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# Looking Ahead

Knox City Little Dribblers Knox City Little Dribblers Tournament will be February 24 at 8:00 a.m. in the High school Gym.

Benjamin Seniors Fundraiser Basketball Game Saturday, February 24. Spaghetti meal will be served at noon in the BHS Cafeteria.

Admission is donation. The cost of the spaghetti meal is \$6 for adults and \$4 for students. The meal is \$6 for adults and \$3 for students. The game will start at 1:00 p.m. in the BHS Gymnasium.

KAUZ News Channel 6 - Sixers vs. 2007 Benjamin Senior Class - B-Town Ballers. The elementary little dribblers will provide halftime entertainment. All proceeds go towards the senior trip.

#### Knox City Chamber of Commerce Annual Chamber Banquet

Scheduled for February 26, 2007 at 6:30 pm in the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Banquet Sponsored in part by AEP and Santa Rosa Telephone Cooperative.

#### **Knox County Retired School** Personnel Meeting

The Knox County Retired School Personnel will have their monthly meeting at 2:30 on Tuesday, February 27th in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church in Munday.

Richie Smith, owner/director of McCauley-Smith Funeral Home will present a program on "Planning

Hostesses for the meeting, Dorothy Myers and Ida Jo Owens, encourage members and interested visitors to

#### Texas Department of State Health Services

Immunization Clinic

Texas Department of State Health Services Immunization Clinic will be at the Knox City Housing Authority Community Room, 203 SW 4th street, Thursday, March 1. 10:00 a.m. - noon and 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

#### **USDA** Rural Development Representatives

The USDA Rural Development Representatives will be at the KC Community Center located at 212 SE 3rd on March 5 at 6:30 p.m.

#### 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.

# County Road 1115 (McFadden Lane) Closed

County Road 1115, also known as McFadden Lane, will be closed for several days while county and Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) crews put in a crossing made of concrete culverts, fill dirt and milled highway at the Croton Creek crossing.

The Croton Creek crossing has been a trouble spot for years. In February of last year, county commissioners Johnny McCown and Jerry Parker along with county crews worked to clear the crossing of excess fill.

This helped to drain the area of standing water and made it passable again. The remainder of the project, making the crossing all-weather, was put on hold until donated material from TxDOT could be moved to the site.

According to County Commissioner Johnny McCown, the closing has mainly affected Spike Box employees and some oil field employees.

Most of the equipment being used is county equipment. TxDOT is on site with employees and a crane from Childress TxDOT to help the process along.

The crane is used to move the 16,000 pound concrete culverts into place.

too wet to start," said McCown.

"We've had the crane ready by TxDOT. TxDOT also donated crete culverts were moved out to ing placed with the crane and a for a month or so, but it has been guard rails that will be added later, along with milled highway The concrete culverts were material that was pulled up in

the site last week, and the final three were brought out on Tues-

the north end of the project. After all of the concrete culverts are layed, dirt will be pushed to the south end of the bridge. The dirt will be packed and sloped on each end for access to the bridge. Several inches of dirt

> will also be packed on top of the bridge before the milled highway material is added. The guardrails can then be placed. "We'll try to get it open as

loader from the south side, other

crews were pushing dirt up to

quick as we can," said Mc-

TxDOT is able to help through the County Assistance Program, according to County Commissioner Jimmy Urbanczyk. "They're real good about helping the county," he said. The County Assistance Program allows TxDOT to not charge for their labor or use of their equip-

This project is located in newly elected county commissioner Dan Godsey's precinct.

All four county commissioners, including Johnny Birkenfeld, were on hand.

The county was awarded grant money from ORCA last year, part of which had been used on this project.



Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) crews put in a crossing made of concrete culverts, fill dirt and milled highway at the Croton Creek crossing.

taken up from a highway during a phase of the Munday bypass project and donated to the county

the city limits of Munday during their recent sidewalk renovation project. The majority of the con-

While the concrete culverts. which are being layed two deep and seven wide, were be-

## KAUZ Helps 2007 Seniors GALES ON THE Raise Funds For Senior Trip

This is another excerpt from the interview of James Thomas (Tommie) Hall conducted by his son, Jamie Hall in the early 1980's.

"One time I was out tanking west of Truscott on Antelope Flat northwest of Truscott. There used to be a school there they called Antelope Flat. At one time it was a pretty good community.

At this time, we were camped near the old school and were building a tank. This was about '38 or '39.

We ran out of horse feed. We had three fresno's going. (A fresno was hauled behind horses or mules and used like a dozer would be used today to build a tank.) Four of us. Me, Buck Ryder, Dick Crenshaw and one of the Brown boys. Richard Brown, one of Lovel's brothers.

We ran out of horse feed and Dick volunteered to go back to Benjamin to get a load of horse feed.

While he was gone, me and Buck Ryder strolled off around that point out of that cedar break that went off toward the Wichita River. And, we walked along and it was early fall of the year, and there was an old dog hole and a snake rattled and went into the dog hole. We didn't mess with

We walked around that rim looking off down at a rocky bench and saw this big old snake. We dropped rocks on him but it didn't kill him, it was a big snake. We finally did drop a rock on his head and killed him. When the rock hit him, he rattled and then we heard another snake over there. We looked and it was two snakes mating. Only time I ever

The big snake had twenty rattles and was over six feet long. I cut his head off and skinned him, left the rattles on. I stuffed the hide full of sand and carried it back up to our tent.

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Standing L - R — Sean Wilson, Jenna McCanlies, Brittany Kuehler, and sponsor Paul Weiser. Sitting L-R — Kaitlyn Kuehler, Shaylee Propps and Melissa Northrup. Not pictured is Sadie Benson.

The 2007 Benjamin Seniors will hold a spaghetti lunch and roundball fundraiser on Saturday, February 24.

The Benjamin B-Town Ballers will host the Wichita Falls KAUZ News Channel 6 Sixers.

Proceeds from the event will

go toward the senior trip.

A fundraiser like this is a first for Benjamin.

"There was one years ago in Munday, and an Abilene news channel was played."

"(We needed to raise more money for our senior trip) so I

sent an e-mail to KAUZ challenging them to a game."

"They agreed and are really enthusiastic about it," said 2007 senior class sponsor Paul

KAUZ reporter and assignment director Jermaine Ferrell stated that KAUZ has done a couple of fund raisers like this in the past, but none recently.

"We decided to help out and give back to the community. This will be a fun event," Ferrell

Ferrell also said that, along with himself, sportscasters Chris Horgan and Josh Christopher will be on the KAUZ Sixers team as will "secret weapon" Kianga Kelley, a reporter for

They do have enough players for a team. KAUZ will have a camera crew at the event, Ferrell stated.

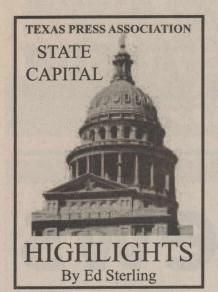
A spaghetti lunch will be held in the school cafeteria before the

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AUSTIN - The Texas Senate on Feb. 14 passed a resolution to break the state's constitutional spending cap.

This was done in order to move a step closer to delivering school property tax relief required by legislation passed a year ago in the 3rd called session of the 79th Texas Legisla-

Senate Concurrent Resolution 20 by Sen. Steve Ogden, R-College Station, establishes

Lawmakers Put Property Tax Cut On Fast Track

that the existing need for lower school district property taxes constitutes an emergency for the people of Texas.

The resolution also makes it so state tax revenues not dedicated by the Texas Constitution for fiscal years 2008 and 2009 may be in an amount not to exceed \$14.2 billion more than authorized.

On a simple majority vote and with none of the usual floor debate that regular legislative bills receive, the resolution quickly moves property tax relief ahead of other items on the

Once passed by the full Senate, SCR 20 shifted over to the House for consideration.

The House Appropriations Committee approved it too. Next, the resolution is subject to a vote of the full House on Feb. 20. It is predicted to pass on a Republican party line vote, or something close to it. \$14 billion surfaces over &

over

Fourteen billion dollars keeps popping up here and there in the world of state finance.

As previously mentioned, via SCR 20, the Legislature is close to giving itself permission to spend \$14 billion more in the next budget cycle.

In early January, newly installed state Comptroller Susan Combs pegged the state budget surplus at more than \$14 billion.

The third reference to \$14 billion: Gov. Rick Perry says financial experts put a conservative estimate of the sale price of the Texas Lottery at \$14 bil-

If sold for \$14 billion, Perry said, the money may generate about \$1.3 billion annual interest based on an average return of 9 percent, or \$300 million more than the Lottery currently returns, per year.

Perry said he would use the annual interest to create trust funds for cancer research, public education and an assistance program for Texans with no health insurance.

Senate to consider Jessica's Law

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst on Feb. 14 announced the filing of Senate Bill 5, the Texas version of Jessica's Law, part of his Texas Children First plan.

SB 5, sponsored by Sen. Bob Deuell, R-Greenville, who also is a medical doctor, would do the following:

• Require mandatory 25 years to life sentences for a first-time violent sexual offense against a child under age 14;

• Require lifetime GPS monitoring for child sex offenders;

 Allow prosecutors to seek the death penalty for a second sexually violent offense against a child under age 14; and

· Double the statute of limitations on sexual crimes against children from 10 to 20 years.

Jessica's Law is named for 9-year-old Floridian Jessica Lunsford. In March 2005, she was abducted from her Florida home, raped and murdered by a convicted sex offender.

Since then, more than two dozen states have enacted toughened sex offender laws in memory of Jessica.

> **Texas Tomorrow Fund** update

A new report commissioned by state Comptroller Susan Combs recommends that the Texas Tomorrow Fund remain closed to enrollment.

The prepaid college tuition program begun under then-Comptroller John Sharp in 1996 has been closed to enrollment since 2003.

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The size of the fund will be \$3 billion short of the demand on it in 20 years, and with today's leaping tuition costs, a much greater shortfall is pos-

Combs said funds contributed by the 158,000 families who are already enrolled are safe.

Lawmaker addresses high

tuition

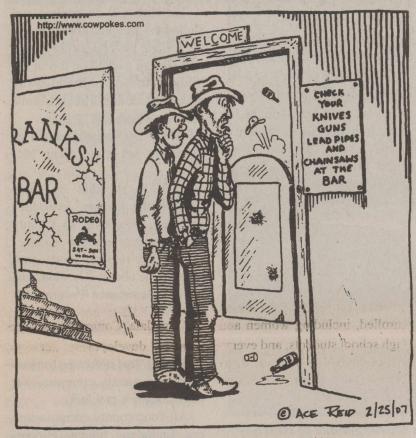
In the wake of Comptroller Combs' report, state Rep. Garnet Coleman, D-Houston, called for an end to tuition deregulation.

Coleman said that since tuition deregulation was enacted by the Legislature in 2003, tuition has gone up an average of 37 percent at Texas' 35 public colleges and universities.

He said unless something is done, families that already have invested in the fund cannot be guaranteed the money will be there when their kids need it.

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#### By Ace Reid



"I believe I jist got a sudden cravin' fer a big milk shake!"

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## KC-O'Brien **CISD** To Hold General Election May 12

The KC-O'Brien CISD will hold an election for school board on Saturday, May 12 at the Knox City Aging Center for the purpose of filling two seats.

The deadline for filing is March 12. To date, Dale Turner and Todd Lewis have filed applications for the seats.

Applications can be picked up at the school administration office.

Applicants must be residents of the school district for six months before filing.

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## Benjamin **ISD** To Hold General Election May 12

Benjamin ISD will hold a general election on Saturday, May 12 for the purpose of filling two three-year board seats and one two-year unexpired board seat.

The deadline for filing an application is March 12.

Applications may picked up at the Benjamin Independent School District superintendent's of-

Applicants must be residents of the school district for six months before filing.

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# BAXTER

ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

#### JACK AND HIS DOG BED

By Baxter Black, DVM

As Phoenix rose from the ashes, so Jack, the bull terrier, was the symbol of hope that rose from the cook shack conflagration.

Jack was past his prime, though hard of hearing and losing his sight, he still continued to make the winter trip to Walker's camp in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado. In spite of the cold he slept outside near the cooking fire in his own dog bed.

The night the camp caught on fire it was harrowing. Most of the supplies were lost, plus rifles, saddles, tack and years worth of personal treasures. The next morning the fire had burned itself out. In the deep ashes lay the metal skeletons of tools, utensils, firearms and hardware. Jack had survived.

Walker spent most of the morning gathering salvageables and sifting memories. He loaded the horses in the trailer, Jack in the bed of the pickup and slid and slipped down the muddy track to Highway 50. He got out to check his load and saw that Jack had abandoned ship!

The weather was below freezing, the dog was old, and it was two miles back to the camp on top of the mountain. Walker considered, like most of us would, the consequences of abandoning JackSbut like most of us, he couldn't. He backtracked and searched for five

Bloodmobile will be at Knox

County Hospital on Wednesday,

February 28 from 1:00 p.m. until

6:00 p.m. Those who gave blood

at the drive on December 27 are

at a critically low level since

the beginning of January," said

Frances Baker, donor recruiter.

"Weather conditions have forced

the cancellation of several blood

break of the flu and upper re-

affected many of our regular do-

not decreased which means the

spiratory infections, which has org.

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"The blood supply has been

eligible to give blood again.

hours and made the agonizing decision to leave without him. Home was 600 miles away in

That night Walker called his Colorado neighbor John to report about the fire and Jack. Two days later John worked his way back through bad winter weather to the site of the fire. To his amazement he found a tunnel in the ashes and snow. Jack had burrowed in and found his dog bed! He planned to hibernate, John guessed.

John hauled Jack back home to his ranch house and put him up in the mud room on a door mat. By the next morning Jack had run away again. John made the long trip back to the burned camp. No Jack. Two days later another neighbor called to inquire if anybody had lost a grumpy, snuffling old gray dog. John was relieved. It turns out that Jack had left in search of better quarters. He had somehow gotten inside the new house, found a dog bed and claimed it for his own, much to the consternation of the resident poodle!

"He even ate my Kibbles and used the cat's sandbox!" the poodle was heard to say. "Now my bed is soaked in drool, covered with dog hair and smells like barbecued goat."

Jake, never one to take offense, snuggled down and slept through it all.

Blood donation takes approxi-

mately forty five minutes. Blood

donors must be at least seven-

teen years old and weigh at least

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#### **KAUZ** Raise **Funds for** Senior Trip — Continued

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The seniors will begin serving at 11:30 a.m. Chicken spaghetti, beef spaghetti, salad, desserts and tea will be served. Prices are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children.

The seniors have decided to accept donations for entrance to the basketball game in lieu of a set admission price, as has been noted in previous editions of the Knox County News "Looking Ahead" column.

Half-time entertainment will be provided by the first through fourth grade Benjamin Little Dribblers.

The seniors will also be raffling off a coffee table that they built in ag class.

The seniors have planned a trip to Florida after graduation. They will spend five days at Walt Disney World, and a day each at Universal Studios and the beach.

Later in the spring, the seniors plan to have a combination car wash and bake sale.

#### **USDA** Rural Development **Provides** Financial Assistance To Rural First Responders

In any emergency, all Texans count on first responders. Law enforcement, fire fighters, EMT and medical services protect public safety.

USDA Rural Development responded to these needs in 2006 by providing more than \$2.6 million for first responder facilities and equipment for nearly 173,000 rural Texans.

"We work hard to assist rural communities prepare for emergencies and the delivery of lifesaving services," said Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State Director.

"Our Community Facility Programs offer loans and grants to rural Texas communities as a part of USDA's First Responder Initiative."

USDA Rural Development has earmarked one-fifth of Community Facility Program funds to first responder proj-

Both grants and low-interest loans are available to support the building of facilities and equipment in rural areas.

Eligible projects include fire protection equipment, fire stations, fire trucks, rescue and ambulance services and equipment, emergency response training, physician's clinics, early storm warning systems, education facilities for emergency services, police stations and cars, communications centers, and mobile communications centers.

Detailed information and applications for financial assistance are available at 30 Local USDA Rural Development Offices located throughout Texas.

For additional information call the State Office at 254-742-9700 or visit us on the web at http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/.

## TALES ON THE BRAZOS" — Continued

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I had tied a baling wire around the hid to hold the sand in. I knew what Dick was going to do when he came back from town. He'd set down on his cot and reach back under there to get his shoes. He'd put his boots on to go get feed. Well, he walked out to the wagon wheel to pull his boots off. He used the spokes for a boot jack, you know.

He walked back to his cot and reached down to get his shoes and I was ready....I drug that big old snake hide out under him! He started cussing me and I didn't offer to day one word back to him. Stood there and takened it. I knew I'd done the wrong thing. Could have made him have a heart attack. I never thought about it at the time. He was a whole lot older man than I was. Getting on up in years

That was the biggest rattler I ever saw, twenty rattles and six foot or better.

Tommie goes on to speak about some of his other experiences with rattlesnakes. Some literature states that a snake swallowing her babies is a myth, but Tommie states that he saw it happen on two different occa-

On two different times I have seen baby snakes go down their mother's throat. The first time, me and your grandpa and Abner (Hall) and Ed was out in that big pasture at the Moore Ranch in the wagon. We probably went there to get a load of wood.

Dad was driving old Jack and Tobe, the old dun mule and black mule we brought into that country with us. Old Tobe could smell a snake way out away from him. He could smell them. When Tobe smelled that snake, he started jumping to one side to go around, you know.

Dad whipped him up and made him go straight up close to that old prairie dog hole. That old snake was laying there and

when he stopped the wagon, she started rattling. She had her mouth wide open and them little old snakes came from all around there and into her mouth. She swallowed them. They killed her then and Abner and Ed cut her open and got seven of those little snakes out of her. They were still alive; that's how they protect them.

Pretty well the same locality there again, this old snake, she was laying up against one of them old rat nests they build up out of prickly pears and brush. That was her den and she was hanging out close to that.

And I forget who, me and Uncle Andrew, or dad, or maybe all three of us were out there. I think we were horseback then. This old snake swallowed them and she had nine in her.

Your uncle Abner and his boys killed a bunch of snakes on the League Ranch. I forget how many they got out of one den. Forty wasn't it? I don't know.

# KC Visioning Meeting Committee Has Large Attendance In Benjamin

The Knox County Visioning Committee met on Thursday, February 15 in the Assembly Room of the County Courthouse in Benjamin and the attendance of this meeting was much larger than those in the recent past.

The ongoing goals of the committee were again discussed, namely: to educate and engage the citizenry of Knox County, to retain and expand the business community in the county, and to provide new industrial and career opportunities to the citizens.

The committee's business surveys have been or will be sent to Benjamin and Munday, as they were with Knox City.

These surveys will aid the committee in making the most effective use of resources by knowing what areas need the most attention and what business owners' most pressing needs are.

The Certified Nursing Aid

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Italian: BOCCA

French: BOUCHE

German: ÖFFNUNG

and welding classes have both been big successes. The nursing aid class, done in cooperation with Vernon College, was completed by 92 percent of the 12 enrollees.

An information session on a future CNA class was held, with interested parties from both within and without the county. The welding class has also enjoyed large numbers of students. There are 19 students enrolled, including women and high school students, and everyone involved has said that it has been a very rewarding experi-

The position of Community Development Director was discussed: what would be expected, desired results, salary, etc.

The committee also talked about the lack of certain key jobs in Knox County. There is a lack of welders and small gas engine mechanics and a shortage of electricians and plumbers

may not be too far in the future. Communities may be able to use the dearth of truck drivers at both the state and national level to bolster the local economy through training and education.

In its two years of existence, the Visioning Committee has made a lot of progress. Due in part to the committee's diligence and effort, Knox County was invited to join the Red River cluster of the Ogallala Commons.

Ogallala Commons is a resource development network, offering leadership and education to reinvigorate the commonwealths that form the basis of communities.

For more information, please visit http://www.ogallalacommons.org. The next meeting of the Knox County Visioning Committee will be held on March 1 at 3 p.m. in the Knox City Community Center. Interested parties are encouraged to

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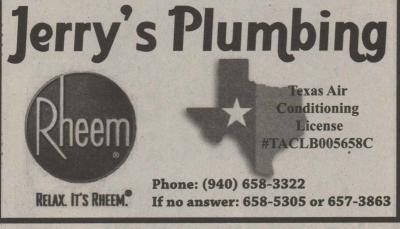
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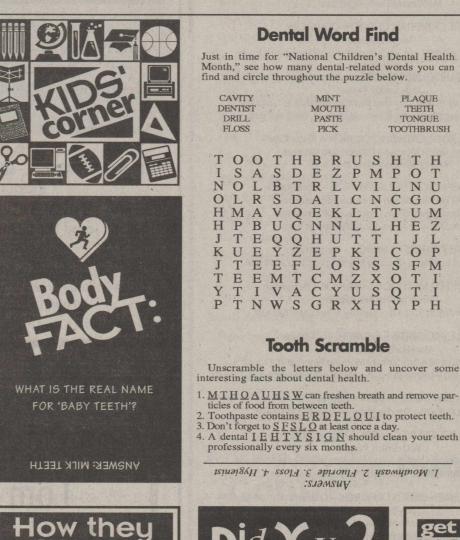
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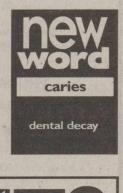
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# **Obituaries**

#### Sally Flores

Sally Flores, 73 of Knox City passed away Wednesday February 14 in Wichita Falls. Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday February 17 at-Santa Rosa Catholic Church with Father Leo Schloemer officiating. Burial followed in Knox City Cemetery under the direction of Mansell-Smith Funeral Home.

Sally was born August 15, 1933 in Benjamin to Manuel and Margarita Solis Casillas. She married Ancil Flores. She was a homemaker and a member of Santa Rosa Catholic Church.

She is survived by her husband Ancil of the home, sons, Ancil Flores III of Plano, Edward Flores of Garland, and Joe Flores of New Deal. Daughters, Anita Chavez of Wichita Falls, Rebecca Martinez of Shallowater



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Rose M. (Banner) Johnston, 74, of O Brien, passed away, Sunday, February 18, 2007, in Abilene. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday February 22, 2007 at O"Brien Baptist Church with Reverend Jim Reed and Brother Bill Trice officiating. Services are under the direction of Mansell-Smith Funeral Home, Knox City.

Rose was born December 22, 1932 in O'Brien to Berlie and Willie Mae Walsworth Banner. She married Kenneth Johnston on April 13, 1952 at Knox City Methodist Church. He preceded her in death on January 1, 1993.

She was a homemaker and a member of the O'Brien Baptist Church.

She is survived by her daughters and son-in-laws, Karen and John Walsh of New York City, New York and Shirley and Gary Hill of Bowie. One son Jimmy Johnston of O'Brien. Grandchildren, Jessica Marie Hill and Alyssa Kay Hill both of Bowie, a brother and sister-in-law, Babe and Jean Banner of Littlefield and a sister and brother-in-law Gloria Ann and John McAda of Ozark, AL.

Rose was preceded in death by her parents, husband Kenneth and a brother Benny Jo Banner.

#### FDA Warns Consumers Not To Eat Certain Jars Of Peter Pan And Great Value Peanut Butter

#### Product May Be Contaminated With Salmonella

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is warning consumers not to eat certain jars of Peter Pan peanut butter or Great Value peanut butter due to risk of contamination with Salmonella Tennessee (a bacterium that causes foodborne illness).

The affected jars of Peter Pan and Great Value peanut butter have a product code located on the lid of the jar that begins with the number "2111."

Both the Peter Pan and Great Value brands are manufactured in a single facility in Georgia by ConAgra. Great Value peanut butter made by other manufacturers is not affected.

If consumers have any of this Peter Pan or Great Value brand peanut butter in their home that has been purchased since May 2006, they should discard it.

Symptoms of foodborne illness caused by Salmonella include fever, diarrhea and abdominal cramps.

In persons with poor underlying health or weakened immune systems, Salmonella can invade the bloodstream and cause lifethreatening infections.

Individuals who have recently eaten Peter Pan and Great Value brand peanut butter beginning with product code 2111 and have experienced any of these symptoms should contact their doctor or health care provider immediately.

Any such illnesses should be reported to state or local health authorities.

FDA's warning is based on a just-completed epidemiological study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the states and local health agencies, which links 288 cases of foodborne illness in 39 states to consumption of varying types of Peter Pan peanut butter.

This report was provided to FDA on February 13.

The outbreak appears to be ongoing and the first consumer may have become ill in August

The cause of foodborne illnesses can be difficult to iden-

As a result of extensive epidemiological testing and recent case control studies, CDC was recently able to identify Peter Pan peanut butter as the likely cause of illness.

Great Value brand peanut butter beginning with product code 2111 is manufactured in the same plant as Peter Pan peanut butter and, thus, is believed to be at similar risk of contami-

ConAgra is recalling all Peter Pan and Great Value peanut butter beginning with product code 2111 that already was dis-

The company also is destroying all affected products in their possession.

The company will cease production until the exact cause of contamination can be identified and eliminated.

ConAgra will advise consumers to destroy any Peter Pan and Great Value brand peanut butter beginning with product code 2111 in their possession.

To assist in this endeavor, FDA has sent investigators to ConAgra's processing plant in Sylvester, Georgia where the and conduct tests for Salmonella

FDA will provide regular updates as more information becomes available.

Consumers who have questions should contact ConAgra at 866-344-6970.

## Statewide Transportation Improvement Program Meeting Scheduled

CHILDRESS — The Texas Department of Transportation, Childress District has scheduled a Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) meeting at which citizens from the area are invited to discuss needs for transportation improvements in the 13 county Childress District.

This Munday Area meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 22, 2007, beginning at 6:30 p.m., at the Guthrie Community Center, in Guthrie.

The Guthrie Community Center is handicap accessible. Under discussion will be the proposed Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for the years 2008-2011.

The STIP is a financially constrained listing of projects planned for construction in the district. The Public Transportation STIP will also be discussed at these meetings.

This meeting will cover Cottle, Dickens, King, Foard, Knox and Motley Counties.

Interested citizens from the above mentioned counties or any of the 13 counties of the Childress TxDOT are invited to attend.

A copy of the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) can be viewed and discussed at the Munday Area Office, 10860 SH 222 East in Munday.

Your attendance at this meeting is greatly appreciated and your input is welcomed.

If you have any questions regarding this meeting, please feel free to contact Marty Smith, Director, Transportation Planning & Development; at (940)-937-7250.

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The program supports cleanups of all inland freshwater areas, including streams, ponds, and wetlands.

"The Lake and River Cleanup Program is a fantastic opportunity for any Texan to get involved in enhancing their community environment," Keep Texas Beautiful President Debbie Johnston said. "The program supports events of any size and gives volunteers the tools necessary to improve water quality, restore its natural beauty, and reduce potential threats to human health and wildlife."

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To receive more information on the Lake and River Cleanup Program, register an event, or find out if there is a cleanup scheduled near you, visit www. ktb.org or call 1-800-CLEAN-TX. No event is too big or small, so get involved today!

Keep Texas Beautiful, a statewide grassroots environmental and community improvement nonprofit and affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, strives to educate and engage Texans to take responsibility for improving their community environment.

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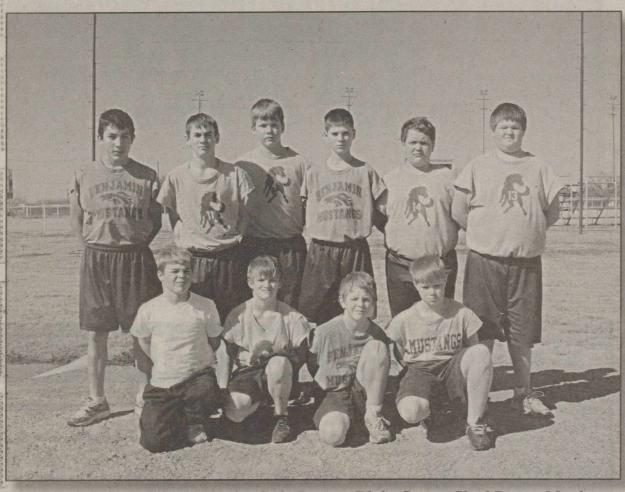


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## Benjamin Junior High Mustangs End Season As District Champs

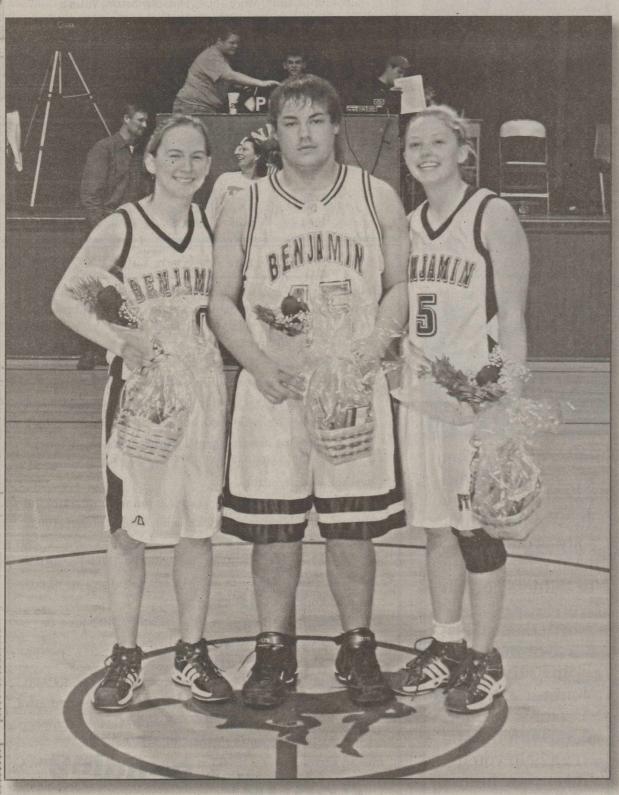


L-R standing: Roberto Acevedo, Cody Propps, Blake Jones, Chad Potter, Matthew Acree, Jonathan Rainwater; kneeling: Cley Plume, manager, Tanner Monroe, Heath Ham, manager, Cody Potter. Not pictured; Bryston Pierce, manager

The Benjamin junior high Mustangs ended their basketball season as District Champions.

The BJH Mustangs had a season record of 8-2 and a district record of 5-1.

"The losses that they did have were only by two or four points," said the Mustangs coach Danny Copeland. The team consisted of eighth graders Roberto Acevedo, Cody Propps and Chad Potter; seventh graders Blake Jones and Tanner Monroe; and sixth graders Matthew Acree, Jonathan Rainwater and Cody Potter. Managers were Bryston Pierce, Heath Ham and Cley Plume.



Benjamin's Senior Rose Ceremony — l-r: Shaylee Propps, Sean Wilson and Kaitlyn Kuehler

# **Benjamin News**

By Gladene Green

After several days of cold, snowy, uncomfortable weather, today (Monday) has been fairly nice. It was warm, but the southwest wind blowing reminded us that March is just around the corner.

And tornado season can't be far behind. The stormy months are never fun, but we know they will be here.

The news is pretty scarce this week. Guess folks stayed in where it was warm most of the week.

#### **About Our Ill**

Bobby Frank Hudson is in the Knox County Hospital, having been admitted on Sunday night. He has pneumonia, but hopefully his hospital stay will not be too long.

Don Hertel was to have finished his chemo and radiation therapy on Wednesday. I haven't talked to him since then, but feel like he's feeling pretty well, as he was when I last saw him.

Lewis Lyles is still doing pretty well. He is wanting to come home, but of course, won't until doctors feel he's

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able. He is still having some difficulty walking, but is making progress, which is good to report.

#### Here 'N There

Jim Cox has moved back to Benjamin. Got the last of his "stuff" here Thursday. He said he sure was glad to be out of the city life atmosphere that he's been in so long.

He was living in the Dallas area. He has moved into his mom (Odessa Cox's) home. Good to have another new resident.

Danny Fulton of Coppell was a weekend guest of Jonnie Williams and Mary Bohannon. They had "Christmas in February" as they had not been able to have their "holiday" and gift exchange until

My daughter, Debbie Moorhouse, and I were in Iowa Park on Tuesday. I had to see the dentist, and then went for my first visit with my new great grandson, Blaze Taylor. Another beautiful addition to our family!

On Tuesday night, Debbie was in Childress for a program where her grandchildren were performing, and Bud Conner and I attended the play off game between Knox City girls and Trent in Aspermont. The bi-district title went to Trent as they defeated the Houndettes in a good game.

We have more new residents who have moved into the area. Clay Patterson and his wife have moved into the Lanham Jones home.

They have been living in Seymour. Clay is no stranger here, as he lived here with his parents, Ronnie and Karen, when he was a little boy. Good to have them back, also.

The remodeling projects continue here in town. Jerry Parker and his crew are working on the house formerly owned by Oleta Welch, but now belongs to Daniel Rains. Don't know what all's been done inside, but looking from the outside it's getting a pretty good face lift. And Tracy Cartwright continues work on the Stephen's house.

Again, I don't know about the inside, but he outside is looking great!

## **Truscott-Gilliland News**

By Clara Brown

The Wichita Divide has had a few sunny days recently. Windy, but sunny, which is a mood raiser. Just about everyone is ready to be through with winter weather, but we probably have some more to come.

One reason we are short of news is that for weeks people have only been going out when necessary. For this writer, most trips have been short: to the front porch to get wood for the living room stove.

Ramona Horne reports a visit last week from her son and his wife, John and Anna Helms of Las Cruces. They visited Tuesday night until Saturday. Anna also visited her sister and brother-in-law, Lisa and Tony Rocha of Knox City.

Glen Heard is recovering from nearly losing his thumb to a post driver in January, but is still wearing a bandage and trying to be careful.

Kay and Mike Hardage visited her mother, June Looney, Saturday afternoon February 17.

A meeting of the Truscott-Gilliland Wind Development

Committee was held at Munday on Thursday February 15.

Alan Charmichael, one of the attorneys who has been representing local landowners with the wind development company went through the proposed contract almost line by line.

Committee members asked many questions. The committee voted to recommend that local landowners consider the pro-

Meetings will be held at Gilliland February 27 and 28. There will be four half-day session with the attorney discussing the contract and answering questions. With four sessions planned, it is hoped that even absentee landowners will be able to fit a session into their schedules.

The exact hours and meeting place will be announced later. Those who wish will have an opportunity to sign up at Gilliland.

Meanwhile, committee members who may be contacted for information are Lyndle Reeves, Munday; Glen Heard, Barbor Horne and Dan Westmoreland of Gilliland; and Michael Tomanek and Clara Brown of Truscott.

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# Knox City Basketball

Houndettes Fall To Lady Gorillas, Hounds To Face The Roby Lions In Abilene



Shana Nicholson gets the fast break



Kursten Stafford makes the jumpshot

KC Greyhounds vs. Roby Lions in Bi-Dstrict Action Thursday, February 22 8:00 p.m. at McMurry University in Abilene

The Knox City Houndettes entered the bi-district round of the play-offs last Tuesday at Aspermont against the Lady Gorillas of Trent. The Houndettes, second in their district, came into the competition favored to win. The battle was intense.

The Houndettes could not find their rhythm but set forth a tremendous effort. Knox City ultimately fell to

the Lady Gorillas in a 59-65 loss. The Houndettes played an awesome season and are commended for their accomplishments.

The Greyhounds will face the Roby Lions in the bi-district round of the play-offs Thursday at 8:00 pm at Mc-Murry University in Abilene. Everyone is encouraged to make the trip and support the Hounds.



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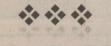
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