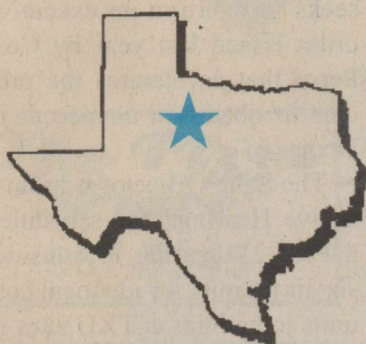


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Looking Ahead

Wheat Outlook 2007 Meeting

Knox County will be hosting a Wheat Outlook meeting on Thursday, January 4, at 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Rhineland. Please call Knox County Extension Office to register at 940-459-2651.

Texas Department of State Health Services to give Immunizations

Immunizations will be given on January 4, at 10:00 a.m. - noon and 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at the KC Housing Authority Community Room located at 203 SW 4th Street. DTaP, Polio, MMR, Hib, Td, Hepatitis A, Pneumococcal Conjugate, Hepatitis B and Chickenpox vaccine will be provided. Flu vaccine is available.

Throckmorton Chamber of Commerce Annual Wild Game Dinner

Throckmorton Chamber of Commerce will have their annual wild game dinner January 6, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. at the Throckmorton Youth Center.

Brazos Valley Quilt Guild

Second Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the Benjamin Ex-Students Building. Next meeting is January 11.

Weinert VFD Annual Country Dance

Featuring Sheila Helton and the Texas Lawmen. Saturday, January 13 at 9:00 p.m. at the Weinert School Gym. Admission \$6 - Advance, \$7.50 - At Door. For more information or tickets call 940-886-7381.

KC Visioning Meeting

Thursday, January 18 at 3:00 p.m. at the Perry Patton Community Center in Munday.

County Livestock Show

Friday, January 19 and Saturday, January 20, 2007 at Munday.

KC Historical Commission Annual Fund raising Meal

Thursday, February 1. Food items are brisket, turkey, sausage, coleslaw, beans and homemade pies. Door prizes! Silent Auction and Quilt giveaway. Proceeds go to the museum.

TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly. Monday evenings at 6:00 p.m. at the Knox County Hospital Break Room.

KC Circle Club

Second Tuesday of every month at 6:30. Location TBA.

Hospital gets an update

September 7 - The Knox County Hospital is getting a face lift. Most noticeable is the exterior painting that began at the first of the summer and has now reached the front of the building. Mr. Kuehler also stated that electrical work is about half completed in the basement of the hospital. The work, done by Gary Birkenfeld, includes some rewiring and new breaker boxes. This has been funded with grant money.

The atrium, located near the center of the hospital, has also been revamped. Ron's Landscaping of Knox City completed this project about a month ago. The area has seating, a rocked walk, a soothing water feature, a wrought iron gazebo with hanging baskets, and numerous plantings.

The original Knox County Hospital was built in 1926. In 1947 the Dr. T.S. Edwards Memorial Addition was added, and later, in 1963, the T.P. Frizzell and D.C. Eiland Sr. Memorial Addition was built.

Over \$300,000 seized after late night traffic stop



Money seized in traffic stop laid out for counting

March 29 - A late night traffic violation last Thursday on Highway 277 south of Munday led to a big payoff for the Knox County Sheriff's Department.

Officers were working narcotic interdiction on Highway 277 when a traffic violation by a Swift transport carrier led Sher-

iff's Deputy Rowland to stop the tractor trailer rig. A consensual search of the vehicle was conducted by Officer Rowland, leading to the discovery of over \$300,000 in U.S. currency and an undisclosed amount of counterfeit money in the cab of the truck.

Continuing the investigation the next day, James Torres of the Hamlin Police Department brought their department's drug dog, Kliff, an eight year old German Shepherd, to further search the cab and trailer of the truck. No drugs were found, however, the dog did alert on the money

found and where the money was found.

"I've worked with him (Kliff) for years," said Officer Rowland. "He's a great dog."

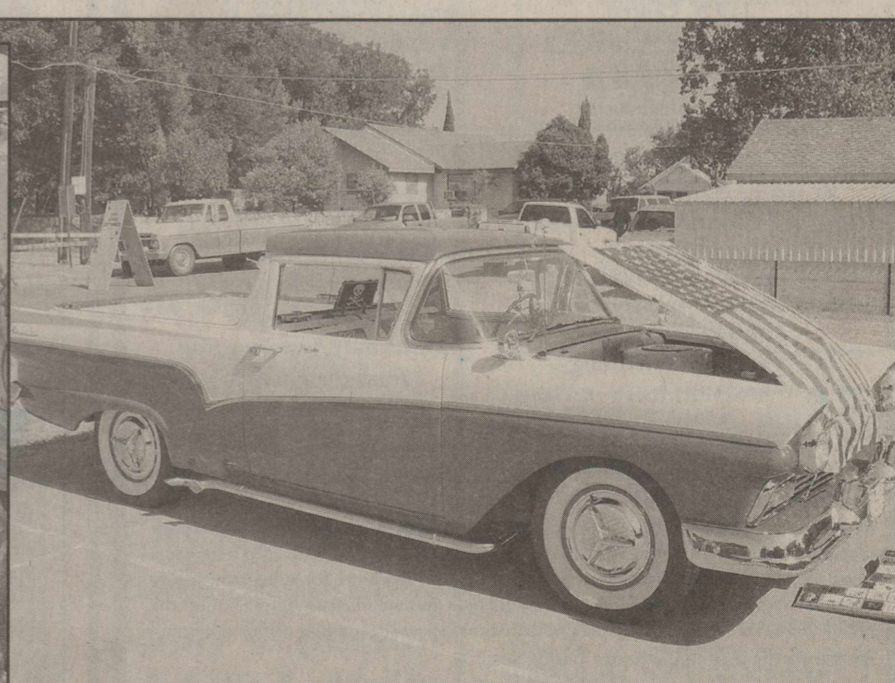
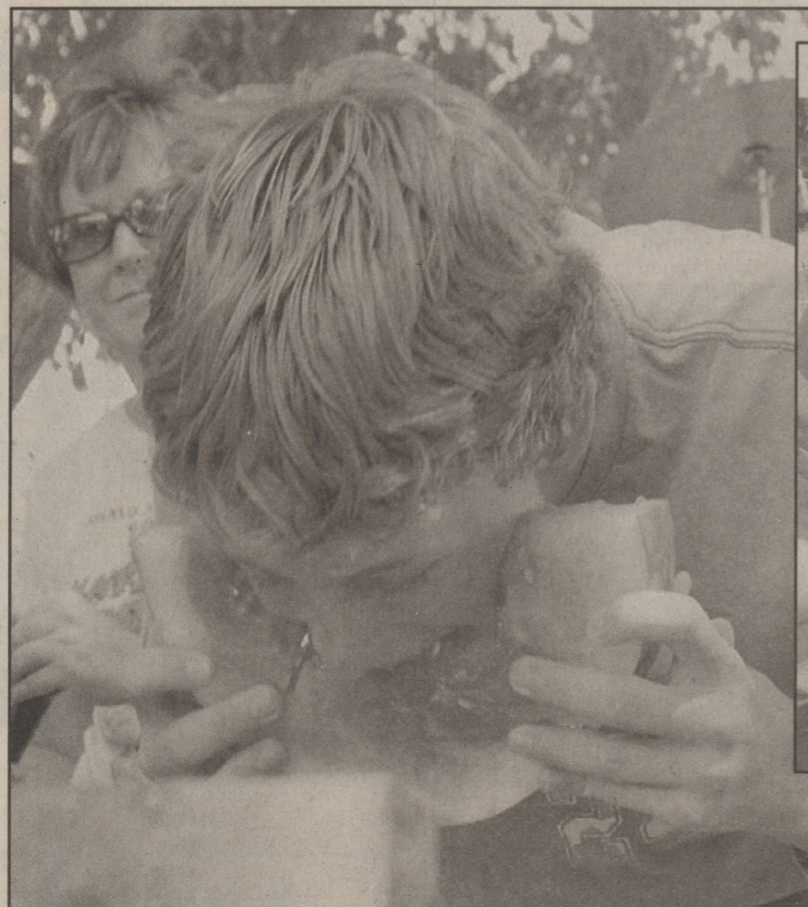
Officer Rowland stated that the money found in the truck was used in drug trafficking of illegal narcotics outside of the state. The driver of the truck, Kerwin Campos a 30 year old Hispanic male, was charged with a first degree felony - money laundering. He has bonded out in the amount of \$20,000.

The truck is currently still in the seizure process. The counterfeit money was seized as evidence.

The Knox County Sheriff's office will get to keep approximately 70% of the money confiscated.

Money taken in from previous drug arrests has provided the department with the funds to purchase digital cameras, new lap top computers for all of the county patrol cars, computer equipment for the Sheriff's office, and hundreds of dollars worth of other law enforcement gear. According to Officer Rowland, law enforcement's war on drugs is supported and enhanced by funds gained through their war on drugs.

Bigger and better than ever



KC Chamber Board member Marla Hawkins, above, carves watermelons, for the feasting frenzy

August 3 - The 18th Annual Donald Johnson Memorial Seedless Watermelon Festival and Parade attracted record number crowds this year.

Executive Director of Knox

City Chamber of Commerce Davaine Clark was quoted as saying this year was "bigger and better than ever."

"We had a family that drove all the way from Chicago to come to

the Watermelon Festival," says Clark.

The festival featured a Watermelon Eating Contest in which Clay Clark, pictured above left, dove right in.

Glen D. Large's 1957 Ford Ranchero was among the twenty-some entries in this year's Watermelon Festival Classic Car Show. Large received first place for his entry in the 1950 Pickup category. Large is a resident of Knox City.

Gary Paschall's 1946 Ford F1, not pictured, won Best of Show. Paschall is of Wichita Falls.

The parade trailed downtown Friday evening at 7 p.m.

Parade winners were - Most Original-Knox City Chamber of Commerce; Best Entry on Wheels-Braden Durham; Best

Entry on Foot-Pizza Place; You've Got to Be Kidding-Fred Pepper; Best Business Entry-Knox County Hospital.

(See 2006 Year in Review on page 5)

TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION STATE CAPITAL



HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - When the Texas Legislature convenes Jan. 9, the 150 members of the Texas House of Representatives must choose who among them will preside as speaker.

Incumbent Speaker Tom Craddick, R-Midland, will need 76 votes - 50 percent of 150, plus one - to retain his office.

But Craddick will have competition this time from fellow Republican state Rep. Brian

North Texas lawmaker campaigns to unseat current speaker

McCall of Plano. McCall says he and other state representatives are ready for a change in leadership and he believes he has the votes to unseat Craddick.

The House's composition is 81 Republicans and 69 Democrats. Without a large-scale switch of allegiance among Republicans to his camp, McCall will have to convince many Democrats to back him.

Craddick, 63, was elected speaker in January 2003 after serving 34 years as a House member. He was re-elected speaker in 2005. McCall, 48, has served in the House since 1991.

President Ford honored in death

Gov. Rick Perry on Dec. 27 ordered all flags to be flown at half-staff in memory and in honor of the life and public service of former President Gerald R. Ford. Ford, 93, died Dec. 26.

"President Ford was a calming, dignified voice of leadership during a turbulent time in the history of our country," Perry said.

"His tenure as president was extraordinary and his lifetime of public service to our country in the United States Navy and in Congress was admirable and worthy of the respect of all Americans."

The governor's directive applies to all U.S. and state flags under the control of the state. Flags will be at half-staff on the state Capitol Building and on flag displays in the Capitol Complex, and upon all public buildings, grounds, and facilities throughout the state for 30 days.

Perry encouraged all Texans to fly flags at half-staff for the same length of time as a sign of respect.

Perry also ordered Texas flags to half-staff on Dec. 29 in honor

of Scottie Stevenson, daughter-in-law of Gov. Coke Stevenson. She served as Texas' first lady after Gov. Stevenson's wife died and when her husband, Gov. Stevenson's son, was deployed to the Pacific during World War II.

TEA clears schools after audit

The Texas Education Agency closed investigations into possible TAKS testing irregularities at 592 Texas schools when no evidence of wrongdoing was found.

The agency said an analysis by Caveon Test Security earlier this year flagged 700 schools as having "data anomalies" during the 2005 testing period.

A school was flagged by Caveon if the firm's review found an aberrant or unusual response pattern, a large score gain, a statistically unusual number of erasures or very similar test responses, such as correctly answering hard questions while

missing easy questions.

The Commissioner's Task Force on Test Integrity concluded that security audits and on-site investigations found no evidence of action that violated the state's extensive test security system at 592 schools.

Three of the 700 schools flagged for their 2005 test results have since closed. Cases are still open for 105 schools.

Sierra Club joins coal lawsuit

Power companies are moving quickly on plans to build coal-fired plants in Texas to meet growing demand for power and to reduce the state's reliance on expensive natural gas to produce electricity.

According to a Reuters news agency report, the Sierra Club has intervened in a lawsuit to slow the permitting process for as many as 18 coal-fired power plants in Texas.

The suit, aimed mainly at plans by Dallas-based TXU

Corp. to invest \$10 billion to build 11 pulverized coal-burning units in the next few years, seeks to overturn an executive order issued last year by Gov. Perry that accelerates the process to obtain an air permit in Texas.

The State Office of Administrative Hearings has scheduled a Feb. 21 hearing to consider six air permits for identical coal units to be built at TXU sites in north Texas.

Former AG now out of prison

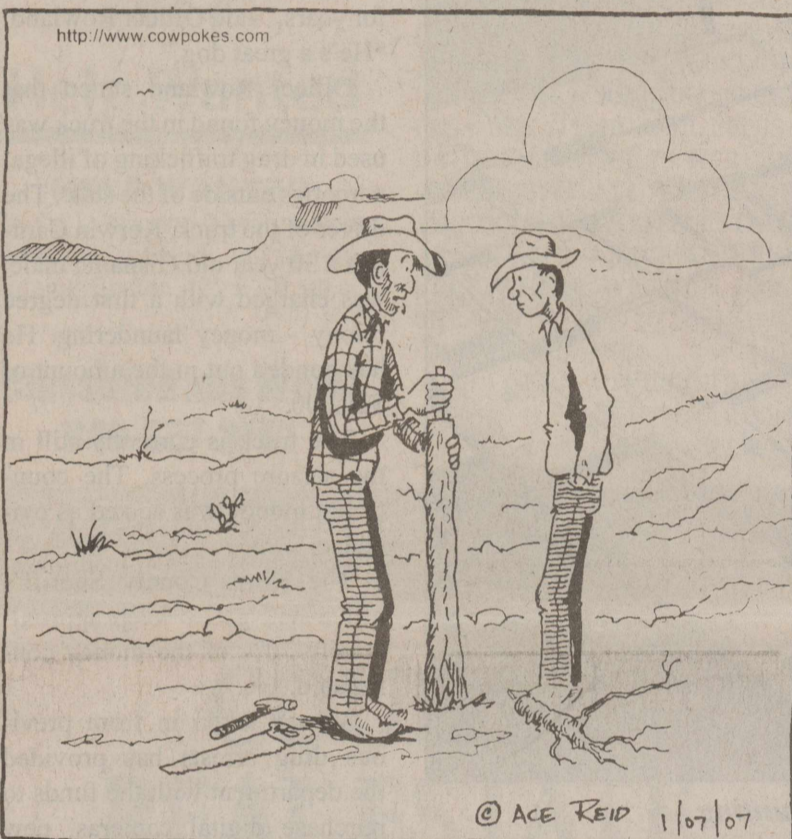
Dan Morales, who served two terms as Texas attorney general, has been released from federal prison in Texarkana.

Morales began serving a sentence in 2003 after he was convicted of fraud related to payment of attorney fees in the state's \$17 billion lawsuit against cigarette makers.

Morales has transferred to a halfway house in the San Antonio area.

COW POKES

By Ace Reid



"Why am I puttin' up a gauge . . . looks like we might be in fer a heck of a rain!"

Knox County Sheriff's Report

Speck, David Kyle (12/6/06) - Driving while licens invalid (Misd-B), Unlawfully Carry Weapon (Misd-A)

Sample, Christopher Lee (12/7/06) - MTR/Credit Card Abuse

Jones, William Robert (12/8/06) - DWI 2nd (Misd-A)

Garcia, Bobby Sr. (12/9/06) - Probation revocation/False report to Peace Officer (Misd-A), Discharge weapon in City Limits (Misd-C)

Thomas, Ricky Lee (12/9/06) - FTA Assault/Bodily injury (Misd-A)

Hollenbaugh, Brian (12/12/06) - Criminal Trespass (Misd-A) Foard County

Awalt, Brian (12/18/06) - Driving while license suspended (Misd-B)

Saldivar, Hector (12/21/06) - MTR/Unlawful use of criminal instrument (Fel-3)

Ware, Brian Glenn (12/21/06) - MTR/Unlawful use of criminal instrument (Fel-3)

Reyna, Mark Anthony (12/14/06) - MTR/Fictitious drivers license (Misd-A)

Jimenez, Rita (12/23/06) DWI 1st (Misd-B) Foard County

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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

DOUBLE BACK THEORY

By Baxter Black, DVM

Last fall I sorted the heavy end of my calves off to go to the sale. I saved back a few light calves, 300-pounders, to stay with their mamas. One of the cows, whose calf I thought we'd shipped, kept bawling at a lone calf still in with the big bunch of cows.

Ya know how sometimes you just get confused? "Maybe that big calf that we shipped that I thought was hers, wasn't really! Maybe she was the mother of the lone calf she was bawling at."

"Okay," I said, making a quick management decision while counting big calves into the trailer, open cows into the shipping pen, filling out the brand papers, and calculating the amount of pour-on I had left in the jug. "Turn her back in with the big bunch," I said.

A month later I hadn't seen hide nor hair of the lone calf,

but the bawling cow was hanging around the corral with a tight bag walking the fence and mooing. It almost made me wish I'd number tagged my cows and calves. But a good cowman is supposed to remember that the black brockle-face cow is the mother of the solid black calf with the droopy left ear, right? It's a matter of pride.

I have been able to assimilate the miracle of dumping 250 fresh branded calves back in with their mamas and watching them reunite perfectly.

The same with new human mothers and their cribbed babies in the maternity ward. I guess I'd believe it if someone swore that two and a half inch drywall screws mate with inch and a quarters. Because that would explain why I have so many inch and five-eighths always mixed in with 'em.

But try though I might

I've never mastered the art of perfect pairings of cows and calves. Questions like, "Doesn't that red heifer calf go in with the high horned red cow?" or "Does she belong to that Hereford who got out across tracks that time?" always give me ventricular fibrillation.

Jeff was trying to educate me, "In Montana," he said, "we have the double-back theory. When you're driving a bunch of cows up the trail and the little calves get to feeling lost, they double back because that's where they last remember their mama."

But if there's one calf out in front, each mother cow thinks it hers and keeps pushing forward." Thus, he explained, the source of the never-ending problem moving cows with little calves.

Which explains why the lone calf and the tight-bag cow have never found each other and possibly several others phenomena in my life, like why dogs, ex-wives and the hairs on my head keep disappearing, and I find myself walking the fence line howling at the moon!

Texas Department of Health immunizations to be given January 4 in Knox City

The Texas Department of State Health Services will hold an Immunization Clinic at the Knox City Housing Authority Community Room, located at 203 SW 4th Street in Knox City from 10:00 a.m. - noon and 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 4.

DTaP, Polio, MMR, HIB, Td, Hepatitis A, Pneumococcal Conjugate, Hepatitis B and Chickenpox vaccine will be provided as well as other immunizations for children, adults and infants. Flu vaccine is available.

A parent, adult family member or guardian must accompany a minor under 18 years of age.

We must have a copy of your child's immunization record and social security card.

Services at the Department of Health are offered on a sliding fee scale, but no one will be denied services.

For more information regarding immunizations please call the Texas Department of Health Vernon Field Office at 940-552-8770.



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Tex Cox, Pastor
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Jody Smith, Pastor
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GILLESPIE BAPTIST CHURCH - Gillespie

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County Officials sworn in to office

On January 2, 2007 newly elected officials met in the assembly room of the Knox County Courthouse where a crowd was on hand to view their swearing in ceremony.

Sworn in at the ceremony were Knox County Judge Travis Floyd, County and District Clerk Annette Offutt, County Commissioner, Precinct 2, Johnny McCown, County Commissioner, Precinct 4, Johnny Birkenfeld, County Treasurer Rosie Ake and Knox County Justice of the Peace Vonnie Ivie. Dan Godsey was unable to attend and will be sworn in as Commissioner, Precinct 1, within the next week.

After the ceremony the officials, courthouse employees and guests enjoyed a reception in the assembly room.



Vonnie Ivie sworn in as Justice of the Peace

Holiday season is over—Get ready for tax season

COLLEGE STATION - Brace yourself. Income tax time is coming. When it comes to getting ready to file your income tax return, remember what the Boy Scouts say: Be prepared.

That's the advice of Dr. Joyce Cavanagh, Texas Cooperative Extension family economics specialist.

Make sure you have all your forms before you do anything else, she said. Have all your W-2 forms and 1099 forms from any employer or financial institution where you have interest-bearing accounts.

"W-2 and 1099s have to be in hand by Jan. 31," she said. "If you're itemizing, you need to keep track of your property tax and interest paid on your home. Don't file too soon - you might not have all your necessary paperwork yet."

To save themselves from a surprise, Cavanagh advised those who have mutual funds to check to see if they are going to owe taxes on those funds this year.

This tax season will bring some changes in what can be deducted and what can't, Cavanagh said.

As of Aug. 17, 2006, she said, only charitable contributions of clothing and household goods in

very good condition are qualified as deductions. And receipts will be required when claiming any cash contributions made after that date.

The Salvation Army's Web site at <http://www.salvationarmyusa.org/> or the Internal Revenue Service's site at <http://www.irs.gov/> have more information.

Also this year, a credit for the Federal Telephone Excise Tax will be available on a one-time basis, Cavanagh said.

"People will be able to claim it whether they itemize or not or whether they file a tax return or not," she said. "If you don't need to file a return (for example, people who didn't have enough income in 2006) you can file for this on Form 1040-EZT and get the telephone excise tax credit."

This amount should be \$30-\$60 "depending on filing status and number of dependents," Cavanagh added. "It's a one-time credit for 2006 returns." And then there's the Earned Income Credit, she said.

"People who meet the requirements for Earned Income Credit need to file whether or not they owe taxes in order to receive (this credit)." The IRS Web site can help in determining whether or not you meet those require-

ments, she added.

All these changes can be extremely confusing but the good news is: You're not in this alone, she said. "Free tax preparation assistance is available in most communities for those with low-to middle incomes and the elderly," she said.

The two most common are the IRS's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program - frequently called VITA - and AARP's Tax Aide program, Cavanagh said.

Although some volunteer income tax assistance preparation sites may have income limits, she said, "most AARP sites will prepare returns for anyone in the low- to middle-income range."

Information on these services is available on the AARP Web site at <http://www.aarp.org/> or the IRS Web site.

If you are using a tax-preparation service of any kind, Cavanagh advised taking a copy of last year's return and the Social Security cards of everyone you are claiming as dependents with you.

For more information on this and other financial topics, visit Extension's Family and Consumer Sciences Web site at <http://fcs.tamu.edu/> and click on the link to Money.

Terry's Talk Wheat Outlook for 2007 Meeting

By Terry Utley
County Extension Agent/
Ag.
Knox County

Knox County will be hosting a Wheat Outlook meeting on Thursday, January 4 starting at 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Rhineland.

We will be discussing, wheat for the future, top dressing wheat when and how much and Stocker Economics. Along with two CEU's.

There will be a meal provided. Please call the Knox County Extension Office to register at 940-459-2651.

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KNOX CITY - O'BRIEN CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2006

	General Fund	SSA IDEA-Part B Formula	SSA Special Education	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES					
Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$1,016,727	\$0	\$14,743	\$58,105	\$1,089,575
State Program Revenues	1,597,974	0	250,584	99,176	1,947,734
Federal Program Revenues	8,121	391,154	49,370	377,584	-826,229
TOTAL REVENUES	\$2,622,822	\$391,154	\$314,697	\$534,865	\$3,863,538
EXPENDITURES					
Instruction	\$1,406,143	\$185,375	\$33,885	\$274,342	\$1,899,745
Instructional Resources and Media Services	21,865	0	0	1,461	23,326
Curriculum Development and Instructional Staff Development	16,519	15,288	0	1,796	33,603
Instructional Leadership	3,062	35,444	121,399	1,014	160,919
School Leadership	207,945	0	0	1,522	209,467
Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	23,078	78,148	39,279	507	141,012
Health Services	94	0	0	0	94
Student (Pupil) Transportation	17,391	0	0	1,521	18,912
Food Services	2,895	0	0	168,066	170,961
Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	180,781	0	0	878	181,659
General Administration	218,072	0	0	1,014	219,086
Plant Maintenance and Operations	405,268	0	21,854	5,900	433,022
Debt Service - Principal on Long-Term Debt	0	0	0	55,000	55,000
Debt Service - Interest on Long-Term Debt	0	0	0	33,286	33,286
Capital Outlay - Facilities Acquisition and Construction	30,381	0	0	36,622	67,003
Intergovernmental - Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member SSA	75,533	76,899	0	15,659	168,091
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$2,609,027	\$391,154	\$216,417	\$598,588	\$3,815,186
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	\$13,795	\$0	\$98,280	(\$63,723)	\$48,352
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Transfers - In	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$67,645	\$67,645
Transfers - Out	(68,355)	0	0	0	(68,355)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(\$68,355)	\$0	\$0	\$67,645	(\$710)
Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	2,083,090	0	373,932	11,506	2,468,528
FUND BALANCE - SEPTEMBER 1 (BEGINNING)	\$2,028,530	\$0	\$472,212	\$15,428	\$2,516,170

2006 Year in Review Continued—

Local invention may save lives

August 10 - "Most people just laugh at me when I tell them about it," says Keith Beck of his humane snake trap, but with an average of two people dying from venomous snake bites yearly in Texas alone, it's no laughing matter.

The native Knox County farmer and rancher understands that the invention has global implications.

Although snakebite deaths are far more common in Asia and Africa, Australia (where snakes are protected species) is host to all of the world's deadliest ser-

pents except the mamba.

Fatalities worldwide typically involve the elderly or small children.

"If I could save the life of just one child, or one person for that matter" says Beck, "it would be a huge success in my eyes, but I can also see them being used in the oil fields, near the tank batteries and pump jacks where people typically work."

The impetus for Beck's Viper Trap™ was the fact that every year snakes would feast on the newborn residents of his chicken houses.

Beck wanted a way to trap and hold serpents without injuring them while keeping his chicks safe.

The traps allow containment of multiple snakes with no physical harm done to them, and they can be removed fairly easily. He has been modifying his design for the past three years with ever-increasing success.

The trap resembles a netted metal coil and can be compressed to a small size, ideal for campers and hikers concerned about the presence of serpentine visitors while sleeping.

Beck has given his device to others, including Vera vintner Larry Bratcher, for field testing.

Bratcher said, "It has worked remarkably well. I've caught 15 rattlesnakes so far, all within 20 or so feet of my house. Maybe those Australian vineyards could use them."

The manufacturing and marketing processes of his patented invention are just beginning, with early-market samples arriving in just a few weeks.

Full-scale production should be realized in the fall of this year at an economical price point.

Greyhounds switch to Six-Man Football, starting 2006-2007 season

July 12 - The Knox City Greyhounds will be making the much-anticipated switch to six-man football for their upcoming season.

The Knox City-O'Brien C.I.S.D. has a history in six-man football: O'Brien won the very first state championship in 1972.

The faculty of the district and the community are hoping that with the arrival of the 24-year veteran head coach Mitch Lee, the Greyhounds will do well this season.

It won't be an easy task, as Knox City will have to face difficult opponents including Spur,

Rule, Aspermont, and rival Greyhounds and defending state champs from Throckmorton. Lee said, "We're probably in the toughest district for six-man."

Coach Lee told the NEWS that despite the smaller number of players, offensive blocking schemes and zone defenses are just as varied in six-man as in 11-man football.

"Adjustments to alignment and angles of attack are critical in this version of the game. The major difference is in the speed of the action on the field, but Lee said 40-time isn't as important as first-step quickness and reaction

time. And, there's a lot more running. As much happens to affect the play from behind as in front, which isn't the case in 11-man football. Players just can't make as much happen from behind," says Lee.

The coach plans on primarily running an unbalanced offensive line with an offset I backfield set to the weak side.

According to Lee, this will stretch the defense both vertically and laterally, and is difficult to defend against.

Texas is one of the few states that base their rules off of the NCAA standards.

For those not in the know, six-man football was invented in 1934, by a high school coach from Nebraska named Stephen Epler.

Four years later, the game made its way to the Lone Star State, and six-man football has never been the same since.

In 2001, there were 102 public schools and as many private schools playing six-man in Texas.

By comparison, a total of 50 teams competed in all other states that sanctioned state championships, including New Mexico, Colorado, and Montana.

Benjamin's Ben Grill honored

November 2 - On Friday, October 27, 2006 Ben Grill, retired superintendent of Benjamin ISD, was honored during a halftime ceremony by having the football stadium named in his honor.

As football fans from Benjamin and Guthrie looked on, C.H. Underwood, Benjamin teacher and girls head coach, read aloud a resolution of the City of Benjamin proclaiming October 27, 2006 "Ben Grill Day", signed by the governing body and presented by Mayor Stephen Kuehler.

Underwood, who, in 1972, along with Grill, coached the first Texas six-man state champions from O'Brien High School, then recognized Grill as a man.

One who, he said, the quote, "There is no limit to what a man can achieve if he doesn't care who gets the credit," epitomizes. Underwood went on to commend Grill for his 30 years at

Benjamin school before reading aloud a resolution by the Benjamin ISD Board of Trustees which named the football field and stadium "Ben Grill Field."

Grill, who was inducted into the Texas Six-Man Coaches Association Hall of Fame, led his Benjamin football teams to five district championships, three bi-district championships, one quarterfinals honor and two state semifinalists honors.

Phil Boone, assistant Principal at Wylie ISD is one of the eight players that Grill led to the state quarterfinals in 1987.

"We lost our coach two weeks before two-a-days started that year. We only had five guys come to two-a-days. We didn't even know if we'd have a team," said Boone.

Then, Grill stepped in to coach them and stuck with them, he said. They started the season

with eight players—five seniors, one junior and two freshmen. One player was hurt early in the season.

"It was difficult, but the rewards came later. Finding a goal and reaching it, that's what he is good at," said Boone of Grill.

"I have a tremendous amount of respect for him. His work ethic, his competitiveness. I didn't understand it then, but I see it now, what he was doing. The discipline, the repetitiveness. How important it is," said Boone, who also coached for seven years.

The 1987 Mustangs lost in the quarterfinals by one touchdown to the Lohn Eagles, who went on to win State that year.

"He's been an integral part to keeping that school, which is huge for a small community," said Boone. "He did a lot for us."

Richard "Dicky" McCanlies,

current Benjamin ISD Board President, presented Grill with the framed resolution naming the football field and stadium "Ben Grill Field" during the ceremony. He was also a student and athlete under Grill.

"He was tough. A strong disciplinarian. He knew how to get the best out of all his athletes and he brought all the same qualities into the administration. On several occasions we've missed Exemplary status by only a few tenths of a percent. We've been Recognized several years."

"That's quite a feat considering that a couple of poor test grades (in a school with low student population) can have a dramatic effect on the scoring. That has a lot to do with our teachers and his encouragement of them," said McCanlies.

Grill continues to volunteer in the community and also farms.

KC-O'Brien CISD adopts random drug testing policy

October 5 - The Knox City-O'Brien CISD has adopted a random drug testing policy for students involved in extracurricular activities beginning this semester.

The test will include a random selection of 20 percent of student participants during each testing period and may include testing of urine, hair or saliva.

If the initial test of a sample is positive, it will be confirmed with a second test; a sample won't be reported as positive unless both are returned positive.

The School Board has adopted the policy for a number of reasons.

The Board believes that the opportunity to participate in extracurricular activities is a privilege offered to students and that illegal drug use by students poses a hazard to the health, safety, and well being of the student

body.

The official objectives of the policy's adoption are: to provide a deterrent to the use of illegal drugs; to give students a valid reason to resist peer pressure to use illegal drugs; to prevent injury, illness, or harm as a result of illegal drug use; to maintain a drug-free school environment; and to educate students about the serious physical, mental and emotion harm caused by illegal drug use.

The scope of the policy includes all interscholastic athletics, cheerleading, academic clubs, special interest clubs, musical and dramatic performances, student government, and any other activity in which the student serves as a representative of the district. Many districts in the area have adopted similar policies including Seymour, Electra and Munday.

PUBLIC NOTICES

SPRING TAKS EXIT LEVEL TEST

The spring administration of the exit TAKS test will be conducted at 9:00 a.m. in the Knox City High School on the following dates:

- February 20, 2007 - Writing
- February 21, 2007 - Mathematics
- February 22, 2007 - Science
- February 23, 2007 - Social Studies

Individuals who are no longer enrolled in a Texas public school and who wish to register to retake the TAKS test may pick up a registration packet at the high school principal's office at Knox City high school. The test registration form must be completed and returned in the pre-addressed envelope and must be received in Austin, TX, no later than 5:00 p.m., January 19, 2007. A student can register for the TAKS test online by accessing the Texas Education Agency Student Assessment Division web site at <http://k12testing.tx.ncspearson.com> or by completing a registration form.

The Texas Education Agency and NCS Pearson will not be responsible for registration forms that are delayed or lost in the mail. To ensure that individuals are registered, forms should be sent by either registered mail or certified mail. Questions concerning the spring exit level test should be directed to the Texas Education Agency, Student Assessment Division, (512) 463-9536. Published December 21, 2006 and January 4, 2007

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Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to

be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 22210

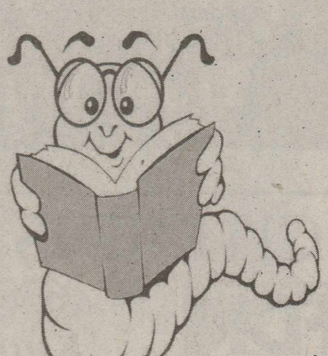
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Truscott-Gilliland News

Benjamin News

By Clara Brown
Gilliland and Truscott weather the last couple of weeks has ranged from sunny and almost warm to windy, snowing and then a slow, soft rain.

Not much moisture was received, but eve at less than an inch the Ridge entered January 1 with more recent moisture than usual this time.

Lula and Louis Baty report that all their children visited during the holidays. Louis Lee's three boys enjoyed another visit in the country with their grandparents.

Trenna and Mike Carlson had a houseful for supper Christmas even including Jim, Edith and Kerry Cash and Mike's two daughters and their families.

The Glenn Heards went to Morton Wednesday, December 27 to visit Shanna's parents, Doug and Paula Etheridge.

Ramona Horne visited with family in Wichita Falls during the holidays while Jack Horne and daughter Elaine visited in Gilliland with the Dennis and Tim Horne families, and in Haskell with Julie and her boys.

Ramona will have to make another trip to Wichita Falls, if she hasn't already, to visit a new great-grandson, Ezra Tuentes, born at 3 a.m. on December 30 to Cami and Red Tuentes of Wichita Falls.

Jane Looney spent Christmas time visiting daughter Kay Hardage and her husband Mike at Vernon and Jane's sister, Rachel and her husband Walter Carl Taylor.

Lee Looney spent a few days before Christmas visiting his

mother, Jane, and then went home so his wife Pat could visit her sister in Fort Worth. The big snow hit the panhandle while Pat was gone. A man who works for the Looneys lives about a mile down the road, but winds, blowing snow, and drifts kept him at the Looneys' overnight. They spent the next day digging a way to the barn and Lee reported Sunday they were still digging out and getting things working. Pat may have been glad she took the second shift on Christmas vacations.

Jacquelyn Richey and children, Sam and Claire, arrived from Houston Thursday, December 21 to visit her parents, Jack and Clara Brown.

On Friday the 22nd, Bill, Staci, Brisa and Brandel Brown drove in from Midland. Just as everyone was ready to sit down for turkey and dressing Ruth Mescall arrived with the Baytown bunch: Alex, Meagan, Rachel, Thomas, and Grace.

Joining them for their early Christmas dinner were Clara's sister, Joyce, and her husband Q.D. Williams of Floydada.

It was a sunny, crisp day and the five younger grandchildren played outside all afternoon, including hiking in the China Creek "forest."

Joyce and Q.D. went home in mid-afternoon and the rest of gathered around the Christmas tree that night. Everyone went home Saturday morning and the grandparents browsed on candy and nuts all day: no cooking that day.

The Browns have an addition to their household. One day, be-

fore the pre-Christmas snow, a big, white cat showed up prowling on China Creek. At first he would hide upon seeing people. Then, after one or two bowls of milk, he started showing up at the back door. The grandchildren held a vote and Mr. Tom Whiskers (Whiskers for short) won the naming.

Now he's mostly just "Cat," and shows up meowing at the back door soon after house lights come on.

His bowl of milk has a separate place from the dog's morning bowl, but the dog won't eat in the same room as the cat. She won't eat unless her food is placed in the living room and the door closed to keep the cat out. The cat loves dog food and would eat all the food if he could get to it.

They don't fight, though Jody has growled a time or two and Cat has fizzed and arched his back once or twice.

The problem is Jody thinks she owns this place and resents the intruder, while Cat (recently wild and homeless) knows he is king of the cats and of lesser beings, such as dogs and people. How long will the truce last?

A Truscott Community Foundation director reports a meeting of directors last week to amend the articles of incorporation as requested by the Secretary of State of Texas, and to amend the application of the Truscott Community Foundation to become a 501c3 organization by including a clause stating the Foundation should not benefit a single individual or family, as required by the I.R.S.

By Gladene Green

With the Christmas and New Year holidays behind us, maybe life can return to some sense of normalcy one more time.

It's been a series of Sundays for a lot of us. Just can't seem to get our days straight after so many holidays. I hope everyone had a wonderful time with family and friends. We sure did, but now it's on to the doings of 2007. I have a lot of news and know I've missed some, but maybe next week I can catch the rest of it.

Duke Open House

On December 23, Dennis and Pam Duke hosted their annual open house and Christmas party in their beautifully decorated home. It's always such a treat and enjoyed by many from the area. Everyone appreciates them for doing this at this very busy time of year.

Retiree Party

On Tuesday, December 19, the retiring Knox County officials were honored with an afternoon party in the assembly room of the courthouse. Punch and cookies were served to those in attendance. A pretty good crowd came by to wish those "going out" good luck.

Here 'N There

Lorene Powers hosted a pot luck dinner party in her home on Wednesday evening December 20. Lots of "goodies," plus an evening of fun and fellowship was enjoyed by those in attendance.

My family had our Christmas get-together on Friday the 22nd in the home of Mike and Debbie Moorhouse and Will. Present were Cody and Kyla Taylor and family of Iowa Park, Michael and Lynn Rogers of Snyder, Jessica Moorhouse of Tarleton State, Liz and Nathan Herring of Munday, Diane and Mike Evans and Ashlee and Wade, Beckie Keys, Dillon and Randi of Childress, Gladene Green, and, of course, the host family, of Benjamin. Chance Propps, student at U.T., came by for a visit also.

Spending Christmas with Jonnie Williams and Mary Bohannon were Jack "Corky" Barker of Tuscon, Arizona and Charlie and Jennifer Sheffer and Josh of Hawley.

E.O. and Irene Reed enjoyed

their kids on Christmas Day. Having lunch with them were Donnie and Valerie Reed and family of Seymour, and their Benjamin kids, Mark, Teresa and Brittney Kuehler, and Dicky, Laura, and Jenna McCanlies. Their other son, Gary, and family (also of Benjamin) were also unable to be there.

Loraine Powers spent Christmas with family and friends in Midland.

Imagean and Dutch Young hosted their family Christmas dinner on Saturday the 23rd. Present were Mike and Tina Young of Seymour, Jessica Richardson (also of Seymour), Jane Gideon, Deann Lamb, and Anthony Lamb (all of Benjamin). On Sunday, Dutch and Imagean left for their deer lease in hopes of having some luck before the season closes. And he did! No report on the size—just that he got one and after a number of trips, I'm sure he was pleased.

Bud Conner's family met at Bud's Café in Knox City for Christmas dinner. Present were Steve Conner of Big Spring, Keith and Pam Conner and Casey of Midland, Bob and Stephanie Brannon and family of Lubbock, Blaine Schaefer and family of Seymour, Jimmy and Michele Barrientez and family, Kim Moore and girls, Hazel Stockton, and Bud (all of Benjamin), and Steve Oliverez of Spur.

I talked to Sybil Simmons on Friday. She is having some health problems and will be having some surgery in a week or so. She asked us to remember her in our prayers. Sybil lives in Gilliland, but worked in our school system for many years and will well known by many here.

Christmas week guests of Omitene Barnett were Nan and Harmen Mathis of Seymour, Mr. and Mrs. Jerrel Barnett of Baytown, Wynelle Holloway of Fredericksburg, Annette Elliott, Mark Elliott and a friend, Samantha of Dallas, Mycal Elliott of Chicago, and Randy and Judy Barnett of Benjamin (and Alvin, Texas). Randy and Judy spent the Christmas weekend with his son and family in Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

Jane Gideon and Weldon Gideon had Christmas on New Years weekend. Visiting were

Sue Gideon, Summer and Jake of Dallas, and Lana Mendoza, Valerie, Sydney and Lexie, Colton Caldwell, and Royce Woods of Seymour.

Jan and Fred Carver had a full Christmas weekend. On Christmas Eve night their guests were Gary and Stasia Antilley of Guthrie, Ryan and Callie Antilley of Abilene, Halee Martin of Wichita Falls, Tyler and Jacy Collins of Seymour, Jera Gray of Munday, Tom Lyles of Lamesa, Dorothy Carver of Knox City, Mike and Tammy Lyles of Benjamin, and Cassie Lyles of McMurry.

On Christmas Day, Jan and Fred, Riley and Stephanie Carver and family of Knox City had lunch with Dorothy Carver in Knox City.

And on Christmas night, once again Fred and Jan entertained in their home when friends Dick and Carol Dickson, Jack and Judy Whitten, Gary and Janet Reid, and Buddy and Janice Tolson joined them for hamburgers and the trimmings, dominoes, and those who preferred watched the ball game.

Leroy and Gloria West had Christmas dinner with their daughter, Betty Parker and family in Aspermont. This past weekend (New Year's), Betty and her daughter, Chelsea, and Cathy Tomlinson of Denton visited Gloria and Leroy.

Jan Carver and Tammy Lyles were in Georgetown on Thursday and Friday for the Holiday tournament. McMurry, where daughter (and granddaughter) Cassie Lyles plays basketball, lost the first game to the University of Wisconsin. Jan said they saw some very good games.

Betty and Lewis Lyles spent Christmas Day and the day after with their daughter, Judy Robinson, and their family (those who could be there) in Sherman.

Jeff Conner of Lubbock came by his Uncle's (Bud Conner) one night last week for a short visit.

Kent Hertel (and daughter Victoria) was here this weekend to visit his dad, Don. Kent and his family lives in Plano.

Donnie is doing pretty well and will begin his chemotherapy treatments on Wednesday of this week. He will be taking them in Abilene.

Benjamin Basketball

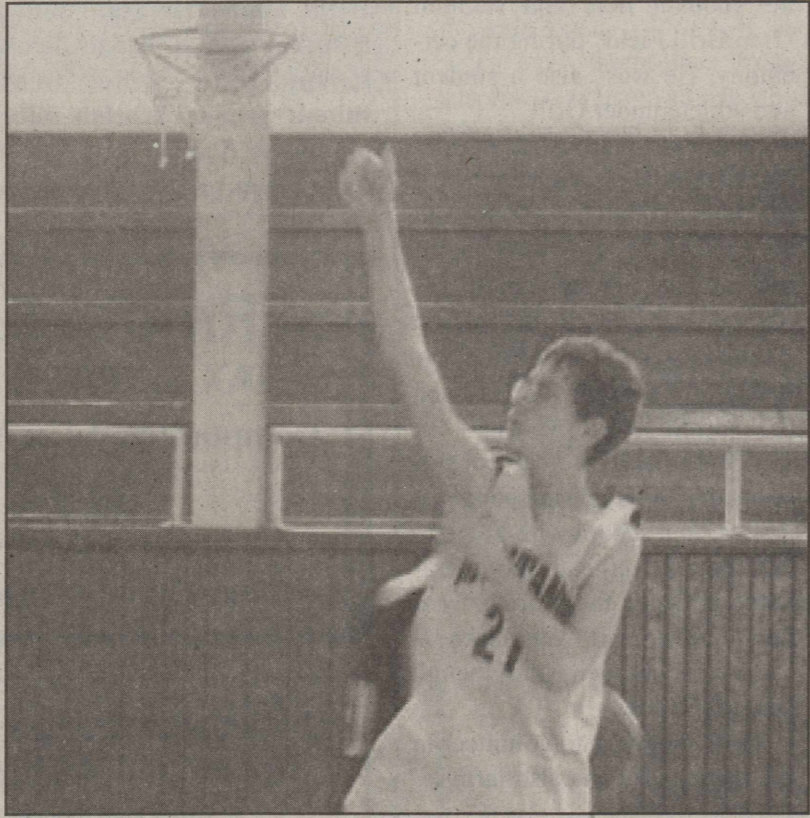
The Benjamin Mustangs and Lady Stangs traveled to Lueders Avoca on December 29.

The Lady Stangs JV and Varsity each won their games while the Mustangs lost in a close game.

The Mustangs and Lady Stangs were open on Tuesday, January 2, but will travel to Lubbock Christ the King on Friday, January 5th. Games will begin at 4 p.m.

The Mustangs and Lady Stangs will then open District play on Tuesday January 9 at home against Spur. Games will begin at 4 p.m.

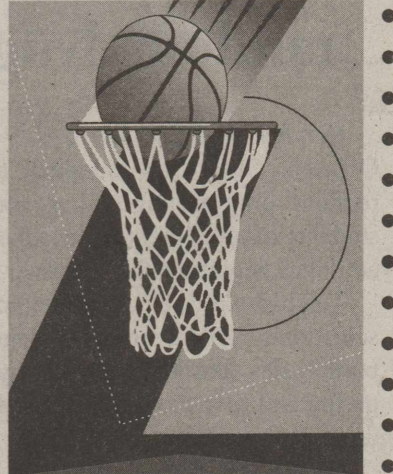
Pictured right, Will Moorhouse takes a shot during practice.



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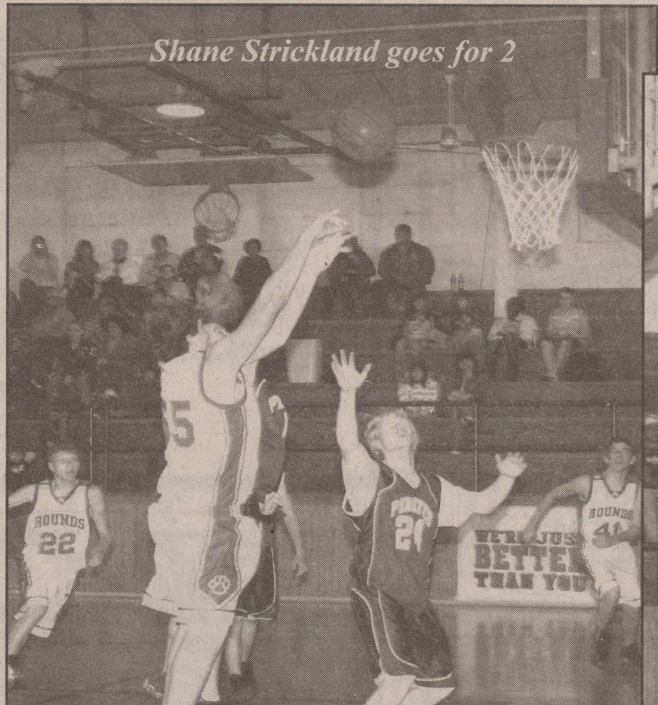
The Knox City Greyhounds and Houndettes kept the basketball court hot during the Christmas holidays.

Their first opponent was the Paint Creek Pirates. The Greyhounds and Houndettes with the home court advantage swept the Pirates in the December 19th games.

Then the home team faced off with the Anson Tigers at Anson on December 29th.

The Houndettes came home with a big win over the 2A Anson Lady Tigers but the Greyhounds fell short against the Tigers.

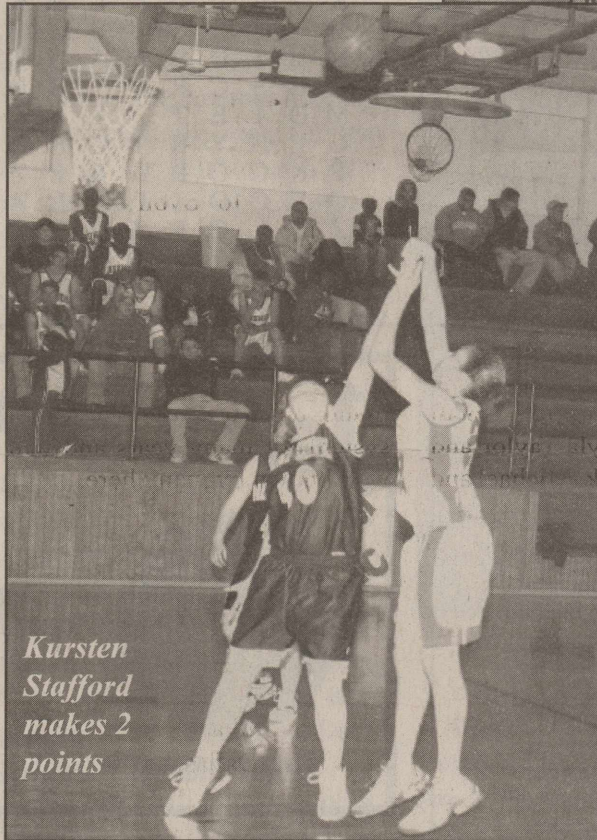
District play for the Greyhound teams will begin Friday when they face the Spur Bulldogs at Spur followed by another district game at home on Tuesday, Jan. 9 against the Jayton Jaybirds.



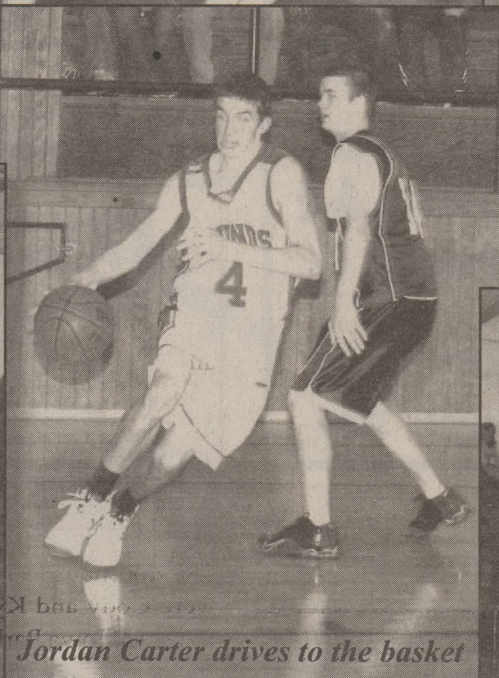
Shane Strickland goes for 2



Orrin Myers with the lay-up



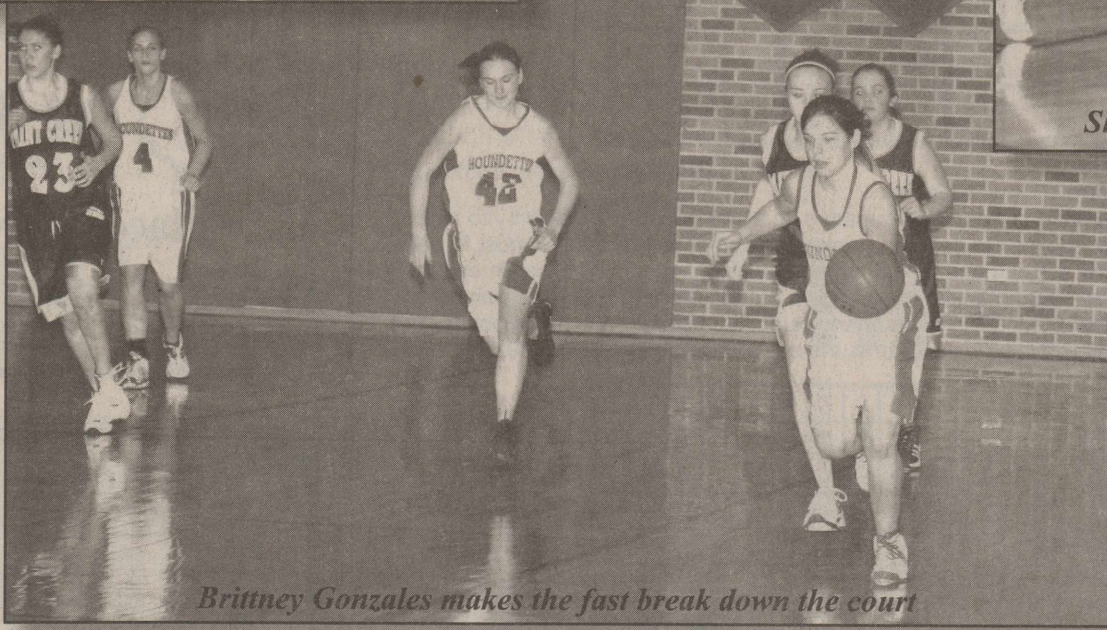
Kurstin Stafford makes 2 points



Jordan Carter drives to the basket



Shana Nicholson shoots for 3



Brittney Gonzales makes the fast break down the court

Basketball Game Concession Stand Work Schedule

January 9 - Jayton Game

JV Girls Games—

First Half - MJ Abila, Skyler Eades; Second Half - Kenyin Thompson, Bandy Moeller

JV Boys Games—

First Half - Brittany Baker, Laura Vasquez; Second Half - Michelle Espinosa, Iris Rodriguez

Varsity Girls Games—

First Half - Clay Clark, Derrick Coleman; Second Half - Bridgett Billington, Tiffany Wilde

Varsity Boys Games—

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			8				
	2	5	6			7	
	7			3			
2						1	
1	8		7	5			
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			9				
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2	9	8	4	7	8	6	5	9
4	4	1	3	2	2	7	4	6
6	9	3	4	3	2	6	9	4
2	9	6	9	6	8	8	2	3
1	4	7	1	6	4	7	9	8
4	6	7	2	1	3	3	6	9
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