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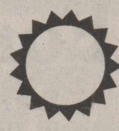
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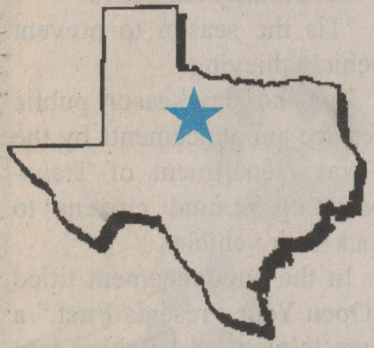
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Looking Ahead

• Knox County Retired School Personnel Second Annual Bake Sale

The Knox County Retired School Personnel second annual bake sale, will be at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 8th, in front of the Knox City Lawrence Brothers Grocery. This year's sale will include casseroles in addition to a variety of desserts. The money raised from the sale will assist in sending delegates to the state Texas Retired Teachers Association.

• Haskell COC Annual Lighted Christmas Parade
The Haskell Chamber of Commerce Lighted Christmas Parade is December 8 at 6:00 p.m. in downtown Haskell. For more information please contact Sally Rueffer at the Chamber of Commerce Office at 940-864-2477.

• Santa Letters
Santa Letters are due into the NEWS office by Monday, December 10 by noon. They will be printed in our special Christmas issue Thursday, December 20.

• Benjamin Community Christmas Program
The annual Benjamin Community Christmas Program will be held on Sunday, December 16 at 6:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Benjamin.

• Santa Claus is coming to Benjamin!
The Benjamin Volunteer Fire Department is bringing Santa Claus to town on Monday, December 17 at 7:00 p.m. Santa will be at the Benjamin Church of Christ annex this year. Everyone is welcome and refreshments will be served.

• 7th Annual Cowboy Christmas Ball
Benjamin, Saturday, December 22 at 8:00 p.m., featuring America's Most Versatile Dance Band "The Bob Wills' Texas Playboys with Grammy Award Winner Tommy Allsup and Legendary Leon Rausch, with special guest DeAnne Roberts Winner of ABC-TV Prime Time "Six Degrees of Martina McBride" The Sidekicks will open the fun-filled show of music and dancing. \$25 Capacity Limited. Tickets Limited, advanced purchase suggested, table for ten can be reserved with advance purchase. Contact J.W. Sollis at 940-655-3413 or 940-839-7870, e-mail jwsollis@yahoo.com.

Malaya Trevino Named Cutest Baby During Duckwall's Cutest Baby Contest



L-R: Julia Hardin, Leilani Trevino, Malaya Trevino, held by her father, Tommy Trevino and Sherry Hacker of the Knox County Child Welfare Board

Julia Hardin, manager of Duckwall's in Knox City, presented a check in the amount of \$582.61 to the Knox County Child Welfare Board, represented by Sherry Hacker. The money was raised during Duckwall's

annual Cutest Baby Contest.

Winner of the contest was Malaya Trevino, daughter of Tommy and Leilani Trevino. Malaya also received a \$25 gift certificate from Duckwall's to be used in store.

Knox County EEA Members Attend Training

Members from the Knox County Extension Education Association accompanied by CEA-FCS, Lorrie Coop, traveled to Mineral Wells to attend a district training meeting hosted by the Palo Pinto Clubs.

The meeting was led by District Director, Ola Culwell.

Fifty two members from across the Rolling Plains District received some valuable training including training for the chairman and vice chairman of clubs and how to make meetings more fun.

Everyone enjoyed a barbecue lunch and door prizes.

The next district meeting will be in Henrietta in the spring.

If you would like to learn more about Knox County EEA, please contact the Extension office at 459-2651.

The mission of this group is



Pictured from left to right: Barbara Collins, Cathye Williams, Pam Mongrain, Margaret Hill, and Lorrie Coop

to strengthen individuals and families through continuing education, leadership development and community service.

The clubs of Knox County are the Munday EEA Club, which

meets on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at the Perry Patton Community Center at 2:30; and the Knox City Circle Club, which meets on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6:00 p.m.

Special Grave Marker Placed At Texas Ranger John Stengel's Grave

A special grave marker was placed at Texas Ranger John Frederick Stengel's grave at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery at Rhineland, Texas on Saturday, December 1, 2007 by his descendant, grandson Charles J. Albus of Pampa, Texas.

The special marker was given in commemoration of the service rendered and the sacrifices made by Ranger Stengel, of "D" Company by the Former Rangers Association.

John Frederick Stengel was born on 10 November 1854 at New Orleans, Louisiana.

His father was John Stengel and his mother was Barbara Huber, both born in Germany.

John joined Company "D" of the Frontier Battalion of the Texas Ranger on June 1, 1876, serving under Lieutenant F. M. Moore and Captain D. W. Roberts until August 31, 1878.

His service was in the Menard County area. It is believed that he was a baker/cook with the Texas Rangers.

Stengel married Wilhelmina Decker on September 9, 1878 at Austin, Texas.

To this union was born five children, Frederick, Katherine, John, Mary and Charles.

In 1889, John and his sons, Fred and John, along with his brother-in-laws, Fred, Louis, and John Decker quarried and hauled by horse and wagon limestone rock from a quarry northeast of Menardville to build the first Catholic Church



Front row kneeling - 1st Robert Smajstrla, Seynour, great grandson; 2nd John Smajstrla, Seymour, great grandson; 3rd Trish (Smajstrla) Sturgeon, Seymour, great granddaughter; 4th Margaret (Smajstrla,) Wichita Falls, great granddaughter; First row - 1st Emily Marnell, Hereford, great great granddaughter; 2nd Cindy Marnell Hereford, great great granddaughter; 3rd man red jacket; 4th Richard Smajstrla, Seymour, great grandson; 6th Phil Ryan, Decatur, former Captian Texas Rangers; 7th Carl Weathers, Lubbock, former Captian Texas Rangers; 8th Ethel (Stengel) Birkenfeld, Goree, granddaughter; 9th Milred (Stengel Smajstrla, Seymour, granddaughter; 10th Sandy (Smajstrla) Lane, Seymour, great granddaughter; 11th Charles J. Albus, Pampa, grandson. Second row: 1st Gerald Marnell, Hereford, great grandson; 2nd Dylan Rogers, Wichita Falls, great great grandson; 3rd Shad Sturgeon, Seymour, great great grandson; 4th, David Albus, Knox City, great grandson; 5th Gene Brown, Rhineland, great grandson; 6th Jimmy Smajstrla, Seymour, great grandson; 7th lady dark glasses; 8th Bernard Brown, Rhineland, great grandson; 9th Valera Hertel, Rhineland, great granddaughter; 10th side of face behind # 9; 11th, Gaylon Albus, Rhineland, great grandson.

in the diocese of San Angelo. Sacred Heart Catholic Church was dedicated in 1899.

On June 9, 1985 this church was dedicated as a historical site.

After the census on June 11, 1900, John F. Stengel and brother-in-law Fred Decker and family moved from Menard to Rhineland, Texas.

He moved everything that

could be hauled in a wagon and hack or herded by horse-back; hogs were sold because they walked too slowly.

This trip to Rhineland was about 175 miles and took about

3 weeks on the road. John settled on a farm three miles west of Rhineland. He was a farmer, rancher and school board trustee.

■ See STENDEL Page 5



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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - Speaker Tom Craddick on Nov. 28 and 29 released lists of legislative interim charges for House committees to study and report on before the 81st Legislature convenes on Jan. 13, 2009.

Here are only a few of the dozens of subjects our lawmakers will be taking a close look at in their respective committees:

- Identity theft;
• Voter fraud;
• College scholarships and student support programs;

Lawmakers Receive Study Assignments For '09 Session

- Creation, use, maintenance and preservation of electronic documents;
• Economic development and job growth programs;
• Immigration enforcement and border security;
• Jury service by citizens;
• Protection of homebuyers in mortgage fraud schemes; and
• State employee pay and benefit packages.

Texas House will see new faces

Change is certain in at least seven the 150 seats of the Texas House of Representatives.

Not seeking re-election are state Reps. Dianne White Delisi, R-Temple; Robby Cook, D-Eagle Lake; Mike Krusee, R-Round Rock; Fred Hill, R-Richardson; and Mike O'Day, R-Pearland.

State Rep. Anna Mowery, R-Fort Worth, already resigned, and will be replaced in a Dec. 18 special election run-

off to fill her vacant seat.

State Rep. Robert Talton, R-Pasadena, gave up his seat to run for Congress. He is seeking his party's nomination for U.S. Congressional Dist. 22, the seat held from 1984-2006 by former U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay. Now holding the seat is U.S. Rep. Nick Lampson, D-Stafford.

State Rep. Rick Noriega, D-Houston, on Dec. 3 announced he will seek his party's nomination to run against incumbent U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-San Antonio.

As far as can be discerned at this point, all sitting state senators intend to hold onto their seats.

Christmas trees arrive at Capitol

On Nov. 28, the state Capitol received shipment of three evergreen trees from a Texas farm in Palestine, including one called "The Angel Tree."

According to House Speaker Tom Craddick's office, the Angel Tree will be decorated with gift tags for 115 foster children currently under the care of Child Protective Services. The tree is on display in the Capitol Extension outside the Capitol Grill cafeteria.

The other two trees will be placed in the governor's and the lieutenant governor's reception rooms.

Crop year 2007 looks like record

Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples announced on Nov. 29 record agriculture production estimates for 2007.

For the first time in history, he said, projections show the Texas agriculture industry will surpass \$100 billion in economic impact for the state. The previous high was \$85 billion in 2004.

Some of the largest increases this year are from crops

used to produce biofuels. Production of grain sorghum was up 440 percent compared with last year, while corn production increased 91 percent, Staples said.

No steroid testing firm named yet

Last spring, the Legislature passed Senate Bill 8, a law requiring random drug testing of Texas high school student athletes, regardless of sport, gender or participation level.

Nearly three-quarters of a million Texas high school students participate in athletics.

The random testing, with oversight by the University Interscholastic League, was supposed to begin in the current school year, but did not, and the UIL has not awarded the testing contract.

The UIL did say Nov. 28 its list of banned steroids will mirror the NCAA's banned anabolic agent list, which con-

tains the names of more than 25 drugs.

TxDOT warns holiday shoppers

'Tis the season to prevent vehicle thieving.

Two holiday season public service announcements by the Texas Department of Transportation remind citizens to lock their vehicles.

In the announcement titled "Open Your Presents First," a man is pictured breaking into a car.

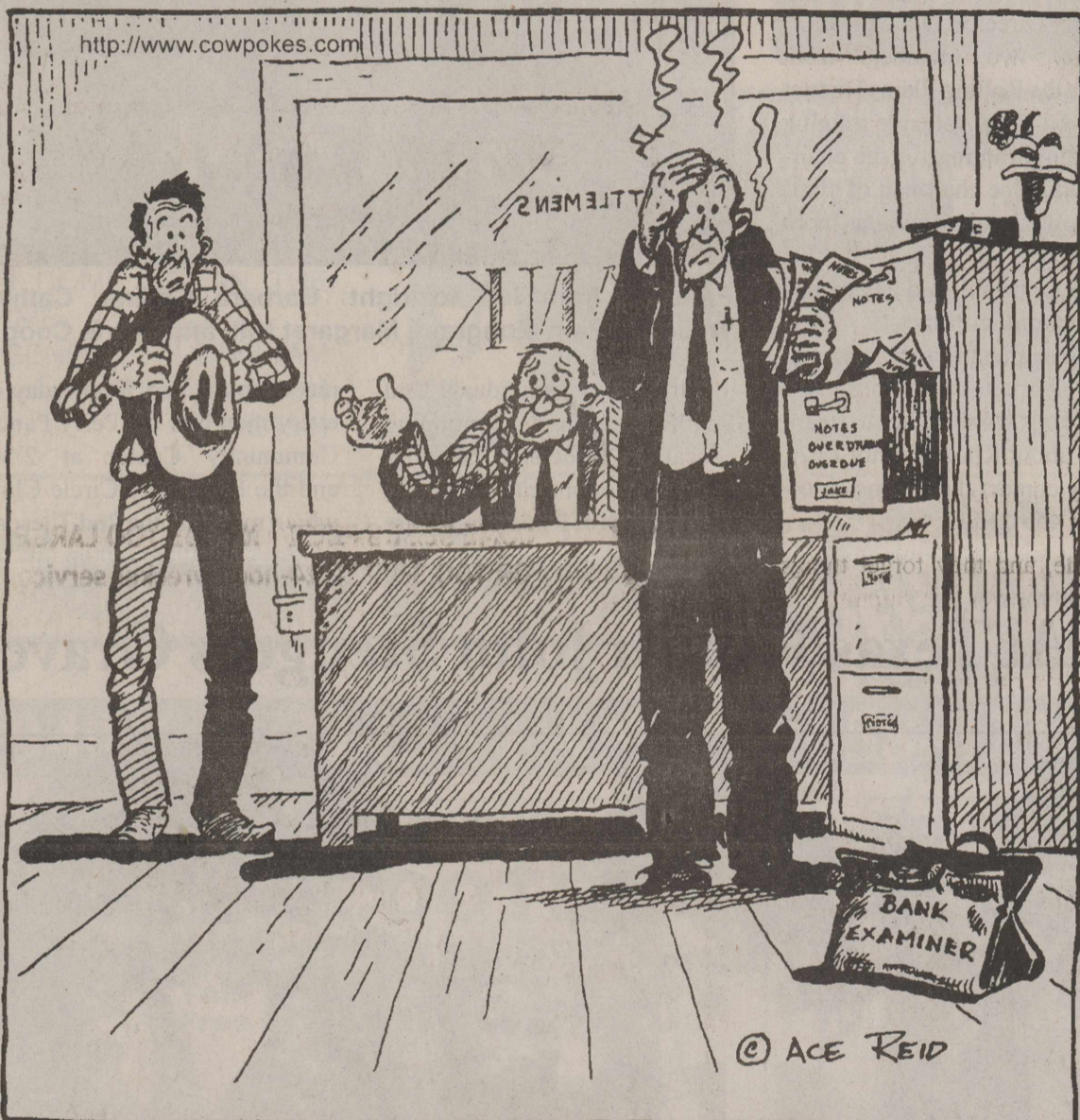
The other announcement has a banner that reads, "To a Thief, These Are Holiday Store Windows," and shows cars in a typical parking lot scene.

Group names Perry chairman

The Republican Governors Association elected Texas Gov. Rick Perry chairman for 2008 at the group's annual meeting Nov. 30 at Dana Point, Calif.

COW POKES

By Ace Reid



"Jake, Mr. Bank Examiner says that after examining your notes, he wants to examine my head."

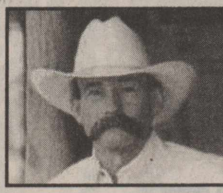


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Crossword puzzle titled 'TEXAS CROSSWORD' with clues and a grid.



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The Flying Cowboy

By Baxter Black, DVM

A picture is worth a thousand words.

The setting: A rodeo arena in front of the bucking chutes. The chute gate is opened flat back against the fence. Spectators on the left side in the bleachers look mesmerized. A cowboy on the catwalk behind the open chute has an "I don't believe it!" countenance on his face.

The photographer has captured the bull from the left hindquarter angle. The bull's hind feet are planted, his front feet well off the ground and his big horned head appears to be inches from the arena fence. The bull rider is sitting upright, legs tight around the girth and hat missing.

So far, so so. But what distinguishes this photograph is the presence of a cowboy, not the rider, arms straight along his sides, legs together, hat on his head in what one could describe as a skier lifting from the edge of the swooping ski jump. The flying cowboy's left boot is obscured by the bull rider's head.

Judging from his relationship to the slide rail above the chutes, the apogee of his arc will be 12 feet above the arena floor.

Your first thought is that someone skilled in graphic arts has "dubbed" the flying cowboy into the picture. But the photo has aged (as have all the rodeo pictures from our youth) and it looks real. I mean, where would you find a picture of a flying cowboy that you cut and paste over the bull rider in the first place? At an Olympic diving competition when the competitors were required to wear boots, jeans and a hat? Or maybe a cowboy bachelor party where they were bobbing for apples in the stock tank? OR an extreme cowboy contest that involved being fired from a cannon?

No, you come away thinking it must be authentic. The real story is; the flying cowboy was the gate man. He let the bull out and waited behind the gate. The bull began to bang his head on the gate, mashing the cowboy who side-stepped to the right, out of harm's way... or so he thought. The bull swung after him, charged, lifted and literally slung the cowboy into orbit. In fact, on his descent caught in the photo, he kicked the bull rider in the head! You will not find this photograph in the National Cowboy Hall of Fame and Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City or the PRC Hall of Fame in Colorado Springs. It is on display behind the hat steaming table in Crutcher's Western Store in Lawton, Oklahoma.

Oh, one more thing. In the photo, the flying cowboy appears to be looking down at the bull ride in progress like a man who just spit off the Empire State Building and wants to see where it lands. I guess the caption for the photo could be, "Splat!"

Dumb Crook News



"Hmmm. There's Something Different About You."

Police in Stoystown, Pennsylvania, say that a man fled a traffic stop, went home, shaved his mustache and changed his clothes, and reported the truck that he was driving as stolen.

Conemaugh Township police say that they stopped the man, identified as 50-year-old Robert Sadlon, for a broken taillight on the night of Thanksgiving and he ran off. Later, the same officer went top Sadlon's home to investigate the falsely-reported theft. Then, he found a just-shaven Sadlon in different clothes.

Sadlon is charged with drunken driving, escape and related charges.

Three Arrested After Returning Printer With Counterfeit Money Inside

Police in Augusta, Georgia, say that three people wanted easy money, but instead made themselves an easy target for authorities. Police arrested the trio on the evening of November 28 after a Harlem man tried to return a printer to a Target store there with counterfeit money printed inside the machine.

A clerk told police that she was checking the package returned by the man, identified as 35-year-old Michael Jerome Chatman when she noticed a piece of paper inside the printer. On it were copies of a \$20 and \$10 bill, a Richmond County sheriff's report states.

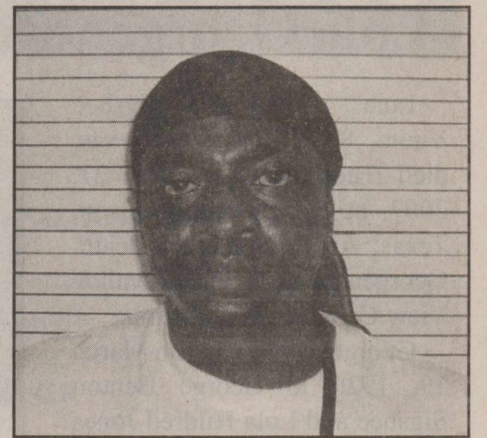
Police say that Chatman quickly grabbed the printer and ran from the store but was stopped by a Richmond County deputy outside. They arrested 30-year-old Tiara Green and 24-year-old Kotto Yaphet Green both of the 3300 block of Jonathan Circle, and Chatman on charges of second-degree forgery, according to the report. Upon searching Chatman, police found a real \$20 bill that matched the copy inside the printer.

Anita Hopson, an investigator in the sheriff's technical crimes division, said that it is not often that individuals are caught in the process of making money. However, she said, they sometimes forget to cover their tracks.

"People get wrapped up in the crime, and they forget things," Investigator Hopson said. "In this situation it was just stupidity."

Gary Dixon Gets 90 Years

District Attorney David W. Hajek brought two cases against Gary Dixon to trial before District Judge W.H. Heatly in the 50th Judicial District Court in Seymour during the week of November 26, 2007. Both cases against Dixon were for possession of Crack Cocaine. District Attorney Hajek asked a Baylor County jury to send a message to others involved with drugs.



Gary Dixon

This jury, made up of nine women and three men, returned guilty verdicts in both cases.

In a case arising from a January 2006 arrest of Dixon for possession of 3.75 grams of Crack Cocaine, the jury assessed a punishment of 20 years confinement in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. This was the maximum sentence allowable by law for this offense. In a second case arising from an arrest of Dixon in June 2006, for possession of 4.43 grams of Crack Cocaine, the jury assessed a punishment of 90 years confinement in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Hajek stated that the law requires that Dixon will serve these two sentences concurrently.

During the punishment phase of the trial, Hajek presented evidence that Gary Dixon had already been sentenced to the penitentiary on two prior occasions. He argued to the jury that a long prison sentence for Gary Dixon was not just about punishment, but was more importantly about the protection of our children, grand children, and the community as a whole. He further asked the jury to send a message to others involved with drugs in Baylor County and to tell them the price they will pay for their actions.

Gary Dixon will begin serving his 90-year sentence immediately.

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Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,
 After the overwhelming amount of thought you put into Alyssa Casillas' Jump Rope for Heart story, I wanted to give you an update on her procedure and recovery. First and foremost, I would like to thank everyone that prays/prayed for Alyssa and me. I appreciate it more than words can express. Secondly, for those that are not aware of what's been going on, please let me explain... In October, Alyssa had her regular six month cardiac check up. During the appointment, she had an echocardiogram (echo). The results of her echo were different than the one taken previously, the year before. Her cardiologist scheduled Alyssa to have a heart cath. On Wednesday, November 28th, Alyssa underwent this procedure. While in her, the surgeon realized that Alyssa's previous stint had closed some. He also noticed that in two different areas of Alyssa's heart, her red and blue blood was mixing. Due to Alyssa's unique heart, this was causing stress on her oxygen level. So, the surgeon took the old stint out and placed another. The old stint looked a lot like chicken wire; some of her blood was crossing paths through it and mixing. However, this new stint is high tech., it is solid and longer. It will prevent any blood from passing through. On the other side of Alyssa's heart, the doctor installed a mushroom shaped cork that closed off a vessel that formed itself and was creating the mixed blood. After her procedure, Alyssa's heart rate began to drop. I knew that she had gone through some major repairs and that it would take time for her body to adapt. Even with that being known, I panicked. I had a bawling fit... I began wondering what the heck the surgeon had done to mess up her heart... I thought that he may have fixed one problem but created another... Needless to say, I finally gave the situation to God. I found out that Alyssa's heart rate had nothing to do with the procedure. I also found out that the heart rate Alyssa has is perfectly normal for her... Common sense should have told me that her having half a heart, half of a heart rate will come with it. I am pleased to say that, Alyssa is doing great now. She is still recovering. We are home and have our nights and days totally screwed up. I too am still recovering... I think with all of the things that Alyssa and I have endured, she is my hero... I hope to be as big of a sport as she is one day... She is such an amazing gal... Thanks for hearing me out.... Once again, thank you for the remarkable story you wrote about Alyssa.

~ Mellisa Casillas-Wade

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OBITUARIES

Lola Georgene Sigsbee Vinita

Lola Georgene Sigsbee Vinita, 87, of Lueders, Texas, died Tuesday, November 27, 2007, at a hospital in Anson, Texas. At the time of her death, Georgene was living at Valley View Care Center in Anson.

Georgene was born on March 19, 1920 to George Benton Sigsbee and Lola Hildred Jones Sigsbee at Lenora, Kansas. The family moved to Rolla, Kansas, where Georgene graduated from Rolla High School in 1938. She belonged to the Civil Air patrol (CAP) at Dodge City, Kansas, and worked in the Civil Service at various air bases, having helped open and close air bases during and after World War II.

Georgene lived in Knox City for over 20 years before moving to Abilene, Texas, where she worked at Abilene State School as an L.V.N.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her former husband, John Vinita; one daughter, Johnnie Jeanette Vinita of Abilene; her brother, George Benton Sigsbee; a sister, Regis Scott; and a daughter-in-law, Cathy A. Callaway Vinita.

She is survived by two children, Lola Shirlene Vinita-Hutto



of Lueders, Texas, and John Benton Vinita of Benbrook, Texas; two grandchildren, James Michael Hutto and Soyya Nicole Vinita; two sisters, Ardis Jannice Allen of Dodge City, Kansas, and Avis Yvonne Deane of Greeley, Colorado; and several beloved nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, December 10, at the Knox City Four Square Church with burial in Knox City Cemetery.

Georgene will be missed by all of her family and her many friends.

In lieu of flowers, please make gifts in memory of Lola G. Vinita payable to the Knox City Four Square Church in Knox City, Texas.

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The family of Sterling Lewis wishes to thank the many friends and neighbors who brought food, called, offered prayers, made memorials, visited or served at the luncheon. The many who sent flowers and plants or who attended church service and visitation. To Knox County Hospital and Haskell Memorial Hospital; for the flowers, plants, love offerings, all the food that you brought, testify to the love of our friends. Each of you have blessed our family for this we thank you.
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Tokebea Hughey from the Knox City Elementary ropes the roping dummy during last weeks "Ag Day" as Tim Trimble looks on

Last week, third and fourth gradestudents from Benjamin, Knox City and Munday were able to experience how life on the farm works when they attended the second annual "Ag Day" in Munday. The event was sponsored Knox County Farm Bureau.

Several stations were in rotation for the students to visit, and included booths explaining cotton and wheat harvesting, roping dummies for the students to rope, a tractor with a spray rig, animal skins and skulls and a trailer featuring a dairy cow being milked by an automatic milking machine.

Students from Knox City and Munday also had their project show animals set up

for viewing. High school 4-H and FFA students from the county schools where at each station along with Farm Bureau representatives and helped explain to the young students about the different agricultural processes represented, and also farm safety.

Parker Implement and Quality Implement, both of Munday, each donated a toy tractor to give away.

Knox County Farm Bureau plans to continue the event annually.

"It's been a real success," said Knox County Farm Bureau Agency Manager John Loftin. "Kid's don't realize where all that stuff comes from."

Stengel Honored With Grave Marker — Continued

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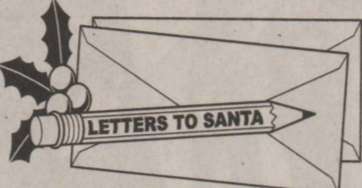
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ORDER PROHIBITING OUTDOOR BURNING

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OR

[Whereas, the Commissioners' Court finds that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning;]

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of King County that all outdoor burning is prohibited in the unincorporated areas for 90 days from the date of the adoption of this Order, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a pursuant to Local Government Code 352.081, and other applicable statutes. This Order does not prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for: (1) firefighting training; (2) public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations; (3) planting or harvesting of agricultural crops; or, (4) burns that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager certified under Section 153.048, Natural Resources Code, and meet the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resources Code.

In accordance with Local Government Code 352.081 (h), a violation of this Order is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$5,000.00.

ADOPTED this 12th day of November 2007 by a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

/s/ Duane Daniel
King County Judge

Attest:
/s/ Jammye D. Timmons
King County Clerk

(Published December 6, 2007)

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF NOMINATION PERIOD

Public Notice

The Knox City-O'Brien CISD is now accepting nominations for the Gifted/Talented program for the school year. This program is designed for students with exceptional intellectual and creative thinking abilities. Anyone wishing to nominate a student attending Knox City - O'Brien CISD in kindergarten through twelfth grade this year is asked to go by the office of your student's campus and request a copy of the nomination form. This form must be returned to the school by December 20, 2007. Those unable to go by the school should call 940-657-3427 to request a form be sent to them.

Noticia Publica

La escuela de Knox City - O'Brien CISD ahora esta planeando para el programa de Talentoso (Gifted/Talented) por el ano escolar. Este programa se diseña para los estudiantes con capacidades intelectuales y creativas excepcionales del pensamiento. Cualquier persona que desea nominar a un estudiante que asiste KCOB CISD a en Jardin de la Infancia a traves del duodécimo grado que este ano se pide para ir sea la ofincia del principal y solicitar una copia de la forma del nombramiento. Esta forma se debe volver a la escuela antes del Diciembre 20, 2007. Esos incapaces ir por la escuela deben llamar 940-657-3427 para recibir una forma.

(Published December 6, 2007)

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAXATION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY IN TRANSIT KNOX COUNTY, TEXAS

Monday December 10th, 2007, 9:00 a.m.
Assembly Room, Knox County Courthouse
100 West Cedar St, Benjamin, Texas

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Travis C. Floyd
Knox County Judge
Knox County, Texas

(Published November 29, 2007 and December 6, 2007)

5:35 p.m. Thursday



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Benjamin Sports

BHS Has Winning Week And All Tournament Honors

The Benjamin Mustangs and Lady Stangs had a victorious week in basketball after coming back from Thanksgiving holiday.

The Mustangs and Lady Stangs hosted the Paint Creek Pirates at home on the 27th and both Benjamin teams brought in big wins.

The final score for the girls game was Benjamin 55, Paint Creek 22. Scoring for the Lady Stangs were Karla Benson 20, Judit Acevedo 10, Julia Acevedo 8, Devon Jones 7, Nafeesa Ebraheim 6 and Leah Vanderpol 4.

The final for the boys game was Benjamin 53, Paint Creek 31. Scoring for the Mustangs were Derrick Northrup 19, Dusty Stevens 12, Dylan Benson 8, Gilbert Nevarez 8 and Damon Gideon 6.

Both Benjamin teams kept busy over the weekend with a tournament in Lueders Avoca. The Lady Stangs walked away with the tournament championship and the boys brought home an impressive second place. Both teams had members named to the All-Tournament teams.

On Thursday, both teams played Woodson. The boys final score was Benjamin 51, Woodson 33. Scoring was Dylan Benson 14, Derrick Northrup 14, Damon Gideon 8, Dusty Stevens 8, Lucas Cartwright 3, Gilbert Nevarez 2, Dillon Loftiss 2.

The girls final score was Benjamin 45, Woodson 38. Scoring for the Lady Stangs were Karla Benson 26, Nafeesa Ebraheim 6, Judit Acevedo 6, Julia Acevedo 4, Devon Jones 2 and Jessica Vanderpol 1.

On Friday, the Mustangs and Lady Stangs were matched up against rivals from earlier in the week, the Paint Creek Pirates. They maintained their wins, with a boys final of Benjamin 48, Paint Creek 46 and a girls final of Benjamin 51, Paint Creek 21.

Scoring for the Mustangs in the Paint Creek game were Derrick Northrup 16, Dusty Stevens 12, Lucas Cartwright 11, Gilbert Nevarez 5 and Dylan Benson 4.

Scoring for the Lady Stangs in their match up against Paint Creek were Devon Jones 13, Karla Benson 10, Judit Acevedo 9, Julia Acevedo 7, Raquel Acevedo 6, Nafeesa Ebraheim 4 and Jessica Vanderpol 2.



The Lady 'Stangs were Champions of the Lueders-Avoca Tournament held on Nov. 29 - Dec. 1



The Mustangs placed second at the Lueders-Avoca Tournament after a one point loss to Loraine in the championship game

On Saturday, both the Mustangs and the Lady Stangs stepped onto the court with tournament championships on the line.

The Mustangs fell in a heartbreaking one point loss to Loraine. The final score was Benjamin 45, Loraine 46. Scoring for the Mustangs were Derrick Northrup 21, Damon Gideon 12, Gilbert Nevarez 4, Lucas Cartwright 4, Dylan Benson 2, Dusty Stevens 2.

Derrick Northrup and Damon

Gideon were named to the All-Tournament team.

The Lady Stangs had a sound victory over Lueders-Avoca with a final score of Benjamin 47, Lueders Avoca 23, giving the Lady Stangs the tournament championship title.

Scoring for the Lady Stangs were Julia Acevedo 11, Karla Benson 9, Nafeesa Ebraheim 7, Jessica Vanderpol 7, Judit Acevedo 6, Devon Jones 5 and Raquel Acevedo 2.

Karla Benson and Julia Ace-

vedo were named to the All-Tournament team.

The Mustangs and Lady Stangs traveled to Paint Creek on Tuesday to take on the Pirates for the third time in week. Score and stats will be available in next week's issue. Both teams will participate in more tournament action over the weekend at Woodson.

The Mustangs and Lady Stangs will play at home on December 11th against the Harrold Hornets.

BENJAMIN NEWS

By Gladene Green

It's a cool Monday morning, but weather folk say warmer days ahead. The wind had been blowing and on Sunday there was dust in the air. Makes one wonder what the spring will be like. Especially if it doesn't rain. We'll wait and see.

Sincere sympathy to the family of Oliver Woolley today. Mrs. Woolley passed away Friday in a Vernon nursing facility where she resided several years. Her funeral is today here in Benjamin. Mrs. Woolley taught school here many years and several of her former students and co-workers still reside here. Her husband, K.E., was pastor of the Baptist Church here.

Also, sympathy to the family of Manford Elliot of Seymour. Manford passed away Sunday after several months illness. He was the father of Benjamin residents Becky Moorhouse and Cindy Layton. Manford was a friend to all and will be missed by many. His funeral is Tuesday in Seymour.

Good to report that we have no report of serious illness here in Benjamin today. Lots of colds and allergies that seem to have to wear themselves out, but that's always the case this time of the year.

Sports

It was a good weekend for the local basketball teams, as they were involved in a three day tournament at Lueders-Av-

oca. The girls brought home the first place trophy and the boys won second coming up just a few points short of first place. We congratulate both teams and their coaches. Keep up the good work!

Here 'N There

Cathy Tomlinson returned home Sunday after several days here with her mom, Gloria West. Cathy lives in Justin.

Winnie Sue Nall and her son and daughter-in-law, who live in Arkansas, visited relatives in the area during the weekend and attended services at First Baptist Church on Sunday. Also visiting was Sheila de los Santos and daughter, Tiffany, of Vernon. They were visiting Charles and Joy Jones.

Keith and Pam Conner of Midland, Larry Conner of Lubbock and Judy Redwine of Crosbyton visited Bud Conner Wednesday and attended the funeral of Leroy West. Keith and Pam also visited Hazel Stockton.

Fred McGreger told me he and Nancy visited their son Chris' parents-in-law in Victoria during Thanksgiving. Chris and his wife, Nancy, live in Germany. Fred said they also visited Bill and Sue Roberts and their son, Kevin, near Austin while in that part of Texas.

Continued good luck to the purple and gold clad Moguls of Munday. We wish you all well as you continue your trek toward the state playoffs!

TRUSCOTT-GILLILAND NEWS

By Clara Brown

The Wichita Divide is a little wetter this week, but not by much. Snow fall measured out at about .3 of an inch and a week later there was .1 of an inch, which was either a tiny shower or a heavy dew. Winds have probably already dried out most of that moisture.

Thanksgiving reports last week were missed, but here are some.

Edmund, Geraldine and Michael Tomanek were in Boyd for the holiday, visiting Joe and Kay Tomanek.

A fire at the old Browder house caused some excitement, but no damage that can be seen from the outside.

Fran Abbott said they had a quiet Thanksgiving at home. She goes this week for a checkup on her arm. This holiday month she's hoping for a good report on her bone's healing and for the strong winds to stop.

June Looney's Thanksgiving visitors included her son, Lee Looney of Dalhart, and daughter and grandson, Nancy Becker

and Ryan of New Braunfels. All of them had Thanksgiving dinner with Kay, Mike and Emily at Vernon.

Visiting Jack and Clara over the holiday were Bill and Staci Brown with Brisa and Brandel of Levelland and Ruth, Alex, Rachel and Grace Mescall of Baytown.

The Knox County museum at Benjamin is coming along. Plans are being made to rock the front soon. A map case was recently donated and installed.

The large dimension drawers will make it possible to store many maps without folding them.

The next museum related project will be the first Sunday in February, the third. You pie bakers, devilled egg fillers, cole slaw and potato salad makers need to mark that date along with the turkey and brisket cooks. By then, Christmas dinners will be long past and those hungry history lovers will be making long lines to declare their desire to help preserve the past, not to mention their love of food.

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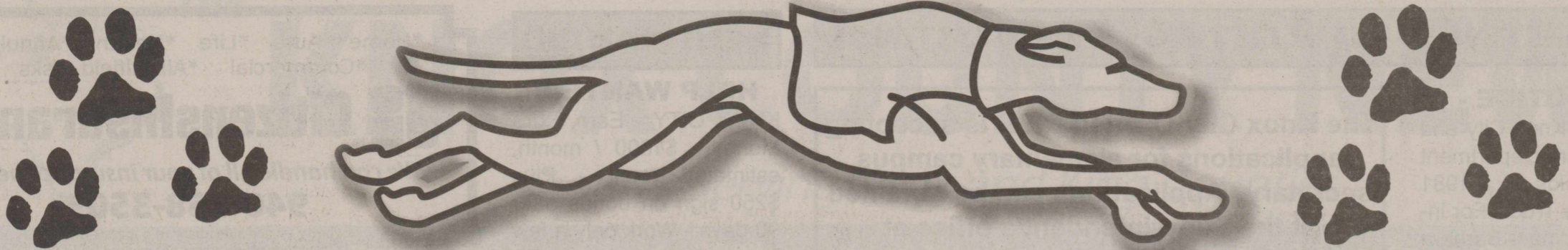
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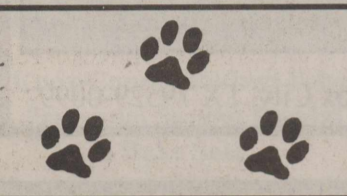
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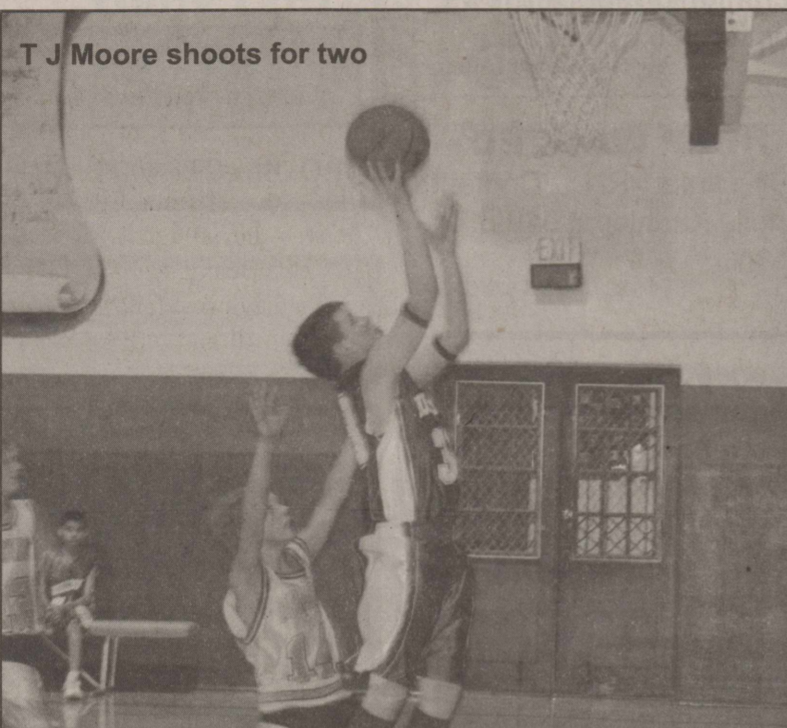
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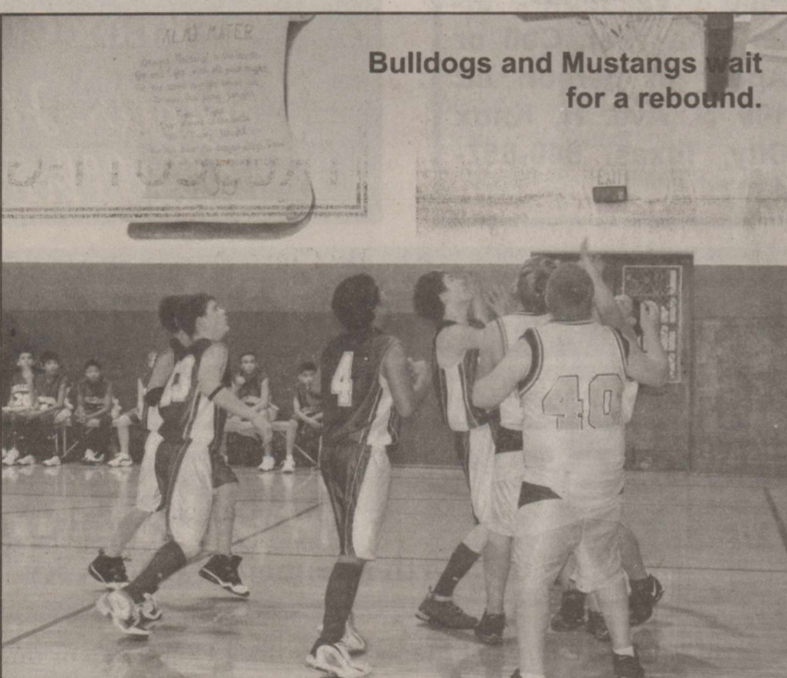
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Bulldogs Skid By Mustangs In Junior High Match Up



T J Moore shoots for two



Bulldogs and Mustangs wait for a rebound.

The Benjamin junior high Mustangs hosted the KC-O'Brien Bulldogs at home on Monday evening. The game was a close match up all around, but the Bulldogs pulled away in the fourth quarter with a four point victory over the Mustangs. The final score was Knox City 24, Benjamin 20.

There was not a junior high girls game. Benjamin currently does not have a junior high girls basketball team and the scheduled game for the Lady Bulldogs against Albany was cancelled.

Benjamin junior high had a game scheduled against Guthrie next Monday, but due to injuries, Guthrie is unable to play.

Benjamin coaching staff is currently trying to fill that date with another team.

The Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs will travel to Paducah next week.



Jarek Wilde passes the ball as Matthew Acree tries to block

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: Knox City Vs. Aspermont :
: Tuesday, December 11 :
: 4:00 p.m. at the gym :
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Greyhounds Play In Basketball Tournament In Patton Springs

The Greyhounds traveled to Patton Springs for basketball tournament action Nov. 29 - Dec. 1. The Hounds faced Spur in their first round of the play and fell to the Bulldogs in a tough 32-41 loss. Leading scorers were Jordan Carter with 8 points and Ricco McCrary with 6 points. Bandy Moeller took a shot to the face and will be out an undetermined amount of time due to the injury. In the next round of action, the Greyhounds met Aspermont. It was a cliff hanger for Greyhound fans.

Knox City was down at the half 15-23 but came back in the fourth to tie up the score at 42. Then the Hornets put a stinger to the Hounds in the last two minutes of the game closing the game out with a loss for the Hounds, 42-46. Leading the

scoreboard for the Hounds in this game were Shane Strickland with 14 points and Derrick Coleman with 11 points. Then Knox City met the Guthrie Jaguars in the Consolation game of the tournament.

The Greyhounds took the victory 50-22 over the Jaguars. Scoring leaders in the game were Jordan Carter with 12 points, Orrin Myers with 11 points, and Derrick Coleman with 11 points. "I think our shooting will get better as the season goes on. We've just got to continue to work hard on defense and offensively take what our opponent is giving us," explained Coach Moore. The Greyhounds will participate in the Vernon tournament Dec. 6-8; then face the Aspermont Hornets at home on Dec. 11.

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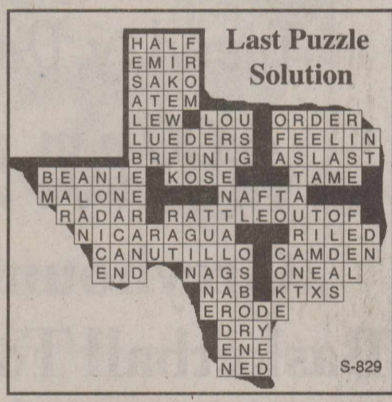
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