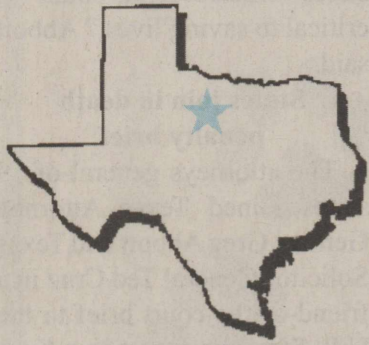


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Looking Ahead

• 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.

• Knox County Retired School Personnel

The January meeting of the Knox County Retired School Personnel will be on Tuesday, January 22, in the Munday First United Methodist Church fellowship hall at 2:30 p.m. Adrian Fletcher, minister of the Munday Church of Christ, will bring the program for the members. Anyone who has not turned in their volunteer hours, steps for Walks A Million, and their contribution for the book drive is encouraged to bring the items to the January meeting. Other business will include the selection of which members will attend the state convention in El Paso and a legislative update.

• 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. At the meal there will be the usual brisket and sausage (over 400 pounds), turkey (over 100 pounds), deviled eggs (24 dozen-430 servings), beans, onions and pickles, and homemade potato salad, coleslaw, and enough desserts to cover the stage!

Date Set For Annual KCHC Barbecue Fundraiser

Sunday, February 3rd will be a big day for several hundred Knox County residents and friends.

First, they will be attending the annual barbeque and fundraiser at Benjamin for the Wichita Brazos Museum, 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at the Benjamin Memorial Building.

At the meal there will be the usual brisket and sausage (over 400 pounds), turkey (over 100 pounds), deviled eggs (24 dozen-430 servings), beans, onions and pickles, and homemade potato salad, coleslaw, and desserts enough to cover the stage. Knox County 4-H Members will be on hand to help anyone who needs a plate carried.

The silent auction tables will be set up by 11:00 a.m. for people to place their bids. Bidding

will close at 1:30 and winning bids will be announced after the drawing for the beautiful hand quilted quilt, "Knox County Card Tricks".

The auction has included everything from a postage stamp to a small appliance to antiques. The mixture changes every year.

On sale at tables, on the north side of the room, will be the "2008 Ranching Calendar", with photographs of working Knox County ranchers and cowboys.

Also available will be the calendars from 2005 through 2007, Knox County Heritage Cookbooks, and the 1909 Southwestern Journal with news articles of Knox County citizens. Door prizes will be announced every 30 minutes,

starting at 11:30 a.m.

Last year over 40 door prizes were awarded. Some lucky person will get a \$50 cash prize and 5 people will get \$20 each.

Then they can visit the museum, open 1:00-3:00 p.m., which Knox County folks and surrounding area friends, have helped build, by eating their way through hundreds of pounds of brisket, countless hamburgers and unknown quantities of homemade ice cream.

Kenneth Roberts, the computer wizard, without whom the Museum could not have been built, and others will be on hand to answer questions.

Brisket, dessert and other items will be sold after everyone is served, a perfect source for food for super bowl parties, later that day.

KC Junior Livestock Show This Weekend -



Knox County Extension Agent/FCS Lorrie Coop helps Sonora Escamilla clip her 4-H show goat's coat for the Knox County Jr. Livestock Show. Also pictured is Escamilla's mom, Mary.

Although their work has advanced the county stockshow by several months, county 4-H and FFA students have buckled down for crunch time in the week ahead of the Knox County Junior Livestock Show.

Last Sunday, Sonora Escamilla clipped her 4-H show goat's coat for the Knox County Jr. Livestock Show with help from her parents, Ricky and Mary, and Knox County Extension Agent/FCS Lorrie Coop. Also on hand to help wash and clip

several goats and lambs at the Knox City school ag. farm was new County Extension Agent Adam Bonner. This is Sonora's second year in 4-H and her first year to show goat. She has shown rabbits in the past. Sonora is a fourth grader at Munday Elementary. Goats show on Friday evening at the Knox City school bus barn. The stockshow runs Friday and Saturday.

A full schedule of stockshow events is in this issue of the News.

Knox City Elementary And Middle School Winners Of North Zone UIL Competition

Can you solve $59 \times 201 + 17$ mentally without using paper, pencil or a calculator? Can you spell the word mischievous or identify 40 different paintings and artists? Students from Knox City Elementary proved they could as they traveled to Jayton recently to compete in the District 10A North Zone UIL competition. The meet was open to students from Benjamin, Jayton, Guthrie, Spur and Knox City - O'Brien.

Art Memory, Number Sense, Oral Reading, Ready Writing, Music Memory and Spelling are the events students and teams participated in. Points are awarded and totaled at the end of the second day of the meet.

Elementary division points are as follows: Knox City - O'Brien 651, Jayton 490, Spur 483, Guthrie 269 and Benjamin 116.

Junior High division points are as follows: Knox City-O'Brien 739, Jayton 380, Spur 370, Guthrie 352 and Benjamin 86.

Knox City Elementary and Middle School received plaques for 1st place honors and individual students were awarded metals and ribbons. Winners of the events follow. Where there are same place winners in each category, the students are in different grade levels.

Winners of the elementary events are as follows: **Music Memory** - Sheldon Baty 1st Place/Perfect Paper, Amy Harrington 3rd Place, Shailee Man-



Front Row Bottom l to r: Kailyn Martin, Peyton Shipp, Alexia Jimenez, Lane Tibbets; Second Row - Drew McNulty, Rebecca Rodriguez, Hayden King, Jessica Perez, McKenzie King; Third Row - Amy Harrington, Cameron Short, Hailee Cox, Kirstin Tucknes; Fourth Row - Kayla Hunter, Payne Stanfield, Calista Rocha, Sheldon Baty; Fifth Row; Katelyn Carrizales, Cassidy Correll, Jordyn Eaton, Shailee Manning, Carson Lewis (absent)

ning 4th Place, Hailee Cox 6th Place; **Ready Writing** - Calista Rocha 6th Place, Hailee Cox 1st Place; **Creative Writing** - Peyton Shipp 4th Place; **Number Sense** - Payne Stanfield 4th Place, Sheldon Baty 5th Place, 3rd Place Team; **Art Memo-**

ry - Shailee Manning 3rd Place, Cassidy Correll 6th Place, 1st Place Team; **Spelling** - Calista Rocha 3rd Place, 3rd Place Team, Hailee Cox 1st Place, Amy Harrington 3rd Place.

■ See KC WINNERS OF UIL COMPETITION Page 5

Livestock Show Schedule

Friday —

8 a.m. Weigh-in for sheep, goats and swine.

4 p.m. Weigh-in Broilers, rabbits

5 p.m. Market Broiler show followed by Rabbit show
 6 p.m. Market Lamb show followed by Market Goat show

Saturday —

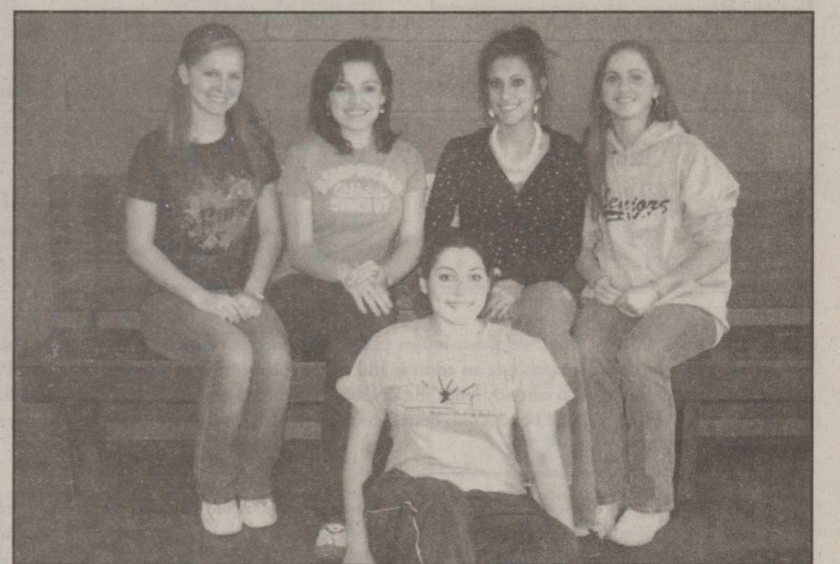
8 a.m. Market Swine show

10 a.m. Steers in place

12 p.m. Steer Show

3 p.m. Premium Auction

Benjamin Debate Teams Place 1st In Hamlin Meet

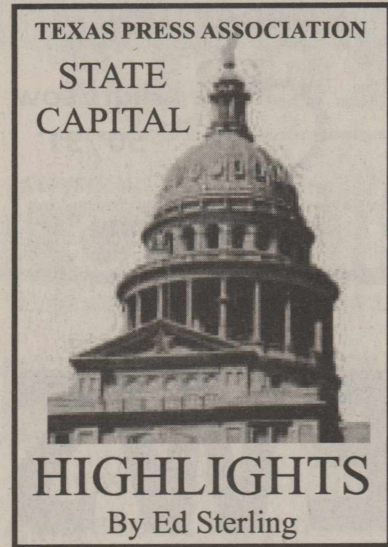


L-R: Tina Siemens, Julia Acevedo, Nafeesa Ebraheim, Karla Benson and Judit Acevedo



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HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling

UIL Adopts Rules For Athlete Drug Testing

of taking anabolic steroids and promise not to take them.

Parents and guardians will have to sign a statement that reads as follows:

"I have read the above information and acknowledge that a prerequisite of my student's participation in UIL athletic activities is that they refrain from illegal steroid use and agree that, if selected, they will submit to testing for the presence of illegal anabolic steroids in their body. I understand that failure to provide accurate and truthful information could subject the participant in question to penalties as determined by UIL."

Fingerprinting program begins

Texas public school employees now must be fingerprinted in accordance with a law passed by the 80th Texas Legislature last spring.

Teachers, substitute teachers

and administrators are required to submit to national criminal background checks, and fingerprinting is part of that.

The FBI will analyze data gathered in the background checks and the information will be kept on file.

Dewhurst said background checks and fingerprinting have helped in identifying sex offenders and felons working in Texas schools.

Teacher pay study is released

An annual report on Texas public schoolteacher salaries and benefits indicates that teachers' pay is "up slightly" in 2007-2008.

The report, compiled by the Texas Association of School Boards and the Texas Association of School Administrators, includes data collected from 747 of the state's 1,031 school districts.

The weighted average teach-

er salary in responding districts is \$46,336 for 2007-08, up 3.2 percent from the 2006-07 average salary of \$44,897.

Among its many findings, the study shows:

- 465 districts pay stipends to teachers with master's degrees.
- 102 districts reported that teachers can qualify for longevity pay.
- 100 districts paid a bonus to new hires for 2007-2008.

Appellate court rules on NCLB

The issue of unfunded federal mandates strains many Texas school districts, so this may indicate change on the horizon:

The U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati on Jan. 7 ruled that the federal government may not force states and school districts to spend their own funds to meet the mandates of "No Child Left Behind."

The Washington, D.C.-based

National Education Association and nine school districts filed suit in a Michigan district court against the Secretary of Education, seeking among other relief, a judgment declaring that they need not comply with the act's requirements where federal funds do not cover the increased costs of compliance.

School safety audits are coming

Beginning in September 2008, Texas school districts must report the results of their first campus security audits to the Texas School Safety Center.

Texas law requires schools to conduct these safety audits every three years and practice their campus emergency management plans.

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott encouraged all school districts to team up with law enforcement to annually practice campus safety proce-

dures: "Having a plan is important, but executing that plan under stress - when seconds count - is critical to saving lives," Abbott said.

States join in death penalty brief

The attorneys general of 19 states joined Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott and Texas Solicitor General Ted Cruz in a friend-of-the-court brief to the U.S. Supreme Court in a Kentucky case, *Baze v. Rees*. Texas argues that the four-step lethal injection protocol used as the primary means to carry out capital punishment in Texas and 36 other states does not violate the 8th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution because when properly administered, it is not "cruel and unusual."

A decision in the case may be announced from the bench any time between now and the end of June.

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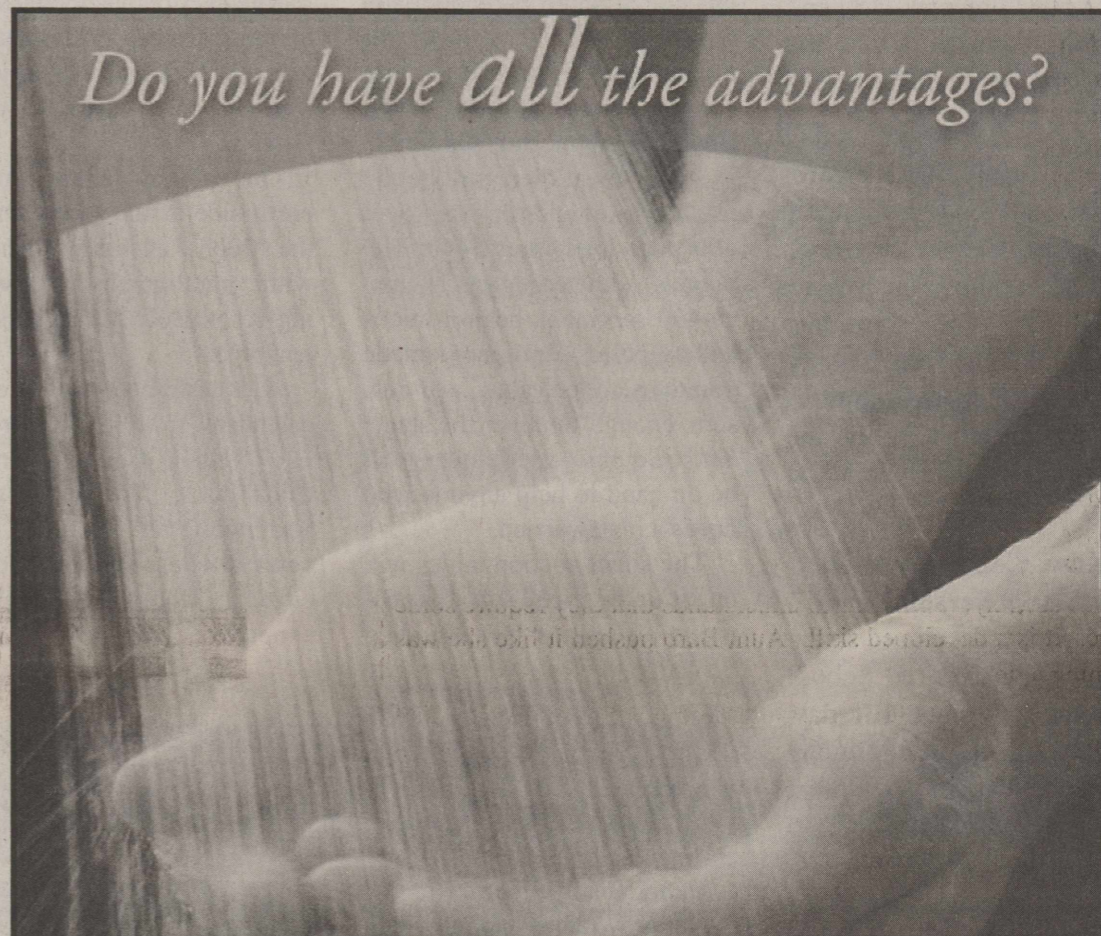
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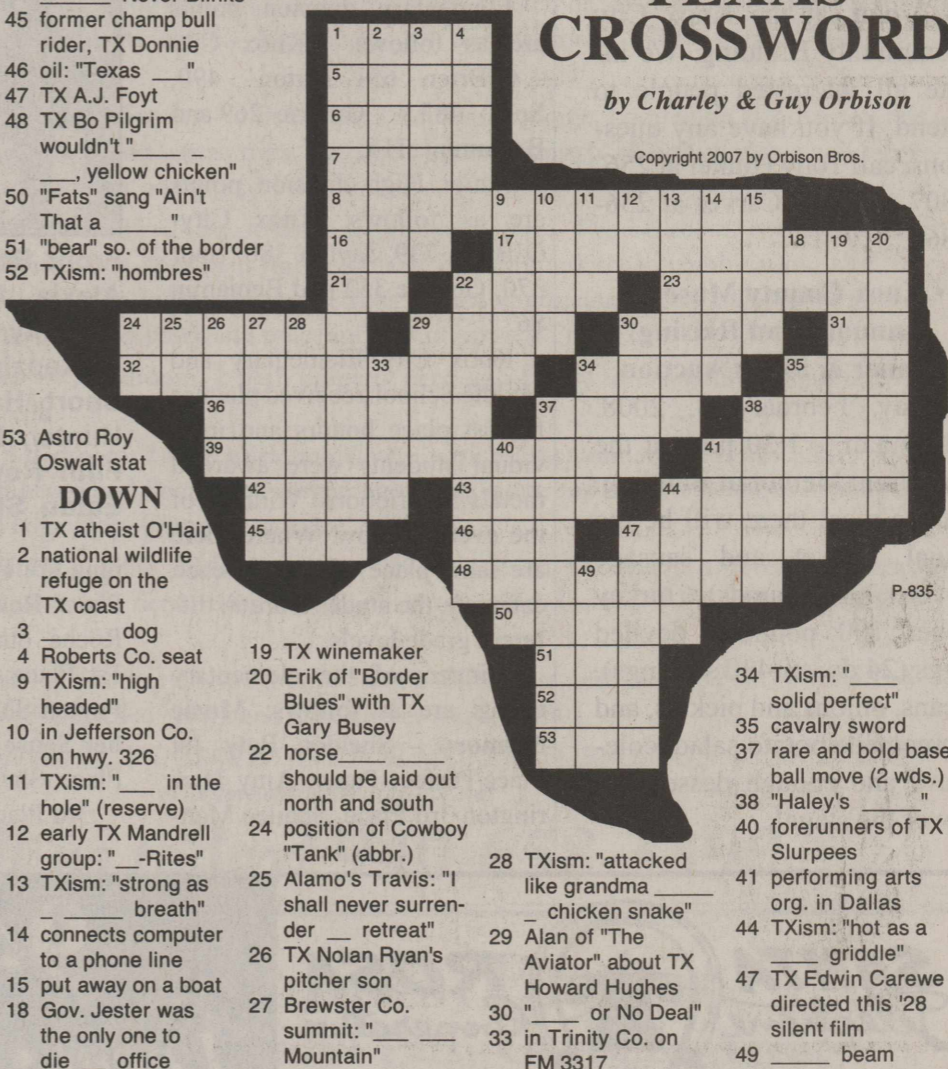
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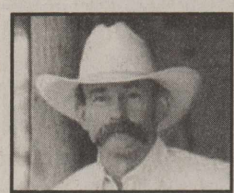
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BAXTER BLACK

ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

Squeeze Chute Injuries

By Baxter Black, DVM

Early in my veterinary career I developed a respect for the machinery used to restrain large beasts. No, I'm not thinking of ropes, twitches or even classic music in the dairy barn, although at one time or another I have used them all.

In particular I am thinking of the devil's playtoy...the squeeze chute. All of us who own them, know down deep that we are teasing a tiger.

I would estimate in my lifetime of working cows, not including the uncountable number of feedlot opportunities, I have been hands-on, within striking distance of the "Jaws of the Devil" over one hundred thousand times. The fact that I am not personally disabled is due primarily to reliable equipment, fast hands, hard hats and good help.

One fall I headed up to Grouse Creek for 4 days of fall works. They had a brand new green Powder River squeeze chute. Often, as the vet, I would drop a side bar and lean in behind the cow and palpate her for pregnancy. It was quicker and since we had 2,200 cows to do, every bit helps.

But, the ranch manager had thoughtfully built a stopping gate between the squeeze chute and the approach alley. I would swing it across the narrow alley and be positioned directly behind the cow. At that point one of the helpers would open the tailgate and I would reach in like a mother chimpanzee deftly plucking cockleburrs from her baby's ear. It is significant to note that the tailgate on this particular model (now discontinued) split down the middle and opened to both sides like birds' wings.

Right before lunch, already 300 head under my belt, the tailgate operator and I were moving like two acrobats coordinated in ballet-like precision; open-plunge-retract-close, open-plunge-retract-close, when suddenly someone stepped on my tutu! The two scissor-like gates smashed together precisely as my right hand presented itself like it was shaking hands with the cow's escutcheon! The plastic sleeve was little help. Within an hour my hand was the size of my foot. Thank goodness I only had 1900 head left to do!

So when Garret told me about his Uncle Chris climbing down behind his brand new hydraulic squeeze chute to push in a stubborn calf, my right hand began to throb. Just as he shoved in the critter, his arms still extended, Aunt Barb hit the lever. Anyone who has used hydraulic chutes understands that they require some finesse. It is a developed skill. Aunt Barb pushed it like she was slamming a door!

The pictures they took were too gruesome to describe here, but I'm hoping with some crazy glue and hog rings they'll be able to make his ears look symmetrical again!

All Offices Unopposed In County Election

All races in the 2008 county elections are unopposed according to the Knox County Clerk's Office.

Six offices were open. Those offices and the unopposed candidates are:

County Attorney All Precincts - Bobby D. Burnett

Constable at Large All Precincts - William (Buddy) J. Curd

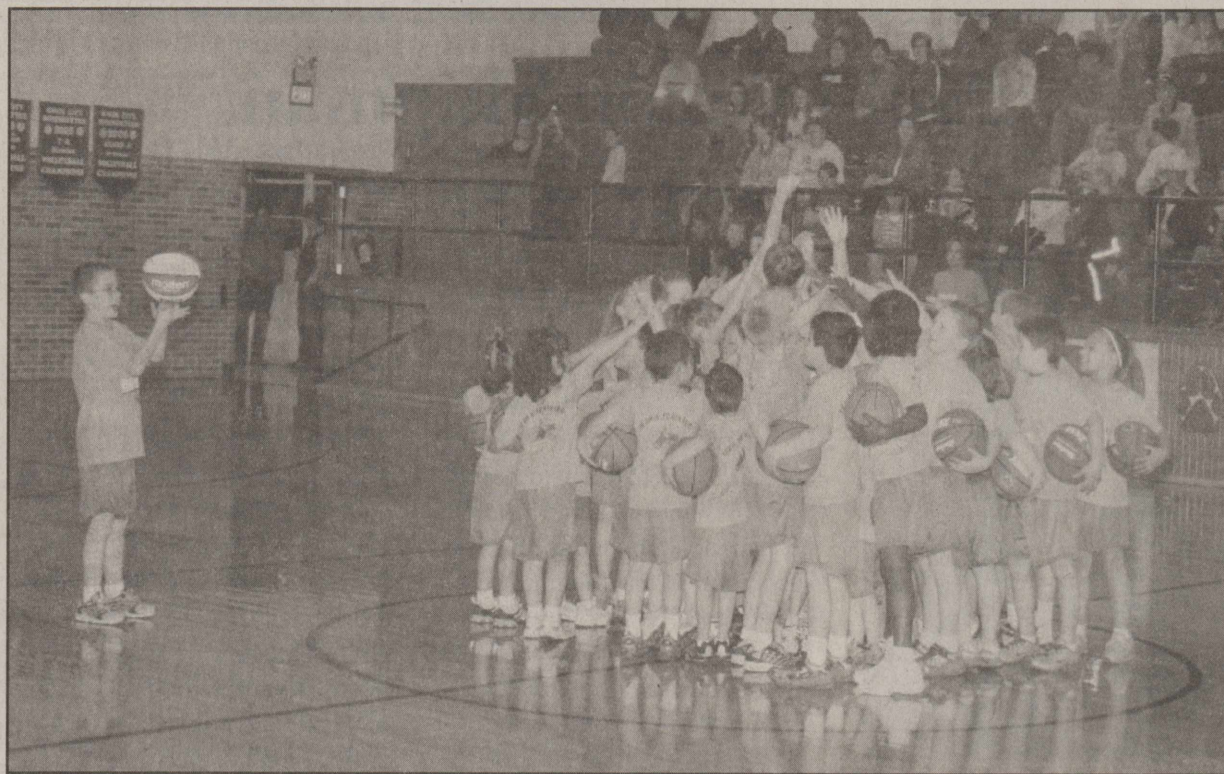
County Sheriff All Precincts - Dean W. Homstad

Commissioner Precincts 3, 4, 6N - Jimmy Urbanczyk

Commissioner Precincts 7N, 7S, 8 - Johnny McCown

Tax Assessor-Collector All Precincts - Linda Parker

Knox City TEAM IN TRAINING Debut Performance —



The Knox City TEAM IN TRAINING made their debut performance Friday evening during the varsity girls half-time. The team consisting of approximately 50 members from grades kindergarten through sixth grade wowed the spectators with their basketball handling skills. The kids will continue to perform throughout the remainder of the basketball season on the home schedule.

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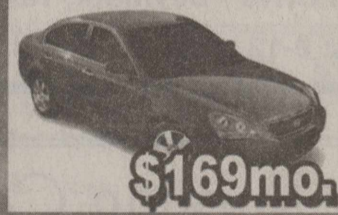
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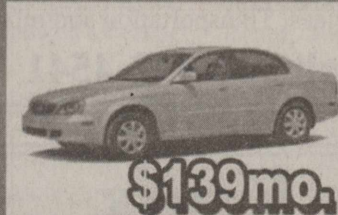
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OBITUARIES

Paul Lyndon Shipman



Paul Lyndon Shipman, 69, died on December 25, 2007 at his home in Booker, Texas. Services were held at the Booker Friends Church, 401 S. Beaumont on Friday, December 28, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. with Pastor Jeff Nagell officiating and direction by Johnson's Good Samaritan Funeral Service. Graveside services were held on Saturday, December 29, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. at the Vera Cemetery in Vera, Texas.

Paul was born on June 8, 1938 to Gordon Bailey Shipman and Ernest Faye Horn in Seymour, Baylor County, Texas.

He attended Knox City High School. Paul married Marilyn Yvonne Wilson on June 15, 1956 in Rochester, Texas. They were married 51 years.

Paul worked for All County Supply in Perryton, and in 1975, he managed the John Deere Service Center in Booker. After his near-fatal automobile accident in 1978, he owned Shipman Sales & Service. This venture

incorporated with Don Cooper and Alvin Buschman to create CBS Manufacturing.

Through the years, Paul had other businesses, his latest, Skipper Transportation. In his "retirement years," he worked in refrigeration and heating and air. Paul had a wide range of skills, and in areas wherein he had no knowledge, he was successful in teaching himself a new talent.

Paul was a Booker resident since 1976 and previously resided in Perryton and Waka.

He was a member of the Booker Friends Church and Kiowa Kountry, served as an alderman for the Booker City Council, and was a former Justice of the Peace and municipal judge.

Paul's greatest pride and joy in life was his wife, children and grandchildren. He enjoyed time with them, watching every sunrise, drinking morning coffee with his best friends, and serving others in need.

He enjoyed model making, gardening and deer hunting. He was an accomplished woodworker.

Some of his most memorable work will be the rocking horses he made for each of his nine grandchildren.

Loved ones who welcomed him into God's eternal home are his parents, Gordon and Faye Shipman, two brothers, Bill and Jack Shipman, and his parents-in-law, Hubert and Lucille Wilson.

His loving and nurturing wife of 51 years, Marilyn Shipman

of the home, two daughters and their spouses, Vonda and Ron Brannan of Borger, Lori and Weldon Jack of Canadian, and one son and his spouse, Paul and Kellye Shipman of Seguin, survive him.

Paul leaves behind adoring grandchildren who respected and cherished their "Grand-Dad," "Oo-Daddy," and "Two-Daddy." His nine grandchildren are Jessica Carlisle, Lauren and Abby Brannan of Borger, Millicent Bryant and Grayson Jack of Canadian, Nikki Jack of Amarillo, Laine, Caleb and Natalie Shipman of Seguin.

He also has three great-grandchildren, Branlee and Wyatt Carlisle and Asia Brannan of Borger.

Others who will greatly miss Paul are many special friends and family whom he loved so very much and his faithful companions "Scamp" and "Lillie."

Memorial Donations may be made to The American Cancer Society, Booker Friends Church, Kiowa Kountry, and Ochiltree General Hospice.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Vance Esler, his nurse, Gina, and the caring staff at Texas Oncology, Harrington Cancer Center, Terri Prescott at The American Cancer Society, and the loving angels at Ochiltree General Hospice.

The last 13 months would have been hard to bear if not for the blessings of prayer, service and love showered upon them by the entire community of Booker and the Booker Friends Church.

Bill Tweedy

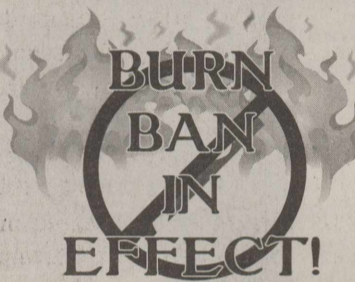
Bill Tweedy, age 76, died Tuesday, January 8, 2008 in Knox City. Graveside services were held Thursday, January 10, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at the Hansford Cemetery under the direction of Boxwell Funeral Home of Spearman, Texas, with the Reverend Tex Cox officiating.

Bill was born July 4, 1931 in Calhoun, MO. He lived in Knox City. He married Anita George Loveday on September 5, 1958. She died in 1993.

Bill worked in oil and gas production as a Gauger.

Survivors include his partner of 11 years, Jan Kilgore of Knox City; a daughter, Jo Kincaid of Pueblo, CO; a step son, Tommy Loveday of Rockwall, TX; a sister, Margie Frasher of Windsor, MO; two grandchildren and one great grandchild.

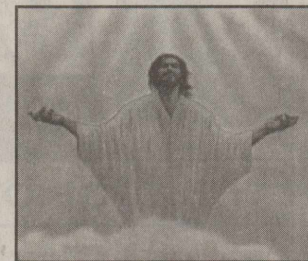
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For Knox County

God's Promises

By Jim Reid, Pastor
O'Brien Baptist Church



One of the greater mis-quotes of the Bible would have to be, "God helps those who help themselves".

I have heard that non-existent verse quoted many times in and out of churches. It rings as a clanging cymbal of self pride and self righteousness.

Many people feel inadequate, weak and even lost in their circumstances.

To them, their trials and problems are bigger than they can ever resolve.

To have someone tell them in those moments of helplessness, "God helps those who help themselves" is of no comfort! In fact it might possibly remove their last ray of hope.

Now listen to the One who is God: *And he has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ*

may dwell in me. (II Corinthians 12: 9 NASB)

God's mercy, forgiveness, gift of Christ and power is always sufficient for any circumstance. Our strength is shown by allowing God to have control of our lives and our circumstances.

He will resolve them in a way for us to see His presence in our lives.

Therefore our weakness becomes His strength. I pray that you will let God be your strength in all things.

Let us be encouragers to others.

Let's tell them of the grace and provision of Holy God, that they to may learn to rely upon Him.

Our witness may be the one opportunity that God will use to bring them into His salvation.

Trust His love today and prove Him to be God.

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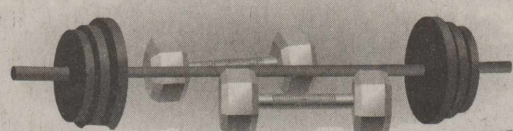
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Public Notices

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)

NOTICE TO O'BRIEN RESIDENTS:

Due to numerous complaints, the O'Brien City Council has amended its current Dog and Cat Animal Ordinance with the addition of this clause in Section 2.10, *Any dog or cat being a nuisance can be picked up and taken to be euthanized and disposed of at owners expense. Effective as of 01/01/08.*

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State's Agricultural Agencies Change Names, Renew Missions

COLLEGE STATION - Two state agricultural agencies that have served Texans for a combined 224 years are beginning 2008 with new names and renewed missions.

Texas AgriLife Research is the new name for the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, which annually conducts more than \$150 million in agriculture and life sciences research in such areas as improving food and fiber production, enhancing human and animal health, and conserving water, soils, wildlife and other natural resources.

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service is the new name of Texas Cooperative Extension, which provides Texans in all 254 counties with non-biased, research-based education programs and services in agriculture and natural resources, 4-H and youth development, family and consumer sciences, and community economic development.

"We are making these changes to better communicate the life-sustaining and life-changing impacts that both AgriLife Research and AgriLife Extension deliver to the people of Texas and beyond," said Dr. Mark Hussey, director of AgriLife Research.

Both agencies remain members of The Texas A&M University System, with the same commitment to their partners, clients and mission.

"But we also want to tell our story to a larger audience and a changing state population, attract new resources and build new partnerships, while strengthening our existing ones," Hussey said.

"In this way, we hope to better serve the people of this great state."

The name changes are part of a re-branding initiative launching this year after two years of study and planning.

These efforts were led by former vice chancellor Dr. Elsa Murano, who was named president of Texas A&M University on Jan. 3.

"The re-branding efforts are centered on one foundational message: 'Agriculture is Life!'" Hussey said. "The central idea is that life itself is the core value that our agencies seek to sustain and enhance.

"People usually don't realize how much we all depend on agriculture and the life sciences. Discoveries and innovations in these fields directly impact the quality of the food we eat, the clothes we wear, the air we breathe, the water we drink, the homes we live in, and, more and more, even the fuels we pump into our vehicles."

"This is more than a name change, or even a new logo design," said Dr. Ed Smith, director of AgriLife Extension.

"These new brands will impact not only our marketing materials and signage, but also the way we position and prioritize our programs and work with our federal, state and county partners to serve the state of Texas. It is vitally important to tell our story and that people connect our agencies to the tremendous impacts they have on the state."

One of the drivers of the re-branding initiative was a market study that showed that the work of the research and extension agencies was not widely known across the state of Texas.

KC Winners Of UIL Competition — Continued

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1st Place Team; **Oral Reading** - Drew McNulty 1st Place, Alexia Jimenez 4th Place, Rebecca Rodriguez 5th Place, Hailee Cox 1st Place, Kayla Hunter 3rd Place, Shailee Manning 1st Place and Jordyn Eaton 2nd Place.

Winners of junior high events are as follows: **Listening** - Jessica Wilburn 2nd Place, Andrea Lynn 4th Place, 1st Place Team, Zach Carter 1st Place, Garrett Fox 2nd Place, 1st Place Team; **Maps, Graphs and Charts** - Andrea Lynn 5th Place, Zach Carter 2nd Place, 3rd Place Team; **Number Sense** - Andrea Lynn 2nd Place, 1st Place Team, Tanna Moeller 2nd Place, Lyndon Baty 5th Place, 2nd Place Team; **Oral Reading** - Andrea Lynn 1st Place, Kinslee Cox 3rd Place, Lyndon Baty 3rd Place, Tanna Moeller 6th Place; **Art** - Andrea Lynn, 2nd Place, 1st Place Team; **Calculator** - Kelsey Vasquez 1st Place, Zach Carter 2nd Place, Tanna Moeller 4th Place, 1st Place Team; **Dictionary Skills** - Andrea Lynn 1st Place, Jessica Wilburn 2nd Place, Kinslee Cox 5th Place, 1st Place Team, Zach Carter 1st Place, Tanna Moeller 4th Place, 2nd Place Team; **Mathematics** - Zach Carter 1st Place, Kelsey Vasquez 4th Place, Tanna Moeller 5th Place, 1st Place

Team; **Ready Writing** - Andrea Lynn 1st Place, Adrian Silva 4th Place, Kinslee Cox 6th Place, Zach Carter 4th Place; **Social Studies** - Andrea Lynn 4th Place, Kinslee Cox 5th Place, Adrian Silva, tie, 6th Place, 2nd Place Team; **Spelling** - Jessica Wilburn 4th Place, Kinslee Cox 5th Place, 3rd Place Team, Zach Carter 4th Place; **Calculator** - Allison Lynn 1st Place, Quentin Burt 2nd Place, Haley Ledesma 4th Place, 1st Place Team, Kyle Harrington 1st Place, Jarek Wilde 3rd Place, 1st Place Team; **Listening** - Haley Ledesma 5th Place, Blayne Bradley 6th Place, 1st Place Team, Angel Jo Martinez 1st Place, Kyle Harrington 2nd Place, Cassidy Carter 5th Place, 1st Place Team; **Maps, Graphs and Charts** - Kyle Harrington 1st Place, Jarek Wilde 2nd Place, Ryan Ledesma 4th Place, 1st Place Team; **Number Sense** - Selena Benavides 2nd Place, 3rd Place Team, Kyle Harrington 1st Place, Jarek Wilde 2nd Place, Ryan Ledesma 3rd Place, Brandno York 6th Place, 1st Place Team; **Oral Reading** - Allison Lynn 1st Place, Chasity Tolson 6th Place; **Science** - Quentin Burt 2nd Place, Issac Banks/Selena Benavides 6th Place, 1st Place Team, Kyle Harrington 1st Place, Jarek Wilde 2nd Place, Ryan Ledesma 4th Place, 1st

Place Team; **Art** - Tiffany Esquivel 2nd Place, Lucinda Diaz 5th Place, 3rd Place Team; **Dictionary Skills** - Allison Lynn 3rd Place, Garrett Fox 5th Place, 3rd Place Team, Kyle Harrington 1st Place, Cassidy Carter 2nd Place, Destini Billington 3rd Place, 1st Place Team; **Editorial Writing** - Haley Ledesma 1st Place, Quentin Burt 5th Place, Allison Lynn 6th Place, Jarek Wilde 1st Place, Kyle Harrington 6th Place; **Impromptu Speaking** - Lyndon Baty 2nd Place, Garrett Fox 5th Place, Cassandra Ledesma 6th Place, Jarek Wilde 1st Place, Toni Brown 4th Place, Kyle Harrington 6th Place; **Mathematics** - Kyle Harrington 1st Place, Jarek Wilde 2nd Place, Cassidy Carter 3rd Place, 1st Place Team; **Modern Oratory** - Allison Lynn 1st Place, Blayne Bradley 2nd Place, Brandon York 1st Place, Destini Billington 3rd Place, Reagan Clark 5th Place; **Ready Writing** - Blayne Bradley 4th Place; Cassidy Carter 4th Place; **Social Studies** - Issac Banks 3rd Place, Cassidy Carter 1st Place, Austin Valimont 3rd Place, Ryan Ledesma 5th Place, 1st Place Team; **Spelling** - Allison Lynn 2nd Place, Haley Ledesma 4th Place, 1st Place Team, Jarek Wilde 2nd Place, Cassidy Carter 3rd Place, Destini Billington 6th Place, 1st Place Team.

Benjamin JH And Elementary Compete At Jayton UIL

Students from Benjamin elementary and junior high competed in the District 10A North Zone UIL competition on December 4-6.

The meet was open to students from Benjamin, Jayton, Guthrie, Spur and Knox City - O'Brien.

Benjamin elementary placed fifth with a two day total score of 116.

Benjamin junior high also placed fifth with a two day total score of 86.

Winners of the events follow.

Each grade level is grouped in the same event category for elementary and also junior high.

Winners of the elementary events are as follows:

Listening - Kellen Loftiss/Bryston Pierce 5th Place, 3rd Place Team with Heath Ham, Bryston Pierce and Kellen Loftiss; **Music Memory** - Ryan Heard, Elias Nevarez, Sean Weiser, 2nd Place Team, Bryston Pierce 3rd Place, Kelsey Brown 6th Place, 2nd Place Team with Kellen Loftiss, Kelsey Brown, Bryston Pierce and Heath

Ham; **Number Sense** - Kellen Loftiss 3rd Place; **Oral Reading** - Benjamin Vanderpol 6th Place, Bryston Pierce 2nd Place; **Creative Writing** - Caleb Barrientez 3rd Place; **Ready Writing** - Emily Brown 4th Place, Ryan Heard 2nd Place, **Social Studies** - Heath Ham 2nd Place, Bryston Pierce 5th Place, 2nd Place Team with Kelsey Brown, Heath Ham, Bryston Pierce and Kellen Loftiss.

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TRUSCOTT-GILLILAND NEWS

By Clara Brown

January has been cold and dry so far. Most mornings the temperature has been in the 20's or 30's when the sun comes up, and many days the wind has made it seem even colder.

On Wednesday, January 9, last week it was cold, clear, windy and dry when a flat bed trailer loaded with pipe cut for fencing sped along Highway 6 a little south of the two old houses on the east side of the highway, a little after you come up the hill from the South Wichita River Valley. Then a bearing went out, the trailer slumped, when the drive got out to check the problem, there was fire under the trailer. High winds whipped dry grass and fueled more fire. It was no longer a clear day on that stretch of Highway 6. It was smoking and getting smokier.

The driver managed to get the trailer north some, on the pavement, but there was no stopping the first fire. It whipped north on the east side of the highway somehow bypassed Tommy Westbrook's old house, though grass and weeds burned close.

Then it hit the yard of the older house, flared grass, weeds, dry trees, and especially the big cedars on the west side of the house. It didn't take long for one of the oldest houses in the Truscott Community to be gone. Today all that is left are piles of ashes and the fire damaged old fashioned stone foundations.

Benjamin, Crowell and Knox City Volunteer Fire Departments helped the fight the fire last Wednesday.

It jumped Highway 6, and one part burned east toward Gilliland,

but firefighters got control and stopped the fire from more extensive damage.

Not many people have owned the old house site. J. J. Truscott, first County Judge of Knox County, was father of Tom Truscott who in 1888 dug a well north of the house site. By then, Truscott had been around here at least eight years as Truscott's are listed on the 1880 census for Baylor County's Township No. 2. That was six years before Knox County pulled away from Baylor County and was organized as a separate County.

In 1903, according to the Westbrook family story in "Between the Wichita's" four sections of land south of the then Truscott town site (a location south of the Truscott Cemetery). The Westbrook's first settled at Antelope Flat, about 15 miles northwest of Truscott. It was like moving to the city. The first post office was held at the Tom Truscott home, which may have been a half-dugout. The stage line from Benjamin passed nearby, probably going north to Margaret and then Hardeman County. The first telephone box in Truscott was also at the Truscott home.

The community was known as China Lake until the post office was applied for. Arizona Truscott and James J. Truscott were postmasters at the house by the side of the stage road.

After it became the Westbrook house, John Holmes and John H. Westbrook served. In 1907, the post office was moved to the present Truscott townsite, anticipating the coming of the railroad to the north and west of the old stage line stop.

John and Fanny Westbrook built the white house that burned using lumber from the old Truscott house and new lumber. After John died in 1924, his son, Tom along with his wife Mina moved in the house to help care for Fanny. Tom died in 1967 and Mina in 1970.

About 30 some years ago, Tom and Mina's son, Tommy and his wife Catherine, were the last of the Westbrook's to live on the Westbrook place on Highway 6. Tommy and Catherine and their children, Renee, Rhonda and Richard had built a home just south of the older house. It is the one the fire bypassed. They moved to Henrietta.

The late Vernon Jones then bought the Westbrook land and it is now owned by his sister, Clara Brown and leased for farming by Micheal Tomanek.

Tom Westbrook once told this writer that buffalo hunters used to top the hill from the river canyon two or three miles southwest of his house.

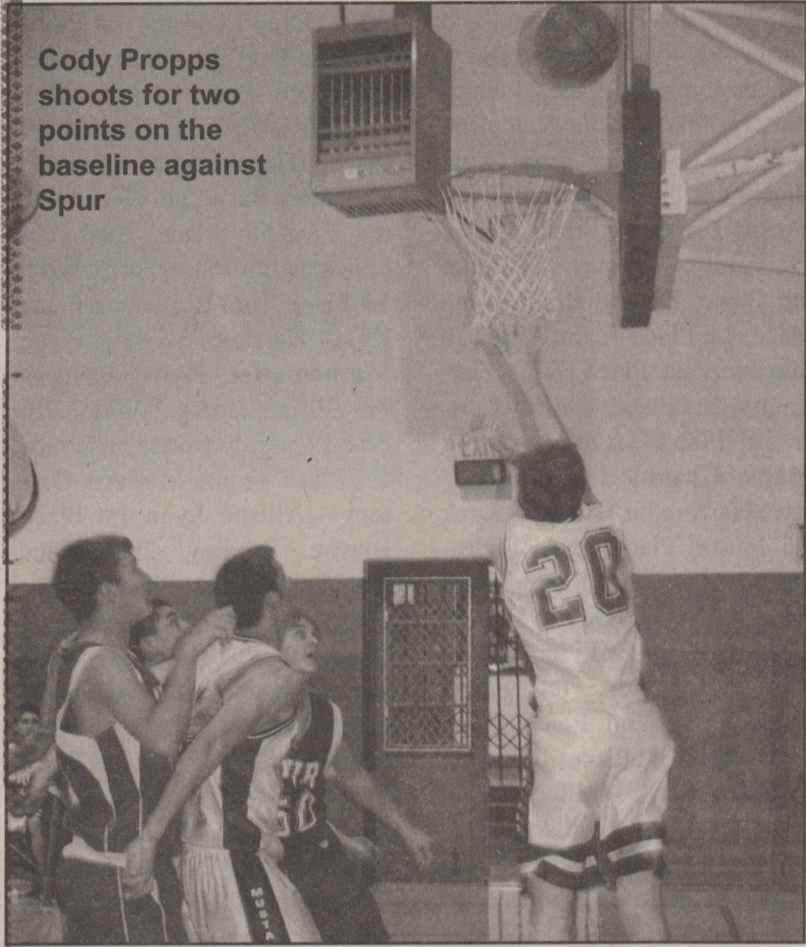
Maybe it was that path the stage line followed when it dropped off mail at the first Truscott post office. Just north of the first Truscott locations, at what is now the Truscott Cemetery, school boys used to vie to be the ones to go after water at the Truscott/Westbrook Windmill. Old ways and old things that remind us of them are passing away. Maybe it's a good thing we have a new museum to help us hold on to old memories.

Do you have a story about the Truscott or Westbrook homes, or maybe even a picture? Either would be a great gift, a memory made for a history museum.

Benjamin Sports

Mustang And Lady 'Stang Basketball Action

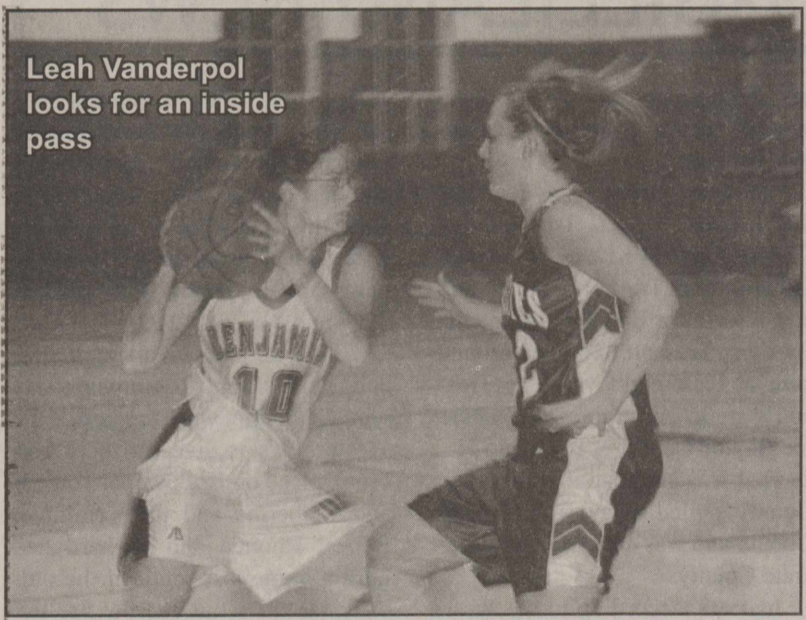
Cody Propps shoots for two points on the baseline against Spur



Dusty Stevens comes down with the rebound against Spur



Leah Vanderpol looks for an inside pass



The Benjamin Mustangs and Lady Stangs opened district play on January 8th at home against the Spur Bulldogs.

The Lady Stangs opened the games with a 60-43 win over the Lady Bulldogs. High score for the game was Raquel Acevedo with 14 points, closely followed by her sister, Julia, who had 13 points. The Lady Stangs had two blocks, one each for Karla Benson and Jessica Vanderpol. Devon Jones and Julia Acevedo led with four steals each.

Others scoring for the Lady Stangs were Karla Benson, 11, Leah Vanderpol, 2, Devon Jones, 4, Judit Acevedo, 8, Jessica Vanderpol, 2 and Nafeesa Ebraheim, 6.

The Mustangs, who had freshman Cody Propps back for his first game since a broken arm during football season, hit the floor with the Bulldogs and took a hard 9-64 loss.

High score for the game was Dylan Benson with 4 points. Others scoring were Lucas Cartwright, 2, Cody Propps, 1 and Dillon Loftiss, 2. Propps had the only steal against the quick and agile Bulldogs.

On Friday, the Mustangs and Lady Stangs met up with the Jayton Jaybirds. The Lady Stangs squeaked by with a 45-42 win over Jayton.

Leading the board for the Lady Stangs was Karla Benson with 17 points. Also scoring for the Lady's were Leah Vanderpol, 2, Devon Jones, 2, Judit Acevedo, 3, Julia Acevedo, 7, Nafeesa Ebraheim, 11 and Raquel Acevedo, 3.

Leading the board with blocks was Judit Acevedo and Raquel Acevedo, one each. Nafeesa Ebraheim led with five steals.

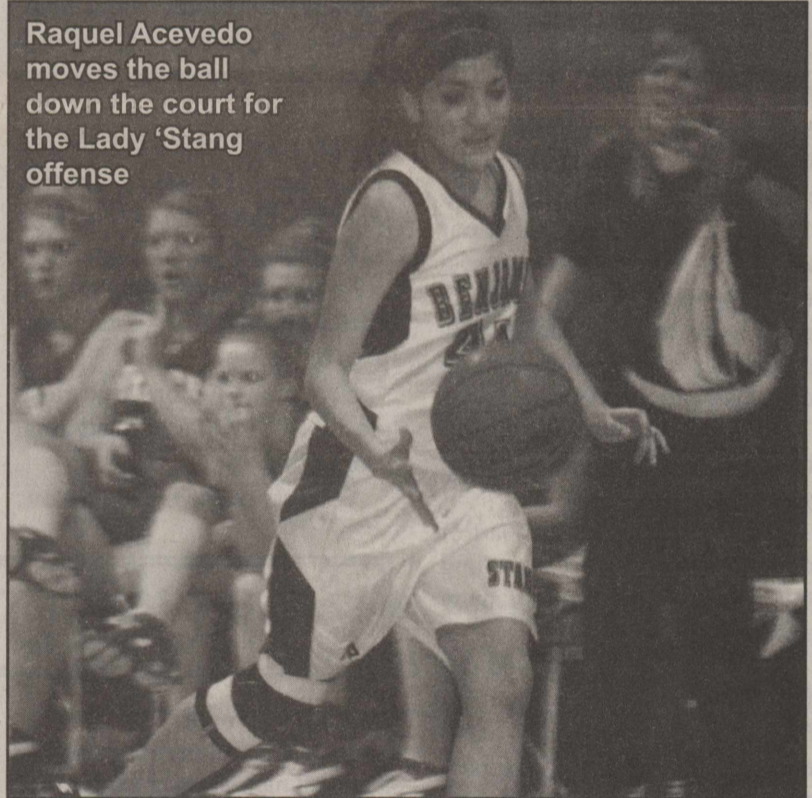
The Mustangs then took the court and came away with a 29-62 loss against the Jaybirds.

Holding the high score position together were Cody Propps and Derrick Northrup with 7 points each. Others scoring were Gilbert Nevarez, Dylan Benson and Dusty Stevens with 4 points each, Lucas Cartwright, 2 and Dillon Loftiss, 1.

Propps also had the most blocks for the team with two. Northrup led in steals with four.

The Mustangs and Lady Stangs played Guthrie at the Jaguar's home court on January 15th. Stats were unavailable as of press time. They will play the Knox City Greyhounds on January 17th and Albany away on January 22nd.

Raquel Acevedo moves the ball down the court for the Lady 'Stang offense



Benjamin Mustangs VS. Knox City Greyhounds Thursday, January 17 At Benjamin

BENJAMIN NEWS

By Gladene Green

We are well into January, the days have been fairly pleasant and the Cowboys have blown their chance to get into the Super Bowl - Bummer! I was sure hoping for a win on Sunday, but no go. However, it doesn't change my loyalty to the "Boys". I'm still their fan.

Sunday was not a very good day for me. I woke up at 3:15 a.m. sick as I could be. That dreaded virus had finally caught up with me. But by noon, the worst was over and other than being weak, I have no real after effects. It sure was not any fun, though, around here for a few hours.

We learned Sunday of the death of Maretha Patterson. Maretha, a former resident of Benjamin for many years had been living in Tatum, New Mexico for several years. She died around 5 a.m. Sunday in a Lovington, New Mexico hospital where she had been admitted on January 1st. Her funeral will be here on Thursday at First Baptist Church with burial following in the Benjamin Cemetery. Sympathy to her family during this time.

Suffers From Fall

Omitene Barnett fell at her home Saturday and has a broken pelvis as a result. She is in the Knox County Hospital at this time and possibly will go to Munday Nursing Center for some therapy after she is released from the hospital. We surely do wish her a complete recovery - and a speedy one.

Jonnie Williams spent a couple of days in the Knox County Hospital last week with pneumonia.

She's home, but as she put it "not well yet, but getting there". She had been sick several days before going to the hospital.

Pancake Supper Slated

There will be a pancake supper on Wednesday night, January 23rd at the school cafeteria to benefit the new day care center, which has been opened up in the Baptist Parsonage.

The details are sketchy and all of those who really have the "scoop on it" are out of pocket tonight. But as the time draws nearer, more information will be available. Any amount of money taken in will be greatly appreciated and used for a wonderful cause.

Here 'N There

Judy and Randolph Barnett were quite busy during December with travels and company. Before Christmas they made a trip to Bartlesville, Oklahoma to visit his son, Rusty, and his family.

Then back home, her son Jeff and family of Lubbock were here for a day or so and their children, Cayden and Cheyenne stayed a few days. New Years, Jim Bob Conner and his family of Slaton were here and after that Judy and her aunt Corrine Parrish returned Cayden and Cheyenne home and visited a couple of days.

Gerald and Darlene Barnett of Baytown were here for Christmas with Omitene Barnett and Randolph and Judy Barnett. Betty Parker and Chelsea of Aspermont and Cathy Tomlinson of Justin visited their mom, Gloria West this weekend.

Benjamin JH And Elementary Compete At Jayton UIL — Continued

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Junior High winners of the events are as follows: **8th Grade 3rd Place Team Calculator** names unavailable; **Maps Graphs and Charts** - Jonathan Rainwater 6th Place, 3rd Place Team with Jonathan Rainwater, Cody Potter and Matthew Acree; **Number Sense** - Matthew Acree 6th Place; **Science**

- Matthew Acree 4th Place; **Mathematics** - Matthew Acree 4th Place, 2nd Place Team with Matthew Acree, Jonathan Rainwater and Cody Potter, Blake Jones 6th Place; **Social Studies** - Matthew Acree 2nd Place, Cody Potter 4th Place, Jonathan Rainwater 5th Place, 1st Place Team; **Spelling** - Matthew Acree 1st Place.

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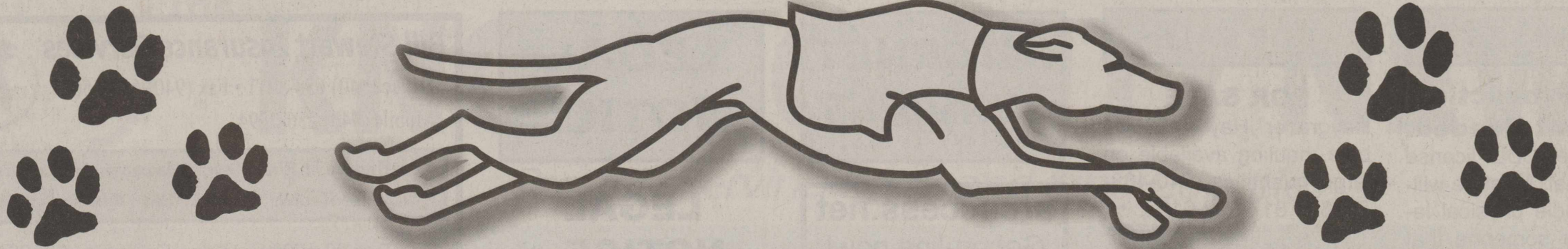
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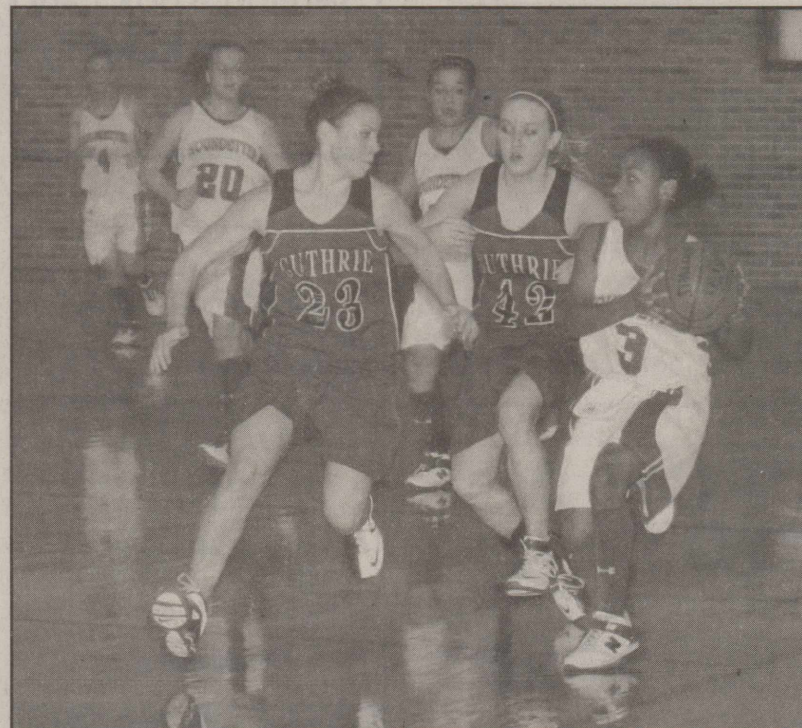


Orrin Myers #5 plays D-E-F-E-N-S-E

The Knox City Greyhounds met the Guthrie Jaguars in their third district game of the season and took the 47-29 victory. Bandy Moeller led the Hounds on the scoreboard with 15 and Jordan Carter added 11. Derrick Coleman had 9 points for the Hounds while Shane Strickland shot 6 and Orrin Myers, M.J. Abila, and Rico McCrary added 2 points each. In the first quarter the Greyhounds outscored the Jaguars 14-3. At the half the Hounds led 24-11. In the 3rd and 4th quarters, the Greyhounds shot a combined 23 points. After the game Coach Moore was pleased with the outcome and commented, "It is good to get on the winning track again. We had a pretty good game overall. We were still a little cold in our shooting early on but the guys made up for it with some good defense." The Greyhounds are 2-1 in district play and will face the Benjamin Mustangs, Thurs. Jan. 18 in Benjamin.



Bandy Moeller #22 takes a "high five" foul from the Guthrie Jaguars



Holly McCrary #3 takes a fast break down court and eyes up the defense

The Knox City Houndettes hosted the Guthrie Lady Jaguars, Friday, Jan. 11. The Houndettes took a 21-67 loss from the Lady Jaguars. "Guthrie plays a very aggressive man defense and when we settled down and ran our offense, we controlled the ball much better. We have got to increase our scoring threat from all five positions on the court. We must put the ball up more and be able to knock down the shots right under the goal," commented Coach Peters. The Houndettes will face their district rival, the Benjamin Lady Mustangs, Thurs. Jan. 17, in Benjamin with tip-off scheduled for 6:30 pm.



Samantha Esquivel #22 posts up and shoots for two points

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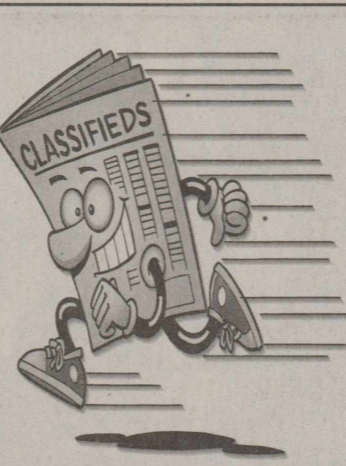
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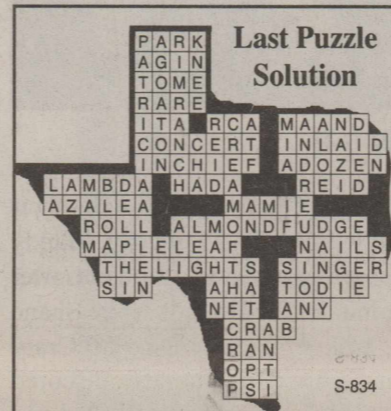
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