

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18


FRIDAY, JANUARY 19


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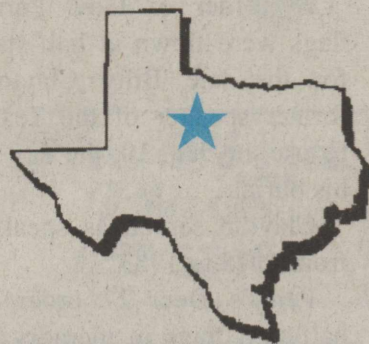
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Looking Ahead

"Mystical Magic of the Endangered"

Starring master illusionist Joe Exotic, will take place at the Mall of Abilene January 17 - January 21. Show times are Wednesday - Saturday at 6:00 p.m. and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. Admission is free. Any donations from the production are to help the endangered animals that live right here in the United States.

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.

Pink Ladies Meeting

The Knox County Auxiliary will meet Monday, January 22 at 5:00 p.m. in the Thrift Shop.

Knox County Retired School Personnel

Will have their monthly meeting at 2:30 on Tuesday, January 23rd at the Knox City Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. A program on weight control will be presented by Karen Stiewert, Family Nurse Practitioner. Members are asked to bring their book donations as well as their reports on volunteer hours and steps walked for the past year.

KC Historical Commission Annual Fund raising Meal
 Sunday, February 4. Food items are brisket, turkey, sausage, coleslaw, beans and homemade pies. Door prizes! Silent Auction and Quilt giveaway. Proceeds go to the museum.

The Noah Project

The Noah Project — North is having their annual dinner-theatre and silent auction Saturday, February 10 at the Haskell Civic Center. The fun begins at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12.50 each and \$6 for children 10 years and younger.

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.

Benjamin Seniors

Fundraiser Basketball Game
 Saturday, February 24. Spaghetti meal at noon at the Benjamin school. The game will start at 1:00 p.m. KAUZ News Channel 6 - Sixers vs. 2007 Benjamin Senior Class - B-Town Ballers. The elementary students will provide halftime entertainment. All proceeds go towards the senior trip.

Local 4-H'ers hope work pays off at County Show

Brylee White has named all of her goats. "Wild Bill", "Gaston" and "Brownie" will make their stock show debut this Friday evening at the Knox County Junior Livestock Show in Munday. This will be Brylee's second show, however; third if the rescheduled Knox City livestock show is held on Wednesday. Her first show was a jackpot show in Boerne this summer where she placed 5th in her class with a pig. She has two Durocs that she will also be showing at the county show, but "she doesn't name her pigs," laughed her dad, Kevin White. She's a little excited and nervous about the county show, her mom, Amy, said.

In November, Brylee was still trying to gentle the goats down, leading and feeding them. "They've been pruning my trees for me," said Brylee's mom, Amy. "Whenever they get out." Rojo, the family dog, keeps an eye on them, though, and puppy, Biscuit, chases them around the pen.

When county extension agent Terry Utley came by in November, Brylee helped him change out the goat's ear tags. Brylee's parents help her each day with the goats. She feeds them in the morning and afternoon and also walks them in the afternoon. When her dad, Kevin, comes home in the evening, they go take care of the pigs. The goats are kept at the White's house

and the pigs are not.

The goats have stayed healthy and the recent cold snap hasn't affected them at all. "She's (Brylee) had fun breaking the ice, though" said Amy. They did "fix up" the goats shelter to make it warmer and fed them a little more.

Brylee seems to find the fun in it all. The goats like to nibble on her clothes. They play with each other, and Brownie sometimes tries to eat all the food. Brownie also likes to head butt the other goats. "She's the boss," giggled Brylee. She has really enjoyed working with the goats.

Brylee will also show at San Antonio and San Angelo this year.

On Friday, broilers will begin the livestock show, at 5 p.m. That will be followed by rabbits and sheep. Goats will begin showing at the Knox County Junior Livestock Show after the sheep on Friday in Munday.

In November, Cody Propps was still busy with his 4-H pigs. Two still needed to be cut, and he was regulating all of their diets. When they were first brought over behind his house from the FFA Farm that month, sand had to be hauled in by wheelbarrow for the pig pens and it took two days.

The watering system had to be repaired. Boards had to be put up to keep hay in, and heat lamps and electricity had to be brought in to the pig's barn. He had to clean out the pens often, "you got

to, or the flies get bad," he said.

While walking a couple of the pigs, one made a mad dash back to the barn, where the food was, which had Cody scrambling after him exclaiming, "Oh! He's hungry, he's on a diet!" Last year, he says, he went through four different kinds of feed to get the right one to keep them healthy. And when walking them, he's choosy. "I can't get them all out at once. Usually just two at a time and they have to be the one's that get along," Cody said. And they have to be weighed diligently and often. The Propps' keep a close eye on what the pigs weigh the entire time they have them and keep a record of it for reference.

Fast forward to January and some things don't change. Except the intensity that it's being done. With the county stockshow coming up this Friday and Saturday in Munday, Cody has still been regulating his pig's feed to keep them at a prime weight, walking them every afternoon, working with them more and just this past week, clipped their hair for the upcoming county show.

Cody has four pigs total, and his cousin's, Shaylee Propps, four pigs stay at his place, too. They'll each be taking three pigs to the county show. The other two pigs, the "Houston (stockshow) pigs" don't weigh enough, yet.

"Since Terry's been here, we've been getting up with the 'big dogs' and trying to win



Brylee White leads one of her goats

something big," Cody said about Terry Utley, Knox County Extension Agent. But, he says, that depends a lot on the judge, too.

Cody's pigs haven't had any major health issues. When they were cut, if they became swollen or developed a cough, they'd get an antibiotic injection.

"Some have gotten crippled up, but we've taken care of that.

They just get too stiff in the back end, so we'll haul more sand in. Their pads might get cut up. Sometimes we'll give them a shot to help them heal," said Cody.

The recent cold spell didn't bother them too much. In fact, it might have done them some good, he says.

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Truscott Gains New Community Center

The citizens of Truscott once again have a place to gather. Their new community center has been completed, aside from some decorating and a few minor details, according to Truscott Community Foundation's Treasurer and Director Jerry Bob Daniel.

The community of Truscott began thinking about a new community center about three years ago and began the groundwork at the beginning of August 2006. The building was completed in early December 2006.

The building has a large and welcoming porch that precedes a foyer, where old black and white photos will be hung. Off the foyer is the men's and women's restrooms styled in a rustic western motif. Continuing inside, a large meeting room, that will seat seventy, according to Daniel, leads to a spacious and modern kitchen with stainless steel appliances. There is also a large supply closet and the building has central heat and air conditioning.

"We'll probably stain the (concrete) floor later," said

Daniel.

A door at the back opens up to a 2000 square foot pavilion with a concrete floor and tin roof. The pavilion was constructed in such a way that it can be enclosed very easily should the need ever arise, said Daniel. The pavilion has fluorescent lights and also dimmer lights, which can be used at dances.

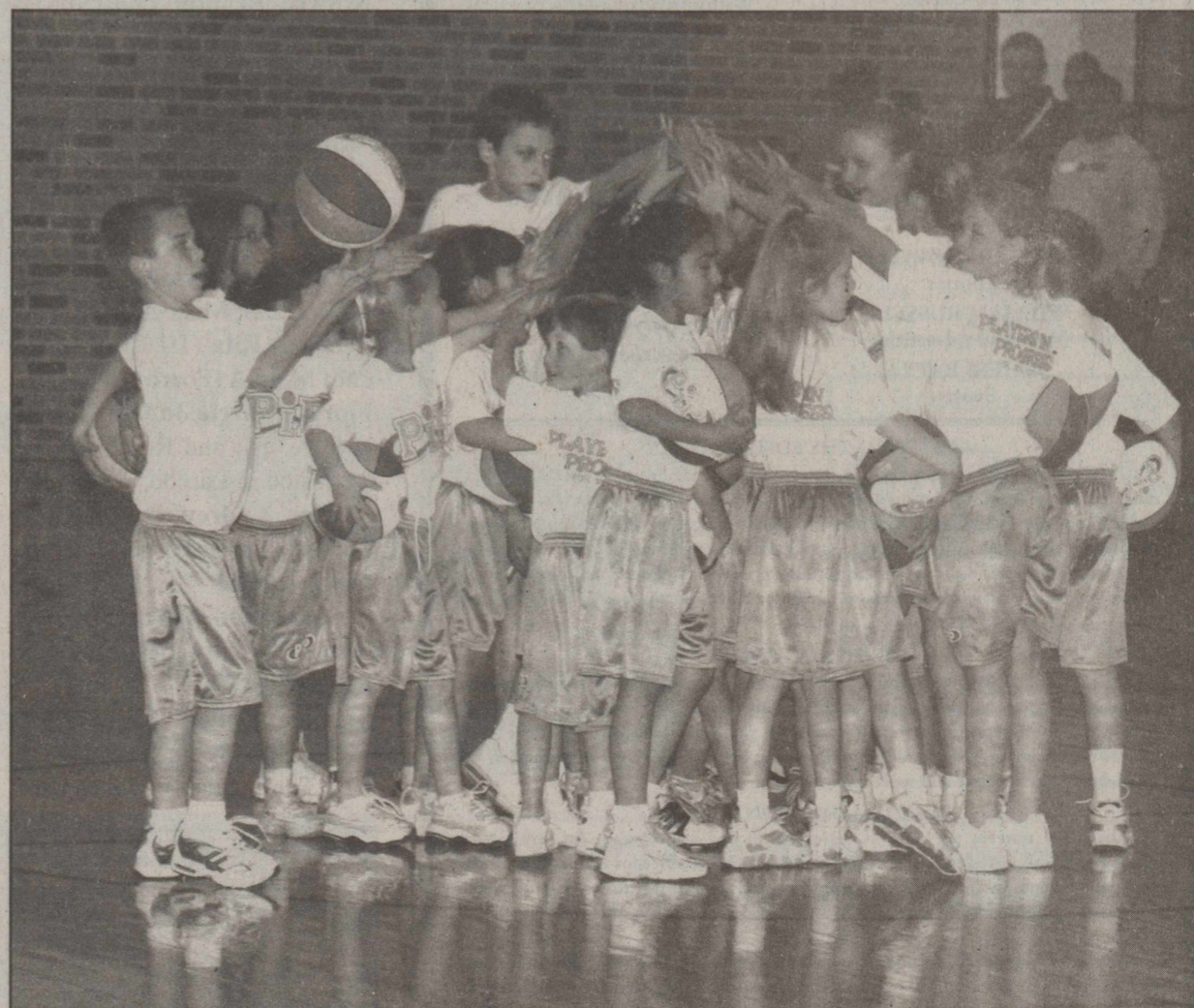
There is one storage building next to the community center. Hopes are to add another one soon to house the tables and chairs when they are not in use. Currently, there are thirty eight-foot tables and two hundred chairs at the building.

Most of the lots in the block where the community center sits have been donated to the Truscott Community Foundation by their owners, and those that have not been donated have been loaned for use.

Where the old drug store, grocery store and Post Office once sat to the west, plans are to add a parking lot. A corner stone still sits where the old buildings once stood.

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Knox City PIPS perform at half time during Knox City basketball games



The Knox City PIPS astonished the crowd at the Knox City basketball games last Tuesday evening at half time with their ball handling skills. See the Knox City basketball highlights on page 7.

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STATE CAPITAL



HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - After the 80th regular session of the Texas Legislature convened on Jan. 9, House members spent a few hours debating their way to a decision on how the vote for speaker would be conducted.

After the body finally decided that the vote would be a recorded vote, not by secret ballot, state Rep. Jim Pitts, R-Waxahachie, ended his quest to unseat incumbent Speaker Tom Craddick, R-Midland.

Members voted from their

Challenge to unseat House Speaker Craddick dissipates

desks, electronically. The tally was 121-27: Craddick was elected to his third consecutive term as speaker. No Republican member voted against him.

Inaugural festivities planned

Jan. 16 is inauguration day for Gov. Rick Perry and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst.

Plans include the swearing-in ceremony on the south steps of the Capitol, a barbecue on the west grounds of the Capitol, a mid-day parade on Congress Avenue, and an evening black-tie ball at the Austin Convention Center.

In other business, the Texas House and Senate conducted a joint session Jan. 11 to canvass votes from the Nov. 7 election.

House and Senate members served as tellers in the canvass and they affirmed Perry was the top vote-getter

in the race for governor with 1,716,792 votes. Closest in the vote count was Democrat Chris Bell of Houston, with 1,310,337 votes.

Dewhurst pulled the most votes in the race for lieutenant governor with 2,513,530. His closest rival was Democrat Maria Luisa Alvarado of San Antonio, with 1,617,490 votes.

Guv names emergency items

Gov. Perry on Jan. 12 made public two emergency items for the Legislature to work on this session:

• "Legislation authorizing the reduction of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for public school purposes on the residence homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect any reduction in the rate of those taxes."

• "Legislation providing that state appropriations made for the purpose of directly re-

ducing local property taxes and state appropriations made for the purpose of returning state funds to the public do not count against the constitutional state spending limits and authorizing the Legislature to provide for the grant of public money for the purpose of returning state funds to the public."

Combs issues revenue statement

State Comptroller Susan Combs on Jan. 8 said the Texas Legislature will have \$14.3 billion in new money to spend in the 2008-2009 state budget.

Combs issued the required biennial revenue estimate, reporting to the Legislature and the governor that \$82.5 billion in general revenue is available for appropriation.

Combs said she anticipates \$77.5 billion in general revenue income during the next biennium, plus a \$7 billion

ending balance for the current biennium.

Less \$2 billion in oil and gas production tax revenue that must be set aside in the Rainy Day Fund, the bottom line is \$82.5 billion that is available to spend.

"That is approximately \$14.3 billion dollars more than the current \$68.2 billion budget," Combs said.

Abbott lists accomplishments

On Jan. 5, after taking the oath of office for his second four-year term, Attorney General Greg Abbott, listed four things he's especially proud of:

- \$7 billion collected in child support;
• \$300 million awarded to or on behalf of crime victims;
• \$175 million recovered in Medicaid fraud, waste and abuse; and
• 500 child predators ar-

Flags lowered in Clayton's honor

By order of Gov. Perry, flags were flown at half-staff for the late Billy Clayton, former speaker of the Texas House, on Jan. 10, the day of his burial.

Clayton served as speaker from 1975 to 1983.

Perry's Dec. 27 order to half-staff flags in memory of 38th U.S. President Gerald R. Ford remains in effect through Jan. 25. Ford died Dec. 26 at age 93.

House to observe M.L. King Day

House members unanimously adopted H.R. 54 by Rep. Helen Giddings, D-

DeSoto, declaring the House of Representatives would not meet Jan. 15 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

COW POKES

By Ace Reid



"Yeah, I'm gonna examine you jist as soon as I examine your Blue Cross."

King County Stock Show slated January 26 and January 27

King County will hold their annual King County Livestock & Project Show on January 26 and 27 at the King County Community Center Complex. Ninety-eight animals and some 200 project entries are expected from FFA, FCCLA and 4-H exhibitors.

All items, except food, can be checked in the Project Show on Thursday, from 2:00-6:00 p.m. On Friday, food items may be checked in, along with other project show items. All animals must be in the Show barn by Noon on Friday.

Project show judging begins at 1 p.m. on Friday, and weighing of animals begins at 1:00 p.m. with goats and steers, followed by sheep and rabbits at 1:30 and swine at 2 p.m. On Saturday, judging begins at 9 a.m. with goats, followed by sheep, swine, rabbits, and steers. Projects may be viewed from 9 to 12

pm. At 5:30p.m. a donor-buyer barbecue supper will be held, and the premium sale will be at 7 p.m. Approximately 16 goats, 8 sheep, 20 swine, 2 steers, 3 rabbits and 2 projects will qualify for the Premium Sale. Each exhibitor can qualify up to two animals or one animal and one project for the sale.

Judge for the 2007 Livestock Show is Brandon Anderson, from Haskell, Texas. Blaine Chapman of Lubbock will once again auctioneer the Premium Sale.

King County Livestock Association Directors are President-Monte Hollar, Vice-President-Jay Hurt, Secretary/Treasurer-Beverly Hollar, Auditor-Cynthia Fox, Travis Adams, Kelly Butler, Rick Criswell, Phil Fox, Lynn Hill, Justin Johnson, Reggie Hatfield, Gary Antilley, Bob Burkett, Marianna Graves and Beth Whitener.



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Knox County Sheriff's Report

Brown, Brandy (12/25/06) - MTR/TBC; Misd B

Saucedo, Alejandro (12/30/06) - DWI, 2nd; Misd-A

Munoz, George (12/29/06) - FTA Possession of Marijuana; Misd-B (Arrested in Midland, TX)

Escabedo, Natividad (12/31/06) - DWI, 2nd; Misd-A

Jiminez, Rita (1/1/07) - DWI, 2nd; Misd-A (Foard Co.)

Flores, Marco JoAnn (1/9/07) - FTA "Hit and Run;" Misd-A (Arrested in Laredo, TX)

Macias, Andrew Jr. (1/11/07) - Forgery; Fel-3; Forgery; SJF

Pryor, Allen Merl (1/12/07) - Aggravated Sexual Assault; Fel-1; Burglary of Habitation; Fel-2 (Haskell Co.)

Macias, Michael Ray (1/12/07) - FTA Theft; Misd-B, Knox Co.; FTA Theft; Misd-C, Jones Co.

Last Puzzle Solution grid with letters and numbers.

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Crossword puzzle grid with clues and solutions. Includes 'The Original TEXAS CROSSWORD by Charley & Guy Orbison'.

BAXTER BLACK

ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

CARBON OFFSETS

By Baxter Black, DVM

Why do the names "The Conservation Fund" and "Natural Resource Defense Council" send a chill down my spine? I guess because they routinely seem to be against drilling our own oil, cutting our own trees and raising our own beef.

I've always contended that if they wanted to reduce pollution, save endangered species and regenerate wetlands, they should start in their own backyards in the middle of New York City, San Francisco and Washington, DC.

"WHAT!" you say? Why, they'd be laughed out of the Kingdom if they sued to prevent the rebuilding of the Twin Towers because it used to be duck habitat. Suburbia, I suspect, is the biggest source of their donations; they wouldn't dare offend their donors.

The biggest new hypocrisy on the horizon is their "carbon

offsets," if you have 3 cars, two homes, your own espresso maker, weed eater, pool heater, electric blanket, child with wire braces, redwood deck, Evinrude motor, or fly to Minneapolis regularly to visit your folks (i.e., consume lots of "carbon-based" electricity, gas, oil, coal, cement, diamonds, wood or plastic), you can "offset" their negative effect on the planet by guess how?

"That's right! Send them money!" They will plant trees.

I'm keeping my eye on this latest version of "The Emperor's New Clothes." If it works there is no reason that those of us who actually live in those places on the Sierra Club calendar, couldn't also benefit. I could offer to ride my horse to check the cows instead of driving the pickup. My old pickup gets 4 miles to the gallon. An 8 mile trip would save 2 gallons of gas at @ \$2.39/gal = say, 5

bucks rounded off. 2 trips a week, 104 x \$5 = \$120. Send it to me instead of the Nature Conspiracy. Or how about digging a posthole with a shovel instead of an auger. What's that worth?

Those of you already irrigating with shovels or moving sprinkler pipe by hand could make a killing on carbon offsets! Just leave the four-wheeler at the house.

How 'bout carpooling to the coffee shop every morning instead of driving your own pickup. In California alone they'd save enough to buy Gov. Schwarzenegger another Humvee!

Has anyone calculated the environmental cost of cell phone towers? I could offer a carbon-offset to guilty cell phone-aholics. They could pay me \$1 every time I didn't make a call.

All of this offset hoorah is silly. To think you can pay a shyster to maintain the pretense of your environmentalism is as cheesy as a senator feeling generous because he gave YOUR money to a worthy cause.

It's all about personal integrity, something you can't buy.

Noah Project to host annual dinner-theatre February 10

The Noah Project — North is having their annual dinner-theatre and silent auction Saturday, February 10 at the Haskell Civic Center.

The money raised will be used to help victims of family violence in the counties of Haskell, Jones, Knox, Stonewall and Throckmorton.

With budget cuts and no rain, this fund raiser is very important to our program.

"According to Philipians," a gospel group, will be the entertainment and a brisket dinner will be served.

There will be a silent auction also. The fun begins at 6:00 p.m.!

We shall be contacting you for donations to our silent auction.

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Correction—

Last week, the Knox County News inadvertently stated that Kayla Stewart of Knox City placed 4th at the West Texas Fair and Rodeo. Kayla actually won Reserve Breed Champion at the West Texas Fair and Rodeo.

Community Center—



The new Community Center in Truscott

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"It just didn't want to come down. All the other walls collapsed really quickly when I was tearing them down, but that one just wouldn't go, so I gave up. We'll probably put a marker on it," said Daniel.

The foundations of the buildings were in very poor shape, according to Daniel. "It was sad to see the old buildings go down," he continued.

On the east side plans are to plant grass and perhaps add some playground equipment.

A sidewalk will also be added out front. The mail boxes will be moved from the west side of the building to the east side.

The new community center's bricked exterior is made of the cleaned bricks that once made up the other three buildings.

"We used about 8,000 and have about 5,000 cleaned ones left. There are another 4,000 to 5,000 left to be cleaned," said Daniel. Locals helped clean the bricks.

Funds were raised for the

community center project by selling five hundred "Cookin' Between the Wichitas" cookbooks, which contain recipes from locals, ranch horse cuttings at the Daniel's Circle Bar Ranch near Truscott, personal donations and grant money received from the Meadows Foundation in the amount of \$37,500, with help from the Knox County RC&D.

"They are a wonderful organization. I can't say enough about them," said Daniel.

To finance the upkeep of the building, fundraisers will continue to be held, maybe dances and hopes are high to start having the ever popular "Grandma's Dinners" once again.

Ranch cuttings will also continue to be held on the Circle Bar Ranch each summer to help with expenses.

In addition, two hundred more of the "Cookin' Between the Wichitas" cookbooks were ordered and have come in, according to Daniel. They can be purchased at his office, which

is the restored bank building in Truscott.

Already, the new community center has been used for gatherings. The Truscott Homecoming was held there, an election and the 25th anniversary party for Jerry Bob and his wife, Eugenie.

"We had about 350 people here for that," he said.

Locally, Dunham Construction of Crowell was the main contractor for the job. Dale Turner Construction did most of the inside work, including beautiful solid wood doors that grace the interior. Danny Hrcirik of Seymour completed the plumbing, heating and air conditioning and Buddy Tolson of Benjamin did the septic work. The Circle Bar did a lot of volunteer work, also.

The building can be reserved for events.

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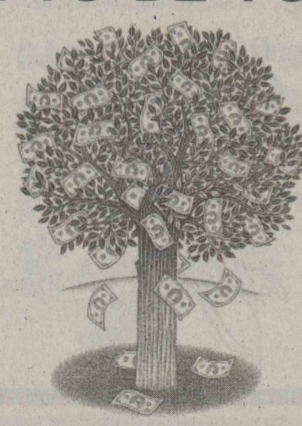
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Obituaries

Estelle Tankersley Giddens

Estelle Tankersley Hawkins Giddens, 94, of Knox City, died Friday, January 12, 2007 in a Haskell Nursing Center. A Funeral Service was held 1:30 p.m., Sunday, January 14, 2007 at the First Baptist Church, Knox City. Burial followed in the Knox City Cemetery under the direction of Mansell-Smith Funeral Home, Knox City.



Estelle was born January 8, 1913 in Goodwater, Alabama, the daughter of the late J.W. Tankersley and Virgie Sasser Tankersley. While in Knox City she was an active Cub Scout and Boy Scout Leader for many years. She also owned several businesses, including the City Motel, the City Cafe, and the Family Boutique clothing store. She owned a beauty salon in Abilene, and was active in farming cotton in the Sunset School area. She also raised palamino show horses.

While living in Wichita Falls, she was an active and faithful member of the Patrons of the Red Door Senior Citizens. Estelle was a lifetime resident and member of the First Baptist Church, Knox City.

She was preceded in death by her parents; infant son, Jay Douglas Hawkins; daughter Betty Taylor in 2000; husbands J.G. Hawkins, John Tippie, and Robert Giddens; brother Buddy Tankersley; sisters Ozelle Stephens, Mamie Emerson, Ruth Middlebrook, and Virginia Adkins.

She is survived by her son Don Hawkins and wife Marla of Knox City; daughter Jeanette Stepp of Wichita Falls; grandsons Dale Bloxham and Travis Hawkins of Knox City; granddaughters Kimberly Hawkins of Abilene, Lezlee Moore of Mansfield; great-grandchildren Nathan Bloxham of Olney, Natalie Rodriguez of Vernon, two great-grandchildren, granddaughters Merri Graham, Lynn Beason, brother Samuel Tankersley and wife June of Knox City; Sister-in-law Flora Tankersley of Knox City; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Cross Country Emmaus Community, P.O. Box 211, Knox City, Texas 79529.

Copper Breaks reschedules Hunter Safety course

Severe winter weather has forced Copper Breaks State Park to reschedule the state-approved hunter safety course.

The course will now be held on Saturday, January 27, 2007 and Sunday January 28, 2007, according to Wendell Barberee, lead ranger at the park.

"Even though it was inconvenient for everyone to make the schedule change, it is a great opportunity to sign up for the class because we still have spaces available," Barberee said.

The 12-hour course is required by law for all hunters born after September 2, 1971. Proof of course completion must accompany hunting licenses. Course hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday with a half-hour lunch. The class continues from 1:00 to 5 p.m. on Sunday. It is suggested that participants bring a lunch for Saturday.

Enrollment is limited, with

reservations requested. Participants must be 12 years old to receive certification. Younger hunters may attend the course if accompanied by an adult, but they cannot be certified.

Certified Hunter Safety instructor and park Lead Ranger Wendell Barberee will teach the course.

A non-refundable advance payment of \$15 per person is required for reservation in the course. Park admission, normally \$2 per person, will be waived for class participants. Hunting licenses are also available at the park.

For more information on Copper Breaks State Park programs or facilities, or to sign up for the hunter safety course, call (940) 839-4331.

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Winter storm preparedness

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- Be extremely careful when using any alternate forms of heating, cooling, cooking and lighting.

- If an outage occurs, unplug or turn off major appliances and electronic equipment like televisions, VCRs and computers. Turn them on one at a time when power is restored.

Stay tuned to local news media for updates on the storm situation and recovery progress. Updates on major outages also will be posted on www.aeptexas.com.

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Thursday, Jan. 25 - Chicken Fried Steak with Gravy, Salad, Hominy Casserole, Biscuit and Cake

Friday, Jan. 26 - BBQ on a Bun, Potato Salad, Baked Beans and Dessert

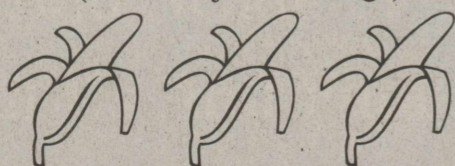
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Knox County Livestock Show Schedule

Friday, January 19

10:00 a.m. — Begin weighing lambs, goats, pigs

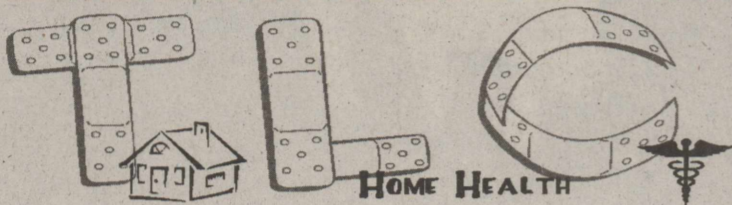
4:00 p.m. — Weigh-in rabbits and broilers

5:00 p.m. — Show begins; ordered as follows:

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- Rabbits
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Saturday, January 20

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KC Basketball Game Concession Stand Work Schedule

January 18

Benjamin Games

JV Girls Games—

First Half - Bandy Moeller, Joe Albus; Second Half - Kenyin Thompson, Jordan Carter

JV Boys Games—

First Half - Shelby Gutierrez, Cody Waincott; Second Half - Iris Rodriguez, Laura Harrington

Varsity Girls Games—

First Half - Matt Stumpf, Skyler Eades; Second Half - Chance Agraz, Tiffany McCrary

Varsity Boys Games—

First Half - Mea Abila, Sarah Burt; Second Half - Shana Nicholson, Kursten Stafford

January 23

Spur Games

JV Girls Games—

First Half - Travis Hawkins, Shane Strickland; Second Half - Andrew England; Jordan Carter

JV Boys Games—

First Half - Brittany Baker, Samantha Esquivel; Second Half - Laura Vasquez, Tammy Gonzales

Varsity Girls Games—

First Half - Matt Stumpf, Orrin Myers; Second Half - Brandon Grimsley, Amos Lerma

Varsity Boys Games—

First Half - Jessy Schur, Bridgett Billington; Second Half - Brynn Moore, MJ Abila

Colton Daniel Wins at Denver Stockshow and Rodeo



Colton Daniel of Truscott at the Denver Stock Show and Rodeo

On Wednesday, January 10 Colton Daniel and his mother, Eugenie Daniel, of Truscott left for Denver, Colorado at 3 a.m. to participate in the Denver Stock Show and Rodeo.

Colton showed their stallion, Circle Bar Pistol in the Ranch Versatility Horse Class and won

the cutting under two judges the next morning.

They competed in a total of five classes over two days; cutting, working cow horse, trail, western riding and conformation.

Colton won the amateur division with a payback check total-

ling almost \$2,000. Colton and Circle Bar Pistol also won third in the open division.

The Daniel's pulled out of Denver late Thursday afternoon and arrived in Truscott close to 4 a.m., just ahead of last week's big winter ice storm.

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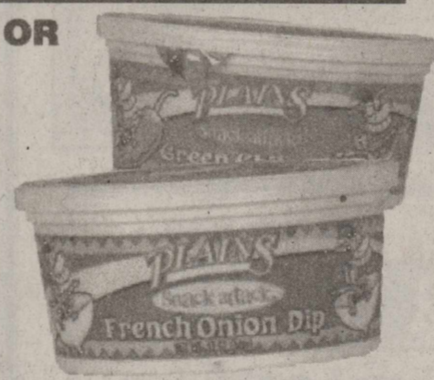
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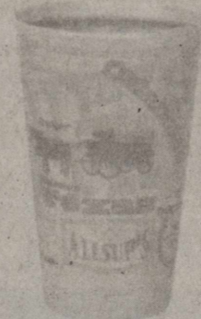
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Benjamin Basketball

The Benjamin Mustangs and Lady Stangs held their Tuesday game at home last week against the Spur Bulldogs and Spurettes.

The Lady Stangs fell in a disappointing loss with a score of 55-48. Foul trouble late in the game became a powerful opponent for the Lady Stangs, leading some Lady Stangs to foul out of the game.

The Mustangs also fell the Spur with a final score of 64-56. The Mustangs started the game out with a slowly played first half, but came back in the second ready to win.

Technical fouls on each team in the second quarter put players from both teams, up on the free throw line.

Tensions rose in the second half with Benjamin playing hard for a win, leading to another Spur technical in the 4th quarter. Benjamin continued to close in, but missed free throws factored into the loss.

The Benjamin teams braved the oncoming ice storm on Friday and traveled to Jayton to round out their week of play. The Lady Stangs won by twelve points.

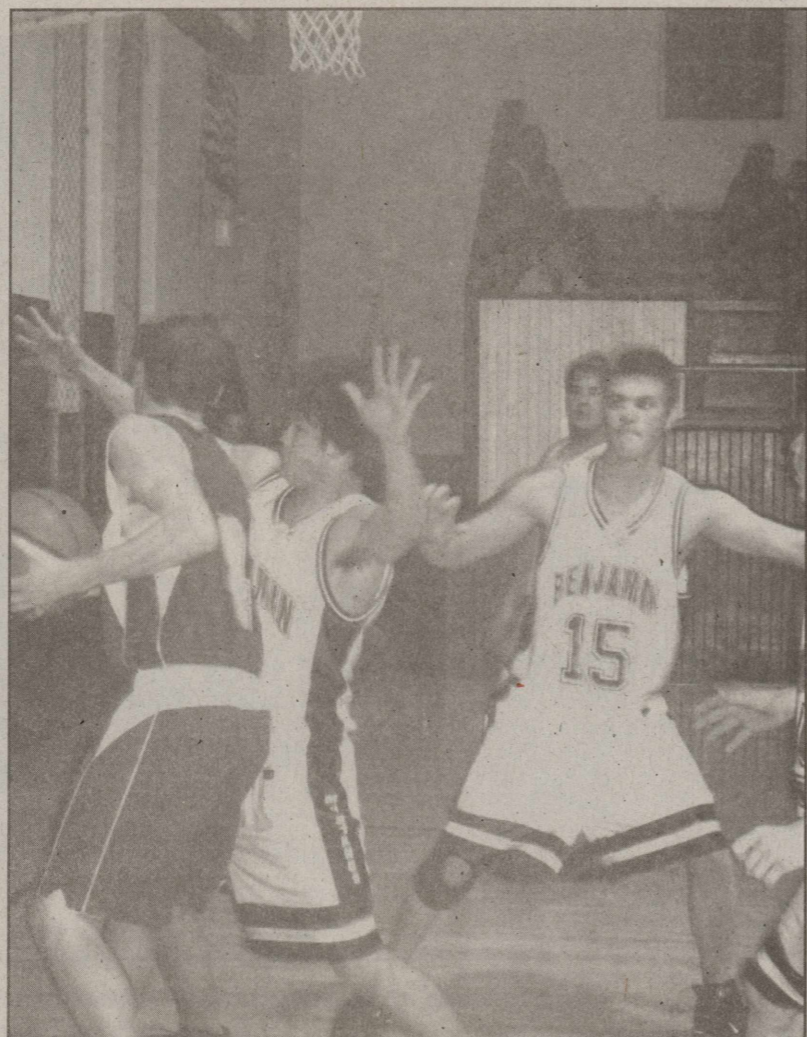
The Mustangs lost their game, but according to Benjamin Head Coach Danny Copeland, played much better in the second half. Final scores were unavailable for this match.

Copeland has taken over both teams upon the retirement of Coach C.H. Underwood at the beginning of 2007.

The Mustangs and Lady Stangs played Guthrie at home on Tuesday. They will travel to Knox City on Thursday.

This game is set for Thursday because the Knox County Jr. Livestock Show will be on Friday and Saturday of this week. The results from the games will be in next week's issue of the News.

The junior high boys game was cancelled due to weather conditions on Monday. The boys will play Jayton at home on Monday the 22nd.



Kyle Wilson blocks the lane for a shot while #15 Lucas Cartwright also guards the lane



Karla Benson looks for an open pass

Local 4-H'ers — continued

(Continued from Page 1)

They were trying to cut back on some of their water for the upcoming show.

Since November, they've gained about average, Cody said, 30-40 pounds each.

Pigs will begin showing at 8 a.m. on Saturday at the Knox County Junior Livestock Show in Munday.

Krystyn Myers, a junior at Munday High School stays very busy.

She stays busy with school activities and still has to make time for her livestock projects, but, she says, she's used to it because she's been doing it all for so long.

She has four steers, and four pigs. She works with them as often as she can, and her mom helps her out, too.

She says that she may spend anywhere from a few minutes to an hour with them each day.

They have to be fed twice a day, tied up and walked anywhere from 30 minutes to an hour.

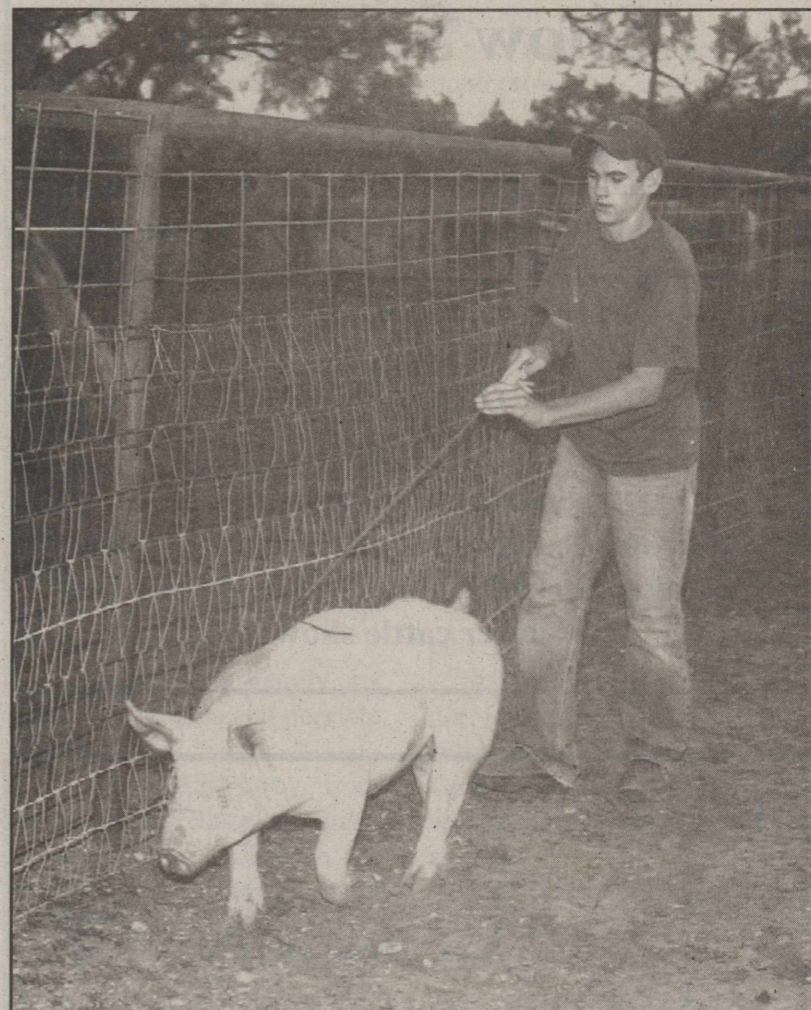
Each week, in addition to feeding them everyday and walking them, they have to be washed.

This week, they have to have a haircut to be show ready. They've stayed healthy this year, and she hasn't had any major problems with them.

She may take two steers to the county show on Saturday, and she hasn't decided about the pigs yet.

She'll also be showing this year in Ft. Worth, San Antonio, Houston and maybe Austin. So far this year, she has only shown at Dallas.

Steers will begin showing after the pigs this Saturday at the Knox County Junior Livestock Show in Munday.



Cody Propps walking one of his pigs



Krystyn Myers with one of her steers at last years County Stock Show

BENJAMIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2006

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 509,788	\$ 5,619	\$ 515,407
State Program Revenues	400,159	-7,837	407,996
Federal Program Revenues	9,185	85,290	94,475
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 919,132	\$ 98,746	\$ 1,017,878
EXPENDITURES			
Instruction	\$ 505,113	\$ 62,976	\$ 568,089
Instructional Resources and Media Services	6,865	-	6,865
Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	3,604	-	3,604
School Leadership	9,458	155	9,613
Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	8,670	-	8,670
Health Services	95	-	95
Student (Pupil) Transportation	30,516	355	30,871
Food Services	-	46,566	46,566
Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	75,997	147	76,144
General Administration	146,818	359	147,177
Plant Maintenance and Operations / Security	212,751	270	213,021
Data Processing Services	23,701	-	23,701
Intergovernmental Payments to SSA's	27,462	-	27,462
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 1,050,850	\$ 110,828	\$ 1,161,678
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	\$ (131,718)	\$ (12,082)	\$ (143,800)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers In	\$ -	\$ 12,082	\$ 12,082
Transfers Out (Use)	(12,082)	-	(12,082)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	\$ (12,082)	\$ 12,082	\$ -
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	\$ (143,800)	\$ -	\$ (143,800)
Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	1,191,195	-	1,191,195
FUND BALANCE - AUGUST 31 (ENDING)	\$ 1,047,395	\$ -	\$ 1,047,395

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Benjamin Volunteer Fire Department Elects Officers

The Benjamin Volunteer Fire Department met in a regular meeting on January 15 and elected the following officers; Fire Chief - Richard McCanlies; Assistant Fire Chief - Jimmy

Barrientez; Secretary/Treasurer - Brent Vanderpol; Training Officer - Tracy Cartwright; Maintenance Officer - Mike Moorhouse; Chaplain - Dennis Duke. Other volunteer firemen are Chad

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The Knox City Houndettes and Greyhounds met the Jayton Jaybirds in district action last Tuesday evening at the Knox City gymnasium. Bridgett Billington tipped off the ball against the Jaybirds to start the ladies game. The Houndettes had a difficult start in the first quarter of action with anxiety running high among the team. The ladies ended the first quarter of competition down by 6. The match was their first district home game and a near capacity crowd was on hand to watch.

The Houndettes picked up the pace near the end of the second quarter and finished at the half-time buzzer up 18-12. The competition was tight in the first half of play but the Houndettes came

out for the second half more confident and played the game area fans are accustomed to watching.

The Houndettes had a third quarter rally of 18 points leaving the Jaybirds in a major deficit. The Houndettes went on to win the game 53-31.

The ladies are now 2-0 in district play with an overall record of 16-3. Sarah Burt was the leading scorer with 14 points.

She also racked up 4 rebounds and 4 steals. Brynn Moore was the leading rebounder with 6 and also gained 7 points for team score.

Shana Nicholson came in with 12 points; and Bridgett Billington made 6 points and had 3 assists.

Cody Wainscott tipped off the action between the Knox City Greyhounds and the Jayton Jaybirds. The fast paced action kept fans on the edge of their seats.

The Hounds lead at the end of the first quarter up by 8 points. The second quarter of play left the Greyhounds scoring 8 points during the period while Jayton scored 16. The teams were tied at the half, 33 - 33.

The third quarter of action proved to be the pivotal point in the game. The Hounds hit the hardwood ready for action but with shot after shot the ball rimmed out or just bounced back.

The Greyhounds only scored 7 points in the third. However, the home team rallied back in the

fourth with a 16 point come back but it was not enough to overcome the Jaybirds.

The Greyhounds took their first district defeat from Jayton in a heartbreaking 56-62 loss. Jordan Carter was the Greyhounds' leading scorer with 17 points.

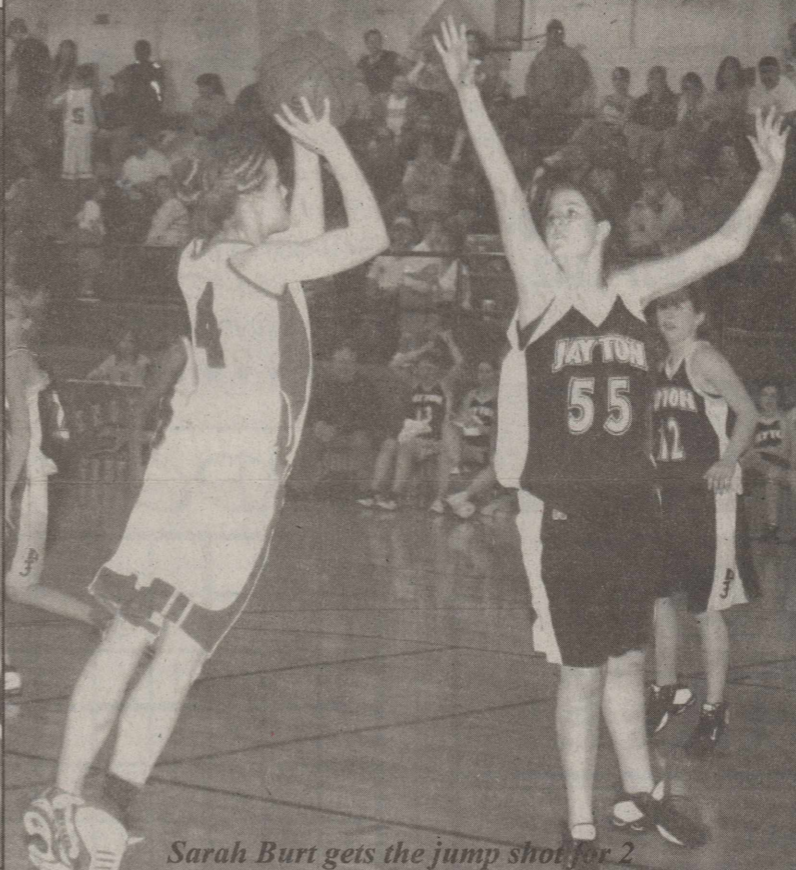
He also had 7 assists. Cody Wainscott was the leading rebounder with 14 and scored 10 points. Derrick Coleman made 15 points, 5 rebounds and 3 assists.

The Knox City teams will host their district rival, the Benjamin Mustangs, on Thursday, January 18.

Everyone is encouraged to come out and support the home team in their quest for the district title.



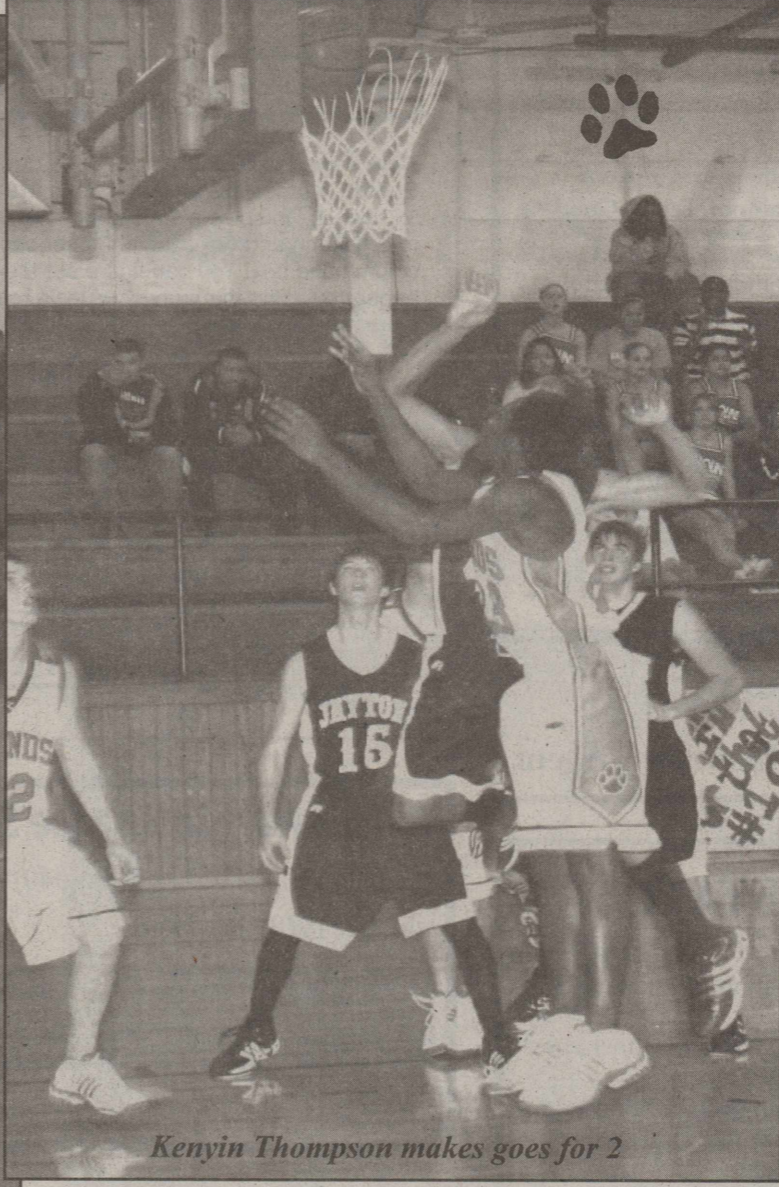
Shana Nicholson drives to the basket for 2 points



Sarah Burt gets the jump shot for 2



Cody Wainscott makes the jump shot for 2 points



Kenyin Thompson makes goes for 2

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ANSWER: SOCCER

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

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