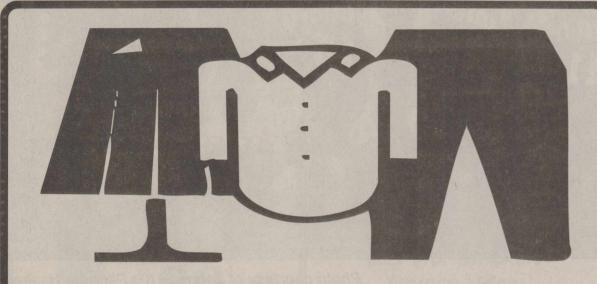
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KC 4-H'ers visit care home, decorate residents doors (Photos courtesy of Reagan Clark)

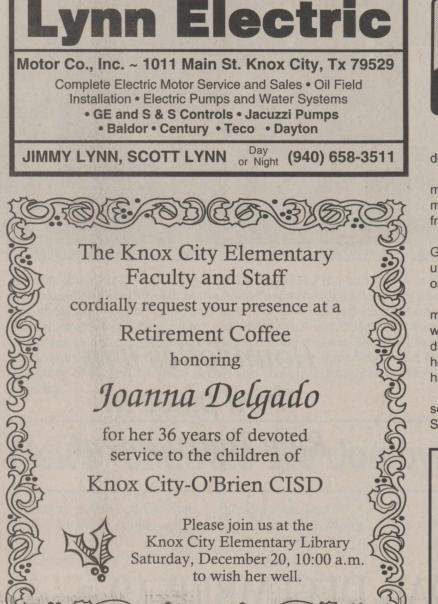


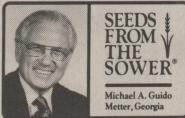


Consignment Clothing •

Those who have consignment clothing in our store are asked to pick up their items prior to the December 31 closing.

Clothing items not picked up by the close of business will be kept for an additional 14 days, then turned over to the Knox County Hospital Auxiliary Thrift Shop for a donation.





A lonely boy was asked, "What do you want for Christmas?"

Looking at the picture of his missionary father, he said, "I want my father to step out of that frame."

That's the cry of humanity, for God to step out of the frame of the universe. And that's what He did on the first Christmas morning.

In Jesus, divine omnipotence moved in a human arm, divine wisdom worked in a human brain, divine love throbbed in a human heart, divine grace poured forth in human lips.

The Bible says, "No man has seen God, but the only begotten Son has made Him known."

Next week's NEWS Deadline is Friday noon

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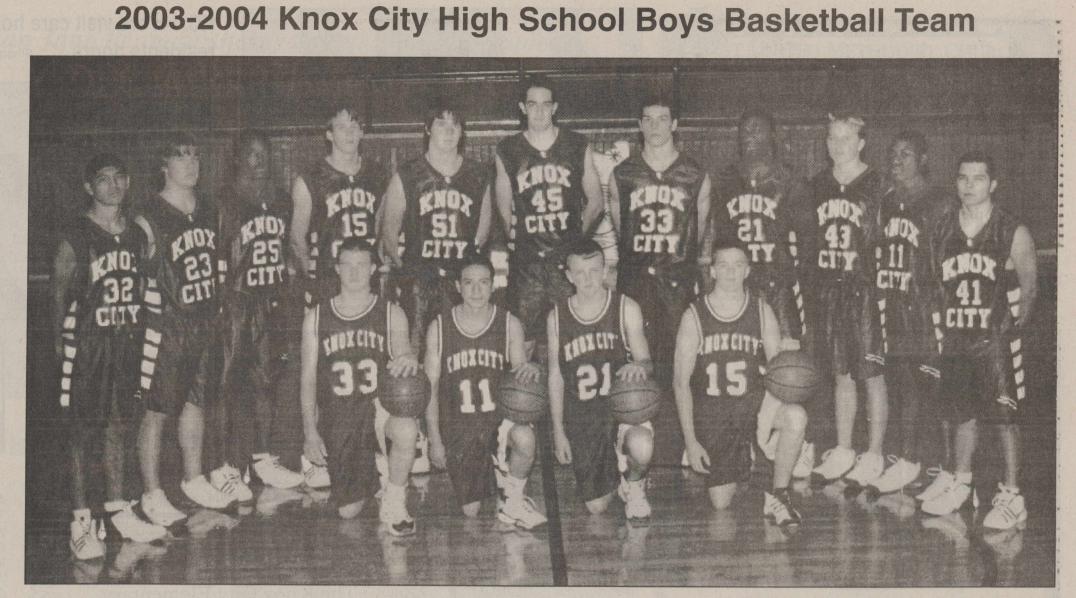


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Houndettes win third place at Rule Tournament

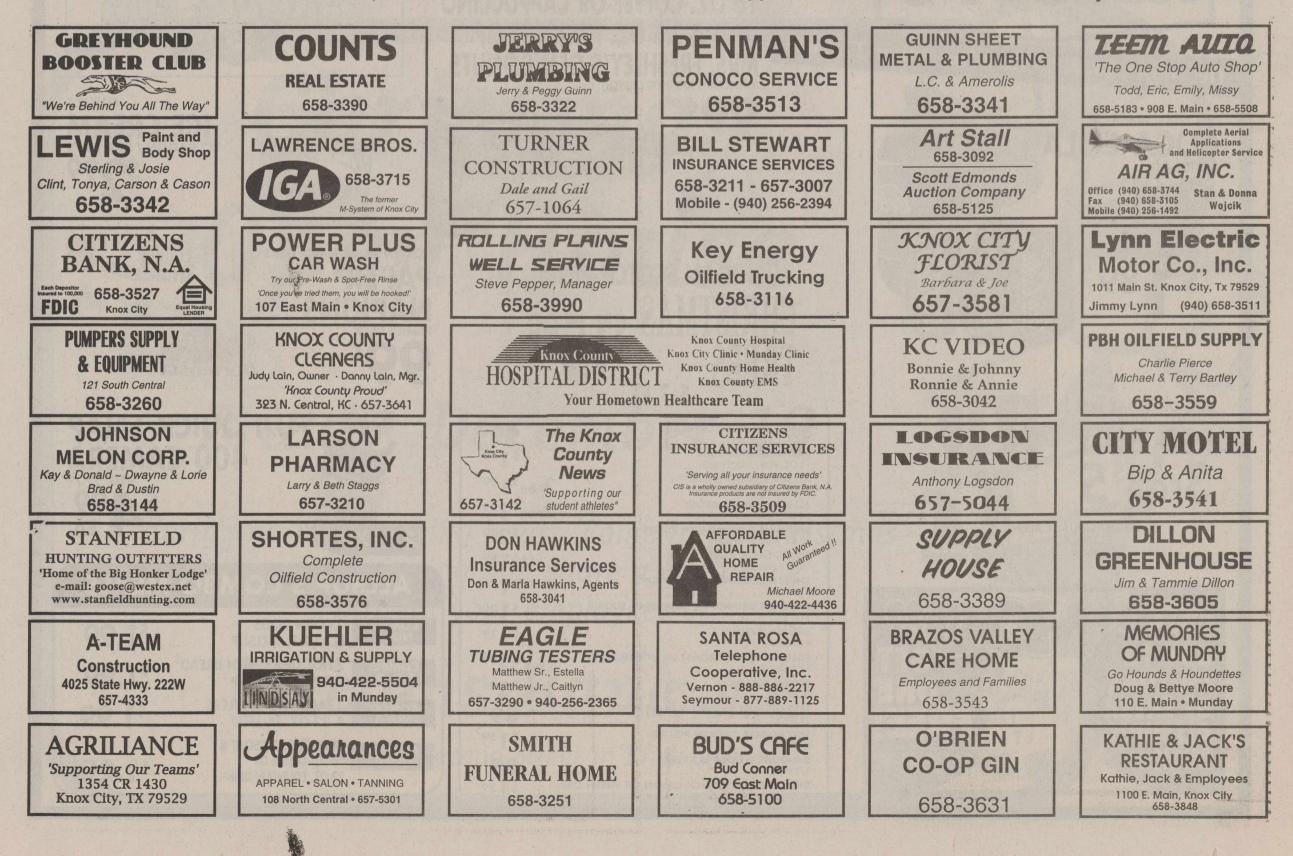
• FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19 vegieri Knox City travels to Rotan Games begin at 4:00

2003-2004 Knox City High Girls Basketball Team



Photo courtesy of Johnson Kis Photo in Haskell

The Merchants and Individuals on this sports booster page are proud to support the student athletes of Knox City-O'Brien CISD



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HOME FOR SALE - Immaculate, twobedroom, on bath with living, den, ceiling fans, window units, shop building in rear. Call 940-864-2411 for appointment. Rike Real Estate, Mary Rike, Broker. 6-19 tfc 30

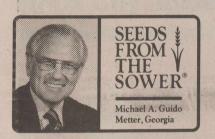
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pen. Brick, three bedroom, large living and dining, large kitchen with beautiful wooden cabinets, new carpet, small shop, patio and carport, \$38,500. Call 658-3629 or 658-3342. 12-4 tfc 31

COMMERCIAL BUILDING - 121 North Central Avenue, Knox City. Interior approximately 1900 sq. ft. Asking price \$3100.00. Contact Larry Schueffler, 817-921-2852. 12-18 4tc 21



Some young people were arranging the figures of the

For Sale

'THERE'S BETTER WAYS to find out if the coffee is hot - than taking a big gulp. You can sleep better on a new Spring Air mattress set. Right now you can save on many close out specials. "Never turn" mattress sets start at \$199 full and \$299 queen. Kinney Furniture in 12-18 1tc Stamford.

'GETTING OLD IS great - no one is trying to understand us. Right now get 2 La-Z-Boy recliners for only \$499 a pair, during our 2 for 1 sale. Leather La-Z-Boys start at 2 for \$949. Kinney Furniture in Stam-12-18 1tc ford.



ESTATE SALE 12/19 - 12/21Fri - Sun Held in the Barn 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM Land - Partial of land on Hwy 82E in Vera, Tx. House & Shop Building in Vera "Hurry' Autos - 50 Dodge, 98 Mazda X-Cab Pickup, 82 Rampage Pickup 92 Holaday Rambler Fifth Wheel Camper 35 Junk Motor Home, Boat, John Deere Gator Lathe - 15"x6' Almost new Summit lathe / 3 & 4 Jaw Chucks Welder - Miller/Welder Onan/Generator Quiet 225/7KW Shop Equip. - Grinders, Ladders, Benches, Jacks, Tools, Compressors, Vice many other shop items & Supplies Furniture - Computer Desks, Chairs, Table, Sofa, Beds, Cook Stove Washer/Dryer, Bar Stools Lawn Equip. - Riding Mower, Push Mower, Wheel Barrow, Other **Power Tools** Computer & Entertainment - Professional DJ Sound Equipment, CD Players, Mics. Stereos, Computer Equip., Printers, Scaners, GPS, Others Building Materials - 5000 Sq. Ft. 12'x42" 20 Ga. 4" Polyurethane insulated 81 - 4'x8' 3"Owen's Corning insulation boards 72 - 51"x30"x6" Styrofoam Panels Other Equip. - 3 Pt. blade, 2 Pt. Post Hole Digger, LP Tanks, Motors, Auto Elect. Fence Gates From Seymour - 19 Miles West on Hwy 82 to Vera, South at Community Center and Follow signs to sale site. 10:00,AM to 4:00 PM Questions answered **Help Wanted** PENMAN'S CONVENIENCE STORE is taking applications for a Full Time kitchen morning position and a part time kitchen position. Apply in person at:

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Legal Notice

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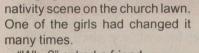
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Thanks for reading the NEWS !

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"Why?" asked a friend.

"Because," she answered, "I want to make sure that Jesus shows.

Too often we show Santa and the stockings, but not the Savior, cards and cribs, but not the Christ

On that first Christmas morning, God wanted to make sure that Jesus showed, so the angel announced, "Fear not; for, behold, I bring you tidings of great joy. For unto you is born this day a Savior, which is Christ the Lord."

Need wrapping boxes for Christmas?

We have new white garment boxes ... perfect to wrap sweaters, coats, dresses, purses, just about anything! Get 'em while they last -

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Call Today, 657-3142

environment. Drug test required. Call District Manager, Jacala Ashley 940-585-8586. 12-18 4tc 40

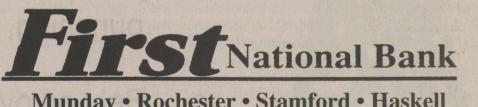
Help Wanted

Public Notice

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Christmas **Open House**

Tuesday, December 23 9:00 to 3:00

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'Switch IT & Keep IT' LOCAL NUMBER PORTABILITY

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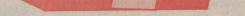
You can now switch to Santa Rosa Telephone Cooperative, Inc. and keep your existing number.

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Keep Your Number !



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- Lower your local service phone bills ! b.
- Appreciate our personal, reliable customer maintenance C.
- d. Value SRTC's fast & friendly customer service without punching, pressing or hitting anything !
- Rely on over 52 years of telephone service business e. (Santa Rosa Telephone Coop., Inc. was established in 1951)
- f. Make use of the "One Bill" option. You can have local service, long distance service and Internet (dial up or a DSL) all on one bill.
- No additional service charges or surcharges g. just to keep your number !

We will be in the Knox City office, 207 North East Second, **Tuesday, December 30 and Wednesday, December 31** from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

> Call 889-1125 and let us tell you more, and . . . switch you over.

