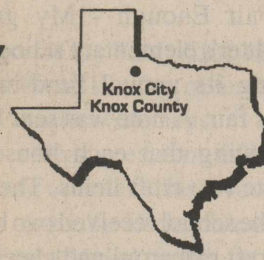


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TOP TICKET SALE WINNERS during the recent Knox City Elementary PTO Potato Supper were these " #1 Spuds !" front row, from left, Calina Boren, kindergarten; Michelle Espinoza, pre-kindergarten; and Katelyn Railsback, second grade. Back row, from left, are Grant Lewis, third grade; C.J. Bruce, fourth grade; and Dannie Garcia, first grade. (NEWS Photo)



SPRAY PAINTING a Sunflower on the hay bale project in Merchants Park last week were these Girl Scouts from left, Jennifer Eaton, Jodi Chambers, Ashley Turner, Kimberly Hawkins, Kayla Del Valle and Ashley Harrison. (NEWS Photo)

City, school, hospital set May election

Elections have been called by the City of Knox City, Knox City-O'Brien Consolidated Independent School District, and the Knox County Hospital District. The joint election will be Saturday, May 3.

Terms expiring this year on the City Council are those of Mayor Bud Reynolds and council members Cathye Williams and Jerry Curd. Mayor Reynolds has filed for re-election and Mrs. Williams will not seek re-election. Holdover council members are Carol Felts, Ben Vasquez and Walter Rauch.

In the election for school board members, the terms of Dale Turner and Donnie Roberts are expiring. Holdover members are Jerry Williams, Dwayne Johnson, Scott Lynn, Kim Clonts and Bill Stewart.

Elective member Greg Clonts is the only term expiring on the hospital board. Holdover elective members are Don Bunton and Peggy McGaughey. Appointed members include John Loftin of Munday, Tracy Cartwright of Benjamin, Marilyn Coffman of Goree and Leon Burkhams of Knox City who was just recently appointed to take W.R. Baker's place on the board. Kevin Ansley, hospital administrator, said anyone interested in filing should submit 25 signatures of property owners in the district to the hospital busi-

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Knox City Elementary students raise \$903.25 in Jump Rope for Heart contest

The Knox City Elementary School's "Jump Rope for Heart" fund drive was an "overwhelming success" this year, according to P.E. teacher Greta Waldrip. The Knox City Elementary School students raised a total of \$903.25 for the local chapter of the American Heart Association.

Mrs. Waldrip explains how an extensive study of the heart and cardiovascular system begins during February or "Heart" month, not only in P.E., but in many classrooms. Students learn what exercises and activities help keep the heart and lungs healthy; they also learn the anatomy and physiology of the heart. They study the various diseases that affect the heart and ways people can help prevent developing heart problems.

Students participate in a two-week unit in P.E. involving the learning of jump rope skills. By the time, the Jump Rope for Heart event is conducted, students can perform a variety of jumps.

The actual Jump Rope for Heart final event, scheduled for February 13, at the tennis courts, was rained out and there were too many conflicts with gym use to reschedule.

Mrs. Waldrip recognized the students who had raised funds at a school assembly on February 20. Although all students learned jump roping in P.E., fund raising was strictly optional.

Top fund raisers were John Keith Edwards, who raised



TOP FUND RAISERS for the Jump Rope for Heart drive at Knox City Elementary were John Keith Edwards, left, raising \$132.00 and Brittany Coop with \$126.00. (Greta Waldrip Photo)

\$132.00 and Brittany Coop with \$126.00. Both are in the kindergarten class.

Other students whose efforts helped push the grand total to \$903.25 were:

K - Rachel Ellis, Kayla Hacker, Adam Hollingsworth and Jessica Ledesma;

1st - Brittany Garcia, Laura Harrington, Rechele Raynes;

2nd - Sam Gigliotti, Noah Hedgecoke, Coby Logsdon, Katelyn Railsback, Joey Rodriguez, Timothy Sanders, Tiffany Wilde;

3rd - Sonny Parker;

4th - Christopher Bruce,

Dimple Patel, Cody Sanders, Ricky Dale Smith.

Mrs. Waldrip acknowledged the students, parents and generous community members for their support.

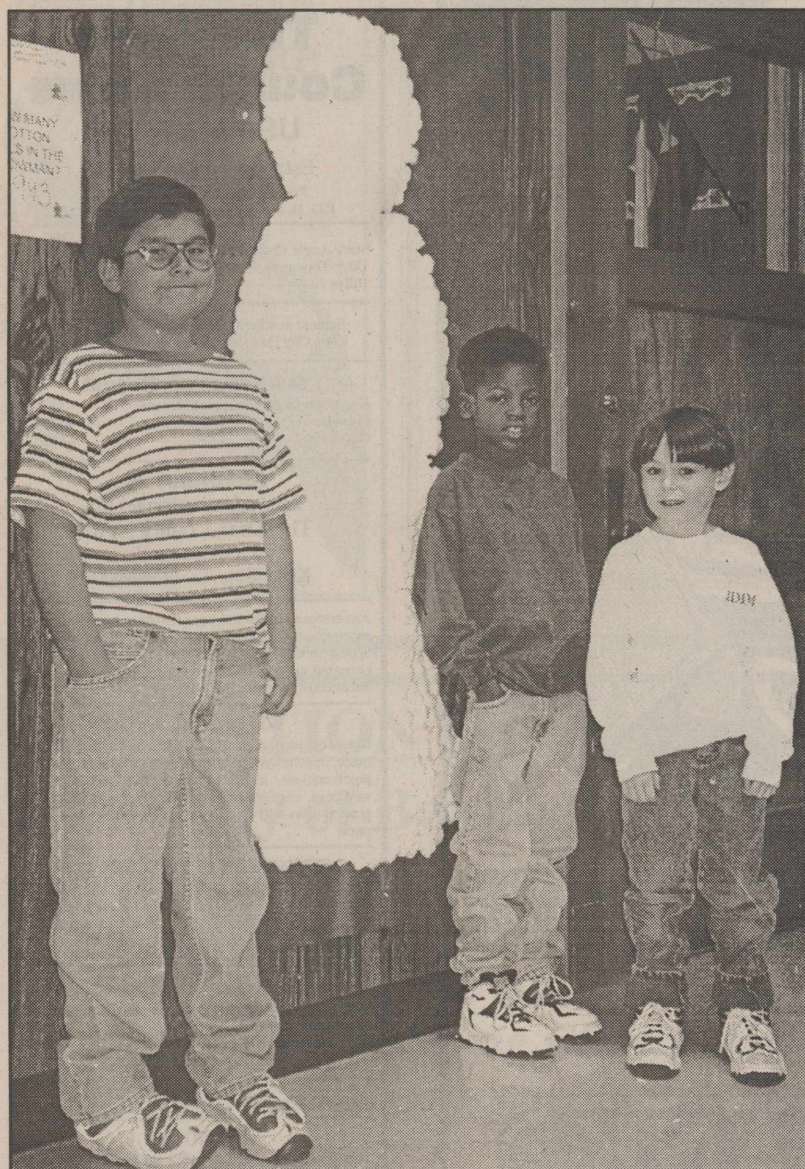
Men's breakfast set Saturday

The men of the First United Methodist Church will be hosts for the monthly Men's Breakfast Saturday, March 1, at 7:00 a.m. in the church fellowship hall.

All men and boys of the community are invited to attend.

School official reminds parents that it's time for TASS Tests, urges parents to help kids be ready for tests

Earlier this week, Knox City High School Principal Mack Lowe called the *KNOX COUNTY NEWS* and asked for a little help in reminding parents that the annual TASS Tests have started this week and it's an extra tough time for some students. Parents can help both their children and the school system by making sure their children get enough rest the night before each test, and providing their children with a good breakfast before they go off to school and take the tests. These tests are a powerful tool to rate both our school system and individual teachers as the results provide an indicator of how much the students have actually learned. The school system is then rated against other schools to see how we come out statewide for schools our size. Parents can help the results, and those of us at the *NEWS* wish all the students our very best on the tests.



COMING CLOSEST TO correctly guessing the 993 cottonballs on the elementary school snowman were these three students, from left, Coby Logsdon, Gerald Ward and Scott Fisher. Each of the students guessed 1000, according to library aide Vicki Brandon, who headed up the contest. (NEWS Photo)

Lila Jo Rector one of ten on WTC President's list

SNYDER - Lila Jo Rector of Knox City was among the ten Western Texas College students recently named to the President's List for the fall 1996 semester.

This is the highest scholastic ranking achievable at WTC and required a 4.0 grade point average while taking at least 15 academic credit hours.

Lila Jo is the daughter of Barbara and John Rector of Knox City.

Stephanie Williams is scholarship recipient

CLARENDON - Stephanie Williams of Knox City has received an Arthur W. Sorelle Endowment scholarship at Clarendon College, according to CC President Dr. Scott Elliott.

Stephanie is an education major at Clarendon College and is the daughter of Donna and Craig Williams.

Each semester, Clarendon College awards scholarships on the basis of academic achievement, extracurricular involvement and need. With 35 majors and five workforce programs, Clarendon College offers students small classes and practical learning experiences.

Knox City receives \$13,912.06 from state for December sales tax rebate

Did residents do Christmas shopping at home? December sales tax rebate down 22.27% from previous December. 1997 Yearly totals already down 13.84%

(Austin, February 14, 1997) State Comptroller John Sharp today delivered \$260.8 million in monthly sales tax rebates to 1,088 Texas cities and 117 counties, including a check of \$13,912.06 to Knox City. The rebate to Knox City reflects a decrease of 22.27% from a rebate check of \$17,898.76 for the December, 1995 Christmas shopping season. Knox City collects a 2.000% rate of sales tax, with a full 1.000% of the tax directed towards EDC funding.

Texas cities received \$239.5 million, 11 percent above payments of \$215.7 million at this same time one year ago. Counties received a total of 21.2 million in rebates, more than 8.3 percent above the \$19.6 million in allocations for the same period in 1996.

February, 1997 payments include taxes collected by monthly filers on December, 1996 sales and reported to the Comptroller in January of 1997.

For other Knox County cities, Benjamin received \$656.42, a 29.71% increase from \$506.04

for the same period a year ago. Goree received \$1,067.73, up 65.62% from a payment of \$644.68 last year at the same time. Munday received \$9,621.14, up 3.89% from a payment of \$9,260.09 in 1996 at the same time. Munday collects a 1.500% rate of sales tax, with Benjamin and Goree collecting a 1.000% sales tax.

In Haskell County, Haskell received \$35,119.37, up 6.57% from a payment of \$32,952.80 in 1996. Haskell collects a 2.000% rate of sales tax. O'Brien received \$403.99 this period, with no report for the same period last year. Rochester received \$1,093.44, up 7.77% from a payment of 1,014.60 during the same period last year.

In Jones County, Stamford received a payment of \$59,341.01, up 4.67% from a payment of \$56,689.87 in 1996. Anson received \$18,557.78, up 13.18% from a payment of \$16,396.61 last year. Hamlin received a check of \$23,677.72, up 39.19% from \$17,010.04 in 1996. Stamford, Anson and Hamlin all collect a

2% rate of sales tax.

In Baylor County, the city of Seymour received a payment of \$19,061.48, up 2.37% from a payment of \$18,618.95 in 1996.

In Foard County, Crowell received a payment of \$5,478.41, up 4.23% from a payment of \$5,255.96 in 1996. Crowell collects a 1.500% rate of sales tax.

In Dickens County, Dickens received \$4,185.07, up 46.67% from a payment of \$2,853.24 in 1996. Spur received a payment of \$4,117.13, down 36.78% from a 1996 payment of \$6,512.87. Dickens collects a 1.5% rate of sales tax, while Spur collects a 1% rate.

In Cottle County, Paducah received a payment of \$5,848.07, up 15.44% from a payment of \$5,065.79 in 1996. Paducah collects a 1% rate of sales tax.

Sales tax figures are furnished to *THE KNOX COUNTY NEWS* as a public service by the State Comptroller's office to be used as an economic indicator of the state of the economy in Texas. The full report is available at the *NEWS*.

Cotton variety plot yields are complete

By Paul Weiser
County Ext. Agent-Ag.

The yields from the 1996 Knox County dry land and irrigated cotton variety plots have been calculated and are available. This year the Knox County Extension Service conducted an irrigated cotton variety plot with Mark Reed and a dry land cotton variety plot with Garry Brown.

The dryland plot was planted just north of the Texas A&M University Vegetable Research Station on June 10 and harvested December 16. A snapped cotton yield was determined by hand picking thirteen feet of row at two locations. The yields from these two pickings were averaged for a yield per acre. One sample was then transported to Lubbock to be ginned. This process would determine a percent gin turnout. This will allow a lint yield per acre to be calculated.

The top six varieties were: All Tex Atlas (698 lbs.), Paymaster 280 (648 lbs.), Paymaster HS26 (597 lbs.), Paymaster HS200 (576 lbs.), TamCot Sphinx (557 lbs.) and Brownfield UTE (555 lbs.). A total of sixteen varieties were planted in this plot. The other ten varieties were: TamCot CAB-CS (514 lbs.), Brownfield Tejas (509 lbs.), Hartz 1220 (494 lbs.), Delta Pine Acala 90 (489 lbs.), All Tex



TWO VOLUNTEERS COLLECTING SAMPLES from an irrigated cotton variety plot near Munday are shown here as they worked during the last Christmas school holiday. Shown from left to right are Julie Welch and Rachel Duke, both Seniors at Benjamin High School. (Paul Weiser Ag. Photo)

Quickie (474 lbs.), Stoneville 474 (473 lbs.), Paymaster 330 (441 lbs.), Holland 186 (396 lbs.), Seed Co 9023 (385 lbs.) and All Tex Excess (361 lbs.).

The irrigated cotton variety plot was planted by Mark Reed south of Munday on May 29 and harvested on December 27. This year the method of harvesting was altered just a little. Each variety had sixteen rows planted. At harvest time, with the aid of two Benjamin High School seniors—Rachel Duke and Julie Welch—

eight rows were measured and marked. This measured area (.28 acre) was harvested by a John Deere 7445 stripper.

This method gave a good seed cotton yield. A sample from each variety was collected to determine a percent gin turnout for calculating lint per acre. Eleven varieties were planted in this plot. Stoneville 132 showed the highest yields with 1066 lbs. lint per acre. This variety was followed by TamCot Sphinx (941 lbs.); Seed Co 9023 (831 lbs.); Paymas-

ter HS200 (828 lbs.); Holland 186 (766 lbs.); Brownfield Ute (716 lbs.); Paymaster HS26 (707 lbs.); Brownfield Tejas (643 lbs.); All Tex Atlas (625 lbs.); All Tex Xpress (597 lbs.); and Stoneville 474 (473 lbs.).

After all samples were ginned, the linted was delivered to a lab for the quality data (strength, staple, color, etc.). This information has not been completed. When it arrives, a price will be placed on the lint and a dollar amount per acre will be calculated. This information will be released as it becomes available.

Special thanks goes out to Mark Reed and Garry Brown for planting these plots. Also, thanks to Rachel Duke and Julie Welch for their help harvesting the irrigated plot during one of their days of Christmas Break.

If anyone would like a printed copy of the plot information, please contact Paul Weiser in the Knox County Extension office in Benjamin at (817) 454-2651. A listing of chemicals used (insecticides, herbicides, fertilizers, etc.) as well as the cotton value (dollars per acre) should be available by March 16. Copies will be mailed to local gins and elevators.

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