





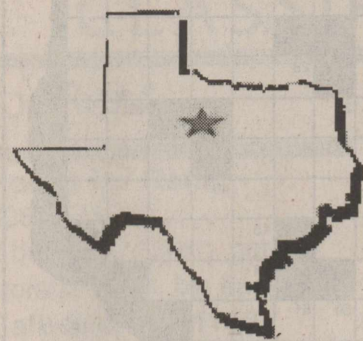


# Greyhound Season Opener At Roby Friday at 7:30 p.m.

<b>Wednesday August 24th</b>  <b>High/Low</b> 99°/73° <b>Mostly Sunny</b>	<b>Thursday August 25th</b>  <b>High/Low</b> 98°/71° <b>Mostly Sunny</b>	<b>Friday August 26th</b>  <b>High/Low</b> 97°/71° <b>Sunny</b>	<b>Saturday August 27th</b>  <b>High/Low</b> 97°/71° <b>Partly Cloudy</b>	<b>Sunday August 28th</b>  <b>High/Low</b> 95°/70° <b>Isolated T-Storms</b>	<b>Monday August 29th</b>  <b>High/Low</b> 96°/70° <b>Isolated T-Storms</b>
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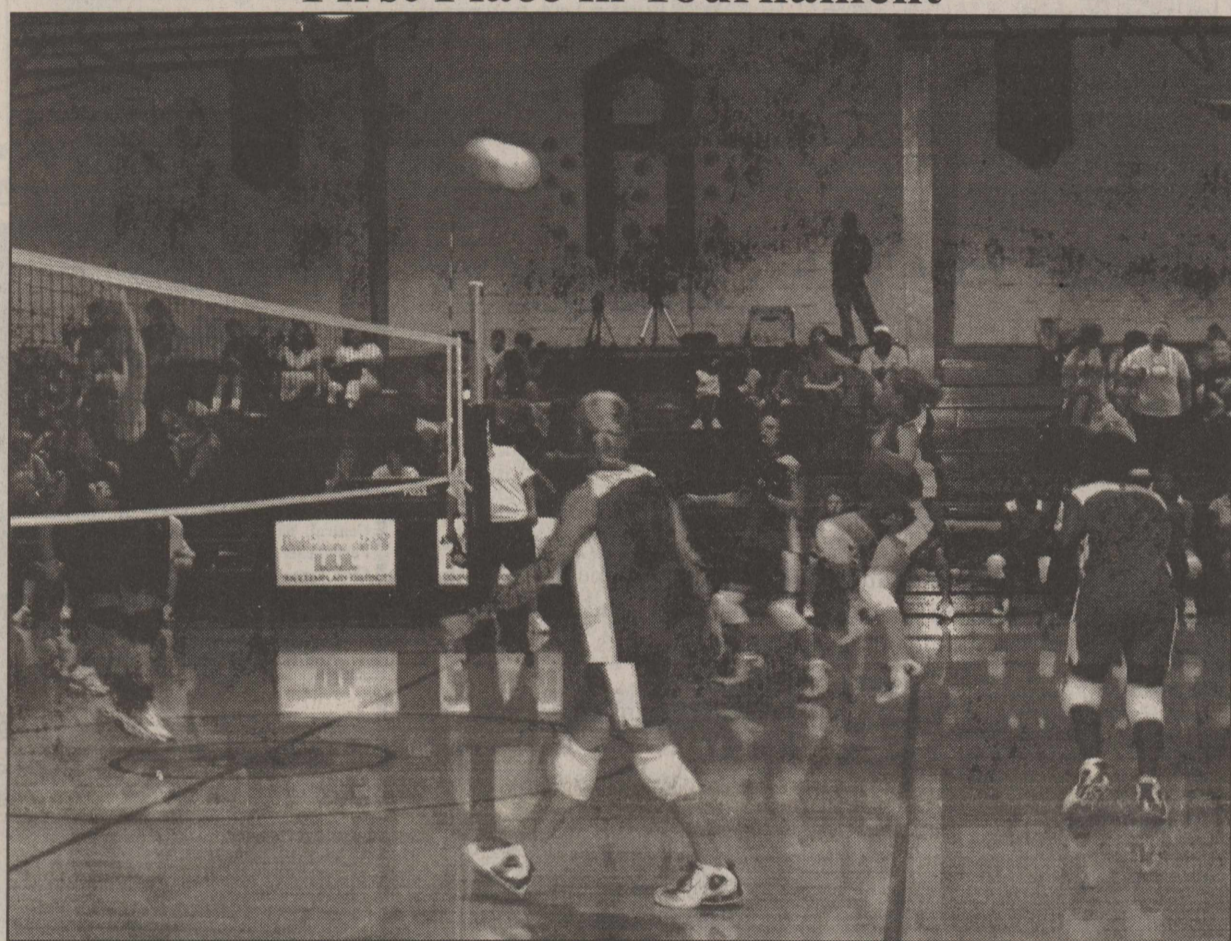
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### Lady Houndettes Take First Place in Tournament



Sarah Burt Slams the ball.

The Lady Houndettes varsity team came out victorious after four grueling games in the heat at the Archer City Tournament on Saturday. They started out slow as they took on the Chico Lady Dragons but got in the groove as soon as they warmed up. Tiffany Wilde did a great job at setting the ball up for Sarah Burt to slam it down. Kayla Martin served the final point of the match to make the game count 2-0, and to move on to the next opponent. With so many great players on the Lady Houndettes team, they were able to go on and beat the Harrold Lady Hornets with a score of 16-14 in the first game, and 15-8 in the second. They took first place defeating the Archer City Lady Cats, with a final score of 25-11 in the first game, and 25-18 in

the second.

The Lady Houndettes junior varsity team also made Knox City proud as they received second place in Saturday's tournament. First they played against the Perrin-Whit Lady Pirates and gave them a run for their money with a final count of two games to one. In the first game, the Lady Houndettes had some problems as the net wouldn't leave them alone but as soon as they started working together and putting their serves over, they came out on top with a final game score of 4-15 in the first, 15-12 in the second, and 15-4 in the third. Caitlin Diaz and Shelby Gutierrez nicely set up for Marni McLemore to knock them down. Next was an amazing shut out and a big confidence

boost for the Lady Houndettes as Vanessa Solis served 15-0 in one rotation against the Harrold Lady Hornets. The second game, however, caught them by surprise as they edged the Hornets 16-14 for a close victory. By the championship game, they were able to hold their heads up high as they faced the Lady Cats of Archer City on their own turf. After two very exciting games the Lady Houndettes came out in second place while representing Knox City as a Houndette should.

A close match proves that the junior varsity is no one to dismiss as it ended with a final score of 25-19 in the first game, and 25-22 in the second. We would like to say congratulations to the Lady Houndettes for a job well done!

### Knox City-O'Brien CISD Welcomes New Teachers

Guess, Hinojosa, Waggoner and Moeller Join School Staff

Expect to see some new faces walking down the halls this year, and were not just talking about the students. This year Knox City and O'Brien CISD has welcomed four new teachers to the staff at both the high school and middle school.

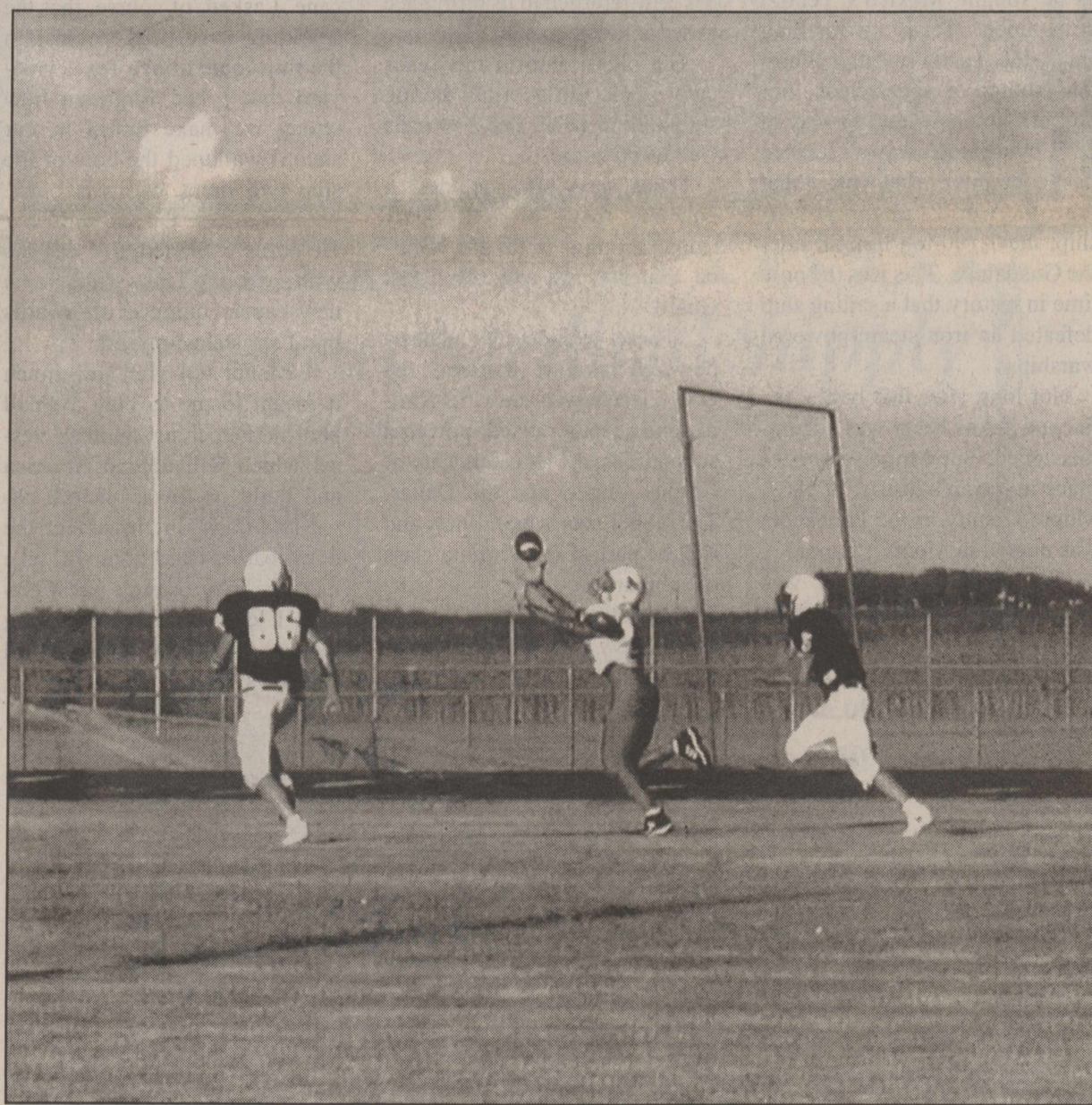
Hometown girl Ronnie Guess has returned to challenge minds teaching 7th and 8th grade math, algebra 1 and math models.

Daniel Hinojosa comes to us

from Olton, Tx and has taken over as the head boys basketball coach while teaching social studies, world geography, and U.S. history. He also serves as an assistant football coach to the mighty Greyhounds.

Marcie Waggoner, while not very new, has lived in Knox City for about two years. She has been teaching for 11 years and has covered everything from middle school on up. Now she is in the

homemaking room and teaches algebra 1. Last but not least we have Rick Moeller. Rick is now the AG teacher but has done a lot more. Originally from Haskell he taught at Munday high school for 15 years, and was principal for one. He comes to us from Alvarado and says that he prefers our small town ways. With 18 total years worth of teaching experience, we can expect nothing but the best out of our FFA.



Derek Magana receives a pass at Saturday's scrimmage against Archer City

### 2005 Houndettes Varsity Volleyball Team

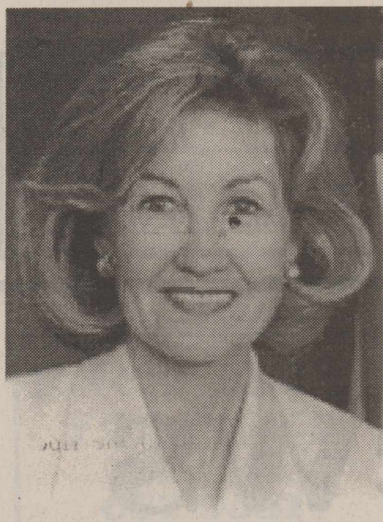


back row, left, Indra Monge, Jessica Schur, Bridgett Billington, Shana Nicholson, Kayla Martin, Tiffany Wilde, Nikki Moss, front row, Jamila Ward and Sarah Burt.



This home was one of many that flooded at Lake Stamford during last weeks torrential rains.

Remember Grandparents Day  
September 11th



# Kay Bailey Hutchison United States Senator

## OUR OWN NAVY -- NO OTHER STATE HAS ONE

There are many reasons why Texas is unique among the 50 states but one of the most interesting is the fact that our state, alone, had its own battle-tested navy and continues to have an existing, albeit honorary, navy today.

Texas has had three navies in its history. The First Texas Navy was formed to fight during the battle for independence from Mexico. This fleet was decommissioned after independence was won but continuing threats from Mexico led to the bitterly contested creation of the second navy.

The Second Texas Navy, commanded by a brash young naval officer by the name of Edwin Moore, held off threats from Mexico to the young Texas Republic. However, squabbles over naval funding led to the decision to "rent" out the fleet to the breakaway province of Yucatan as it fought Mexico's central government. Texas' two sailing ships, the Austin and the Wharton, scored a spectacular victory at Campeche during May in 1843 by driving away a Mexican fleet containing what was, at that time, the world's mightiest warship, the 1,100-ton iron steamer the Guadalupe. This was the only time in history that a sailing ship defeated an iron steam-powered warship.

Not long after that battle, the Second Texas Navy was decommissioned, but Moore gained a place in Texan's hearts. In 1867, Moore County in the Panhandle was named in Moore's honor.

The Third Texas Navy was established in 1958 by Governor Price Daniel, as a commemorative organization to assure the

survival of Texas' Naval history, boundaries, water resources and civil defense.

Ironically, the Third Texas Navy is by far the strongest of the three, for her flagship is the Battleship Texas, which fought in both World Wars I and II and is now berthed at the San Jacinto Monument in La Porte. She flies the flag of Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, who was born in Fredericksburg, Texas. The Texas navy now includes World War II vessels including PT-309 in Galveston, PT-305 which is being restored, the submarine U.S.S. Cavalla in Galveston and the famous aircraft carrier U.S.S. Lexington, which is moored at Corpus Christi. Other WWII ships include a Liberty Ship, the Edwin W. Moore built in Houston and named after the Second Texas Navy commander, and the U.S.S. Orleck, a Gearing class destroyer built in Orange, which has now returned to its birthplace to serve as a museum.

The oldest ship in the Texas navy is the Elissa, a tall sailing ship built in 1877. She now calls Galveston home.

Texas' navy also includes an honorary roster of active duty ships serving with the United States Navy and the Coast Guard.

These include the nuclear-powered aircraft carriers, the USS Eisenhower and USS Nimitz, and several nuclear-powered submarines, the Houston, City of Corpus Christi and the Dallas. The USS Texas is brand-new and will be part of the Virginia class of submarines.

One of the best known ships in Texas' navy is the U.S.T.S. Texas Clipper II, which up until June

of this year, was the Texas State Maritime Program's training ship. It replaced the Texas Clipper I, which was sunk to provide an artificial reef 25 miles off the coast. The Texas Clipper II started life as the U.S.S. Chauvenet in 1970 and was converted to serve as a maritime classroom in 1996. This year, she made her last voyage before being delivered to the government of Panama. Her place is being taken by a newer and much larger vessel, the U.S.S. Sirius, which will be given a new name at a christening ceremony planned for this November. I have been invited to christen her.

This would be my second christening of a Texas ship. I was honored to christen the first in its class of a versatile and powerful amphibious assault ship, the U.S.S. San Antonio, named after a vessel in the Second Texas Navy which was lost to a hurricane. I asked, of course, that the sparkling wine used to christen the ship come from a Texas vineyard, but I had forgotten how strong we make things in our state. I walloped the bow of the ship two times with the bottle without affect. On the third try, the bottle exploded, dousing me with sparkling Texas wine. Some newspapers quipped afterwards that I christened myself.

I cannot tell you how much it meant to me to play a small part in launching another vessel which will defend America and build on Texas' heroic naval traditions. In November the new floating classroom will take its place in our state's naval history. I look forward to meeting the newest member of the Third Texas Navy's fleet

**ACROSS**

1 Oldham Co. seat  
5 Middle East person  
6 TX CAF has a WWII bomber  
7 Lake \_\_\_ Sal del Rey  
8 telephone co.  
9 TX Gene Tierney film: "The \_\_\_ Season" ('51)  
15 found in TX cities: "\_\_\_ Wild"  
16 TXism: "blood \_\_\_" (relatives)  
19 TX Willie Nelson's "The Last Thing \_\_\_ the First Thing This Morning"  
21 TX Robby Benson character in "The Virginia Hill Story"  
22 old Nacogdoches road "\_\_\_ del Norte"  
27 TXism: "want it so \_\_\_ could spit"  
28 church officials toward the tail  
30 to leave quickly & hide from the law  
32 TXism: "don't off half cocked"  
33 Lavon Lake caretaker: U.S. \_\_\_ of Engineers  
36 TX Meatloaf's "\_\_\_ Anything For Love"  
37 music not heard on a country station  
38 great TX pro golfer Jimmy

**DOWN**

1 \_\_\_ Alstyn, TX  
2 Astro Oswald stat.  
3 Burnet newspaper "Citizen's \_\_\_"  
4 Hardin Simmons University was originally \_\_\_ College  
8 TX actor Autry  
9 four cone-shaped hills near Quanah (2 wds.)  
10 with 14-down, the man TX George W. beat in 2000  
11 when repeated, a British "adios"

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39 bull club motto? "\_\_\_ allowed"  
41 "surfing the \_\_\_"  
42 device to lower the intensity of a light  
45 "Oops \_\_\_ It Again"  
46 TX singer Nat (init.)  
47 canned meat  
48 mason jar top  
49 Harley-Davidson right handle  
52 TXism: "\_\_\_ out the lights, the party's over"  
12 TXism: "\_\_\_ something \_\_\_ better comes along"  
13 Dallas hurler David who played in Colo.  
14 10-down last name  
15 TX Jimmy Dean's group or ACU mascot  
16 Astro Cincinnati foe  
17 old Oiler guard/center Erik  
18 computer bulletin board administrators, for short  
20 TXism for "small amounts"  
22 TX model/actress Chiles (init.)  
31 Quanah means "sweet \_\_\_"  
34 TXism: "come hell \_\_\_ high water"  
35 TXism: "Texas \_\_\_" (chill)  
37 "Cowpokes" Ace this actress Adams was in "Racquet" with TX Lynda Day George  
44 speed limit abbr.  
45 \_\_\_ arts  
50 TXism: "look \_\_\_ stab at it!"  
51 cable channel

### Knox City Circle Club Meeting

The Knox City Circle Club met Tuesday, August 9, in the home of Lynda Hill. The program, Information About Volunteering, was presented by Lori Coop, Knox County Extension Agent.

The Knox City Circle Club is a non-profit, Extension Education Association Club which is a segment of the Texas Cooperative Extension; part of the Texas A & M University System. The EEA Clubs are organized groups of women who meet monthly focus on areas that concern families. Topics include wellness, financial management child development, nutrition food safety, parent education, consumer education and community service. The mission at the local and state level is to strengthen and enrich families.

Activities this past year included: Knox County Stock Show Concession and Soil conservation Service Annual Banquet,

catered meal, proceeds from these projects fund a 4-H scholarship given each year.

Collected and donated books for Literacy Program (donated to Knox City Headstart Program)

Birthday Party at the Brazos Valley Care Home in November.

Members made and donated handmade quilts to a children's hospital.

Members pieced a quilt and donated it to the Knox County Aging Center for a raffle.

A 4-H Scholarship was given. We provide support for the 4-H Food Show and Style Show.

Donation was given to the American Heart Association.

A program was presented on Identity Theft.

The club meets the 2nd Tuesday each month at 6:30 p.m./ the September 13th meeting will be held in the home of Pam Monrain. We welcome all women to join us. Further information may be obtained by calling Cathye Williams, 940-657-3157.

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**Keep Munday Beautiful Group Receives Award for Continued Excellence**



left to right, Barbara Seal, Childress TxDOT Public Information Officer, Karen Longan, President Keep Munday Beautiful, and Gary Meizer, Childress TxDOT Munday Area Engineer.

CHILDRESS - The Community of Munday is looking beautiful these days and the Keep Munday Beautiful/ Keep Munday Proud group can be thanked for that.

At the Munday Lions Club meeting on Tuesday, August 16, 2005, Karen Longan, President of Keep Munday Beautiful, accepted a Keep Texas Beautiful Award on behalf of the Keep Munday Beautiful Group. This award is for scoring 90% or better on the Keep Texas Beautiful (KTB) Governor's Community Achievement Award for the past three years. Munday won this prestigious award in 2004 and received a grant, funded by TxDOT, in the amount of \$65,000 which is eligible to be used for landscaping on state maintained right of way.

The amount of the award is determined by population, the smallest population category (under 1,000) receives \$60,000 in projects; the largest population (over a quarter of a million) receives \$265,000 worth of landscaping.

"Each year the winning communities, one from each of nine population categories, are chosen for their achievements in community leadership and coordination, education, public awareness, litter prevention

and cleanup, illegal dumping enforcement, beautification and property improvement, and solid waste management", said Barbara Seal, Childress TxDOT Public Information Officer. "Keep Munday Beautiful has a winning attitude and I am sure that will sustain them to receive this award for years to come", said Seal.

Keep Texas Beautiful was started in 1967 by a group of Texas leaders, who had a vision to make Texas the cleanest, most beautiful state in the nation.

KTB's mission is to empower Texans through education to take responsibility for enhancing their community environment.

"The award honors collaborative efforts between citizens, businesses, local government, and youth to improve and enhance the appearance of their communities," said Gary Mizer, TxDOT Munday Area Engineer. "These winners exemplify what volunteer efforts can accomplish".

The community of Munday is very lucky to have a group with such a winning attitude and a great commitment to preserving the beauty of Texas.

For more information contact Barbara Seal, Childress District TxDOT Public Information Officer at 940-937-7145.

**IT'S THE PITT'S**

**Quality Time (Best Of)**

by: Lee Pitts

Isn't it amazing that with everything we eat trying to murder us these days that man is living longer than ever? In the Roman days the average life span of a human being was only 25 years and that was before they even knew about cholesterol. It couldn't have been all those sex orgies that did them in at such an early age. Could it?

If you are a man in today's society I have exciting news for you on how you can increase your life expectancy by two whole years: Have a sex change operation because women live two years longer than men on the average. There is, of course, a good reason why women outlive their spouses: So they can throw out our stuff, watch whatever they want on TV and collect on our life insurance.

One would think that animals would live longer than man because they eat whole grain cereals and "natural food" all the time. They don't drive cars or smoke

cigarettes, except of course for lab mice. So, I was shocked recently while glancing through the encyclopedia (yes, that's how boring my life's become lately) that I could find only one species of animal that lives longer than man.

That's right, it's the turtle. One even lived to be 152 years old, which is 22 in dog years. Turtles lives so long because they never get in a hurry, don't fly in airplanes or eat anything with monosodium glutamate in it. And, get this, adult turtles never meet their offspring! No wonder they live so long!

Actually, man has a pretty good thing going for him in comparison to most animals when it comes to life expectancy. I don't how the May fly got its name because it certainly doesn't live a month. Within hours it is born, has sex and dies shortly thereafter. I guess it figures life couldn't get any better so why go on living?

**Ranch Stock Horse Clinic**

King County will be hosting a multi-county Ranch Stock Horse Clinic on Monday, September 12, 2005 in Guthrie at the community Center Complex, according to Gary Antilley, King CEA-Ag. Registration and coffee will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the Community Center with the program starting at 9:30 a.m. We have and excellent set of speakers for the morning session with Dr. Pete Gibbs, Professor & Extension Horse Specialist from Texas A&M to discuss Management & Nutrition Comparing the Stalled, Pasture Kept and Heavily Used Ranch and Performance Horse' and Dr. Mac Devin, Field Veterinarian Consultant for Forth Dodge, and Dr. Ginger Elliott, DVM, Private practice, to discuss Maintenance and Health Issues-Importance of Vaccinations, Worming, and Routine Herd Health Maintenance'.

Following a sponsored lunch at 1:00 p.m. we will have Live Evaluations/Demonstrations with Dr. Gibbs and Gary Antilley King CEA-Ag demonstrating Body Condition Scoring &

Estimating Body Weight; Dr. Elliott and Dr. Devin on Teeth Maintenance and Proper Injection Sites followed by Blane Chapman, Professional Ferrier, to demonstrate Basic Hoof Care Maintenance.

We will conclude the afternoon with a Ranch Horsemanship Demonstration by Mr. Bill Smith, Ranch Horse Breeder and Clinician from Spur.

Sponsors for the Ranch Stock Horse Clinic are ADM Alliance Nutrition, Forth Dodge Animal Health, Walco Animal Health, and the Western Rolling Plains Extension counties of King, Cottle, Dickens, Kent, Motley and Stonewall counties.

To aid us in planning for available materials and the meal, we ask that you please RSVP by September 6th by calling into any of the sponsoring Extension offices King County 806-596-4451, Cottle County 806-492-3151, Dickens County 806-623-5552, Kent County 806-237-3751, Motley County 806-347-2733 and Stonewall County at 940-989-3510.

**Angela Roberts Receives Diploma**



Angela Roberts was among the 1,225 graduates receiving their diplomas during commencement ceremonies at Texas Tech University on August 6, 2005. Receiving her degree with a major in Retailing and a double minor in Marketing and Management.

Angela is currently employed by J.C. Penny Corporate off in Plano, Texas.

A 2002 graduate of Knox City High School, Angela is the daughter of Donnie and Diane Roberts of O'Brien and the granddaughter of Claudale and Jean Barnard of Knox City and Kenneth and Jessie Roberts of Benjamin.

The housefly and the mosquito only live six weeks on the average because they go around pestering people all the time. That should be a lesson to PETA members and the folks who knock on my front door all the time.

The butterfly lives only eight weeks which proves my theory that the uglier you are the longer you live. With my face I figure I've got at least sixty good years left.

Canaries live twenty years and crows thirty. Just think how long they would live if they were meat eaters! Camels live 28 years which is also the life expectancy of anyone who smokes them.

The mouse used to have an average life expectancy of 6 years but that was before they started eating three truckloads of saccharin a day and scientists started breeding them to die at the drop of a hat. And by the way, if chicken is so good for you and beefsteak so bad, how come chickens only live to be 6 years old and cows ten? Not that I am complaining, six years is entirely too long for a chicken anyway.

If you were to die and come back as a goldfish... you'd sure surprise you're mother-in-law.

Not only that but you'd only live ten years in your new life. Dogs also live ten years on average, sheep 13 and squirrels, cats, goats and monkeys all live to the ripe old age of fifteen. Horses and jackasses only live to be 20 and they eat tons of oat bran and alfalfa sprouts.

Then there is modern man. Despite the fact that we already live on average to the ripe old age of 74 years we continue to worry ourselves to death about living even longer. If we don't quit all this worrying about living longer I'm afraid we'll be survived by our wives, kids, the May fly, mosquitoes and cocky capons.

The only other animal that even comes close to living as long as humans and turtles is the goose. The goose is also known for being more intelligent than those people who actually spend the winter in Canada. I'd suggest that we could probably learn a thing or two about living longer from the goose and the turtle: fly right, develop a thick hide, honk if you're happy, slow down, mate for life and when life gets too difficult crawl into your shell and take a long nap.

**Little Leaders Clinic**  
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**BAXTER BLACK**  
 ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

Persistence in the face of adversity, a sign of inner strength, a thick skull, or desperation.

We were driving back to see the folks in Oklahoma and passed a snap shot of persistence in the face of adversity. A well-used pickup was parked on the edge of a lawn next to the road. There was a homemade "For Sale" sign on the windshield and the hood was up. A man dressed in sweat pants and a tee shirt was attaching jumper cables to the battery. Another man, possibly a potential buyer, looked on, arms crossed and a scowl on his face. He didn't look impressed. You could almost hear the owner saying, "Like new, one owner, rebuilt engine, good tires..." the leaping in the cab, the slow grind then clicking into silence. As we drove by, my wife said sympathetically, "What a drag."

I had a hard day last week, spilled a sack of popcorn in the suburban, had a flat tire on the wheelbarrow, let the stock tank run over, and didn't get a thing done I had planned that morning. But I was going roping so I hooked up the trailer, saddled my horse and started to load him. Suddenly I noticed he was limping. "What a drag." We have a motto here at he ranchito. "Nada es facil..." Nothing is easy.

Yesterday we were putting up Mexican clay tiles on the shop roof. Lacking three lines to finish I drove an hour to town only to find they only had pans, no covers; bottoms, no tops. The

whole town was out of them, so I bought 80 bottoms, which means we had to drill holes in 40 to use them as covers. That ruined my masonry bits..so back to town. Persistence.

Dig a 3-foot posthole by hand, then find it's one foot off the property line. Cuss, exhale, and dig another one. Save your best heifer, breed her to the neighbors best bull. Keep her with the small bunch closer to the house. Watch her bag up, then find her and her new calf both dead one mile from the house. "What a drag."

Bow yer neck and keep goin'. That has been the name of the game in farming and ranching since Noah planted the first row of corn. I've watched hard workin' folks punch through, around, over and by obstacles, shoulder to the wheel, nose to the grindstone, third down and ten. Get knocked down-git back up.

Little things like runnin' out of staples two hours from the hardware store or big things like floods, hurricanes, blizzards and Parkinson's disease.

We all enjoy seeing fellow humans win the lotto, survive a wreck unscathed, or make a good bronc ride. But it is our resilience, our quiet courage, our persistence in the face of adversity that gets children raised, wars won, and lets good guys finish first now and then.

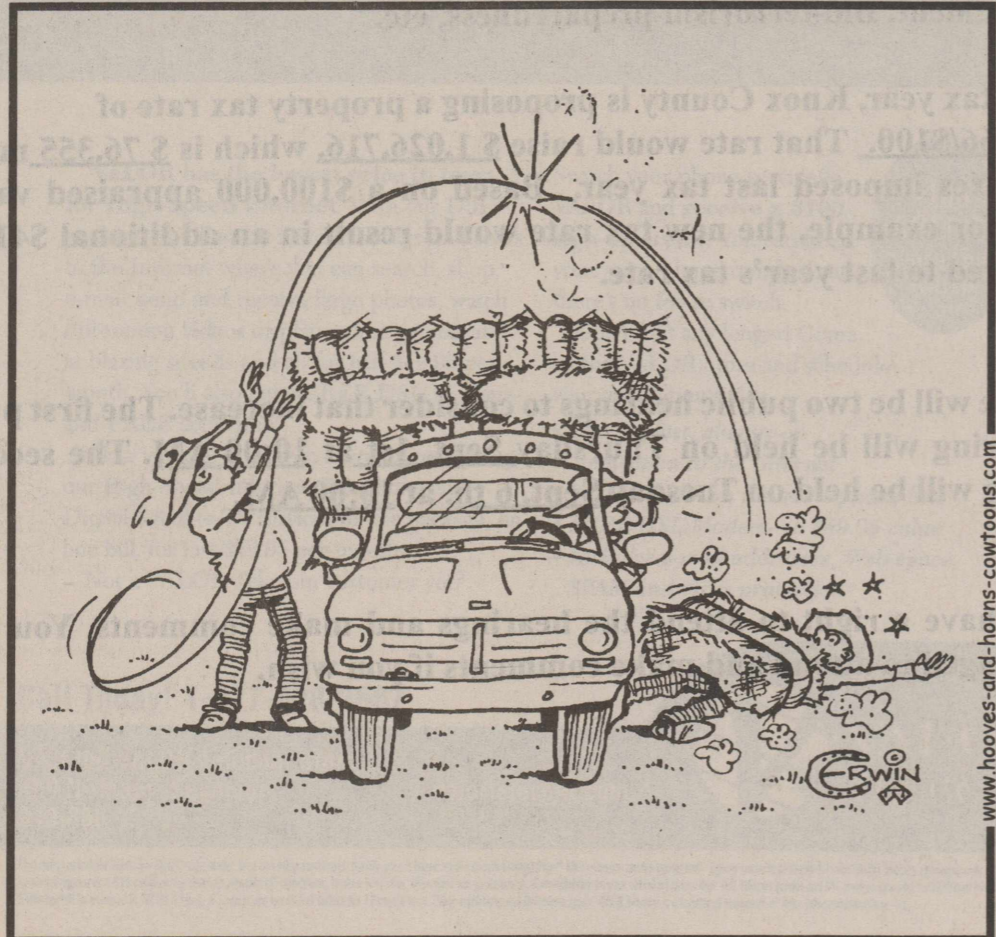
The human spirit is made of rawhide, the heat of battle makes it hard, tears make it soft.

**Thank You**

We want to thank everybody for their prayers and support. All the beautiful cards, flowers, and food.

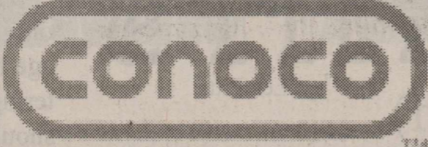
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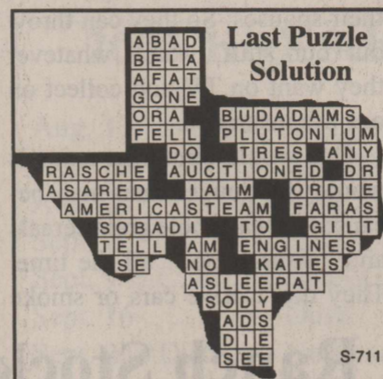
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Tuesday, August 30th  
Sausage/Pepper Casserole,  
Garden Salad, Green Beans,  
Batter Bread

Wednesday, August 31th  
Chicken Strips/Gravy, Corn  
On The Cob, Hash Brown  
Potatoes, Biscuits, Cobbler

Thursday, September 1st  
Pimento Cheese Sandwiches,  
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Fruit/Topping

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### Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

Last tax year, the Knox County property tax rate was  
**\$.7155/\$100.**

That rate raised **\$ 950,360.96**, a portion of which was used to fund opera-  
tions such as:

Sheriff's Dept., Jail, 911, all law enforcement and emergency dispatch,  
County Attorney, County Judge, Treasurer, Tax Assessor, Tax Collector,  
Aging Services, District Attorney, District Judge, Justices of the Peace, Ex-  
tension Service, Veterans Officer, Constable, Probation Office, Historical  
Commission & Road & Bridge. Also included is funding for Helen Farabee  
MHMR, Noah Project, County Library, Juvenile Probation, and mandates  
such as Help America Vote Act (HAVA), along with unfunded mandates  
such as Indigent Defense, Indigent Health, Homeland Security, Emergency  
Management, Bio-terrorism preparedness, etc.

This tax year, Knox County is proposing a property tax rate of  
**\$.7566/\$100.** That rate would raise **\$ 1,026,716**, which is **\$ 76,355** more  
than taxes imposed last tax year. Based on a \$100,000 appraised value  
home, for example, the new tax rate would result in an additional \$41 as  
compared to last year's tax rate.

There will be two public hearings to consider that increase. The first pub-  
lic hearing will be held on **Thursday Sept. 1st at 10:00 AM.** The second  
hearing will be held on **Tuesday Sept. 6 th. at 10:00 AM.**

You have a right to attend the hearings and make comments. You are  
encouraged to attend and make comments if you wish.

### KC Area Church Directory

#### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - Knox City

Gayle Baucum, Pastor  
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. - Sunday Morning Worship at 10:55 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship at 6:30 p.m. - Mid Week, Wed. at 6:30 p.m.  
FBC Sunday School, and the worship services at 10:55 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.  
are telecast live on Classic Cable, channel 6 in Knox City and O'Brien

#### FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - Knox City

John Wade, 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 CHRISTIAN CHURCH - Knox City

Tex Cox, Pastor  
Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. - Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.

#### FOURSQUARE CHURCH - Knox City

Paul Chambers, Pastor  
Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. - Sunday Morning Worship at 10:45 a.m.  
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 Ben Vasquez  
Sunday Bilingual Mass at 11:00 a.m.

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Saturday Mass at 7:00 p.m. - Sunday Mass at 9:00 a.m.

#### 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.

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Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m. - Mid Week, Wed. at 6:00 p.m.

#### CHURCH OF CHRIST - Benjamin

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#### THE BELIEVERS' CHAPEL - Highway 222

W.O. Smith, Pastor  
Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. - Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.  
Mid Week, Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

#### O'BRIEN BAPTIST CHURCH - O'Brien

Jim Reid, Pastor  
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. - Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m. Mid Week, Wed. at 6:00 p.m.

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## Obituary

### Marion Rozella Clonts Perdue

Marion Rozella Clonts Perdue passed away Monday, August 22, 2005 at Hendrick Hospital in Abilene after a brief illness.

She was born on May 7, 1921 to Samuel and Idelena Clonts in Knox City, Texas. She married Neil Perdue on December 18, 1938. He preceded her in death on April 12, 1997. She was also preceded in death by her sister, Mabel Wilson, a brother, Sam Clonts, an her son, David Neil Perdue.

Marion is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Charlotte and Duane Sealy of Snyder, daughter-in-law, Judy Perdue, of Abilene, daughter-in-law, Carolyn Perdue, of Austin. Six grandchildren: Forrest Perdue of Aubrey, Laurie Chandler of Snyder, Robin Perdue of Carrollton, Shelly Crustner of Lufkin, Kim Childress of Houston and Kristen Perez of Snyder; seven great grandchildren: Jenny Wilson, Katie and Wes Chandler of Snyder, Lauren and Maddison Childress of Houston, Holly and Tiffany Somerrall of Aubrey and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Marion lived her entire life in Knox City. She loved her family and friends and always wanted everyone to have a good time. Marion was a feisty redhead with a personality to match. She was such an inspiration to everyone who knew her for her faith, strength, and courage. She was



a very determination, strong-willed lady who loved life in spite of her many physical challenges. She will be greatly missed by all who loved her.

Marion was a lifelong member of the First United Methodist Church in Knox City where her services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 24th with Pastor John Wade, officiating. Interment to follow in the Knox City cemetery with Smith Funeral Home in charge of the arrangements.

Pallbearers will be Steve Stevens, Bill Baker, Dallas Dykes, Jim Dillion, Billy Yarbrough and Cliff Ray.

Honorary Pallbearers will be Vic Lowrey, Don Railsback, Danny Lain, Ken Lawson, Mat Verhalen, Henry Jones and Z.I. (Zeb) Smith.

The family would like to thank all of the nursing staff at the Hendrick Hospice Unit for the wonderful care that they gave to our Mother and Grandmother.

Rest in peace, Moma.

## Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

News in pretty scarce around her today, Monday. Folks are still talking bout the big rains of early last week. The few days wind and sun have sure helped to dry out the ground though and the grass and weeds sure is sure growing. Lawn mowers and weed eaters ere just about all you could hear on Saturday and Sunday around here.

After the first full week of school seems things are shaping up for a good year. The volleyball girls have been winners each time they have played and I think after a couple of football scrimmages everyone is ready for the Friday night match ups will begin this coming Friday with a game with Moran at Moran. Game time is 7:30 p.m. Jr., High gets started on Sept. 8 with a game with Paint Creek here at 5:30 p.m.

I talked with school secretary, Stacia Propps today. She tole me the starting enrollment this year is 76 students. Down some from last year but still a pretty good number.

Several BHS graduates are off to school-some for the first time and several who are continuing their education. San Angelo State will have Sandra, Enrique, and Maria Acevedo as well as Matthew Coffman (Matthew lives at Vera but finished here) Jessica Moorhouse will be a freshman at Tarlton State in Stephenville. Chance Propps is off to the University of Texas for his first year of College. Midwestern Univer-

sity will have Ashley Cartwright and Nancy Siemens. Matthew Cartwright will be at TSTI in Sweetwater and Seth Kuehler is entering a skill school where he will be learning to be a certified welder as is Anthony Lamb. This school is in Wichita Falls and Tyler Collins will be attending Vernon College in Wichita Falls Campus. Michael Clower is in his first year at A.C.U. in Abilene.

Leory West in Harris Hospital in Forth Worth being admitted last Wednesday. They are doing lots of testing and hoping to get to the cause of his problem. He has surely not felt well in several weeks and sure hopes he can learn what's wrong and get on to treating it (He did is ay he may get to come home today but I haven't heard) Loraine Powers is in Ft. Worth with him.

I talked to Peggy Nolan Dillard on Saturday she tole me former resident Eddie Dean Stephens id quite ill in a Roswell N.M. Hospital where he resides with his wife Pearl. Remember him and Leory and their families in your prayers.

Lots of Benjamin folks were in Wichita Falls for the Ranch Roundup during the weekend. Some were there for the entire weekend. Others for only part of the events. Attendance there accounts for not much local happenings.

Betty Bohannan has been in Missouri several days visiting her daughter, Bonnie and family.

## Public Notice

Herbicide by local citizens on TxDOT right-of-way not allowed Violators could receive stiff penalties

CHILDRESS - In the last few years, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Childress District has seen an increase in private citizens/land owners making herbicide applications on state maintained right-of-ways.

Vegetation is maintained on our right-of-way for a reason. If the vegetation is killed by herbicide or plowing, sediment will wash in the ditch, reducing the carrying capacity or completely blocking the drainage. This excess water collects on the roadway, creating a roadway safety hazard.

In addition to causing water problems, it can cause severe erosion, forcing our maintenance forces to go out and make repairs to the ditch. "A typical ditch repair can cost Texas taxpayers up to \$5000", says Dennis Markwardt, TxDOT Vegetation Management Section Director in Austin, "this will impact the district maintenance budget directly and will shorten the funds needed to make repairs to major sections of highway". This can particularly

cause a hardship for the maintenance sections in the Childress District where some are already working short on staff and short on funds. "TxDOT maintenance forces should not have to go out and fix things that should not have to be repaired in the first place", continued Markwardt.

Not only does this pose a problem for TxDOT, but it can be very costly for the individual/s making the herbicide application. A stiff penalty can be handed down by the Texas Department of Agriculture. If a product is not used strictly by the label instructions and is not labeled "to be used on the highway right-of-way", a fine up to \$4000 per incident can be assessed.

Performing any types of work on TxDOT right-of-way; for example, herbicide, plowing or mowing is dangerous and numerous accidents happen annually. TxDOT requires our contractors to be licensed and bonded for the protection of the individuals and the state. The safety of the traveling public, private citizens and our TxDOT workers is our primary concern. For more information call Barbara Seal, TxDOT Public Information Officer at 940-937-7145.

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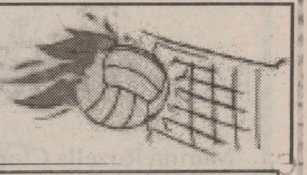
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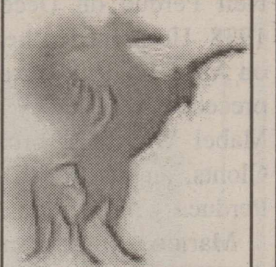
## Benjamin Lady Stang Volleyball Schedule 2005

Aug. 6	Archer City	There	Scrimmage	10:00 a.m.
Aug. 9	Paducah	Here	JV and V	5:00
Aug. 16	Archer City	Here	JV and V	5:00
Aug. 23	Paducah	There	JH,JV,&V	4:00
Aug. 27	Bryson(Tour.)	TBA		
Aug. 30	Bryson	Here	JV and V	4:00
Sept. 6	Bryson	There	JV and V	5:00
Sept. 13	Lueders-Avoca	There	JV and V	5:00
Sept. 20	Knox City	There (District)	JH,JV,&V	4:00
Sept. 27	Aspermont	There (District)	JH,JV,&V	4:00
Oct. 4	Rotan	Here (District)	JH,JV,&V	4:00
Oct. 7	Chillicothe	There (District)	TBA	
Oct. 11	Knox City	Here (District)	JH,JV,&V	4:00
Oct. 18	Aspermont	Here (District)	JH,JV,&V	4:00
Oct. 25	Rotan	There (District)	JF,JV,&V	4:00
Nov. 3-5	Bi-District			
Nov. 7-8	Area			
Nov. 11-12	Regional			
Nov. 17-19	State Tour.			



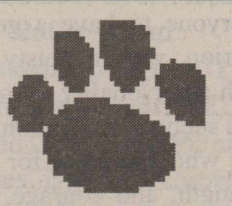
## 2005 High School Football Schedule Benjamin Mustangs

Aug. 13	Spur	Here	10:00 a.m.	Scrimmage
Aug. 19	Woodson	There	6:00	Scrimmage
Aug. 26	Moran	There	7:30	
Sept. 2	Samnorwood	Here	7:30	
Sept. 9	PaintCreek	There	7:30	
Sept. 16	OPEN		7:30	
Sept. 23 District	Paton Springs	There	7:30	
Sept. 30 District	Motley County	Here	7:30	
Oct. 7 District	Chillicothe	There	7:30	
Oct. 14 District	Paducah	There	7:30	
Oct. 21 District	Northside	Here	7:30	Head Coach-Danny Copeland
Oct. 28 District	Guthrie	There	7:30	Principal-C.H. Underwood
Nov. 4 Ditric	Crowell	Here	7:30	Superintendent- Ben Grill



## 2005 High School Football Schedule Guthrie Jaguar

Aug. 13	McLean^	Guthrie	TBA
Aug. 18	Ropes^	Ropesville	6:00
Aug. 25	Paint Creek	Guthrie	7:00
Sept. 2	Spur	Spur	7:30
Sept. 9 H.C. #	Jayton	Guthrie	7:30
Sept. 16	Open		
Sept. 23 *District	Northside	Guthrie	7:30
Sept. 30 *District	Chillicothe	Chillicothe	7:30
Oct. 7 *District	Crowell	Crowell	7:30
Oct. 14 *District	Patton Springs	Guthrie	7:30
Oct. 21 *District	Motley County	Matador	7:30
Oct. 28 *District	Benjamin	Guthrie	7:30
Nov. 3 *District	Paducah	Paducah	7:30



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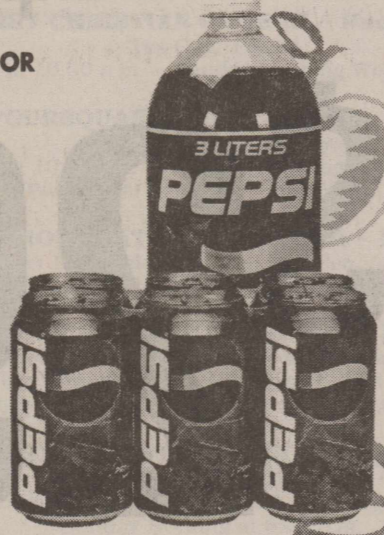
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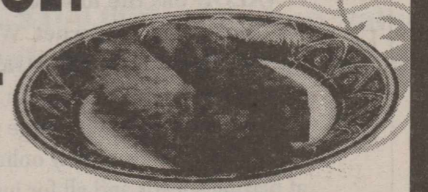
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## NOTICE OF 2005 PROPERTY TAX RATES

This notice concerns 2005 property tax rates for the following taxing units: City of Benjamin, City of Knox City and Knox County Hospital District.

It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

	City of Benjamin	City of Knox City	Knox County Hospital District
<b>LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE:</b>			
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 27,621.40	\$ 172,484.13	\$ 688,540.75
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Last year's total taxes	\$ 27,621.40	\$ 172,484.13	\$ 688,540.75
Last year's tax base	\$ 3,234,735	\$ 22,564,643	\$ 133,541,650
Last year's total tax rate	\$ 0.8539/\$100	\$ 0.7644/\$100	\$ 0.5156/\$100
<b>THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE:</b>			
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 27,244.32	\$ 172,156.70	\$ 687,832.03
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 3,148,031	\$ 21,973,875	\$ 136,190,422
= This year's effective tax rate	\$ 0.8654/\$100	\$ 0.7835/\$100	\$ 0.5051/\$100
<b>THIS YEAR'S ROLLBACK TAX RATE:</b>			
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 27,244.32	\$ 172,156.70	\$ 687,832.03
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 3,148,031	\$ 21,973,875	\$ 136,190,422
= This year's effective operating rate	\$ 0.8654/\$100	\$ 0.7835/\$100	\$ 0.5051/\$100
X 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$ 0.9346/\$100	\$ 0.8462/\$100	\$ 0.5455/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ 0.0000/\$100	\$ 0.0000/\$100	\$ 0.0000/\$100
= This year's rollback rate	\$ 0.9346/\$100	\$ 0.8462/\$100	\$ 0.5455/\$100

### STATEMENT OF INCREASE/DECREASE

If the City of Benjamin adopts a 2005 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$.8654 per \$100 of value, taxes would decrease compared to 2004 taxes by \$378.34. If the City of Knox City adopts a 2005 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$.7835 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2004 taxes by \$71.83. If the Knox County Hospital District adopts a 2005 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$.5051 per \$100 of value, taxes would decrease compared to 2004 taxes by \$362.09.

### SCHEDULE A-UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCES:

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Property Tax Fund Accounts	Balances As Listed
City of Benjamin	\$ 25,975.79
City of Knox City	\$ 220,000.00
Knox County Hospital District	\$ 400,000.00

### SCHEDULE B- DEBT SERVICE: NONE

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Knox City-O'Brien CISD will hold a public meeting at 7:00 p.m. on September 8, 2005 in the School Administration Office at 606 E. Main in Knox City.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

### Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.5000	\$ 0.0650	\$ 1.5650	\$ 2,740.00	\$ 5,226.00
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.5086	\$ 0.0641	\$ 1.5727	\$ 2,817.00	\$ 5,139.00
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.5000	\$ 0.0650	\$ 1.5650	\$ 2,810.00	\$ 5,139.00

\*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

### Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$21,141	\$20,860
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$6,142	\$5,860
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	1.5650	1.5650
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$96.12	\$91.71
Decrease in Taxes		\$ 4.41

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or proposed value.

**Notice of Rollback Rate:** The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.7457. The election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the roll back rate of \$1.7457.

### Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first aid payment:

Maintenance & Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$2,113,235
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$0.00

## Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2005 on **September 13, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.** at **135 N Munday Ave. Munday, TX**. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

**FOR** the proposal: Joe Clonts, Buford Berryhill, Lyndel Lambeth, Buster Echols, Ray Lynn Hardin

**AGAINST** the proposal:

**PRESENT** and not voting:

**ABSENT:** Joey Kimbrough, Joey Thomas, Leon Burkham

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year 0.1836/\$100 Adopted	This Year 0.1850/\$100 Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	0.1836/\$100	0.1850/\$100
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$0.0014/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		0.0076%
Average appraised value	\$26962	\$27565
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$0	\$0
Average taxable value	\$26962	\$27565
Tax on average residence homestead	\$49.50	\$50.99
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)		\$+1.49
and percentage of decrease (+/-)		+0.9708%

### NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON KNOX COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUDGET

**The KNOX COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2006 fiscal year.**

The public hearing will be held on **September 6, 2005, at 5:30 p.m.**, at the **Knox County Appraisal District, Knox County Courthouse, Benjamin, Texas.**

A summary of the Appraisal District Budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget is \$164,220.  
The total amount of increase over the current year's budget is \$235.  
The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget will be 2 1/2; (full-time equivalent).  
The number of employees compensated under the current budget is 2 1/2 (full-time equivalent).

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the Knox County Appraisal District.

If approved by the Knox County Appraisal District Board of Directors at a public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts and cities and towns served by the appraisal district office.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of these governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

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**Public Notice**

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 Jerry Lyn Jordan - Possession of certain chemicals with intent to manufacture controlled substance. - 10 years probation, \$6000 fine, court costs, restitution to DPS lab of \$140.  
 Tommy Martin Carroll - Bond revoked.  
 Shawn Louis McIntire - Possession of meth - 5 years probation, \$3000 fine, court costs, forfeit '98 Toyota Camry.  
 Hilda Soto Aguilar - T a mper with government document - 5 years probation, \$3000 fine, court costs, \$1921 restitution.

**TRUSCOTT NEWS**

by Clara Brown

We did get enough rain last week to fill up those long, deep cracks. Mike Carlson, our water system man said there was lots of trouble before the rains with pipes leaking from being squeezed and moved by the compacting clay soil during dry weather.

Besides the rain, the other good news is that it looks like the Truscott Cook book will be finished soon. Becky Daniel is typing and working on the final organization of the material.

If you missed getting your family story in for the section of the cookbook, you have another opportunity. The stories will be \$100.00 per page. A page will be. The recipes will be on the way to the publisher this week, but a family history can be turned in until August 31.

You can call 1-940-474-3333 for information. To tun in your story, the mail might be too slow to meet the August 31 deadline, so e-mail can be sent to jbdaniel@direcway.com or a fax to 1-940-474-3335. Crowell, can omit the 1-940 on calls and faxes to Truscott and Gilliland people can deliver their stories to the Daniel Ranch office in the old Truscott Bank Building. Several family stories sere collected by the late Margaret Bullion Daniel and those will be in the book.

The publishing goal is to have

the books released by Thanksgiving to be available for Christmas gifts.

Margaret Daniel was almost through with the project before she passed away. Her family has worked to finish what she started, including Jerry Bob and Eugenie Daniel. Margaret's granddaughter Becky, has taken over the main part of the project. All profits from the cookbook will go to support the Truscott Community Center and plans for a new building.

Attending the Ranch Round-up at Wichita Falls recently were June and Newell Looney, Sherry and Ronnie Simmons, and Jerry Bob, Eugenie, Colton and Becky Daniel.

Eugenie said they took four border collies to Wichita Falls and sold them. They would have taken five but Colton backed out on selling his.

Sherry Simmons said they saw Kristin and Kylee at the Wichita Falls Rodeo.

Jack and Clara Brown were in Altus Friday to leave Jack's mule, the one with wheels not hooves, for repair and maintenance. Jack priced a new one, but decided to stick with just having some work done on the old one. The salesman who gave him the new price said they don't get many trade-ins, that people just keep driving their old ones.

**TERRY'S TALK**

Knox County Extension Agent by Terry Utley

**INVENTORY WEEDS NOW FOR CONTROL NEXT YEAR**

As you know, it's now too late in the summer to spray for most pasture weeds. There are a few exceptions, but most weeds in pastures should be sprayed in the spring when they are young and actively growing. That said, you can do something now that will improve your weed control program next year.

Now is a good time to inventory your weed situation. One thing is for sure - if you have a lot of weeds in a certain place this year, you'll probably have them again in that place next year. Right now, weeds are large enough to see and most will have seed heads or fruiting parts that make them easier to identify. This greatly aids in inventorying the weeds.

How should one conduct a weed inventory? First, identify the species and abundance of each of the weeds you want to control. The abundance rating system can be as simple as few, many, scattered or "more than I can shake a stick at." Mark this information on a field map and highlight areas where there are

hard-to-control weeds or particularly high numbers of weeds. Be sure to accurately identify areas where you might be able to spot spray difficult-to-control weeds and save some money by not spraying the entire field.

Next, identify areas on the map you don't want to spray, or where you don't want to spray certain herbicides. Examples are areas where you want to maintain clovers or areas with certain wildlife foods. In these areas, you may want to avoid herbicides altogether or use herbicides that are not as harsh on the plants you want to keep. For example, if you want to keep clovers in an area, don't use Grazon P+D. As an alternative (although not as good from a weed-control perspective), you can wait until the clovers produce seed and spray with something like 2,4-D. This herbicide program will not be as effective because you're not spraying at an ideal time for 2,4-D to work, but will control some weeds and not wipe out the clovers.

After you have inventoried the situation, sit down and work out a spray plan and budget that includes the correct herbicides to use and when to use them. Many of the weed control failures, we see are due to using incorrect products for the targeted weeds or spraying at the wrong time.

Creating a spray plan now, when the weeds are easy to identify, can be very valuable in controlling weeds at the least cost in the spring. It can ensure that you spray what you want to spray, where you want to spray it, to control what you want to control.

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**2005 Property Tax Rates in Knox County**

This notice concerns 2005 property tax rates for Knox County. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rates the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rats are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are giver per \$100 property value.

	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund	Jury Fund
<b>LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE:</b>			
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 790,165.94	\$ 151,439.90	\$ 9,882.08
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Last year's total taxes	\$ 790,165.94	\$ 151,439.90	\$ 9,882.08
Last year's tax base	\$ 133,541,650	\$ 102,745	\$ 133,541,650
Last year's total tax rate	\$ 0.5917/\$100	\$ 0.1164/\$100	\$ 0.0074/\$100
<b>THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE:</b>			
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 789,352.62	\$ 151,136.43	\$ 9,871.91
This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 136,190,422	\$ 112,789,972	\$ 136,190,422
This year's effective tax rate for each fund	\$ 0.5796/\$100	\$ 0.1138/\$100	\$ 0.0072/\$100
Total Effective Tax Rate	\$ 0.7006/\$100		
<b>THIS YEAR'S ROLLBACK TAX RATE:</b>			
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care)	\$ 789,352.62	\$ 151,136.43	\$ 9,871.91
This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 136,190,422	\$ 112,789,972	\$ 136,190,422
This year's effective operating rate	\$ 0.5796/\$100	\$ 0.1138/\$100	\$ 0.0072/\$100
1.00 = This year's maximum operating rate	\$ 0.6260/\$100	\$ 0.1229/\$100	\$ 0.0078/\$100
This year's debt rate	\$ 0.0000/\$100	\$ 0.0000/\$100	\$ 0.0000/\$100
This year's rollback rate for each fund	\$ 0.6260/\$100	\$ 0.1229/\$100	\$ 0.0078/\$100
This year's total rollback rate	\$ 0.7566/\$100		

**STATEMENT OF INCREASE/DECREASE**  
 If Knox County adopts a 2005 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.7006 per \$100 of value, taxes would decrease compared to 2004 taxes by \$818.85.

**SCHEDULE A-UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCES**

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
General Operating	\$250,000.00

**SCHEDULE B- DEBT SERVICE: NONE**  
**SCHEDULE C- EXPECTED REVENUE FROM ADDITIONAL SALES TAX: NONE**  
**SCHEDULE D- STATE CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANDATE (FOR COUNTIES) NONE**  
**SCHEDULE E- TRANSFER OF DEPARTMENT, FUNCTION OR ACTIVITY: NONE**

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at the **Knox County Appraisal District, County Courthouse Benjamin, Tx.**  
 Name of person preparing this notice: Kim McLemore Title: Chief Appraiser Dated: 08/18/05

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE**

The Benjamin ISD will hold a public meeting at 7:00 p.m. on September 12, 2005 in the Library of Benjamin ISD

**The purpose of the this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

**Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates**

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.5000	\$0.0000	\$1.5000	\$4,562.00	\$3,232.00
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.5195	\$0.0000	\$1.5195	\$4,369.00	\$3,425.00
Proposed Rate	\$1.5000	\$0.0000	\$1.5000	\$4,313.00	\$3,744.00

\*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both.

The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

**Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence**

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$12,972	\$14,075
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$0	\$0
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	1.5000	1.5000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$0.00	\$62.14
Increase in Taxes		\$0.00

**Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or proposed value.**

**Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.5784. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.5784.**

**Fund Balances**

The following estimated balances will remain the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance & Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$819,772
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$0.00



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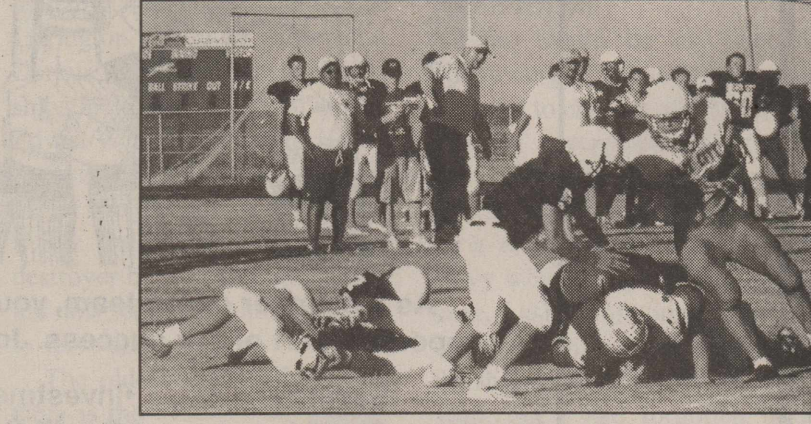
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## Greyhounds Win Second Scrimmage 3 to 1

The Knox City Greyhounds proved that they are ready for the upcoming football season as they scrimmaged against Archer City on Friday night. With nine seniors on the team, they showed the experience and leadership needed to get the job done. As with any pre-season game, both teams had the fumble-bug, but the mighty Greyhounds kept their cool.

Coach Wayne Hutchinson had

a balanced offense with both an aggressive running and passing game.

And let's not forget about the people behind the Greyhounds, the assistant coaches, managers, fans, the band, and the cheerleaders that rev up the crowd. We at the Knox County News would like to give the best of luck to the Greyhounds as they strive towards what looks to be another great season.



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