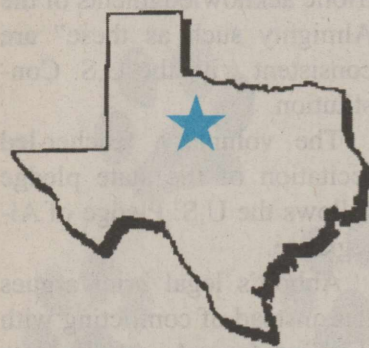


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Looking Ahead

▪ **BISD Picture Day**

Benjamin ISD will have Picture Day on Wednesday, September 5th.

▪ **Benjamin Christian Youth Group To Meet**

The Benjamin Christian Youth Group will begin meeting again Wednesday, September 5th at 6 p.m. Elementary and junior high age youth will meet at the Benjamin Methodist Church and high school youth will meet in the Church of Christ annex building. Each group will meet at 6 p.m. every Wednesday. A meal is provided before the start of classes. Everyone is welcomed to attend.

▪ **Back To School Fellowship**

The First Baptist Church of Knox City will sponsor a back to school fellowship for children, youth and adults on Sunday evening starting with a hot dog supper at 5 p.m. At 6 p.m. P.M. Pops' Puppets from Shadow Hills Baptist Church will present an exciting and wonderful program for all ages. Also, the youth group from Shadow Hills Baptist Church with their band will present songs to encourage the youth in our area. The community is invited to come and enjoy a wonderful fun-filled evening.

▪ **Knox City BUNCO Girls**

The Knox City BUNCO Girls will re-organize Tuesday, September 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the Knox City Aging Center. The group meets monthly. Local ladies are invited to attend.

▪ **Visioning Meeting**

A meeting has been scheduled for September 13th, at 3:00 PM at the Community Center in Knox City. We have a lot of good news including the Economic Development Workshop in Abilene, The Work Ethic Graduates and The Ranch Country Cluster Luncheon in Benjamin, etc. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

▪ **TOPS**

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

Emergency Farm Loans Being Accepted

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by severe storms, tornadoes and flooding that occurred from June 16, 2007 through August 3, 2007 are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Vernon, Texas, FSA Farm Loan Manager Kelley R. Boone said today.

Wilbarger, Archer, Baylor, Knox and Wichita Counties in Texas were recently named by President Bush eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses and physical losses resulting from the severe storms, tornadoes and flooding from June 16, 2007 through August 3, 2007.

Boone said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 100% of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue the agriculture business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate is 3.75 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan," Boone said.

Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program and Crop Disaster Program or have property insurance will have to consider proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until April 7, 2008 but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing, with possible delays into the new farming season," Boone said.

FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living.

Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who meet U.S. citizenship requirements and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U.S. citizenship requirements are met by individuals holding a majority interest.

The FSA office in Vernon, Texas is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Knox City Greyhounds Beat The Bryson Cowboys In Season Opener

Knox City got off to a good start this season.

The Knox City Greyhounds kicked off the 2007 football season with a 52-6 victory over the Bryson Cowboys last Friday night in Bryson.

The Knox City fans packed the stands for the season opener.

The Hounds executed the ball well; and played a very strong game offensively and defensively. Offensively, the Greyhounds gained 223 yards in 17 plays; and defensively, the Hounds held the Cowboys' offense to 127 yards.

Kenyin Thompson ran for four touchdowns for the Hounds. Thompson, rushed nine times for 154 yards and threw a 21-yard touchdown pass to Shane Strickland.

In the first quarter, Kenyin Thompson scored once, Jordan Carter caught a 20-yard touchdown pass from M.J. Abila, and Bandy Moeller scored on a 5-yard run as the Hounds were leading 22-0.

Thompson's fourth touchdown, a 41-yard run at the beginning of the second half, ended the game.

Kenyin Thompson had 154 yards in rushing followed by Bandy Moeller with 22; defensive leaders were Joe Albus and Travis Hawkins.

The Greyhounds will host the defending Division 2 State Champions, the Vernon Northside Indians, Friday night at Greyhound Stadium for their first home game on the gridiron. Kick off is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to attend and cheer the Greyhounds to victory.



Joe Albus and Jordan Carter work hard on defense to take down the Bryson Cowboy for a loss of yardage.



Bandy Moeller steps into the end zone for the Greyhound touchdown.

Annual Meet The Hounds And Houndettes Held Thursday



The 2007 JV Greyhound Football Team were all smiles as they were introduced at the "Meet the Hounds & Houndettes" night following their decisive 39-13 victory over the Bryson Cowboys.

The KC Booster Club hosted their annual "Meet the Hounds and Houndettes" night immediately following the JV Greyhounds vs. Bryson Cowboys football game on Thursday.

The JV Greyhound football team won against Bryson 39-13.

Fans enjoyed the Junior Varsity's season opener as well as an evening of youthful activities.

Students involved in volleyball, football, cheerleading and band were introduced. Then cookies and ice cream were served free gratis to everyone courtesy of the Knox City booster club.



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STATE CAPITAL

HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - Six hundred and fifty-four new state laws took effect on Sept. 1. The 80th Texas Legislature also passed 670 bills that became law immediately last spring. Another 22 bills will take effect on Jan. 1.

The subject matter of the laws effective Sept. 1 is wide-ranging.

Major among them are money issues affecting nearly everyone: the state's 2008-2009 budget (House Bill 1) and

school property tax reduction (HB 2).

The Texas Department of Public Safety drew up its own list of safety-related new laws and on Aug. 20 posted the list online at www.txdps.state.tx.us.

Here are a few traffic and criminal laws mentioned there:
 • HB 8, "Jessica's Law," imposes a 25-year minimum sentence for sexually violent offenses against children under 14; eliminates eligibility for parole for certain sex offenders; makes a second conviction of a sexually violent offense against a child under 14 a capital felony; mandates Global Positioning System monitoring for offenders committed under the sexually violent predator statutes; extends the statute of limitations for sexually violent offenses against children under 14 to 20 years past the victims' 18th birthday; and clarifies that

harboring a sex offender in violation of registration is an offense punishable by up to a third degree felony.

• SB 6 increases the penalty for sexually explicit online communication with a minor who is 14 to 16 years old from a state jail felony to a third degree felony and increases the penalty for online sexual solicitation of a minor who is 14 to 16 years old from a third degree felony to a second degree felony.

• SB 1315 requires the DPS to develop an alert system for missing senior citizens similar to the Amber Alert Program for abducted children.

• HB 323 requires all new buses purchased by a school district on or after Sept. 1, 2010, to be equipped with lap/shoulder seatbelts. All buses contracted for use by a school district on or after Sept. 1, 2011, must be equipped with lap/shoulder seatbelts. But, the

Legislature first must appropriate funds to school districts to cover the cost.

• SB 1287 requires certain establishments that sell alcohol to post specific notification regarding the offense of human trafficking in both English and Spanish along with the number to the national human trafficking hotline.

• SB 378, known as the "Castle Doctrine," removes the requirement that persons attempt to retreat before using deadly force to defend themselves.

• HB 1766 makes a state jail felony of the theft of wiring or cable that consists of at least 50 percent aluminum, bronze or copper and that has a value of less than \$20,000.

• HB 1355, "Lillian's Law," requires all dog owners to properly secure their dogs on their property. A dog owner now can be held criminally responsible if the dog causes serious bodily

injury or death at a location other than the owner's property in an unprovoked attack during which the owner, by criminal negligence, failed to secure the dog.

The law exempts certain professionals, including peace officers, who deal with dogs on a regular basis.

Court rules in challenge to pledge

A Dallas federal district court on Aug. 28 denied a North Texas couple's attempt to prevent school children from reciting a revised Texas Pledge of Allegiance.

David Wallace Croft and his wife, Shannon, sought a preliminary injunction because the Texas Legislature, in the recently ended session, passed a law adding the words "one state under God" in the state pledge.

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott commented on the

ruling. In regards to precedent, Abbott said the U.S. Supreme Court repeatedly has held "patriotic acknowledgments of the Almighty such as these" are consistent with the U.S. Constitution.

The voluntary, teacher-led recitation of the state pledge follows the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance.

Abbott's legal brief argues that instead of conflicting with the First Amendment, the state pledge reflects the protected freedom of religion.

On June 15, the wording of the pledge changed to this: "Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible."

Before the change, the pledge was worded, "Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one and indivisible."

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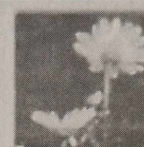


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The Last Man

By Baxter Black, DVM

They are subdividing the section that borders me. Since the time the Spanish explorers introduced cattle into my valley in the 1600's there have been livestock on that piece of ground.

Last week I saddled up and rode that pasture again. Its mesquite arroyos and grassy ridges are speckled with ocotillo. I was just looking to see how close to the canyon rim the houses were planned. Right to the edge.

The south fence was pushed over. Piles of uprooted mesquite huddled, feet to the sun. Dug up barrel cacti squatted in rows, loose dirt kicked over their roots. Wooden survey stakes stood like skinny tombstones, crude numbers scrawled on their faces. The big mesquite shade tree where the cows gathered to gossip was trimmed lopsided like an old man with a stroke, its dignity lost.

My horse knew the old trail. I dismounted to stand an ocotillo upright that had been availed by the bulldozer.

Back in the saddle I gave the ground one last look; the mountains that it had known all its life, the river in the valley that had received its runoff for thousands of years. They

had kept each other company for a long time.

I had run cows up here for five years. A very short time in its 3 or 4 hundred years as a ranch, but I would be the very last man to punch a cow on this sacred ground.

I have had some interesting firsts; first man to get a ticket on Peña Blvd...the road from Denver to their new airport. First person to ride a horse on stage in the Elko auditorium. First person to spend the night in the Holiday Inn in Sheridan, Wyoming. I had a spectacular hat trick one year when I got a ticket for speeding in Texas, for going too slow in California, and for passing a policeman on a double yellow line in New Mexico. Other than those sterling accomplishments, I've puttered along like most folks; head down, nose to the grindstone, shoulder to the wheel, workin' my way through life.

But my personal best to date, I realized, settin' on that pretty piece of range land consecrated by cowboys, cows and Coronado, is to be the last man to punch a cow on its fertile, fragile skin. So, bring on the cement boys, paint her face, Botox her wrinkles and pave her veins till she pings like a floozy.

I knew her when...and ya can't take that away from me.

Spotty Hunting Not Enough To Keep Hunters Away

Gun shots rang out over the quiet Knox Prairie over the weekend as hunters sat along fence lines, near tanks and among sunflowers on the opening day of dove season.

While prospects of a good hunt were iffy due to the large amount of rain Knox County received through the spring, September 1st still saw an influx of hunters hoping to fill their daily bag limit on opening day, and throughout the long weekend.

A cool front blew in a few days prior to opening day, making the hunt even more appealing. Now, according to Knox County Game Warden Ronnie Ainsworth, we need another one to push more dove in from up north.

"They're not as concentrated as in the past, and there's just not as many. Hopefully, some will be pushed in from the north with a cold front. It (the number of dove) ranged from poor to fair," said Ainsworth, who noticed more dove in the northern half of the county than in other parts.

There may not have been as many birds, but the number of hunters was about average, Ainsworth said.

"Most left about half a day early due to the low numbers, though," he continued.

Knox City JV Greyhounds



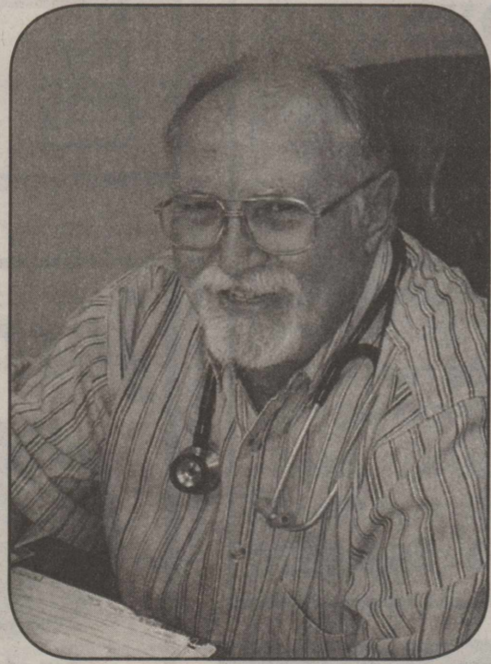
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- Knox City 52 vs. Bryson 6
- Benjamin 12 vs. Jayton 61
- Guthrie 62 vs. Klondike 12
- Crowell 22 vs. Northside 45
- Rule 54 vs. Idalia CO 8
- Spur 52 vs. Sands 30
- Munday 35 vs. Stamford 0
- Haskell 44 vs. Rotan 6
- Aspermont 56 vs. Harrold 0
- Albany 36 vs. Eastland 15
- Throckmorton 40 vs. Trinidad 66
- Newcastle 19 vs. Highland 16

Friday, Sept. 7
Knox City
VS.
Vernon Northside
7:30 p.m.
at KC
Benjamin
VS.
Christ The King
5:30 p.m.
at Lubbock

ACROSS

- 1 stats. for Ranger & Astro hitters
- 5 TXism: "busier than ___-armed fry cook in a truck stop"
- 6 TXism: "hell ___ for leather"
- 7 TX Crossword co.: Orbison ___
- 8 Waco religious publisher: Word, ___
- 9 TX poet: Grace Noll
- 16 TX Orbison's 1st rock band: "___ Kings"
- 18 TX wildflower: "___ foxglove"
- 20 TXism: "pay him ___ never mind"
- 21 Bell, ___ TX (near Waco)
- 22 iced ___
- 24 TX women Hughes, & Weddington
- 30 TX rancher Chuck Norris film: "Hero and ___"
- 34 A&M degree
- 35 unmarried girl
- 36 TXism: "___ sheared like a spring lamb"
- 37 lens sharpening
- 39 '24 slogan: "Me for Ma ___"
- 43 TXism: "loud as ___ boot heels on ___ floor"
- 44 TX Perot's '92 economy issue

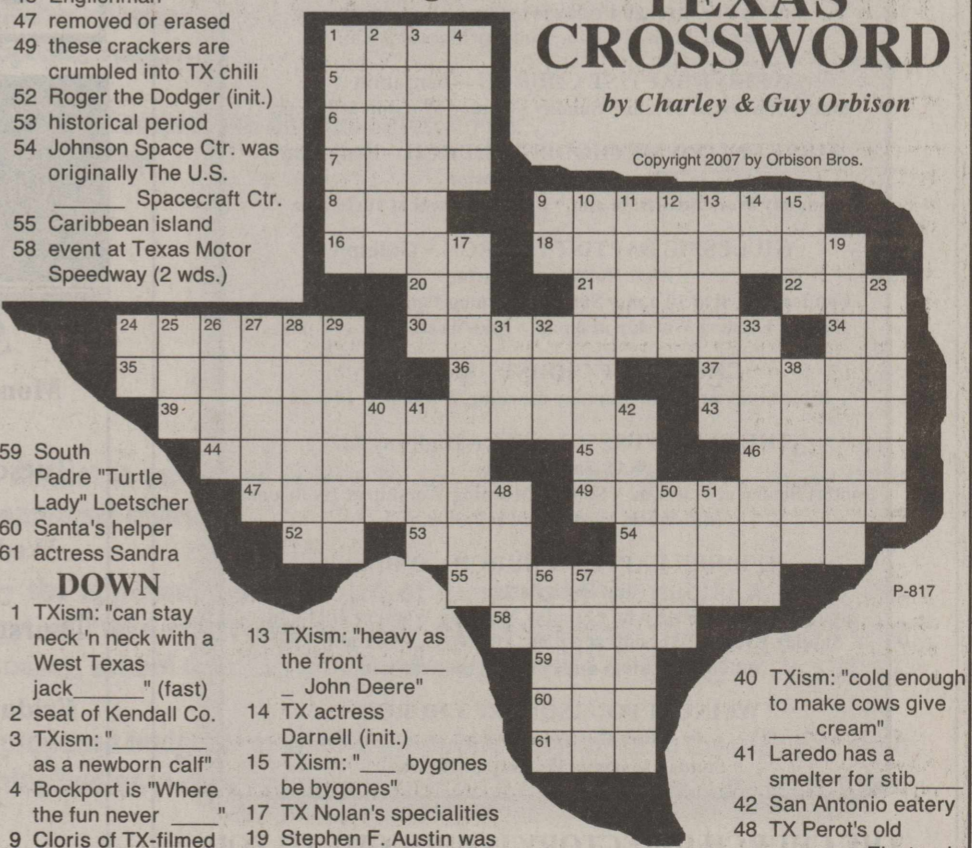
- 45 TX peak: ___ Capitan
- 46 Englishman
- 47 removed or erased
- 49 these crackers are crumbled into TX chili
- 52 Roger the Dodger (init.)
- 53 historical period
- 54 Johnson Space Ctr. was originally The U.S. ___ Spacecraft Ctr.
- 55 Caribbean island
- 58 event at Texas Motor Speedway (2 wds.)

The Original

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DOWN

- 1 TXism: "can stay neck 'n neck with a West Texas jack ___" (fast)
- 2 seat of Kendall Co.
- 3 TXism: "___ as a newborn calf"
- 4 Rockport is "Where the fun never ___"
- 9 Cloris of TX-filmed "The Last Picture Show" (init.)
- 10 Mineral Wells High School girls' mascot
- 11 TXism: "all ___ but the shouting"
- 12 TXism: "he could ___ his work shirt to a church social"

- 13 TXism: "heavy as the front ___ John Deere"
- 14 TX actress Darnell (init.)
- 15 TXism: "___ bygones be bygones"
- 17 TX Nolan's specialties
- 19 Stephen F. Austin was ___ in the State Cemetery
- 23 valuable items
- 24 TX comedian & actor Martin (init.)
- 25 Devine h.s. class
- 26 watermelon shell
- 27 found a sum
- 28 young cow

- 29 sluggish mollusks
- 31 TXism: "sneaky as an ___ sucking dog"
- 32 TXism: "___ many irons in the fire"
- 33 Baskin-___
- 38 TX invention: chili con ___

- 40 TXism: "cold enough to make cows give ___ cream"
- 41 Laredo has a smelter for stib ___
- 42 San Antonio eatery
- 48 TX Perot's old company: Electronic ___ Systems
- 50 crippled
- 51 org. of TX nurses
- 56 prosecuted in a court
- 57 Spassburg's big beer hall: Sangerfest ___

OBITUARY

Stephen R. Logsdon

Memorial services for Stephen R. Logsdon were held at 3:00 p.m., August 31 at Faith Chapel in Rochester with Randy Hollingsworth officiating.

Stevie was preceded in death by his father, Ivan Logsdon, maternal grandparents, E. H. and Lorell Tooke and paternal grandparents, J. E. and Algerene Logsdon.

Stevie is survived by his children, Haley and Zachary

Logsdon. He is also survived by his parents Kenneth and Jean Beason of Rochester; one sister, Amy Strickland of Abilene; one brother Joseph Logsdon of Rochester and one grandmother, Lorene Beason of Rochester; two nieces and nephews and his beloved Carrie Badillo.

Stevie will be missed and his memory cherished by all of his family and friends.

*Perhaps you sent a lovely card,
Or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a funeral spray
If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,
As any friend could say;
Perhaps you were not there at all,
Just thought of us that day,
Whatever you did to console our hearts,
We thank you so much, whatever the part.*

The family of Mary Marin Goins would like to express their deepest appreciation for the compassion, kindness and support showed by all of our friends and family members during the loss of our loved one.

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God's Promises

By Jim Reid, Pastor
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Living life at its fullest is the great expectation of many people. If only we could live the moments filled with excitement, love, and joy each and every day, all the days of our life, we would probably say life is great. We know that there are many other moments, hours and days that we must endure.

There are days that are disappointing, depressive and seemingly hopeless. We want to know how to get through these days. We want to know how to handle those circumstances that spell defeat in every way.

Many times we will try to ignore the hurtful situations, hard consequences and the times that we are so discouraged that we struggle to even get out of bed. Our minds beg for understanding why this has happened to me. Why does my family have to endure so many tough situations? Why is my journey so bleak?

Invariably, most people at the depth of discouragement or depression will ask, "Why does God hate me so much?" Or, "Why is God doing this to me?" Sometimes even, "Why did He let this happen to me?"

You can be sure of this

fact. God never does anything to discourage you to be near Him. His whole purpose is always to call you to come closer to Him. When you see your life running the road of discouragement and you don't know how to get out of the rut, think upon these scriptures from God's Word and you will be encouraged.

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Just as it is written, "For Your sake we are being put to death all day long; we were considered sheep to be slaughtered." But in all these things, we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

There is no greater power, love, protector or provider to watch over you. I pray today that these words of encouragement will bless your day and make a difference in your life this week.

Wedding News

Condley — Smethers



Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Christopher Condley

Shanna Lee Smethers and Matthew Christopher Condley were united in marriage at 6 p.m. on May 12, 2007 at Dogwood Canyon Hope Wilderness Chapel in Lampe, Mo. John Talley officiated. A reception followed at the Dogwood Canyon Pavilion.

The bride is the daughter of Gary and Sandy Smethers of Owasso, Ok. And granddaughter of Romain Stubbs and the late Jack Stubbs of Knox City, Tx. She is employed at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah as assistant director of the university bookstore.

The groom is the son of Chris and Dana Condley of Muskogee, Oklahoma. He owns Condley Landscape, Design, Maintenance and Irrigation in Muskogee, Ok.

The bride wore a simple but elegant white gown trimmed in turquoise. Honor attendant was Heather Adney. Bridesmaids were Jennifer Adney, Meghan Gray, Sarah Dimon and Angie Smethers. Spencer and Stuart Edmonds served as candlelighters. Saylor Edmonds and Joye Condley were flowergirls and Gavin Smethers and Tripp Milliken were ringbearers. Natalie Day served as the guest book attendant. Seth Condley was the best man and groomsmen were Shane Scott, Drake Fletcher, Gavin Wood and Cameron Milliken. Garret Smethers, Stratton Edmonds, Kelsey Condley and Tanner Condley were ushers.

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M.J. Abila To Try Out With Coast To Coast Baseball

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Coast to Coast Baseball is a program that represents the United States around the world.

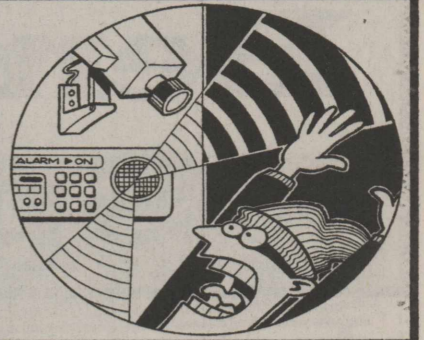
If Abila qualifies for the program, he can choose between international trips to Australia, the Netherlands and Puerto Rico or domestic programs in Hawaii or Florida, joining an elite fraternity of college-bound athletes from around the world.

In addition to representing the United States in international competition, Abila would be guaranteed a chance in being recruited to one of the top colleges, earn scholarships and improve his chances of being recruited.

M.J. will try out on October 13th.

M.J. is the son of Mario and Linda Abila of Knox City.

Dumb Crook News



"I Stole This Truck Because I Was Tired Of Walking!"

The story that you are about to read kind of echoes the story of a guy in Los Angeles, California, who used the same excuse for stealing a steamroller and leading police on a five-mile-per-hour chase back in 1999.

A man from Ashdown, Arkansas, had wrecked his vehicle in Oklahoma. He was in a big and sort-of new pickup truck when cops caught up with him in De Queen, Arkansas. But police were not looking for the man, identified as 29-year-old Charles Hope, because of the crash but because the pickup truck was stolen.

Officials say that Hope led officers on a swerving chase at speeds up to 80 miles per hour on U.S. Highway 41 Sevier County in southwest Arkansas. The incident, which occurred on the evening of August 28, ended peacefully when a cop set out spike strips to flatten the purloined pickup's tires. When hope saw the strips, he pulled over and stopped.

Police say that Hope told them that he had wrecked his own vehicle in Tom, Oklahoma, and that he stole the 2006 Dodge Ram 3500 because he was tired of walking.

Hope was taken into custody pending formal charges.

"911, What's Your Emergency?" "I Need A Ride Home!"

When emergency workers in Symmes Township, Ohio, received and answered a 911 call the night of August 29, they expected to find someone who needed help.

They did — but the caller, identified as 39-year-old Richard Harris, didn't need medical help. He needed a ride to his home in North Avondale, Ohio.

Harris was arrested and charged with making false alarms, a charge carrying a maximum sentence of 180 days in the county jail.

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The KNOX COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2007 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on SEPTEMBER 10, 2007 at 5:30 p.m.

at the KNOX COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT OFFICE, BENJAMIN, TEXAS

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget.	\$ <u>187,010.00</u>
The total amount of increase over the current year's budget.	\$ <u>2,700.00</u>
The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget.	<u>3 1/2</u> (full-time equivalent)
The number of employees compensated under the current budget.	<u>3</u> (full-time equivalent)

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

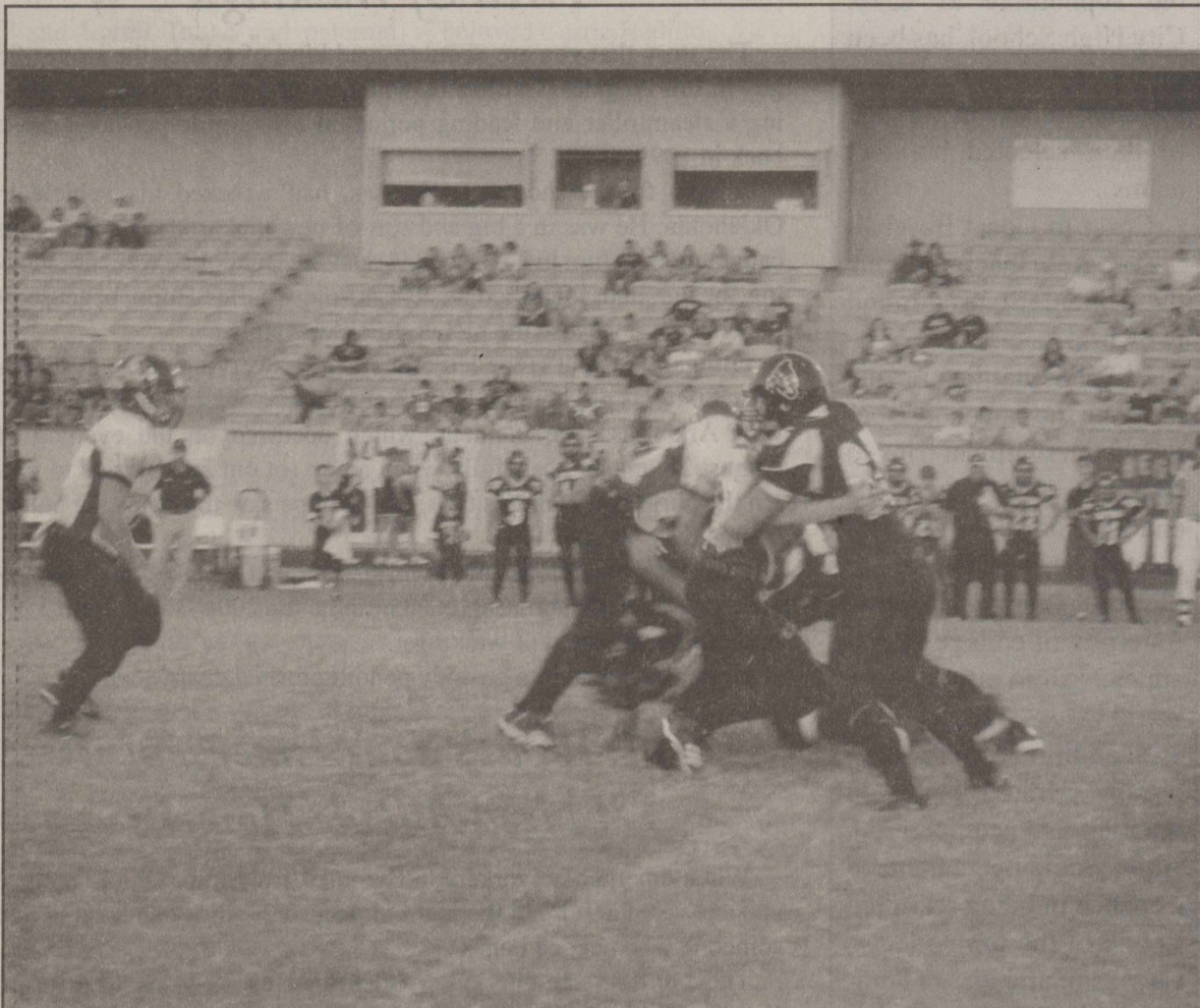
A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

Benjamin Sports



BENJAMIN NEWS

Mustangs Struggle With Jaybirds



Benjamin holds the line against Jayton Jaybirds

The Benjamin Mustangs visited the Jayton Jaybirds in Jayton on Saturday evening to match up with the 2007 number two ranked Division II Jaybirds.

The Jaybirds were State runner-ups last year, having competed against the Northside Indians in the 2006 Division II State Championship, falling to them with a score of 60-41.

Though plagued with injuries

before the half, the Mustangs played strongly against the Jaybirds, and Sunday morning, many of the Jaybirds likely felt the effects of some hard hits laid on them by the Mustangs.

The game was called late in the third quarter due to the forty-five-point rule.

With the Mustangs preventing several scores by the Jaybirds by holding their ground at

the Jayton goal line on several occasions, in addition to busting through the Jayton defense in several impressive plays, the under ranked Mustangs have shown the power and potential they have as a team.

The Mustangs will head to Lubbock to compete against parochial school Christ the King on Friday, September 7 at 5:30 p.m.

By Gladene Green

Another week has come and gone, as has another holiday. I hope your Labor Day was a pleasant one. As for myself, it was literally "Labor Day" as I do everyday - laundry, cleaning, etc. The weekend was nice. The bird hunters were around in bunches. Don't know if they were having any luck or not, but do know they were enjoying being out of the cities for a day or so.

About Our Ill

Bud Conner got a favorable report Wednesday when he visited his doctor in Lubbock. Just has to continue to be very careful for a while yet, but doctors are pleased with his progress. Barring any unforeseen problem, he doesn't have to go back until late November.

Don Hertel was in Lubbock on Tuesday to see his heart doctor. He, too, got a pretty good report. The doctor changed his medication a little and he said today he's feeling pretty well.

Leroy West spent last Thursday night in Knox County Hospital. He had a little flare-up. He was afraid it was his heart, but think maybe doctors ruled that problem out. He's feeling better today.

Sue Sheedy spent a couple of days in the Haskell hospital last week. At last report, she was feeling better, also.

Homer T. Melton Honored

In a very impressive ceremony on Saturday, held at the Benjamin Cemetery, the late Homer T. Melton, former Texas Ranger, was honored with the Memorial Cross. The dedication program began at 11 a.m. with Homer T.'s daughter, Mary Jane Young, giving the welcome. Dennis Duke voiced the invocation and other family members having parts on the program were grandsons,

Jack Young, Jr., granddaughter Deborah Niell and great grandsons, Dustin Collins and Trevor Niell. Also, several Texas Rangers shared some of their memories about Homer T. with those in attendance, as did several other of his friends and relatives.

Homer T. served in many capacities - county sheriff, ranger, investigator for the district attorney and county judge. He was a friend to all and loved by everyone. This program Saturday was a very fitting tribute to one of Knox County's finest citizens.

The memorial cross was provided through the Former Texas Rangers Association by a grant from the Texas Historical Foundation.

A noon meal was provided at the Ex-Students building, where friends and relatives continued to visit, many of them reflecting on the past. A good crowd was in attendance.

Here 'N There

Jack and Mary Young had several weekend visitors here to attend the dedication on Saturday. Visiting were Jack, Jr. and Cindy Young of Round Rock, Debbie and Barry Niell, Dustin Collins and a friend, Stephanie and Trevor Niell and Colin, all of Boca Raton, Florida, Barbara and Benny Huggard of Andrews, Tony Huggard and daughters of Austin, Mary Norris of Tulia, Jo Melton and Jimmy Melton and family of Lubbock, Debbie and Lewis DeLaRosa of Portland and Butch and Letha Young of Saginaw.

Pam and Dennis Duke and Lorene Powers attended the funeral of Johnny Hertel in Coleman, Oklahoma last Wednesday. Also making the trip with them were Valera Hertel and Soupy Hertel of Munday.

Billy Jay Jennings of Rio Frio visited friends here last Tuesday. He had had surgery the week

before, but is doing fine and thought since he had a few days to recuperate he would do some visiting.

Margaret Siemens of San Angelo visited her mom, Tina, during the weekend.

Good news regarding great-grandson Mason Herring. He's doing well. Had a little "back set" last Tuesday. He had to be re-admitted to the Pediatric Critical Care Unit, but doctors worked out his problem and he's now back in his own room, has most of his tubes out and is on his way back to good health. He should be able to return home before long.

Seems school is going okay. The volleyball girls continue to win. They defeated Moran Saturday. The football boys had a little trouble at Jayton. Their hosts jumped ahead pretty quick and the 45-point ruling sent the Mustangs home early. The season is young. We hope to hear a different story this week.

Visiting Gloria and Leroy West and Lorene Powers this Labor Day weekend were Gloria's children, Betty Parker of Aspermont, Robert Clower of Electra and Cathy Tomlinson of Denton.

Dickie and Laura McCanlies enjoyed a long weekend with friends in Ft. Worth.

Patsy Bateman called Thursday night and reported on Jim. Said he was doing pretty well. He will see his doctor September 10th to see if the current treatment is doing what it's supposed to or if they will try something else. They are still in Houston. They have been there since early July. She said they appreciate all the prayers for them and don't stop now. They continue to need them.

Anthony and Jessica Lamb of Vernon visited home folks Sunday and Monday.



Derrick Northrup slips past a Jaybird as #15 Lucas Cartwright blocks another Jaybird

Lady 'Stangs Beat Moran Saturday

Benjamin Lady 'Stangs defeated Moran in volleyball Saturday, September 1 at Moran. Scores - Benjamin 25 Moran 9; Benjamin 25 Moran 12; Benjamin 25 Moran 5. *Julia Acevedo - 14 Aces; Teri Miller - 7 Kills; Tina Siemens - 10 Assists, 4 Aces, 3 Kills; Karla Benson - 6 Kills*
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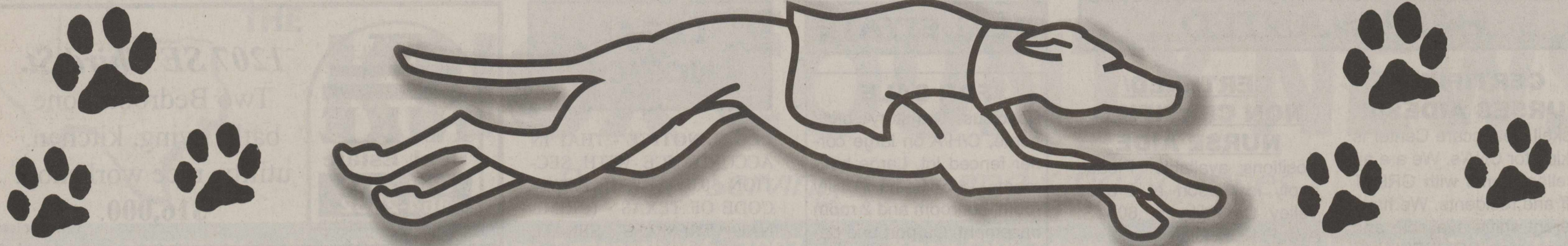
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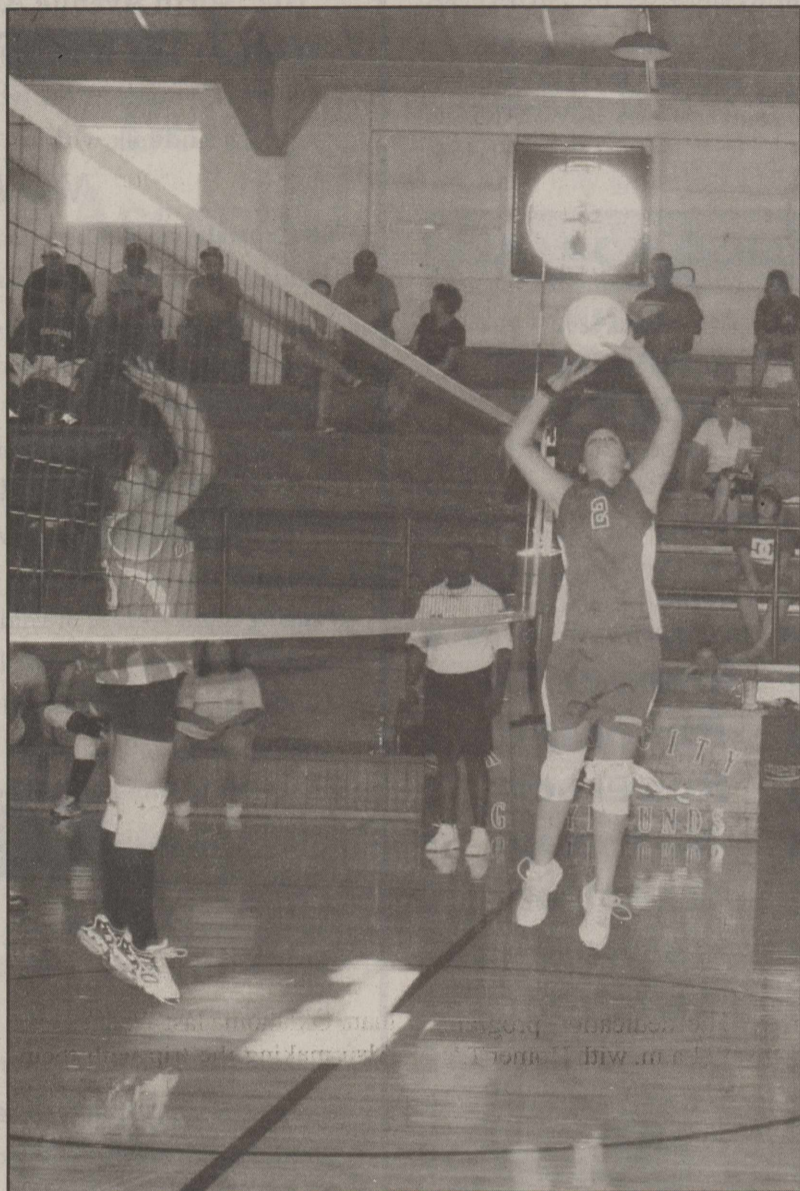
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Brittny Gonzales



Jessy Schur connects with the ball for the return

The Knox City Houndettes met the Paducah Dragons on the volleyball court for the second time in four days last Tuesday evening.

The Varsity lost in four games: 20/25, 25/20, 14/25, 14/25. Then on Saturday, the Varsity traveled to Woodson for

a dual match with Ranger and Woodson. They played Ranger in the first round but came up short in four games: 29/27, 9/25, 30/32, 19/25.

The Houndettes then turned around and played Woodson but lost in a close battle: 23/25, 23/25, and 18/25. "I believe

we saw great progress this past weekend. Each game was close and the girls are starting to connect in their serves, digs, hits and passes.

They were tired after playing 7 games in-a-row, but I think they realized that with fresh legs and arms, we could have

pulled out some wins," stated Coach Peters. The Houndettes opened district play against the Benjamin Mustangs this week. Scores were unavailable at press time. The Houndettes will face the Munday JV in a non-district match in Knox City at 10:00 am on Saturday.

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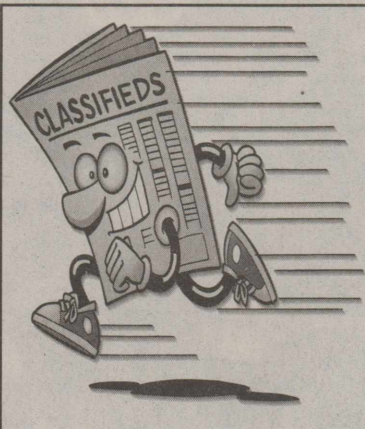
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