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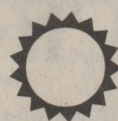
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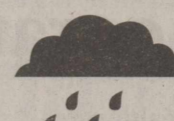
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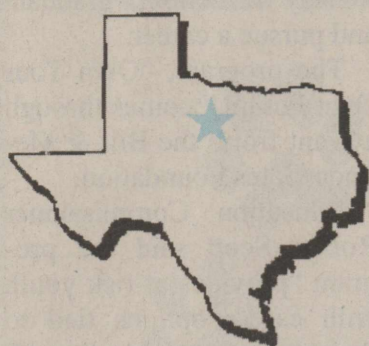
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Looking Ahead

• Stock Show Schedules

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

• KC-O'Brien Ex-Students Homecoming

The homecoming will be the first weekend in June - June 6 & 7, 2008.

• KC Job Fair

The Knox County Visioning Committee will host a non-traditional job fair, business showcase and entrepreneurial support enterprise event, Thursday, February 28 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Catholic Church Hall.

• Benjamin Little Dribblers Tournament

The Benjamin Little Dribblers Tournament will be March 1, at the Benjamin School Gym.

• KC Republican Precinct Convention

There will be a Knox County Republican Precinct Convention at your polling place at 7:15 p.m. on March 4. Bring your stamped voting certificate. The purpose of this meeting is to elect delegates to the Knox County Republican Convention which will be held on March 29 at 10:00 a.m. at the Knox County Aging Center in Knox City.

• Singles and Singles Again

Every meeting we set new attendance records, so come on out and join us. Benjamin - First United Methodist Church, March 7 at 7:00 p.m. Come prepared to play dominoes and other table games. Bring your favorite games. Bring a friend, or two.

• Defensive Driving Course

If you are interested in taking a defensive driving course in Knox City call the Aging Center at 657-3618 between 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. weekdays. Ask for Cheryl. At least 20 interested people needed.

Election Filing Slow Across County

With mayor, city council and school board trustee seats open across the county and a March 10th filing deadline looming ahead, filing for a place on local ballots has been fairly slow.

Cody Manning has filed an application for a place on the Knox City - O'Brien CISD school board. The school board election has three full term, three-year seats open.

The City of Knox City has three full term, two-year council seats open for the upcoming election. No one has filed for a place on the ballot as of press time.

Benjamin ISD has three full term three-year seats and three unexpired two-year terms open.

Those having filed as of February 25th are Glenn Heard, Linda Griffith, Kim Moore and Jimmy Barrientez, all who currently serve on the board.

The City of Benjamin has opened the mayor's seat in addition to two full term, two-year council seats and one unexpired

one-year seat. Sylinda Meinzer has filed for the mayor's seat and Lorene Powers has filed for a full term council seat.

Meinzer currently serves as mayor and Powers is also an incumbent.

According to mayor Charlene Brothers, the City of O'Brien has opened the mayor's seat in addition to three full term, two-year council seats.

Richard Garcia has filed for the mayoral seat. Charlene Brothers, Jan Frost and Matt Baxter have filed for city council seats.

No applications have been filed with the City of Munday as of Monday morning.

The city has two full term, two-year council seats open in the upcoming May election.

Incumbent Sam Hunter has filed for one of the two full term, three-year school board trustee seats open at Munday CISD.

Applications for a place on city and school ballots will be accepted until March 10th.

Knox County Polling Locations

Joint Primary Election

March 4, 2008

Benjamin - (1) Memorial Building 100 Stewart Street

Truscott - (2) Community Center FM 1756 West, Downtown

Gilliland - (3) Community Center FM 1756 East, Downtown

Vera - (4) Community Center North off Highway 82, Downtown

Goree - (5) Community Center North 5th Street, Downtown

Munday - (6N) City Hall 121 East Main and (6S) Munday Community Center 260 S. Munday Avenue

Knox City - (7N and 7S) Aging Center 601 North Avenue E

Sunset - (8) Gillespie Church Highway 222

Early Voting - Knox County Clerks Office 100 West Cedar,

Benjamin 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. on March 4th.

Plaques Being Placed On Museum —



Dale Huffman and Kevin Urbanczyk began placing the granite plaques on the museum facade this week. Progress on the exterior is rapidly being made

Wildfire Threat Still A Major Issue

Grasses dry and brittle across much of West Texas, some of the lowest relative humidity seen this year and Santa Anna-like winds howling across the plains led the National Weather Service's Storm Prediction Center to issue a rare "extremely critical" fire weather warning for parts of the state on Monday, and had fire fighters and much of the state on high alert through mid-week.

With gusts up to 50 mph on Monday, the stage was set for disastrous circumstances in the event of wildfire. The Texas Forest Service alerted media that any fire that started could travel up to 1,000 acres in 30 minutes, equal to one football field per minute. With forward rates of spread possibly up to 5

mph, one source reported that fires could be so dangerous that they would outrun firefighters and fire vehicles, and with the wind gusting as they were, even helicopters that were on standby to help put out fires could not take off until winds were below 35mph.

It was reported on Monday that the current weather circumstances replicated the worst days in 2006, when there were homes and lives lost.

An update on Tuesday from the State Operations Center stated that some fires cannot be contained, and that high winds did prevent containment. Evacuation has been a key player in order to save lives in conditions such as these. The state responded to 20 critical

fires that occurred over 165,000 square miles. The Texas Forest Service in Grandbury processed 24 requests for state assistance with 13 coming in during a one hour period.

The Texas Department of Transportation closed seven roads on Monday due to smoke and fire threat, the major road closing IH 20 in Clyde.

"Citizens must be aware that they may have to self-evacuate to a safe area if a wildfire threatens. This is a dangerous situation and fires burning in these conditions will progress faster than a human can possibly run," said Mark Stanford, chief of fire operations for Texas Forest Service.

Knox County is still under a burn ban.

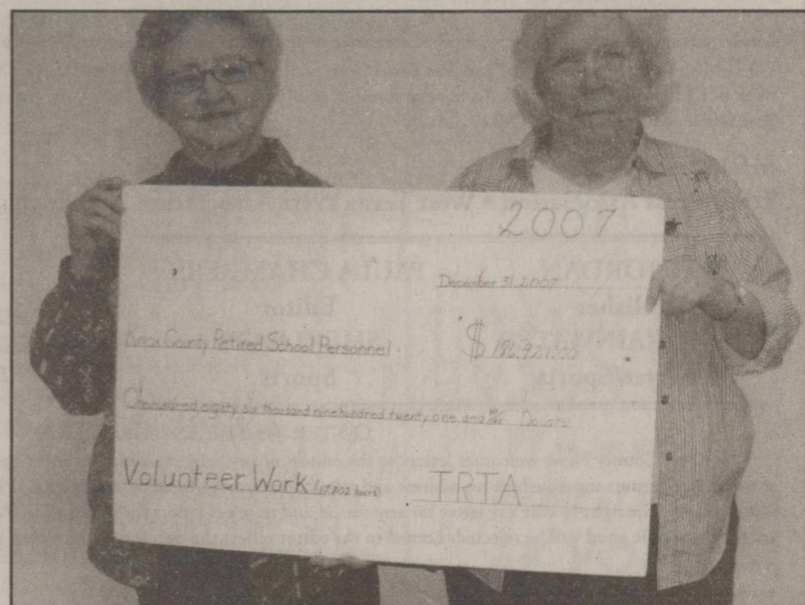
Volunteerism By Local Retired School Personnel

The members of the Knox County Retired School Personnel volunteered 17,802 hours in public and private organizations for an estimated worth of \$321,326.10 in 2007.

Billie Walker of O'Brien, Chairman of the Community Volunteer Service Committee, presented a symbolic check to Joanna Delgado, President of Knox County Retired School Personnel at the January meeting in Munday.

Ms. Delgado expressed her appreciation to all the volunteers for their many hours of service.

The local Texas Retired Teachers Association unit is proud to announce that Mrs. Leona Partridge of Munday volunteered 3,000 hours in 2007;



Billie Walker presents a check for community hours to President Joanna Delgado

valued at \$54,150.00.

She will receive a certificate

of recognition from the Texas Retired Teachers Association.



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State Capital HIGHLIGHTS



By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN – Barack Obama of Illinois and Hillary Clinton of New York met at the University of Texas to debate in a nationally televised forum on Feb. 21.

The two United States senators, vying to be the Democratic Party's presidential nominee, answered questions posed by Jorge Ramos, a reporter for Univision, the Spanish-language television network, and CNN reporter John King.

Among many topics were:

- universal health care
- economy/trade/jobs
- immigration policy
- federal taxation
- Iraq strategy
- care for wounded veterans

care for military families Clinton suggested her experience should make her the clear choice for Democratic voters. Obama asked for voters' help in his effort to change the nation's capital from a place "where good ideas go to die" and work with him to help America "live up to its promise" of liberty and justice for all.

Forty-thousand people applied to attend the debate in the UT recreation center, but admittance was limited to 1,000. Pro-Hillary and Pro-Barack crowds gathered outside the building and engaged in loud but peaceful volleys of chants.

Thousands more attended political rallies and debate watches were held at Sholz Garten, the Austin Music Hall and the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

To cap the debate, an Obama rally the following evening in downtown Austin drew a crowd estimated at 30,000. The city of Austin closed off streets near the rally to vehicular traffic.

Meanwhile, Republican candidates U.S. Sen. John McCain of Arizona, former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, and U.S. Rep. Ron Paul of Clute scheduled appearances in various cities in advance of the Texas GOP primary.

Party primaries are set for March 4, and early voting ends Feb. 29.

SMU chosen as Bush library site

The future site of the

George W. Bush Presidential Library will be Southern Methodist University in Dallas.

The SMU board of trustees announced Feb. 22 it had reached an agreement with the George W. Bush Presidential Library Foundation.

SMU is first lady Laura Bush's alma mater. Yale University, President Bush's alma mater, was in the running among eight potential sites.

A "Presidential Center," to be built on SMU's main campus, will consist of the presidential library containing Bush administration documents and artifacts, a museum with permanent and traveling exhibits and an independent public policy institute.

The library and museum will be operated by the National Archives and Records Administration.

Bush was elected to two

consecutive terms as governor of Texas and served from 1995 until 2000, when he resigned to run for president.

City considers

owning wind farm

The City of Austin's utility company, Austin Energy, is looking into renewable or "greener" energy solutions for the future.

Michael McCluskey, deputy general manager of Austin Energy, said the utility company might consider buying West Texas land on which to build its own wind farm.

Owning wind turbines instead of contracting for power would guarantee a supply of wind power into the future and give the utility more cost control, McCluskey said.

Currently, much of Austin's energy supply comes from coal-burning power plants.

'Own Your Own Future' launched

The Texas Education Agency on Feb. 22 launched a program to encourage youth to stay in school, graduate and pursue a career.

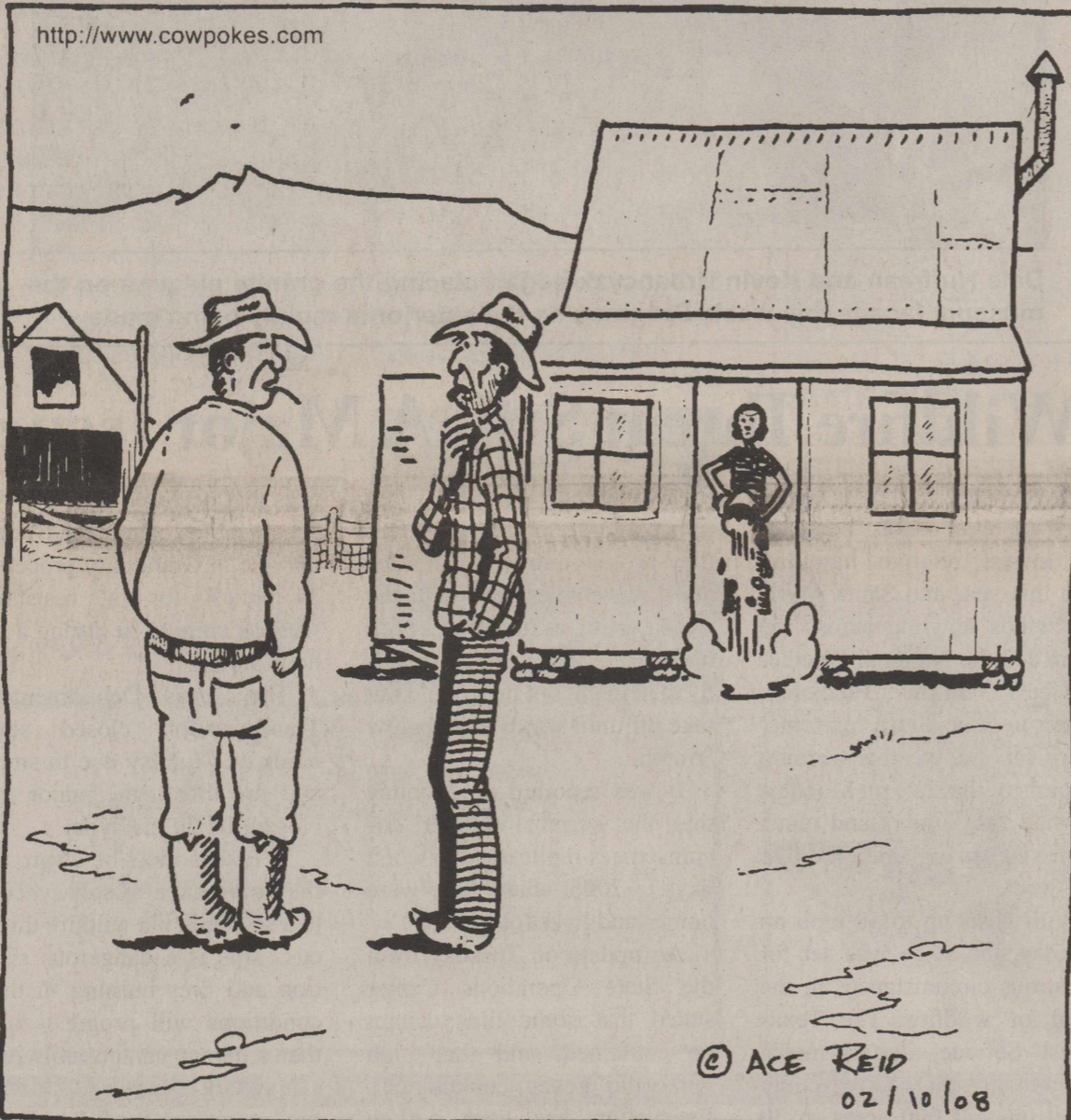
The program, "Own Your Own Future," comes through a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Education Commissioner Robert Scott said the program "provides at-risk youth with career options tied to their passions and desires, all while reiterating the need to finish high school to make these achievements a reality."

The program is accessed via www.ownyourownfuture.com, a Web site that moves the user through a series of question-and-answer sections that help the student chart a clear path to goals and objectives and participate in the decisionmaking process.

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By Ace Reid



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- 1 TXism: "___ as a stump"
- 5 TX Tubb's "Walking the Floor ___ You"
- 6 book about a TXn: "Queen Bess: ___ Devil Aviator"
- 7 why the Astro was safe at 2nd base
- 8 TXism: "___ as a three-dollar bill"
- 9 "Queen Fishing Pier"
- 17 this Armstrong spoke from Tranquility Base to Houston
- 19 TXism: "ain't got ___ to chew" (tired)
- 21 Friona h.s. class of the mouth
- 22 TX Ross Perot's Vietnam concern
- 24 TX Greer Garson's "___ Curie" ('43)
- 30 new Cowboy (2 wds.) elected gov. in '06: ___ Campbell
- 35 TXism: "mad ___ -eyed cow"
- 36 TXism: "at the drop of ___"
- 37 San ___ is named for the river it's on there are several colleges in the Univ. of ___
- 43 horse gaits to give life to
- 46 Wink's "Oh Pretty Woman" singer (init.)
- 47 Christmas song made a hole in one
- 48 TXism: "rarin' ___ go"

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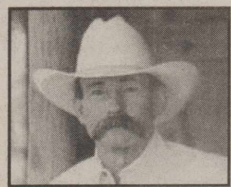
- 1 this Sarah designed 1st Lone Star flag
- 2 home of Southwest Texas Jr. College seat of Bosque Co. "a born and ___ Texan"
- 9 TX Freddie Fender's "Living ___ Down"
- 10 TX gunslingers or marble players
- 11 Houston has big ___ space industry
- 12 chicken's nose
- 13 LBJ was 1st congressman to ___ after Pearl Harbor
- 14 TX Crawford was Lucille ___ Sueur
- 15 famous TCU coach "Dutch" Meyer (init.)
- 16 TXism: "filled up"
- 18 middle name of TX billionaire Hunt
- 20 Gilmer hosts East Texas ___ boree
- 24 LBJ line: "___ fella 'Murkins'"
- 25 TXism: "honest ___ the day is long"
- 26 TX Perot founded Electronic ___ Systems
- 27 Texas Stadium & Minute Maid Park southern neighbor he starred with
- 28 TX Fess Parker in "Daniel Boone"
- 31 Lubbock's winner of '92 National Science Bowl (abbr.)
- 32 TXism: "wet as a drowned ___"
- 33 sincere
- 38 this Pat was in TX-made "State Fair"

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- 40 Palo Duro's ___ Monkey Railroad
- 41 Panna Maria's ___ Joseph's Museum
- 42 TX anglers catch large ___
- 44 Neil Bush was involved in ___ & ___ scandal
- 50 petroleum products 52 in Jefferson Co.: ___ Rim State Park
- 53 TXism: "flash in the ___" (one time)
- 58 TXism: "bend an ___" (drink)
- 59 hooded jacket



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21st Century Cattle Business Predictions Update

By Baxter Black, DVM

In 1988, preactly 20 years ago, I wrote a column predicting what the livestock industry will be like 50 years later; 2038.

Some of my predictions were:

- 90 % of meals will be eaten out. Home cookin' will not exist.
- Fertile agricultural land will be scarce.
- The cessation of grain feeding to livestock.
- Cattle will be slaughtered at 12 months of age.
- Feedlot cattle will eat garbage, recycled manure and ethanol pulp.
- Calf birth weights will be 30 lbs.
- Feedlots will be demanding that cattle have bones like a

chicken, loins like a dachshund and the digestive system of a goat!

- And packers will be financing research to develop cattle without hair, ears, tails, spleens, lungs, kidneys and feet.

Much of my prediction depends on genetic manipulation and digestive chemical technology. It also relies on the presumption that the population and urbanization of the best farm ground will increase exponentially. Now, 2008, 20 years down the road, we are steadily making progress to prove many of my postulations true.

What I did not take into account was:

- Worldwide zoonoses, particularly BSE and its changelings.
- Catastrophic natural or unnatural occurrences, i.e., global

cooling, global warming, a devastating epidemic like the 1918 flu, AIDS2, nuclear war, sunspots, despotism, famine and/or the 2nd Coming.

I admit I don't spend much time anguishing about the world's uncontrollable forces. I am an agricultural person. I will concentrate on doing what I do best. Which is to feed the world. Whether there is a bubonic plague or tripling of the world population in 30 years, it's our job to produce enough food, sufficiently efficient to ensure the masses something to eat every day.

I cannot predict that America will always be the land of luxury where you can buy a 99¢ Wendy burger that would feed an entire family of four in the oppressed country of Sudan today. But I am counting on the ag community responding to the demands the world will make on it in the next 30 years and that our country's greatest strength, our generosity, will keep us strong.

God Bless America.
(Baxter's previous column, March 2, 1988, is available at www.baxterblack.com)

Summer Rains Have Improved Aquifer Levels

Many questions are being asked about this summer's rainfall and its effect on the water table levels. Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District measures water levels in February to determine the effects from the previous years pumping and the recharge from the season's precipitation.

Due to the summer rains and the imminent starting of wheat irrigation, the District gauged its list of monitor wells during the first week in February to determine the status of the Seymour Aquifer in Baylor, Haskell and Knox Counties.

Well levels in Baylor County had risen 1 foot or 12 inches.

Well levels in some areas of Haskell County had risen from 12 inches to 2.75 feet, with an average of 22.08 inches.

Wells levels in some areas of Knox County had risen 2.83 feet or 33.96 inches.

Due to the extreme variability of the Seymour Aquifer, varying rainfall, variations in recharge areas and pumping rates, water levels may vary in the three counties.

One word of caution, the District encountered bees in wells in all three counties. If you are going to be working around a well that hasn't been disturbed in a while, please exercise caution. There is a good probability that bees could be in the well.

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OBITUARIES

Wanda "Mommom" Vojkufka

Wanda Vojkufka, 73, died Thursday, Feb. 7, 2008, in Haskell, Texas.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, February 9, 2008, at the Weinert Foursquare Church, 200 West Guthrie, with Pastors Robert Harrison and Paul Chambers officiating. Burial followed in the Weinert Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Smith Funeral Home in Munday, Texas.

Mrs. Vojkufka was born April 3, 1934, in Weinert. She graduated Valedictorian from Weinert High School in 1952. She married Melvin Vojkufka September 27, 1953 in Weinert.

She was a volunteer for the American Cancer Society and the American Heart Association. She was an avid collector of Precious Moments.

Mrs. Vojkufka was a member of the Weinert Foursquare Church for over 50 years. She was Sunday School Coordinator of the South Central District of the Foursquare Churches.

Mrs. Vojkufka was a loan clerk for Production Credit Association for 27 years, retiring in 1999.

Mrs. Vojkufka was preceded

in death by her parents, James and Nova Owens Driggers; and a sister, Loree Flanagin.

Survivors include her husband, Melvin Vojkufka of Weinert; two daughters, Melanie Wood of Abilene; Dorethy Harrison and husband Robert of Wichita Falls; two sisters, Ikie Earp of Pampa; Tiny Vaughn of Anson; five grandchildren, Cory Wood and wife Naomi of Abilene; Zachry Wood of North Richland Hills; Whitney Wood of Abilene; Jennifer DeVille and husband Kent of Knox City; Ashley Coleman and husband Walt of Wichita Falls; three great grandchildren, Keelie and Kylie DeVille of Knox City; Taylor Wood, whose anticipated arrival is June 2, 2008 of Abilene; numerous nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews; and a host of dear friends.

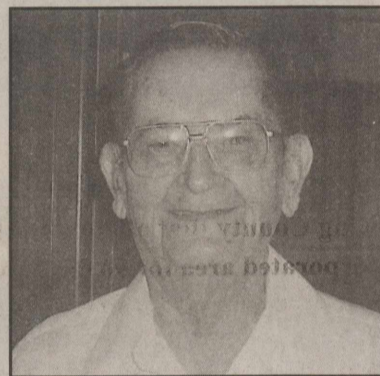
Serving as pallbearers were Cory Wood, Zachry Wood, Kent DeVille, Walt Coleman, Hal Guess, Jay Flanagan, Bobby Sosolik and Clifford Byrd.

Memorials may be made to the Weinert Foursquare Church Building Fund, PO Box 56, Weinert, TX 76388.

George Alvin Jackson

George Alvin Jackson, Jr., 86, went to his heavenly home on February 22, 2008 after a long courageous battle with Heart Disease. Visitation was held Saturday, February 23, 2008 at Smith Funeral Home in Knox City. A service celebrating his life was held at the Aurora Baptist Church in Aurora, TX, where he was a life long member, at 2:00 p.m., Sunday February 24, 2008, with his Brother-in-law Rev. Robert D. Griffin and Bro. Jimmy Withers officiating. Interment followed at the Aurora Cemetery under the direction of Mansell-Smith Funeral Home of Knox City.

George was born November 9, 1921 in Gatesville, Texas. He married the love of his life, Marie Evelyn Brown on July 7, 1947, and recently celebrated their 60th anniversary. He was a quiet, gentle man, but always a pillar of strength to his family and friends. He proudly served in the U S Army during World War II, during the North African and Italian Campaigns, and during the Battle of Anzio. He was a past Mason, and Moslah Temple Shriner. George worked for General Dynamics, was employed as a plumber and later worked as a self-employed con-



tractor for Southwestern Bell Telephone until his health led him to fully retire in 2001.

George was preceded in death by his father Rev. George Alvin Jackson, Sr., his Mother Leonna Honeycutt Jackson and one brother Ray Jackson.

Survivors include his wife, Marie Jackson of Knox City; his only daughter Donna and husband Stan Wojcik of Knox City; three sisters Lucille Hovend of Clifton, TX; Mary Lois and husband James (Sonny) Barlow of Lebanon, OK; Faye and husband Rev. Robert Griffin of Oklahoma City, OK; one brother, LeRoy and wife Dorothy Jackson of Aurora, TX; a host of nieces and nephews and a Grand "Godson", Austin Boyd of Little Elm, Texas. In Lieu of flowers memorials may be made to donors' favorite charity.

Mildred D. Stubbs

Mildred D. Stubbs, 83, passed away Saturday, February 23, 2008 in Knox City. A Graveside Service was held 11:30 a.m., Monday, February 25, 2008 at Knox City Cemetery under the direction of Mansell-Smith Funeral Home, Knox City.

Mildred was born in Haskell County February 5, 1925, the daughter of the late Denver Pittman and Alice Evans

Pittman. She married LaRoy Stubbs June 3, 1944. He preceded her in death in 1959.

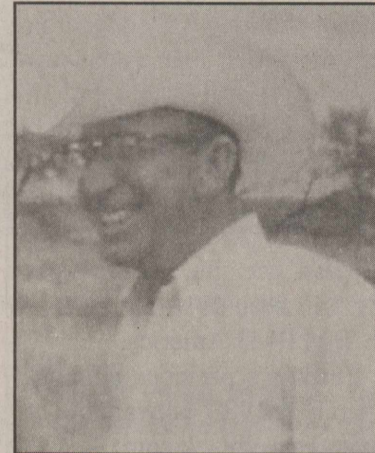
She was also preceded in death by her parents and a brother Auvis Pittman.

Mildred is survived by son Sam Stubbs of Wichita Falls; brothers Alvin Pittman and wife Noel of Erath; and Eugene Pittman and wife Jessie of Kemp, Oklahoma.

Joe Turner Boone

Joe Turner Boone, 79, of Knox City, passed away Friday, February 22, 2008 in Knox City. A Funeral Service was held 2:00 pm, Monday, February 25, 2008 at the First United Methodist Church, Knox City with Rev. Tim Trimble officiating. Burial followed in the Knox City Cemetery under the direction of Mansell-Smith Funeral Home, Knox City. A visitation was held Sunday, February 24, 2008 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the funeral home.

Joe was born December 14, 1928 in Seymour, TX, the son of the late L.D. Boone, Sr., and Bonnie Roussel Boone. On November 28, 1953 he married Mary Ann Ryse in Honey Grove, TX. He served in the US Army during the Korean Conflict. Joe retired in 1986 after 28 years working for the Farmers Home Administration, A division of USDA in Knox County. Joe was serving as Municipal Judge for the city of Knox City, and the Veterans Liaison for Knox, Kent and Stonewall counties. He also



farmed, ranched, and trained horses. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister Margie Ligon.

Joe is survived by his wife Mary Ann Boone of the home, sons Brett Boone and wife Melinda of Ft. Worth; Kelley Boone of Vernon, daughters Lisa Cockrell of Weatherford; Kristi Boone of Manhattan, KS.; Leah Tsoodle and husband Rodney of Clay Center, KS.; brother Roy Boone of Seymour; 10 grandchildren and a host dear friends.

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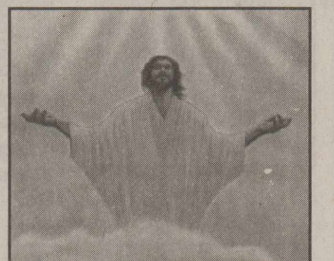
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Many Times We Seem To Have A Similar Attitude Or Motivation. That Is, We Want To Do What Pleases God, But Only In The Most Important Things. Our Thinking Sometimes Speaks Of Ignoring The Everyday Expressions Of Our Christian Character. Jesus Answered This Man, "And He Said To Him; You Shall Love The Lord Your God With All Your Heart, And With All Your Soul, And With All Your Mind. This Is The Great And Foremost Commandment. The Second Is Like It, You Shall Love Your Neighbor As Yourself." (Matthew 22: 37-39) These Two Commandments Depend

The Whole Law And The Prophets. (Matthew 22: 37, 40 Nasb).

When He Said "Heart" He Means The Thoughts And Feelings Of The Mind. When He Said "Soul" He Means With Each And Every Breath, The Very Spirit Of God In The Immortal Soul Of The Christian. When He Said "Mind" He Means The Deepest Thoughts Of Imagination And Understanding.

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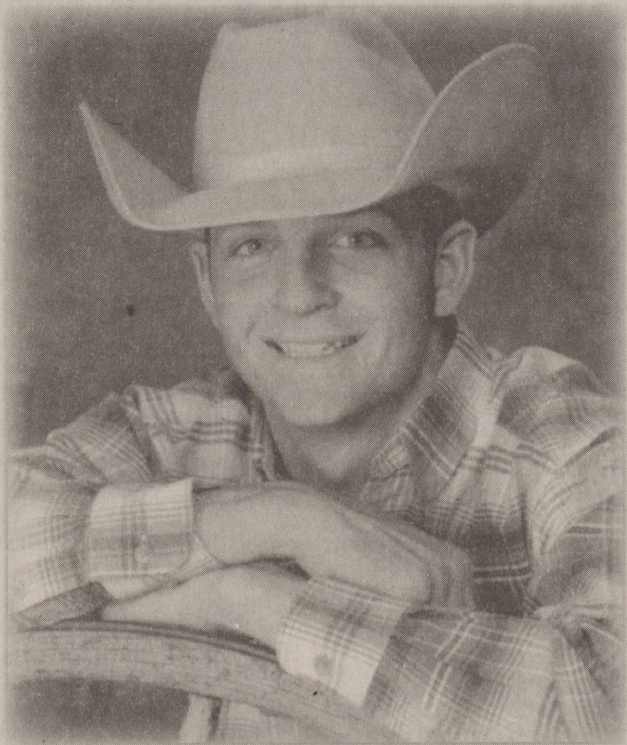
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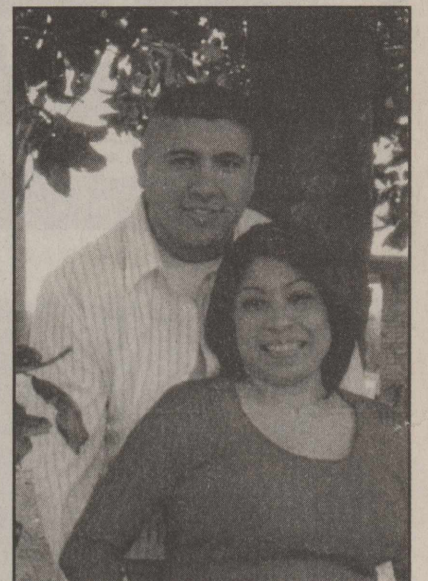
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The bride is a 2000 graduate of Rochester High School, and a 2006 graduate of Abilene Christian University, where she received a degree in Sociology/Criminal Justice. The bride is employed as a probation officer by the 39th Judicial District Department of Probation out of Haskell County.

The groom is a 1998 graduate of Knox City High School, and is employed by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice as a Correctional Officer at the Middleton Unit in Abilene.

The couple plans to wed May 3, 2008 and will reside in O'Brien.

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State of Texas
 County of King

Extended Order Prohibiting Outdoor Burning

WHEREAS, the Texas Forest Service has determined that Drought conditions exist within the county;

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 area for 90 days from the date of the adoption of this Order, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by the Texas Forest Service or this court. This Order is adopted 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 \$500.00.

ADOPTED this 11th day of February 2008 by a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

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March 20	3:45	Throckmorton	Junior High
March 21	12:00	Throckmorton	Varsity
March 27	3:45	Aspermont	Junior High
March 28	2:30	Aspermont	Varsity

BENJAMIN NEWS

By Gladene Green

These Monday mornings come along pretty often and some weeks, there is just not much to report. Guess the late winter "lull" has caught up with people.

There's not too much serious illness, just the same old sore throat, sneezing, etc. And by the way, I seem to have been attacked by that bug. Guess these weather changes mess things up for everyone.

Sympathy to the families of friends Joe Boone, George Jackson and Mildred Stubbs, who all passed away on Friday. They will certainly be missed by all their families and friends.

Here 'N There

Deann Lamb fell last week and fractured her pelvis. She stayed a couple of days in Knox County Hospital and is now in Munday Nursing Center for some skilled care and therapy. If you have time when you're in Munday, stop in and see her as well as all our Benjamin friends over there, Lewis Lyles, Pat Benson and Omiteene Barnett.

Weekend guests of Lorene Powers were her daughter, granddaughter and great grandson, Chris Stroup, Karry Bragg and Dakota McDonald.

Kenneth Roberts had a birthday Sunday and his family honored him with a dinner in their home. Present for the get together were Bill and Sue Roberts of Driftwood, Ken and Gaye Roberts of

O'Brien, Nancy and Fred McGreger, Pam and Dennis Duke and Bea Parks all of Benjamin and Zeke and Amanda Duke, Daniel and Jonah of Knox City. Mr. Roberts said he's boss in his house now for a few months until September when Mrs. Roberts will catch up with him again. We congratulate Mr. Roberts on this, another milestone in his busy life.

Sammy and Jennifer Tomlinson of Denison visited his grandmother, Gloria West, a couple of days last week and also visited other relatives and friends.

Jack and Mary Jane Young were in Wichita Falls last week to see their eye doctor. The news is they both have to have cataract surgery, but she said that's okay. They will get it over with about the same time.

Wynelle Holloway of Fredericksburg is here for a few days with her sister, Omiteene Barnett, in the Munday Nursing Center.

Judy and John Robinson of Sherman and Joy Lynn Lyles visited Betty Lyles and Lewis Lyles in the Munday Nursing Center during the weekend. The girls all attended the quilt show in Munday Saturday.

We have learned that Jim Bateman is having some pretty difficult days. He has battled leukemia several years and has had numerous rounds of chemotherapy at M.D. Anderson. I solicit your prayers for these dear friends in these unsettled days.

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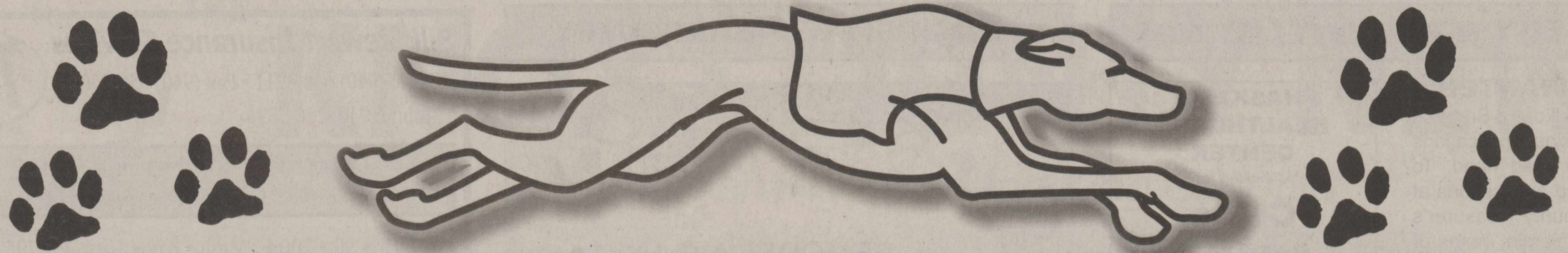
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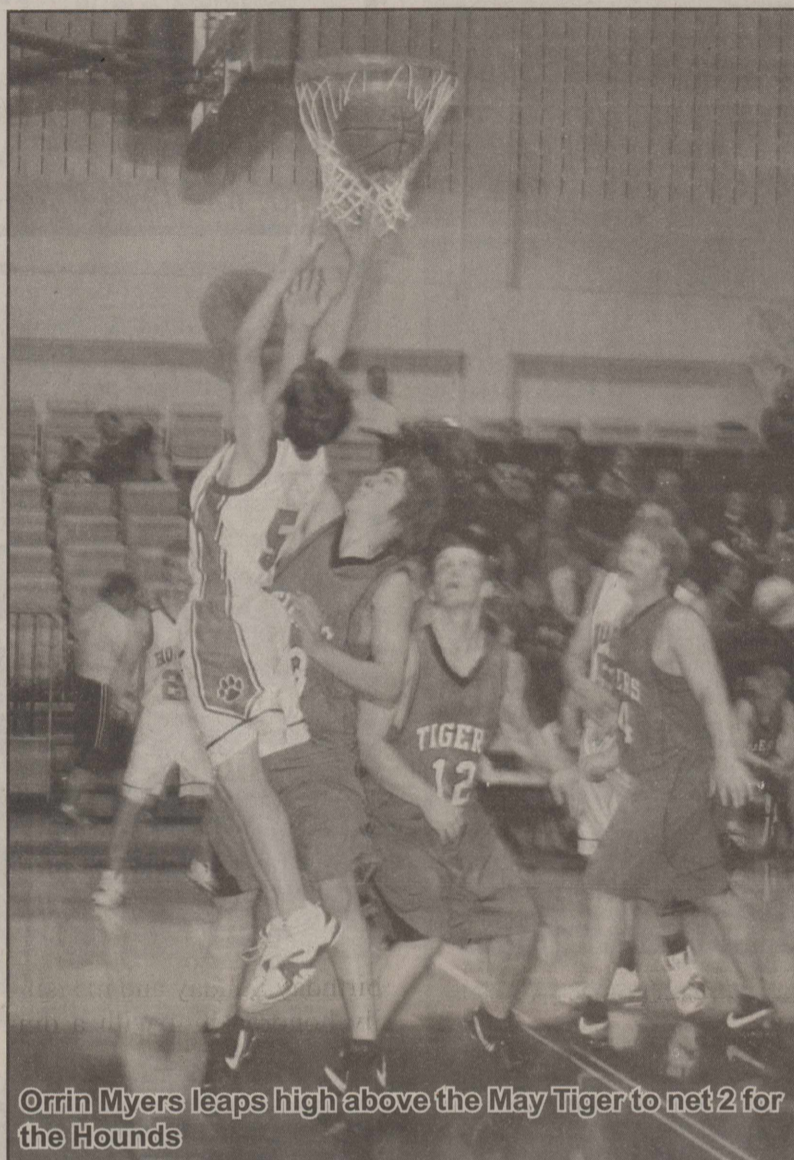
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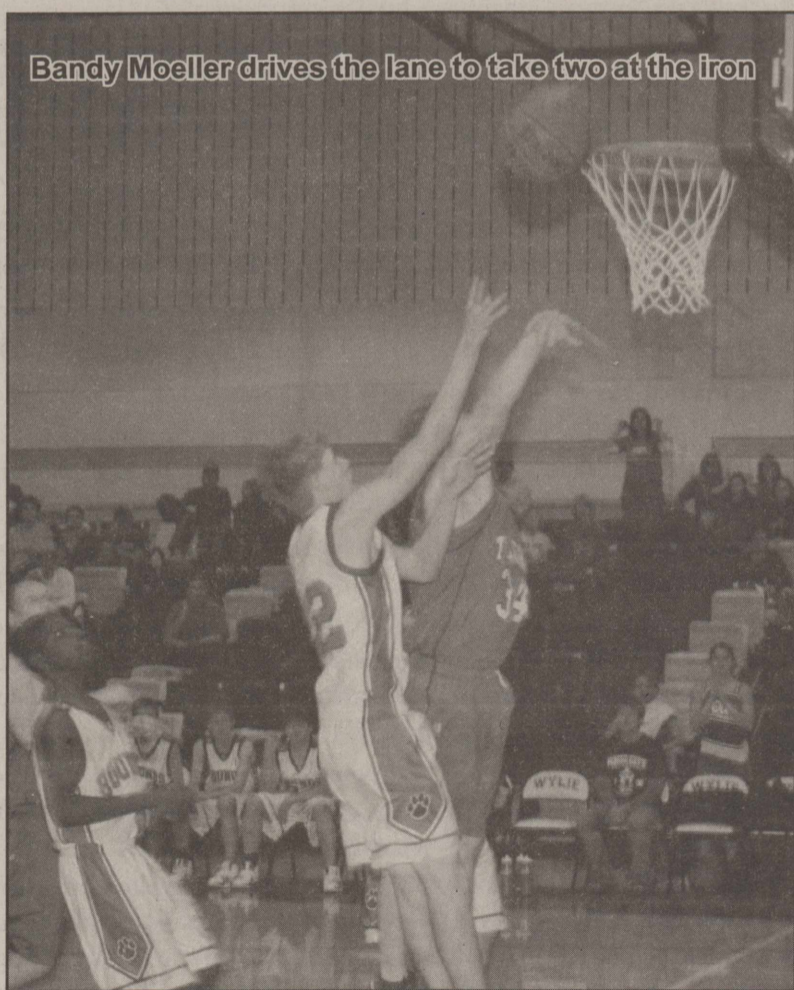
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Orrin Myers leaps high above the May Tiger to net 2 for the Hounds



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The Knox City Greyhounds traveled to Abilene-Wylie, Friday, Feb. 22 to meet the #18 May Tigers in the Area round of the basketball playoffs.

The Greyhounds had the adrenaline flowing in the first quarter and out scored the Tigers 15-8. In the second quarter of action, the Hounds continued to put the ball up but the luck of the fall went against them. The Hounds were down 26-29 at the half.

In the third quarter, the teams were tied at 35 with 1:40 left on the clock. Then May went on a 7-0 run leaving the Hounds down 35-42 for the start of the fourth quarter. The Greyhounds' shooting went cold in the fourth and the Tigers' got hot with their three-pointers.

The Hounds went down in defeat 43-68. Shane Strickland

led the Greyhounds at the hoop with 12 points; followed by Jordan Carter and M.J. Abila with 9 points each.

Derrick Coleman had 6 points; Bandy Moeller scored 4 points and Orrin Myers swished 3 points. Coach Moore's comments following the game summed up the season for the Hounds, "The guys accomplished a lot to get this far. I'm very proud of these kids and the season we've had. The guys played a great game."

In addition to making it to the Area round of the play-offs, one player, senior Orrin Myers has been named to the All Star Basketball Team.

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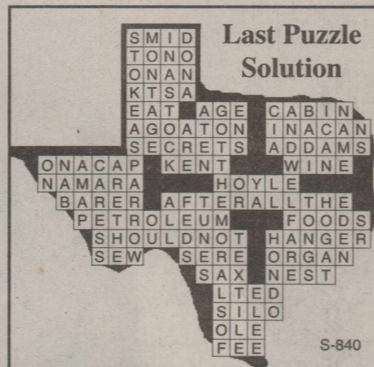
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