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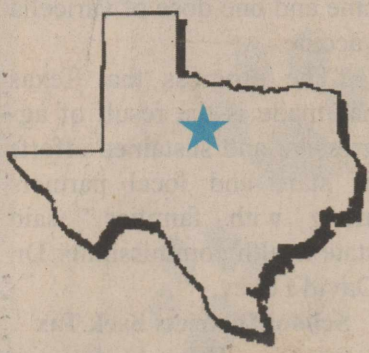
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Looking Ahead

KNOX COUNTY MUSEUM GARAGE SALE

Saturday, Sept. 13th at the Perry Patton Center in Munday. There will be many interesting items for sale including donations from several estates and new t-shirts. Grilled hamburgers, drinks and desserts will be available at lunch. This a Museum Fund-raiser which always proves to be a fun filled day.

THE NOAH PROJECT

North will meet Friday, September 12, at noon in the jury room of the Haskell County Courthouse. All members are encouraged to attend if possible

COMPUTER DEMONSTRATION of MICROSOFT WORD

Tuesday the 16th of September at the Baylor County Historical Museum at 116 N. Washington St. in Seymour, TX at 2 PM.

The presentation is free and everyone is welcome to attend.

For further information please contact the Museum at 889-6780 or Ginger Johnson at 889-4292.

1ST ANNUAL KNOX CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GOLF TOURNAMENT

1st Annual Knox City Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament. Saturday, September 27th at 1:30 p.m. at the Knox City Country Club. 3 Person Scramble. \$40 per person or \$100 per team if paid by September 1st. Cash and Prizes awarded. Please contact the Knox City Chamber of Commerce to register.

O'BRIEN HOMECOMING

Mark your calendar and check your mail--the O'Brien Homecoming is scheduled for October 10-12, 2008. If you are an O'Brien Ex-Student or O'Brien Ex-Teacher please share your email and postal address with us. We want to keep you informed about the Homecoming this year. Email: derobe@srcaccess.net Or O'Brien Homecoming Committee P. O. Box 11 O'Brien, TX 79539

SPORTS

September 11, 2008

Benjamin Jr. High Mustangs vs. Paint Creek @ 5:30 pm in Benjamin
 O'Brien Bulldogs vs. Chillicothe @ 5:30 pm in Chillicothe
 Knox City JV Hounds vs. Newcastle @ 7 pm in Newcastle

September 12, 2008

Benjamin Mustangs vs. Paint Creek @ 7:30 in Paint Creek
 Knox City Greyhounds vs. Chillicothe @ 7:30 pm in Knox City

September 13, 2008

Benjamin Lady Stangs vs. Newcastle @ 10 am in Benjamin
 Knox City JV & V Houndettes play in Chillicothe Tournament time TBA

Benjamin Cross Country Team participates in Seymour Meet

September 14, 2008

Benjamin Lady Stangs vs. Childress in a dual @ 5 pm in Childress
 Knox City JV & V Houndettes vs. Woodson @ 5 pm in Woodson

Knox County Hospital District to Build New Munday Clinic

Rural areas are continually faced with unique challenges in maintaining and improving the care our populations expect and deserve.

Though our numbers are small, our needs are just as critical as those who choose urban living. Because philanthropic organizations generously respond to our needs, we are able to provide services that rival the capabilities of more urban settings.

Healthcare in Knox County will again be improved because of the generosity of two foundations.

Each of these organizations recognize the importance of building a system that will continue to serve into future generations and have graciously contributed to a project designed to improve the quality of rural living.

Construction of a new Munday Clinic began last week with the clearing of a lot on North Munday Avenue.

The approximately 3,500 square foot structure will include nine patient care areas consisting of seven general examination rooms, a minor emergency room, and a manipulation room.

The general layout of the clinic is conducive to enhanced patient care, improved efficiency, and adherence to ADA and HIPAA Privacy compliance.

Construction is expected to begin in late summer or early fall.

The Meadows Foundation has granted \$100,000.00 toward this project.

The Meadows Foundation is a

private philanthropic institution established in 1948 by Algur H. and Virginia Meadows to benefit the people of Texas.

The Foundation's mission is to assist the people and institutions of Texas improve the quality and circumstances of life for themselves and future generations.


The Foundation looks for programs and services that employ imaginative, innovative ways to solve community problems through projects leading to organizational self-sufficiency and in capital plans that enable agencies to flourish. It seeks to support projects that can alleviate pain, enhance social skills and promote better human relations.

The Meadows Foundation is among the most recognized private philanthropies in the country and has assisted the District previously with the purchase of an Ambulance.

Granting \$50,000.00, The Priddy Foundation is a general purpose foundation, interested primarily in programs that have the potential for lasting and favorable impact on individuals and organizations. Founded in 1963 by Walter M. Priddy and Swannanoa H. Priddy, The Priddy Foundation was primarily a vehicle for the founders' personal charities.

Today the foundation is governed by a committed board of community leaders who count it a privilege to continue the legacy of the Priddy family.

The Priddy Foundation makes

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Deputy Mark McAvoy Doesn't Likes Rumors

By Mellisa Casillas & Hanaba Munn Welch

Mark McAvoy, Knox County deputy sheriff, isn't into shades of gray.

"What's right is right and what's wrong is wrong," McAvoy said, in a recent interview.

Ironically, McAvoy is frustrated because he has come under criticism for an event in his past that, by some standards, falls in the gray area between right and wrong -- writing a post-dated check.

McAvoy took his current position in October 2007 after serving four years as a sheriff's deputy in Hidalgo County in the Valley. His career there ended on a bitter note after he was arrested and jailed for writing a bad check -- a large enough check to get him charged with a felony. He doesn't deny writing the check without the funds to cover it. But he doesn't agree that his intent was to defraud the recipient -- a business identified in the Aug. 2, 2007 edition of The Monitor, a Hidalgo County newspaper, as Ralph's Farm Equipment Service. The \$7,500 check was for a front-end loader, the story said.

McAvoy was anticipating money from a disbursement from an insurance company, and he expected the check to be held until the funds were on deposit to cash it, he said in a recent interview with the Knox County News.

The Monitor story is posted on the Internet at <http://www.themonitor.com/onset?id=4231&template=article>.



Deputy Sheriff Mark McAvoy takes a break on a porch at his house, now under renovation, one hand around his wife, Elsa, and the other holding one of the couple's two dogs while a cat ambles out of the house. Mark McAvoy is wearing off-duty attire, but Elsa McAvoy is wearing her massage therapist's uniform.

html. The story quotes McAvoy's superior, Hidalgo County Sheriff Lupe Trevino: "He was there just to defraud the owner."

The story also says that the loader was at McAvoy's residence, a circumstance that supports McAvoy's contention that he didn't intend to steal the piece of equipment.


"I'm not going to lie," McAvoy said. "I did give the guy a post-dated check."

Ultimately, the charge didn't stick.

"The court dismissed it 'in the interest of justice,'" McAvoy said.

McAvoy nevertheless lost his job in Hidalgo County.

Sheriff Trevino did not return calls Tuesday to the Knox County News regarding McAvoy's dismissal over the incident although Trevino's staff relayed to him the requests for a comment. At one point, a secretary said Trevino was busy with preparations for the ap-

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"Never Forget"



9/11/2001

Cheryl Vaden Donates Over 15 Inches of Hair To Locks Of Love

Amanda Sandusky Reporter

With tears in her eyes last Thursday, Cheryl Vaden saw 15 inches of her hair removed by scissors and donated hair to Locks of Love. Vaden said she never knew she could donate her hair -- something so cheap and free -- to help out a child.

Locks of Love is a non-profit organization that provides hair pieces to children 18 and younger. The custom-fitted hair pieces are given free of charge or at a low cost to children whose families meet the financial guidelines. Locks of Love began in 1998, they strive to help all financially disadvantaged children who are living with the daily challenges of medical hair loss.

The hairpieces retail at about \$3,500 to \$6,000 but Locks of Love either donates the hairpiece or sells them at a low cost to the families. Children who receive the hair pieces have lost more than their hair; they suffer from a loss of self esteem.

Many children have been teased by classmates. Wearing a hairpiece is not a cure for the children, it can help them regain some normalcy to their lives.

There are problems for kids



Cheryl Vaden adjusts to a new look after losing 15 inches of hair to Wilma Hogan's scissors at The Body Shop. The lost locks went to a good cause -- Locks of Love, an organization that furnishes hairpieces to children.

who have long-term hair loss. Wigs that are sold by retailers are usually made to fit adult heads and are much too big for children to wear. They are often required to use tape or glue to keep the wigs from falling off.

The hairpieces that Locks of Love provides are custom-made from donated ponytails for each child's head. The hairpiece has a vacuum seal, like a suction cup, and does not require any glue or tape.

The hair can only be removed by the wearer.

The children who receive these wigs can let go of any insecurities about classmates pulling their wigs off or losing them at playtime. They can swim, shower and do gymnastics. In other words they can be an active child again. A source of information for this story was the locks of love organization. For more information go to www.locksoflove.org



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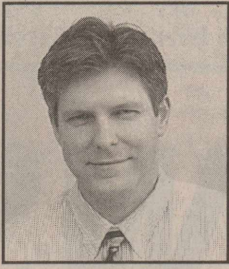
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State Capital HIGHLIGHTS



By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - The Texas Transportation Commission on Aug. 29 met and voted in response to an Aug. 21 letter signed by Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Tom Craddick urging the commission to get rolling on the issuance of highway construction bonds.

The five-member commission, appointed by the governor to oversee the Texas Department of Transportation, voted unanimously to issue \$1.5 billion in highway construction bonds to support

State Plans To Issue Road-Building Bonds

2009 projects that would have been unfunded or underfunded because of a \$1.1 billion shortfall.

Commission Chair Dierdre Delisi said she has instructed TxDOT to identify projects that are ready to move forward and expects TxDOT to present these projects to the commission later this month.

By amending the Texas Constitution, voters gave the state permission to issue short term highway construction bonds when they approved Prop. 12 on Nov. 5, 2007, and Prop. 14 on Sept. 13, 2003.

The state will address long-term transportation funding in the 81st regular session of the Texas Legislature, which convenes Jan. 13, 2009.

Hurricane Hits, Conventions Go On

Gov. Perry and President George W. Bush were in Texas Sept. 1 to check on Hurricane

Gustav relief operations.

Before Gustav came ashore Sept. 1 as a Category 2 hurricane, it prompted orders resulting in the evacuation of nearly 2 million people from southern Louisiana and coastal counties of Texas near the Louisiana border.

Despite threatening weather, contingencies of politically active Texans traveled to their respective national party conventions.

At the Republican National Convention Sept. 3 in St. Paul, Minn., Texas Railroad Commissioner Michael Williams made the motion to nominate Sen. John McCain as the GOP candidate for president. Lt. Gov. Dewhurst announced Texas' 140 delegate votes for McCain.

The Aug. 27 roll call vote at the Democratic National Convention in Denver stopped before the Texas delegation

announced its tally, because Sen. Barack Obama earlier had received enough votes to secure the party's nomination for president.

In other news, two Austin men on Sept. 5 were charged in a Minneapolis federal court for illegal possession of Molotov cocktails. The men allegedly had planned to use the incendiary devices to disrupt the GOP convention in St. Paul.

Repeal Of TIF Tax Takes Effect

The Texas Legislature in 2007 passed HB 735 by Joe Straus, R-San Antonio, a law to repeal the Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund or "TIF tax" effective Sept. 1, 2008.

The Legislature created the TIF in 1995 to help fund the expansion of broadband services and conquer the so-called "digital divide" that left rural Texas with inadequate service.

Lt. Gov. Dewhurst on Sept.

2 said Texans had paid more than \$1.5 billion in TIF surcharges.

Dewhurst, who pushed for the repeal as president of the Senate, said he wanted to let Texans "keep more of their hard-earned money," and thanks to the repeal, their telephone bills will be impacted this month.

More Children Get Their Shots

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported Sept. 4 that the immunization rate for Texas children climbed to 77.4 percent in 2007, ranking Texas 22nd compared with the other 49 states. It's the highest ranking ever for Texas.

The immunization series, for children ages 19 months through 35 months, includes four doses of diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis, three doses of polio vaccine, one dose of

measles-containing vaccine, three doses of Hib vaccine, three doses of hepatitis B vaccine and one dose of varicella vaccine.

"The progress that Texas has made is the result of aggressive and sustained efforts of state and local partners along with families," said state health commissioner Dr. David Lakey.

School Districts Seek Tax Hikes

More than 100 Texas school districts will be asking voters to approve tax increases this fall, the Austin American-Statesman reported Sept. 3.

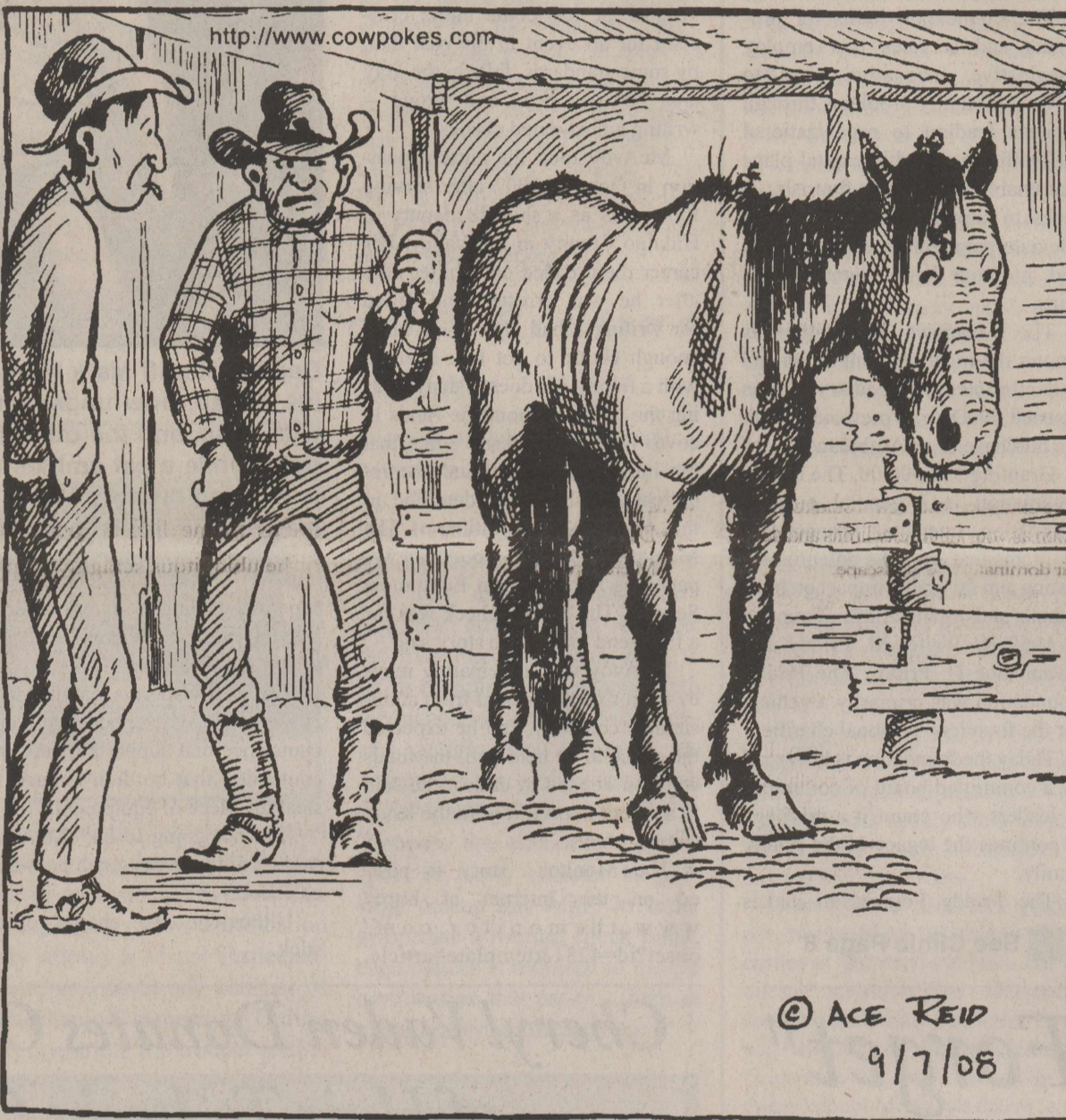
That's about one in 10 of Texas' 1,038 independent school districts.

The need for tax increases has been attributed to inflation: nearly everything is costing more and teachers need salary increases to keep from losing ground.

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09/03	66/81	
09/04	60/85	
09/05	61/91	
09/06	66/92	
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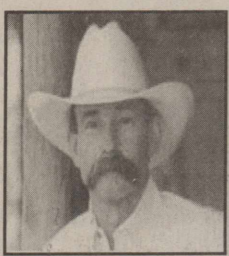
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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

PANDA POOP

Columnists, including me, feel a responsibility to keep you, the reader, updated on discoveries or phenomenon that might directly affect you. The latest gem that piqued my interest was the announcement that Chinese scientists are encouraging paper mills to use panda poop to make paper. Right off the bat I thought, why not use the whole panda? But there would be the 'cuddly factor' to deal with, so I dropped it. I'm guessing panda poop would be expensive. After all you can't buy pandas by the pound and bamboo chow doesn't come cheap (just try to buy some around here!) It could be made into maché... PPPM, and used to sculpt a more exclusive version of the now passé cowpie pen holder as a knick-knack for CEOs, or...
 - How about business cards for fertilizer salesmen!
 - Already scented flypaper?
 - As liners for endangered birds' cages!
 - Or for the editorial page of the newspaper you don't like.
 - It could be used as napkins when you are serving chipped beef on toast.
 - Or converted into tissue rolls for movie stars and royalty!
 We in the livestock busi-

ness have been working on manure recycling for years. Still the most common use is putting it back in the fields as fertilizer. But if Panda poop paper becomes a hit...how 'bout Palomino poop paper, pork poop paper, poultry poop paper, paint horse, Peruvian paso, peccary, percheron, Pinzgauer, porpoise, panther, Pomeranian...whoops, I'm running adrift here, but you get the idea. Personalized items, recycled from your favorite beast.
 Say you wanted to memorialize a dear pet. You could make placemats out of your beloved parrot; Polly poop paper. Or paper cups out of your aquarium scoopings... plecostomus, perch, or piranha.
 Pocket pets...Prairie dog pellets - personally pulverized paper for plagiarists and pundits. Or political poop paper to print the Congressional Record on!
 I admire the Chinese effort to invent Panda poop paper, after all, rice paper, pudding and aroni have been successful. And on a personal note, I'm working on Cowboy Poet Paper. I don't know how it's going to go though, I'm having trouble developing a taste for bamboo!

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Museum News



Kenneth and Jessie Roberts sitting against the granite plaques at the Wichita Brazos Museum, where they have spent many volunteer hours.

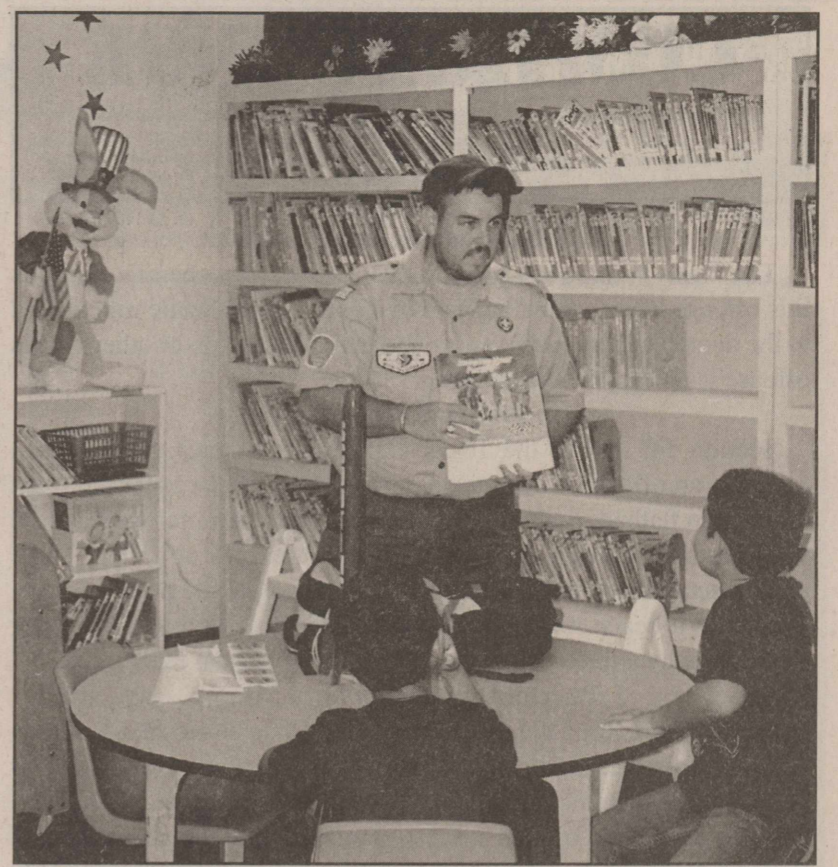
Exhibits tied to Knox County history are already in nine glass cases and more displays are planned. Future exhibits will be Indian and buffalo days, ranching and pioneers, plus others. Geology may be one, as travelers across Knox County's red breaks country can see land changes laid out before their eyes.
 Volunteers have been working to prepare objects for entering into the Past Perfect software, where each item will have a number, description, its origin and where it is stored or displayed. Items in the display cases are now labeled, which looks great and is much more Preparing for the garage sale and hamburger lunch on Saturday, Sept. 13th and getting the new Veteran's list and granite plaque list ready to send to the engravers, has been a full time job. We have received 52 names to be added to the monument and sold all but 1/2 of one of the granite plaques. The plaques and Veterans names will be engraved before the November 11th, Veterans Day Program. Donations for the Garage Sale at the Perry Patton Center in Munday, can be brought to the Center from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday Sept. 12th, or contact a commission member or call 459-2229, if you need assistance with getting your items there.

The Paperboy

By CHRISTOPHER BLACKBURN

So much technology all around us. In 20 years, we've gone from VHS tapes to hand-held computers/phones/cameras... all-in-one. It's unbelievable.
 I got my first cellular phone in 1992 and it was a Motorola phone about the size of a shoe box. You would roam as soon as you left the city limits and dead air dominated the landscape.
 Today, there are phones everywhere. Scan a crowd next time you're out and count the number of people using a hand-held device. It boggles the mind.
 I currently have a BlackBerry. It's a fine instrument and I will honestly say, I haven't a clue what all it is capable of. It is doing plenty for me, so I'm content.
 My sister has an iPhone and it may be the coolest thing I've ever seen. Just as they did with the iPod, Apple continues to revolutionize the digital age with an incredible piece of technology.
 Years ago - technology would seem to speed along then slow down. A few years later, there'd be a new product. I remember when the first VHS recorder came out in the 1970s. Man was it neat to record television. Of course, that spawned the tape rental industry.
 The poor old VHS tape was then chased by the laser disc and DVD and now Blu-Ray and High Definition products are available for all of these high tech televisions they are making.
 When we finally pulled the trigger on that awesome flat screen we wanted, we realize another company has advanced the technology by doing this and that to it and ours is obsolete. It used to take a decade for things to become obsolete and now it takes a year or two.
 New televisions, phones, digital devices, games, etc...
 So where does it all end?
 Until our current existence changes (war, famine, disease, etc.), I'd say it doesn't end. We're probably seeing just the tip of the iceberg. As the world economy broadens, the competition becomes greater. Really makes me wonder what things will be like after the next 20 years.
 In some ways, it also makes me wonder what our technology is doing to us physically right now. With Alzheimer's and Autism rates continu-

beamed from one place to another have an effect on us?
 Of the things I have within 20 feet of me which emit something I count:
 • Cell phone
 • Remote control television, DVD, VCR, etc.
 • Dish Network
 • Microwave Oven
 • Home Phone
 • Computer
 • Dog (an odor)
 Are these things harmful. Hopefully not. Unfortunately, that is one of those things which will emerge in hindsight as with mesothelioma and asbestos.
 I remember my first set of walkie-talkies and my first remote-controlled car. Man, I thought that technology was really amazing. Now, they're just antiques. Then again, so am I.
 Each year I feel the need to write something about September 11, 2001.
 What a horrible day for this country. I found myself watching a show on 9-11 on the National Geographic Channel Sunday and to this day, I can still feel the pain I felt on that day.
 Deep down, I don't care if it's been luck, great police work, national security intelligence or what, I'm thankful we've not been hit again.
 Love him or hate him, President Bush has traversed a horrible storm and kept the ship afloat.
 I don't know the percentages, but I imagine nearly all of us thought 9-11 was the beginning of many attacks on U.S. soil. Thank God the attempts have been thwarted. And, like him or not, Bush, his policies and personnel should be given credit.
 Back on that dark day, I would have given anything for the piece of mind security brings. Now I wonder if we take it for granted.
 I was single on September 11, 2001. Now I'm married and have two sons. Priority number 1 for me is security. I don't want my family blown up. Regardless of which candidate is elected president, that priority will not change.
 Christopher Blackburn is the President of Blackburn Media Group, owner of this publication. Feel free to comment on this column at <http://the->



Michael Mitchell from the Boy Scouts was in Knox City talking to the first and second grade boys about joining the Munday Cub Scouts pack. Cub Scouts is a program that offers boys the opportunity to have some fun, excitement, outdoor opportunities, and a chance to participate in a program in which he doesn't always have to win - instead he learns about "Do your best" and how to be helpful to others. Scouting teaches boys new physical skills through sports, crafts and games, how to get along with others through group activities, and to develop personal independence. To enroll contact Michael Mitchell at 940-696-2735



Named for the historic FW&D Engine 501, The 501 is always exactly 501 words and dashes long, whatever the topic. Welch, a freelance writer for Blackburn Media Group, divides her time mostly between Abilene and the family farm north of Vernon.

It's an idea that's been bouncing around for years - tumbleweeds as biomass for biofuel.
 In this part of the world, who wouldn't like to have a car that would run on tumbleweeds? Sounds to me like a good use for the ubiquitous scraggly icons of our landscape. Besides, when they all break loose from fences - the first windy day after the first hard freeze, they are the dark essence of speed, moving along as fast as the swift north wind that propels them, taking to the air with more grace and more often than the Dukes of Hazzard Dodge on a cross-country run. Yep, if somebody invents tumbleweed fuel, it won't be hard to come up with powerful imagery for a television ad and maybe even some impressive music to sync with the speedy rotund objects as they zoom across the prairie. But we're drifting.
 As for fuel potential, tumbleweeds do burn. Give them an A-plus for combustibility. But does that mean tumbleweeds fit the biomass picture?
 The only place they fit neatly is along a barbed wire fence. So does somebody need to figure out how to take a row of dead tumbleweeds off a fence and compact them into something to the neighborhood biofuel factory?
 If that's the case, I've invented a way. I'll admit it was an accident, but that's how it is with some great discoveries. They happen on their own when you're trying to do something else.
 My task was to shred the tumbleweeds along a half-mile of fence. Call it an inaugural run for the recently repaired tractor. (It gets repaired often, presenting opportunities for lots of inaugural events.) I graciously offered my absent husband, Hugh, the opportunity to make the tumbleweed run. He deferred.
 So, there I was, rumbling along on our little faded Ford tractor, hooked to our old shredder, squeaking, clanking and stirring up dust, chopping up most of the herbicide-killed tumbleweeds and collecting others whole in the small space between tractor and shredder.
 Something about the power of a tractor, even a small Ford on propane, makes the driver invincible. In whatever gear, I was getting it done - woman and tractor over nature, forging ahead. Never mind the tumbleweeds collecting incrementally, under and in front of and behind the axles, piling higher. I was moving.
 Then I wasn't moving.
 There I suddenly sat, wheels spinning, immobilized. I couldn't blame the tumbleweeds around me -- mere hangers-on. It was the ones tightly compacted under the tractor that had high-centered the whole operation. Maybe a fence-row badger hole played a catalytic role. Either way, critical biomass had occurred right under me: enough tumbleweed pieces pressed tightly enough to tie into a dense little bale for delivery to a biofuel plant.
 But alas, it's not that easy to get pressed tumbleweeds out from under a tractor, baled or not. Quote me.
 So forget my invention. Here's to husbands, farm jacks and burning all tumbleweeds before the first norther.

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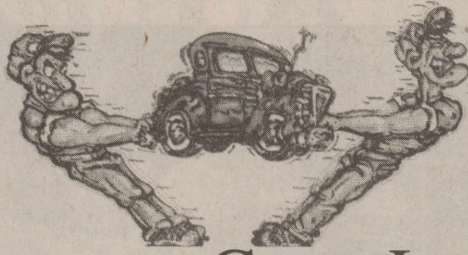
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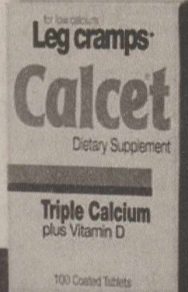
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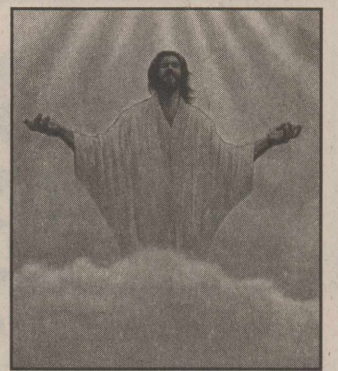
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I was studying this week upon the teachings of Jesus in many of his parables about planting seed in soil. Parables are simply spiritual truths told through an everyday experience. When Jesus would finish a particular teaching through a parable He would say, "He who has ears, let him hear!" His truths are meant for everyone to hear, but Jesus knew that everyone would not listen. We can miss out on so much knowledge and wisdom by not knowing God's word. Experience can and will teach us many things if we respond to the circumstances and consequences in a positive manner. Our disciplines are reflected in how we respond to the circumstance. Our hesitation to make a decision becomes trapped in the consequence.

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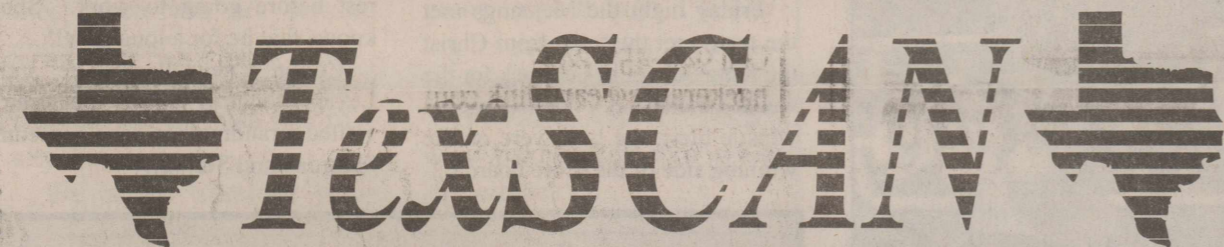
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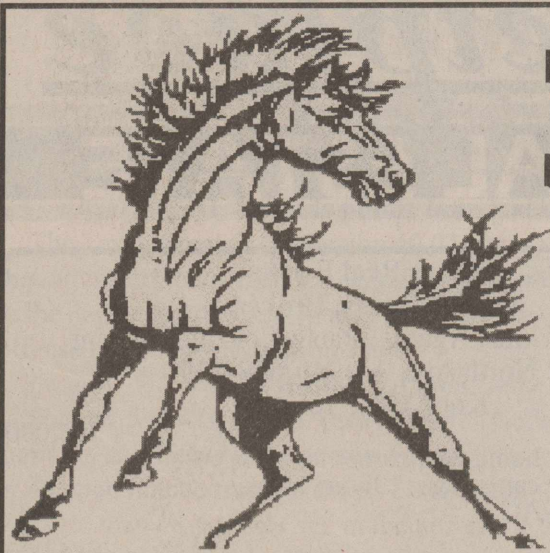
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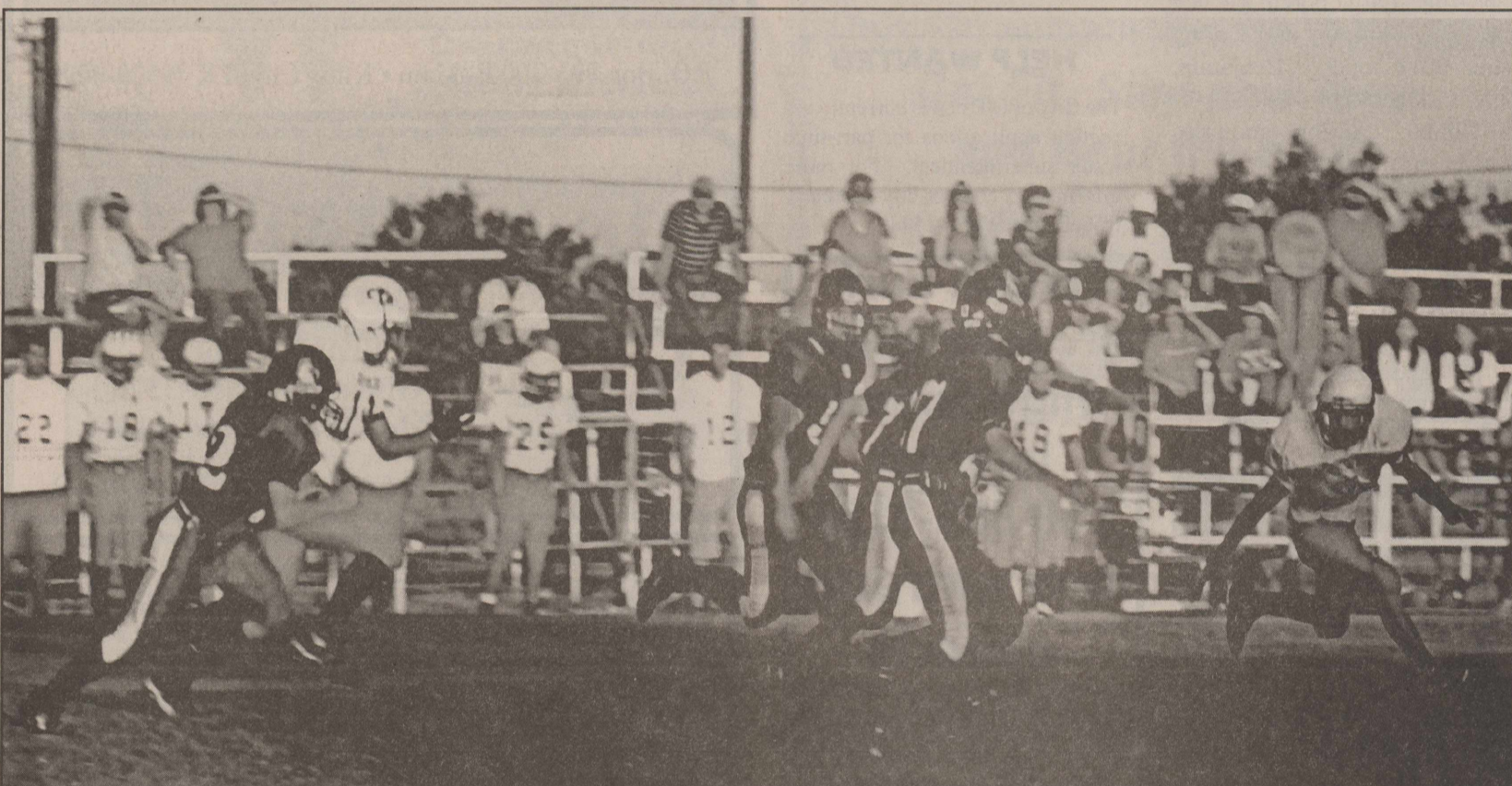
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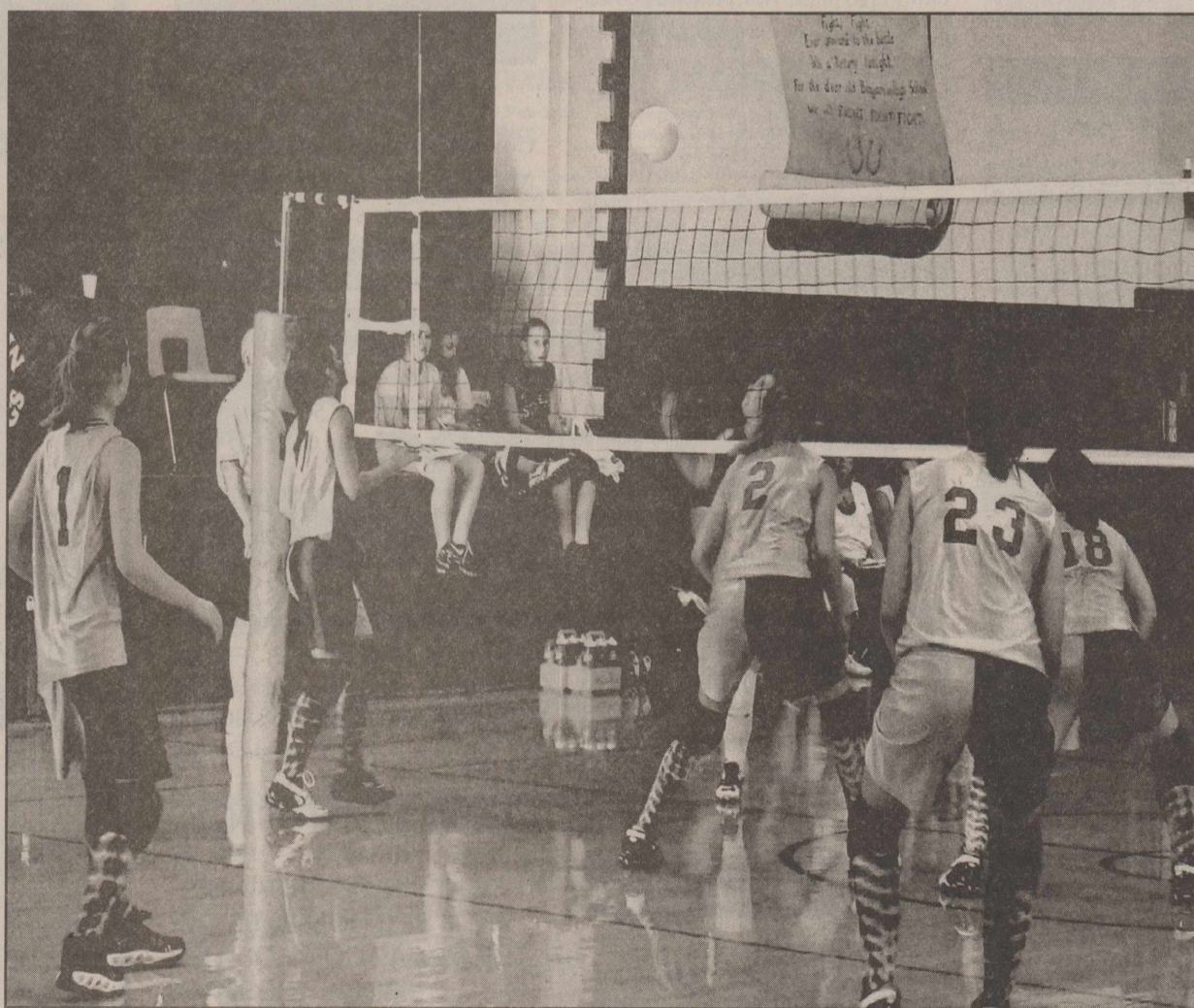


FOOTBALL

The Benjamin Mustangs took on Christ the King Trojans. The Mustangs left the Trojans with a huge disappointment on their journey back home Friday night. Benjamin played great defense during the first half of play only allowing Christ the King to score one touchdown and they executed the Trojan offense. Coach Jason Loftiss said, "Big improvement from last week. We just need to continue to work hard each day and focus on the next opponent." Friday, September 12th, the Mustangs will be traveling to Paint Creek to take on the Pirates, kick off will begin at 7:30 pm.

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Dillon Loftiss- rushing 1 attempt for 13 yards for TD

Way to go Stangs



VOLLEYBALL

Benjamin Lady Stangs dominated the court last Tuesday when they took on Vernon Northside. The Ladies held no compassion for Northside, they won all three matches.

On Saturday, the Lady Stangs traveled to City View and there they beat City View JV. However, City View's varsity team beat out the Ladies in the final three matches. Coach Loftiss stated that, "against City View, we were out of sync." Coach feels that the girls are working hard and need to continue to improve daily. Unfortunately, due to technical difficulties, the Lady Stangs have no stats available.

9/02 Benjamin vs. Vernon Northside
Benjamin: 25, 25, 25
Northside: 13, 11, 23
9/06 Benjamin vs. City View
Benjamin: 25, 25, 25
City View JV: 12, 19, 11
Benjamin: 12, 11, 09
City View: 25, 25, 25

Benjamin Lady Stangs will be hosting Newcastle on Saturday, September 13th at 10 am. They will be going to Childress on Tuesday, September 16th to compete in a dual, the game will begin at 5 pm.

We have had a good rain today and more is expected. It has made it much cooler- Certainly a hint of fall is in the air.

Regarding Our Ill

Dutch Young remains in a Wichita Falls Hospital following his recent surgery. He is doing pretty well tho is having some therapy to help speed up his recovery. Reports are that if all continues to go well, he may be able to come home soon.

Don Hertel is still having some days better than others but says he thinks he's doing pretty well. His sister, Rosellen Albus is here for a few days with him.

Pat Benson is doing better- This report from some of her family members. She has had some pretty difficult days and we are glad to get this more encouraging report.

There's been some flu-like virus going around. Guess with the beginning of school and all the "mixing and mingling" something was bound to show up somewhere. Maybe it will "run its course" before to many get sick

Sympathy Extended

Sympathy to the family of Anna Mae Redwine Crenshaw today. Anna Mae passed away on Friday at the home of her son, James in Sherman where she had resided after giving up her home about a year ago. She was 96- Would have been 97 in November.

She was a former Benjamin resident having left here in the late 60's. Loved by her family and friends, she will be greatly missed. Her funeral was Sunday in Savoy and graveside rites and burial was here today at 1p.m.

Sports

Friday night the Mustangs met the team met the team from Christ the King School in Lubbock for the weekly match up. When the final whistle blew, the host were on the winning side of the score board 62-

30, I believe or there about.

The Volleyball games Saturday with City View were not to close. City View won all the sets by pretty wide margins.

The Volleyball girls play Saturday 10 am. They play Newcastle here.

Friday night football finds the Mustangs at Paint Creek- Game time is 7:30. Also Jr. high has a game Thursday here with Paint Creek. That game starts at 5:30 p.m.

Here 'N There

Butch, Letha and Lisa Young of Saginaw and Billie Faye Cummings of Henderson visited Jack and Mary Young on Sunday. They also visited Pat Benson in Munday Nursing Center and went on to Wichita Falls to visit Dutch Young.

Judy and Randolph Barnett was in Plano Wednesday for the funeral of her uncle, Charles Roberson. Charles had been in failing health for quite sometime.

Jan Carver and her brother and his wife, Dennis and Evelyn Anderson of Abilene were in Hewitt during the Labor Day week- end to visit their brother, Jerry Don Anderson and his wife, Barbara. Said they had a good time. Had a chance to sort of repay Jerry for helping remodel their house before they moved back to town. They helped Jerry and Barbara wall paper their kitchen.

Labor Day guest of Loraine Powers was her daughter and her husband, Chris and Earl Stroop and little grandson, Dakota all of Midland.

Saw Maggie SeidenBerger Saturday. She graduated from Tech in August and is taking a few weeks rest before going to work. She knows that be for a long time!!

Colton Caldwell, Valerie and Lexie Mendoza all of Seymour visited grandmother Jane Gideon Saturday and Sunday.

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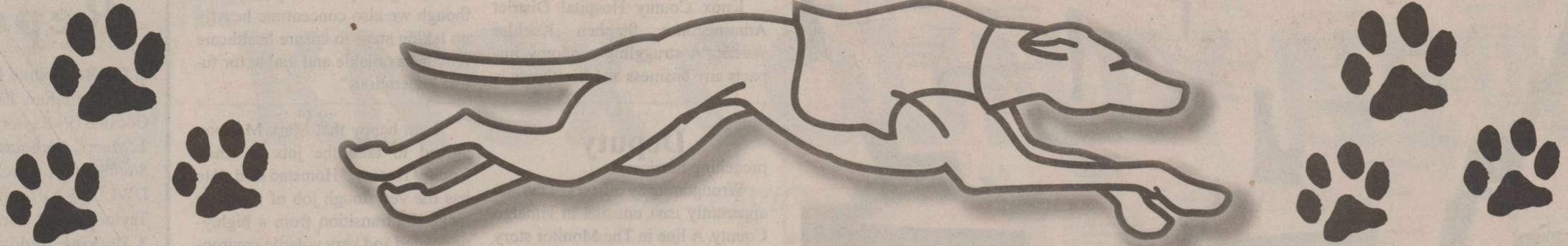
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TEEN NEWS

By Rachel Ellis

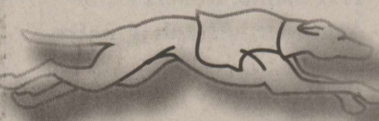
The football boys faced the Rule Bobcats on Thursday night. They played with all their hearts, but fell with a score of 26-50. The guys will play Chillicothe on Friday night. The game will be held in Knox City starting at 7:30 p.m. This week's spirit day will be Camo day.

The volleyball girls played against Woodson on Saturday morning. They played 4 sets, and came out with a victory. They will play in the Childress tournament this weekend.

The band has selected their drum major for the 2008-2009 school year. They are seniors Samantha Esquivel and Jordan Carter. Band pictures will be taken Friday. Mrs. Dillon has order forms if you need one.

The FFA Chapter voted for their 2008-2009 officers on Friday afternoon. They are as follows:

- President - Bandy Moeller
- Vice President- Kaitlin Reed
- Secretary - Brittney Gonzales
- Treasurer - Landon Lynn
- Report - Whitney Collins
- Sentinel - Shane Strickland
- Parliamentarian - Clay Clark
- Historian - Rachel Ellis
- Chaplain - Chris Taylor
- Club Coordinator - Mandy Wilcher



KC Homecoming is next week and the Greyhounds will be facing the Bryson Cowboys on Friday September 12 at 7:30. The High School will be themed all week long:

- Monday- Pajama Day
- Tuesday- Support the Houndettes Wear Red!
- Wednesday- Inside out day
- Thursday- Jersey Day
- Friday- Class color day
- Class Colors are
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- Sophomores- Orange
- Juniors- Red
- Seniors- Blue

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VOLLEYBALL

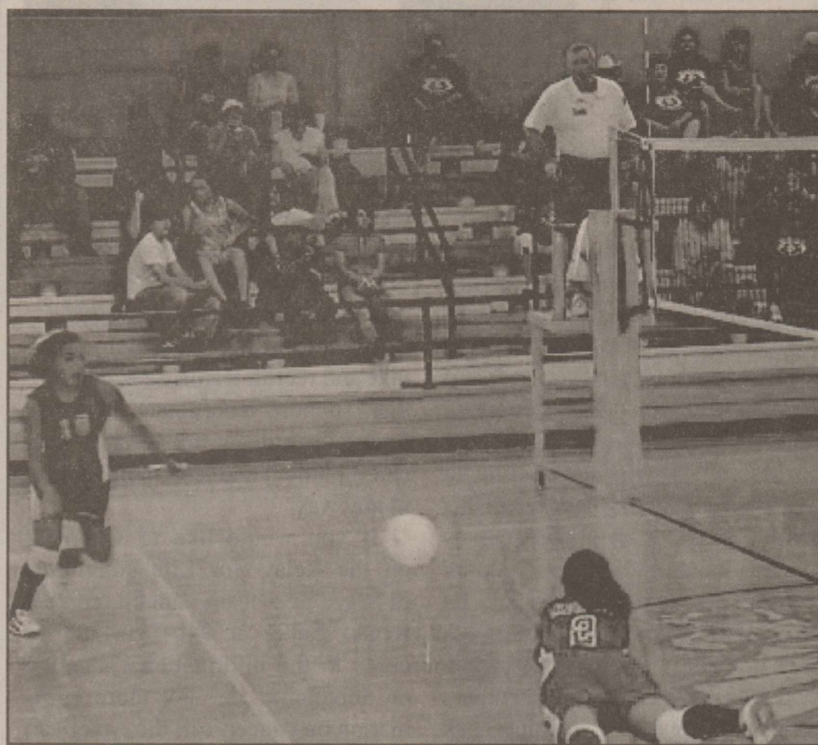
Knox City Houndettes matched up with Woodson in home court this past Saturday. The varsity team had a difficult time coming together in the first match, Coach Jan Reed stated. The girls ended up beating Woodson three out of four games. The JV, on the other hand, had no problem keeping the game under control. They won the first two matches and left no room for Woodson JV to need more. Coach Reed is very confident in the Houndettes. She said, "the girls are working very hard. They are developing a trust for each other on the court and the game is coming together." Coach specified that the JV team is playing just as hard as the varsity. Both the Varsity and JV Houndettes hold a 10-1 record.

Varsity: KC 18 / Woodson 25; KC 25 / Woodson 21; KC 25 / Woodson 19; KC 25 / Woodson 19

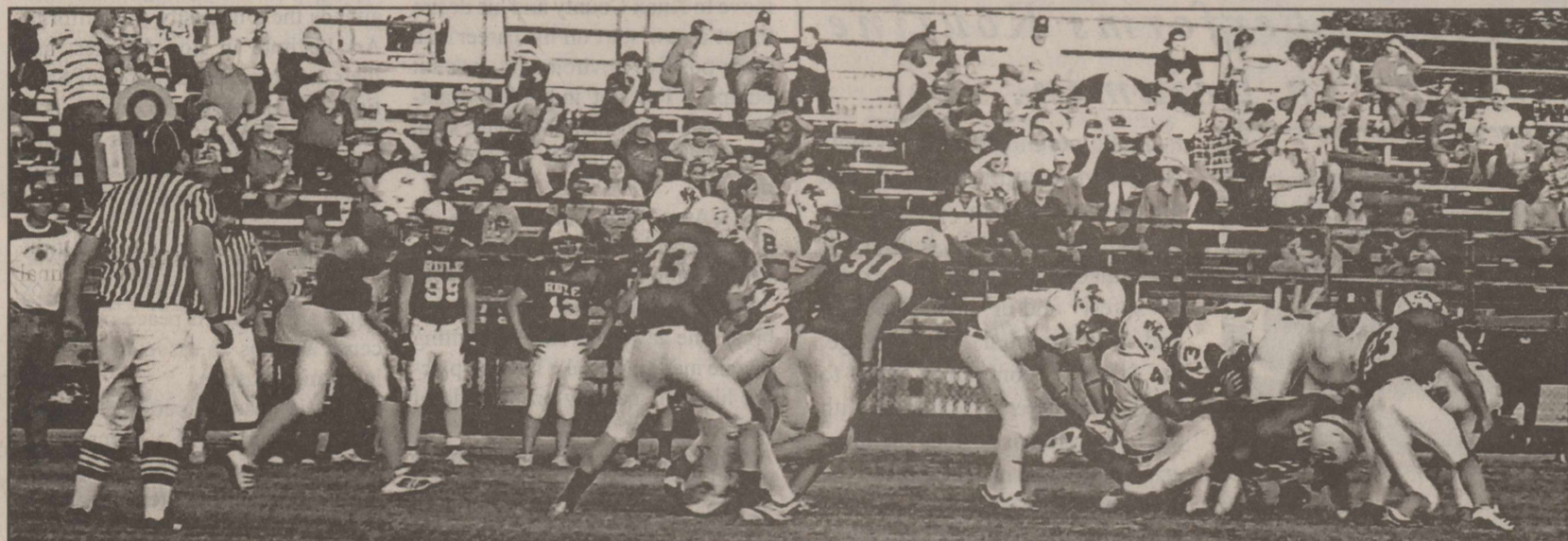
Mea Abila: 3 Kills & 3 Aces; Brittany Baker: 2 Assists; Whitney Collins: 4 Digs; Samantha Esquivel: 1 Ace; Brittney Gonzales: 1 Block; Tiffany McCrary: 2 Attacks, 3 Kills, 4 Digs, 1 Tip, 1 Ace; Lacey Pierce: 4 Digs; Katelyn Reed: 1 Kill, 3 Digs, 1 Block, 1 Ace.

JV: KC 25 / Woodson 14; KC 25 / Woodson 17

On Thursday, September 11th the Houndettes will participate in the Childress Pool Tournament. This will determine which bracket the Houndettes will be placed on for Saturday's tournament. The girls are scheduled to play at 4 pm; 4:30 pm and 5:30 pm in Childress



GREYHOUND FOOTBALL



The 2008 football season home opener did not turn out like the Greyhounds had hoped it would.

The Greyhounds were plagued with costly penalties and turnovers that resulted in Rule handing the Hounds their first loss of the season 50-26.

Looking at the final stats, the game was closer than the scoreboard showed. The Bobcats outgained the Hounds in total offense by only 20 yards. "Games like this are always decided by penalties and turnovers. I am very proud of the guys for fighting until the end. There are

several times when we could have just gave up and quit, but we didn't." Coach Steele said. Offensively, the Greyhounds gained 140 yards rushing and 208 yards passing.

MJ Abila was the Hounds leading rusher and passer with 12 carries for 103 yards and 19-28 for 208 yards through the air with four touchdowns. Abila's passes went to eight different receivers through the course of the game. Jordan Carter had two touchdown receptions and Zackary York and Zach Shaver each had one.

Shane Strickland led the

Greyhounds in receiving with 69 yards on 4 catches. Coach Steele commented, "I was kind of nervous about the continuity of our offense after Bandy got hurt early in the first quarter, but the guys responded to our adjustments and played very well."

Freshman, Ryan Ledesma, stepped in and played a major role in the backfield and done a great job. Games like this are where our multiple offense can make a difference".

The Rule Bobcats were bigger and they used it to their advantage against the Greyhound defense. Five

of Rules seven touchdowns were a result of their ground and pound running type of offense. The Bobcats gained 227 yards on the ground and 139 through the air. Jordan Carter was the leader on defense with 15 tackles and 1 interception.

Other defensive standouts for the Hounds were Shane Strickland and MJ Abila. The Greyhounds will host the Chillicothe Eagles next Friday night, September 12, 2008 at Greyhound Stadium(a.k.a. THE DAWG POUND). Pack the stadium and cheer the Greyhounds to a victory.



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Volunteers/Participants Needed for American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Knox County



The local American Cancer Society office of Knox County is looking for volunteers and teams for its 2009 Relay For Life of Knox County.

They are hosting a meeting at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, September 16, 2008 at City Hall in Knox City to share with residents the importance of Relay For Life in saving lives from cancer.

Relay For Life is no stranger to Knox County. Munday hosted the 2007 Relay For Life event and the upcoming Relay For Life event will be hosted by Knox City.

Relay For Life is a fun-filled, overnight event that mobilizes communities throughout the country to celebrate survivors, remember loved ones and raise money for the fight

against cancer.

"Relay For Life raises awareness about the progress against cancer while also raising funds to fight the disease," said Regan Baker, Community Manager of Development for the American Cancer Society.

"Individuals who are willing to give their time and energy to this exciting event, as a volunteer or participant, have made a commitment to fight back against cancer and let the community know that cancer can be beat."

Teams of eight to 15 members gather with tents and sleeping bags to participate in the largest fundraising walk in the nation. Relay For Life unites friends, families, businesses, hospitals, schools, and

churches...people from all walks of life. Teams seek sponsorship prior to the Relay, all with the goal of supporting a cure for cancer.

Volunteers are needed to organize and recruit teams, seek community support, coordinate logistics, find refreshments and prizes, plan entertainment and lend their support in any way.

If you would like to volunteer on the Relay For Life committee or serve as a team captain, contact Regan Baker at 940-781-4393 or come to the informational meeting on September 16. For more information on cancer, call the American Cancer Society's 24-hour help line at 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit HYPERLINK "http://www.cancer.org" www.cancer.org

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grants principally in the areas of human services, education, the arts, and health.

The foundation previously provided funding for the implementation of a physical therapy program and for the purchase of an ambulance.

Knox County Hospital District Administrator Stephen Kuehler stated, "A struggling economy impacts any business and healthcare is

no exception.

Financing a capital improvement project in rural America is increasingly challenging and both The Meadows Foundation and The Priddy Foundation are to be commended for so generously responding to our needs.

The District remains focused on continuing to provide quality care though we also concentrate heavily on taking steps to ensure healthcare remains available and viable for future generations".

Deputy

proaching hurricane.

Wrongdoing by officers of the law apparently isn't unusual in Hidalgo County. A line in The Monitor story says McAvoy was the ninth deputy to be fired "under a cloud of criminal accusations since the sheriff took office in January 2005." McAvoy claims he wasn't part of the corruption but was, instead, a voice against it. The check incident was a set-up, McAvoy said -- a way to get rid of him because he had drawn attention to the dark side of law enforcement along the Rio Grande.

"I have a pending lawsuit against the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Department for wrongful termination, violation of the Whistle Blowers Act and retaliation," McAvoy said.

When McAvoy talked to the Knox County News, he enumerated some of the offenses committed by his colleagues: money laundering, drug smuggling, identity theft and the sale of illegal weapons. One officer was caught in Georgia with a million dollars hidden in his vehicle, and another had 65 kilograms of cocaine in his gas tank, McAvoy said.

The dismissal of the theft-by-check charge in the courts speaks to McAvoy's innocence, but despite his move to Knox County and his desire to get a new start on his career in a more positive environment, he's hit bumps. "I've got individuals talking trash about me," McAvoy said, but didn't name names for publication.

McAvoy wants to clear the air -- hence his interest in talking to the Knox County News.

"When you break the law, you break the law," he said, admitting that he made a mistake but still placing himself squarely on the side of justice.

Anyone with questions about his integrity is welcome to talk to him directly, he said, expressing a willingness to talk openly about his past and to furnish more information to anyone willing to listen.

Sheriff Dean Homstad prefers not to focus on McAvoy's difficulties at his previous post, but he doesn't minimize the differences between the Valley and West Texas and the cultural adjustments now required of McAvoy. Obviously, he doesn't doubt McAvoy's desire to do the right thing.

Knox County Sheriff's Report

1. Davila, Joshua Rene 8/2/08 Bond Forfeiture/ Possess Cocaine (F) Baylor County
2. Meers, Nicholas Wayne 8/6/08 Poss Controlled Sub/ DWLI (M-A) Theft (M-B) all Taylor County Warrants
3. Dockins, Buddy James 8/10/08 Evading Arrest (M-B) Knox County
4. Hernandez, Adolfo A. 8/12/08 Theft of Service (Uvalde County warrant) (M-A)
5. Cash, Timothy 8/12/08 Assault w/Bodily injury (M-B) Knox County
6. Harve, Eddie Joe 8/12/08 Criminal Trespass (M-A) Knox County
7. Rogers, Kenneth W. 8/12/08 Assault w/Bodily Injury (M-A) Knox County
8. Blackburn, Jason J. 8/13/08 DWI 3rd (F-3) Foard County
9. Dockins, Buddy James 8/14/08 Burglary of vehicle (M-A) Knox County
10. Carizena, Eriberto 8/15/08 Agg. Assault to a Minor (F-1) Knox County
11. Allen, Timothy Edward 8/16/08 Evading Arrest (M-B) Fail to comply with Requirements on Striking Veh (Hit and Run) M-B Foard County
12. Mitchell, Lonnie Kay 8/21/08 Possess Marijuana (M-B) Wichita County Warrant
13. Garza, Mary E. 8/23/08 Assault w/Bodily Injury/family violence (M-A) Baylor County
14. Butler, Damon Ray 8/27/08 DWI 3rd or more (F-3) Knox County
15. House, Michael David 8/27/08 MTR: Possess Certain Chemicals with intent to Manufacture (anhydrous) (F) arrested in Wichita County on Knox County warrant
16. Johnson, Christopher R. 8/29/08 Possess Controlled Sub. (M-A) Knox County
17. Castillo, Robert 9/2/08 Aggravated Assault (F-2) Baylor County
18. Davis, Billy Doyle 9/3/08 DWI 2nd (M-A) Knox County
19. Juarez, Guadalupe G. 9/3/08 Surety off Bond/Arson (F-1) Baylor County

TXDPS State Troopers performs Routine Scale operation in Benjamin.



On Wednesday, September 3rd, seven D.P.S. officers from across the surrounding Knox County set up to perform a routine Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Scale Operation in Benjamin. The officers complete a 45 minute to an hour inspection

per commercial vehicle. The level of inspection determines the extent of assessment required. For example, a level two certification only allows a visual inspection where as a level one consists of a mechanical inspection. During this operation, the trooper is able

to make certain that the vehicle is within compliance and that the driver is also abiding the law. Disappointingly, one driver was unable to fulfill the extent of safety and/or accountability and was arrested. On average, the trucking companies want to be in complete compliance with the inspection as well as the driver's qualification. In return, the companies are able to receive a positive safety rating. The D.P.S. Troopers are encouraged to inspect as many vehicles as possible during any blitz. In order to operate a routine check point, each officer is required to have a certification that permits them to examine certain inspections.



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