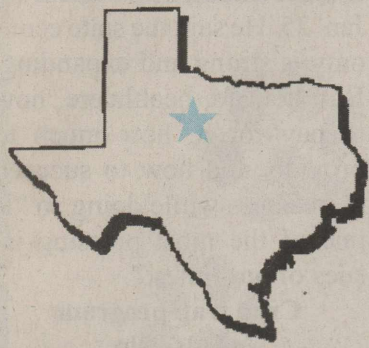


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## Looking Ahead

• **Singles and Single Again**  
 Singles and Single Again will meet Friday, February 1, at the Knox County Aging Center at 7:00 p.m. All singles are encouraged to attend.

• **Hunter Safety Course**  
 Copper Breaks State Park February 2-3. Call 940-839-4331 for more information. Reservations required. \$15 fee. For hunters 12 and up.

• **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!

• **Wichita Falls Area Cattlewomen Luncheon Meeting**  
 February Luncheon Meeting will be February 12, 2008, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the home of Melinda Stewart in Seymour. Please RSVP by February 8 to Melinda Stewart (940) 888-5704 or BeBe Hoyer at (940) 636-3911. Lunch catered by Blessings. \$8 per person.

• **The Cotton Pickin' Quilt Show**  
 February 23 in Munday. Over 100 quilts displayed. Raffle quilt, "Tree of Life French Braid". Tickets are \$1 each. Viewers Choice, concession stand, door prizes, vendors, merchant mall, handicap accessible, free parking. From 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Admission is \$3. At the Munday Elementary Gym.

## BVFD Elects Officers

The Benjamin Volunteer Fire Department elected officers for 2008 on January 21st. Officers are as follows:  
 Chief - Richard McCanlies; Assistant Chief - Jimmy Barrientez; Treasurer - Brent Vanderpol; Maintenance Officer - Mike Moorhouse; Training Officer - Lucas Cartwright; Chaplain - Dennis Duke.  
 Other volunteer firefighters are Tracy Cartwright, Chad Rainwater, Paul Weiser, Laura McCanlies and Chad Tolson.

## KC Museum Fundraising Meal And Silent Auction Slated For Sunday, February 3

Everyone is busy preparing for the Knox County Museum fundraising meal and silent auction on Sunday, February 3, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at the Benjamin Ex-Students building. People have volunteered to make pies, deviled eggs, donate silent auction items and door prizes.

The beautiful quilt which has been displayed in the Citizens Bank in Knox City and at "Bud's For You", in Munday, will be given away after the silent auction ends. The quilt has an unusual origin.

Mary Jane Young, bid on the quilt top at Royce Miller's auction in Seymour, last year, and she commented, "It was a beautiful quilt top, and well made, I don't think people realized what it was, so I got it at a good price." When she showed it to the "quilters" on the Historical Commission, they agreed and thought it would be perfect for the February raffle. Then the "Rhinelander Quilter's" agreed to hand quilt it. The quilt pattern is called "Card Tricks", thus the

quilt in shades of pink and blue, has been named "Knox County Card Tricks".

A new item at the sales table, along with the new 2008 "Ranching In Knox County-1870 to 2008" calendar, is the archival copy of a 1909, Southwestern Journal, with news about Knox County citizens. This old paper was owned by Joe Cash, who grew up in Knox City. Joe contacted the Historical Commission with the idea that it would be a great fundraiser for the museum. He saw to it that the copies were printed right and on archival paper, and he also donated the original to the museum.

February 3rd, promises to be an interesting fun filled day with the delicious food and many things to see and do, and friends to visit, at the Benjamin Ex-Students building, plus a look at the Wichita Brazos Museum building, open from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

For more information, call 459-2229, Tuesday through Friday, or 459-2205.

## Give Daffodils. Give Hope. Help Fight Cancer By Placing Your Daffodil Order

Spring is coming early this year, and so is the American Cancer Society Daffodil Days! Orders are now being accepted for the first ever Daffodil Days of Knox County. Money raised during Daffodil Days supports the Society's research, education, advocacy, and patient service programs. Daffodil Days began in upstate New York in 1970, and is one of the most popular and well-known fundraising events ever developed.

As daffodils welcome the arrival of spring, they are also our Symbol of Hope that cancer can be eliminated as a major health problem within our lifetime. The daffodil represents hope for a new season as well as a community free of cancer.

The American Cancer Society sells more daffodils than any company in the world! They are primarily sold as an individual bouquet of 10 fresh-cut daffodils at \$10.00.

A "Sunshine Bouquet" includes 10 daffodils and an American Cancer Society vase,

and sells for \$15.00. The much adored "Bear and a Bunch" includes 10 daffodils, along with a special Boyd's Bear designed exclusively for the American Cancer Society, and sells for \$25.00. All of the proceeds go to support the American Cancer Society and its mission of eliminating cancer as a major health concern.

With the absence of the Relay for Life event in 2008 in Knox County, the Daffodil Days program is your chance to donate to the American Cancer Society. Please join us as we color the town yellow with these beautiful flowers while contributing to the fight against cancer. If you would like to purchase Daffodils, contact Adrin Fletcher at (940) 422-4691. Or, call the American Cancer Society office in Wichita Falls at (940) 691-2482.

The deadline to order Daffodils is February 8, 2008. Your Daffodils will be available to pick up on Thursday, March 6, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at the Munday Community Center.

## Workshop For Rural Community And Economic Development

The Texas Department of Agriculture's (TDA) Rural Economic Development Division invites you to attend the "Workshop for Rural Community and Economic Development" on February 21st in Haskell.

County judges, mayors, economic developers, chambers of commerce, city services, community developers, convention and visitor bureau and community volunteers are invited.

The event will be held Thursday, February 21, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

at the Haskell National Bank Community Center, located at 600 South 1st Street in Haskell.

The cost is \$10, which includes lunch and registration.

Presentations will be given by TDA's Rural Economic and Marketing Divisions on the Certified Retirement Community Program, business retention and expansion, and the Texas Capital Fund.

Other presentations will be given by the Office of Rural Community Affairs and USDA Rural Development.

Discussion will also be held on rural community success stories, in addition to panel discussions.

Please RSVP by Friday, February 15 to the Haskell Chamber of Commerce at (940) 864-2477 or email [haskellcc@srcaccess.net](mailto:haskellcc@srcaccess.net).

For more information or questions, please call Amy Lorange at 940-473-1723; Chandra Eggemeyer at 325-340-6803 or Nancy Cordero at 806-559-7554. Big opportunities in Rural Texas!

## Knox County Agent's Agricultural News

By Adam Bonner  
 CEAAG/NR, Knox County

I have been in Knox County for a short time now and I am impressed with the welcome that I have received from everyone I have met so far.

This is my first job as a County Extension Agent and I am still trying to get acclimated to the new job and area. The door to my office is always open so please feel free to come by the courthouse to introduce yourself or discuss current/new programs for Knox County.

Most importantly, I want to

thank all of the volunteers and supporters that contributed to the 2008 Knox County Livestock Show. I also want to congratulate all participants who were involved in the show. The professionalism and dedication by all was astounding and I believe that the show next year will be larger and more successful than ever.

The 2007 Census of Agriculture forms should have already arrived in farmer and rancher mailboxes throughout Knox County. The Census is conducted every five years and is

considered to be the most complete agriculture data resource available. The information that you provide will contribute in community development planning, budget allocations for research, market development and rural development. This information will also reflect decisions affecting locations of new businesses, farm succession planning, farm policies, and rural policies. Please take the time to fill these forms out as accurately as possible and return them to the provided address before February 4, 2008.

## Knox City TNT Show Off Their Basketball Skills During Half-Time Friday Night



Knox City Team In Training (TNT) performed at half time at the Girls Varsity game against Jayton Friday night. TNT's final Performance will be this Tuesday, at half-time at the Knox City and Benjamin Varsity Girls basketball game. The group is comprised of students, Kindergarten through sixth grade. There are approximately 50 kids and they do a wide range of ball handling skills. (Photo courtesy of David Crouch - Bison Photography).

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State Capital HIGHLIGHTS



By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - The state House Committee on Elections met Jan. 25 to talk about allegations that there are some folks who pretend to be someone they aren't when they cast a ballot on election day.

Acting on a legislative interim charge, the committee is seeking to (1) determine if voter fraud exists in Texas, (2) explore ideas on what to do about it if it does exist, and (3) report back to the Legislature in January 2009 when election laws could be amended.

House Committee Ponders Voter I.D. Issues

Elections committee chair Leo Berman, R-Tyler, asked if Texas, with its estimated 2 million illegal residents, might be in danger of massive voter fraud.

No testimony seemed to confirm such a danger, but there was testimony indicating that 150,000 or more of Texas' registered voters do not have photo identification.

The idea of a state or federal photo I.D. card that could be used to verify voter eligibility is being tested in Texas and elsewhere.

Voter I.D. legislation failed to pass in the Texas legislature's 2007 session, but the topic is still hot.

Rep. Joe Farias, D-San Antonio, expressed concern that if voters are expected to produce a state photo I.D., such as a driver's license, some older voters in his district might not have the required photo identification, and could be disqualified at the polls.

Rep. Rafael Anchia, D-Dallas, said there are reliable, published reports concluding that there is little fraud, but what there is of it mainly relates to mail-in ballots.

Kels Farmer, an auditor with the State Auditor's Office, reported a finding that 49,000 registered voters may have been ineligible to vote during the May 12, 2007, special election, because they were felons, duplicates or deceased. Those findings did not show that any of the 49,000 voted.

Jay Dyer of the Secretary of State's Office said half of the 49,000 voters on the roll mentioned by Farmer were duplicates caused by a computer error.

Dale Stobaugh, with the Forensic Document Section of the Texas Department of Public Safety's crime laboratory, said thumbprints would be one way to curb voter fraud, as handwriting samples can be unreliable.

Travis County Clerk Dana DeBeauvoir said that in serving as elections officer in more than 100 elections over the last 21 years, she was aware of only one case of voter impersonation.

Tarrant County elections administrator Steve Rayburn said he has not seen any voter fraud in nine years.

But Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector Paul Bettencourt said he had proof of 381 cases of voter fraud in his county, including dead people, a jailed felon and non-citizens who voted.

Anchia contested some of Bettencourt's assertions, but both men agreed that if the federal government would give county administrators access to the U.S. citizenship database, it would be easier to prevent voter fraud.

Justice named in complaint

A citizen action group, Texas Watch, filed a complaint with the Texas Ethics Commission against Texas Supreme Court Justice Paul W. Green, alleging he used political contributions to pay for travel to and from his home in San Antonio on 272 separate occasions, violating state ethics laws.

More phone access for prisoners

The Texas Board of Criminal Justice approved a program to allow more than 100,000 Texas prison inmates regular access to a pay telephone. Enabling legislation provides for the installation of one pay phone for every 30 eligible inmates. That's about 4,000 phones.

Perry talks about state economy

Gov. Rick Perry spoke at the annual meeting of the Texas Association of Business on Jan. 25. He said the state economy is strong and expanding. But, he said, healthcare, how to pay for it, how much to provide, and how to succeed in business while doing so "is one of the most pressing issues of our times."

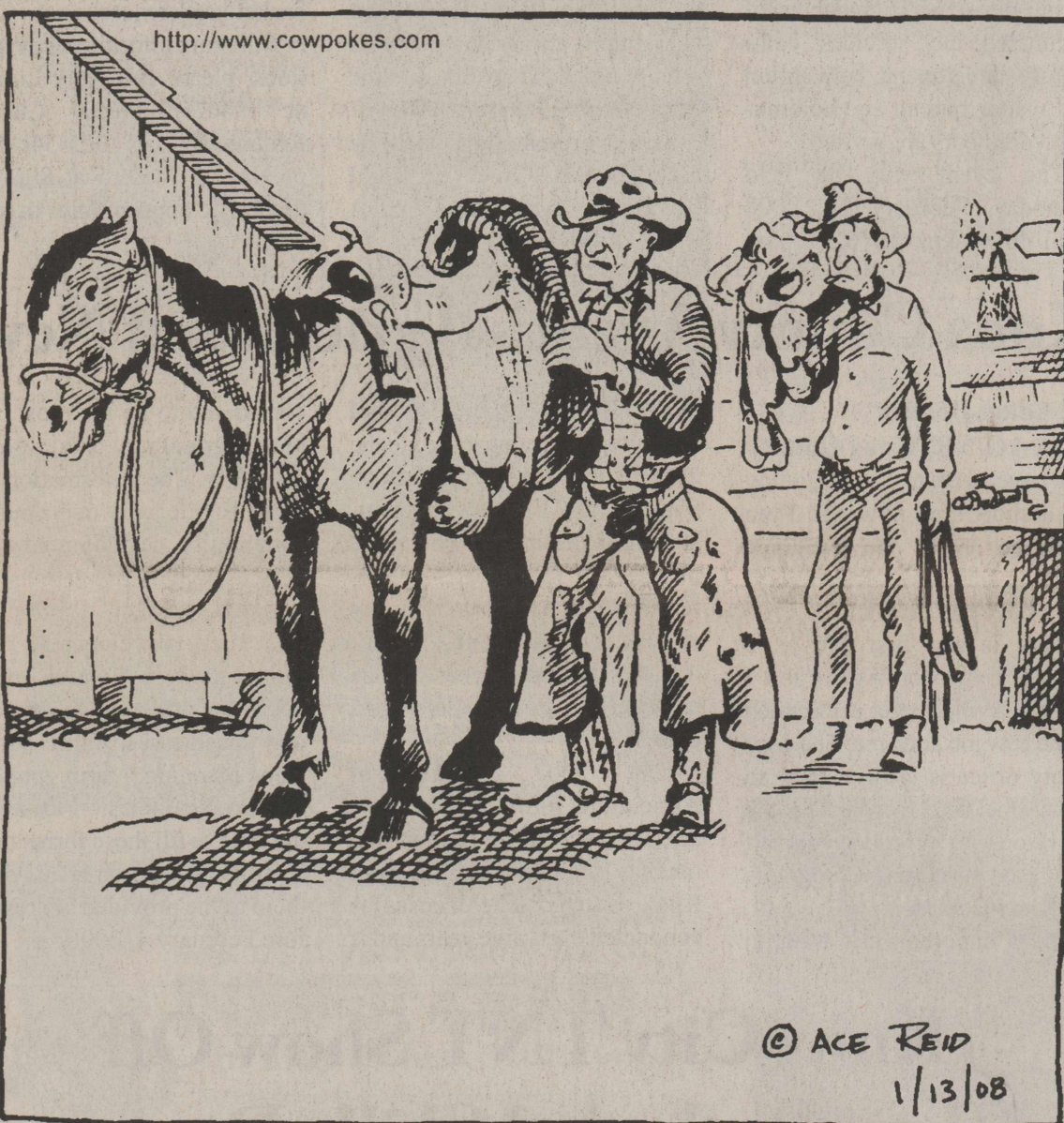
Crab trap program needs help

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is calling for volunteers to help in the 7th Texas Abandoned Crab Trap Removal Program, Feb. 15-24.

During this 10-day period, all Texas bays will be closed to crabbing with crab traps and any traps left in the bay will be presumed to be abandoned and considered litter under state law, thus allowing volunteers to legally remove any crab traps they find.

COW POKES

By Ace Reid



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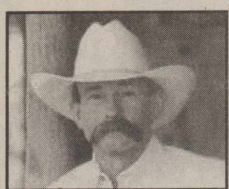
"I been carrying my slicker since this hoss's great-granddaddy was a green colt and it shore come in handy three times."

Advertisement for First National Bank featuring a photo of a man and a baby, with text: 'A rock solid foundation', 'First National Bank', 'MUNDAY - HASKELL - STAMFORD - ROCHESTER', 'PHONE ~ (940) 422-4522 • TELEBANK ~ 422-4741 TIME & TEMPERATURE ~ 422-5459', 'FDIC', 'celebrate the spirit of your hometown'.

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Crossword puzzle titled 'The Original TEXAS CROSSWORD' by Charley & Guy Orbison. Includes a grid and clues for ACROSS and DOWN words.





# BAXTER BLACK

ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

## Things I Count On

**By Baxter Black, DVM**  
As I weave my way through life there are things that I count on. They are stepping stones in my path that I don't worry about, like:

- 1) Where I am going to spend eternity.
- 2) That my wife will always love me.
- 3) That the airplane pilots know what they are doing. I get on an average of 175 flights a year. But if I had any concern about whether the pilots stayed up all night partying or were visiting on their cell phone while we were trying to land, I think I'd start packing a parachute! I have a friend in the entertainment business who could fly commercial, but doesn't. He's not comfortable putting his life in their hands, I guess. I'm philosophical about his fears. Then again, I don't eat Italian food. I'm not sure if that's a phobia or a preference. Maybe some Dramamine would help us both!
- 4) I count on my best horse

bein' steady on the course. He's good around cows, cars, cameras, kids, corrals, dogs and wire. Though I follow the admonition to "always be ridin' your horse," 'cause rattlesnake "shys" and backfire "bolts" can happen to even the best of horses.

- 5) I count on certain politicians, broadcasters and public figures to be there to lend continuity, whether I agree with them or not...Barbara Walters, Ralph Nader, Orion Samuelson, Mayor Daly, Sean Connery, Cotton Rosser, Bennie Beutler, Wayne Vold, Tony Bennett, Fidel Castro, Elmer Kelton, Wally McRae, Paul Harvey.
- 6) I count on America's resilience. If I ever doubted that the United States has been the greatest contributor to the cause of good (as in Good vs. Evil) on Earth for the last 100 years, I would move...but where would I go?
- 7) I even count on the stupefying, partisan political process to continue governing us. As an old cab driver in Washington D.C. told me once, "I voted for Reagan.

Next time I vote for Mondale." I asked why. "Never let 'em get a foothold, son, never let 'em get a foothold."

In contrast, there are some things I don't count on:

- 1) Rain
- 2) Bureaucratic efficiency. From the local Motor Vehicle Office to the F.D.A. If you ever get your question answered or your problem solved on the first phone call, you should bronze speed dial!
- 3) My dog. He's trained about as well as I was when I was three, and he has the attention span of a Bartlett pear!
- 4) My vehicles. I've got a '47, '69, '74, and '05. I always buy used cars so I expect them to break down. I never leave home without checking the spare, and throwing in my jumper cables, flashlight and tool box. Oh, one other thing I count on.
- 8) You. The readers of this column. To keep me honest, to hold me responsible for stepping out of line, when I need it. And to continue sending me stories about your wrecks and near disasters that compose the content of my cowboy ramblings. I couldn't do it without you. [www.baxter-black.com](http://www.baxter-black.com)

# Highly Erodible Lands

Every agricultural producer who is a participant in farm programs through the USDA must comply with HEL (Highly Erodible Lands) requirements. When a land unit is determined to be Highly Erodible, a producer on that land unit must take steps to prevent excessive erosion. Otherwise, the soil loss may be in excess of the allowable level for compliance purposes.

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) provides producers with conservation practices that can be applied to the land to obtain this goal. Residue management,

conservation tillage, cover crop, and contour framing are just a few examples of such practices. These are designed to reduce the potential of excessive erosion, especially on lands that are HEL.

Why is it important to control erosion and remain in compliance with HEL requirements? If a field becomes HEL non-compliant due to excessive erosion, the USDA participant may become ineligible for program benefits such as cost-shares, payments, and loans. The 2002 Farm Bill states, "Fields designated as HEL must be protect-

ed from excessive soil erosion when used to produce agricultural commodities by applying an approved conservation system".

By protecting your Highly Erodible Lands, you protect the environment as well as your eligibility to participate in USDA farm programs.

For more information on HEL determinations and guidelines, please visit the NRCS website at [www.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov) or stop by your local USDA Service Center.

The USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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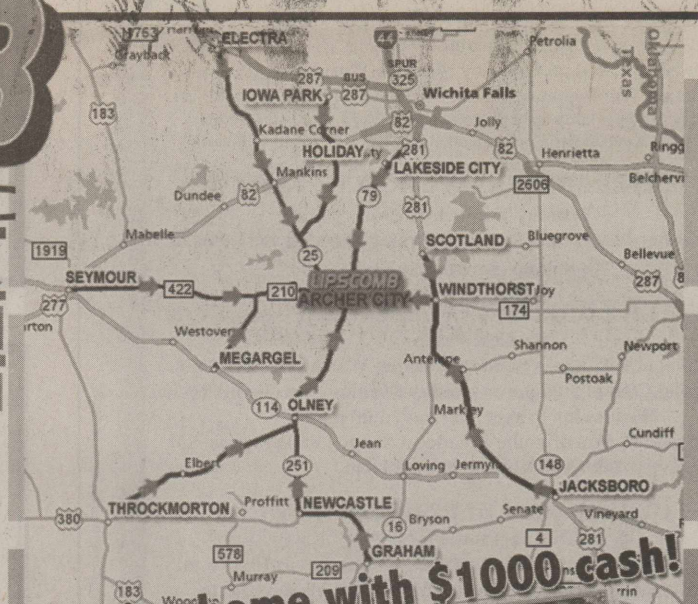
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**OBITUARIES**

**Mabelle W. Dinkfeld**

Mabelle W. "Daisy" Dinkfeld, 88, died on January 23, 2008. Mrs. Dinkfeld, a resident of Kerrville since 1985, was born in Plainfield, New Jersey on July 31, 1919. She was raised in North Branch, New Jersey, and married A. M. "Gus" Dinkfeld on November 24, 1941. He preceded her in death on December 10, 1991.

She is survived by two daughters, Judy Burnett of Munday and Deborah Hill of Austin; two sons, Robert Dinkfeld of Shepherd, Michigan and Michael Dinkfeld of Susanville, California; a sister, Eva Jane Mosko of North Branch, New Jersey; nine grandchildren and four great grandchildren, along

with Lorene "Sis" Ellebracht, her special friend.

Daisy was a Methodist and also attended services conducted by Sunrise Baptist Church at Plaza on the River in Kerrville. She was active in volunteer work with Peterson Hospice and was a mentor with Kerrville ISD for the past 15 years.

A memorial service was held at Plaza on the River, 135 Plaza Drive in Kerrville on Saturday, January 26, at 2:00 p.m. with Dr. Phil Tilden officiating.

The family suggests that in lieu of flowers a donation to Sunrise Baptist Church, 1200 Broadway, Kerrville, Texas 78028 or to the donor's favorite charity.

**Thank You!**

The family of Bill Tweedy wants to thank everyone for their cards, calls, visits and prayers during Bill's illness. Thanks to Reverend Tex Cox for his help with visits and prayers. To all my family who made the long trip to Spearman for the services.

Thank you from the family of Bill Tweedy, Jan Kilgore, Jo and Kati Kincaid, Brandy, Kevin and Dominic Knucky and Tom Lovebody

**Lee And Lee Named To ASU Dean's List**

The Dean's List for the 2007 Fall Semester has been announced at Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled full-time and maintain a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

The honorees include Samantha L. Lee and Tabitha M. Lee from the Knox City area.

**KC AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY**

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Gayle Baucum, Pastor  
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Tex Cox, Pastor  
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Sunday Evening Classes 5:00 p.m. • Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.  
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"Discovering God's Word" radio broadcast Sunday mornings on AM 1400 The River 8:20 - 8:50 a.m.
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Gene Ward Jr., Pastor  
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Monday Evening Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
- ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH - Rhineland**  
Father Leo Schloemer • Deacon Ben Vasquez  
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Saturday Mass at 7 p.m. • Sunday Mass at 9 a.m.
- 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  
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- GILLESPIE BAPTIST CHURCH - Gillespie**  
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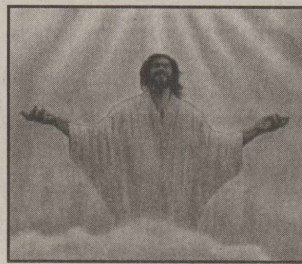
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Many times we will try to ignore the hurtful situations, hard consequences and the times that we are so discouraged that we struggle to even get out of bed. Our minds beg for understanding why this has happened to me. Why does my family have to endure so many tough situations? Why is my journey so bleak?

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

You can be sure of this fact. God never does anything to dis-

courage you to be near Him. His whole purpose is always to call you to come closer to Him. When you see your life running the road of discouragement and you don't know how to get out of the rut, think upon these scriptures from God's Word and you will be encouraged.

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

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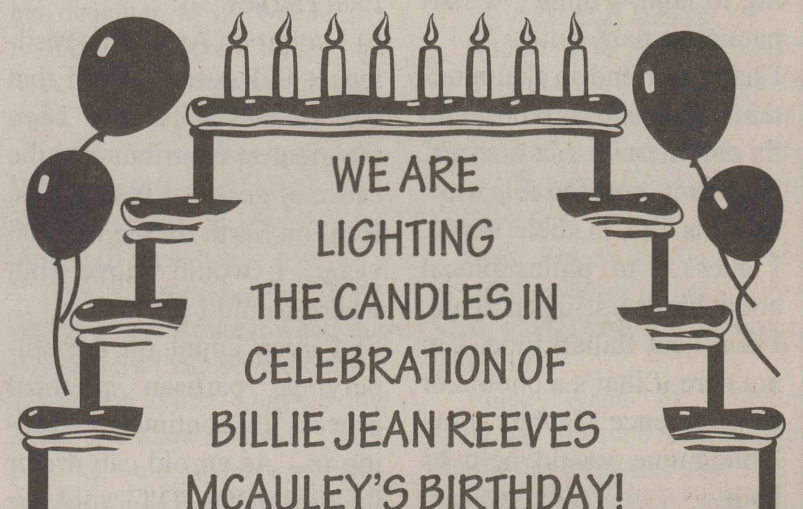


**Ricks - Larned**

Everett James Larned of Amarillo, Texas, is proud to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of his momma, Mica Larned, daughter of Jim and Brenda Larned of Amarillo, formerly of Knox City, Texas, to Matthew Don Ricks, son of Don and Sheila Ricks, also of Amarillo.



The bride-elect is a 2000 graduate of Benjamin High School and a 2001 Graduate of Vernon College with her LVN degree. She is currently employed at Bivins Memorial Nursing Home Rehab in Amarillo. Her fiancé is a 2000 graduate of Amarillo High School and is currently employed with Tyson Foods. A South Padre Island Beach front wedding is planned for April 12, 2008.



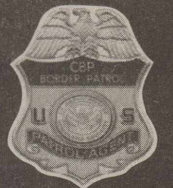
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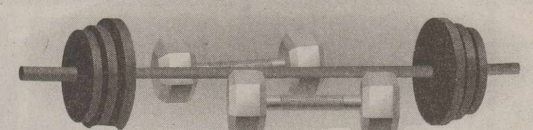
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## Trash Leads To Cash In New Scholarship For Graduating Seniors

### TxDOT Looking For Students With Innovative Ideas About Litterbags

CHILDRESS — The Texas Department of Transportation has upped the ante for college-bound students by introducing a new scholarship award to their existing Don't Mess with Texas Scholarship program.

For this new Don't Mess with Texas Scholarship, TxDOT wants students to write an essay about how to get a litterbag in every car.

The essay should focus on a creative and sustainable solution that would encourage Texans to use litterbags and get them in their hands. The winner earns a \$1,000 scholarship.

TxDOT will also continue its traditional scholarship, which consists of a \$3,000 grand prize scholarship and a \$1,000 second-prize scholarship.

To qualify for that scholarship money, students must write an essay identifying a specific litter problem at their own school or in their community and the action they took to address it.

As sponsor, Raytheon has provided the funds for this year's scholarship program.

The scholarships are intended for high-school seniors planning to pursue a two or four-year degree at a Texas university or college.

Essays must be 300 - 350 words.

Along with their essay(s), students are required to submit a completed application and two letters of recommendation. Students may apply for both the traditional scholarship and the litterbag scholarship, but must complete two separate essays.

To download an application and for complete rules, visit [www.DontMessWithTexas.org](http://www.DontMessWithTexas.org).

A completed application, letters and essays must be addressed as follows and post-marked by April 4, 2008:

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The Texas Department of Transportation established the Don't Mess with Texas Scholarship program in 2003 to reward high-school seniors who have worked to improve litter problems in their communities.

Research shows Texans ages 16 to 24 are the most likely to litter, and the scholarship is designed to help motivate and raise awareness among this peer group.

#### About Don't Mess with Texas

Don't Mess with Texas has been educating Texans about litter prevention since 1986. TxDOT's litter prevention program includes Adopt-a-Highway and a grassroots partnership with Keep Texas Beautiful.

Don't Mess with Texas activities also include a spring "Trash-Off," community outreach and a corporate partner program.

For more information, visit [www.DontMessWithTexas.org](http://www.DontMessWithTexas.org). TxDOT's goals are to reduce congestion, enhance safety, expand economic opportunity, improve air quality and increase the value of transportation assets. For more information, visit [www.dot.gov](http://www.dot.gov).

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As of this week, I will no longer be working at Blossom's Boutique. I am currently working to confirm my future arrangements and I'm so sorry for the inconvenience this may cause you in the meantime. While some things remain "up in the air," I know that God works all things together for good for those who love the Lord and I am confident that things will be resolved according to His will.

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## Melissa Eades Named To MSU's President's Honor Roll

Midwestern State University recognized 806 honor students for the December 2007 semester. The President's Honor Roll included 270 students, the Provost's Honor Roll included 216 students and the Dean's Honor Roll included 320 students.

To make the President's Honor Roll, a student must complete a semester schedule of at least 12 hours with no grade lower than an A (4.0).

To make the Provost's Honor Roll, a student must complete a semester schedule of at least 12 hours with a grade point average of 3.75 to 3.99 and no grade lower than a

C. To make the Dean's Honor Roll, a student must complete a semester of at least 12 hours with a grade point average of 3.50 to 3.74 and no grade lower than a C.

The 12 hours for the President's Honor Roll, Provost's Honor Roll and Dean's Honor Roll may include one physical activity or marching band course each semester.

The 12 hours may not include developmental courses. In addition, the student cannot have semester grades of I, WF or NC.

Melissa Carolyn Moore Eades of Knox City, Texas made the President's Honor Roll for the December 2007 semester.

## Singles Move Ahead, Plan Group Activities

By Bunny Norville

The Knox County Singles Again group got off to a good start last month with 15 present. Ages attending varied from 30 to 75. Gender-wise there was almost as many men as women attending. The whole county was represented with someone from every town and community.

In this first meeting those attending were asked to complete a questionnaire asking such questions as "What are your specific needs, interests, and hobbies?" Under the heading "Activities" attendants were asked to tick the item listed or to add others. Pot-luck suppers and Bible study both received the highest number of ticks. Going to or watching movies were a close second. Playing games was next with card games edging out board games. Although, several people marked dominoes as a choice. Attending the museums and watching football (on TV) was next. Other programs coming out of this first meeting will be counseling sessions, a grief support group, a Bible study and computer classes. Many expressed an interest in learning to use the computer and the Internet. Reading, woodworking, and gardening also received high marks. When the question "What are your expectations from the group experience" was asked, the words companionship and friendship were the most frequent responses. Everyone saw the purpose of the group as one of support for each other through meeting people, making friends and having someone to do things with. Also, to be able to ask someone from the group for help with a project, etc.

A majority of those doing the questionnaire preferred to meet once a month in different locations in the county.

The group will meet again Friday night, February 1 at the Knox County Aging Center in Knox City at 7:00 p.m. The center is located off the main drag of Route 222, directly north of the Knox City-O'Brien ISD Building.

All singles are invited and encouraged to attend, and are asked to bring their calendars. Singles are asked to put away their fears or other excuses for staying home and not getting out. Even though there is nothing like staying home for real comfort, one needs to break out of his comfort zone occasionally. See you in Knox City Friday night.

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# Benjamin Sports

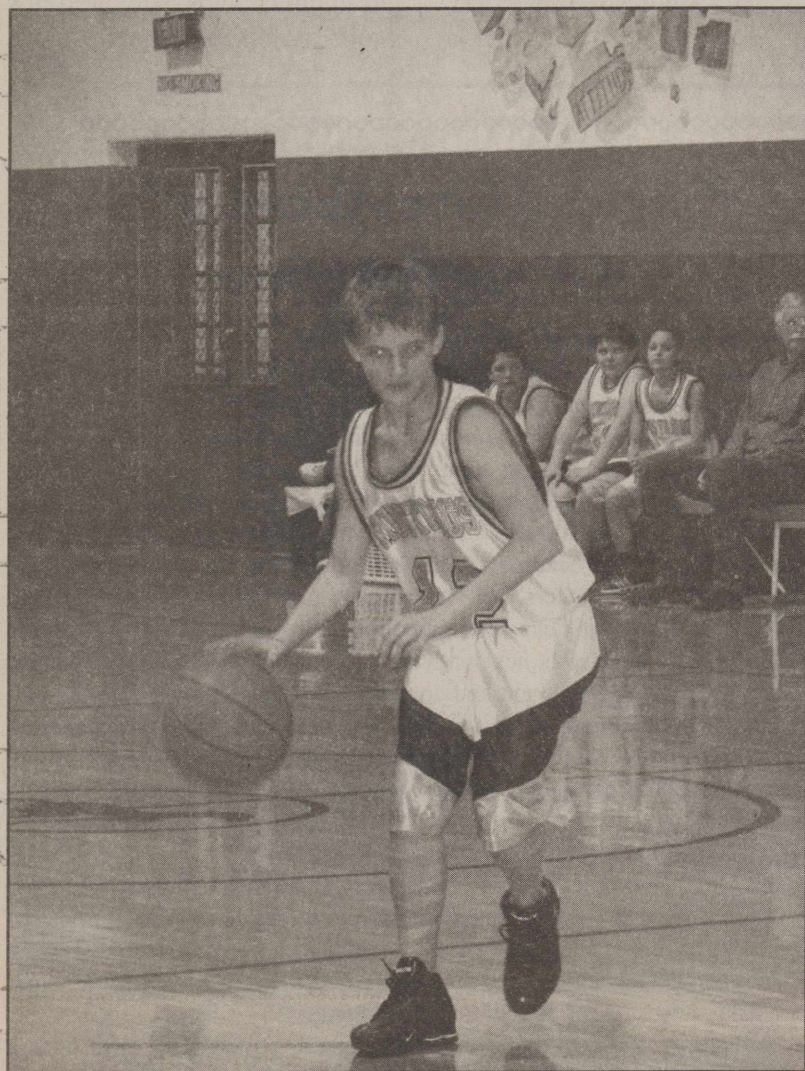
## BENJAMIN NEWS

### Junior High Throws Jaguars In Roundball

Benjamin and Guthrie junior high met up on the Mustangs home court on Monday night in basketball action. The Mustangs won the game 41-5.

Because Benjamin has only a boys team, just one game was played. Benjamin junior high will travel to KC-O'Brien on February 4th to take on the Bulldogs.

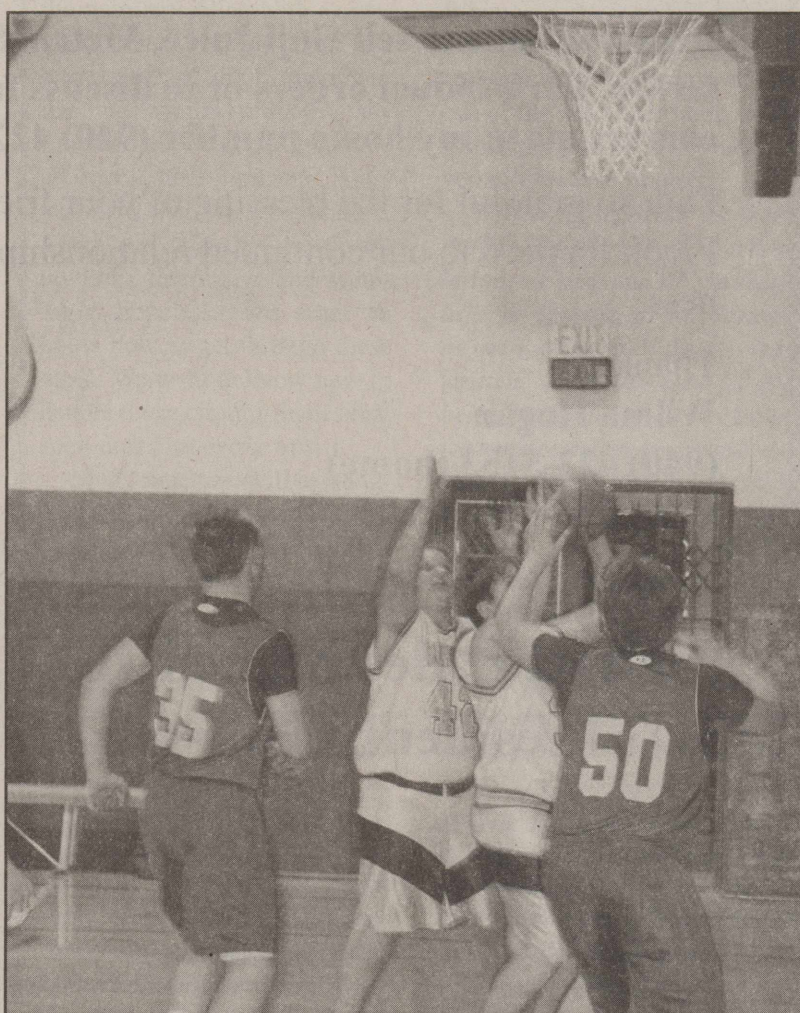
Team members for the Mustangs are Blake Jones, Tanner Monroe, newcomer Chasity Tolson, Cody Potter, Matthew Acree, Jonathan Rainwater, Kellen Loftiss and Heath Ham. They are coached under the direction of Ben Grill and Jason Loftiss.



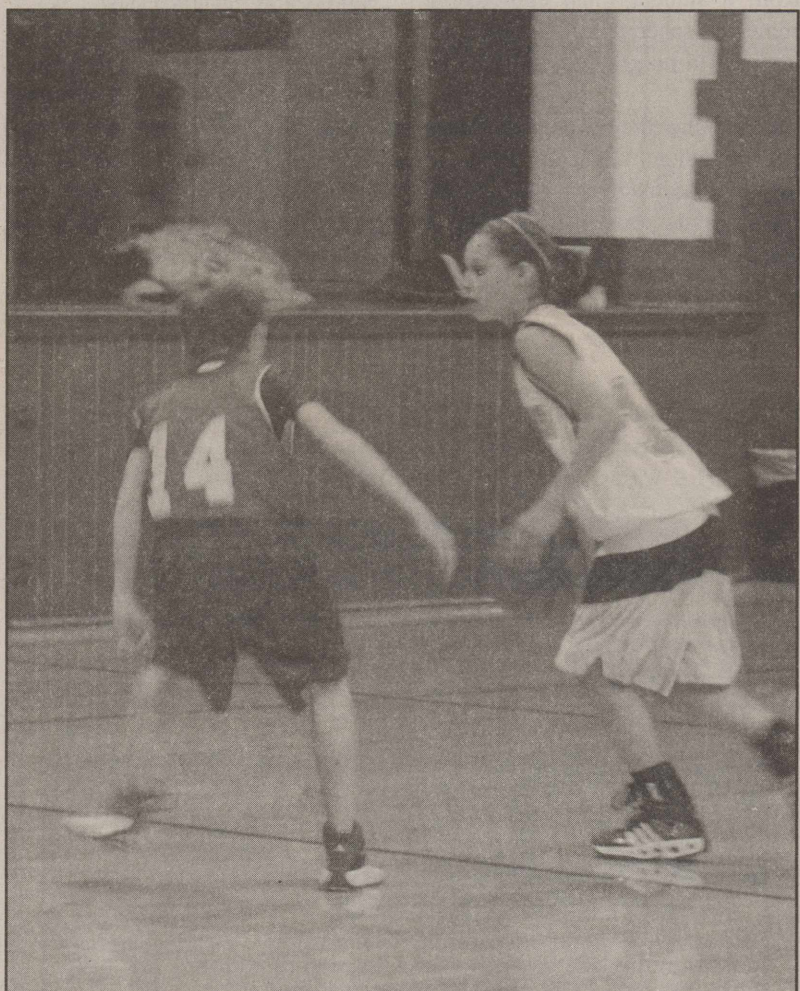
Tanner Monroe brings the ball down for the Mustang offense



Cody Potter gets up close and personal with a Jaguar on defense



Kellen Loftiss goes up for a shot as Matthew Acree looks on



New team member for the Mustangs, Chasity Tolson works the ball inside

#### By Gladene Green

The cold weather of last week has been replaced with much warmer days. Though the wind has been blowing it is much more pleasant than it was for a few days. At least we missed the ice, and though we need the moisture, we would much rather have it in the form of a good, slow rain.

We have friends on the not too well list this week. LaMoyné Patterson spent several days last week in the Knox County Hospital. He was able to go home on Saturday and of course, feeling better, but he will have to take it easy several days. He had the respiratory problem so many are having. Its good to know he's better.

Sue Sheedy is a patient in a Wichita Falls hospital. She spent several days in the Haskell hospital before going to Wichita Falls on Friday. According to her daughter, Mitzi Welch, she is much improved today and hopefully her progress will continue. She has pneumonia and along with her other problems, she has been very ill. We're glad she's better and pray it won't be long until she's home.

Tina Siemens has her right arm in a cast. Broke it when she slipped on a freshly waxed floor. My advice to her - Quit waxing floors! We know that won't happen, but we do need to be careful and Tina knows that as well as anyone. She didn't say how long she would be in the cast, but hope not long.

Reports on Omitene Barnett are that she's doing pretty well. Just would like to be home and maybe will pretty soon.

#### Basketball

Friday night the Mustangs and Lady Stangs traveled to Spur and suffered losses to the Bulldogs. Maybe the games this week will be good ones and hopefully we will have the winning scores in our column. Last Tuesday night's practice game at Albany was cancelled due to the threat of bad weather.

#### Pancake Supper

The pancake supper held Wednesday night to benefit the newly established day care center was well attended and several hundred dollars were taken in for the cause. There was no charge, only donations, and the substantial amount made is very much appreciated.

On Saturday night a soup supper was held at the

Methodist Church and after the meal, a showing of the movie "Flywheel" entertained those present. A wonderful meal, a chance to visit and good wholesome entertainment made for a great Saturday evening.

#### Town Meeting Slated

There will be a town meeting Thursday January 31st at 4 p.m. at the Ex-Student Building here in Benjamin. The purpose of the meeting will be to hear the "ins and outs" and all possibilities of getting a children's home here. We have the potential for such a project and a representative of the Methodist Children's Home will be here to discuss, answer questions and give direction to this plan. Be there so you will know first hand just what's going on. There is much speculation and one just needs to hear the facts straight and then there will be no question concerning it.

#### Here N' There

Nathan and Nancy Beavers of Wichita Falls and Margaret Siemens of Angelo State College spent the weekend with their mom, Tina and siblings, Tina and Jakey.

Lynn Rogers of Snyder was a Saturday guest of her parents, Mike and Debbie Moorhouse, and Will.

Vince Tyson of Lubbock spent the weekend with his parents-in-law, Charles and Linda Griffith. His family, Amy and the girls, is still in Minnesota doing all the things you have to do before you make a move. The girls, of course, are in school and I'm sure would like to finish their year there. However, when everything's taken care of up there, I'm sure they will be coming this way.

Betty Bohannon and Brandi Hearn visited Betty's sister in Clyde on Sunday.

Lorene Powers, Jane Gideon, Bud Conner and I attended the regular 5th Sunday singing in Weinert Sunday night. It wasn't a 5th Sunday, but they opted to have it anyway since it had been a while since they have had one. It was nice, lots of good singing and wonderful refreshments afterwards. Those Weinert Baptists are super hosts and hostesses and we always appreciate their invitation and doubly appreciate their hospitality.

Carlos Rodriguez of Abilene visited Benjamin friends during the weekend. Carlos is a former Benjamin resident.

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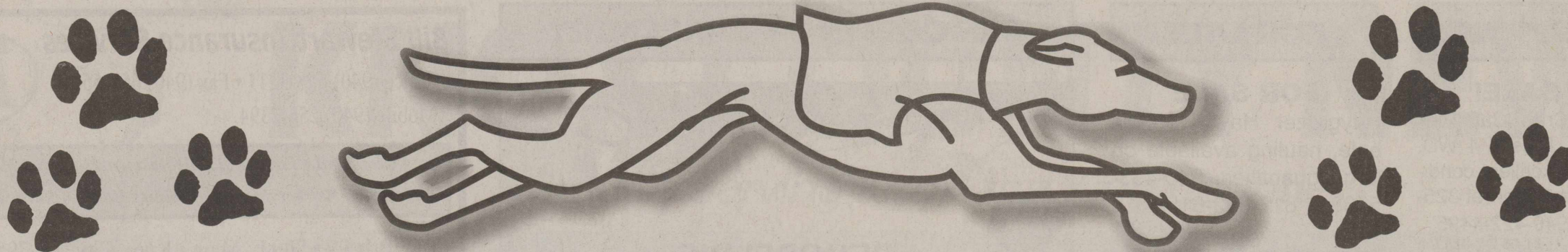
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## Knox City Greyhounds Rock Past Division 2 Leader, Jayton Jaybirds 50-46

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The Hounds coming into the game as the under dogs came out on top in the 50-46 win over the Jaybirds. M.J. Abila hit three 3-pointers that helped spark a second quarter run that put the Hounds up 29-22 at the half.

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Bandy Moeller was 4 for 4 in the fourth quarter; and the team was 5 out of 6 in free throws in that same stretch. M.J. Abila led the Greyhounds at the hoop with 21 points; followed by Jordan Carter and Bandy Moeller with 9 points each.

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Now, we need to focus on Guthrie and try to take it another step closer to the playoffs."

The Greyhounds will host the Benjamin Mustangs on Tuesday, February 5, with tip-off scheduled for 8:00 p.m.

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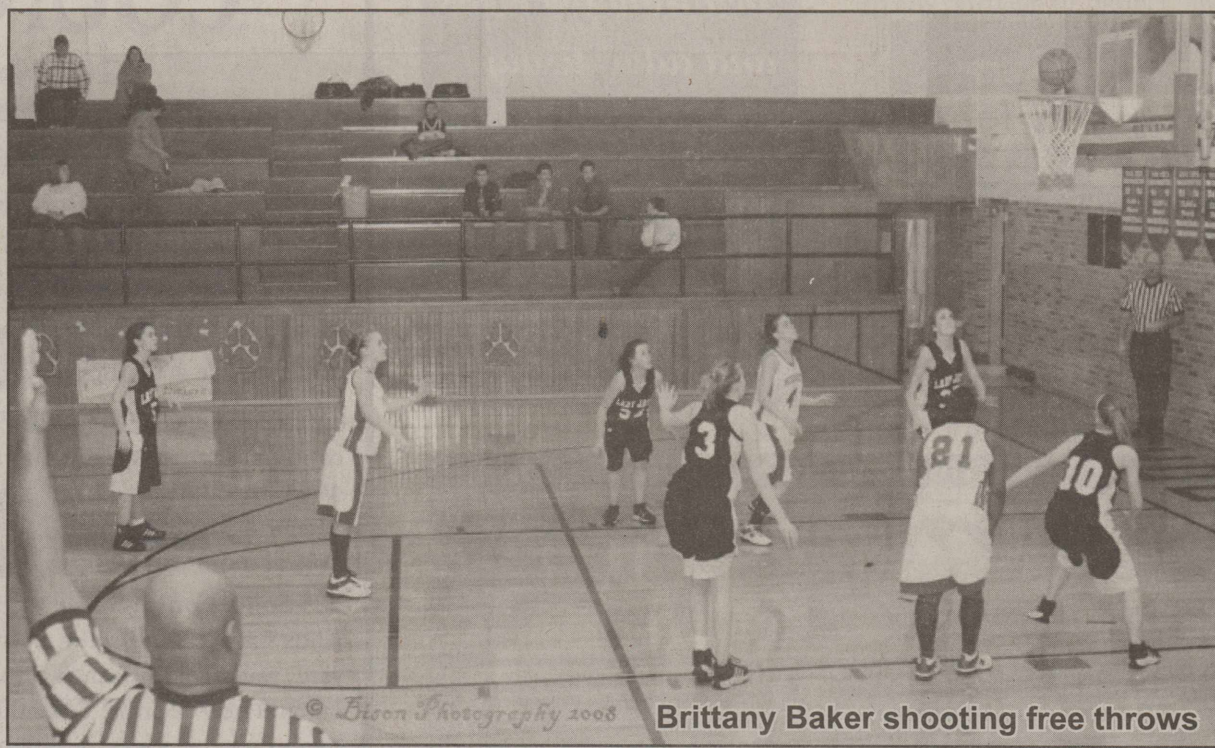
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The Houndettes hosted the Lady Jaybirds of Jayton on Friday, January 25. "We came out strong and had them down by 10 early," began Coach Peters, "Then they started putting pressure on us and we lost our composure. We are still developing our mental strength and toughness." The Houndettes fell to the Lady Jays 31-50.



"I saw some great things out of some of our younger players tonight. Defensively, we must continue to push down the court and take care of business."

"We did a great job of that against Benjamin last week so I know we can do it; we just have to be able to carry it over from week to week."

The Houndettes will host Benjamin at home on Tuesday, February 5 with tip-off scheduled for 6:30 p.m. The Knox City Team in Training is scheduled to perform during half-time. *(Photos courtesy of David Crouch - Bison Photography)*

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