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**Looking Ahead**

**Workshop - Lightening The Load: Community Resources for the Caregiver**

A workshop to introduce dementia to caregivers to the help available through the services of several Wichita Falls area organizations will be Thursday, January 10 from 10:00 - 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall of West Side Baptist Church 1914 Buchanan Street in Wichita. There is no charge, but registration is encouraged. Contact Beverly Diekhoff at 940-767-8800 or 1-800-272-3900 for more information. Sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association - North Central Texas Chapter, Wichita Falls Region.

**Noah Project - North Advisory Committee Meeting**

The Noah Project - North Advisory Committee will meet at noon in the Haskell County Courthouse Friday, January 11. All members are asked to attend this very important meeting to discuss our major fund raiser for the year. It is the dinner theatre and silent auction to be held Saturday, February 23. It will also feature the rural "Golden Girls" that are returning after several years.

**Knox County Junior Livestock Show**

The Knox County Junior Livestock Show will be held on Friday, January 18 and Saturday, January 19 at the Knox City High School Bus Barn.

**King County Stock Show**

King County will hold their annual King County Livestock and Project Show on Friday, January 25 and Saturday, January 26 at the King County Community Center Complex. All animals must be in the Show Barn by noon on Friday.

**Membership Roundup for KCRA**

The Knox County Recreational Arena will be holding a membership roundup and annual meeting on January 24th at 7 p.m. at the Knox City Community Building. We invite all interested people to attend. If you have any questions, call Tony Hunter at 256-8807 or Riley Carver at 256-1866.

**Knox County Museum Annual Fund Raising Dinner & Silent Auction**

Sunday, February 3, 2008. 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the Benjamin Memorial Building.

**Bonner Newly Appointed County Extension Agent**

Adam Bonner has been appointed County Extension Agent — agricultural and natural resources for Knox County effective January 7, 2008, according to Knox County Commissioner's Court and district Extension administrator, Donald W. Kelm.



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Bonner received his Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture Economics from Tarleton State University in Stephenville.

Adam grew up on a ranch in Hamilton County and has always had close ties with the agriculture community. He also worked for a vet clinic and in high school was a member of the Future Farmers of America for many years and was active in judging and showing. He has also been active in the Hico Civic Club. As a member of the civic club, he worked on major events such as Hico's Old Settlers Reunion.

Adam is excited about the opportunity to serve the people of Knox County and to provide

the necessary leadership in agriculture, 4-H and youth development, and community development to meet the educational programming needs. He will work closely with Lorrie Coop, county Extension agent- family and consumer's sciences in providing these needs.

Adam looks forward to the opportunity to serve the people of Knox County.

**Knox County Junior Livestock Show Upcoming**

The Knox County Junior Live stock show will be held January 18th and 19th this year at the Knox City High School bus barn.

On Friday morning the kids will begin at 8 a.m. weighing in their sheep, goats and swine, followed by the weighing in of the broilers and rabbits at 4 p.m.

The broilers and rabbits will begin showing at 5 p.m. At 6 p.m. the market lambs will be shown, followed by the market goats.

At 8 a.m. Saturday morning the market swine show will begin, followed by the steers at 12 p.m. The premium auction will begin at 3 p.m.

A concession stand will be available.

The judge scheduled for rabbits and poultry is Ed Blankenship. Judge for sheep, goats, swine and beef is James McDougal.

2008 superintendents are: Rabbits and Poultry - Mark Reed; Swine - Jim Dillon, Dick Dickson; Sheep and Goats - Adlai Weiershausen, Louis Baty; Cattle - Fred Carver.

2007-2008 Show Board officers are Tony Myers - Chairman, Pam Reed - Treasurer, Bryan Kuehler, Adlai Weiershausen, Randy Smith, Rick Moeller, James Propps, Poncho Morrow and Kemp Jones.

**Three Walker Generations — Spanning 100 Years**

As an older man, Finnice Euin Walker often told the story of how he moved to Knox County with his parents, Andrew N. and Rebecca Shannon Walker.

After his father "Andy" sold their land in the Hill County, in 1907; he traveled to far western Knox County, where a particular tract of land caught his interest.

In December, 1907, he began purchasing this sizeable land tract located in clear view of Buzzard Peak.

Highway 222 would later be constructed along the front of the property, many decades later. As a seventeen year old, Finnice remembered riding around the stumps situated in the bed of the Brazos River (west of Knox City) while in their covered wagon with his parents, brothers and sisters; on their journey to settle this new home in 1908.

This original Knox County Walker settlement would eventually be owned and operated by three generations: Andy, his son Finnice, and currently his granddaughter Finnice Imogene Walker Turnbow.

These three generations will be etched in a granite stone in the foreground of the new Knox County Museum in Benjamin.

A few short years later, Andy purchased a large tract of land about three miles closer to the Brazos.

Soon afterwards, Finnice returned from serving in the TX Army-Air Corps, WWI. In April, 1923, he married Othella Myrick.

In 1929, Finnice purchased a tract of land, across the road from the last tract of land his father Andy had bought in the 1910's.

This new tract of Finnice's

bordered his friend Lee Smith's (home) property; now owned by Max Bradley.

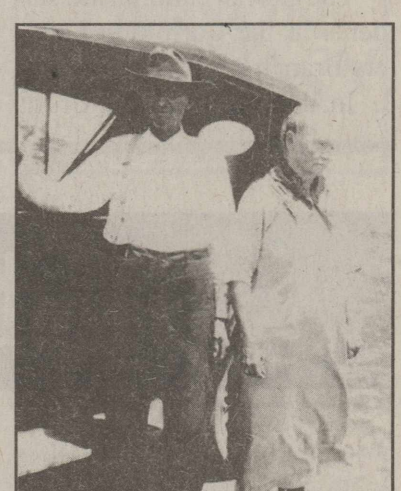
This Walker tract would also be passed down to his youngest daughter, Finnice Imogene Walker. Finnice quickly built his and Othella's house here and made it a home for their three daughters.

By the 1940's, Finnice bought his last tract of land, ultimately owning and operating over 2,000 acres of property, most of which is in cultivation in Knox County, with a smaller portion in Haskell County. The total acreage is comprised of both his and his father Andy's tracts.

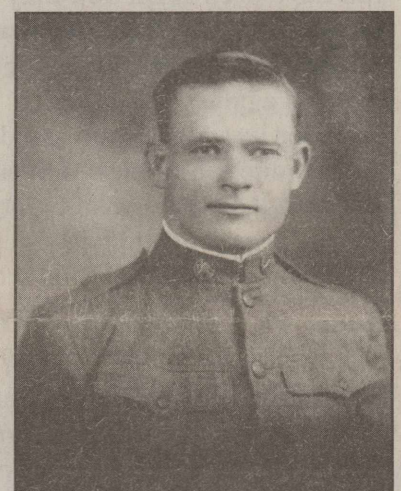
Andy passed away in 1925, followed by his wife Rebecca in 1937. However, the Walker family tradition of farming carried on by absolutely every generation of them since their first plantation located near colonial Jamestown, VA; (traced back to the mid-eighteenth century) did not end with Andrew N. Walker, or with his son Finnice. To date, Finnice's daughters still own all of his property and continue carrying out his legacy.

After decades of overseeing his countless crops of wheat and cotton, and running his vast cattle operations; in 1953, Mr. and Mrs. Walker retired and moved into their new home in Knox City. Finnice passed away March 11, 1966; followed by his wife Othella, June 5, 1982.

This month, their grandchildren Steven Turnbow of Wichita Falls and Connie Turnbow Snyder of Abilene; celebrated this centennial event with a birthday dinner party in honor of their mother Finnice Imogene, at The Copper Creek in Abilene.



Mr. and Mrs. Andy Walker, 1923



Finnice E. Walker, 1918, WWI



Finnice Imogene Walker Turnbow

**King County Stock Show Slated January 25 And 26**

King County will hold their annual King County Livestock & Project Show on January 25th and 26th 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.

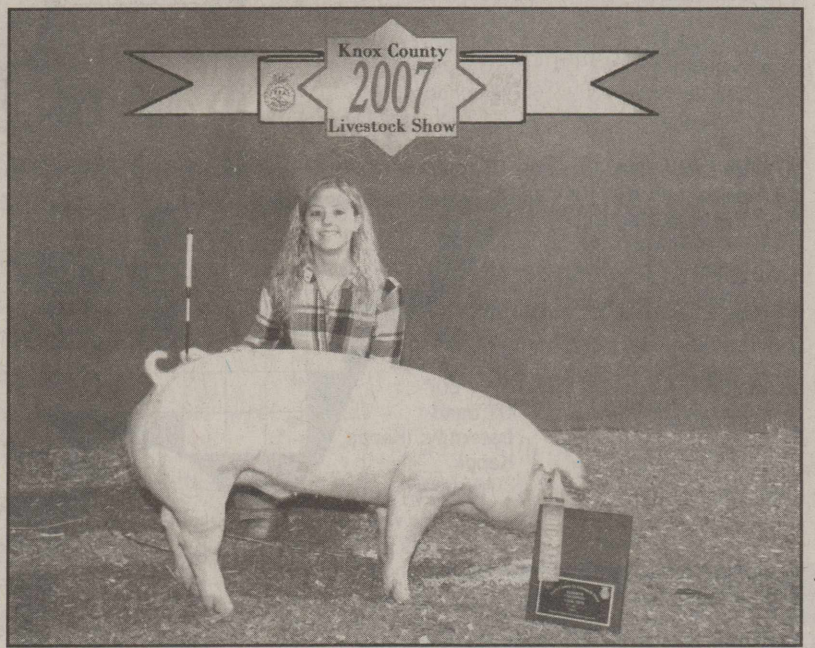
All animals must be in the Show barn by Noon on Friday. Project show judging begins at

1:00 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 2:00 p.m. On Saturday, judging begins at 9:00 a.m. with goats, followed by sheep, swine, rabbits, and steers. Projects may be viewed from 9:00 to 12:00 p.m. At 5:30 p.m., a donor-buyer barbecue supper will be held, and the premium sale will be at 7:00 p.m.

Approximately 14 goats, 10 sheep, 15 swine, 2 steers, 1 rabbit and 3 projects will qualify for the Premium Sale. Each exhibitor can qualify up to two

animals or one animal and one project for the sale.

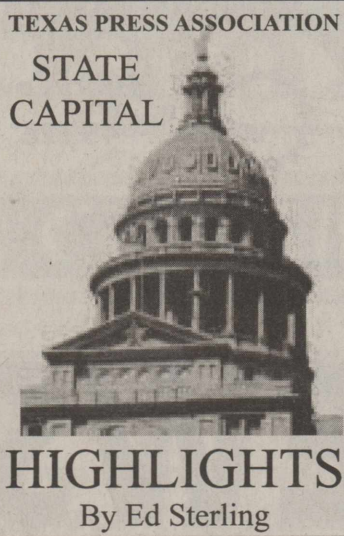
Judge for the 2008 Livestock Show is Brandon Anderson, from Haskell, Texas. Blaine Chapman of Lubbock will once again auctioneer the Premium Sale. King County Livestock Association Directors are President-Monte Hollar, Vice-President-Jay Hurt, Secretary/Treasurer-Beverly Hollar, Auditor-Cynthia Fox, Travis Adams, Kelly Butler, Rick Criswell, Phil Fox, Lynn Hill, Justin Johnson, Reggie Hatfield, Mickie Blount, Bob Burkett, Marianna Graves and Beth Whitener.



Pictured from last year's livestock show is Chester White Reserve Breed Champion Kaitlyn Kuehler

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**HIGHLIGHTS**  
By Ed Sterling

# Federal Court Upholds 'Moment Of Silence' Law

AUSTIN - A Dallas federal court on Jan. 2 upheld a 2003 state law that allows Texas schools to set aside time for students to reflect, pray or meditate in the classroom.

Plaintiffs David Wallace Croft and spouse Shannon Kristine Croft filed the lawsuit in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas.

The Crofts' children are students in the Carrollton-Farmers Branch school district. In their lawsuit, the Crofts

alleged the Texas moment of silence law is unconstitutional under the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment.

At issue were parts of chapter 25 of the Texas Education Code, which say:

(1) A school district may provide for a period of silence at the beginning of the first class of each school day during which a student may reflect or meditate; and

(2) A public school student has an absolute right to individually, voluntarily, and silently pray or meditate in school in a manner that does not disrupt the instructional or other activities of the school.

A person may not require, encourage, or coerce a student to engage in or refrain from such prayer or meditation during any school activity.

The Legislature revised the moment of silence provi-

sion in 2003, adding the word "pray" to the list of designated options as well as "any other silent activity that is not likely to interfere with or distract another student."

The federal court held that "...the addition of the word 'pray' directly furthers the purpose of encouraging students to engage in individual contemplative activity."

The court also concluded such "thoughtful contemplation" is a "valid secular purpose" and that "the primary effect of the statute is to institute a moment of silence, not to advance or inhibit religion."

After the court rendered its decision, Attorney General Greg Abbott, a defendant in the lawsuit along with Gov. Rick Perry, said, "The court's ruling ensures that Texas schoolchildren are free to begin each day by voluntarily reflecting, meditating, or praying before

school each morning.

"Particularly in an age where children are so frequently confronted with violence and disorder, 60 seconds of quiet contemplation at the beginning of each day is not too much to ask. ..."

**Gym operators must be certified**

Secretary of State Phil Wilson recommends that Texans first check to ensure a gym or health spa is registered with the Secretary of State before becoming a member.

Under state law, a person must obtain a health spa operator's certificate of registration from the Secretary of State before operating a health spa or selling a membership in a health spa.

An operator's certificate of registration is required for each health spa location.

Unless the person qualifies for an exemption, a security

deposit for each location must also be posted with the secretary of state to protect members of the club who suffer actual financial loss as a result of a closing.

"As Texans begin to work on their resolutions for 2008, it is important that they do the research to make sure they will be protected if their gym shuts down," Wilson said.

"A gym membership can be a significant financial commitment and I would urge all Texans to visit my Web site to check their club's registration status and review the steps to recover membership fees of closed gyms if applicable."

**Commission chair passes away**

Ric Williamson, 55-year-old chairman of the Texas Transportation Commission, suffered a heart attack and died Dec. 29.

A resident of Weatherford,

Williamson served as a member of the Texas House of Representatives from 1985 to 1998.

He was appointed to the commission by Gov. Rick Perry in March 2001 and was named the chair in January 2004.

**Agency boosts war on smoking**

The Texas Department of State Health Services reports it is more than doubling its resources dedicated to free smoking cessation services provided through the American Cancer Society's Quitline.

This year, the agency plans to provide \$550,000 for the service, up from \$250,000 provided in 2007.

The toll-free telephone counseling service at 1-877-YES-QUIT is available to all Texans trying to quit smoking or dipping, the state health agency said.

## Public Notice

### CITATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
TO: Juan Espinal, Sr.

You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 A.M. on the Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you.

A petition was filed on the 31st day of December, 2007, in the indicated court of KNOX County, Texas. You are directed to file a written answer to the petition on or before 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after you were served with this citation and petition.

The suit is an action to establish paternity of and to enter appropriate orders for the conservatorship and support of the following child subject of the suit:

Name	Sex	DOB	SSN	Birthplace
Juan Espinal JR.	M	4/19/2001	630-76-4546	ABILENE, TAYLOR, TX

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's interest, which will be binding on you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship, the determination of paternity and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption. No property is involved in the suit.

File Number 0010722273  
Cause Number 8990  
Other parties to the action:

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
ALLEN RHODES  
JUAN ESPINAL SR  
TANYA DENA  
JANICE RHODES

ISSUED under my hand and seal of court this 31st day of December, 2007.

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## TEXAS CROSSWORD

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**ACROSS**

1 Iowa \_\_\_ TX

5 TXism for "against"

6 TXism: "it belongs \_\_\_ and the bank"

7 steak order

8 TXism: "call \_\_\_ day" (quit)

9 once a label for TX Guy Clark

12 TX Sedgwick directed " \_\_\_ Pa Kettle" film

17 performance by TX Henley's "Eagles"

19 TX Dunn was 1st to put \_\_\_ roses on boots

21 TX Bush: commander- \_\_\_

22 TXism: "six of one, half \_\_\_ of the other"

23 UT Latino fraternity " \_\_\_ Theta Pi"

28 TXism: "feel like I \_\_\_ long drop on a short rope" (sore throat)

29 actor Tim of "WKRP in Cincinnati"

30 East TX flower

31 wife of TX-born president DDE

35 TX Holly genre: "rock and \_\_\_"

36 Baskin-Robbins flavor "Jamoca \_\_\_"

42 TX-born Scott Joplin's " \_\_\_ Rag"

44 TXism: "hard as \_\_\_"

**DOWN**

1 this Green was 1st Miss Texas in '36

2, TXism: "hungry as \_\_\_ a concrete pasture"

3 near Glen Rose: "Fossil \_\_\_"

4 TXism: "a \_\_\_ slapper" (funny)

9 this Mayne wrote several TX-based novels

10 TXism for a special person (4 wds.)

11 fed. agcy of the Waco cult tragedy

12 missing soldier (abbr.)

13 "Athens Fiddlers Contest \_\_\_"

14 \_\_\_ vera

15 TX-based CAF has aircraft

16 TXism: "gave up the ghost"

18 when repeated, Emmitt and Mark Cuban dance

20 this Noonan was Cowboys 1st pick in '87 (init.)

23 TXism: "hasta \_\_\_ vista" (see ya)

24 state where Emmitt ran last (abbr.)

25 TXism: "school \_\_\_" (teacher)

26 a cow \_\_\_ if it eats too much green grass

27 Greek city in Biblical times

32 TXism: "fits like ugly on \_\_\_ ape"

33 medicine man abbr.

34 TXism: " \_\_\_ he's a rooster he'll crow"

36 Muhammad \_\_\_

37 TXism: "crooked as a dog's hind \_\_\_"

38 TX rodeo star Larry \_\_\_ "Don" in 46-across

40 Leslie Caron role

41 Gen. Robert \_\_\_

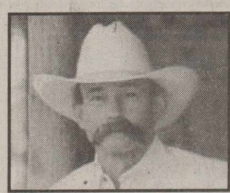
43 \_\_\_ Centro College

45 George H. Bush, \_\_\_

47 Persian rulers in Biblical times

48 TXism: "take a \_\_\_ at it" (try) 55 against





# BAXTER BLACK

ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

## NFR LAS VEGAS 2007

By Baxter Black, DVM

Hunter S. Thompson, in his book Fear And Loathing in Las Vegas said, "Circus, Circus (a big casino in Las Vegas) is what the world would be like if the Third Reich had won!"

Las Vegas is the equivalent of endlessly switching the cable channel on your television anytime between midnight and 2:00am!

Las Vegas has changed rodeo. It has been a great host to the National Rodeo Finals (NFR) since 1985, literally launching rodeo into orbit somewhere between Haley's Comet and Dancing with the Stars! It has also drug us middle-aged and Social Security veterans, who have the most money to spend on Dodge pickups and fancy Justin boots and make up the vast majority of repeat NFR ticket buyers, into the whirlwind world of show business.

Each performance at the NFR begins like the 4th of July and roars non-stop, leaving the audience spellbound, breathless and deaf. When it is over you feel like you've ridden or roped every wild domestic animal that ran, circled or crashed into the arena! It exhausts you. Watching rodeo is not like watching baseball or golf. There are no pensive, thoughtful moments as the steer wrestler ponders the angle of the horns. There are no no-hitters, no left fielders dozing off. Rodeo is more like hockey played with hambones and a whale bladder! Or tennis played with an orchestra and paint gun balls!

But the umbilicus, the life line that holds baby boomers and seniors to the sport and gets them through the roller coaster hyperspace of the Thomas and Mack Arena, is the intimate moment we watch when each competitor puts all they've got on the line. Man touches beast, leather touches hair, silver touches hide. The noise and lights, the fireworks and carnival atmosphere fade into the rafters as we, in our minds, nod our head, throw our rope, rock and fire, turn the barrel, take our dallies and land on our feet right there beside them...to the applause of the adoring crowd. That's...what brings us back.

That and the remembrance of our youthful attempts, of horses we've known, of friends we've rode with. We see Billy Etbauer, our Mickey Mantle, Walt Woodward, our Nolan Ryan, Trevor Brazile, our Tiger Woods, and Taos Muncy our LaBron James.

We support rodeo because it is ours, no matter how it changes. If it takes Las Vegas to make it a major sport, we welcome it, glitz and all.

But we gray-haired fans from America's Outback, where we still punch cows and team rope on Thursday night, appreciate the animals and contestants at the NFR on a much deeper level. One man, one horse, one bovine. We know how it feels, how hard it is, and how good the contestants have to be to get there. They represent the best of what we stand for, for all the world to see. Sometimes it sends chills down my spine.

Viva Las Vegas!

# The NRCS/James E. "Bud" Smith Plant Materials Center—Past And Present

By Rudy G. Esquivel, Soil Conservationist  
USDA-NRCS - James E. "Bud" Smith PMC

In 1965 the Soil Conservation Service (SCS) established a Plant Materials Center (PMC) near Knox City, Texas, on 60 acres of irrigated farmland leased from Mr. Tom Campbell.

In the early days the Soil Conservation Service operated a network of field nurseries. From 1934 up until about 1953 SCS nurseries were operated much like our modern day Plant Materials Centers. The big task of the nurseries was to provide grass seed critically needed to restore land damaged by the drought and wind erosion of the 1930's

The first major native grass seed harvest in history was made by nursery personnel in late 1935 from prairie rangelands in Texas and eastern New Mexico. More than 50,000 pounds of blue grama seed were harvested with bluegrass seed strippers. From these early efforts plant scientist soon learned that conventional farm combines could be easily modified to harvest many of the desired native plant species. These early developments helped solve the seed supply problem, but it was only a partial solution.

Other problems facing the early SCS technicians included proper seedbed preparation, dates and rates of seeding, and equipment suitable for planting grasses under range and pasture conditions. All of these items were worked out by 1938 and the basic techniques are still in use today with only minor modifications.

As SCS nurseries were phased out in the mid 50's the Plant Materials Program as we know it today came into existence.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)/James E. "Bud" Smith PMC

was the first modern day Plant Materials Center established in Texas. Today, there are three Plant Materials Centers serving Texas and parts of adjoining states.

Besides Knox City there are centers at East Texas near Nacogdoches and South Texas near Kingsville.

An early figure in the SCS plant science arena was Mr. James E. "Bud" Smith. Mr. Smith was involved in many of the new technologies coming out of the program, and on September 7, 1967 the Knox City PMC was given the honorary name of the James E. "Bud" Smith Plant Materials Center in honor of Mr. Smith's dedicated service in early plant science work from 1935 up until 1965 when he retired.

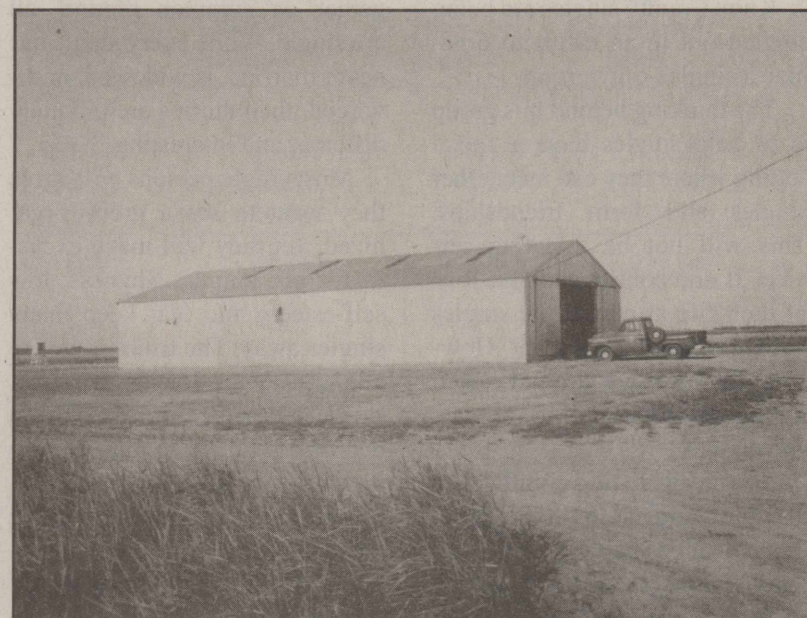
In 1990 the NRCS/James E. "Bud" Smith PMC land acreage increased on the same property and totaled to 137.5 acres with irrigated farmland and still manages the land today.

The PMC is part of a network of 27 Plant Materials Centers located around the United States. This includes one new PMC established in 2004 in Fallon, Nevada.

The primary area of service of the Plant Materials Center near Knox City is central, west and north Texas and southwestern Oklahoma.

Each Center serves an area comprising several major land resource area and ecotypes, but it doesn't stop here. Like all the other Plant Materials Centers in the nation, work being done at the James E. "Bud" Smith PMC is coordinated with that being evaluated at other locations across the country. Like in the days of the early SCS nurseries questions arise dealing with plants.

Today the modern NRCS Plant Materials Center is an integral part of finding the solution to the problem we face in



In the early days the Soil Conservation Service operated a network of field nurseries.



NRCS Plant Materials Center

modern agriculture.

Today droughts, overgrazing, wildlife habitat improvement, water quality improvement, and re-establishment of critical areas are just a few of the issues the NRCS/James E. "Bud" Smith PMC program must deal with.

Since its establishment in 1965 the Center has released on its own or in cooperation with other USDA agencies 30 improved varieties of plants, including many grasses, forbs, legumes, shrubs, and trees. Cooperating with other partners and prior to the establishment of the PMC near Knox City, Texas, NRCS was involved with 7 other

conservation plant releases which are also credited to the Plant Materials Program.

As we move into the 21st century working on conservation the NRCS/James E. "Bud" Smith PMC will continue to develop new plant releases and plant science technology to provide customers the tools they need to manage their natural resources for conservation use.

For more information contact the NRCS/James E. "Bud" Smith Plant Materials Center at (940) 658-3922 or visit the Plant Materials Program website in <http://Plant-Materials.nrcs.usda.gov>.

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## Knox County Singles Group — Not A Dating Service, A Place For Singles To Form Friendships

Knox County singles are being singled out in an effort to organize a singles-only group.

The thinking behind this group is to help singles have a social setting where they can meet other singles and form friendships. This will not be a dating service. If someone meets the love of their life at one of the singles get-togethers, that is great. However, the meetings are not meant for people looking for intimate encounters.

The idea is to find comfort in a group of singles, to do things together such as playing games, attending concerts or taking nature walks. Singles need to belong to a group of other singles who understand their need to be accepted for who they are.

Society often assumes singles have all the time in the world at their disposal. This is not the case, especially for single parents who do the work of two.

Couples have the advantage. Two couples having dinner at a restaurant is a common sight. All too often singles are not considered "appropriate" company for couples dining out. When a spouse dies, the survivor is often considered a "wet blanket" in a couples group. Some have been told, "I'm sorry, but you aren't a couple anymore."

A singles-only group offers acceptance. Singles come to-

gether on common ground, all are single. While every single has never married, is widowed, or divorced, their stories are uniquely different and interesting.

Most single persons will agree they want to see a group organized, yet they will make excuses for not joining. Shyness, low self-esteem and fear keep many singles away. The truth is, we are all that way to some degree.

We overcome this by making a decision to go and to join, then do it. Make plans to go with someone else who is going. Or, invite someone to go with you. But going will be a huge boost to our self-esteem.

The first meeting will not include a meal; it will be a planning session. Refreshments will be served, however. Everyone's ideas are important and needed as many decisions need to be made. The group needs to select leaders, activities, schedules and more.

There is a possibility that more than one group could come out of this meeting.

It depends on the attendance and the ages of those who attend. This is why all ages are invited.

Alcohol and drugs are not welcome. A NO SMOKING rule is in effect. Plan now to attend, and then do it. The meeting will be Friday night, January 11, at 7:00 p.m. at the Munday Community Center.

# Public Notices

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Article 258.002(c) of the Texas Transportation Code, the Commissioners Court of Knox County, Texas provides this notice to the public of its intention to convene a public meeting to receive comment upon the adoption of a County Road Map including each road in which the County claims the continued existence of a public interest and a right of access and egress for maintenance of an existing County Road. The roads in which the County claims a public interest have been maintained for many years, beginning some time prior to 1981, have previously been listed in a notice included in the 2007-08 Ad Valorem Tax statement. A proposed County Road Map depicting each road in which the County claims a public interest has been available for inspection by the public at the County Judge's Office in the County Courthouse during business hours, beginning December 1, 2007.

The Commissioners Court will conduct a public hearing on 1/30/2008, at 10:00 a.m., in the Commissioners Courtroom in the Knox County Courthouse. At this time, pursuant to Article 258.002(b), Texas Transportation Code, any person asserting a private right, title or interest in a road may appear before the Commissioners Court to object or protest the County's claim of its right to continue maintenance of the public roads depicted on the County Road Map. Any person asserting a private right, title or interest in a road may also file a written protest with the County Judge at any time before the time and date of the scheduled public hearing. By way of this procedure, the County makes no claim affecting title, acreage, or ownership of the land, but seeks merely to establish and document the right of the County to continue maintenance of the existing county road in its present location and dimension.

/s/ Travis C. Floyd  
Knox County Judge

(Published January 3, 2008, January 10, 2008, January 17, 2008 and January 24, 2008)

## PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF NOMINATION PERIOD

### Public Notice

The Knox City-O'Brien CISD is now accepting nominations for the Gifted/Talented program for the school year. This program is designed for students with exceptional intellectual and creative thinking abilities. Anyone wishing to nominate a student attending Knox City - O'Brien CISD in kindergarten through twelfth grade this year is asked to go by the office of your student's campus and request a copy of the nomination form. This form must be returned to the school by December 20, 2007. Those unable to go by the school should call 940-657-3427 to request a form be sent to them.

### Noticia Publica

La escuela de Knox City - O'Brien CISD ahora esta planeando para el programa de Talentoso (Gifted/Talented) por el ano escolar. Este programa se diseña para los estudiantes con capacidades intelectuales y creativas excepcionales del pensamiento. Cualquier persona que desea nominar a un estudiante que asiste KCOB CISD a en Jardin de la Infancia a traves del duodecimo grado que este ano se pide para ir sea la oficina del principal y solicitar una copia de la forma del nombramiento. Esta forma se debe volver a la escuela antes del Diciembre 20, 2007. Esos incapaces ir por la escuela deben llamar 940-657-3427 para recibir una forma.

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## God's Promises

By Jim Reid, Pastor  
O'Brien Baptist Church



If there is one thing that is absolutely different between Christians and those who are not, it would be our prayer life and the effectiveness of it. We are instructed by Christ to pray to our Father in Heaven and to pray believing and receiving. That sounds simple, but there is far more to prayer than we may know. When entering into prayer with God, preparation should be considered; preparation that will speak to God about our sincerity and our purpose. Consider the following verses in Matthew 6: 5-15.

5. "When you pray, you are not to be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners so that they may be seen by men Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full.

6. "But you, when you pray, go into your inner room, close your door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you.

7. "And when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard for their many words.

8. "So do not be like them; for

your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.

9. "Pray, then, in this way: 'Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.

10. 'Your kingdom come,

Your will be done,

On earth as it is in heaven.

11. 'Give us this day our daily bread.

12. 'And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

13. 'And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. [For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.]'

14. "For if you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

15. "But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions.

Before you ask:

I. Remember prayer is not prideful. (verses 5-8)

II. Remember prayer's foothold is integrity. (verses 9-13)

III. Remember that prayer seeks mercy. (verses 14, 15)

I pray that you will spend some time this week, reflecting upon these scriptures.

I know that you will be blessed and encouraged.

## KC AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - Knox City

Gayle Baucum, Pastor

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FBC Sunday School, and the worship services at 10:55 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. are telecast live on Classic Cable, channel 6 in Knox City and O'Brien

### FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - Knox City

Timothy Trimbel, Pastor

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

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.  
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"Discovering God's Word" radio broadcast Sunday mornings on AM 1400 The River 8:20 - 8:50 a.m.

### FOUR SQUARE CHURCH - Knox City

Don Jackson, Pastor

Sunday School at 10 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 10:45 a.m.  
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### SANTA ROSA CATHOLIC CHURCH - Knox City

Father Leo Schloemer • Deacon Ben Vasquez

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### LIBERTY COMMUNITY C.O.G.I.C. - Knox City

Gene Ward Jr., Pastor

Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. • Sunday Morning Services - 11 a.m.  
Monday Evening Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

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### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - Benjamin

Sunday School at 10 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 11 a.m.

### FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - Benjamin

Timothy Trimbel, Pastor

Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m. • Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.

### GILLESPIE BAPTIST CHURCH - Gillespie

Matt Harrington, Pastor

Sunday School at 10 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship at 6 p.m. • Mid-Week, Wed. at 6 p.m.

### CHURCH OF CHRIST - Benjamin

Bible Study at 9 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 10 a.m.

### THE BELIEVERS' CHAPEL - Highway 222

W.O. Smith, Pastor

Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.  
Mid-Week, Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

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

Jim Reid, Pastor

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship at 6 p.m., Mid-Week, Wed. at 6 p.m.  
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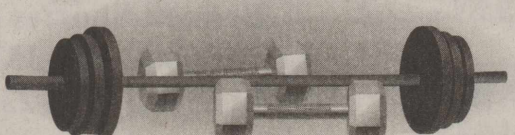
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# Letter To The Editor

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR POLICY

The Knox County News welcomes letters to the editor on any subject. All letters must be signed and will be published with the name of the writer. Letters must include an address and telephone number to allow verification. Please keep letters to a reasonable length. The editor reserves the right to edit any letter for any reason and to reject letters for publication for any reason. Letters deemed libelous and/or not for the public good will be rejected. Letters to the editor reflect the opinion of the writer and not necessarily that of The Knox County News.

Dear Editor:

Commenting on the recent events involving former Knox City police chief Bill Glass and Officer Kennedy, I must say that last week's update was very upsetting to me. If city officials are lying to the citizens of Knox City about this, what else are they lying to us about?

It seems that city officials bow down to a few wealthy slumlords in Knox City and come down on the working people who actually sustain Knox City's economic growth. Officer Glass and Officer Kennedy wanted to enforce the laws - All Laws - and that did not sit well with the yellow-bellied scoundrels at City Hall. They seem to think that their rich friends are above the law - and they are not.

Bill Glass is a war hero and to have lies told about him by city officials is one of the most terrible things I've ever seen in print. Officer Glass served in a combat zone and took fire so these rich townies can live in freedom.

These city officials need to resign in SHAME!

Ed Finley, Jr. -  
Concerned Citizen

## Knox City V.F.D Report

The Knox City Volunteer Fire Department recently elected officers for 2008. They are as follows:

Fire Chief - Fred Ledesma; Assistant Fire Chief - Domingo Garcia; President - Terry Butler; Vice President - Alex Ledesma; Secretary - Al Rios; Sergeant at Arms - Thomas Wise; Assistant Fire Marshal - Bill Stewart; Public Information Officer - Terry Butler; Training - Domingo Garcia; Captains - 1. Bill Stewart 2. Jackie Sanders 3. Teddy Espinosa 4. Alvie Overmyer; Chaplain - Bud Reynolds; Mascot - Caitlyn Wilson; Firemen - Ricky Moeller, Mike Plume, B.J. Reagan, Joseph Sandky, Heath Turner.

December 2007 KCVFD Calls - Fire - 2; LZ (Landing Zone) - 3; Oil Spill - 1  
PIO Terry Butler #214



## "I Stole These TVs Because I Needed To Pay For My Daughter's Prom!"

A man in Pontiac, Illinois, was caught breaking into a Rent-A-Center store there. His reason? To pay for his daughter's prom.

The man, identified as 36-year-old Manual Gaines, was spotted after cops on patrol heard the sound of breaking glass outside the business, according to the January 4 issue of The Bloomington Pantagraph, a newspaper there.

Officers chased a stolen van onto Interstate 55 and found over \$10,000 worth of plasma screen televisions inside the abandoned vehicle.

Gaines was arrested in a nearby field where he was trying to hide.

He pleaded guilty to burglary, reckless driving and drug possession charges, but told the judge in a handwritten letter that he perpetrated the heist was so that his 17-year-old daughter could have nice high school graduation pictures and attend her senior prom.

Gaines is scheduled to be sentenced February 11.

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KNOX CITY-O'BRIEN CONS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2007				
	General Fund	SSA Special Education	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES:</b>				
Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 999,772	\$ 20,039	\$ 56,414	\$ 1,076,225
State Program Revenues	1,626,681	250,584	96,560	1,973,825
Federal Program Revenues	5,807	24,144	749,842	779,793
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>2,632,260</b>	<b>294,767</b>	<b>902,816</b>	<b>3,829,843</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>				
<b>Current:</b>				
Instruction	1,481,861	95,548	376,789	1,954,198
Instructional Resources and Media Services	20,151	-	1,073	21,224
Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	3,385	213	21,416	25,014
Instructional Leadership	5,430	119,410	40,445	165,285
School Leadership	197,885	-	2,500	200,385
Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	27,231	35,927	79,404	142,562
Health Services	271	-	-	271
Student (Pupil) Transportation	28,060	-	872	28,932
Food Services	3,079	-	156,090	159,169
Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	172,845	-	-	172,845
General Administration	219,491	-	-	219,491
Facilities Maintenance and Operations	353,963	23,443	2,569	379,975
<b>Debt Service:</b>				
Debt Service - Principal on Long Term Debt	-	-	55,000	55,000
Debt Service - Interest on Long Term Debt	-	-	30,928	30,928
Debt Service - Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	-	-	323	323
<b>Intergovernmental:</b>				
Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	78,064	7,278	162,505	247,847
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>2,591,716</b>	<b>281,819</b>	<b>929,914</b>	<b>3,803,449</b>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	40,544	12,948	(27,098)	26,394
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):</b>				
Transfers In	-	-	34,980	34,980
Transfers Out (Use)	(34,980)	-	-	(34,980)
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>(34,980)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>34,980</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net Change in Fund Balances</b>	<b>5,564</b>	<b>12,948</b>	<b>7,882</b>	<b>26,394</b>
Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	2,028,530	472,212	15,428	2,516,170
<b>Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)</b>	<b>\$ 2,034,094</b>	<b>\$ 485,160</b>	<b>\$ 23,310</b>	<b>\$ 2,542,564</b>

## Knox County Sheriff's Report

Dec. 9 - Jan. 7

**Sherwin, Leonardo M.** (12/13/07) - DWI 3rd (F-3) (Knox County)

**Frazer, James Edward** (12/14/07) - MTR/Resist Arrest (M-A) (Baylor County)

**Acevedo, Enrique** (12/19/07) - Cruelty to Animals (M-A) (Knox County)

**Hamm, Darrin S.** (12/28/07) - Forgery (SJF) (Knox County)

**James, Neva M.** (12/28/07) - TBC (M-C) Theft (M-A) (Knox County)

**Reid, Stacy Ray** (12/28/07) - Criminal Trespass (Baylor County)

**Davis, Rebecca** (12/31/07) - TBC (Misdemeanor) arrested in Bastrop County (Knox County)

**Guerrero, Lance** (1/1/08) - MTR/Poss. Prohibited Weapon (Misd) (Baylor County)

**Garza, Mary Elizabeth** (1/1/08) - Poss. Controlled Sub. (Misdemeanor) (Baylor County)

## REMINDER TO TAXPAYERS JANUARY 31, 2008 IS THE LAST DAY TO PAY YOUR 2007 TAXES AND AVOID THE ADDITIONAL PENALTY AND INTEREST CHARGES HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS

Homeowners are not required to file a homestead exemption annually. If you are already receiving the state mandated \$15,000 homestead exemption or additional over sixty-five \$10,000 exemption, you need not reapply for the taxing year of 2008. However, if you became 65 in 2007, or will become 65 in 2008, you need to apply for the additional over-65 \$10,000 exemption. If you have changed your place of residency you need to apply for a new exemption. All homestead applications must be filed with the Chief Appraiser between the dates of January 1, 2008 and May 1, 2008. These exemption forms are available at the Knox County Appraisal District Office, which is located in the Knox County Courthouse, Benjamin, Texas. Individuals who qualify for the over-65 additional homestead exemption, described above, have the option of paying their homestead taxes in four equal installments, without penalty or interest. These installments are due before February 1, April 1, June 1 and August 1. If you qualify, and are interested, please contact the Knox County Appraisal District.

### AG-USE EXEMPTIONS

Annual applications for qualifying land for agricultural use is not required. If you have been receiving the AG-USE exemption on your land in prior years, you need not reapply for the exemption. If you recently purchased a farm, you need to report this to the Chief Appraiser. AG-USE exemption forms are also available at the Appraisal District Office. Deadline for filing new exemptions are between January 1, 2008 and May 1, 2008.

### DISABLED VETERANS EXEMPTIONS

These exemptions need not be applied annually. If you received your exemption on the 2007 tax roll, you will automatically receive it for the tax year 2008. However, if your disability percentage has changed, you need to report the change to the Chief Appraiser. Deadline for filing new exemptions are between January 1, 2008 and May 1, 2008.

### Renditions

Taxpayers are reminded that it is still their responsibility to render their personal property to the Chief Appraiser. These rendition forms are also available at the Appraisal District Office. Deadline for tax renditions is between January 1, 2008 and April 15, 2008.

If you have any questions about your exemptions, or any other ad valorem tax related question, you are invited to write the Knox County Appraisal District, P.O. Box 47, Benjamin, TX 79505, or call (940)459-3891. If Appraisal District employees can be of assistance, please let us help.



## Benjamin Sports

### Benjamin Six-Man Players Receive All District Honors



All District Football Honors — Kyle Wilson, Lucas Cartwright, Dylan Benson; not pictured: Damon Gideon, Derrick Northrup, Gilbert Nevarez

All District Football selections for Class 1A Six Man Division II District 9 were recently announced and included six Benjamin Mustangs.

Named to First Team Offense were Lucas Cartwright at Center and Derrick Northrup at Spreadback.

Named to First Team Defense was Gilbert Nevarez at Cornerback.

Second Team Offense honorees were Damon Gideon at Wide Receiver, Dylan Benson at Runningback and Gilbert Nevarez at Spreadback.

Second Team Defense honorees were Kyle Wilson at Linebacker, Lucas Cartwright at Linebacker, Damon Gideon at Safety and Derrick Northrup at Utility Player.

## Benjamin Basketball Action

The Benjamin Mustangs and Lady Stangs had a rocky few weeks around Christmas break with three losses and one win between the two teams.

On December 18th, the Benjamin teams hosted Patton Springs. The Lady Stangs took the court and fell with a score of 39-45.

Leading the point board for the Lady Stangs was Karla Benson with 15 points. Others scoring were Devon Jones - 4, Julia Acevedo - 10, Jessica Vanderpol - 2, Nafeesa Ebraheim - 2 and Raquel Acevedo - 6.

Leading in rebounds was Karla Benson with nine. Tying with high steals were Julia Acevedo and Nafeesa Ebraheim with four each.

The Mustangs ended their match against Patton Springs with a 39-42 loss against the visiting team.

High score for the Mustangs was Dylan Benson with 12 points. Others scoring were Damon Gideon - 9 and Dusty Stevens, Lucas Cartwright and Dillon Loftiss with six points each.

Leading the board with steals was Damon Gideon with five. Dusty Stevens lead the Mustangs with thirteen rebounds, closely followed by Dylan Benson and Lucas Cartwright, who each had ten.

Coming away from several days off during the Christmas break, the Mustangs and Lady Stangs took on Lueders-Avoca Raiders in Benjamin on December 28th.

The Lady Stangs won their match-up with a final score of 52-24.

High score was Karla Benson with 10 points. Others scoring were Leah Vanderpol - 3, Devon Jones - 7, Judit Acevedo - 8, Julia Acevedo - 7,

Jessica Vanderpol - 6, Nafeesa Ebraheim - 6 and Raquel Acevedo - 5.

Leading the board with steals and rebounds was Karla Benson with five and twelve, respectively.

Judit Acevedo and Nafeesa Ebraheim trailed close in rebounds with ten each, while Judit and Julia Acevedo were in line with four steals each.

The Mustangs final score against the visiting Raiders was Benjamin 42, Lueders-Avoca 61.

High score for the Mustangs was senior Lucas Cartwright with 10 points.

Others scoring were Dylan Benson - 5, Roberto Acevedo 9, Dusty Stevens - 4, Dillon Loftiss - 9 and Mitchell Welch - 5.

Leading in rebounds and steals was Roberto Acevedo with nine and four, respectively.

## BENJAMIN NEWS

By Gladene Green

There's a little more Christmas news this week, though activity has slowed a little. School is back in full swing and the late winter-early spring goings on have begun. The debate teams were in Hamlin on Saturday for a meet. Nafeesa Ebraheim and Karla Benson took first place and Tina Siemens and Judit Acevedo placed third. We look forward to hearing more favorable results as they head toward the State meet!

No real illness to report, but lots of respiratory problems, colds and a virus or two have slowed down some folks. Sue and Jack Sheedy have both been under the weather several days, but she said today she felt a little better and Jack had gone back to work. He does have an appointment with a lung specialist in mid-January as local doctors feel he needs a more thorough examination and evaluation than they can provide. Hopefully, no real problems that can't be handled pretty easily.

Sympathy to Lanham and Jess Jones today for the loss of their infant daughter. Graveside rites were held Sunday at Benjamin Cemetery.

Also sympathy to Dora Rios and her family of Knox City. Dora's mom, Rosa Valdez died on Friday. Her funeral is Tuesday in Abilene.

### Here 'N There

There is still a little more Christmas and New Year's news this week.

Shannon Propps had a houseful on Christmas day, including Don and Jimmie Kay Liles of near Longview, Chance Propps of U.T. Austin, Shaylee Propps of M.U. Wichita Falls, Trey Propps of Munday (near Sunset), Herb and Dickie Propps and Maggie B. and Dick Harper of Seymour, Donnie and Barbara Ryder, Michelle and Dale of Munday, Danny Owenby of Crowell, James, Stacia and Cody Propps and Stephen and Seth Kuehler of Benjamin. On Christmas Eve, they were all at the home of James and Stacia Propps.

Mitzi and Shane Welch,

Mitchell and Heath were in Kent for Christmas with their daughter and sister, Clint and Misty Jones and children, Levi, Kolby and Abigail.

Sue and Jack Sheedy enjoyed Christmas with their son and his wife, Mike and Kay (and other family members) at their home at O'Brien.

Dorothy Spikes and Penny Eaton's Christmas guests were Guy and Donna Spikes of Seymour, Christopher Spikes of U.T. Arlington, Sara Spikes of Stanford University, near San Francisco, and Heddy Eaton of Austin. On Christmas Eve, Dorothy, Penny and Heddy were at the home of Tony and Kendra Hunter and girls in Knox City.

New Year's guests in Dorothy's and Penny's home were Rusty and Sandy Spikes of Electra.

Debbie and Mike Moorhouse visited in Childress and Paducah on Sunday afternoon.

Don and Margie West of Abilene visited Gloria West on Friday.

## TRUSCOTT-GILLILAND NEWS

By Clara Brown

It's been cold, it's been warm and it's been dry. The wind has been from almost every direction, from almost no speed up to cedar swaying gusts.

However you describe 2008 weather, so far it hasn't offered what wheat farmers need most, moisture.

Next to weather winter colds, flu, whatever, have been the most frequent topic. When calls were made for this column Fran and Sammy Abbott were under the weather as was Jack Brown.

In fact, Monday morning, just before he headed to the barn, Jack anticipated being dead by 12:30 or one. He had plans to see the vet at Vernon early in the afternoon, it's your guess as to whether the vet's advice was for treating him or an animal. He did say that he was going to see the vet, dead or alive.

At Kyle and Melissa Eversen's house they enjoyed having Kyle's oldest daughter, Tori, from Christmas Day to January 6, but along with the

holiday pleasure the family had a run of sore throats, colds and pink eye. Sounds like Christmas when your children were all little, doesn't it!

Despite setbacks, the Eversen's managed to pull things together and take all the children to Six Flags. Kyle said it was jacket wearing weather, but pleasant and better than 100 degrees and high humidity. The lines for rides were short, with the longest wait being about five minutes. There were plenty of people, but it was nothing like the crowd crush in the summer.

The Tomanek news got left out last week. I think the same creature that eats socks in our washer crept out and chewed up my Tomanek notes last week.

Edmund and Geraldine Tomanek were hosts for Christmas Day dinner to Joe and Kay Tomanek of Boyd, Helen Tomanek and Jim Tomanek, Jr. of Wichita Falls and Michael Tomanek of Truscott.

The next day, Sarah Tomanek and her friend, Dane, visited as they headed back to

Lubbock. Sarah is working on a Master's in criminal justice at Texas Tech and also has a job working for the university.

Blake Bell, daughter Lindsey and son Logan visited Gordan and Irma Bell for several days from January 1st on.

Blake is a detective sergeant with the Bryan, Texas police department. He was graduated from Sam Houston State University with a criminal justice degree.

June Looney says the hunters who are camping north of her house have been showing her the wildlife pictures they've been taking.

They are very pleased with the large number of deer and wild hogs they have been able to photograph.

June says she can see lots of turkeys in the field by her house. The turkeys head down wheat rows, neatly eating up the wheat in an organized manner. Organized!

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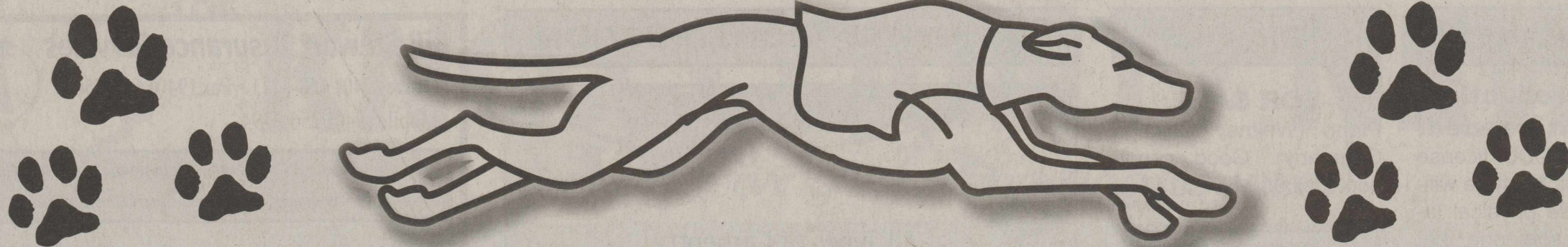
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## Hounds Open District With Win Against The Bulldogs



Jordan Carter #4 flies in from the outside for the lay-up

The Knox City Greyhounds opened district play Friday night against the Spur Bulldogs and took their first district win by the final score of 42-29. Jordan Carter led the Hounds scoring with 13 points followed by MJ Abila's 11; and Derrick

Coleman's 9. At the half the game was tied at 14 but in the third quarter, Bandy Moeller came out scoring 5 of his 7 points giving the Greyhounds the lead. In the fourth quarter, the Hounds outscored the Bulldogs 15-8. M.J. Abila hit back



Derrick Coleman's #21 speed gives him a lay-up shot everytime

to back three's sealing the win for the Greyhounds. After the game Coach Moore said, "We played pretty well defensively the entire game. Offensively, we were pretty cold the first half. In the third and fourth quarters we relaxed a little and got into

a rhythm offensively and began hitting the same shots we were missing in the first half." The Greyhounds overall record is 8-9 and their district record is 1-0. The Hounds will host the Guthrie Jaguars Friday, Jan. 11.

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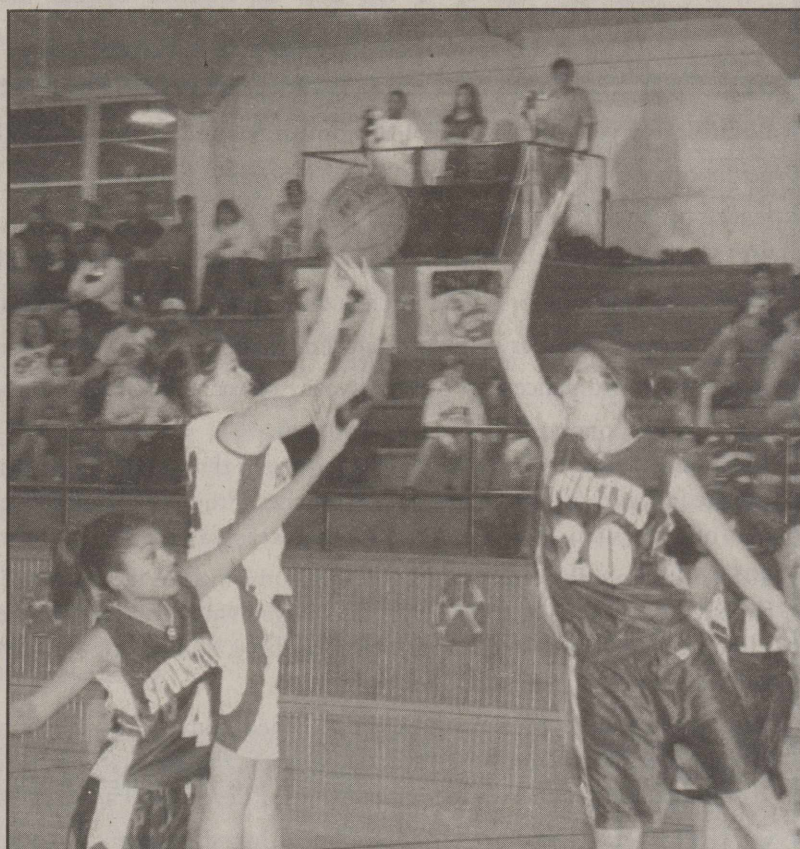
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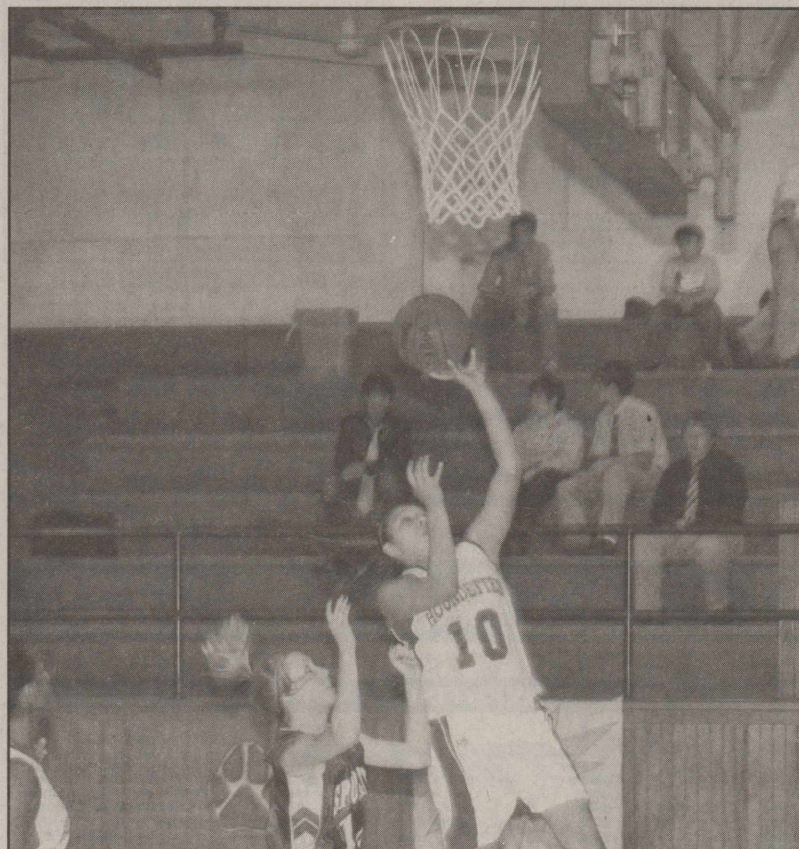
## Houndettes Lose District Opener To Lady Bulldogs



Brittney Gonzales #2 meets the Lady Bulldogs' defense as she shoots for two points

The Knox City Houndettes began their district run Friday, Jan. 4, against the Spur Lady Bulldogs. The Houndettes were defeated 28-50. The Houndettes were up 6-0

in the first minute of the game but lost their momentum soon after. Coach Peters commented after the game, "We started off well with our aggressiveness and pushing the ball. We are



Mea Abila #10 gets the fast break and the lay-up

doing some things really well such as ball movement; but we are still struggling with aggressiveness and hustle. I am starting to see good leaders emerge from this team and my hope is that they will set the pace and

help us to reach the next level of assertiveness that we as coaches have been emphasizing all season." The Houndettes will host the Guthrie Lady Jags Friday Jan. 11 on the home court.

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