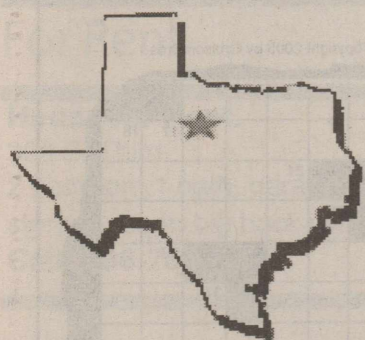


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Open Letter to the Residents of Knox County Precinct One

I have waited the past year hoping I would get stronger, but it has not happened. Therefore it is with my deepest regret that I feel it is time for me to resign my position as Precinct One commissioner, as I can no longer fulfill my duties. My effective resignation date will be September 15, 2005.

It has been a great pleasure working for the county the past nine years. I thank you for your support and ask for your continuing prayers. May God bless you all.

Sincerely,
Weldon Skiles

County Commissioner Skiles Announces Retirement

Precinct One County Commissioner Weldon Skiles has announced his retirement effective September 15, 2005. Mr. Skiles has been precinct One Commissioner for nine years beginning with his election in 1996.

Mr. Skiles, who suffered a stroke in March 2004 is resigning due to health reasons. Mr. Skiles stated he treasured his time serving as Precinct One Commissioner. And he enjoyed and appreciated working

with Tommy Mangis and Dallas Dykes, during his time as count commissioner. He also wishes to thank the commissioners court for their cooperation and good will.

Contacted about Commissioners Skiles resignation, county Judge Travis Floyd said that Mr. Skiles was a blessing to the community, a man who showed up for work every day and he was very sorry to learn of his resignation.

Area Churches Are Accepting Donations To Aide Victims of Hurricane Katrina

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Greyhounds Defeat Cyclones 28-7

(game pictures page 8)

That just about describes the 28-7 Greyhound Victory over the Memphis Cyclones. The Hounds controlled the football on offense all night. The Hounds did not have a lot of "Sport Center" highlights, but instead they displayed the maturity of their team by methodically driving the ball down the field 3 to 4 yards at a time. It was truly a good ol' game of west Texas smash mouth football. The only thing more impressive than the Hound's offense was the Hound's defense. The Greyhounds allowed the Cyclones only 7 points, three first downs and 137 yards of total offense.

When the ball game started it looked like it was going to be a defensive battle, but the Hounds squashed that notion with 10:57 in the 2nd quarter with a 60 plus yard drive that culminated in a

1 yard run for Cody Wainscott. Three minutes and twenty-three seconds later the Greyhounds found the end zone again when Andy Shaver punched it in from five yards out. The Cyclones trying to do anything to get points on the board found pay dirt with 2:53 left when quarter back Malloy connected with Henderson who broke for 64 yard, and spoiled the Hound defense's chance at a shut out. The Hounds went to the locker room with a 14-7 lead.

The Hounds came out strong and played good fundamental football in the third quarter. With 6:49 left in the 3rd Cody Wainscott followed his dominating offense line into the end zone. The point after attempt was blocked leaving the score 20-7 at the end of the third quarter.

The fourth quarter both teams

showed signs of fatigue, but the Hounds held it together, and continued to play solid football. Andy Shaver found Ty Chisum for a Hound touchdown with 10:26 left in the fourth.

Offensively the Hounds posted some impressive stats: 14 first downs, 197 yards rushing, 105 yards passing, 302 total yards of offense. This week's leading rusher was Cody Wainscott with 89 yard on 20 carries. The leading receiver was Derrick Magana with 10 receptions for 72 yards. The Greyhound coaching staff awarded "Big Play" to Derrick Magana, "Big Hit" to Cody Wainscott, "Big Block" to Ryan Harrington and Tomas Myers, "Special Teams" to Ricco McCrary, "Best Technique" to Brandon Grimsley, and "Relentless Effort" to Andy Shaver and Kylin Delvalle.

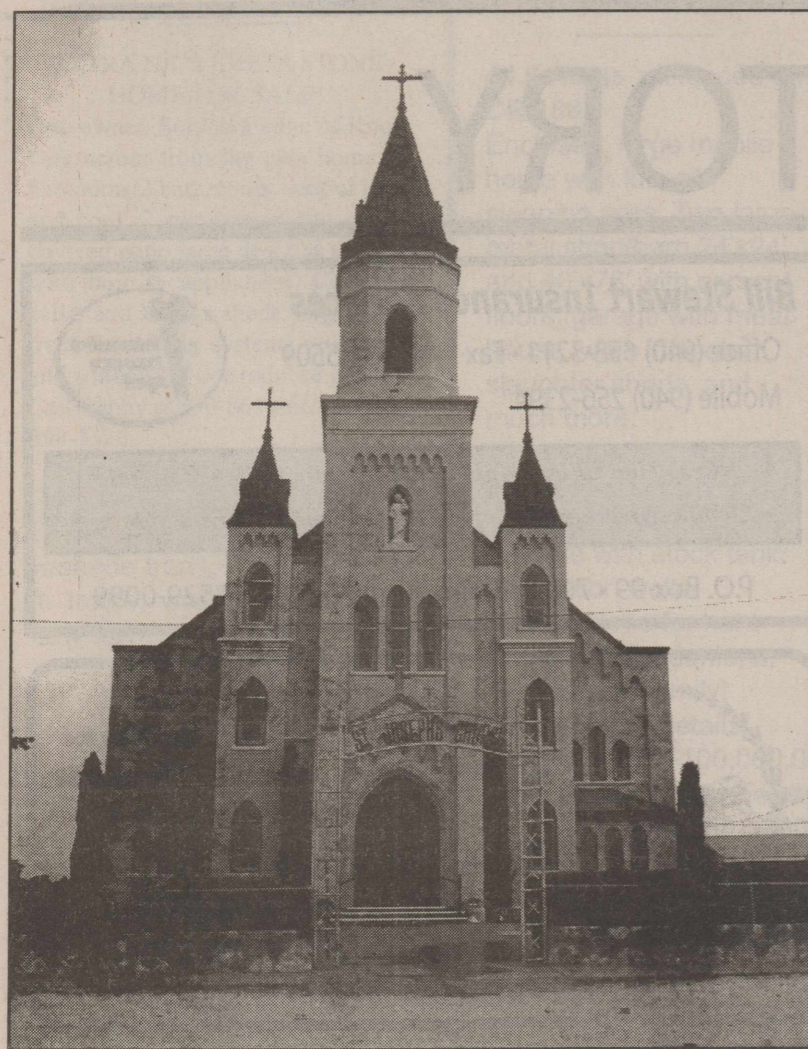


Knox City Little Cheerleaders Perform at Pep Rally Friday Afternoon.



The Greyhounds line up against the Memphis Cyclones Friday Night

ST. JOSEPH'S Celebration September 17th



The early settlers gathered for worship in the colony house which was the first building built when the colony was first settled. The church was the focal point of the Colony as it still is today. The first church was built in 1900 at a cost of \$2000.00. The present church building was started in 1927 and designed by the pastor, Rev. Boniface Spanke, O.S.B. with work being undertaken by the parishioners. Rev. Spanke secured information on the making of "home-made" bricks and made the summer of 1928 a busy time for the parishioners of St. Joseph Parish. The bricks were made chiefly of sand and cement and the formula required careful attention. Bricks were made in a small hand-operated machine (six at a time). Gravel, sand and labor were all donated. The backing used for walls inside consists of rough concrete blocks also manufactured by parishioners. Foundations were made very solid especially at the towers. Side foundations are about four feet deep in the ground and extend

about two feet above the ground. Carloads of reinforcement went into the foundations. Overall length of the church, from farthest point (south) to the farthest point (north) is 132 feet. Overall width of building is 55 feet, six inches. Height from ground to top of room is 48 feet. Width of sanctuary is 25 feet. Depth of sanctuary from first step to corridor at rear is 31 feet. Length of nave is 85 feet.

The tower is rectangular up to a few feet above the apex of the roof over the nave. An octagonal superstructure is added enhancing its beauty. Four ornamental spires stand at each corner at the point where the rectangle ceases and the octagon, somewhat smaller than the rectangular part of the tower begins.

Five slender columns on either side of the nave, about 12 feet high, are a decorative touch to the interior. The two sets of columns on opposite sides are as far apart as the width of the sanctuary (25 feet). A perpendicular wall broken by six windows on

either side rises to a height of ten feet above the aforementioned six columns and joins the roof. This wall rests on the six columns underneath. The nave is thus divided into three parts; the center and the two sides. Situated on a very slight elevation in the rolling prairie land, St. Joseph Church is visible for many miles around.

Interior is of same Gothic design with white columns and Gothic ribbing supporting the high vaulted, acoustical ceiling. The hand-carved altar, which still serves as the main altar in the present church building, was built by the Gier Brothers, talented carpenters from Germany. It is Gothic with slender, lacy spires, the highest of these surmounted by a golden cross which reaches to within eight feet of the topmost point in the present sanctuary. The church was started in 1927 but was not completed until 1951 due to the Depression and World War II. Dedication of the sanctuary and placing the corner stone was held

November 27, 1930. Rededication was held November 8, 1951. The church is equipped with update heating and cooling. The church was built with \$135,000 in cash and 25 years of dedicated labor of the parishioners.

Today, the membership of St. Joseph Parish is still over 200 families with Rev. Leo Schloemer as pastor. Active organizations in the parish are the Pastoral Council, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Knights of Columbus, St. Anne Christian Mothers' Society, St. Joseph Choir and the Youth Groups. All are dedicated to unselfish love of their Faith and Church, community, and charitable actions towards all people.

An invitation is extended to all of our friends and neighbors to join us in our 110th Anniversary Celebration on September 17, 2005, and share the fun and fellowship, food, games and entertainment. Celebration begins at 2:00 P.M. with Holy Mass at 7:00 P.M. and continued visiting etc. after the 7:00 services.

TRUSCOTT NEWS

by Clara Brown

Truscott and Gilliland have been dry all weekend but folks have seen plenty of water on television by watching Hurricane Katrina, hurricane survivors and search and rescue operations.

If a similar watery calamity hit the Wichita Divide all here could be grateful for living on a divide between the North and South Wichita rivers which would drain the water away much faster than in the New Orleans area.

Sunday calls revealed that Wichita Divide residents have relatives who are being sent in to the storm damaged area in Louisiana to help get life back to normal.

Frances Cook reported a phone call from her son-in-law Terry Sanner of McKinney a medical examiner, in Collin County. He has been sent to Baton Rouge, La., and New Orleans to help in setting up morgue where flood victims bodies will be brought.

Ronnie Simmons says his son Jason who is assistant director at a Wichita Falls assisted living facility has been ordered by the company to Biloxi, Miss. to help with recovery of a company facility there. Three are being sent from Wichita Falls.

Ronnie also said Sherry's oldest son Mitchell is on his way to the storm ravaged areas there help with recovery efforts.

One of Jack Brown's hunters from Denton was pondering Sunday on weather or not to accept an offer to hire him to help put the blue tarps on storm damaged roofs in Louisiana. He doesn't want to go to New Orleans which yesterday had a re-

port of gunmen shooting from a bridge at a crew coming in to help. National Guard or police removed most of the attackers from any future ability to attack, permanently removed them.

Ruth Lawrence and a friend attended the recent August 27 banquet of the National Wild Life Turkey Federation at Crowell. She said the evening was interesting and fun.

Many have notice the increase in oil field traffic going west through Truscott. Ruth reports that two wells are being drilled in King County.

At least locally there is good news. The Truscott Cookbook or at least the recipe section is in the publisher's hands and the family history section will be sent this week. The cover will have the Truscott mural on it and inside will be sketches made by Kathy Whitley of Crowell from old pictures of Truscott buildings.

Becky Daniel's fingers were flying all the long Labor Day weekend as she prepared copy for the family history section of the cook book. Thanks go to her for all she has done two get the project completed that was begun and almost completed by her late grandmother Margaret (Bullion) Daniel. Other family members who have helped get the manuscript ready for the publisher include Becky's mother Eugenie Daniel, her aunt Joan Daniel and even her father Jerry Bob Daniel. Jerry Bob can't type like Becky but he has worked hard pulling together behind the scenes elements that most people aren't aware need to be done.

Area Churches Accept Donations

Several area churches are coming to the aide of Hurricane Katrina storm victims. First Methodist Church in Knox City, is currently preparing flood buckets for the victims. These five gallon buckets will contain essential items to be sent to the devastated areas. They are now accepting donations and will hold a special offering at next Sunday's service.

First Baptist Church in Knox City will also hold a special offering to aide Hurricane victims. First Baptist Church is also hosting forty days of continuous prayer in preparation for their Revival services which begin October 2.

Pastor Jim Reid of First Baptist Church of O'Brien request that donations be sent to:

Hurricane Relief
Southern Baptist Of Texas Convention
PO Box 1988
Grapevine, Texas 76099

Pastor Reid stated that anybody that wishes to can bring their donations directly to the church and one hundred percent of the funds will go to Katrina victims.

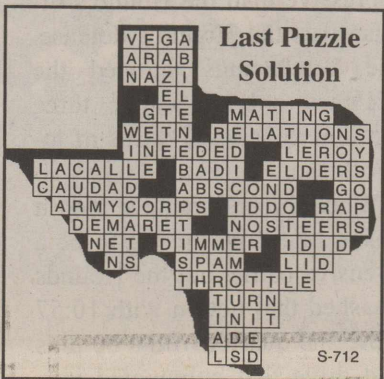
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1 Oldham Co. seat
5 Middle East person
6 TX CAF has a WWII bomber
7 Lake ___ Sal del Rey
8 telephone co.
9 TX Gene Tierney film: "The Season" (51)
15 found in TX cities: "___ Wild"
16 TXism: "blood ___" (relatives)
19 TX Willie Nelson's "The Last Thing ___ the First Thing This Morning"
21 TX Robby Benson character in "The Virginia Hill Story"
22 old Nacogdoches road "___ del Norte"
27 TXism: "want it so ___ could spit"
28 church officials
29 toward the tail
30 to leave quickly & hide from the law
32 TXism: "don't ___ off half cooked"
33 Lavon Lake caretaker: U.S. ___ of Engineers
36 TX Meatloaf's "___ Anything For Love"
37 music not heard on a country station
38 great TX pro golfer Jimmy

DOWN

1 ___ Alstyn, TX
2 Astro Oswalt stat.
3 Burnet newspaper "Citizen's ___"
4 Hardin Simmons University was originally ___ College
8 TX actor Autry
9 four cone-shaped hills near Quanah (2 wds.)
10 with 14-down, the man TX George W. beat in 2000
11 when repeated, a British "adios"
12 TXism: "___ something better comes along"
13 Dallas hurler David who played in Colo.
14 10-down last name
15 TX Jimmy Dean's group or ACU mascot
16 Astro Cincinnati foe old Oiler guard/center Erik
18 computer bulletin board administrators, for short
20 TXism for "small amounts"
22 TX model/actress Chilez (init.)
23 Boerne h.s. class
24 used to make cheese
25 guys who make commercials?
26 not clergymen
28 TXism: "tie up the loose ___"
31 Quanah means "sweet ___"
34 TXism: "come hell ___ high water"
35 TXism: "Texas ___" (chill)
37 "Cowpokes" Ace
40 this actress Adams was in "Racquet" with TX Lynda Day George
43 speed limit abbr.
44 ___ arts
50 TXism: "took a stab at it"
51 cable channel

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Special Called Commissioners Meeting

Be it Remembered on the 1st day of September, 2005, there was conducted a SPECIAL CALLED meeting of the Honorable Commissioners court of Knox County, Texas, at the Courthouse thereof, in the City of Benjamin, Texas, for the purpose of transacting any and all business that may lawfully be brought before the same.

The Court Met at: 10:00 p.m. September 1, 2005.

Knox County Judge Travis Floyd brought the Special called meeting to order at the Courthouse in Benjamin. Those also attending were Commissioners Jerry Parker, Jimmy Urbanczyk, and Johnny Birkenfeld, Treasure Irma Bell and Clerk Ronnie Verhalen.

The court considered the following matters as posted and filed for Record (a Public Notice) in the office of the County clerk on August 29, 2005 at 1:30 p.m..

This was the first of two Public Hearings conducted by the Commissioners' Court to hear public comments on the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2006 that runs from October 1,

2005 through September 30, 2006.

Judge Floyd and Treasure Irma Bell worked long upon the proposed budget, and Commissioners' Court had previously met August 17, August 22, and August 24 to consider various department requests and budgets.

Judge Floyd announced that a second Public Hearing would be held Tuesday, September 6 at 10:00 a.m. at the Courthouse to discuss the annual budget and the tax rate. He also disclosed that a vote to adopt the budget and the tax rate would be held at the Regular Meeting of September 12.

Their being no further business to come before the Court at this time, upon motion by Commissioner Urbanczyk, seconded by Commissioner Parker, and carried unanimously, the meeting of the Court was ADJOUNED.

APPROVED this 12th day of September 2005.

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Obituaries

Ralph D. Hernandez

Ralph Hernandez passed away Friday August 26, 2005, at the age of 77 years 9 months and 19 days. Services were held Monday August 29, 2005, at 10:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church in Menard, Texas, with Father Michael Udegbunn officiating, burial followed in The Garden of Memories Cemetery.

Ralph was born November 7, 1927 to Pedro and Tiofila (Deanda) Hernandez, in Ft. McKavett, Texas. He married Joyce Mora in 1948 and had 8 children. He lived in Menard County most of his life, working on ranches.

Ralph loved horses, he enjoyed buying horses that he and his sons could break and resale. Ralph was one of the founders of the Silver Spurs Arena. He loved being around his family, especially his children and grandchildren.

Survivors include Joyce Hernandez, three sons, Pete Hernandez, Ray Hernandez both of Menard, Texas, and Rudy Hernandez of London, Texas. Three daughters: Joyce Lambert of Breckenridge, Texas, Cindy Gonzales of Junction, Texas and Kathy Hernandez of Plamer, Texas. 18 grandchildren 11 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Three brothers, Snow Hernandez of Haskell, Oklahoma, Jessie Hernandez of San Angelo, Texas and Albet Hernandez of Sonora, Texas. Two sisters, Betty Ortiz of Winters, Texas and Dominga Rodriguez of Knox City, Texas.

Preceded in death by his parents, two sons Tony, and Joey, and one brother Mike Hernandez.

Pallbearers were Michael Hernandez, Tank Hernandez, Joseph Hernandez, Ray Hernandez Jr., Chris Garcia, and Patrick Garcia.

Edward Franklin (Eddie) Offield

Edward Franklin (Eddie) Offield died Wednesday August 24, 2005 at Stephens Memorial Hospital. Funeral service was held Friday August 26th at Morehart Mortuary Chapel with Reverend Rex Boggs officiating. Burial followed in Breckenridge Cemetery under the direction of Morehart Mortuary.

Eddie was born December 5, 1915 in Dickens County Texas, to Ira Offield and Lucinda Corinthia (Lucy) Bruner Offield.

He attended school in Breckenridge and served in the Air Force he worked as a self-employed building contractor from 1950-1985.

He married Nellie Maria Smith in 1935 and had a son. Later he remarried Joetta Harpool in 1939 they had a daughter and another son, he was a self made man as a husband, father, grand, great, and great great grandfather, a very well known person in his community in every sense of the word. He helped build many highway and buildings from Mineral Wells to Breckenridge. He was a member of the Gun Sight Baptist Church, the VFW the Elks Lodge, and The Breckenridge Little League.

Eddie is survived by his sons Eddie Offield and wife Sammie of Knox City and Alan Offield of Breckenridge, his daughter Jodi Offield of Fort Worth, a sister Pierley Pauline Myers of Whitney, Texas. Three grandchildren Scooter Offield, Tracy Dunham and husband Rodney of Hamlin, Kelly Offield and wife Sam of Wichita Falls, two stepgrandsons Ruben Garcia and wife Patty of Munday, Eric Garcia of Knox City. Ten great grandchildren- Dusty, Sonja, Rodney, Patricia, Tate, Kyrie, Brandi, Chase, Colton, Zack, two step grand children, Sean, and Aubri, seven great great grandchildren Brandon, Alec, Brooklyn, Bailey, Lexi, Allie and Dillion.

Memorial maybe made to Hendrick Hospice through Morehart Mortuary in Breckenridge, Texas or the Weinart Four Square Church, Weinart, Texas.

ROLLING PLAINS RAMBLINGS Our Hearts Weep

Last week I talked to our young people about their future challenges and opportunities. Today I talk to us ALL - me, you - ALL of us - about challenges, opportunities, weeping hearts.

We face, this month, this day, right now, the challenge to determine whether we, the people of the United States of America, can or should lead Earth into the future. This challenge is named Katrina.

I know not a single person in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama. Yet as I write this, I weep, I grieve, I am angry, I am frustrated. I am also determined.

Katrina is the worst natural disaster in American history. Katrina has probably killed over 20,000 of our countrymen. Our injured and diseased may exceed 100,000, our homeless evacuees exceed 400,000. Destruction far exceeds any other domestic disaster in our history, except the Civil War - and rivals it.

After a week, and for months and years to come, the tragedies continue. Horribly, as yet unrescued Americans still suffer. As I write, many die. Survivors are injured, homeless, bewildered, shocked. Life for them has changed completely.

They feel as if they are in a deep canyon, with sheer cliffs on either side, raging waters ahead and behind, trapped in uncertainty, bewildered.

We will remember the man, yelling at another man laying on a New Orleans street "Live, Man! Live!" Terrified people frantically waving at a helicopter passing over. A daughter screaming that her mother needed medication and was dying. An elderly man, dead, alone, sitting in his battered wheel chair.

This week the grim task goes on of sifting through horrendous debris, searching for week-old bodies, and more recent.

We hear charges being hurled at FEMA, at President Bush, at almost anyone connected to Katrina. This is not the time to hurl those accusations. That will come. Then we must carefully probe problems about Katrina. This MUST be done, but carefully, thoroughly and calmly.

We must. Finding fault is not the most important. Most important is finding out what went wrong and redesigning our response.

The final death count is not yet available and won't be for a long time. I estimate total

deaths, in all three states, will be around 20,000. Total casualties, deaths and injuries, may exceed 100,000, more than any other week in our history.

We must find out what happened. Then we must rebuild the Coast. We need New Orleans and the Gulf Coast. In 1802, President Thomas Jefferson heeded the demands of our growing population along the Ohio and Tennessee rivers, who needed to ship their produce to New Orleans. Without New Orleans, our nation beyond the Appalachians was doomed.

Napoleon Bonaparte started American envoys by offering to sell the entire Louisiana territory. Without the Louisiana Purchase, we might have split into at least two nations, one between the Appalachians and the Mississippi, the other stretched along the East Coast.

New Orleans made the United States a nation from coast-to-coast and eventually the greatest power in Earth's History.

How we recover from the Katrina tragedy will decide whether the United States of America is a great nation or a flicker in time.

In the greatest natural disaster in American history - until last week, the Galveston hurricane in September 8, 1900 (105 years ago today), more than 5,000 were killed and Galveston was destroyed. The American Red Cross invented its disaster assistance program to deal with the Galveston tragedy.

Galveston realized its government had not worked. The people of Galveston INVENTED a NEW type of government never before used anywhere - the professional city manager-council form, now used by thousands of cities across the nation. Galveston rebuilt itself and is a thriving urban area today.

We must do this. This is all we can now do now for the thousands who possibly died last week. We owe it to them. If we do not, the United States of America will fade to a few pages in history books.

It is up to us - to you and me. To those in Knox County, in Texas, in Oklahoma, across the nation from sea to shining sea. Think about that this week, as we watch the horrifying scenes of thousands of bodies being pulled from attics, jumbled debris, shattered buildings.

Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

Another Labor Day has rolled around and folks are taking advantage of this last long weekend for awhile. As for me it's truly what it says "Labor Day" Laundry, housework and all those fun things. But thankful I'm able to do what I can how about you?

Pat Bewnson spent a few days in the Knox County Hospital last week. She is doing fine now and of course glad to be back home.

Leory West is still a patient in Harris Hospital in Ft. Worth. I talked to Gloria and she said she thinks he may feel a little better.

Is eating a little more and hopefully his will begin to get some strength back. He's has all kinds of tests and the only thing they can find wrong is the viral infection but it sure has messed up a lot of things in his system. He's still in very strong anti biotics and maybe they will see a big change in the way he feels pretty soon.

Jane Gideon spent a couple of nights in a Wichita Falls Hospital last week. She's doing well and has to go back the 26th for further testing.

Danny Hudson has been a patient in Knox County Hospital I believe he is home and doing better and that's good news.

Talked to former resident Helen Coppedge Green last week. She is having some health problems and will probably be having some surgery soon. She lives in Guthrie with her husband, m Jimmy. As always please remember all these friends in your prayers.

The volleyball girls continued their winning ways last week by defeating Bryson here at home Tuesday night's game.

The Mustangs suffered defeat at the hands and fast legs of the Samnorwood team here at home Friday night. This week they play Paint Creek there.

Thank You

Thank You for all your prayers cards, food, flowers and support through this long road with our beloved father, grand, great and great great grandfather, we will treasure all of you in our hearts for a lifetime.

*The Families of Edward Franklin (Eddie) Offield
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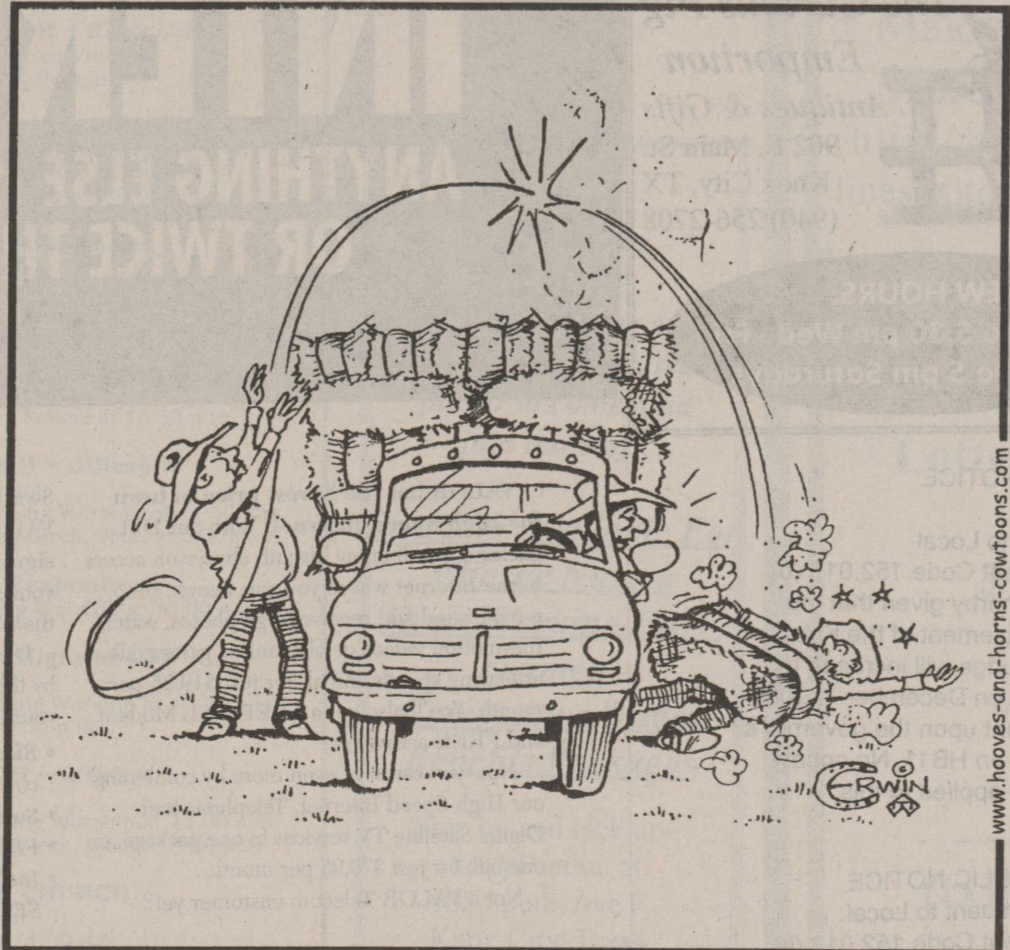
Be A Disaster Relief Hero

Do you want to be a part of the Katrina Hurricane disaster relief effort in Texas? North Central Texas Chapter is conducting an Introduction to Red Cross and Mass Care to qualify you for deployment.

This class will be on Wednesday, September 7, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. at the Chapter Office, 1809 5th St. Wichita Falls, TX.

These classes will enable you to participate in shelter operations and mass care. For more information or registration, please call Marleen Moore, Service Delivery Coordinator, Vernon, at 940-552-2991.

HOOVES & HORNS BY A.W. ERWIN



"Yuh know,..... The last feller that tried that little afternoon nap thing got fired."

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NOTICE

of Vote on Tax Rate

The Knox County Commissioners Court

conducted public hearings on a proposal

to increase the total tax revenues of

Knox County

from properties on the tax roll in the preceding

year by eight (8) percent

on September 1st and September 6th, 2005

The Knox County Commissioners Court

is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that

will result in that tax increase at a public

meeting to be held

on September 12th, 2005 at 10:00 AM

at The Assembly Room in the Benjamin Courthouse

TDLR ASSUMES REGULATION OF BARBERS AND COSMETOLOGISTS TODAY

Cost of Computer-Based Cosmetology Exam is Reduced by 27 Percent

Regulation of the cosmetology and barbering professions transfers to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) today. Along with the transfer in authority comes a reduction in testing fees for cosmetologists.

Senate Bill 411, which was passed by the 79th Texas Legislature and signed by Governor Rick Perry on June 18, transferred regulation of the cosmetology and barbering professions to TDLR, effective September 1, 2005.

LaserGrade, the company that offers computer-based versions of the written exam that cosmetology applicants must pass, has agreed to reduce the fee it charges for the exam from \$72 to \$52, a reduction of more than 27 percent, effective immediately. The fee reduction will apply only to exams scheduled after September 1.

"We are committed to keeping costs for our licensees as low as possible and this is another example of that commitment," said William Kuntz, TDLR's executive director.

"Every year we review the cost of administration for each of our programs and we adjust the fees accordingly.

Over the last year we have reduced the fees for 29 license types. We expect the same of commitment to efficiency from vendors we contract with. Our licensees are entitled to benefit from this efficiency."

Applicants must pass two tests to become licensed cosmetologists in Texas. The written test may be taken at the TDLR's testing facility in Austin or at any of the 33 LaserGrade facilities located in towns and cities across the state.

The second test, the practical exam, currently is offered only at TDLR's Austin test facility. However, TDLR is planning to open satellite test facilities offering the practical exam at locations across the state during the next year.

"Our vision is to offer the practical exam at locations throughout the state so that people don't have to travel to Austin to take it," Kuntz said. "The time and expense incurred traveling to Austin from some areas of Texas can be onerous. Along with introducing new efficiencies to cosmetology regulation, we also plan to extend our reach to reduce some of the financial burden on our applicants."

Barber applicants also are required to pass written and practical exams, but the written exam for barbers currently is not available on LaserGrade. There will be no immediate changes to the barbering exams.

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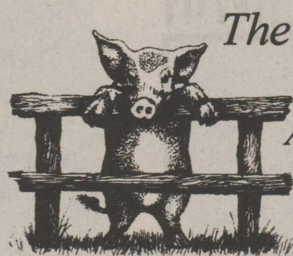
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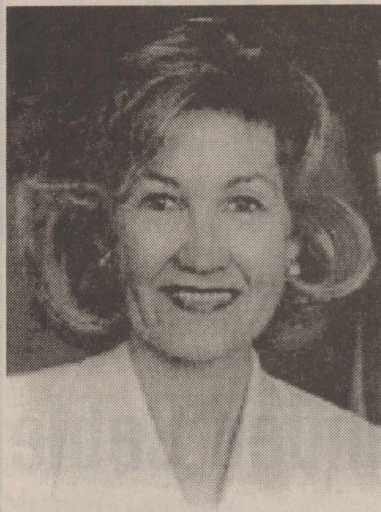
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Kay Bailey Hutchison United States Senator



WASHINGTON, DC -- U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX), Vice Chairman of the Senate Republican Conference and a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, today made the following statement after meeting with Houston Mayor Bill White, County Judge Robert Eckels and city officials in Houston:

"The city of Houston and the state of Texas should be commended for opening up their facilities to the victims of this devastating hurricane. Mayor White, Judge Eckels and all of Houston's city officials are working diligently to ready the city for our neighbors in need. Congress is attempting to determine what the needs are and how they can best be met in all of the affected areas.

STATEMENT ON HURRICANE KATRINA

While we cannot bring back the losses to the victims of this devastation, hopefully, working as a nation, we can help regain some sense of normalcy in their lives."

State approves funding for Harrison Field Who, What, When

Approximately \$142,000 for Harrison Field of Knox City was approved by the Texas Transportation Commission at its August meeting.

The funds will be used for planned airport improvements, which include:

Design and construction for pavement improvements

A contract for the project is expected to be awarded this fall.

Project costs will be funded through the Texas Department of Transportation's Aviation Facilities Grant Program, which preserves and improves the state's general aviation system, and Knox City.

Background

This year, TxDOT expects to provide approximately \$60 million in funding for planning, constructing and maintaining community airports.

Approximately 275 community airports in Texas are eligible for funding.

Arrivals and departures from community airports account for more than three million flight hours per year and provide aircraft facilities for agricultural, medical, business and commuter use.

For more information, call Mark Cross, TxDOT Public Information Office, (512) 463-8585.

IRS Grants Tax Relief for Hurricane Katrina Victims

WASHINGTON - The Internal Revenue Service today announced special relief for taxpayers in the Presidential Disaster Areas struck by Hurricane Katrina.

These taxpayers generally will have until Oct. 31, 2005, to file tax returns and submit tax payments. The IRS will abate interest and any late filing or late payment penalties that would otherwise apply. This relief includes the Sept. 15 due date for estimated taxes and for calendar-year corporate returns with automatic extensions.

"People affected by Hurricane Katrina have more than enough concerns -- taxes shouldn't be among them," said IRS Commissioner Mark W. Everson. "We hope the relief we are providing will help taxpayers in their financial recovery from this devastating storm."

The disaster areas designated for individual relief include:

31 Louisiana parishes: Acadia, Ascension, Assumption, Calcasieu, Cameron, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberia, Iberville, Jefferson, Jefferson Davis, Lafayette, Lafourche, Livingston, Orleans, Pointe Coupee, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. James, St. John, St. Mary, St. Martin, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne, Vermilion, Washington, West Baton Rouge and West Feliciana;

15 Mississippi counties: Amite, Forrest, George, Greene, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Lamar, Marion, Pearl River, Perry, Pike, Stone, Walthall, and Wilkinson; and

Three Alabama counties: Baldwin, Mobile and Washington.

Among the tax relief details are the following:

The Federal Tax Deposit (FTD) Penalty Waiver Period for employment and excise tax deposits is Aug. 29 - Sept. 23, 2005.

The Extension Period for returns and other tax payments is Aug. 29 - Oct. 31, 2005.

The Disaster Designation for this area is "Hurricane Katrina" - taxpayers mark certain relief-related forms with this designation in red.

Further disaster-related tax relief information can be found on IRS.gov.

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Week of September 5th to September 9th

Monday, September 5th

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Tuesday, September 6th

Sliced Ham, Pinto Beans, Macaroni and Tomatoes, Cornbread, Peach Crunch
Wednesday, September 7th

Meat Loaf, Sweet Peas, Carrot/Raisin Salad, Hot Rolls, Cookies

Thursday, September 8th

Beef Stew, Corn On The Cob, Cornbread, Banana Pudding

Friday September 9th

Sausage & Gravy, Hash Brown Potatoes, Green Beans, Biscuits, Dessert

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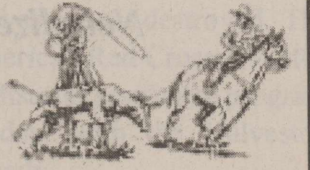
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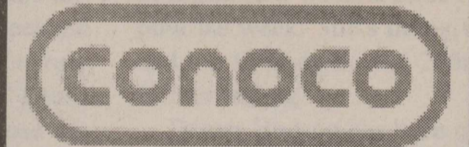
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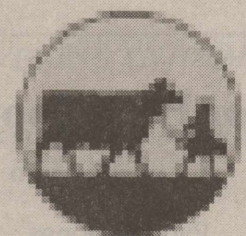
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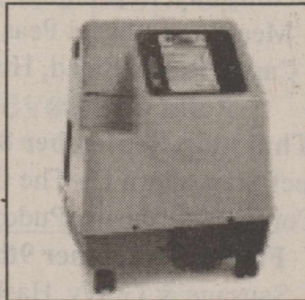
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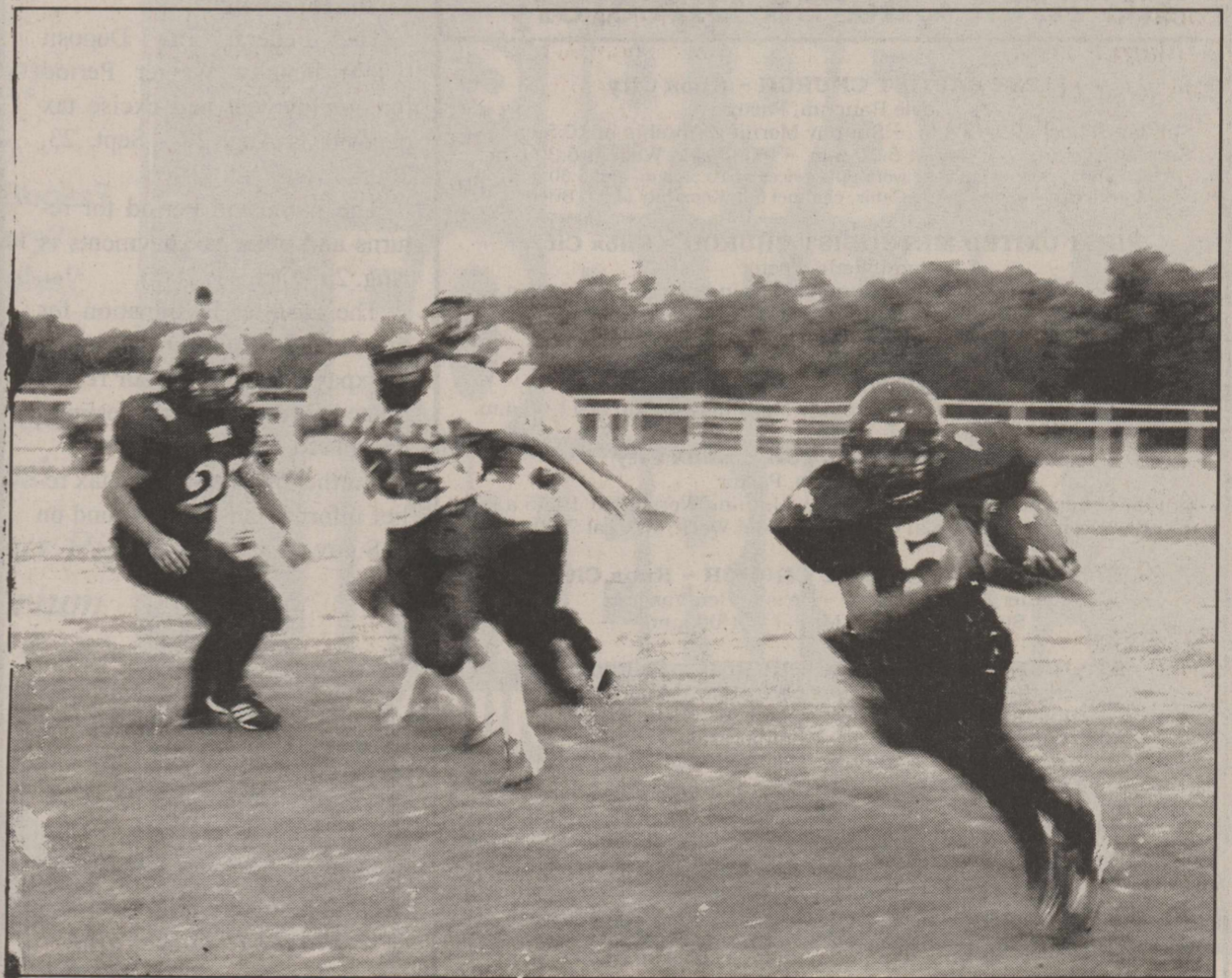
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Thomas Acevedo running with football at Friday night's game

2005 Junior High Football Schedule Benjamin Mustangs

Sept. 8	Paint Creek	Here	5:30
Sept. 15	Patton Springs	Here	5:30
Sept. 22	Jayton	Here	5:30
Sept. 29	Motley County	There	5:30
Oct. 6	Chillicothe	Here	5:30
Oct. 13	Paducah	Here	5:30
Oct. 20	Northside	There	5:30
Oct. 27	Guthrie	Here	5:30
Nov. 3	Crowell	There	5:30

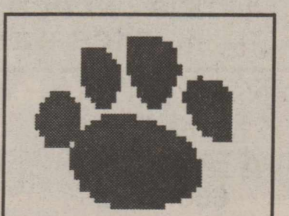


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Aug. 13	McLean^	Guthrie	TBA
Aug. 18	Ropes^	Ropesville	6:00
Aug. 25	Paint Creek	Guthrie	7:00
Sept. 2	Spur	Spur	7:30
Sept. 9 H.C. #	Jayton	Guthrie	7:30
Sept. 16	Open		
Sept. 23 *District	Northside	Guthrie	7:30
Sept. 30 *District	Chillicothe	Chillicothe	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
Oct. 28 *District	Benjamin	Guthrie	7:30
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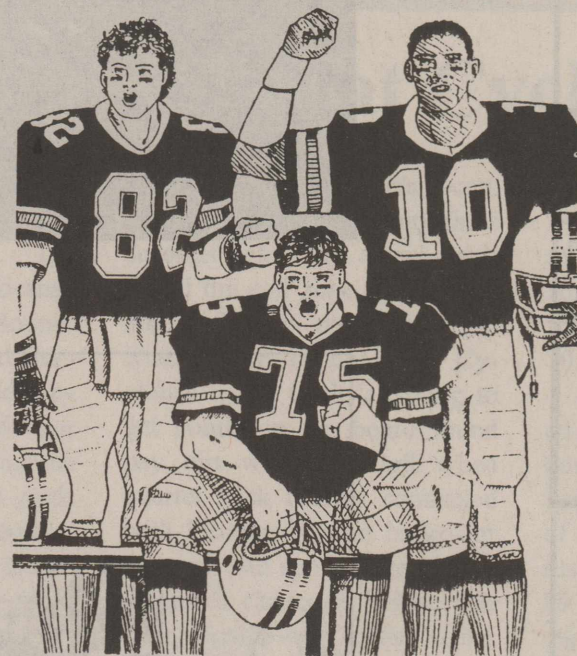
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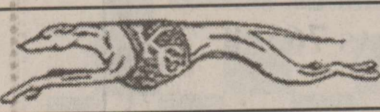
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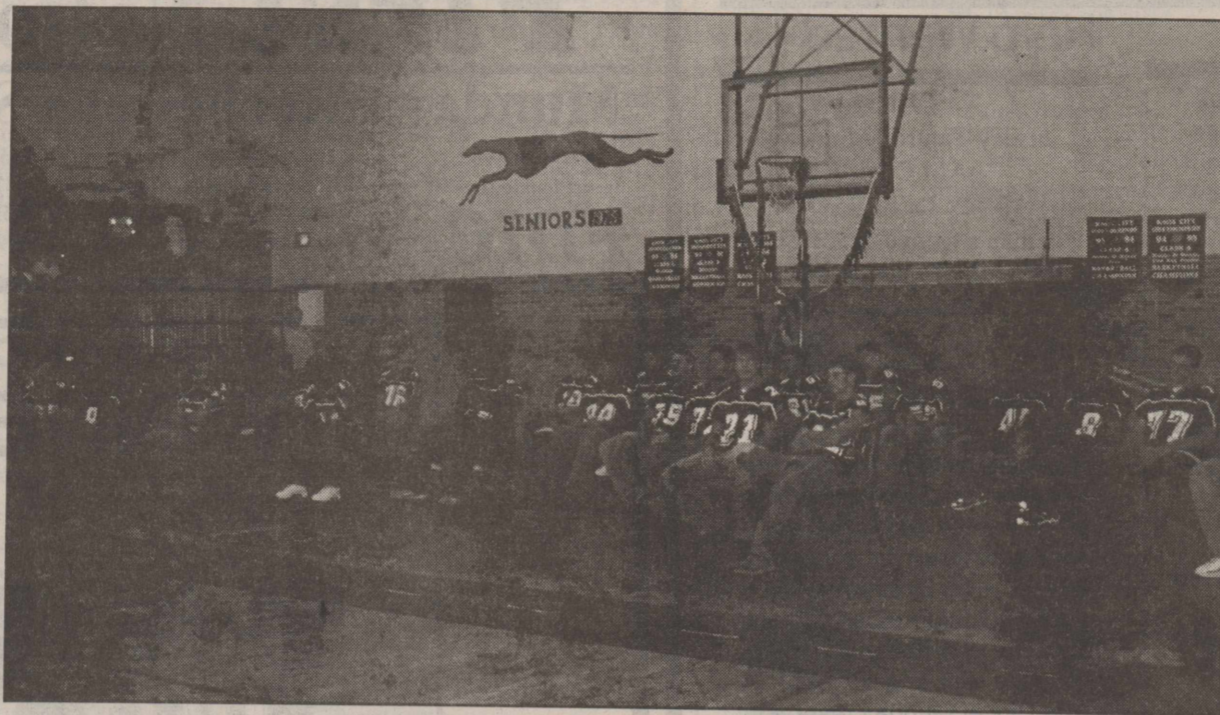
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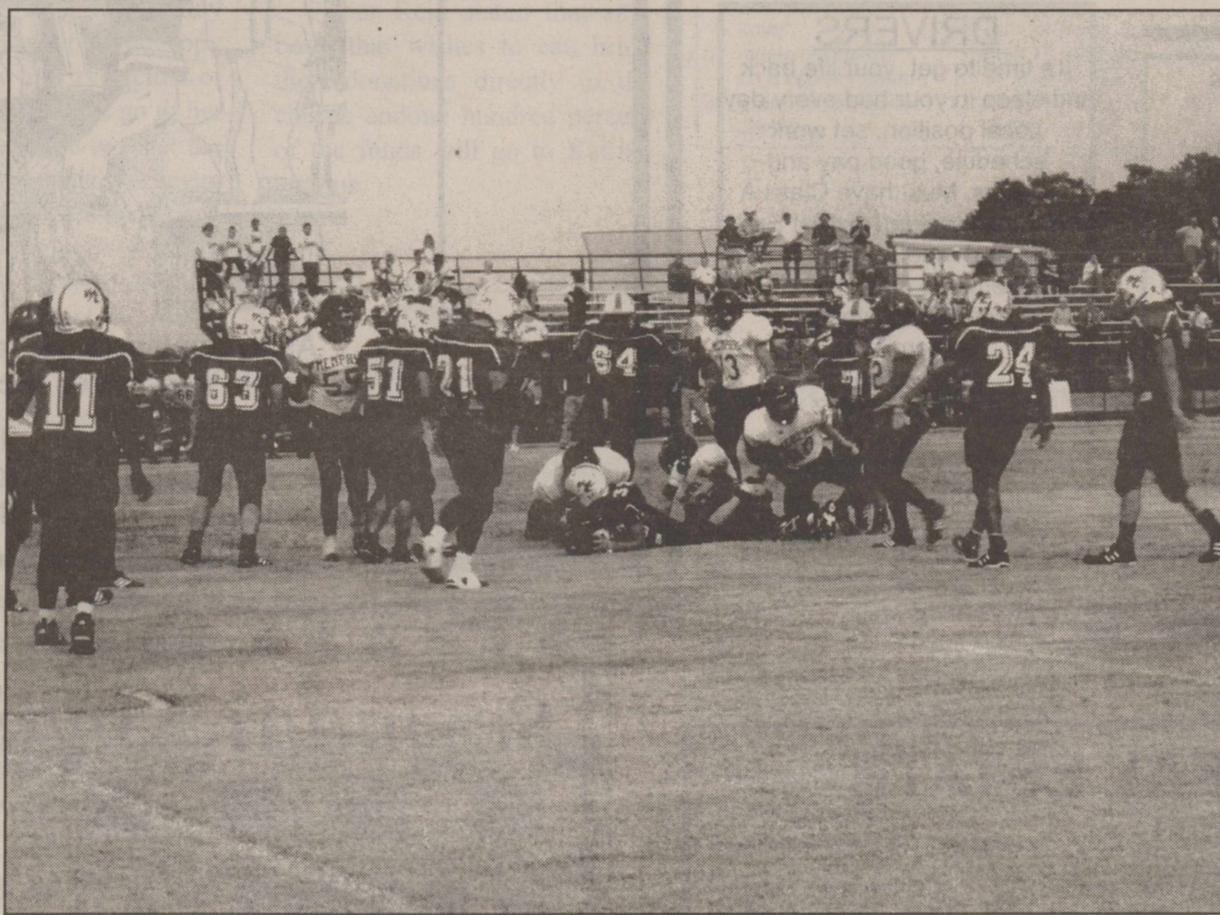
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Knox City Greyhounds at Pep Rally Friday



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Houndettes Win Over Lady Hornets

Another one bites the dust as the Houndettes take out the Harrold Lady Hornets with the final numbers being 25-19, 25-19, 25-12. It seemed to be a quick three and nothing to worry about. Coach Davis says that while they are doing a great job, there is only room for improvement. "We still need to do a lot of work, but we are coming together and working hard." Harrold was the first of two matches that day for the Houndettes. After a short break, they faced off against the Woodson Cowgirls where they came to their demise that day. We were beaten by a score of 8-25, 11-25, 7-25. We got to see what

the other side looks like and it is not pretty. With Woodson being ranked 5th in the state, it only gives the Houndettes a goal to reach for, and hopefully, to succeed in. We may have been down that day, but we are certainly not out!

The mighty Houndettes went on to Harrold where they, yet again, were crowned champions in someone else's house. They took 1st place by first defeating Harrold's Jv team with two very quick serving games to end their suffering. After the final nail was hammered in, they moved forward a notch to take on Northside and Harrold varsity. Nikki Moss

was accepted to the All Tournament Team with Kayla Martin being the tournament's MVP. Nikki had 9 kills that day and Kayla had 5. Congratulations to the Houndettes who proved that you can take a lickin' and keep on tickin'. The JV team didn't quite have a day like the varsity, they were defeated by Northside in the first match but did go on to defeat Harrold JV. That win put them into the consolation match where they battled Wichita Christian into 5 games. Despite their attempt to hang on, they were unsuccessful as they went home with disappointed by themselves, but proud of their predecessors.

Knox City Greyhounds

2005 High School Football Schedule

Aug. 13	Crosbyton	There	10:00 a.m.
Aug. 19	Archer City	Here	TBA
Aug. 26	Roby	Here	7:30
Sept. 2	Memphis	Here	7:30
Sept. 9	Stamford	There	7:30
Sept. 16	Anson	Here	7:30
Sept. 23 H.C.	Baird	Here	7:30
Sept. 30	Open	Open	
Oct. 7 District	Albany	There	7:30
Oct. 14 District	Munday	There	7:30
Oct. 21 District	Hamlin	Here	7:30
Oct. 28 District	Rotan	There	7:30
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