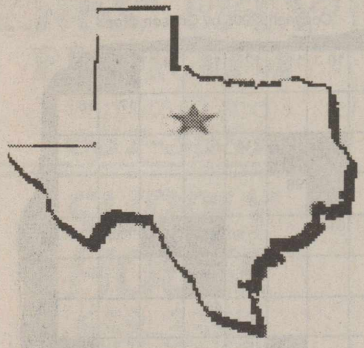


# Homecoming Begins Thursday Night



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### Knox City 2005-2006 Greyhound Pride Band

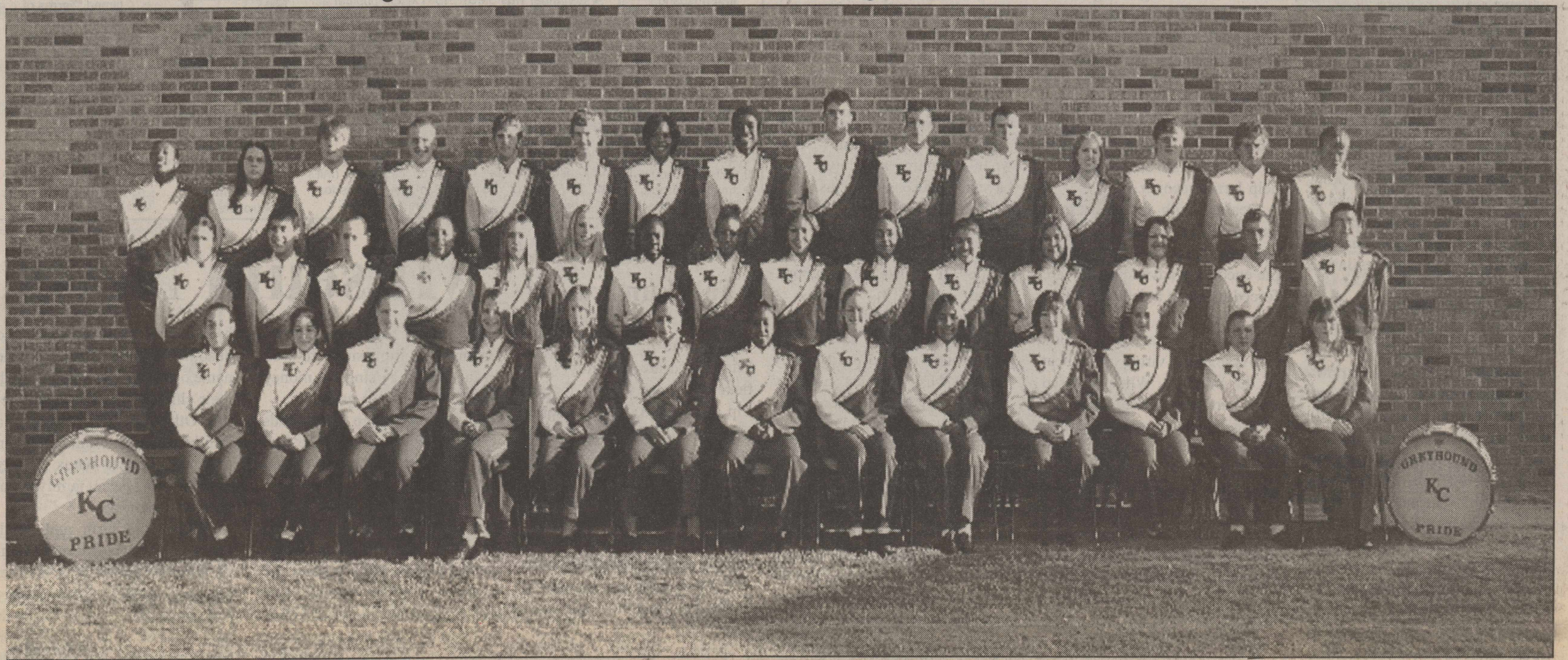


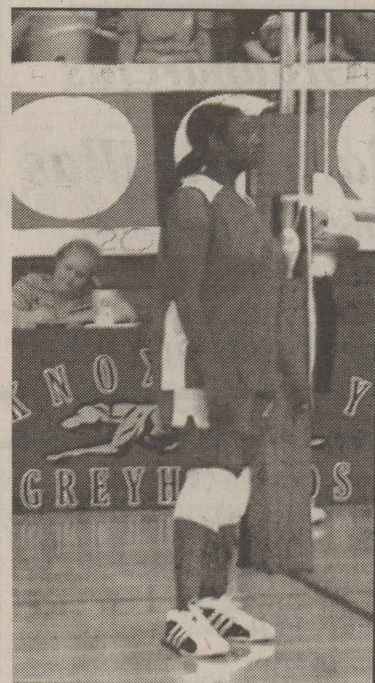
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Top row L. to R.: Brittany Hawkins, Sarah Johnson, Ty Chisum, Grant Lewis, Andy Shaver, Ryan Harrington, Kayla Martin, Jeremy Saxton, Cody Wainscott, Jordan Carter, Brandon Girmsley, Laura Harrington, Sean Stovall, Zach Chisum, Tim Sanders. Middle row L. to R.: Cheyanne Lee, Jaadon Jackson, Rachel Ellis, Dannie Garcia, Tina Clark, Nikki Moss, Bridgett Billington, Shana Nicholson, Kursten Stafford, Samantha Esquivel, Mea Abila, Sandra Silva, Emily Lewis, Chance Agraz, Jake Wade. Bottom row L. to R.: Caitlin Diaz, Sheby Guterrez, Heather Moore, Jessy Schur, Marji McLemore, Vanessa Solis, Jamilla Ward, Tiffany Wilde, Myra Espinal, Lynndy Moeller, Katie Railsback, Orrin Myers, Mandy Wilcher

The Knox City Greyhound Band has been working hard in preparation for this year's upcoming regional marching contest, to be held October 22 at the Memorial Stadium in Wichita Falls.

For this year's selection the

#### Brittany Hawkins Named Houndette Player Of The Week



Brittany Hawkins

Selected as this week's Houndette Player of the Week is KCHS senior Brittany Hawkins.

Coach Davis selected Brittany for this honor. Brittany walked away with an outstanding total of 12 kills in last week's game against Archer City.

#### County Wide Visioning Meeting

A County wide visioning meeting is scheduled for September 26th, 1:00 p.m. at the Community Center in Munday. Community Goals includes all of Knox County. Please make every effort to attend this meeting, everyone is welcome.

band will be performing the music of John Williams, composer of the themes for Jaws, Superman, E.T. and Star Wars.

The director of the Greyhound Pride Band is Mark Tucker. The Greyhound Pride Band are Jeremy Saxton, Jamilla Ware,

Brittany Hawkins, Kayla Martin, Andy Shaver, Grant Lewis, Nikki Moss, Ty Chisum and Sondra Silva. Juniors of Knox City Band are Kursten Stafford, Lindy Moeller, Shana Moeller, Shana Nicholson, Timothy Sanders, Vanessa Solis, Bridget Bil-

lington, Katie Railsback, Emily Lewis, Cody Wainscott, Brandon Girmsley, Laura Harrington, Tiffany Wilde. Sophomores are Sean Stovall, Zach Chisum, Jake Wade, Heather Moore, Sarah Johnson, Jessy Schur, Marini McLemore, Tina Clark, Dannie

Garcia. Freshman are Shelby Gutierrez, Chance Agraz, Mandy Wilcher, Mea Abila, Mayra Espinal, Samantha Esquivel, Jordan Carter, Caitlin Diaz, Rachel Ellis, Jaadon Jackson, Cheyanne Lee.

The Greyhound Band will also

participate in a marching festival October 10th in Wichita Falls in preparation for the Regional Marching Contest. The band will be performing this Friday in Knox City at half time during the Homecoming football game between Knox City and Baird.

### Date Set For Local Option Liquor Election

A successful petition drive in the city of Benjamin has culminated in the issue being placed on the ballot in Benjamin May 13, 2006.

The Knox County Commissioners Court met in Benjamin September 15 at the Knox County Courthouse to consider an election date for a local option li-

quor election to legalize the sale of all alcoholic beverages for off premises consumption on within the city limits of Benjamin.

Upon motion by commissioner Jerry Parker, seconded by commissioner Jimmy Urbanczyk the Court voted unanimously to sign the Order of Election for May 13, 2006.

Two petition drives were conducted in Benjamin this summer the first petition received fifty five signatures, the second petition received ten signatures. Fifty three signatures were necessary for the issue to be placed on the May ballot. There are approximately 140 registered voters in Benjamin.

### Knox City Represented On Regional Council

Barbara Rector has been named to serve as Knox City's official delegate on the Texas Midwest Council. Alternate delegate for the city is Daveline Clark.

The Texas Midwest Council meets three times a year for delegates from cities throughout the region to network and learn about implementing successful community programs and projects. Texas Midwest Community Network is a regional organization that provides marketing programs for tourism and economic development; networking opportunities for community leaders to

find ways to enhance community development; and legislative awareness in monitoring issues that directly affect the communities in this region of the state. The organization was founded on the basis of "communities working together to accomplish what one community cannot do alone."

Many of the member cities find themselves facing each other across a football field or over a basketball court during the course of a year. The regional organization gives communities an opportunity to turn their rivalries into alliances to strengthen

the economy and quality of life in the region. TMCN was founded in 1994 and currently has a membership of 43 communities: Abilene, Albany, Anson, Aspermont, Baird, Ballinger, Brady, Breckenridge, Bronte, Brownwood, Buffalo Gap, Cisco, Clyde, Coleman, Colorado City, Comanche, Cross Plains, De Leon, Dublin, Early, Eastland, Eden, Goldthwaite, Gorman, Hamilton, Hamlin, Haskell, Jayton, Knox City, Merkel, Munday, Paint Rock, Ranger, Robert Lee, Roscoe, Rotan, Santa Anna, Snyder, Stamford, Sweetwater, Throckmorton, Tye and Winters.

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### Homecoming 2005 Schedule of Events

**Bonfire, Crowning of Miss Firelighter Thursday Night, Pep-Rally, Little Red Wagon Parade, Coronation Pre-Game Friday Night**

•**Thursday September 22**•

Bonfire 8:00 p.m. at the convenience center  
Crowning of Miss Firelighter

•**Miss Firelighter nominees**•

Indira Monge, Kayla Martin, Marni McLemore

•**Friday, September 23**•

Pep-Rally 3:00 p.m.

including Little Red Wagon Parade

7:00 p.m. Coronation Football Sweetheart and Hero

Band Sweetheart and Hero

7:30 p.m. Homecoming Game

against Baird

•**Football Sweetheart nominees**•

Tiffany Wilde, Nikki Moss, Jessy Schur

•**Football Hero nominees**•

Jeremy Saxton, Derrek Magana, Cody Wainscott

•**Band Sweetheart nominees**•

Nikki Moss, Kayla Martin, Jamilla Ward

•**Band Beau nominees**•

Ty Chisum, Grant Lewis, Jeremy Saxton

Child Escorts: first graders

Cara and Christopher Espinosa



## Kay Bailey Hutchison United States Senator

### TEXAN VIRTUE IN RESPONSE TO NATURAL DISASTER

Texas is a state affected by many natural disasters. We have everything from hurricanes and flash floods to draughts and tornadoes. Natural disasters kill people and destroy property. They also reveal something about who we really are down deep.

Whenever natural disasters are looming, our first effort is to do whatever we can to protect the people they threaten. After the event, we try to help those affected recover and move on with their lives. We also want to take a step back and see what lessons we can learn. We need to examine the event and determine what measures will minimize the harm from similar events in the future.

Texas has been hit by some powerful hurricanes such as Bret in 1999, Alicia in 1983, and Allen in 1980; but the most powerful hurricane to hit the state in the twentieth century was the one that slammed into Galveston in 1900. According to some estimates, that storm had winds of 100 mph that peaked as high as 150 mph. It killed over 8,000 people, 25 percent of the population, and destroyed more than 3,600 homes on Galveston Island. Some Texans displayed remarkable courage: four men spent hours in a row boat pulling people from debris-filled water saving as many as 200 lives. After the storm, the city built a six-mile-long seawall that was later extended.

Growing up in Galveston County, I lived through Carla and other hurricanes. I have never forgotten the experience of driving to my parents' house because we had not heard from them. Telephone service was out, so we packed our car with water and other supplies and drove to their home. As we approached, we saw more and more of the hurricane's destruction. Finally, we reached their battered house, and fortunately found them unharmed.

Texas has also had to deal

with some devastating tornadoes. Back in 1997, we had a fierce tornado in Jarrell. The funnel cloud was as big as three-quarters of a mile wide and had winds of well over 200 mph. It killed 27 people in a town of just 700, destroyed at least 50 homes, including one entire subdivision. People described cars being flung about in the air. One place the tornado crossed the road it ripped off 500 feet of asphalt. Before dissipating, the tornado had caused \$20 million in damage. Our countrymen showed us their generosity, sending \$1.3 million and over 400 volunteers from 15 states to help Jarrell recover.

Dealing with these disasters has made Texans both tough and compassionate. Whenever people encounter adversity, they are forced to make a decision about how to respond.

So often, Texans have stood tall, displaying virtue in the heat of the moment. When battered by a hurricane, Texans have increased their resolve, battling the elements to survive. When threatened by funnel clouds, they have reacted with bravery and risked their lives to save the lives of others. And after the moment of danger has passed, they have showed kindness and generosity in helping neighbors get back on their feet.

Recently, hurricane Katrina barreled up the Gulf Coast, striking our neighbors, and dealing them a powerful blow. Approximately 80 percent of the city of New Orleans was covered in water, and thousands of people suddenly found themselves homeless and with no one to turn to. In the midst of this great misfortune, my heart was warmed by the many Texans who opened their arms and their homes to their fellow Americans. Public institutions, many churches and charities, and numerous individuals provided food, shelter, and money for those escaping the hurricane's devastation. In one story that was particularly touching, a Texas couple who had just moved into their new home took their old home off the market in

order to provide shelter to a family of nine in the months ahead. In another part of Texas, one company offered about 40 vacant apartments in a retirement community, plus food, transportation, and housekeeping for no charge.

Know that when I am working in Washington, you repeatedly make me proud to be from the Lone Star State. I am honored by your senator. When I am working with other senators, it is not unusual for me to look over and see a confident gleam in their eyes because they know that, when the chips are down, they have a true friend in Texas.

There are still ways that you can help our neighbors who have been hurt by hurricane Katrina. While all assistance is appreciated, generally donations of money are more helpful than donations of food, and clothing. Money can be used to buy exactly what is most urgently needed, including perishable food and medicine. Donations of money also save the costs of transporting goods to where they are needed most. Some reliable charities include the Salvation Army ([www.salvationarmyusa.org/USNSAHome.htm](http://www.salvationarmyusa.org/USNSAHome.htm)), Church World Service ([www.churchworldservice.org/news/katrina/](http://www.churchworldservice.org/news/katrina/)), and the American Red Cross ([www.redcross.org/](http://www.redcross.org/)). Donations of time and energy also provide important assistance and give you a meaningful connection to those you are helping. As of this date, three of our major cities are setting up huge sites for hurricane evacuees. To volunteer, call your local Red Cross office.

Finally, do not forget to be prepared for a natural disaster yourself. Be sure you have survival kits in your home and car, and you refresh them from time to time with new food and batteries. For specific suggestions on what to put in survival kits, go to [www.fema.gov/rrr/empres.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/rrr/empres.shtm). Also, be sure that you follow the directions of local government officials, especially their warnings to evacuate when necessary.

#### ACROSS

- 1 "Dallas" character John \_\_\_\_\_ Ewing
- 5 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ late and a dollar short"
- 6 TX Blue \_\_\_\_\_ ice cream
- 7 Rice won '66 \_\_\_\_\_ College Bowl
- 8 natl. patriotic group (abbr.) \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 TX forage crop \_\_\_\_\_
- 15 USAF was started in TX with the First \_\_\_\_\_ Squadron
- 16 TX Gipson's sequel to "Old Yeller" \_\_\_\_\_
- 19 town on Trinity Bay \_\_\_\_\_
- 21 TXism: "quit spittin' handle" (get to work) \_\_\_\_\_
- 22 TXism: "as \_\_\_\_\_ outhouse on a cold morning"
- 27 Okie city \_\_\_\_\_
- 28 Plano hosts a \_\_\_\_\_ balloon festival
- 29 TXism: "independent as \_\_\_\_\_ ice"
- 30 TX Belle Starr's first husband \_\_\_\_\_
- 32 TX singer Kris (init.) \_\_\_\_\_
- 33 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ like a sore thumb"
- 36 TXism: "fast as \_\_\_\_\_ up a rafter"
- 37 ornery insect from Mexico: killer \_\_\_\_\_
- 38 TX Larry King was a \_\_\_\_\_ Fellow at Harvard
- 39 TXism for add it up this Heard was '93 \_\_\_\_\_ Mavericks coach
- 42 TXism for clothes \_\_\_\_\_
- 45 TXism: "nip \_\_\_\_\_ the bud"
- 46 this Levi invented blue jeans (init.) \_\_\_\_\_
- 47 George Washingtons \_\_\_\_\_
- 48 TXism: "two-bit \_\_\_\_\_"
- 49 TX Roy Orbison tune: "\_\_\_\_\_ Scared"
- 52 type of saddle leather \_\_\_\_\_
- 53 TXism: "shootin' \_\_\_\_\_"
- 54 TX government buildings are \_\_\_\_\_-smoking
- 55 Kay Bailey's time at work (abbr.) \_\_\_\_\_

#### The Original

## TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison

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13 this Pete wrote "North Dallas Forty"

14 TXism: "como \_\_\_\_\_ (how are you?)"

15 TXism: "popular as \_\_\_\_\_ daughter"

16 "dog paddle" \_\_\_\_\_

17 "easy as \_\_\_\_\_ the woods"

18 X-mas tree place in Panola Co.: \_\_\_\_\_ Tree Farm

20 TXism: "never laid eyes \_\_\_\_\_"

22 TX Ginger Rogers' dance partner (init.) \_\_\_\_\_

23 money makers for the Azle News \_\_\_\_\_

24 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ gut" (liquor)

25 TXism: "getting long in the tooth"

26 TXism: "could wear his shirt to a church \_\_\_\_\_ (bad worker)"

28 TXism: "in a \_\_\_\_\_ of trouble"

31 once a pen name of TX Sandra Brown

34 MacLaine of TX-filmed "Terms of Endearment" (init.) \_\_\_\_\_

35 TXism: "he's only got one \_\_\_\_\_ in the water" (slow witted)

37 ship's jail \_\_\_\_\_

40 DFW arrival guess \_\_\_\_\_

43 African antelopes \_\_\_\_\_

44 TXism: "the real McCoy" \_\_\_\_\_

50 TX Kenny Rogers' "\_\_\_\_\_ Need You" \_\_\_\_\_

51 Rangers traded this pitcher Robb in '93 \_\_\_\_\_

### Band Conducting Fall Fundraiser

Members of The Greyhound Pride Band are currently selling tickets to raise money for their trip to Orlando, Fla. this spring. Tickets will be on sale until December. Tickets are \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00. The grand prize of the drawing is a choice of either a big screen television or a one thousand dollar gift certificate to the store of your choice. The grand prize will be awarded at the band's annual Christmas Concert.

### Knox County Court Results

William H. Healy, Judge, 50th Judicial District  
David W. Hajek, District Attorney, 50th Judicial District  
Knox County court held 9/7/05  
Billy Don Jordon - Possession of certain chemicals with intent to manufacture a Controlled substance - 8 years probation, \$4800 fine, court costs, DPS lab restitution of \$140.

### Flood Water In Knox City

Help the City try to help you!!! If you had flood water in your house or buildings during our large rain this past month let City Hall know what happened to your property and get your name on the list. The City/County is in the process of seeking help for our problems with the flood water and damages to our area.

### Retired Teachers Meeting

The Knox County Retired School Personnel will have their first meeting of the year at 2:30 on Tuesday, September 27, 2005. The group will meet in the fellowship hall of the Munday First United Methodist Church. A short program on "Nutrition for Seniors" will be presented and a discussion of group goals for the year will be explored. All members are urged to attend.

## Museum News

Friends of the Knox County Historical commission are well on the way to raising the money needed to receive a grant.

A short time ago the Friends were elated at making the half way mark and attaining \$30,000 on hand.

Now with only about 1/2 of the time gone in which to meet the goal, Knox County museum supporters have pushed the funds to a \$37,000 total, with only 23,000 to be raised. Over half that \$37,000 has been raised through the purchase of \$18,825 bricks and granite stones honoring families and individuals which will be displayed at the new museum.

This included sixty-two of the \$100 4" x 8" bricks; 20 of the \$200 8" x 8" brick; three of the \$375, 7" x 15" granite stones; two of the \$375, 7" x 15" granite stones; two of the \$750, 15" x 15" stones; and four of the \$1,500, 15" x 30" stones. The brick and stone inscriptions

have honored both the living and dead. Many are headed by the name of a father and mother with their children's names listed below. Others include mention of a family business. Some tell when a family came to Knox County or mention a special family event such as a marriage.

Many give birth and death dates, sometimes for every family member. One way or another the connection to Knox County history is drawn for individuals and families. It is a connection families in the future will see and be able to touch, and remind them of family stories of hardships and preserving which give them strength and touch their hearts.

Toby Whisenhut, office manager for the Historical Commission, reports that calls, letters and checks are increasing as more realize the part they can play in completing the museum, and preserving their own family's place in history.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Commissioners Court of Knox County is now taking applications for the position of Commissioner for Precinct #1. This position needs a person that is willing to spend time in every aspect of County Government. Anyone that lives in Precinct #1 and is interested should send their resume to the address below by close of business on October 7, 2005. For any additional information please call 940-459-2191.

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# BAXTER BLACK

ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

## TECHNOLOGICAL LAPSES

Technology is now available to count cattle on a Forest Service permit from outer space, to construct material for space shuttles that can withstand 3,000° temperature on reentry into the Earth's atmosphere, and to plastic wrap a tool in Ace Hardware that cannot be opened with the Jaws of Life.

Farriers are still using the same technology the Romans did when they conquered England in 55 BC. If we can do all these things, why haven't we figured out a better way to shoe horses? I'm not sure what it would be? Glue shoes on with epoxy, inject Jell-O in their veins, a titanium wrap, impregnate the hoof with diamonds?

The two fields most closely related to farriery, weight lifting and carpentry have advanced slightly with the advent of Gatorade and the self-retracting measuring tape, but horse shoeing still remains a primitive technology.

Another endeavor that remains much unchanged is the tricky little job of 'bean' cleaning in male horses, and it's counterpart, the also ancient veterinary practice of expressing the anal glands in dogs. Both procedures require some skill, some would say even artistry, but in this modern age

you would think some new technology would have come along involving suction, or centrifugal force or trained spelunking invertebrates, wouldn't you?

Another field ripe for renovation is fly swatting. I will grant that insecticides do a great job at mass extinction but I'm talking about the one lone *Musca domestica* that keeps landing in the potato salad at the picnic or buzzes around your room at night after you've turned out the lights, or keeps landing on your nose while you're trying to pass the pipette into a recipient heifer.

If NASA can hit a comet moving at the speed of Halley a jillion miles away, surely we could invent a device that could zap a fly on a paper plate at six feet. Something like a heat-sensitive lock-on-target laser beam disintegrator. It could be incorporated into your cell phone, carving knife, or dentures. Just snap your jaws to fire! You could pick flies off someone you're talking to, a cow you're milking, or Aunt Effie's fried chicken without lifting a finger!

But in the meantime, we humans must carry on shoeing our own horses, shearing our own sheep and picking our own noses, until technology catches up. I guess I can wait.

# IT'S THE PITT'S

The Best Days Of My Life

by: Lee Pitts

I have spent my life wanting to be something other than what I am. When I was 10 years old I wanted to be 30 but when I reached that red letter day I wanted to be 10 again. I mis-spent my childhood waiting for magic birthdays, those special milestones that would immediately open up a whole new world. At eight I could play in Little League and at twelve I could go to the movies with my brother and see scantily clad actresses, even though at the time I still professed to hate girls. At 16 the best birthday of all: I could finally drive a car. But then 16 arrived and I yearned to be 21.

I spent my early years waiting impatiently to be tall enough to ride the scary ride at the carnival, only to later realize it made me sick. When I was a Cub Scout I wanted to be a Boy Scout and as a freshman I wanted to be a Senior. I wasn't satisfied on the junior varsity or in the second chair. I never knew how good I had it. "It" being my life.

The earliest I can remember being is five when, as was the

custom back then, I was seen but never heard. I was short in stature, couldn't read, could barely stay on a bike and had no girlfriend or any hot prospects. I was unemployed and desperately wanted to be 30, have my own job and live in my own house. All I had financially was a few bucks in the bank I couldn't get at without my mom's signature. But when 30 rolled around the mortgage company owned my dilapidated home, I had no time to read and to get at my money I still had to beg, either my wife or the banker.

As a child of six I wanted every toy my mother would never buy me. Believing that it's never too late to have a happy childhood, in a mid-life crisis I started buying toys only to realize that most of the fun was in dreaming about things I could not have.

At ten I wanted to be a grown-up so I could have everything I wanted, like a hot fudge sundae for dinner or a hot dog for breakfast. Back then my mother wouldn't let me eat such things. Now my Doctor won't. I remem-

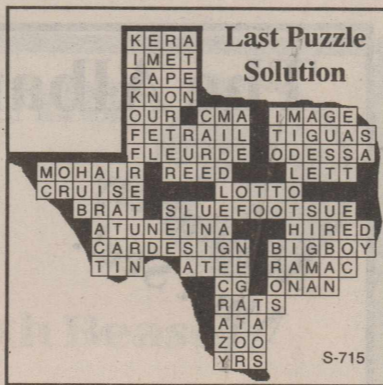
ber wanting to be old enough to sit at the grownup's table at holidays only to realize too late that being that old also meant I had to help with the dishes. I longed for the day I could eat in a restaurant without sitting in a booster chair or ordering off the kid's menu, but when I got that old it meant I had to pick up the check. As a teenager I dreamed of the day I'd be able to stay out partying and dancing all night but now I have neither the desire, the stamina nor the knees or the back. Finally I'm old enough to have all the things I never had as a child but who knew those things would be ulcers, employees and arthritis?

As an adolescent I got mad at the cheap tooth fairy when I lost a tooth and now I pay the dentist for the same result. In grammar school I cried when a good friend would move away, now I shed the same tears at funerals for my old friends. As a kid I longed for the day I could have my own room and not share it with my brother, now I realize that when I finally get that single room it will probably be in a hos-

pital or a rest home. Oh, what I'd give to be a kid again and share a room with my brother, to laugh through my sister's dance recital and get beat in Monopoly every time I played.

We go too fast from diapers to Depends. From being seen and not heard as children only to relieve the same experience as senior citizens. When I think of all the things I wanted to do with my life and didn't I feel like crying like the big baby I once was.

Today is slowly becoming the tomorrow I wished for yesterday and now I long to turn back the clock. To be young once more. There I go again, wanting to be something other than what I am. I just wish someone would have told me it would be this way, or, perhaps they did and I did not listen... or could not hear. As a kid I always thought the best days of my life were ahead of me and as an aging adult I felt they were behind me. Only too late in life did I realize that, as usual, I was wrong again. If only I would have known that the best day of my life is today.



## COW POKES®

By Ace Reid



"You're gonna be in charge of this outfit someday, Junior, so this fall I'm gonna practice retirin' while you practice ranchin'."

## "Wheels-For-Life" Bike-A-Thon



pictured left l to r: Basey Stiewert, Jordan Stiewert, Kaleb Whittle  
Top: Lila Stewart, Virginia Bowen, Kristi Tankersley, Caroln Brockett, Kerri Stiewert.

The Knox City Elementary held their annual "Wheels-For-Life" Bike-A-Thon Saturday morning. All of the proceeds go to the St. Judes Children's Research Hospital. They were able to raise a total of \$792. Of course, if you haven't had a chance to donate, you have until September 24th. Please help them to help many.

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# Obituary



**Samuel Jackson Reeves**

Mr. Samuel Jackson Reeves, Jr., age 85, of Knox City, Texas, died Thursday, September 15, 2005, at University Medical Center in Lubbock, Texas. He served in the Air Force during World War II, and was a Deacon at the First Baptist Church of O'Brien, Texas. He is survived by his wife Myra Dell (Vannoy) Reeves, whom he married on October 6, 1945. He is also survived by three sisters, Opal Collier of Midland, Texas, LaVerne Burnett of Chillicothe, Texas, Billy Jean McAuley of Knox City, Texas, and numerous nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by one brother and six sisters. A private family graveside was held Sunday, September 18 at the O'Brien Cemetery. Memorial Services were held Sunday, September 18, 2005 at 2:30 PM at the First Baptist Church in O'Brien, Texas with the Rev. Jim Reed and Rev. Bill Trice officiating, under the direction of Mansell-Smith Funeral Home 210 Ave. A, Knox City, Texas

## Aging Center Lunch Menu

**Week of September 26th to September 30th**

**Monday, September 26th**  
Salisbury Steak/Noodles, Sweet Peas, Garden Salad, Hot Rolls, Fruit/Topping, Cookies

**Tuesday, September 27th**  
German Sausage, Pinto Beans, Macaroni/Tomatoes, Cornbread, Dessert

**Wednesday, September 28th**

Chicken Strips/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Corn On The Cob, Biscuits, Cake

**Thursday, September 29th**

King Ranch Chicken, Garden Salad, Green Beans, Light Bread, Butterfinger Pie

**Friday September 30th**

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## ROLLING PLAINS RAMBLINGS Our Challenge Ahead

Katrina is potentially a much greater disaster than we have seen on our TV screens, despite the pathetic pictures of people clinging to boats, or dead men sitting in wheel chairs or the huddled hordes at the New Orleans Dome.

As truly tragic as Katrina's impact was and is, our nation's greatest challenges loom ahead. Our place in the world, our future depends on how we react to these tragedies. Will we continue to be a great nation in the March of Humanity, or will we be a blip in Earth history?

In Katrina's aftermath are seeds which may shatter our Republic into squabbling factions. These challenges may, however, inspire us to sculpt our Republic to lead Earth's people into the global society. The choice is ours. We can shape our future.

Potential seeds are splits between blacks and whites, between haves and have nots, between the Gulf states and the rest of the nation. All this would occur against the backdrop of deep economic problems.

Let's look at that economic backdrop. The nation's long-term debt is about Eight trillion dollars (\$7,942,783,923,607.13 last week)! (That's over \$27,000 for every man, woman and child in the U.S. - including YOU.) Most is owed to nations less prosperous than we are - India, South Korea, China, etc. They own our debt and may demand it at any moment.

The cost of the Iraqi War is at least \$200 billions. The Federal cost of Katrina may be an additional \$200 billions. This is on top of an annual budget deficit over \$300 billions. Our debt is skyrocketing. Other nations hold that debt.

Our economic picture is complicated by the growing income gap between poor and middle income families on the one hand and rich families. This gap is rapidly increasing. The rich are growing richer. The poor are growing poorer.

That's the grim backdrop. Katrina knocked the scab off our national secret which mocks those words held by the Statue

of Liberty: "Give me your tired, your poor, Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, .... Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed, to me ...."

We saw those huddled masses, homeless, tempest tossed, not overseas, but in New Orleans: The poor who have no cars, no bus service, uneducated and unable to solve basic problems. These are our poor, disproportionately black, but mostly white.

We Americans knew they are there, but we did not have to see them. Of course, our poor are not only in cities, but also scattered across the land in small towns, in rural areas.

Those words of Lady Liberty imply a promise that in her land people will live a better life, they will not be homeless, they will not be poor. Even before Katrina, every night in our nation 250,000 homeless huddled into public shelters. Other tens of thousands huddled on heated grates, on curbs, in doorways. This is not a part of the American dream.

Our American response to the Katrina tragedy has so far been magnificent. We have opened

our hearts, our homes and our purses to hundreds of thousands of evacuees.

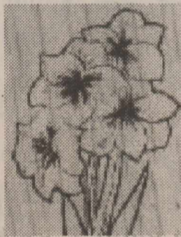
We must seize this opportunity to improve the condition of not only the Katrina evacuees, but also those poor, uneducated people already scattered over our United States of America. We must seek better housing, a government more conscious of their needs, better job opportunities and, most of all, better education for both adults and young people.

Ironically, if we better the lives of the poor across our nation, improve their educational opportunities and their conditions of life, they will increase their contributions to our society.

This may help solve that grim background of our economic status. Out of the tragedy of Katrina may come a better nation, a stronger nation. With increased productivity from evacuees and the poor, with the lessons we learn from solving their problems, we may emerge as a United States of America which can pay of its debts and remain the greatest nation in human history.

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Loran Ayers plays the part of Patsy Cline. Ayers has been a part of Albany Mainstreet Playhouse since its inception, work-

ing primarily as director. She has directed nine of the 14 plays presented by AMP. She is a RN, BSN and works as an oncology nurse for Abilene Hematology-Onocology Group. She and her husband, John, have 3 daughters.

Pam Davis is one of Albany Mainstreet Playhouse's most dedicated cast members, although she had never formally acted until her debut in an AMP production six years ago. Since then, she has had seven different roles. When asked about the roles that she has played, she commented, "Of all the characters I have been fortunate enough to play, I have rally come to love Louise.

Her love for Patsy is so pure and she wants everyone to love Patsy as she does. This endeavor has been such a joy, I can't wait to share it." Davis and her husband, Tom. Live in Albany, where she works as a legal secretary. She has one son, Tim.

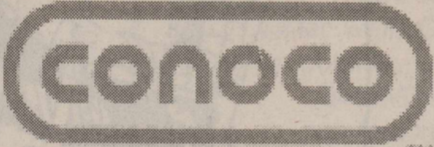
The Boadacious Bobcats play the role of the Patsy Cline band. "Randy Bob", aka, Randall Palmore plays the steel guitar and "Johnny Bob", aka, John

Caldwell, thrills us with his guitar talent. The drummer of the Boadacious Bobcats is "Larry Bob", aka, Larry Braddy and the bass guitar is played by none other than, "Georgie Bob", better know as George Harvick. "Bishy Bob" shows his hand at the fiddle. His name is Bishop Powell. Sandy Abel... "Lorna Bob". Entertains us with her skill on the keyboard.

The play is an absolute "Must See"!!! It sold out two weekends in a row in Albany and Munday is lucky enough to entice them to come to our little town. The theater production will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 1, 2005 at the Munday High School Auditorium. Tickets are \$10 each for the production. Proceeds will benefit the Munday Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture and the Aztec Theater in Albany.

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# TERRY'S TALK

by Terry Utley

Once the decision has been made to supplement the native diet of a deer herd, maximum effort should be made to "get the most bang for your buck," according to an East Texas deer expert.

Dr. Billy Higginbotham, Texas Cooperative Extension's wildlife specialist at Overton, said most Texas hunters think supplemental feeding is feeding corn through the commonly-used "sling-type" feeder. "That's little more than deer baiting as opposed to true diet supplementation," he said.

"The white-tailed deer needs a diet averaging 16 percent crude protein during the spring and summer. Lactating does and fawns need an even higher protein level while mature bucks require slightly less protein in their diets. During the fall and winter, the need for protein is replaced with the need for carbohydrates. Carbohydrates provide a major energy source to help deer through the winter."

Higginbotham said a supplemental forage program's goal should be to increase nutritional quality by providing better feed during the summer stress period

of July-September and the winter stress period of January-February. He said forages planted for deer during the winter stress period also attract deer for hunting purposes.

"Supplemental forages can be an option to consider in areas receiving 30 inches or more annual rainfall," said Higginbotham. "If it rains, they've shown to be a cost-effective feeding method to improve the year-round nutritional needs of white-tails. Spring-planted legumes improve nutrition in the late summer stress period while fall established combinations of small grains and cool-season legumes help deer through the winter.

"Planted deer forages should: 1) increase the nutrition available to deer, 2) be readily accepted, 3) be there when native forage is lacking in quantity and/or quality and 4) be adapted to the region and site. If the selected forages do not meet all four criteria, don't plant them!"

Higginbotham said a good rule of thumb when planting food plots is to plant three acres for every 100 acres of habitat. Of that total, two percent should

## Supplement Forages Can Fill Gaps In Deer Nutrition

be warm season forages planted in May and one percent should be cool season crops planted in September or early October. Most landowners opt for fewer, but larger warm season plots and smaller, but more numerous cool season plots. The smaller cool season plots provide hunting areas and are more heavily used than a single large plot would be during the winter.

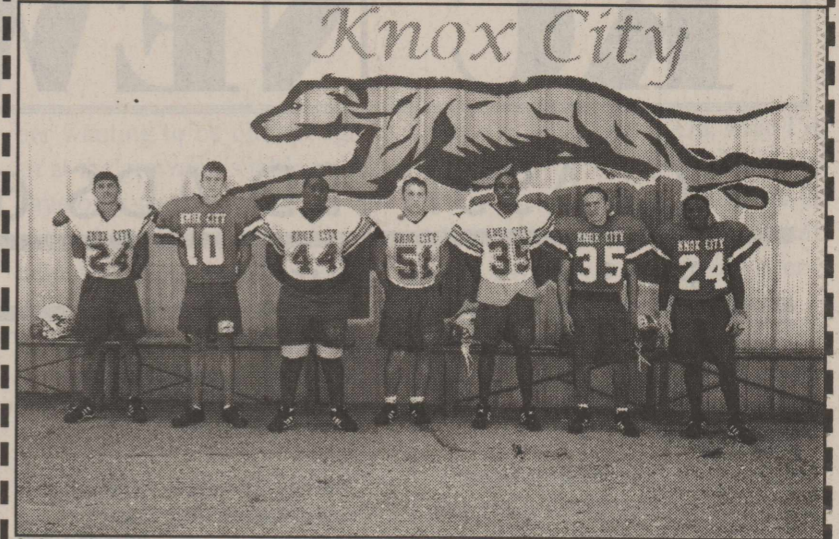
Recent research conducted at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center at Overton combined warm and cool season forage varieties for a Fall planting. The idea of planting a combination of a warm season variety (forage cowpea) with cool season forages (oats and arrowleaf clover) in the Fall is a unique concept according to Higginbotham. The warm season forage germinates quickly and serves as an attractant before the more traditional cool season varieties become available. This provides an opportunity to attract deer to a location early for those that begin their deer seasons in October using archery equipment or under the Managed Lands Deer Permit.

"If livestock are present, food plots should be fenced to stop competition," said Higginbotham. "Supplementing a deer herd with forages is no guarantee that bigger or more deer will be produced. But, to increase your odds of success, remember that forages should coincide with the deers' needs and be used with other deer management practices including population control and habitat management.

"Don't be afraid to experiment with your supplemental forage program. Plant different varieties and place wire enclosures on your plots to compare production and utilization of different forages. But remember, to get the 'most bang for your buck' forages must meet the 'four criteria' if they are to be useful and cost effective."

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left to right: Derrick Magana, Jordan Carter, L.B. Thompson, Kylin Delvalle, Jeremy Saxton, Sandro Garcia, Ricco McCrary

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## O'Brien Student Council News

by: Reagan Clark,  
Student Council Reporter

The first six weeks of school have been very busy for the O'Brien Student Council. We welcomed the 5th graders to Junior High, by throwing an Hawaiian theme lunch for them during school.

We have also been raising money for the hurricane victims. The students were allowed to wear shorts and caps to school for .50¢. Students are able to bring donations until Friday.

The Student Council has several fun events planned for this year and we are looking forward to a great year.

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## Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

Well we have had a few days of "fall like" weather but this week promises to be more "sunny". Weather folks tell us we may see triple digit temperatures the last of the week. The cool mornings and later afternoons and nights will probably remain so I guess a few more hot days won't hurt us. We know the cool and even cold days can't be too far away.

Leroy West is still in Harris Methodist Hospital in Ft. Worth and his condition is apparently deteriorating fairly rapidly. I talked with Gloria yesterday and she said he had a pretty rough day all day and very restless and just felt pretty miserable all day. The Drs. did another MRI on him Friday but no results as of Sunday. Plans are to bring him to the Munday Nursing Center within the next few days. Of course that all depends on how he is doing this week. If his condition worsens of course he will remain in the hospital.

My granddaughter, Beckie Keys of Childress has been in the Childress Hospital since Saturday a.m. She's had a bout with a kidney stone. Hopefully she will be dismissed today. Last night she said she was feeling better.

The Mustang's had an open date last week and will travel to Patton Springs Friday night for

the game. Jr. High hosted the Patton Jr. High team Thursday night and defeated them.

Thursday night Jr. High game is here with Jayton beginning at 5:30 p.m.

The volleyball game is the long awaited match between Knox City at Knox City. This should be a good set of games as this "friendly rivalry" begins. That's Tuesday September 20. It's Jr. High, J.V. and Varsity. The first game begins at 4:00.

Betty Manicelle of Marble Falls and Jimmy Mancille of Austin visited Jonnie Williams and Mary Bohannon during the week end and Jimmy got in some bird hunting.

Loraine Powers spent a few days in Midland this week visiting and attending to some business.

Lucas Cartwright spent the weekend with his sister, Ashley in Wichita Falls and attended the MSU and I believe, Se. Oklahoma football game Saturday night. Joy and Charles Jones have a Friday night commitment each Friday night as they travel to all parts of the area to watch the Vernon Lions in action. Their grandson, Chase Palvado is on the Lion's team.

Six week's of this new school year has come and gone and this

week report cards go out. Their will probably be varied reactions as parents see their kid's grades but hopefully most will be favorable.

Several folks have started having meetings for the youth of the community on Wednesday night. This is designed so the kids will have a place to meet and fellowship during the week when there are no school activities.

There's something for all ages from kindergarten, thru 12 grade. So if your child hasn't gotten involved ask around town. Someone can tell you who to see about getting started in this activity.

I think it's going to be a fun time for everyone. And even though we may not be active in the program we all can help by doing what we are asked when contacted. It's going to be a community endeavor.

There's lots of roofing going on around town. That early summer hail and wind did damage to a number of houses so the roofers have been quite busy. And today work began on the Baptist Church and parsonage. We had some more hail and wind last Wednesday night so those who escaped the first storm may have "caught it" this time. I know of some who are having theirs checked from that last storm.

### TxDOT HOST PRE-CONSTRUCTION MEETING TO DISCUSS THE UPCOMING PROJECT FOR THE US 82 REALIGNMENT THROUGH GUTHRIE



**CHILDRESS** - The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) hosted a pre-construction meeting on Monday, September 19, 2005 at the Guthrie Community Center. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the upcoming project for the realignment of US 82 through Guthrie with a grade separation at US 83/82 north of the city of Guthrie.

The \$16.7 million contract was awarded to Rushing Paving Company, LTD of Denison, TX. Barricades will be set starting September 29, 2005, with construction efforts to begin soon after that date, with 309 working days planned for this project.

Chief Inspector for TxDOT is Kirk Trooper. Randy Burns and John Walker are Project Superintendents for Rushing Paving Company.

This project will begin with construction of a wire fence on the 6666 ranch so the construction company can concentrate on the area from the Wichita River back to US 83. The second phase of this project is to begin dirt work to include the US 83 retaining walls and bridges. In February, 2006, the widening of US 82 will begin to tie into the new alignment of US 83. After completion of these phases, the south header of US 83 will be built to tie into US 82.

The realignment phase of US 82 will begin in June 2006. "The US 82 realignment will be built on ROW purchased from 6666 Ranch and will not disrupt the traveling public. The construction of the US 82 overpass will also improve safety," said Gary Mizer, Munday Area Engineer.

A grade separation will be constructed at the US 83/82 interchange north of Guthrie. To reflect the local art and culture of the city and region, plans are to place images of all recorded King County brands on the retaining walls of the grade separation. It is TxDOT's goal is to provide a highway system that is both attractive and safe.



High winds destroyed this grain elevator in Truscott last Wednesday.

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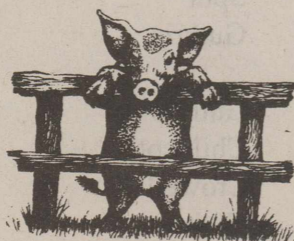
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## Knox County Historical Commission Meeting

The Knox County Historical Commission met Tuesday, September 13, 2005 at the Courthouse in Benjamin.

Activities for the past year were reviewed and plans for fundraisers and needs of the museum building project for the coming year were discussed.

Installation of outside doors and windows on the building has begun.

Insulation, upstairs storage flooring, electricity and other inside work will be one in coming

weeks.

Although \$37,061.30 has been raised toward the matching grant, a total of \$22,938.70 needs to be raised by next May to receive the \$33,000 offered.

The brick and stone markers honoring individuals and families have brought in \$18,920 so far. If Knox County residents and former residents purchase the same number of memorials before next May, it will be a major help in meeting the challenge grant qualifications.

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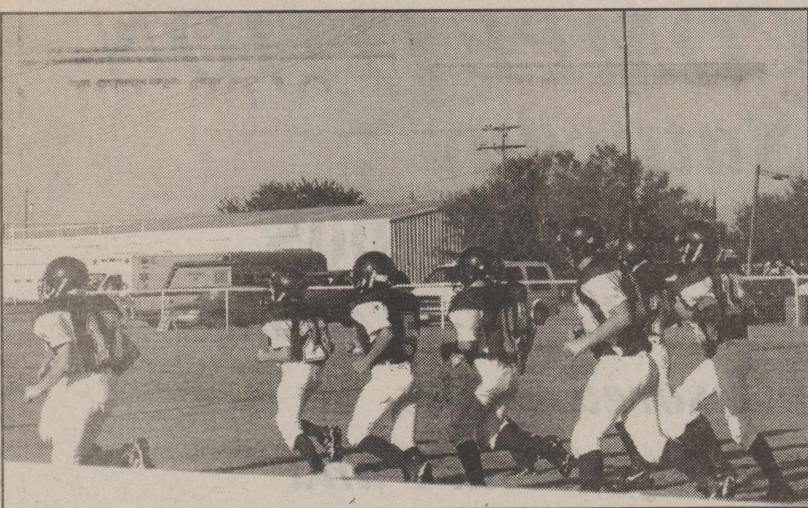
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## Benjamin Jr. High Remains Undefeated



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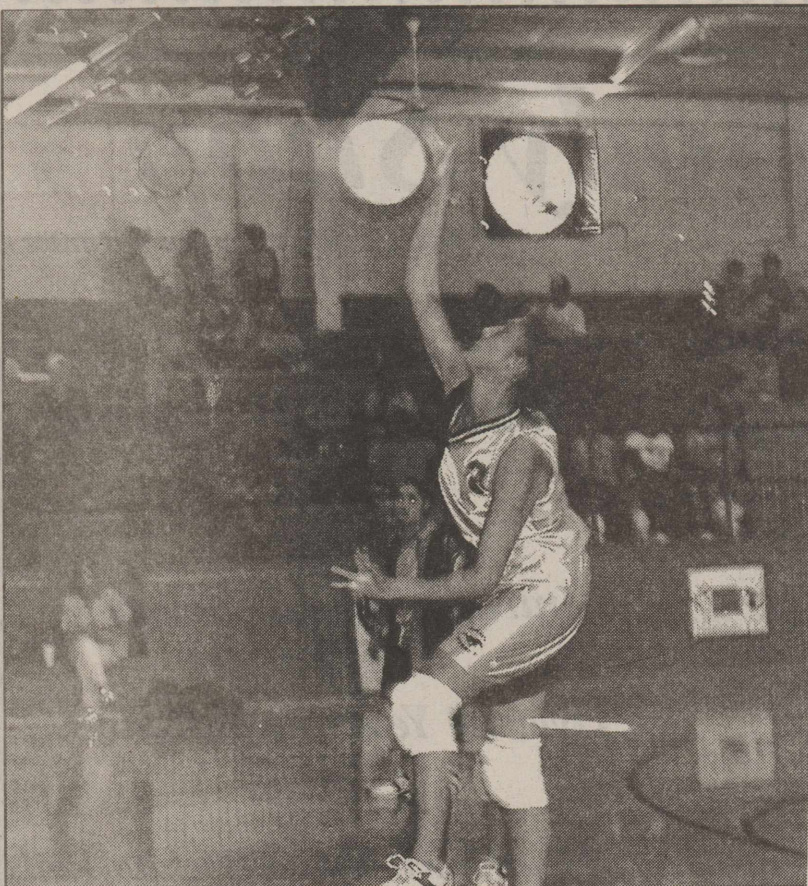
Derek Northrup scored both the touchdowns on hand offs from Quarter Back Cody Propps.

Mustang defense led by Mitchell Hamm, Jacob Siemens and

Blake Jones stopped the Rangers from seeing the end zone.

The Rangers came out after the half and on the first play scored. The Mustangs held off the Ranger's the remainder of the game but remained scoreless also.

The clock ran out and the Mustangs's recorded their second win 12-7.



Nafeesa Ebrehiem hits the ball at Tuesday's game

**Benjamin Mustangs Travel to Patton Springs Friday, September 23**

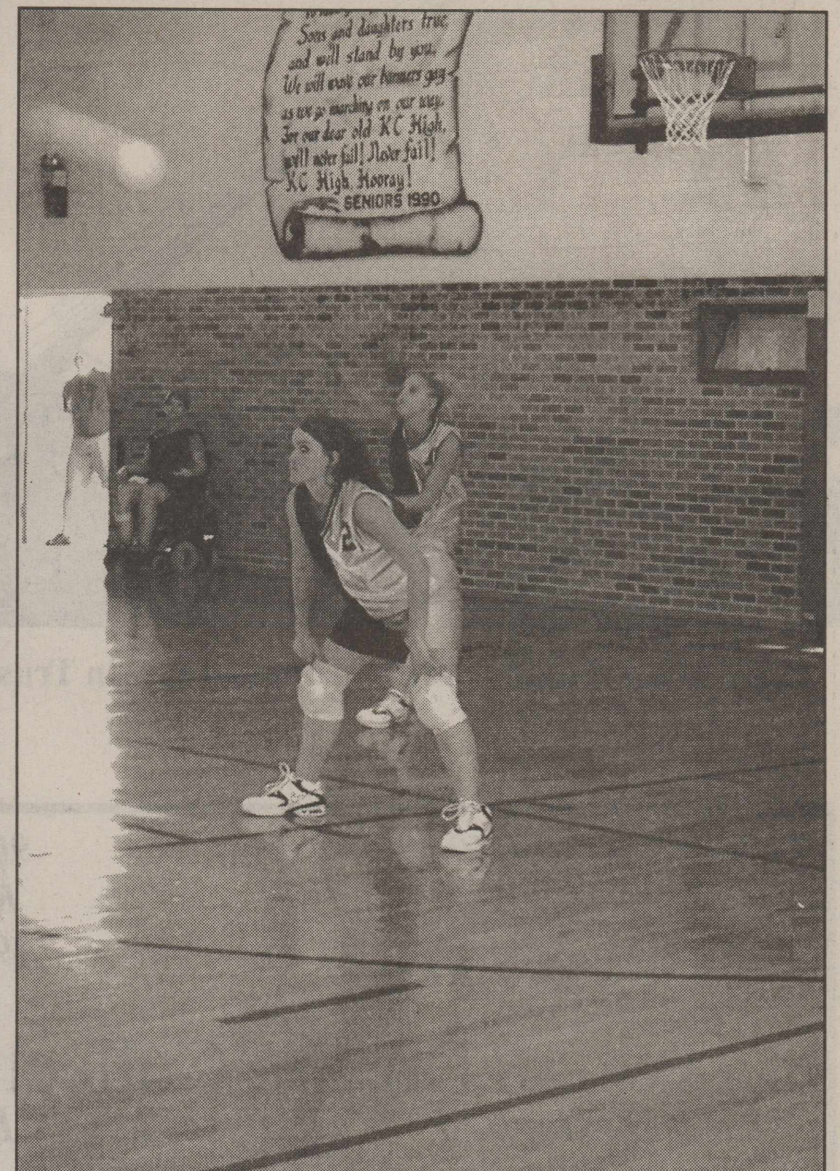


Cassie Lyles goes up for the hit



Becky Baldwin going for the ball

## Benjamin Lady Stangs Lose To Knox City Houndettes Tuesday Night



Kaitlyn Kuheler serves the ball as team mate Devon Jones gets ready

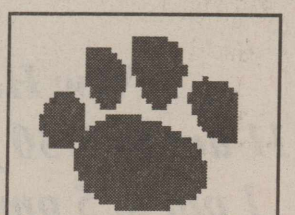
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Aug. 25	Paint Creek	Guthrie	7:00
Sept. 2	Spur	Spur	7:30
Sept. 9 H.C. #	Jayton	Guthrie	7:30
Sept. 16	Open		
Sept. 23 *District	Northside	Guthrie	7:30
Sept. 30 *District	Chillicothe	Chillicothe	7:30
Oct. 7 *District	Crowell	Crowell	7:30
Oct. 14 *District	Patton Springs	Guthrie	7:30
Oct. 21 *District	Motley County	Matador	7:30
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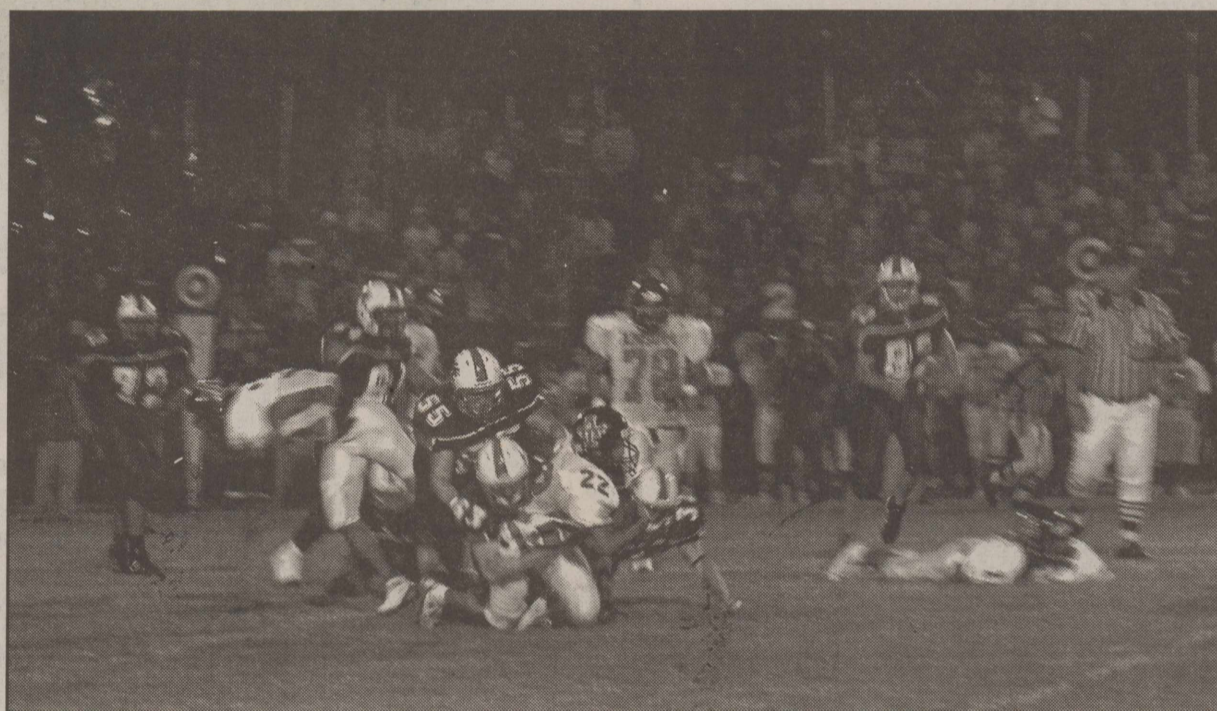
# Greyhounds Lose To Anson Tigers Season Record At 3-1

The KCHS Greyhounds were defeated by the Anson Tigers Friday night. With a score of 41-15, it puts the Hound's season record at 3-1. The Tigers were a worthy opponent for the Hounds as the score was back and forth in the first quarter. A 23 yard pass from Andy Shaver to Jeremy Saxton resulted in the first touchdown of the game. The Tiger's answered back though with their own 8

yard run that led to a Tiger TD. As they went into the second quarter, the Hound's were down with a score of 14-7 after an "end of the quarter" touchdown pass for another Tiger touchdown, but it wouldn't stay that way for long. A 5 yard touchdown run by Anson, left KC heading into the locker room with a 21-7 halftime score. A pumped up and determined team came onto the

field at the beginning of the third quarter, but the Tiger's defense proved too much for the Hound's to overcome. Anson's running game led to another touchdown for the Tiger's and put them up 28-7. In the fourth and final quarter, the mighty Greyhound's tried their best to pull out a last minute victory, but came up short. After two more scores for the Tiger's the Hound's offen-

sive line opened up a hole for a 4 yard touchdown run by Cody Wainscott. In the waning moments of the fourth quarter, the Hounds once again showed their "never say die attitude" with a defensive stand that lead to a safety, but when the final seconds ticked away and the buzzer sounded through the jam packed Greyhound stadium the final score was 41-15.



Greyhounds defense hard at work

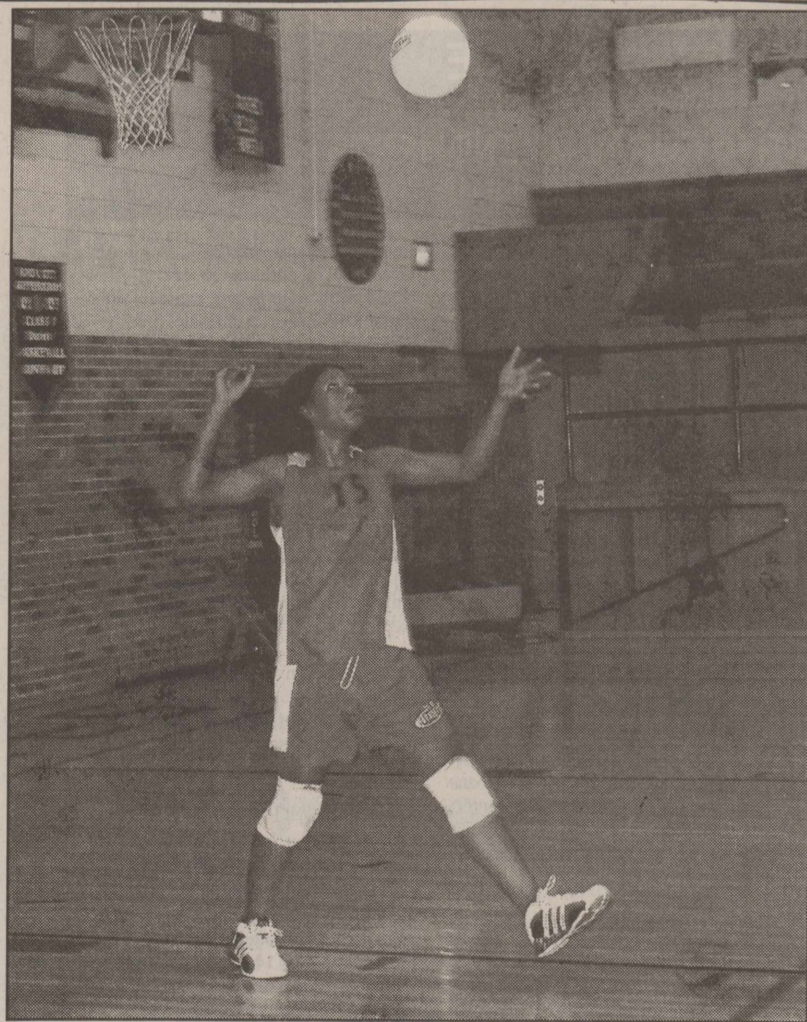
## O'Brien Jr High Wins Against Stamford

The O'Brien Bulldogs football team is hitting the ground running. So far they have a 2-0 record after dominating the Stamford Bulldogs with a final score of 31-14, and defeating the Anson Tigers 18-14.

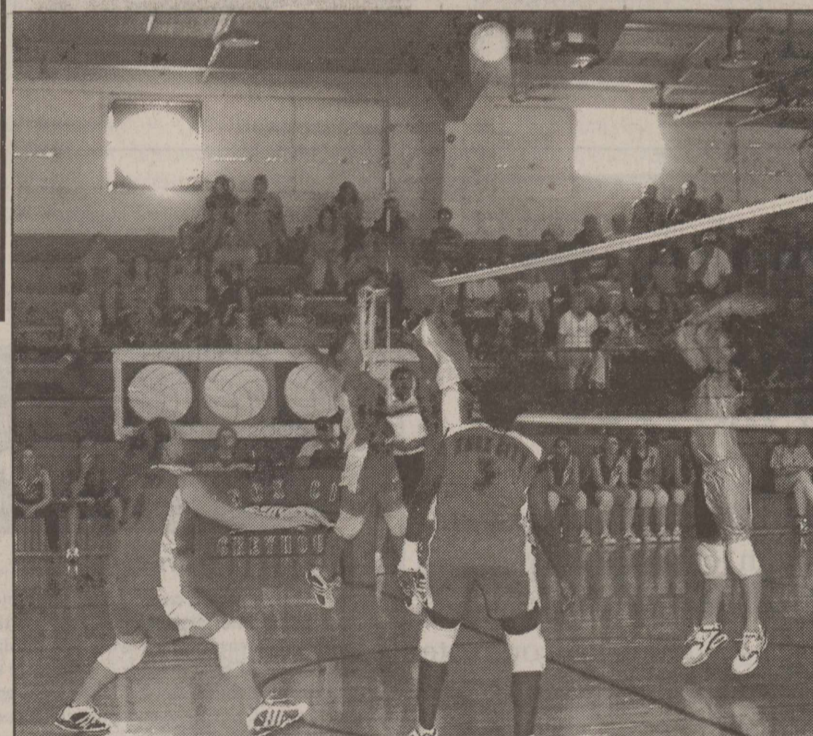
Coach Colin Howeth is very

pleased with the team's performance.

"We have a good team this yet, but we still have a lot to work on and a ways to go." The Bulldogs play this Thursday in Baird as they try to keep their winning streak alive.



Kayla Martin serves the ball at Tuesday nights game.



Indira Monge spikes ball Tuesday night in game against Benjamin Lady Stangs

## Houndettes Win Over Lady Stangs

It was a night of firsts last night as the O'Brien and Benjamin junior high had their first game of the season, and the JV and Varsity teams went into their first district games. BJH Lady Stangs are excited about starting off with their first victory over the O'Brien Bulldogs. The final game count ended at 25-13 in the first, and 25-12 in the second. It was only 5 on 6 but that didn't stop the Lady Stangs from winning their two in a row.

The BHS JV team can hold their heads high as they also go home with another victory under their belts. Despite their best efforts, the Houndettes just weren't able to come back from a 25-12 final in the first game that led to a 25-17 defeat in the second. Both teams had the communication and team working abilities, but it was in Benjamin's control for the gratifying end over their

toughest adversaries.

KCHS Varsity answered back to the Benjamin Stangs that defeated their younger comrades as they came out on top with a close and hard earned win of three in a row. 25-17 ended the first game, 25-22 in a closer second, and 25-19 in the third. "We worked hard and worked as a team tonight", says varsity coach Colby Davis, "we knew that we would have to show up ready to play if ever wanted to win against a tough team like Benjamin."

And that was certainly the case. These two extraordinary teams truly gave the dedicated fans something to cheer about. You could smell the determination and competitiveness in the air. Indira Monge was named the Houndette player of the game by coach Davis as she took part in the victory over her old teammates.

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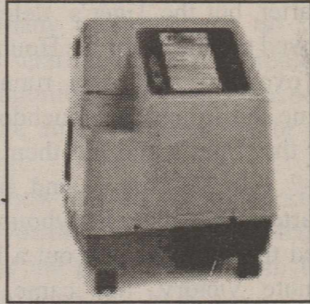
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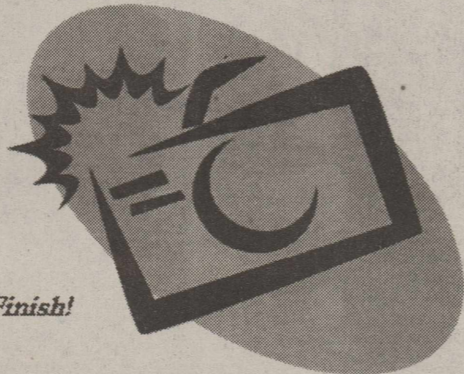
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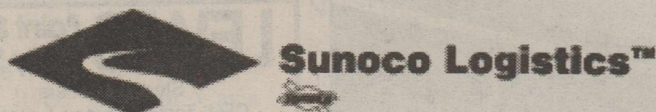
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### PROPOSITION 1 (HJR 54)

HJR 54 would create a Texas rail relocation and improvement fund in the state treasury and would authorize grants of state revenue and issuance of public debt to relocate, rehabilitate, and expand privately and publicly owned passenger and freight rail facilities and to construct railroad underpasses and overpasses.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment creating the Texas rail relocation and improvement fund and authorizing grants of money and issuance of obligations for financing the relocation, rehabilitation, and expansion of rail facilities."

### PROPOSITION 2 (HJR 6)

HJR 6 would provide that marriage in Texas is solely the union of a man and woman, and that the state and its political subdivisions could not create or recognize any legal status identical to or similar to marriage, including such legal status relationships created outside of Texas.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing that marriage in this state consists only of the union of one man and one woman and prohibiting this state or a political subdivision of this state from creating or recognizing any legal status identical or similar to marriage."

### PROPOSITION 3 (HJR 80)

HJR 80 would provide that local economic development program loans or grants (other than debts secured by a pledge of ad valorem taxes or financed by the issuance of any bonds or other obligations payable from ad valorem taxes) do not constitute or create debt. Any provision of state constitutional law that may prohibit or limit the authority of a political subdivision of the state to incur debt does not apply to those loans or grants.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment clarifying that certain economic development programs do not constitute a debt."

### PROPOSITION 4 (SJR 17)

SJR 17 would authorize a district judge to deny reinstatement of bail or new bail to a person accused of a felony, if the person's bail had been revoked or forfeited as a result of the person's violation of a condition of release related to the safety of a victim of the alleged offense or to the safety of the community.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the denial of bail to a criminal defendant who violates a condition of the defendant's release pending trial."

### PROPOSITION 5 (SJR 21)

SJR 21 would authorize the Legislature to exempt commercial loans from state usury laws that set maximum interest rates. "Commercial loans" are loans made primarily for business, commercial, investment, agricultural, or similar purposes and not primarily for personal, family, or household purposes.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment allowing the legislature to define rates of interest for commercial loans."

### PROPOSITION 6 (HJR 87)

HJR 87 would increase the size of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct from eleven to thirteen members by increasing from four to five the number of public members and by adding a constitutional county court judge. The additions would ensure that the commission has an odd number of members, which is required by another provision of the state constitution.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to include one additional public member and a constitutional county court judge in the membership of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct."

### PROPOSITION 7 (SJR 7)

SJR 7 would authorize new options for reverse mortgage agreements for senior homeowners allowing them to draw advances at unscheduled intervals, if and when needed, and only in the

amounts needed, during the loan term. These are in addition to options that would allow a lump sum payment after settlement or regular periodic, predetermined equal amounts over a term of years or the lifetime of the homeowner. Additionally, SJR 7 would: (1) prohibit the agreement from requiring the use of a credit card, debit card or similar device to obtain an advance; (2) prohibit the charge or collection of a transaction fee solely in connection with any debit or advance, after the time the extension of credit is established; and (3) prohibit the lender or holder from unilaterally amending the extension of credit.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing line-of-credit advances under a reverse mortgage."

### PROPOSITION 8 (SJR 40)

SJR 40 would clear individual land titles by relinquishing and releasing all claims of state ownership interests, including mineral interests, in two local areas, namely, a roughly 4,600 acre area located roughly 14 miles southeast of Gilmer, Texas, and a separate 900 acre area located north of Tyler, Texas.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the clearing of land titles by relinquishing and releasing any state claim to sovereign ownership or title to interest in certain land in Upshur County and in Smith County."

### PROPOSITION 9 (HJR 79)

HJR 79 would authorize the Legislature to provide staggered six year terms of office for board members serving on regional mobility authorities, with no more than one-third of the board positions being appointed every two years.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for a six-year term for a board member of a regional mobility authority."

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