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Looking Ahead

Stock Show Schedules

The schedules for the major Texas shows are as follows: San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo - January 31 thru February 17; San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo - February 21 thru March 2; Star of Texas Fair and Rodeo / Austin - February 29 thru March 15; Houston Stock Show and Rodeo - March 3 thru March 22.

Meet And Greets For **New Community Development Director**

New county Community Director to be introduced to citizens countywide on Thursday, February 7 in three meet and greets set across the county. The Knox County Visioning Group and the City of Knox City will host the first meet and greet at the Knox City city offices from 9:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. Coffee, tea and cookies will be served. From 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., a soup and sandwich lunch will be held at the First National Bank in Munday, hosted by the bank and the Knox County Visioning Group.

Between 3:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., drinks and snacks will be served in the break room of the Knox County Courthouse in Benjamin. This event is co hosted by TAMU Extension and Knox County.

• Lake Cleanup Set

Benjamin City Lake Cleanup, Keep Benjamin Beautiful, meeting place is at the lake at Saturday, February 9 at 9:00

• 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 Hoye at (940) 636-3911. Lunch catered by Blessings. \$8 per per-

• 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.

UIL Announces Tentative Football And Basketball Realignment

The University Interscholastic League (UIL) announced last week the tentative 2008-2010 football and basketball district alignments and included are some notable changes for both Benjamin and Knox City.

In Conference 1A, 6-Man Division 1 football, Knox City is in Region 2 District 5.

Also in this district are

Crowell, Newcastle, Paducah, Throckmorton and Vernon Northside. Vernon Northside, a newcomer to Knox City's district who played in Benjamin's district last year, won the 2006 6-Man Division II state championship against Jayton.

"Our new district includes some pretty formidable opponents in Throckmorton, Vernon Northside and Paducah. Crowell will be very competitive as well. We will have our work cut out for us beginning with this offseason."

"We are looking forward to it, though. It should be an exciting season in 2008," said Knox City High School Athletic Director Coach Mitch Lee.

See Realignment Page 4

Sheriff Homstad Issues Appeal To Citizens In Fight Against Crime

Responding to the increased number of citizens wanting to assist law enforcement officials and build a stronger partnership in the fight against crime, Sheriff Dean W. Homstad today announced that Knox County Citizens are being invited to become Associate Members of the Sheriffs' Association of Texas.

Membership invitations will go out in the mail shortly. The funding provides critical training, technical resources and legislative support on key criminal iustice issues.

In addition, dues will be used to support crime prevention and awareness programs, promote public safety, fight drug abuse, provide additional training for sheriffs and their deputies and provide scholarships for children of law enforcement offi-

Contributions are tax-deduct-

"The Associate Membership Drive helps provide the funding which is vital to our mission of making our communities safer places to live, work and play,"

said Sheriff Homstad.

Citizens not receiving a membership appeal or desiring more information can contact the Sheriffs' Association of Texas at: 1601 S. IH-35, Austin, Texas 78741. The website is listed as www. txsheriffs.org.

The Associate Membership Program was created to provide citizens with an opportunity to lend their support to more effective law enforcement and to better help local Sheriffs protect the lives and property of

"As the need for building stronger public-private law enforcement partnerships in this country continues to escalate, programs such as this continue to grow in importance," said Sheriff Homstad. "I encourage every citizen receiving a membership appeal to consider joining forces with us by becoming an Associate Member. It is a valuable investment in our fu-

ture." Founded in 1874, the Sheriffs' Association of Texas is a 501(c)(3) non-profit profes-

As Awnings Go Up, Snow Falls Down



Sheriff Dean Homstad

sional and educational organization dedicated to the preservation of peace and the protection of the lives and property of the citizens of Texas.

Mr. Steve M. Westbrook serves as the Executive Director. Headquarters are located in Austin, Texas.

The Sheriffs' Association of Texas does not make solicitations by telephone. If you receive a phone call from someone who uses the Sheriffs' Association of Texas name, please report it to your local Sheriff or County/ District Attorney.

Meet And Greets To Be Held County Wide For New Community **Development Director**

New county Community Development Director Remelle Farrar will be introduced to citizens countywide on Thursday, February 7th in three meet and greets set across the county.

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These meet and greets offer an opportunity not only to meet Farrar, but to also learn more about the Knox County Visioning Group and how, by working together, a bright fu-



Community Development Director Remelle Farrar

ture can be prepared for Knox County.

Other meet and greets are also planned in Rhineland, Truscott and Goree. These dates have yet to be announced.

Farrar, a Crowell native, took the position of Community Development Director on January 1, 2008.

She will work closely with county visioning committee, chambers of commerce, businesses and other organizations for the betterment and sustainability of the county.

Extreme Wildfire Threat **Looms Over County**

With bone-dry conditions in the area and no real moisture in sight, the county is braced with the threat of extremely hazardous wildfires.

High winds and record low humidity have created the perfect recipe for a very volitile situation, and all it would take is a moments lapse in judgement to bring on a catastrophic domino

According to the Texas Forest Service website, Texas Forest Service fire behavior analysts are indicating this pattern will continue into the week for the short term, and into the spring for the long term.

Within the 36 hours prior to last Friday morning, over 70,000 acres had been burned and had destroyed over 60 structures in the state.

"Things are just grown up real bad and it's getting to be a bad situation," said Senior Captain and Assistant Fire Marshall Bill Stewart of the Knox City Volunteer Fire Department.

Citizens are urged to be highly cautious during this period of extreme fire danger.

Local departments serving as the first line of defense are limited in the number of personnel available and the equipment they have, according to the Texas Forest Service.

In a survey conducted by Texas Forest Service, of the approximately 1,800 fire departments in Texas, 1,450 were found to be strictly volunteer departments.

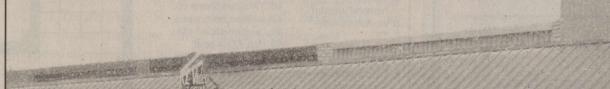
The survey also indicated there are a total of 59,000 firefighters in the state, with 40,000 being volunteers.

Volunteer fire departments are always looking for reliable, responsible people who would like to join their efforts, and that doesn't necessarily mean you have to fight fire.

"You don't always have to fight fires from the trucks," said Benjamin VFD Fire Chief Richard McCanlies.

"We also need people who are willing to help with vehicle and station maintenance, or even bringing refreshments to those responding to a fire."

See Extreme Wildfire Threat Page 4





As workers were putting up awnings on Thursday, snow flakes blew into Knox City. The awnings are completed on the east side and are near completion on the west side. The gusting winds and large snowflakes quickly put a halt on the awning work, but pleasant conditions on Friday brought Robert Crowell and his crew back out in full force.

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TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION **State Capital HIGHLIGHTS**



By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - The Texas Education Agency announced Jan. 25 its plans to add security measures in administering the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills.

Random test monitoring, seating charts and scrambling the order of field test items on exams are among more than a dozen steps to be taken this school year, said Education Commissioner Robert Scott.

Some steps are supposed to make TAKS tests more re-

Education Agency To Initiate Taks Anti-Cheating Measures

sistant to cheating.

Other steps are designed to provide more information that can be using in investigations if allegations of testing irregularities arise.

One measure, for example, is to ask students in grades 9, 10 and 11, prior to taking tests, to sign a statement promising not to cheat.

TAKS measures reading at grades 3 through 9; writing at grades 4 and 7; English language arts at grades 10 and 11; mathematics at grades 3 through 11; science at grades 5, 10 and 11; and social studies at grades 8, 10 and 11.

Satisfactory performance on TAKS at grade 11 is a prerequisite to a high school diploma.

> Panel to focus on accountability

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and Speaker Tom Craddick jointly appointed members

to the Select Committee on Public School Accountabil-

SB 1031, passed last year during the 80th session of the Texas Legislature, required the creation of the select committee.

SB 1031 also changed the state's method of assessing high school student performance by moving from highstakes exit-level tests to endof-course examinations.

Committee appointees, who will study the issues and work on ways to achieve the goal of SB 1031, are:

Math teacher Susan Lewis, Northside Independent School District, San Antonio; Principal Dalia Benavides, South Elementary School, Midland Independent School District; Superintendent David Splitek, Lackland Independent School District, San Antonio; Superintendent Thomas Randle, Lamar Consolidated Independent School District, Rosenberg; and Deputy Superintendent Beto Gonzalez, Brownsville Independent School District.

Also, Ron Steinhart, former CEO, Bank One Commercial Banking Group; Salem Abraham, president and owner, Abraham Trading Co.; Sandy Kress, Commission for College Ready Texas; and Larry Kellner, chairman and CEO, Continental Airlines.

And, Rep. Rob Eissler, co-chair; Sen. Florence Shapiro, co-chair; Education Commissioner Robert Scott; Higher Education Commissioner Raymund A. Paredes; Rep. Diane Patrick; and Sen. Tommy Williams.

> Census ballparks no. of voters

The U.S. Census Bureau on Jan. 31 released its annual estimates of the voting-age population in each state, so the Federal Election Commission gets a clearer pic-

Figures do not reflect citizenship status or voting eli-

Estimates for Texas are:

· Total number of residents, 23,904,380;

and older, 17,281,014; • Percentage of population

• Total population age 18

age 18 and older, 72.3. In 2004 in Texas, 687,615 voters, or 4.27 percent of the voting age population, voted in the March Republican primary; 839,231 or 5.22 percent of the voting age population turned out for the March Democratic primary.

> Voter status available online

The Texas Secretary of State's new "Online Voter Central" allows voters to

check their registration status from their computers.

Texans who registered to vote using their driver license can check their status by supplying their driver license number and date of birth. or they can enter their Voter Unique Identifier, a code on their voter registration card, to check voting status and find polling locations.

Feb. 4 was the deadline to register to vote in the March 4 primary elections.

> Guv issues disaster proclamation

Gov. Rick Perry issued a state disaster proclamation for 152 counties in response to wildfires.

The Jan. 30 proclamation allows affected counties to be eligible for state assistance.

Perry urged Texans to be extra cautious as conditions across the state remain favorable for wildfires to develop.

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By Ace Reid



"Well, I guess it would be ridiculous to wrap this pipe-now!"

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Walkin' In A Winter Wonderland

By Baxter Black, DVM

This winter is shaping up to be a reminder of why they sell more long underwear north of Interstate 40, which runs from Bakersfield through Amarillo and Little Rock then on to Raleigh.

We've already had blizzards, ice storms, blackouts, white outs, and more horsetank ice breaking injuries than we've had in many previous winters. Livestock people adjust to the cold out of necessity. Principally because livestock live outdoors!

It's amazing to me that horses and cows and sheep can stand 20° below zero weather with no apparent discomfort.

You're bundled up like the Pillsbury Doughboy out building a bonfire under the engine of your 1-ton flatbed to haul a load of meadow hay to your

In the meantime, in the pasture a 3-day old calf with a haircoat

no thicker than a buzzcut St. Bernard, waits for your arrival. "How did he get so swollen, mama? Humans seem so bulbous and awkward."

"Don't make fun of them, little Bully Boy. They are descended from the walrus. They never learned to walk on four legs!" No matter how many years you and your ancestors have lived on the family farm or ranch, you never take stock water for granted. Water can be a blessing in all three elemental forms; steam

to power engines, water to wash our clothes, ice to store food. It can also be the bane of the unprepared; an unexpected fumarole, a flash flood or a snowball down the back of your neck. In the frozen north, like Michi-

gan, Manitoba or Montana where you bury your pipes six feet under the earth, you still have to offer available drinking water to your domestic beasts. Humans have been very inventive. Just walk into any Co-

Op store to see the variety of drinkers available.

Brian had built a cattle waterer in the far pasture out of a tractor tire.

It involved a float, some PVC pipe and 4 bags of Portland cement. He was proud of it, but it still froze over this winter. "No sweat," he said, adjusting his Elmer Fudd earflaps and climbing behind the wheel of his 3/4 ton 4 x 4. "I'll just bump it with the front tires." First bump, nothing happened. He backed up and tried again. The tires were absorbing the shock. "Once more," he said, stepping on the gas. This time the ice cracked. But not before the air bag blew up in his face and broke his nose!

To his misfortune, the truck's radiator cracked along with the ice, creating an Old Faithfullike atmosphere in the frozen air

Brian survived. It was only a 35-minute walk to the main road, although the detours due to his swollen nose and puffy black eyes added another 30 minutes to the stroll.

"In the field snow is glistening, to the left Brian's listin'

A pitiful sight, his eyes swollen tight

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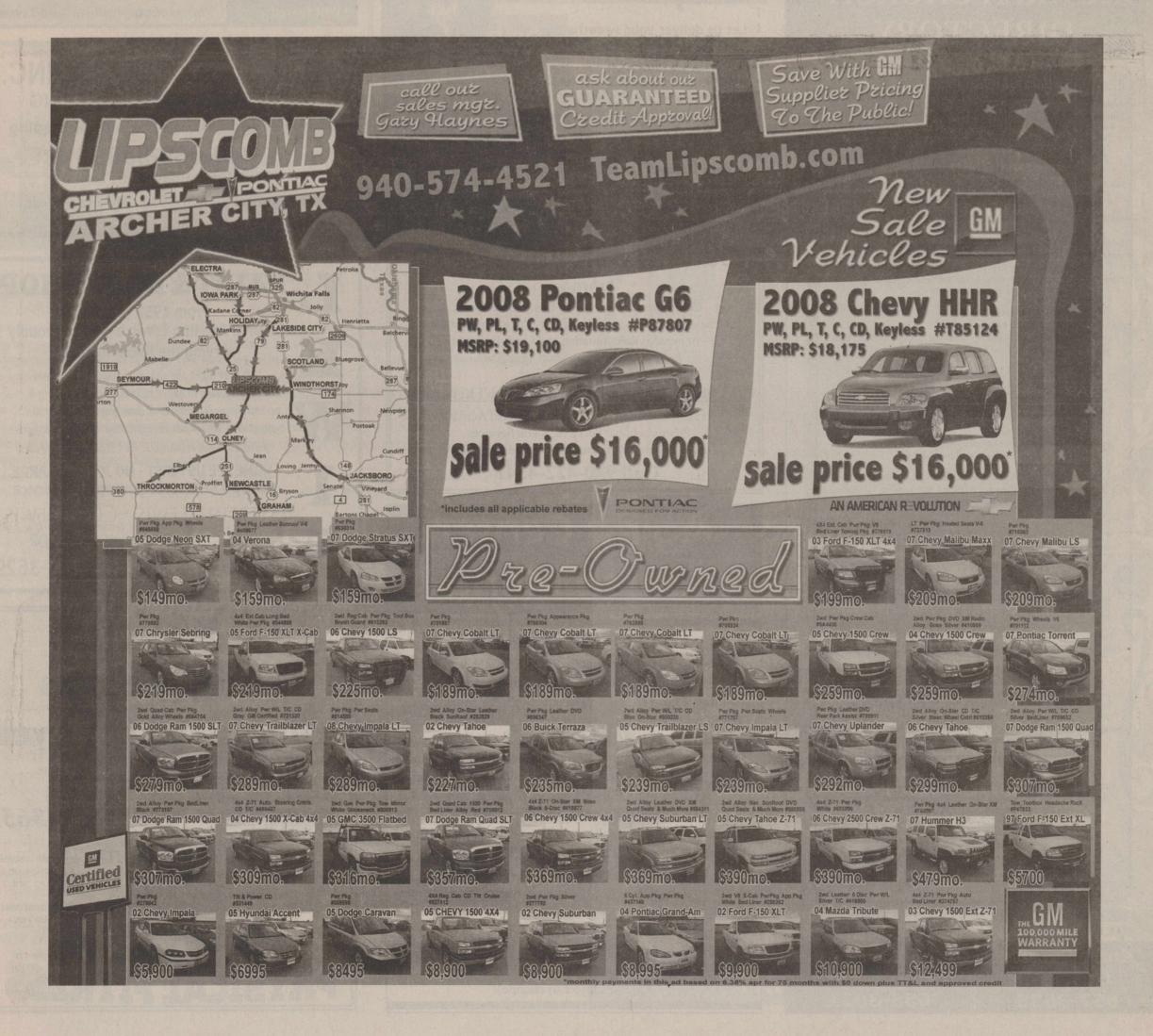
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God's Dromises

By Jim Reid, Pastor O'Brien Baptist Church

Trust is such a valuable commodity of the heart. Sometimes it seems with each generation, trust becomes less important. I'm sure there are few people who really don't care if they are trusted or not. Trust is important and it certainly is valuable.

Trust is critically important in every relationship whether it's friendship, work or marriage. Living continually in a relationship of distrust is misery. What possible joy is there in waking up every mórning and beginning the day wondering or even worrying about how will I be taken advantage of today? An employer who can't be trusted creates continuous doubt in a person's job security. A friend who shares everything personal about you with others creates an immediate invasion of your privacy with others you would never have told. When trust in a marriage is broken, that act cuts to the very marrow of the bone.

It's not that trust is gone, nor is it depleted of good people to hold it sacred and dear. It is virtually impossible to control what people think and say, but our trust in God will always prepare our way. We can always trust God. Let this scripture give you peace and always trust in the Lord.



1. Answer me when I call to you, O God who declares me innocent. Free me from my troubles.

Have mercy on me and hear my prayer. 2. How long will you people

ruin my reputation? How long will you make groundless accusations? How long will you continue your lies? Interlude

3. You can be sure of this: The LORD set apart the godly for himself. The LORD will answer when I call to him.

control you. Think about it overnight and remain silent. Interlude

4. Don't sin by letting anger

5. Offer sacrifices in the right spirit, and trust the LORD. 6. Many people say, "Who will show us better times?" Let your face smile on us, LORD.

7. You have given me greater joy than those who have abundant harvests of grain and new wine.

8. In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, O LORD, will keep me safe. (Psalm 4; NLT)

Realignment — Continued

(Continued from page 1) While Benjamin gave up district competition with Vernon Northside, they will also have some tough eggs to crack in district play with newcomers in their district, Jayton and Chillicothe, especially. Among their other 6-Man Division 2 Region 1 District 4 matchups are Afton-Patton Springs, Guthrie

and Harrold. However, according to Benjamin Head Coach Jason Loftiss, Benjamin has lots of experience and quickness coming back for the 2008 season. Total players projected at this time for the 2008 season is 11, with two seniors, five juniors, two sopho-

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one beautiful cards and

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not attend my birthday

party due to illness, I re-

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mores and two freshmen.

In Division 2, Region 2 District 12 basketball, Benjamin and Knox City will have as rivals Chillicothe, Crowell, Harrold and Vernon Northside, losing Guthrie and Spur to District 11.

Munday stays in Eleven-Man football in Region 2 District 9 along with Archer City, Electra, Petrolia, Seymour and Windthorst.

In basketball, Munday's Division 1, Region 2 District 9 opponents will be Hamlin, Haskell, Rotan, Seymour and Stamford.

Schools have until February 14th to make district appeals to the UIL.

Knox City VFD Report

in September.

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McCrary, James Zell - (1/10/08) - DWI 3rd or more (F-3) (Knox Coun-

Livingston, Casey - (1/09/08) - DWI 2nd-30 day layout (M-A) (Baylor

Williams, Luther - (1/10/08) - Interfere w/Public Duties (M-B) (Baylor County)

Shaw, Kimberly - (1/10/08) - NISI/DWI 1st. (Arrested in Haskell County/ Knox County charge)

Lerma, Ashley - (1/10/08) - Assault w/BI (M-A) (Knox County) Frazier, Jerry Ray - (1/11/08) - Sex Offender Parole Violation (F) (Knox

Espinoza, Alex - (1/12/08) - Theft (M-A) (Knox County)

Bohannon, Jamie L. - (1/12/08) - Poss. Marihuana (M-B) (Knox Coun-

Warren, William Thomas - (1/15/08) - DWI 3rd or more (F-3) (Baylor County)

Zuniga, Cindy Lynn - (1/16/08) - Panhandling (M-C) (Knox County) Benson, Laura Kathryn - (1/17/08) - DWLI (M-B) (Knox County) Vaden, Jackie Glen - (1/18/08) - Failure to stop and render aid (M-A) (Knox County)

Cecchine, Melissa Ann - (1/21/08) - Poss. Controlled Sub. (F-2) Poss. C/S Hydrocodone (F-3) Poss. Drug Para (M-C) (Knox County)

Dodson, William Allen - (1/21/08) - Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle (SJF) (Knox County)

Oden, Racheal Amber - (1/21/08) - Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle (SJF) (Knox County)

Hodges, Rodney Wayne - (1/23/08) - Evade arrest w/vehicle (F-3) Burglary of Building (SJF) (Knox County) Burglary of Bldg (SJF) NISI/Evading arrest (F-3) Henderson County Warrants, Burglary of Hab. x2 (F-2) UUMV (SJF) Collin County Warrants

Jones, Wanda Gail - (1/24/08) - TBC (M-B) (Foard County) Harris, Johnny Lee - (1/24/08) - Burglary of Bldg. (SJF) (Foard Coun-

Sheller, Michael Andrew - (1/25/08) - Poss. Marihuana (SJF) (Knox County)

Gray, Brandon Glenn - (1/26/08) - Assault/Family Violence (M-A)

Brown, John Allen - (1/27/08) - DWI 3rd (F-3) (Foard County)

Stock Show Season Underway

By Adam Bonner

CEAAG/NR, Knox County

Knox County 4-H members competed with entries in both the Barrow and Steer Shows in Fort Worth last week.

This was a great opportunity for all to begin sharpening their skills for the major shows to come. Logan Groves and Trey Tidwell had entries in the Steer Show and Cody Propps, Kendall Thompson, and Tori Thompson all competed with entries in the Barrow Show.

All of the participants did a great job exhibiting their animals and everyone showed potential for great success in the future.

The schedules for the major Texas shows are as follows: San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo - January 31 thru February 17; San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo - February 21 thru

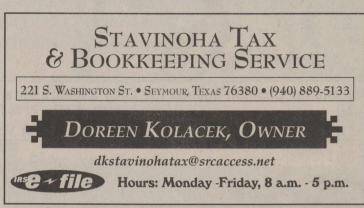
March 2; Star of Texas Fair and Rodeo / Austin - February 29 thru March 15: Houston Stock Show and Rodeo - March 3 thru March 22.

These shows are a great place for children to develop responsibility and perhaps earn money for their educational expenses. Good luck to everyone participating in the upcoming shows and congratulations to all who participated at Fort Worth.

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A petition was filed on the 28th day of January, 2008, 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

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File Number: 0011455539

Cause Number 9148

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By: Michelle Esquivel, Deputy

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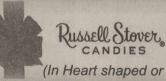
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Benjamin Sports

The Benjamin Mustangs and Lady 'Stangs played the Guthrie Jaguars last Friday in Benjamin. Stats were unavailable at press time.



Lady 'Stangs position against the Lady Jaguars for a rebound



Lady 'Stangs and Lady Jaguars fight to recover the ball



 Dusty Stevens goes up for a lay up against a sizeable Jaguar



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Extreme Wildfire Threat — Continued

(Continued from page 1)

Responder numbers can be low during the day or weekends, when many volunteer fire fighters are either working or out of town. While calls will often go out for backup from other area VFDs, it is also important that employers allow members of local VFDs to allow their employees to respond with their department, in turn reducing the strain placed on other local VFDs.

Local VFDs are the first line of defense and are vital to the protection of life and property, especially so during times of extreme wildfire threat.

According to a statement by Knox County Judge Travis

Floyd, extreme caution needs to be exercised during this time. Some precautions suggested by Texas Forest Service include:

• Check with local authorities for Outdoor Burning Bans. (Knox County is currently one of 176 counties under a burn ban.)

• Your vehicle can start a fire if parked or driven in dry grass. ATVs and farming equipment can also start a fire if parked on the grass.

• Store flammable liquids properly.

• Remove dry vegetation from under electric fences.

• Be sure tow chains are secure and don't drag on the roadway.

Knox County Burn Ban

According to the Knox County Burn Ban, adopted November 5th and currently in effect, the use of combustible materials in an outdoor environment by any person is prohibited. This includes all fireworks, outdoor cooking apparatus and materials used outdoors in activities such as welding and any other activity that could result in fire.

However, outdoor welding is allowed given the wind is less than 15 miles per hour, the Knox County Sheriff's office has been notified before any welding, cutting or grinding begins, all grass, leaves, brush and other easily combustible materials are cleared within a 50 foot radius surrounding the activity area before beginning and a spotter with water and a ready pressurized delivery system is on hand throughout.

Outdoor branding is also allowed under the following circumstances. The heating method for the brands must be from a butane or propane unit and not an open wood fire. All easily combustible materials, including grass and leaves, must be cleared of the area for a fifty foot radius before branding begins and a spotter with water and a ready pressurized delivery system must be on hand throughout the activity.

Outdoor cooking is allowed given the following rules are observed. Outdoor cooking may not take place in winds over 15 miles per hour, and again, all easily combustible materials msut be cleared in a fifty foot radius and a spotter with water must remain on hand during the activity.

A violation of this order is a Class C misdemeanor and punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00.





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BENJAMIN NEWS

By Gladene Green

Sunday was a big day here in Benjamin thanks to people from all over the area who came to enjoy the benefit meal for the museum. A wonderful spread was out for all who were there. The meal consisted of brisket, sausage, turkey, beans, potato salad and cole slaw with all the trimmings, plus homemade bread, tea and coffee. The meal, silent auction, calender sales and quilt raffle netted a nice amount for the on-going expenses of the museum. Dawn Vanderpol was the winner of the quilt. Dawn stated "No one knows how badly I wanted that quilt!" Well, Dawn, a bunch of us wanted it, but we congratulate you! It is a very pretty piece of work. Much hard work from both the commission members and lots of volunteers went into making the day another successful one. The museum was open for those who wanted to go by and check it out and folks still had time to get home (or where ever they wanted to go) and watch the Super Bowl. And in case anyone cares, my team (the one I picked of the two playing) won. It was a good game.

Regarding Our Ill

Lucille Moorhouse underwent gall bladder surgery last week. She is home now and according to reports from family, feeling fair. It will take her a few days to get back to feeling real well again. Of course, we do wish her a speedy recovery.

Talked to Bobby Hudson Friday. He said he's doing pretty well, Took a couple of falls last week when they wind was blowing a gale. It was so strong,

no one could hardly stand up in it. Didn't hurt himself, but I bet he was sore for a day or so.

Sue Sheedy was able to come home from her hospital stay in Wichita Falls early last week and is doing much better. Still trying to regain her strength, which will probably take a while, but other than that she's improving daily and that's always good to report.

Here 'N There

The town meeting on Thursday held at The Ex-Student Building to discuss the possibilities of getting a children's home here was well attended. About 35 persons were on hand to hear a representative from the Lubbock District of Methodist Homes was present to enlighten the crowd on some of the issues involved in this type endeavor. Another meeting is planned at a time and date to be announced later.

I enjoyed a visit with friends Guindell and Peggy Ritchie of Wichita Falls on Sunday. They were here for the benefit meal. It's always good to see them.

Talked to Jessie Roberts today. I was wondering about her husband Kenneth, whom I did not see at the dinner Sunday. He's always there and has been such a force in getting the museum, that when he's "missing" one wonders why.

But she said he's fine, he was at the museum building sort of acting as host for those who came by. It was good to know he's okay.

Sunday guests of Charles and Joy Jones were their daughter, Sheila De Los Santos and family of Vernon.

Benjamin Releases 3rd Six Weeks Honor Rolls

"A" Honor Roll

Grade 1 - McKenzie Gray; Grade 2 - Caleb Barrientez, Brooke Jones; Grade 3 - Emily Brown, Benjamin Vanderpol, Brenn Weiser; Grade 4 - Gilda Solis, Chase Potter, Ryan Heard, Elias Nevarez, Sean Weiser; Grade 5 - Kelsey Brown; Grade 7 - Matthew Acree, Cody Potter, Jonathan Rainwater; Grade 9 - Cody Propps; Grade 10 - Jessica Vanderpol, Jacob Siemens, Chloe Baty, Teri Miller, Raquel Acevedo, Dylan Benson; Grade 11 - Devon Jones, Brittany Coop, Leah Vanderpol, Gilbert Nevarez; Grade 12 - Nafeesa Ebraheim, Kaily Sherrard, Julia Acevedo, Karla Benson, Judit Acevedo, Tina Siemens, Lucas Cartwright

"A/B" Honor Roll

Grade 1 - Nicholas Brumley; Grade 2 - Laurie Beck, Chance Bohannon; Grade 3 - Justin Rainwater, Dalynn Beck; Grade 6 - Kellen Loftiss, Heath Ham, Bryston Pierce; Grade 8 - Crystal Baldwin, Blake Jones, Tanner Monroe; Grade 9 - Chad Potter, Shelby Russell, Roberto Acevedo; Grade 10 - Mitchell Ham, David Baldwin, Derrick Northrup, Will Moorhouse, Dusty Stevens, Eddie Rivera; Grade 11 - Dillon Loftiss, Daniela Rivera, Tabby Golden; Grade 12 - Samijo Russell, Donny Gee, Kyle Wilson, Sharria Hearn





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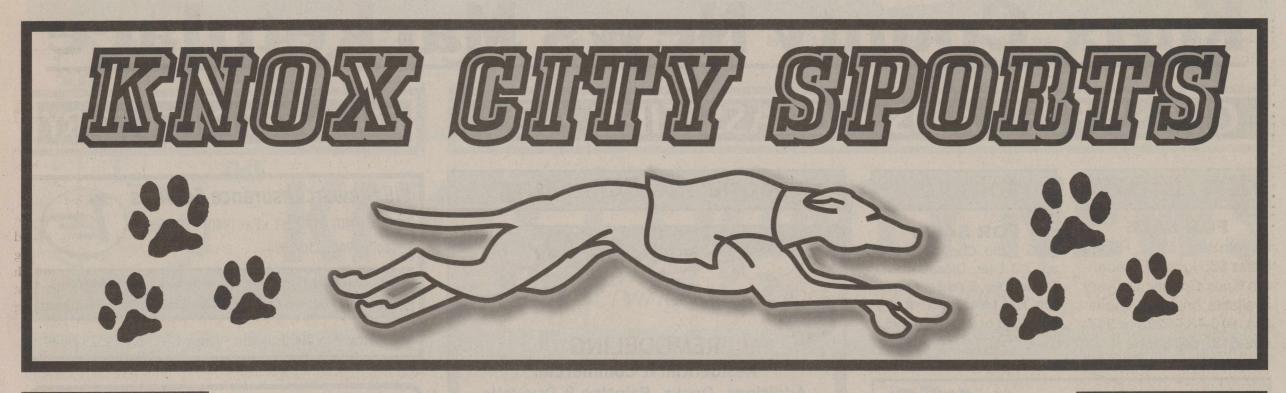
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Hounds Edge Jaguars 52-39



Bandy Moeller takes a shot from inside the 3 point line

The Knox City Greyhounds cruised to a 52-39 win over the Guthrie Jaguars on Tuesday, Jan. 29, in Guthrie. M.J. Abila led the Hounds at the net with 17 while Jordan Carter racked up 13. Bandy Moeller came in with 11; Shane Strickland shot 8 and Derrick Coleman netted 3. The Hounds were down 11-13 in the first quarter. However, the second quarter proved to be the most crucial quarter of the game because the Greyhounds

The Houndettes succumbed

"The Houndettes came out

"Guthrie, who is in first

place in our district, only had a 4 point lead going into the

second quarter," began Coach

Peters. "Once Guthrie began

to pull away on the scoreboard, the Houndettes stopped

"When you play an aggres-

sive team like Guthrie, you

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strong and executed their game

plan well in the first quarter."

to the Lady Jaguars of Guthrie

65-28 on Tuesday, Jan. 29.

out scored the Jaguars 15-2. In the second half, the Hounds went 26-24 over the Jags. "I am thrilled with a win at this stage of the season. We are just going to continue working hard and preparing for a spot in the playoffs," stated Coach Moore following the game. The Hounds are 5-2 in district play; and are currently in a three-way tie for first place with Spur and Jayton. The playoff schedule is unavailable at press time.

have to be on your toes in ev-

ery aspect of your game, and

we are still developing our

aging things out of some of our

younger players both offensively and defensively." stated

"I am seeing some encour-

The Houndettes will close

Look for the final photos

and comments from the season

out their season on Tuesday, February 5, against the

mental toughness.

Coach Peters.

Benjamin Mustangs.

in next week's edition.

KC Campuses Release 3rd Six Weeks Honor Rolls

> Knox City Elementary "A" Honor Roll

Grade 1 - Priscilla Contreras, Ryan Elam, Shawn Hacker, Dustin Ledesma, Sean Logsdon, Preston Lynn, Jessie Munoz, Yesenia Perez, Cheyanne Roberson, Melissa Rogers, Terry Tatum, Brogan White, Nathan Williams; Grade 2 - Avery Ball, Aaron Gentry, Alexia Jimenez, Carson Lewis, Andrew Magana, Abby Manning, Kailyn Martin, Peyton Shipp, Lane Tibbets, Logan Waggoner, Mackenzie Williams; Grade 3 - Hailee Cox, Elissa Hacker, Amy Harrington, Trey Ledesma, Skylin Ledesma, Kirstin Tuckness; Grade 4 - Sheldon Baty, Shailee Manning, Calista Rocha

"A/B" Honor Roll

Grade 1 - Tyresha Collins, J. C. Espinal, Christopher Gonzales, Kaetlin Ledesma, Jeromie Norton, Naomi Ruiz, Mason Shipp, Erica Zamarripa; Grade 2 - Brittney Gibson, Steven Lyles, Laura Maberry, Drew McNulty, Jackson Meador, Hannah Munoz, Rebecca Rodriquez, Jordan Ruiz, Sasha Thompson, Dustin Tuckness; Grade 3 - Christian Abila, Kayla Eaton, Anthony Estrada, Devin Harris, Tyler Harvey, Hayden King, McKenzie King, Cara McGhee, Jessica Perez, Jeremiah Rincon, Angel Redriguez, Cameron Short; Grade 4 - Cassidy Correll, Tyronesha Johnson, Mati Ledesma, Caitlyn Nicholson, Payne Stanfield, Brylee White

Knox City - O'Brien Middle School "A" Honor Roll

Grade 5 - Kinslee Cox, Andrea Lynn, Adrian Silva, Jessica Wilburn; Grade 6 - Zachary Carter, Tanna Moeller, Scott Reid, Kelsey Vasquez; Grade 7 - Allison Lynn; Grade 8 - Destini Billington, Tiffany Esquivel, Kyle Harrington, Jarek Wilde

"A/B" Honor Roll

Grade 5 - Israel Rodriguez, Nicholas Short, Joanna Trevino; Grade 6 - Lyndon Baty, Garrett Fox, Taylor Pepper, Jerico Thompson; Grade 7 - Isaac Banks, Blayne Bradley, Quinton Burt, Haley Ledesma; Grade 8 - Toni Brown, Cassidy Carter, Reagan Clark, Lucinda Diaz, Jo Angel Martinez, Christopher Wakefield

> Knox City High School "A" Honor Roll

Grade 9 - Brandon Bradley, Landon Lynn, Michael Wilburn; Grade 10 - Clayton Clark; Grade 11 - Jordan Carter, Christopher Taylor; Grade 12 - Sarah Burt, Tina Clark, Jay Hawkins, Jessy Schur, Cody Trimble

"A/B" Honor Roll

Grade 9 - Kaley Ainsworth, Whitney Collins, Adrian Flye, Zachary Shaver, Zakery York; Grade 10 - Brittany Baker, Brittney Gonzales; Grade 12 - Joseph Albus, Heather Moore, Leonard Myers

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