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# Santa Will Arrive Saturday

## During 1995 Knox City Christmas Parade

The arrival of Santa Claus into the downtown area will be just one of the Christmas highlights scheduled for this Saturday as the Knox City Chamber of Commerce swings into high gear with a variety of events designed to encourage area residents to try shopping at home first for holiday packages and presents. Included in those events are the annual Christmas Parade, a Christmas Bazaar, both residential and commercial lighting contests, photographs with Santa Claus, an ornament decorating workshop and a coloring contest for the kids. With the Christmas spirit soaring, everyone involved in the planning of

these events is anticipating the best holiday season ever in Knox City. Following the opening of several new businesses in Knox City during the past year, a wide selection of new merchandise is available in the downtown shopping district this year. Both merchants and Chamber of Commerce officials are hoping that more people will shop at home this year and support their community before going out of town to "purchase Christmas."

### Christmas Parade

The annual Christmas Parade is scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 9. Following the same parade route as

previous years, the parade will form in front of the Knox City schools and wind its way through the downtown area where the reviewing stand, judging area and announcer will be located.

The parade chairman again this year is Roger Rosencranz. Both Roger and his wife Rita have been instrumental in making the parade the huge success that it has been the past several years. The parade announcer will be Dave Thompson, and George Yarger, Pastor of O'Brien Baptist Church, has been invited to bring the opening prayer.

The theme for the parade this year is "Christmas Through A

Child's Eyes." There are no parade entry fees, just a toy donated by each entry. All toys will be distributed to those children in our community and surrounding area who may be less fortunate than others. An admirable goal, the Chamber of Commerce, parade organizers and volunteer workers are all working hard to insure that all children can enjoy Christmas.

Judging of the parade will result in plaques awarded in nine categories. Santa Claus will also make his official entry into Knox City during the parade.

Those wanting to enter the parade and who have not already signed up may do so by contacting Doris Crownover at the Chamber of Commerce office at 658-3442, or by contacting Roger or Rita Rosencranz after 6:00 p.m at

658-5107.

### Christmas Bazaar

Again this year, the Chamber of Commerce will be hosting their annual Christmas Bazaar the same day of the parade, Saturday, December 9. The building just south of the new Phoenix Gift Shop on the west side of the downtown business block will be used for the bazaar location this year. Space is available to clubs, organizations and individuals wanting to sell their Christmas, holiday, or other items. The only fee required for booth space is a donated item that can be given away at drawings throughout the day. Space for the bazaar will be limited, so those wanting booth space need to contact the Chamber of Commerce office as soon as possible to make arrangements.

### Kids Coloring Contest

Children of this area will be glad to know that there will be a coloring contest again this year. The contest will also be held on the same day as the parade, in the same location of the Christmas Bazaar. Bill Christian, Pastor of the First Christian Church, will be hosting these events.

### Decorating Workshop

A first this year, the Chamber of Commerce has arranged a workshop designed to show interested children how to make Christmas ornaments. Talented artist and interior decorator Denise Cuniff will conduct the workshop, with help from Kim Clonts. The workshop will be held in the same location as the bazaar.

### Pictures With Santa Claus

Parents will be glad to know that chamber officials have once See Chamber Christmas, Page 8

### Parade Committee To Have Final Organizational Meeting This Thursday

Members of the parade organizing committee will have one final planning meeting before the parade on Saturday. This final meeting for last minute details has been scheduled for this Thursday, 5:00 p.m. at Debbie's Restaurant. All members working on the parade are encouraged to attend.

## First Annual Parent Night Held At KC Elementary

By MARIBETH WILLIAMS  
Elementary Principal

November 30 was the first annual Parent Night at Knox City Elementary. It was a great success. Parents were invited to school to observe their child(ren) in actual classroom situations as they were receiving instruction from their teachers.

Kindergarten through 4th grade parents were introduced to Classroom Phonics, a supplemental reading program that has just been started this year. It was purchased by the school district in an effort to boost the literature based reading system that is already in place.

Saxon Math has been used in the elementary school for about two years, and has been part of the reason TAAS scores and achievement test scores have shown improvement. Each day starts with the fifteen minute "math meeting" where all students gather with the teacher at a large bulletin board full of math instructional aids. Later in the morning there is more math instruction.

Parents also visited the Computer Lab and were shown the Writing to Read program that is used in Kindergarten and First Grade. Other parents saw programs used to increase skills in math, language and reading.

Pre-Kindergarten instruction included pre-addition and pre-subtraction exercises where the students added to and took away. They continued their study of pets from their weekly instruction. During center time the parents seemed genuinely impressed with the students' skill in using the computer.

The students, teachers and parents met in the Bill Baker Auditorium and watched the students from each grade level perform various age appropriate skills that had been learned in Physical Education class. While in the auditorium, students exhibited their expertise in the Spanish language by naming colors and animals they have learned.

It was an impressive night. See Parent Night, Page 8

## Foursquare Church To Host Holiday Craft Fair This Saturday

Enjoy Pie & Coffee While Waiting For The Parade!

The congregation of the Knox City Foursquare Church will be hosting a holiday craft fair this Saturday, December 9. Featuring both new and used items, including antique dolls, supplies, patterns, fabric, yarn, books, quilts, balloon bouquets, and chocolate bouquets, the craft fair will be open for the public to enjoy while in town for the annual Knox City Christmas Parade.

Food will also be available at the fair. Along with pie, coffee

and soft drinks, a bake sale will be held.

The event will be held in the downstairs area of the Foursquare Church, beginning at 9:00 on Saturday morning.

While you are in town for the parade and other parade day festivities sponsored by the Knox City Chamber of Commerce, the members of Knox City's Foursquare Church invite you to stop by and share some Christmas spirit with the fine folks at the craft fair!

## Republican Filings Now Underway

Persons wanting to file for nomination by the Knox County Republican Primary have until January 2, 1996. The offices of County Sheriff, County Tax Assessor, County Attorney, County Commissioner Precincts One and Three and the Constable are open for nomination and a place on the ballot in the General Election November 5, 1996.

Republicans interested in a position in the Knox County Republican Party also have until January 2, 1996, to file. The following positions are up election: County Chairman and Precinct Chairman for Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6N, 6S, 7S, 7N and 8.

Knox County Republican candidates will file with Knox County Republican Chairman W.R. Baker, 509 SE Fourth, Knox City.

Anyone wishing additional information may contact W.R. Baker, (817) 658-3794 in Knox City or Wilma Hogan, (817) 422-4848 in Munday.

## Leonard Phipps Seeks Re-Election

Leonard Phipps has authorized The Knox County News to announce his candidacy for re-election as Knox County Commissioner, Precinct One, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary March 12, 1996.

Leonard said he would appreciate the consideration and support of the voters and would have a formal statement in a later issue of the News.

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## Girl Scouts Ready For Exciting 9th Annual Christmas Pageant

By Dave Thompson

The Knox City Girl Scouts have been working hard on their 9th annual Christmas Pageant, and they are ready to present the holiday event on Monday night, December 11 at the W.R. Baker Auditorium on the Knox City school campus.

Scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m., the event will include entertainment by Knox City Boy Scouts, as well as all the troops of Knox City Girl Scouts and Brownies.

Including both songs and skits, the annual pageant is always a delight to watch and is a perfect setting for providing lots of holiday spirit.

Stacy Angle Thompson will also be on hand to provide musical cheer with Christmas songs in between the skits.

Adult leaders and scouts have been spending a lot of time getting ready to present this pageant to the public. With scouting having such a positive impact on the

youth of our community, the adult leaders are hoping that the community will turn out and support the scouts for this holiday performance. There is no admission fee, however those wishing to bring a toy to the event as a donation to the Girl Scout toy collection program are more than welcome to do so. The Girl Scouts have established a tradition of collecting toys each year to insure that all children of our community have a good Christmas.

## Girl Scout Toy Collection Program Underway Now To Make Sure All Children Have A Merry Christmas

The Knox City Girl Scouts are once again sponsoring their annual toy collection program with donated toys being placed under a Christmas tree in the front window of the Knox County News. A tradition for many years, the tree is used as a central collection point for toys to be dropped off by those wishing to make sure that every child is able to enjoy the thrill of receiving a present on Christmas Day, 1995.

Toys being donated may be either for a boy or girl and should not be wrapped. They will be picked up prior to Christmas and distributed to less fortunate children throughout the area. The program is coordinated through the Knox County Child Welfare Board.

Along with dropping off toys at the tree in the window of the NEWS, those who are filled with the Christmas spirit and want to donate a toy may do so the night of the Girl Scout Pageant, or during the Knox City Christmas Parade. The parade entry fee will be a donated toy. Last year, the program saw a record number of toys donated, and both scout and Child Welfare Board officials hope that the community will be equally as responsive this year. A perfect way to display true Christmas spirit, everyone is encouraged to purchase one extra toy and donate it to this very worthy cause.

For those needing an incentive to donate a toy, just imagine yourself as a child on Christmas morning without a single present to open, or a single toy to play with. Unfortunately, there are children right here in our own community and county that do know that feeling. Let your conscience be your guide and don't let a child down this Christmas. This toy collection drive is open to everyone, individuals, businesses and organizations all need to remember that there is no limit, you can give as many toys as you want! WOW !!





## O'Brien Happenings

By Audie Johnston

"I was preparing my commercial aircraft for flight while the co-pilot was still outside. A passenger with a carry-on bag walked into the cockpit. "May I help you?" I asked, somewhat startled. "My seat is 2A. You're in 1A and I'm in 2A," she said, starting to make herself comfortable in the co-pilot's seat."

### HERE AND THERE

Vivian Hendrix was in Wichita Falls last week for a few days for some doctor appointments and she visited her daughter LeNear Phillips and Frances Howell and families.

Veeta Reid spent a few days with her daughter Angelia and husband in Fort Worth over the holidays.

Troy and Clara Hanson were in Lubbock last Monday to carry her daughter Joan and husband to the airport for them to return to their home in Montgomery, Ala-

bama.

Scott Stephens, student at South Plains College, spent the weekend with his mom Sue and sister Stefani Stephens.

Trish Roberts, student at Tarleton State in Stephenville, spent the weekend with her parents, Don and Diane and sister Angela and her grandparents Claudale and Jean Barnard.

Visiting Charlene and J.O. Brothers Sunday were their son Craig and wife Lori and son Chase Brothers of Abilene.

Spending the weekend with Coy and Loretta Hewitt was their little granddaughter Ashton Neal of Wichita Falls. Ashton's parents are Tony and Toni Neal Toni's the Hewitt's youngest.

Helen and Orval Manning spent Thanksgiving in Fort Worth with their grandson and family, Brad, Monica and Jacob Manning. Also visiting in Fort Worth during

Thanksgiving were Peggy and Royce Manning and Peggy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kash Powers, all of Abilene.

First Baptist Church of O'Brien enjoyed a great Thanksgiving-Christmas lunch Sunday at noon. We're in a four-day revival led by David Crain this week and so far it's been great.

"Hunt and Pack - I was staying at a large hotel and had my gray suit picked up for cleaning. A brown suit came back. I called the desk, and the apologetic clerk sent someone to pick it up. The following day my clothing was still missing. Since my name is Brown, I had an inspiration. "See if there's a Mr. Gray registered," I suggested. There was, and gray and brown suits were exchanged. When I stopped by later, the clerk was chuckling: "We're just glad we didn't have to find Glen Plaid."

## Noah Project-North To Meet Friday

The Noah Project-North will hold its monthly advisory committee meeting on Friday, December 8, at the East Side Baptist Church in Haskell.

It will be pot luck and everyone is urged to attend, according to a spokesperson.

### PACK VISITORS

Thanksgiving visitors of Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Pack were their son and family, Randy, Susie and Emily Pack of Odessa; Susie's mom, Patricia Bush of San Antonio; and Susie's sister, Ann Bush of Dallas.

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## KC Circle Club To Meet Tuesday In Darr Home

The KC Circle Club will hold its annual Christmas Party, Tuesday, December 12, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Marie and Dewey Darr.

Members are asked to bring a covered dish and a gift for the Christmas tree.

## Rochester Musical Set For Saturday

The Rochester Musical will be held Saturday night, December 9, at the American Legion Hall.

Concession will open at 5:30 with music to begin at 6:00 p.m.

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**You too can be a 'Santa Claus' and make a child happy at Christmas, all it takes is a little generosity on your part. A fund has been established by the Knox County Child Welfare Board to help provide for those kids who are less fortunate than others, not only during the Christmas holiday, but throughout the year.**

**The fund needs your help. It's really very simple. All you have to do is go by the Citizens Bank in Knox City or the First National Bank in Munday and make a deposit to the fund. Just make your check payable to the Knox County Child Welfare Board - or cash is great too!!**

**The only money the Child Welfare Fund has to spend is donated, so ... it's up to you. Why not share your holiday spirit and help a child at the same time? 'Santa' will appreciate your thoughtfulness, and you'll feel better for sharing at this very special time of the year.**

## Morris Appointed As 50th District Investigator

To Fill Vacancy In Gillilan Death

District Attorney Bill Neal this week announced the appointment of Charles Robert (Chuck) Morris, 43, of Seymour to the post of investigator for the 50th Judicial District Attorney's Office.

The appointment will become effective on January 1, 1996. Until such time he will continue with his duties as a Baylor County Deputy Sheriff.

Morris will fill the vacancy created by the death of Doyce (Gil) Gillilan, who died suddenly of a heart attack on November 1.

"I'm really looking forward to working with Chuck as an investigator for my office," Neal said. "Chuck is a hard worker and a fine officer and he has especially good working relations with other law enforcement agencies within the four-county district. I was especially impressed with how closely he worked with the Drug Task Force people in making recent drug cases in this area."

Morris has been employed by the Baylor County Sheriff's De-

partment since December 1, 1988, serving the last two years as a deputy. Prior to that time, he had served two years as a Military Policeman in the United States Army and one year as a patrolman with the Lufkin Police Department. Morris received his peace officer training and graduated from Vernon Regional Junior College.

Although born and raised in Wichita Falls, Morris is a descendant of a pioneer Baylor County family. The late C.S. and Verna Plunkett were his grandparents and Morris spent all of his summers while growing up with his grandmother, Verna Plunkett, here in Seymour. Morris' mother is Lucille Plunkett Morris, who graduated from Seymour High School, and, although now living in Lufkin, she often returns to Seymour to visit friends.

Morris now resides in Seymour with Pam, his wife of 20 years, and their son, Dusty, 14, a student at Seymour Junior High.

## CattleWomen To Organize In Immediate Area

The Texas CattleWomen Association has a new chapter, The Rolling Plains, which will consist of the Knox-Haskell County area.

Texas CattleWomen are affiliated with the American National CattleWomen and are an independent organization, not an auxiliary to any other organization. When anyone joins this organization, they become a member of a lively group of women with similar interests and proud partners with their families and friends in the great BEEF industry.

The continuing progress and prosperity of the industry is the thrust of all of their activities. The number of people in this business decreases each year, and the voice in national and local affairs is diminishing each year. That is why members of the Texas CattleWomen feel that they must work together and speak out for BEEF.

Each local chapter chooses its own name, determines what officers it will elect and committees it will name, when and how often it will meet, writes its own by-laws, which must coordinate with the State Constitution and By-Laws, sets its own dues and plans its own projects in addition to participating in state and national projects.

Anyone interested in joining this chapter may call Diz Coffman at (817)422-4295 or Judy Wilde at (817)422-4531. The meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of each month beginning in January 1996.

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EATINGS



## Locals' Daughter Nominated For Texas Excellence Awards



JACQUE RILEY

Jacquie Riley, daughter of Peggy and John Gillispie of Knox City, has been nominated for the 1996 Texas Excellence Awards for Outstanding High School Teachers.

Mrs. Riley teaches Secondary English at McLean School where she has been a staff member for 21 years. She was honored at the November McLean Board of Trustees meeting.

The University of Texas will select 10 of the 188 nominees to come to the campus in Austin for an awards ceremony.

She was presented a certificate from the University of Texas Ex-Students Association and the University of Texas College of Education.

"We are extremely lucky to have Mrs. Riley and other teach-

ers of her caliber on staff," School Superintendent Griffin said. "We are really proud of her and congratulate her on this honor."

Jacquie graduated from Crowley High School in 1971 and from West Texas State in Canyon in 1975.



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All patients of the late Dr. W.F. Thompson who are wishing to obtain their medical records may do so by **Friday, December 15.** No one will be in the office on a regular basis after this date.

Accounts Receivables will be handled by T. L. Thompson and Associates (no relation) of Dallas. Please do not call locally concerning this matter.





A New Laundry Will Be Opening Soon In Knox City

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Keep Watching The NEWS For Further Details

## KC News Area - Wide Church Directory

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - Knox City - Troy Culpepper, Interim Pastor**  
 \* Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. ~ \* Sunday Morning Worship at 10:55 a.m.  
 \* Sunday Evening Worship at 7:00 p.m. ~ Mid Week, Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.  
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**O'BRIEN BAPTIST CHURCH - O'Brien - George Yarger, Pastor**  
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 Sunday Evening Worship at 7:00 p.m. ~ Mid Week, Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - Knox City - Jim Teeter, Pastor**  
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 Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m.

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH - Knox City - Bill Christian, Pastor**  
 Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.

**FOUR SQUARE CHURCH - Knox City**  
 Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 10:45 a.m.  
 Sunday Evening Worship at 6:30 p.m. ~ Mid Week, Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

**SANTA ROSA CATHOLIC CHURCH - Knox City - Father Gary Fagan**  
 Sunday Morning Mass at 11:00 a.m. ~ Tuesday Evening Mass at 7:00 p.m.

**ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH - Rhineland - Father Gary Fagan**  
 Monday Through Friday Mornings, 8:00 a.m. Mass  
 Saturday Mass at 5:30 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 Worship at 11:00 a.m.,  
 Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - Benjamin - Jim Teeter, Pastor**  
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**GILLESPIE BAPTIST CHURCH - Gillespie - Ross Anderson, Pastor**  
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**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH - Benjamin**  
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**THE BELIEVERS' CHAPEL - Highway 222 - W.O. Smith, Pastor**  
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## Benjamin Teams Are First In Northside Tournament

The Benjamin Mustangs and Lady Stangs each brought home first place trophies this past weekend in the Northside Invitational Tournament.

Friday night each team played Harold. Topping the Lady Stangs in scoring was Tacy Condrón with 27 points. Others bringing in points for the Stangs were Julie Welch, 15; Rachel Duke, 11; Lacy Carver, 9; and Audra Neal, 2. Final score for the game was Benjamin 66, Harold 21.

Leading the Mustangs in scoring was Chad Rainwater with 14 points. Also scoring for the Mustangs were Tyler Carroll and Bobby Condrón with 10 each and Riley Carver, Edward Estrada and Zeke Duke with 9 each. Final score for their first game was Benjamin 61, Harold 55.

Saturday's championship game had each team playing against the Northside Indians. The Lady Stangs won decisively with the score Benjamin 62, Northside 31.

Tacy Condrón again led the scoring with 20 points followed by Lacy Carver with 14, Julie Welch 11, Audra Neal 9 and Cathy Rainwater and Rachel Duke 4 each.

The Mustangs won a come-from-behind victory over Northside in a low scoring defensively dominated game. The final score was Benjamin 50, Northside 43. Edward Estrada headed up the scoring with 20 points followed by Chad Rainwater with 11. Others scoring for the Mustangs were Tyler Carroll 6, Riley Carver and Zeke Duke 4 each, and Bobby Condrón with 3.

Tournament MVP for the girls was Tacy Condrón. Julie Welch was named to the all-tournament team.

Edward Estrada was tournament MVP for the boys with Tyler Carroll and Chad Rainwater each making the all-tournament team.

(Submitted by Benjamin School News Staff)

### Care Home News By Donna Casillas

A special thanks to the following: Diana Dena and the Tackitt band for providing special music, June Tankersley for playing the piano for Rhythm Band, Peggy Guinn and Joe Marion for Sunday morning music, the following churches for providing November Sunday morning worship, Rochester Methodist Church, O'Brien Baptist Church, Knox City United Methodist Church and Knox City First Christian Church, the Sunshine Ladies for coming in and doing nail care and the Benjamin Methodist and Christian Churches for sponsoring the November birthday party.

Volunteers are needed to assist with crafts, music and games. Bring your craft ideas to the Care Home, the residents would enjoy them. If you are interested in assisting in the various activities, please contact Judy Conner 658-3543.

### THANKSGIVING VISITORS

Thanksgiving visitors of Elaine Lewis were Mr. and Mrs. Larry Deering of Abilene, Amy and Traci Deering of Abilene Christian University, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Lewis and family of Lubbock, Justin Lewis of Arlington, Tori Lewis of Littlefield, Shane Lewis of Rush Springs, Oklahoma, Mr. and Mrs. Todd Lewis and family of Haskell, Danny, Amber and Grant Lewis of Knox City, and several of Amy and Traci's friends from ACU.

Thank you for your prayers, cards, telephone calls and beautiful flowers during the time of my illness. Thanks for being my friend and I hope you will have a Merry Christmas.

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A program to evaluate the possible water contamination risks around the homestead was made available to the project during 1995.

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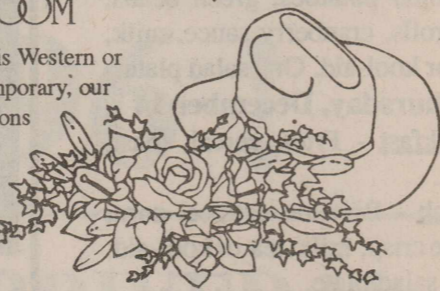
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## BILL'S HINESight....By High School Principal Bill Hines

After visiting with other principals around the area I have come to the conclusion that we have a good bunch of kids in this community. However, discipline in school as well as at home is still a major concern for all of us. Over the next few weeks I intend to write several articles on ways that might help parents with their discipline at home.

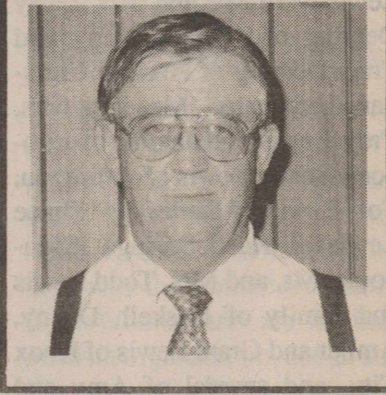
Some people think discipline means punishing children - controlling them, making them "obedient". But it really means teaching.

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3. Teaching children to become independent, well-adjusted adults. Schools work to teach children discipline, but schools can't do the job alone. Children spend far more time at home than they do in school. In fact, the primary place children learn discipline is home.

Of course, we will keep working at school to do our part. But, if we are to achieve our goal of producing well-disciplined children both at home and at school, parents and schools must work together.



## KC School News

### JUNIOR CLASS NEWS

By Amanda Baker

We are now back from Thanksgiving break. I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving break. I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. We had two weeks until Christmas break. Everyone is excited about getting out again.

The support that the community gave us for our Thanksgiving supper is greatly appreciated. We brought in around \$2,000.00. Our classmates are eagerly working on basketball. They will be competing in a tournament Thursday, Friday and Saturday here. Band members are getting ready for the Christmas parade Saturday and the concert Sunday.

Academic Decathlon members had a great experience when we went to Abilene for the Academic Decathlon practice meet. Our Debate class is currently working on a Christmas skit. Santa and some of the elves come from the Junior class. Santa is Kevin Walker, the elves include Diana Estrada, Jonathan Rizan, Tonya Parker, Melissa Barnard and Amanda Baker.

We had One Act Play tryouts November 27. A few Juniors got parts in the Diviners including Diana Estrada-Goldie, Jonathan Rizan-Bassie, Amanda Baker-Tuella. Stage crew is Erin Mongrain, Tonya Parker and Clint Lewis.

I hope everyone is getting some Christmas spirit. Until then...

### FRESHMAN CLASS NEWS

By Anna Marie Waldrip

The Freshman are preparing for semester exams. Mid-term is just around the corner along with the wonderful holidays! In all of our classes, we are working hard and also looking forward to our Christmas break.

This year, Mrs. Watson's debate class is performing a Christmas program on December 14. The freshman who are apart of this activity are: Cristine Hernandez (Elf), Emilee Pruitt (Elf), and Anna Marie Waldrip (Announcer). We welcome you to join us in this performance.

### The Freshman girls and boys

on the JV basketball teams are also striving to accomplish our goals. We will travel to Seymour on Tuesday night, and hopefully we'll come back with a victory. Good Luck!

Until Next Time!

### FFA NEWS

By Amanda Baker

The members in FFA who are going to the stock shows this year met November 27 and filled out entry forms for Houston, San Antonio, San Angelo, Fort Worth and the county show. Members are eagerly delivering the FFA fruit and meat to all the customers that ordered. Several members are going to Olney for a FFA Banquet December 7. Also several members are participating in Jackpot shows. The new year has already begun for the members that show animals.

Merry Christmas to all...

### FHA NEWS

By Amanda Baker

FHA members have been making our own Christmas tree ornaments to go on the tree in the homemaking department. Some members met and discussed around some ideas and dates for the Christmas party, cookies and punch were served. Mrs. Edmonds read us a story entitled "Love you, Forever". We scheduled the party for December 11th. We are looking forward to a great time.

19 days til Christmas... See ya next week.

### Academic Excellence Indicator System To Be Discussed By School

The Knox City-O'Brien CISD will hold a public hearing Tuesday, December 12, at 6:30 p.m. in the administration building to discuss the 1994-95 Academic Excellence Indicator System Report.

This report is generated yearly by the Texas Education Agency containing information relating to student performance, demographic data, staff information, as well as tax and budget information.

Following the public hearing, a copy of this report will be available for public inspection at the three campuses and the administration office. The report will also be on display at various businesses in town.

### 4-H Christmas Party Set For December 13

The December 4-H Club meeting for Tuesday, December 12, has been cancelled. The Club Christmas party will be Wednesday, December 13, from 4:00 to 5:30.

Club members are asked to bring a drink and a food to share with the group.

Any questions, please call Leisa at 658-3006 or Brenda 658-5345.

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Thursday, December 7  
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Friday, December 8

Breakfast - Applesauce, blueberry muffins, milk.

Lunch - Hamburgers, cheese, hamburger salad, french fries, jello, milk, tea, or kool-aid. Or salad plate.

Monday, December 11

Breakfast - Orange, biscuits, jelly, milk.

Lunch - Fish, cheese sandwiches, blackeyed peas, pineapple, milk, tea, or kool-aid. Or - salad plate.

Tuesday, December 12

Breakfast - Fruit, cereal, toast, and milk.

Lunch - Macaroni with meat, lettuce, pinto beans, pears, milk, tea or kool-aid. Or - salad plate.

Wednesday, December 13

Breakfast - Fruit juice, sausage, toast, jelly, milk.

Lunch - Turkey and dressing, creamed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, cranberry sauce, milk, tea or kool-aid. Or - salad plate.

Thursday, December 14

Breakfast - Fruit, cereal, toast, milk.

Lunch - Burritos, lettuce, corn, apple crisp, milk, tea or kool-aid. Or - salad plate.

Friday, December 15

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## Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

Hi everyone! I hope this past week was a good one for you all and that your getting all your Christmas "doings" done. I'm running behind but then that's not too unusual for me.

Better reports on our ill this week. Lewis Lyles had a good week, feeling pretty well. It's been a year since he had his first problem but maybe things are "looking up" for him now. Bill Ryder says he feels pretty well but is going to have some more tests this next Friday, the 8th.

Judie Whitten is still on her crutches but she also is doing better - (at least she does handle those crutches like a "pro").

And Bud Clower returned home from Houston Thursday and is feeling pretty well. He had had some problems but got on some more medication and is beginning to feel well again. They will return to Houston; however, next week to be checked again.

### BALL NEWS

The basketball teams all had a pretty good week. Don't know for sure about Monday night's Junior High games but Tuesday night against Rule, our teams (high school) did great. The girls were several points behind till the last quarter but "came alive" in the fourth and lost by only one point. The final score was Rule 51, Benjamin 50. Benjamin's boys handed Rule a big defeat. Don't remember the score but it was pretty one-sided. All the kids played extremely well.

On the weekend both teams were entered in the tournament at Northside and both teams won first place! In the championship game, the boys defeated Northside 50-43. Making the all-tournament team from Benjamin were Chad Rainwater and Tyler Carroll and Edward Estrada was selected Most Valuable Player.

Benjamin girls soundly defeated Northside for the first place trophy. The score was 63-31. Julie Welch from Benjamin was named to the all-tournament team and Tacy Condron was named MVP. We congratulate these kids!

**SOROSIS CLUB PARTY**  
The annual Christmas party of the Benjamin Sorosis Club was held Saturday night in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church. The guests enjoyed a salad supper before the entertainment. Guests brought gifts to be given to less fortunate children in the county.

Highlight of the evening was a "This Is Your Life" story of Jessie Roberts who has served as the club president for several years. From what I hear, there was lots told on Mrs. Roberts and she said all of it was true. This part of the program was a complete surprise to her. Musical selections were given by Louise Leathers and Hank and Linda Wagner.

Those attending were Kenneth and Jessie Roberts, Togo and Lucille Moorhouse, Bill and Pearl Ryder, Eunice Friday, Dickie Lloyd, Ruth Ressel, Nancy McGreger, Jimmie Kay Ryder, Don and Louise Hertel, Hank and

Linda Wagner, Troy and Mary Powell, Bob and Wanda Warner, Bobby Hudson, Jonnie Williams, Joe and Louise Leathers, Weldon Koepf and Jim Teeter.

HERE AND THERE  
Well, as I promised, I did gather up a little more Thanksgiving news for this week.

Nora Duke had all her kids, grandkids and great grands for Thanksgiving Day. There were James and Carol Duke and Randy Duke of Throckmorton, Tom and Sherry Morrison, Andrew, Marilyn and Elizabeth of Wichita Falls, Phil and Rebekah Boone of Electra and Dennis, Pam, Zeke and Rachel Duke of Benjamin.

Eunice Friday had all her "hometown bunch" - the Donnie Ryders, the James Propps and the Jake Propps. They all also visited Bill and Pearl Ryder along with Judie and Jack Whitten and Jay and also Sue and David Oxford of Knox City.

Pat Benson and Stephen and Sheila Kuehler and family spent Thanksgiving week with relatives in Huntsville, Alabama. Also while on their trip, they went to Memphis, Tennessee, and visited "Graceland". Said they really enjoyed it.

Charlene and Cory Olson spent Thanksgiving Day with her brother and sister-in-law in Lubbock.

Among those from Benjamin attending the Golden Wedding Anniversary party for Doug and Bobbie Meinzer Sunday were Pat Benson, Butch McCanlies, Bobby Hudson, Jonnie Williams and Earlene Meinzer.

Weekend guests of Evan and Joleen Yeager were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Yeager of Dallas.

Thanksgiving guests of Rex and Maretha Patterson were Sharon Johnston of Alpine. By the way, Rex and Maretha were married 62 years on December 3. Congratulations to them !!

Roger and Betty Bohannon and family were in Dumas during the weekend for a visit with her family and also a "family and friend" get-together honoring her brother, Bobby of Perryton, who has been diagnosed with cancer. They thought this would be a good time for a reunion while he felt like attending and enjoying it.

Justine Buckner of Fort Worth was a Benjamin visitor during the weekend. Her mom is the former Dorothy Jennings, a former Benjamin resident.



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Funeral services for Issac Earl Alvis of Rochester were held Friday in the Rochester Church of Christ with Jim Pratt, James Patterson, and Dolan Brinson officiating. Burial was in Rochester Cemetery under the direction of Smith Funeral Home.

Mr. Alvis, 79, died Wednesday in the Haskell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Born in Haskell, he was a lifelong Haskell County resident. A graduate of Rochester High School, Mr. Alvis married Tempie Lee Bell in 1935 in Rochester. He was a director and former president of Home State Bank in Rochester. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. He had been a member of the Rochester school board and president of the Rochester Rotary Club. He was a member of the Rochester Church of Christ.

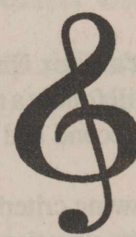
Survivors include his wife, Tempie of the home; one son, Dr. James Alvis of Abilene; one daughter, Earlene Austin of Rochester; two sisters, Mary Johnston and Elaine Glover, both of Rochester; and one grandchild, Todd Austin of Rochester. He was preceded in death by his parents, Nena and Jack Alvis, and a brother, Elbert Alvis.

Pallbearers were Gregg Hearn, Billy Wayne Hester, R. A. Shaver III, Phillip Newton, Dickie Sloan, Larry Wadzeck, and Spurgeon Neely.

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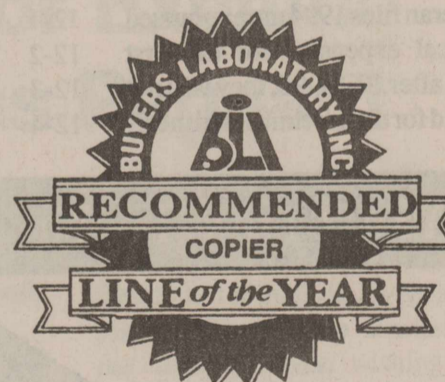
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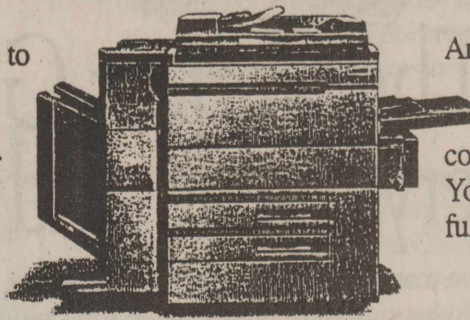
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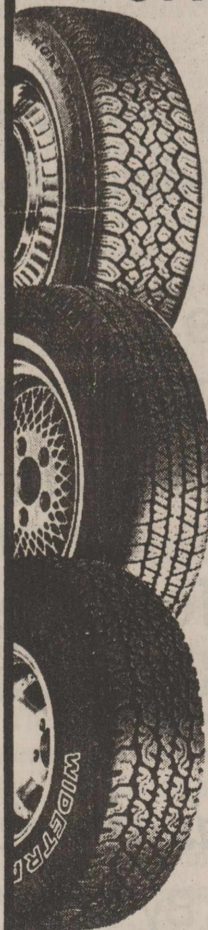
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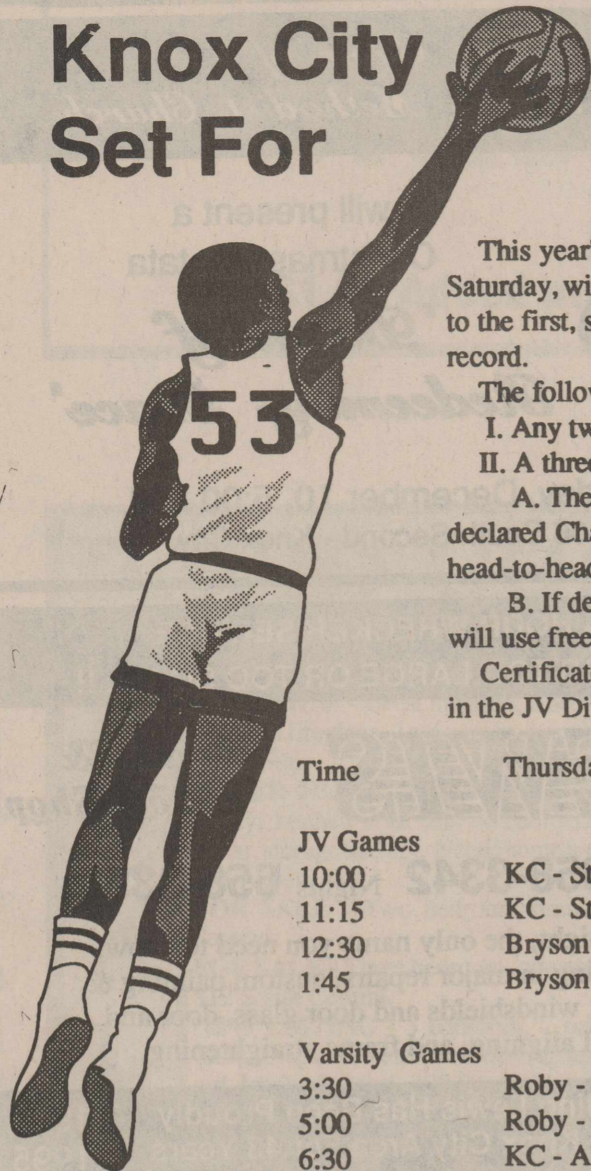
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The following criteria will be used in the event of any ties:

I. Any two way tie will be broken by head-to-head results.

II. A three way tie will be broken:

A. The team with the lowest overall defensive average will be declared Champion, with the next two places being determined by head-to-head.

B. If defensive average is the same for all three tied teams, we will use free throw percentage to break the tie.

Certificates will be given to the first, second and third place teams in the JV Division.

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| <b>JV Games</b>      |                  |                    |                   |
| 10:00                | KC - Stamford    | Haskell - Stamford | KC - Haskell      |
| 11:15                | KC - Stamford    | Haskell - Stamford | KC - Haskell      |
| 12:30                | Bryson - Haskell | KC - Bryson        | Stamford - Bryson |
| 1:45                 | Bryson - Haskell | KC - Bryson        | Stamford - Bryson |
| <b>Varsity Games</b> |                  |                    |                   |
| 3:30                 | Roby - Holliday  | Albany - Roby      | Holliday - Albany |
| 5:00                 | Roby - Holliday  | Albany - Roby      | Holliday - Albany |
| 6:30                 | KC - Albany      | KC - Holliday      | KC - Roby         |
| 8:00                 | KC - Albany      | KC - Holliday      | KC - Roby         |

First game listed is the girls game followed by the boys.

## Texas Veterans Face Change In Eligibility Verification Report

Texas veterans need to be aware of a change in their Eligibility Verification Report (EVR) that could reflect in not being reimbursed for medical expenses incurred in 1994, but filed for in 1995.

According to John Gillispie, Veterans County Service Officer for Knox County, "veterans must remember to turn in their report of 1994 medical expenses before the end of 1995." A letter from the Texas Veterans Commission received by Gillispie went on to say that "According to the Department of Veterans Affairs information that we have at this time, if a veteran files 1994 unreimbursed medical expenses (for the first time) after 12-31-95; they will not be paid for the unreimbursed medi-

cal expenses."

County Service Officer Gillispie is available to help Knox County Veterans with filing the proper paperwork in order to comply with this change in regulations. He can be reached at 658-3487 for more information.

## Weather

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| Date  | Low | High | Rain |
|-------|-----|------|------|
| 11-28 | 31  | 46   |      |
| 11-29 | 28  | 66   |      |
| 11-30 | 31  | 72   |      |
| 12-1  | 41  | 71   |      |
| 12-2  | 38  | 84   |      |
| 12-3  | 41  | 68   |      |
| 12-4  | 32  | 70   |      |



### Taylor Renaye Vance

Mindy and Leffy Vance of San Angelo are the proud parents of a baby girl born October 13 in a San Angelo hospital.

The baby has been named Taylor Renaye and she weighed in at seven pounds, nine ounces and measured 20 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Nona and Wayne Hutchinson of Chico. Beth Vance of San Angelo is paternal grandmother.

Paternal great-grandmother is Geneva Coleman of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The baby's mother will be remembered here as the former Mindy Hutchinson.

## Chamber Christmas

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again made arrangements with Santa Claus to stick around after the parade so that children and their pets can have their photograph taken with him. The photograph session will also be conducted in the same location as the Christmas Bazaar, following the parade.

### Lighting Contest

The chamber's annual lighting contest for both residential and commercial holiday decorations will be held sometime during the second week of December. No advance notice will be given on the exact time or date for the contest, only that it will be during the second week of the month. The policy of not making the exact judging time known allows for fairness towards everyone.

### Parent Night

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students were proud to show what they know and the teachers were eager to show parents techniques used at school to give them an insight into what happens during a school day.

The educators at Knox City Elementary are very appreciative to the parents of elementary students and the support given to the school. 80% of all elementary parents attended Parent Night. That high level of participation by the parents is a distinct reason why the schools of Knox City continue to improve academically and continue to be safe.

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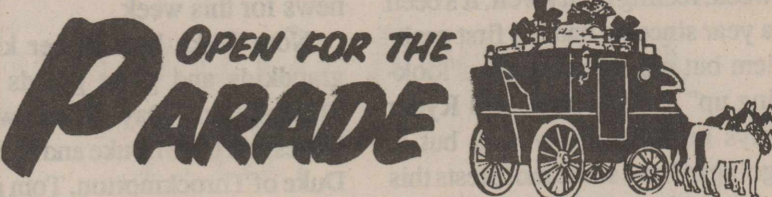
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10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Building just south of the  
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Booth space available,  
fee is item donated  
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Bring your own table, set  
up at 9:30 a.m.  
Children's  
Coloring Contest  
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Elementary  
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## A Celebration of Christmas

Thursday, December 14, 7:00 P.M.  
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- \* Special music performed by Tracy Carter, Tommy Waldrip and Sid Richardson

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