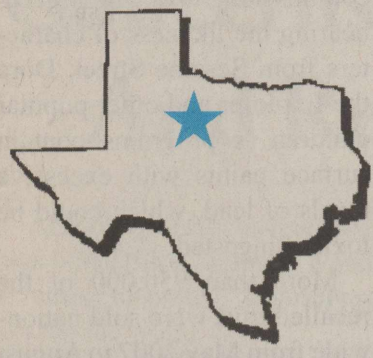


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WEDNESDAY, AUG. 15	THURSDAY, AUG. 16	FRIDAY, AUG. 17	SATURDAY, AUG. 18	SUNDAY, AUG. 19	MONDAY, AUG. 20
High/Low 103°/75° Sunny and HOT!	High/Low 97°/75° 20% Chance of T-Storms	High/Low 93°/73° 30% Chance of T-Storms	High/Low 92°/73° 20% Chance of T-Storms	High/Low 94°/73° Partly Cloudy and HOT!	High/Low 94°/72° Mostly Sunny



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Looking Ahead

▪ **Community Development Workshop**
 The West Central Texas Workforce Development Board will be hosting a Community Development Workshop on Thursday, August 16 and Friday, 17 at the MCM Elegante Hotel in Abilene. The 1½ day workshop will guide participants through the process of planning a community project from start to finish.

▪ **2nd Annual "It's Still Not Hotter Than Hell" Golf Classic**
 August 18 - Tee off at 1:30 p.m. Hosted by Abundant Life Christian Fellowship. 2 person scramble format. \$25 per person, \$10 per person for cart (Call to reserve). 657-4146. Limited spots available! Come to Reserve!

Knox County News Honored By Local School District

(AUSTIN) - Jeff Jordan of the *Knox County News* was named to the Media Honor Roll, a program sponsored by the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB), by the Knox City-O'Brien CISD. Media representatives from almost 400 newspapers and radio and television stations were named to the 2007 Media Honor Roll by their local school districts. Sponsored by the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB), the Media Honor Roll program recognizes media representatives statewide who deserve recognition for fair and balanced reporting of news about public schools.

Criteria for the district selection included the media representative's efforts to get to know the superintendent, board president, and the district's mission and goals; report school news in a fair, accurate and balanced

manner; give a high profile to positive news about schools; visit the schools; and maintain a policy of no surprises by sharing information with school officials.

"Districts across Texas appreciate these reporters for their balanced and accurate approach to sharing both the challenges facing our schools and the successes achieved by local teachers, students and school boards. Their work aids local communities in focusing on the goal of providing the best public schools we can for every child," said Jim Ash, TASB president.

TASB is a nonprofit association established in 1949 to serve local Texas school districts.

School board members are the largest group of publicly elected officials in the state. The districts they represent serve 4.5 million Texas students.

Ag-Oil Golf Tourney Held

The 2007 Ag-Oil Tournament was held last Saturday, August 11th at the Knox City Country Club. Thirty-eight four-person teams participated.

AM Tournament winners were: 1st Place - Mingo Garcia Team- Mingo Garcia, Robert Alcala, Eddie Baldwin, Chad Donnell; 2nd Place - Pete Owens #1 Team - Pete Owens, Rick Mason, Johnny C., Derek Jones; 3rd Place - Billy Joe Flores Team - Alex Flores, Jeff Abernathy, Paul Garcia, Trace Bailey; Wild Card - Monte Martin Team - Monte Martin, Randy May, Joe Sorrells, Brian Manske; Longest Drive - Cary Epley; Closest To Pin - Robert Alcala.

PM Tournament winners were: 1st Place - Judge Ward Team - Judge Ward, Logan Ward, Mike Weber, Turner Carriker; 2nd Place - Basic Energy Services #1 - Dale Doby, Kyle Markey, Dewey Townsend, Troy Nuchols; 3rd Place - Pepper Team - Doug Dotson, Ron Houghton, George Johnson, Bob Maloney;

■ See **TOURNEY** Page 5

Local Schools Taking Registrations

Knox City and Benjamin campuses are getting ready for the new school year and students.

Benjamin ISD is currently accepting new student registrations in the school office. Students may register Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pre-kindergarten students need to bring a copy of their birth certificate, social security number and immunization record along when they register.

Knox City high school campus will register Monday, August 20th. Grades 9 and 10 will register from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and grades 11 and 12 will register from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Knox City middle school and elementary will hold registration on Wednesday, August 22nd from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

New students need to bring their birth certificate, social security card and immunization record.

Benjamin ISD And KC Elementary Earn Prestigious School Rating

The Texas Education Agency recently released their 2007 school accountability ratings and two Knox County campuses were rated the prestigious Exemplary rating. Those were Benjamin ISD and Knox City Elementary campus.

The accountability rating is based on student performance on the TAKS, the State Developed Alternative Assessment II, dropout rates and graduation

completion rates. Schools are rated Academically Unacceptable, Academically Acceptable, Recognized or Exemplary.

Some schools are not rated and are typically schools for which there are no TAKS results, such as pre-kindergarten-kindergarten campuses or Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Programs.

■ See **RATINGS** Page 3



At the 4-H Banquet, Lorrie Coup awards Brandon York the 4-H Silver Star Award. We will have a full article about this event in an upcoming issue.

Benjamin ISD Welcomes New Faculty

Benjamin ISD held a reception on Monday, August 20th to introduce new faculty to fellow school personnel.

Jason Loftiss is the new girls coach and will also teach history. He last was employed in the Quanah school system.

Gwen Marrier, who last taught in the Crowell school system, will be the new English teacher.

Melissa Everson, most recently employed in the Vernon school district is Benjamin's new special education teacher. She is also be the cheerleading sponsor.

Susan Spake, who will teach science at BISD, was employed in Boise City, Oklahoma.

David Lindsay was recently hired as the new cafeteria manager.



Pictured left - right — David Lindsay - Cafeteria Manager, Jason Loftiss - Girls Coach and History, Melissa Everson - Special Education, Gwen Marrier - English and not pictured is Susan Spake - Science

Don't Forget This Weekend Is Sales Tax Holiday!

Texas shoppers get a break from state and local sales taxes on August 17, 18, and 19 - the state's annual tax holiday. Lay-away plans can be used again this year to take advantage of the sales tax holiday.

This year, for the first time, school backpacks that cost less than \$100 may be purchased tax-free. The law exempts most clothing and footwear priced under \$100 from sales and use taxes, which could save shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend.

Backpacks under \$100 and used by elementary and secondary students are also exempt. A backpack is a pack with straps one wears on the back. The new exemption during the sales tax holiday includes backpacks with wheels, provided they can also be worn on the back like a traditional backpack, and messenger bags. The exemption does not include items that are reasonably defined as luggage, briefcases, athletic/duffle/gym

bags, computer bags, purses or framed backpacks. Ten or fewer backpacks can be purchased tax-free at one time without providing an exemption certificate to the seller.

TAX-FREE

Baby clothes, Backpacks for use by elementary and secondary students, Belts with attached buckles, Boots - (cowboy, hiking), Caps/hats - (baseball, fishing, golf, knitted), Coats and wraps, Diapers - (adult and baby), Dresses, Gloves (generally), Gym suits and uniforms, Hooded shirts and hooded sweat-shirts, Hosiery, Jackets, Jeans, Jerseys - (baseball and football), Jogging apparel, Neckwear and ties, Pajamas, Pants and trousers, Raincoats and ponchos, Robes, Shirts, Shoes - (sandals, slippers, sneakers, tennis, walking), Socks (including athletic), Shorts, Suits, slacks, and jackets, Sweatshirts, Sweat suits, Sweaters, Swimsuits, Underclothes, Work clothes and uniforms.

TAXED

Accessories (generally) - barrettes, elastic ponytail holders, wallets, watches, Backpacks - unless for use by elementary and secondary students, Baseball cleats and pants, Belt buckles (without belt), Boots - climbing, fishing, rubber work boots, ski, waders, Buttons and zippers, Cloth and lace, knitting yarns, and other fabrics, Dry cleaning services, Football pants, Golf gloves, Handbags and purses, Handkerchiefs, Hard hats, Helmets - bike, baseball, football, hockey, motorcycle, sports, Ice skates, Jewelry, Laundering services, Leather goods - except belts with buckles and wearing apparel, Pads - football, hockey, soccer, elbow, knee, shoulder, Personal flotation devices, Rented clothing (including uniforms, formal wear, and costumes), Roller blades and skates, Safety clothing, glasses, Shoes - bicycle (cleated), bowling, golf

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HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — The annual state sales tax holiday is Aug. 17-19 and Texas shoppers will get a break from state and local sales taxes for most clothing and footwear priced under \$100.

Lay-away plans can be used again this year to take advantage of the sales tax holiday.

For the first time backpacks under \$100 specifically used by elementary and secondary

students also are exempt.

The new exemption includes backpacks with wheels, provided they can also be worn on the back like a traditional backpack.

Comptroller Susan Combs estimates that shoppers can save about \$8 on every \$100 they spend during the state sales tax holiday.

Examples of items that qualify for the sales tax exemption include baby clothes, boots, diapers, neckwear and ties, pajamas and swimsuits.

Items not covered in the holiday include belt buckles, most sport specific shoes such as baseball cleats, purses and jewelry.

This year the annual sales tax holiday was moved to the third weekend in August to better coincide with the first day of school.

"The Legislature voted to change the date of the sales tax holiday because schools are opening later in many districts," Combs said.

"Most families take advantage of the sales tax holiday to buy back-to-school clothes for the kids."

TPWD to hire 200 new workers

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is adding 200 new employees to state parks after receiving increased funding from the Texas Legislature during this year's session.

The staffing increase is the first for the state park system in many years and follows several lean years where the department was forced to make major cuts to park services, staffing and hours of operation.

The available positions will be advertised through the

TPWD Web site www.tpwd.state.tx.us and will be filled in September and October.

"We're looking for people who are really excited about helping take care of some of the most special places in our state, folks who are interested in a long-term career with Texas State Parks," said Walt Dabney, TPWD state parks director.

Gov's speechwriter resigns

Gov. Rick Perry's director of communications, Eric Bearse, resigned Aug. 6 to form his own consulting business, specializing in speechwriting, public affairs and political consulting.

For the last nine years, Bearse has been Perry's principle speechwriter, authoring two inaugural addresses, the governor's initial oath of office speech, four State-of-the-State speeches, and three Republi-

can state convention speeches among nearly 2,000 speeches given by Gov. Perry since 1999.

Carrollton rep gets pacemaker

State Rep. Jim Jackson, R-Carrollton, was admitted to Massachusetts General Hospital Aug. 6 with a low heart rate.

On Aug. 8 he received a permanent pacemaker and flew home a day later.

Jackson was in Boston attending the National Conference of State Legislatures' annual meeting.

AG alerts parents to toy recall

The Office of the Attorney General is urging Texas consumers to stop using certain toys after Fisher-Price and the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission issued a recall

due to potential lead poisoning hazards.

According to the safety commission, toys and figures bearing the likeness of characters from Sesame Street, Dora the Explorer and other popular children's programs contain surface paints with excessive levels of lead, which could be toxic if ingested.

More than 950,000 of the recalled toys were sold nationwide from May 2007 to August 2007.

The products were sold both alone and as parts of sets.

The toys are all marked with "Fisher-Price" and may have a date code between 109-7LF and 187-7LF marked on the product or packaging.

A detailed list of the recalled toys can be found on the Attorney General's Web site at www.oag.state.tx.us.

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- 1 Comanche has the oldest courthouse in TX: "Old _____"
- 5 TXism: "bright as _____ penny"
- 6 Manson Family killed this TX-born actress Sharon _____
- 7 groove-billed birds at Bentsen Rio Grande State Park
- 8 Stanton is its seat
- 17 gorilla or monkey
- 18 last two initials of stat. in 46-across
- 21 TX Steve Martin did a _____ make of "Father of the Bride"
- 22 this northern state has a town named Houston (abbr.)
- 23 cooking odors
- 24 in Jackson Co. on the Lavaca River
- 29 TXism: "he's an ornery old _____"
- 30 Galveston Seawall street (abbr.)
- 31 founder of the King Ranch (init.)
- 32 TX Steve Martin film: "_____ Two Brains"
- 34 longtime Dallas DA Henry _____
- 35 medical scan (abbr.)
- 36 Indians thought these inhabited Enchanted Rock
- 37 TX Roddenberry
- 38 rhyming verse
- 39 this flows in Bell & Williamson & Cos.

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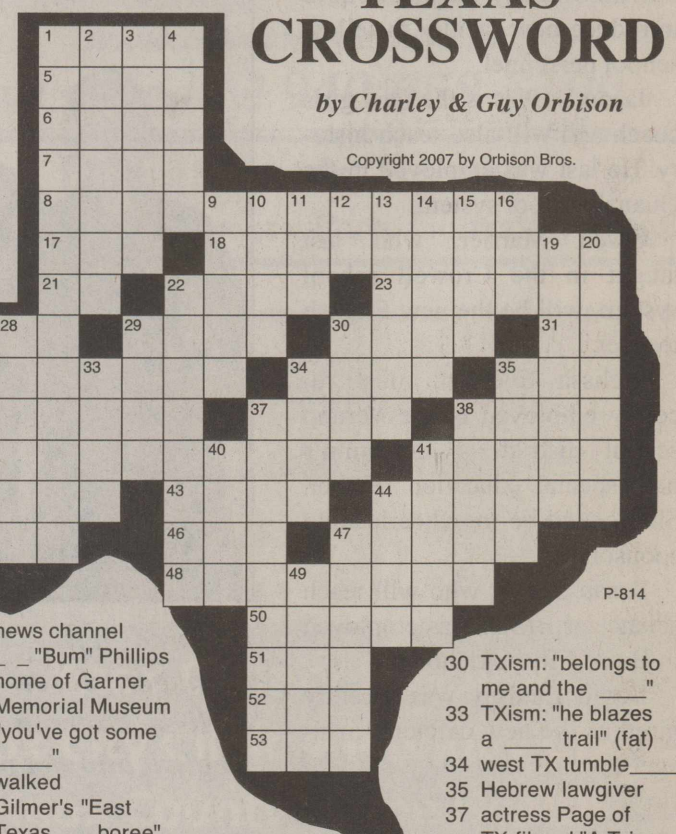
- 1 "Ruff Rider Regatta" is this (2 wds.)
- 2 TXism: "fits like ugly _____"
- 3 stop working
- 4 TXism: "can stay neck 'n neck with these inhabited Texas jackrabbit" (fast)
- 9 Shamrock, TX was named by an _____ immigrant
- 10 sisters
- 41 TXism: "she _____ stand up twice to cast a shadow" (thin)
- 42 TXism: "walking dandruff"
- 43 TX Sissy Spacek film: "_____ Promises"
- 44 desires the property of others
- 45 chow down
- 46 stat. for Astro Roy Oswalt (abbr.)
- 47 gradually declines
- 48 Tex-Mex food: chile
- 50 prevent from acting
- 51 TXism: "jumpy as a cat on _____"
- 52 Dallas Stars: TX's only _____ team
- 53 TXism: "slippery as an _____"
- 11 news channel
- 12 "_____ Bum" Phillips
- 13 home of Garner Memorial Museum
- 14 "you've got some _____"
- 15 walked
- 16 Gilmer's "East Texas _____ boree"
- 19 this Pat shot Billy the Kid
- 20 TXism: "he could sell ice cubes to _____"
- 22 this Gus was TX House speaker until "Sharpstown"
- 24 _____ Gov. Dewhurst
- 25 TX Roy Orbison's "_____ Pretty Woman"
- 26 "_____ is more"
- 27 this Chevy was built in Arlington
- 28 TXism: "high _____" (run away)
- 29 this TX Gaston was Blue Jays mgr.
- 30 TXism: "belongs to me and the _____"
- 33 TXism: "he blazes a _____ trail" (fat)
- 34 west TX tumble _____
- 35 Hebrew lawgiver
- 37 actress Page of TX-filmed "A Trip to Bountiful"
- 38 "_____ the way"
- 40 undercooked steak
- 41 Texas Stadium's "Ring of _____"
- 44 TX crop: sugar _____
- 47 TX Clint Black's "_____ Ourselves"
- 49 "milk" with chili

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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

GOODBYE, JIM

By Baxter Black, DVM

A rodeo legend died last month. Jim Shoulders, 16 times world champion in bulls, broncs and all around...Unequaled in the annals of rodeo.

I knew Jim in the same way I knew Casey Tibbs and know Harley May. As a tribal elder. They had achieved their rodeo pinnacles before I was old enough to appreciate their accomplishments. I missed their heroics but I was a recipient of their wisdom. And they had time to talk to me.

That is different than my acquaintance with Larry Mahan and Ty Murray. I followed their careers and take pleasure in their success. They reign now as chieftans, retired but still actively involved and influential...still busy.

In 1994 I was invited to be

part of a Nashville version of a cowboy Christmas television special. It took place in Lebanon, Tennessee on Charlie Daniels' Twin Pines Ranch. He was the host.

Chris LeDoux was the main guest star. Other Nashville acts were included, as well as Jim Shoulders and me. Jim asked me what I was doing there. I said a Christmas poem. I asked him what he was doin' there. He said, "Bein' me."

The stars, their entourages, agents, film directors, sponsors, make-up women, guitar tuners, the Nashville press and adoring fans covered the studio set like the circus midway it was! Jim and I had important-looking badges but most didn't know who we were. He set up court. I don't know how else to describe it. He picked a corner and in-

vited me to sit beside him. He started telling stories. People passing would cruise by, then slow down like they were passing a car wreck. They were like schools of fish that he'd hook til they had to go do Linda Davis' hair or Charlie's moustache.

He was most adept at spontaneous repartee, thinking on his feet. I particularly remember on the several occasions when innocent Nashvillers would ask him what we were doin' there. He would variously explain we were union flossers, Chris LeDoux's wine taster, a priest's special envoys from Yucatan, scouts for the Henryetta Warriors and/or sock testers for Justin Boots.

By 11:00 p.m. even the janitors had gone home. The camera crew stood me against a tree and instructed me to do a poem. Jim had stayed. I asked if he could be in the picture.

"Why," they asked. "Because," I said, "I do some dangerous lines and he's my stunt poet."

They looked puzzled. Jim smiled.

We took each other home.

Rural Economic Development Workshop To Be Held

Abilene —The West Central Texas Workforce Development Board will be hosting a Rural Economic Development Workshop on August 16-17, 2007, at the MCM Eleganté Hotel in Abilene. The 1½ day workshop will guide participants through the process of planning a community project from start to finish. Professional facilitators will assist teams from each

community through all phases of project development. The culmination of the workshop will be a presentation by each team and an opportunity to obtain funding to jumpstart their community project. Five-member teams from nine area communities will participate in this year's workshop.

The workshop begins at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, August

16, 2007, in the Baja Room of the MCM Eleganté Hotel. Community presentations will begin at 1:30 p.m. on Friday and funding awards will be announced around 3:00 p.m. Funding for the event was provided by the West Central Texas Workforce Development Board, the Dodge-Jones Foundation and the Dian Graves Owen Foundation.

Ratings — Continued

(Continued from page 1) Benjamin ISD school district, in addition to a campus rating of Exemplary, was also rated Exemplary. Knox City High School and O'Brien Middle School were rated Academic-

ly Acceptable. The Knox City-O'Brien CISD school district was rated Academically Acceptable. Munday High School was rated Academically Acceptable while the junior high and elementary campuses were rated

Recognized. The Munday CISD district was rated Academically Acceptable. Guthrie CSD campus and district were both rated Recognized. Gold Performance Awards are forthcoming and will be published in October.

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Knox City VFD Report

The Knox City Volunteer Fire Department had eight calls in July.
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Reported by P.I.O. Terry Butler #214.

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The KNOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 4.2 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearings will be held on August 23rd and August 27th at 10:00 am at the Benjamin Courthouse Assembly Room.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR: Judge Floyd, Commissioners Birkenfeld, McCown, Godsey, & Urbanczyk.
AGAINST:
PRESENT and not voting:
ABSENT:

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	5.00% (increase)	or	_____ % (decrease)
Debt service	0.00% (increase)	or	_____ % (decrease)
Total expenditures	5.00% (increase)	or	_____ % (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value as calculated under section 26.04, Tax Code

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$304,440,987	\$298,567,096
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 521,584	\$ 139,250
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$140,912,549	\$148,510,691
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 521,584	\$ 139,250

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness \$0.00

Tax Rate

Adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	\$ 0.75660 per \$100 in value
Proposed tax rate for the current tax year	\$ 0.75660 per \$100 in value
Difference in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	\$ 0.000000 per \$100 in value

Percentage Increase or decrease in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year 0.000000 % Increase OR % Decrease

These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04 (8), Tax Code.
** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012 (17), Tax Code.
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04 (10), Tax Code.

Comparison of Residence Homestead Values

Average appraised and taxable values on residence homesteads are compared from the preceding tax year and the current tax year.

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Average residence homestead appraised value	\$ 19,073	\$ 19,446
Homestead exemption amount for the taxing unit (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled)	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Average taxable value of a residence homestead (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled)	\$ 16,073	\$ 16,446

Comparison of Residence Homestead Taxes

The taxes that would have been imposed in the preceding tax year on a residence homestead at the average appraised value (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled) are estimated to be \$ 121.63. The taxes that would be imposed in the current tax year on a residence homestead appraised at the average appraised value in the current tax year (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled), if the proposed tax rate is adopted, are estimated to be \$ 124.43. The difference between the amount of taxes on the average residence homestead in the current tax year, if the proposed tax rate is adopted, and the preceding tax year would be an increase of \$ 2.80 in taxes.

OBITUARIES

Eula Oleta West

Eula Oleta West was ushered into Heaven by prayers and love from family on Wednesday, August 8, 2007, in Sherman, TX. Her legacy began April 25, 1918, and would grow, in 89 years to include 127 direct living descendants. Survivors include 8 children, 30 Grandchildren, 67 Great-Grandchildren and 22 Great-Great-Grandchildren

Born in Oilton, OK, to Reba Pearl Dunlap and Robert John Gray, she grew up near Tulsa as well as Oklahoma City. Her Father built company houses for the booming oil companies that were springing up in Oklahoma. Her Father died March 19, 1945. Her Mother died September 10, 1990.

Oleta married her neighborhood friend George "Melvin" Wilson on February 22, 1934. They lived in Oklahoma City where the first five of her nine children were born: Billy Raymond who died February 7, 1935, at 6 weeks of age, from nephritis and dust pneumonia; Roberta Ann Walton of Knox City, TX; Doris Jean King of Colorado City, TX; Clarence Leon and Shirley Wilson of Fayetteville, AR; and Melvin Earl Wilson of Tishomingo, OK.

Melvin died in a tragic pipe accident on July 2, 1941. As a result, Oleta became one of the first recipients of Social Security Death benefits in Oklahoma.

Oleta continued to live in Oklahoma City with her four children after Melvin's death. She worked in a café where she met Carl West who would become known as "Grandpa West" for the second half of the 20th century and on.

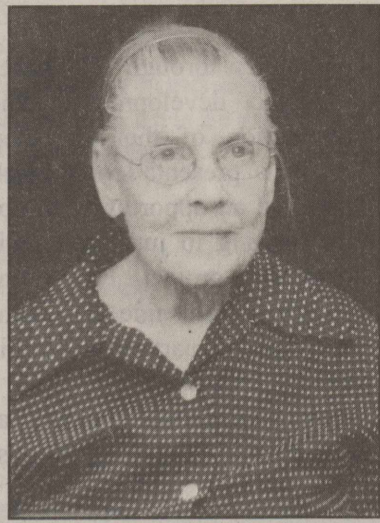
Carl Calvin West married Oleta Wilson on February 28, 1943. Their family was known as the "Wilson-West" family, and Carl was a very loving father to all of his kids.

Oleta's family continued to grow over the next ten years to include: Frances Elaine and Robert Reagan of Big Spring, TX; Linda Sue and Roger Wilkinson of Panama City, FL; Robert Carl and Rachel West of Kilgore, TX; and Richard Allan and Dianne West of Milburn, OK.

Soon after marrying, Oleta and Carl moved their family to Tishomingo, OK, where they bought land and built a dairy farm. Oleta and Carl ran the dairy farm until they retired in the mid 1980's. Their youngest son Richard and his wife Dianne took over operations for the next ten years.

Carl "Grandpa West" died of lung cancer on September 19, 1991.

Oleta was a resident of Johnston County for more than 62 years. She was a very strong and loving mother who took her role very seriously. Running a dairy farm is hard work. Lights in the West home burned as early as 4:30 a.m. Everyone had a role in the family whether it be milking a cow, cleaning out stalls or cooking breakfast. Each family member helped haul rock, mix cement or hammer a nail



to build the current home place outside of Tishomingo.

Diligent. Hardworking. Loving. Firm. These adjectives describe Oleta Gray West. In the late summer of 1954 Carl and Oleta drove their family to Madera, CA. They stayed two years working at various farms picking fruit. Carl also worked at a bowling alley in Madera. Roberta, Doris, Clarence and Melvin worked alongside him stacking pins for bowlers. They were considered migrant workers, but it didn't matter. They were taking care of what was theirs...the farm back in Tishomingo. This is one example of thousands that describe Oleta's passion for her family and home. She was never afraid to "tell it like it is" yet she loved like there was no tomorrow.

Grandkids recall night's at Grandma West's house as full of fun where you'd claim a spot on a bed or the floor next to a dozen others. If Grandma West gave you a kiss and said, "Lights Out" that's exactly what it meant. Cross Grandma one time and ...well...one time was enough.

Oleta was preceded in death by one grandson, Thomas Frank Walton, Jr.

Oleta's descendents of the Knox City and surrounding area include Grandchildren Debbie and J.D. Sandusky, and Kay and Steve Pepper of Knox City; Galela and Benny Wofford of Noodle; Sheri Walton of Abilene; and Reba and Jay Bob Eaton of Rochester.

Great-Grandchildren include: Stephanie and David Ehlers of Lubbock; Jarred and Terri Pepper, Joe and Amanda Sandusky and B.J. Reagan all of Knox City; Chris Corsentino of Noodle; Allison Walton of Denton; Josh Fraser of Tulsa, OK; Trey, Andy and Emily Walton of Abilene; and Donnie Gee of Rochester.

Great-Great Grandchildren include: Rhyann, Reghan, Abby and Hayden Ehlers; Tayler, Leighton and Ashton Pepper; Rebecca Corsentino; Kayleigh Sandusky; and Tyler Reagan

Services were held Saturday, August 11, 2007 at First Baptist Church, Milburn, OK, with Steve Pepper, Grandson in-law, officiating. Great-Grandson's Matthew and Micheal Wilson sang, "Amazing Grace". Grandsons of Oleta were Pallbearers. Interment followed at Condon Grove Cemetery in Milburn.

Memories and condolences are encouraged to be shared at www.oletawest.info.

Mary Marin Goins

Mary Marin Goins, 46, of Evansville, Ind., formerly of Knox City, died Saturday, August 4, 2007 in Kentucky.

A Funeral Service was held 10:00 a.m., Friday, August 10, 2007 at the First Baptist Church, Knox City, with Reverend Manuel Marin and Reverend Pablo Garza officiating.

A burial followed in Knox City Cemetery under the direction of Mansell-Smith Funeral Home of Knox City. A visitation was held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Thursday evening at the funeral home.

Mary was born on June 5, 1961 in Mexico, the daughter of Jose Marin, Sr. and Maria Rodriguez Marin. She worked as a cashier and was a Baptist.

She was preceded in death by her brother Joe Marin, Jr.

Mary is survived by her parents Jose and Maria Marin of Knox City; son Roger Goins,



Jr., and daughter Tiffany Renee Goins both of Henderson, Kentucky; brothers Vicente Marin and wife Marie of Rule; Victor Marin and wife Sylvia of San Marcus; Sergio Marin and wife Shana of Midland; sister Estella Servin and husband Dionicio of Knox City; and several nieces, nephews, and many friends.

Juanell Meek

Juanell Meek, 84 years of age, died at her home in Gulfport, Mississippi surrounded by her family and loved ones. She went to Heaven to be with our Lord on August 12, 2007 following a courageous battle with lung cancer.

She was born in O'Brien, Texas to the late Romie Cleveland Dennington and the late Ruth "Nana" Hudspeth Dozier. She graduated from O'Brien High School in 1940 and furthered her education by graduating from Weatherford Beauty College in Weatherford, Texas. She later chose a career with the Mississippi State Board of Cosmetology working as a State Salon Inspector for eight years. Juanell was a member of The First Baptist Church in Gulfport, Mississippi in the late 60's before joining The First United Methodist Church in 1972.

Mrs. Meek was also a resident of Metairie, LA for over 20 years. Juanell is survived by her beloved husband, James Capers Meek; her daughter, Sharon Lawrence Wiseman; her son, Craig Paul Lawrence; her daughter, Carla Lawrence Weekley Higgins; two daughters by marriage, Sandra Misallati and Linda DeLaCruz; three granddaughters, Paige Amundson Saleun, Nancy Michel Lambert, and Ruth Anne Lawrence Meek; one grandson, Charles "Tyson" Weekley; three sisters, Murlene



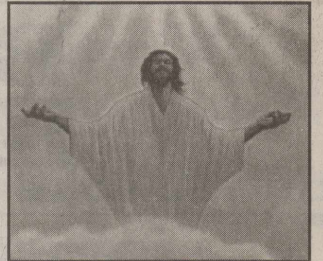
Johnston, Deane Johnston, and Annette Holmes; and one brother Harold "Bud" Dozier. She is further survived by great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives.

Funeral services will be held at 12:00 p.m., on Wednesday, August 15, 2007 at THE RIEMANN FAMILY'S Gulf Coast Funeral Home, 11266 Three Rivers Road, in Gulfport, Mississippi, and Reverend Andy Johnson with The First United Methodist Church will officiate the service. Family and friends are welcome for visitation at the funeral home from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. prior to the funeral service.

Our precious Mother and Mimi will be remembered and cherished by all who knew and loved her for her gracious spirit and loving ways. She will forever live in our hearts as the "Matriarch" of our family, and we will miss her terribly. An online guestbook may be viewed and signed at www.riemannfamily.com.

God's Promises

By Jim Reid, Pastor
O'Brien Baptist Church



We've just returned from vacation this week and it is always enjoyable to see different parts of the country that we haven't traveled or that we love to travel.

It seems that getting out of town on an extended trip always refreshes our perspective of so many things. It may be the landscape or the weather or the difference in accent of people who don't speak Texan.

One of the most enjoyable experiences that we have is to see the presence of God's people across America.

It is so encouraging to see so many small churches in rural communities across our country who, like us, continue to strive to share the gospel message to a lost world.

You can recognize that they experience the same struggles as we do. So many churches of different faiths that probably have forty to one hundred in worship service any given Sunday. But the joy is to see their witness.

Their churches were prominent along the roadside with neat grounds around the buildings and many of the buildings were the picturesque white

siding churches with its steeple pointing to God showing a cross to represent the love of Christ to the entire world.

Immediately a scripture comes to mind from Hebrews 12: 1-3, "Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. (NASB)

We have every reason and hope to persevere and to know that God will bless our efforts to share the gospel message in our community and to a lost world.

Let us encourage one another to run with endurance the race that is set before us.

May the Lord bless and keep you in His joy this week.

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Separate sealed bids for the construction of **WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AERATION ROTOR** will be received by **THE CITY OF KNOX CITY, TEXAS**, until 1:00 P.M., August 21, 2007, at City Hall, 200 N. Central, Knox City, Texas 79529, and then publicly opened and read aloud. The project consists of a new aerator assembly for the City's wastewater oxidation channel. The new assembly shall include aeration discs, shafting, splash shields, motor, reducer, bearings & incidentals. The contractor shall also furnish & install all new wiring from the master switch to the new motor. The existing conduit may be used if proven to be suitable. Switch gear disconnects & motor starters will also be replaced. In addition to the aeration work, the contractor shall provide concrete pad for new aeration discs.

The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS consisting of Advertisement for Bids, Information for Bidders, Bid Proposal, Bid Bond, Contract, Performance and Payment Bonds, General Conditions, Notice of Awards, Notice to Proceed, Specifications, Wage Rate Determination, Addenda (if any) and Project Contracting and Compliance Provisions may be examined at the following location:

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Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained from Jacob & Martin, Ltd., 3465 Curry Lane, Abilene, Texas 79606 (325-695-1070), upon payment of \$40.00 (nonrefundable) for each set. Checks should be made to the order of Jacob & Martin, LTD.

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Bidder's attention is called to the fact that not less than the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon) wage rate as issued by the Office of Rural Community Affairs and contained in the contract documents must be paid on this project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

CITY OF KNOX CITY, TEXAS
Jeff Stanfield
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PROJECT: CITY OF KNOX CITY, TEXAS AERATION ROTOR BID DATE: AUGUST 21, 2007

The following changes and/or additions shall be made to the Contract Documents for the above referenced project. Bidder shall acknowledge receipt of this Addendum by signing below and returning this Addendum with the Bid.

1. Bid Date shall be Thursday, August 30, 2007 at 1:00 P.M.
Prepared by:
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/s/ Barbara Rector - City Administrator
Bidder's Acknowledgement
8-8-07
Date

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CITY OF KNOX CITY NOTICE TO BIDDERS EXTENSION OF BID DATE FOR SEWER ROTOR PROJECT TxCDBG #726319

Bid Opening date for Sealed proposals addressed to the City of Knox City, Texas for the Sewer Rotor project is extended until 1:00 P.M. August 30, 2007, 200 N. Central, Knox City, Texas. Bids for the project will then be publicly opened and read at Knox City City Hall, 200 N. Central. Estimated quantities include:

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City of Knox City is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Attention is called to the fact that not less than the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon) wage rate must be paid on this project. Wage Rates are contained in the contract documents.

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Wild Card - Homer Rolston Team - Homer Rolston, Teddy Latham, Bobby Velasquez, Rick Langley; Longest Drive - Mike Weber; Closest To The Pin - Mik Everett.

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Dumb Crook News

Robber Leaves Shotgun On Store Counter

Talk about the hunter becoming the hunted.

A robber in Albany, New York, on a search for cash left him staring at the barrel of his own shotgun after he placed the weapon on the convenience store counter and the clerk took it.

A surveillance video showed the man wearing sunglasses and a hooded sweatshirt, stuffing money from the cash register into his pockets and leaving his gun unwatched early August 7.

That's when Quail Street News clerk Hafiz Alam grabbed the weapon by the barrel, quickly turned it around and pointed it at the man, who ran out as fast as his legs could carry him.

Just seconds later, Alam and the robber, identified as 22-year-old Justin Walker, struggled over the gun out of view of the camera, according to authorities.

The gun discharged, but neither man was injured.

Walker drove off, but not before a trucker wrote down his license plate number.

Police said that they tracked Walker to an apartment, inside which they launched tear gas and got him to surrender. He was arrested and charged with robbery.

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County Attorney	\$21,401	\$22,601	\$678	\$23,279
Tax Assessor/Collector	\$13,127	\$13,727	\$412	\$14,139
County Treasurer	\$23,671	\$24,871	\$746	\$25,617
County Sheriff	\$28,114	\$29,314	\$879	\$30,193
Commissioners Prcts 1,2,& 4	\$25,863	\$25,863	\$776	\$26,639
Commissioner Prct 3	\$35,863	\$35,863	\$1,076	\$36,939
Justice of the Peace	\$23,671	\$24,871	\$746	\$25,617
Constable	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$180	\$6,180

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By Gladene Green

This has been a busy week for most of us over this way with summer nearing it's end, there's lots of things to be done within the next few weeks.

The Brooks Brothers concert on Friday night was a success and enjoyed by all in attendance. The crowd was not as large as we had hoped for, but the quality of the entertainment was excellent and the ice cream social following put the topping on a wonderful evening.

Regarding Our Ill

Bud Conner came home Monday night after surgery and a week's stay in Covenant Hospital in Lubbock. Though progress is slow, he's doing as the doctors expected, every day a little better, but it will be a good while before he's one hundred percent again.

Leroy West will be back in Abilene tomorrow (Tuesday) for another pain shot. The first one he got helped him for several days and hopefully this next one will last even longer.

Dennis Duke stayed a day or so in Knox County Hospital after getting too hot while doing some repairs around his house. That can happen before you know it and it takes a while to get rehydrated. We're glad he's okay.

Here 'N There

Oscar Gideon and his two older children arrived today from their home in Arizona to make this area their home. They will be staying with his mom, Jane

Gideon, until suitable housing can be found. He will be working at Olkaunion. The kids, Ariel, a senior, and Damon, a freshman, will enroll in school here when it starts. Oscar's wife, Shannon, and his youngest child remained in Arizona to sell the house and tie up loose ends before coming this way.

Vollie Ressel, former resident of Benjamin, passed away last Monday in Clovis, New Mexico, where he has resided many years. His funeral was in Clovis with grave side rites and burial here Friday afternoon. He was the son of the late Theodore and Ruth Ressel and the brother of the late Jo Etta Cartwright. Sincere sympathy goes to that family.

We learned today of the death of Briana Bufkin Burkhammer of Fritch, Texas. She died after a brief illness. She was the daughter of the late Fred Bufkin and a cousin to Sonny Bufkin, Linda Parker and T.J. Bufkin. She had lived here many years ago and at the time of her death was making plans to move to Seymour after she retired from the prison system in Amarillo. Grave side rites will be here Wednesday. Sympathy to that family, also.

Steve and Maggie Powers of Midland visited his mom, Lorene on Friday night. They were en route to Oklahoma to attend to some business.

Lorene Powers left Sunday for a two or three day visit with friends and relatives in Midland.

Debbie and Mike Moorhouse spent the weekend in Amarillo with her son, Cody Taylor, and family and help granddaughter Lexi celebrate her third birthday.

Sharon Bivens and Maretha Patterson of Tatum, New Mexico were here for the weekend to attend the annual Patterson reunion at Seymour.

The volleyball girls scrimmaged Albany Friday. Just some good practice preparing for the regular season. The boys will have a scrimmage with Spur Saturday.

Judy Redwine of Crosbyton visited her brother, Bud Conner, Monday afternoon.

School Superintendent Olivia Gloria told me the school personnel roster is nearly complete. When I was talking to her, she said all they lacked having the staff completed was a cafeteria worker.

Irene Reed is more comfortable these days after getting her neck brace off Friday. She had an MRI and learned she has no fractured or broken bones. She was glad to get that news. You may remember, her problem was the result of a mishap at the Conoco last Sunday night.

DeAnn Lamb and her parents, Dutch and Imagean Young, visited their son and grandson, Anthony Lamb, in Vernon Monday. Anthony and Jessica Richardson will wed Saturday in Seymour (so this was likely their last visit to his home while he's still a single man).

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8/14	Electra	Away	4:00
8/21	Moran	Home	5:00
8/25	Bryson Tournament	Away	TBA
9/1	Moran	Away	10:00
9/4	*Knox City	Home	6:30
9/11	*Lorraine	Away	6:30
9/15	*Rotan	Home	2:00
9/18	*Aspermont	Away	6:30
9/25	*Knox City	Away	6:30
9/29	*Lorraine	Home	2:00
10/2	*Rotan	Away	6:30
10/9	*Aspermont	Home	6:30

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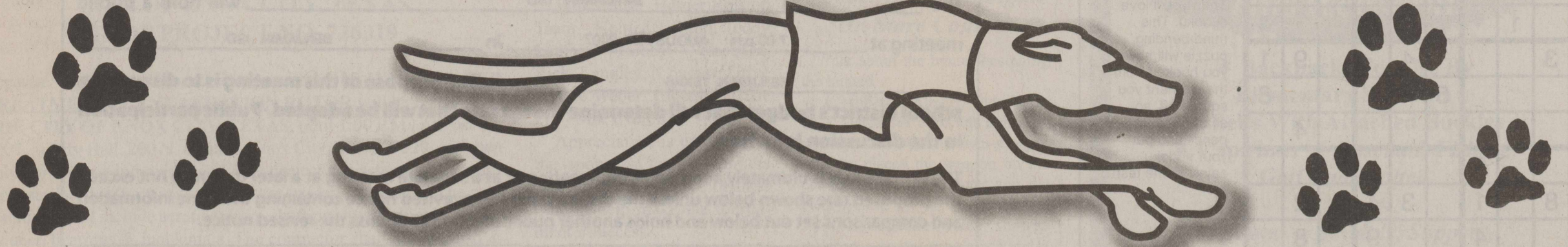
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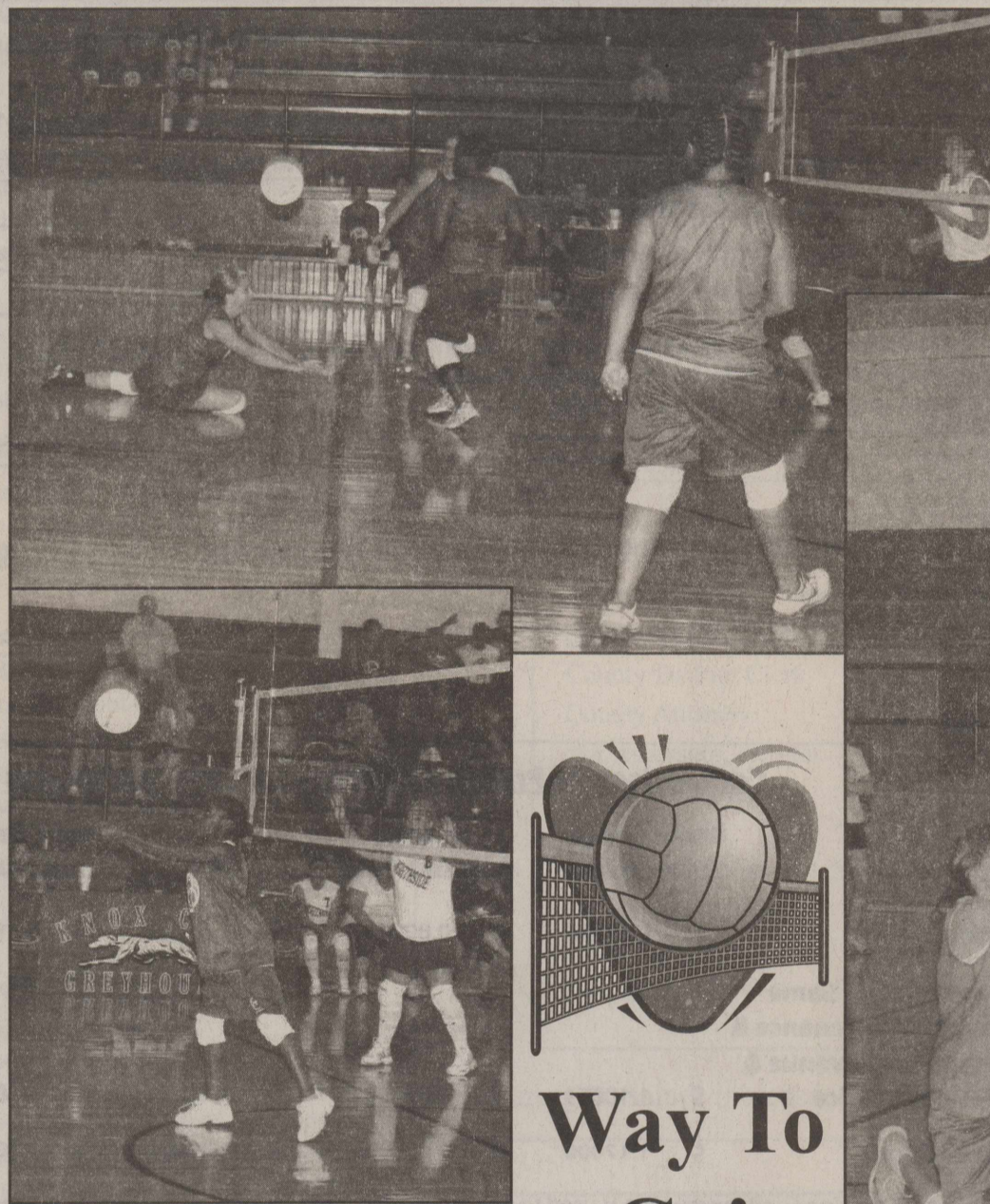
Houndettes Face Northside Indians

The Knox City Houndettes met the Northside Indians on the hardwood of the Volleyball court last Friday morning for a scrimmage. The junior varsity teams served up the first action of the morning starting at 10:00 am. The JV Houndettes are predominately freshman; they ap-

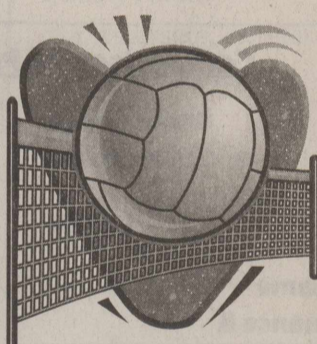
pear to be a strong team with some impressive serving power. They are looking to gain some valuable knowledge this upcoming volleyball season. The Varsity Houndettes took the floor immediately following the junior varsity team. The varsity has one returning senior, Jessy

Schur, and three returning varsity players including juniors: Mea Abila & Samantha Esquivel and sophomore: Brittney Gonzales. The ladies played strong. They discovered their strengths, weaknesses, and what will be on this week's workout agenda. The Houndettes opened their

volleyball season Tuesday evening against the Albany Lions. Scores were unavailable at press time. The Houndettes will meet Chillicothe on August 21 at the Knox City Gymnasium. The first serve is scheduled for 4:00 with the Junior Varsity followed by the Varsity.



*Top Left Photo — Jessy Schur dives for the return
Bottom Right Photo — Michelle Espinosa makes a great return*



Way To Go!

Camilla Ward sets the ball

2007 Knox City Junior Varsity Football

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
8/30	Bryson	Home	6:00 p.m.
9/6	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
9/13	Newcastle	Home	7:00 p.m.
9/20	Bowie Gold-Burg	There	7:00 p.m.
9/27	Crowell	Home	7:00 p.m.
10/4	Ira	There	7:00 p.m.
10/11	Spur	There	7:00 p.m.
10/18	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
10/25	Rule	Home	7:00 p.m.
11/2	Aspermont	There	7:00 p.m.
11/8	Throckmorton	Home	7:00 p.m.

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

8	8	1	6	5	9	4	2	7
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6	7	4	8	2	1	9	3	9
2	4	5	3	7	6	8	9	1
4	9	3	2	1	5	6	7	8
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9	5	8	1	6	3	4	7	2
7	2	1	4	5	6	3	8	9

ANSWER:

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Knox City Volunteer Fire Department would like to inform the citizens of Knox City that they will only respond to a bee call in an emergency attack of bees on a human or animal. Swarms of bees will not be killed out on any private property, because of the liability on the department and safety of the firemen.

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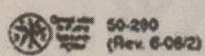
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August 18 - Tee off at 1:30 p.m.
 Limited Spots Available! Call to Reserve!



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

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School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$ _____ /\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	_____ % increase	or	1.00000 % (decrease)
Debt service	_____ % increase	or	_____ % (decrease)
Total expenditures	_____ % increase	or	1.00000 % (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 100,899,217.00	\$ 117,499,023.00
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 50.00	\$ 17,800.00
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 24,023,975.00	\$ 24,013,277.00
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 50.00	\$ 17,800.00

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
 ** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
 *** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 0.00

* Outstanding principal.

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Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.37000	\$ 0.00000 *	\$ 1.37000	\$ 4,711.00	\$ 8,905.00
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.10051	\$ 0.00000 *	\$ 1.10051	\$ 3,586.00	\$ 8,505.00
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.17000	\$ 0.00000 *	\$ 1.17000	\$ 3,933.00	\$ 8,986.00

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 14,037.00	\$ 14,844.00
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 8,560.00	\$ 10,294.00
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.37	\$ 1.17
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 117.27	\$ 120.40
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 3.17

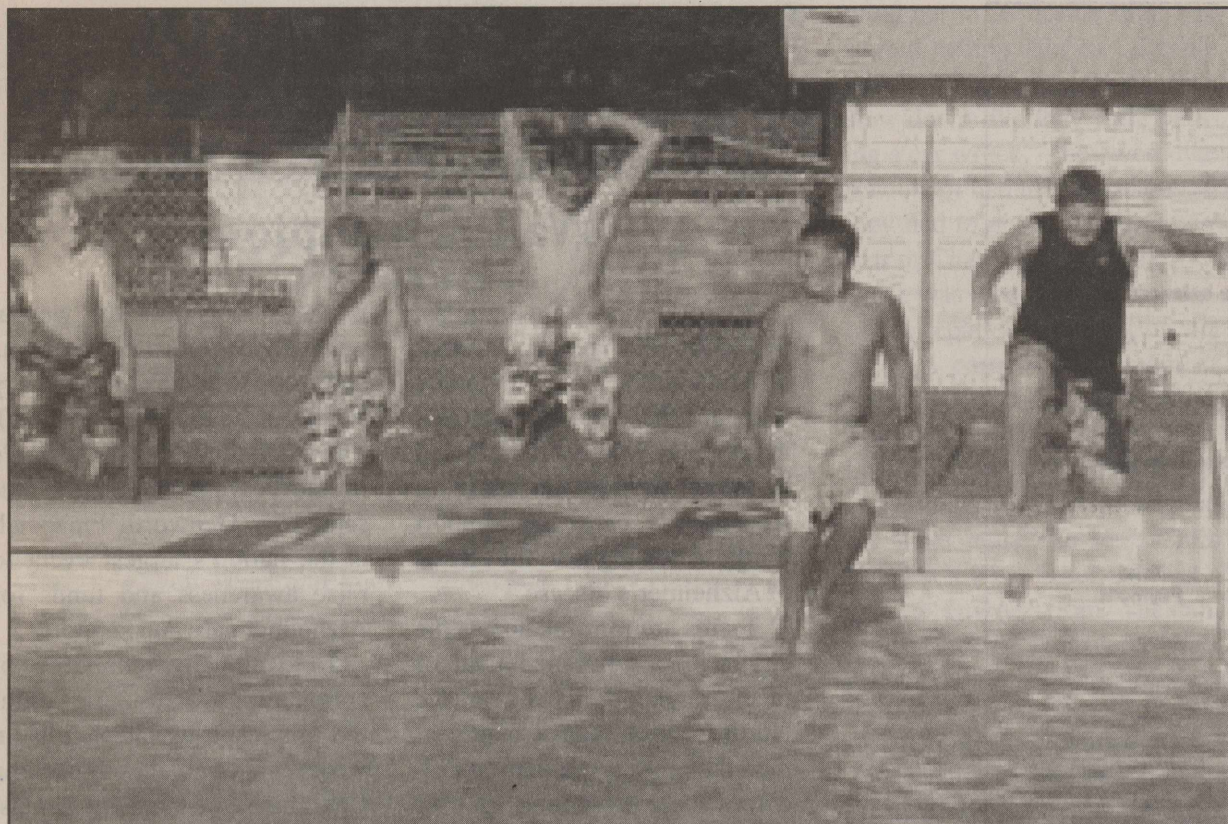
Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.04. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.04.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 777,825.00
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$



Fun Times!

4-H Awards Banquet Swim Party —
Top Photo - L-R: Shannon Reeves, Trey Tidwell, Cody Propps, Logan Groves and Jonathan Rainwater.
Bottom Photo — Logan Groves dives into the pool.

Knox City-O'Brien CISD
 606 East Main
 Knox City, TX 79529

Dear Parent/Guardian:
 Children need healthy meals to learn. Knox City-O'Brien CISD offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs .00; lunch costs \$1.25. Your child may qualify for free meals or for reduced-price meals. Reduce price is .00 for breakfast and .40 for lunch.

- Do I need to fill out an application for each child? No. Complete the application to apply for free or reduced-price meals. Use one Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Application for all students in your household. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to: Tammy Gonzales, 606 East Main, Knox City, TX 79529.
- Who can get free meals? Children in households getting Food Stamps or TANF and most foster children can get free meals regardless of your income. Also, your children can get free meals if your household income is within the free limits on the Federal Income Guidelines.
- Can homeless, runaway and migrant children get free meals? Yes. If you have not been notified of free status under these categories, please call [school, homeless liaison or free migrant coordinator] to see if your child(ren) qualify.
- Who can get reduced price meals? Your children can get low cost meals if your household income is within the reduced-price limits on the Federal Income Chart, included in this application packet
- Should I fill out an application if I got a letter this school year saying my children are approved for free or reduced-price meals? In most cases no, however read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. Call the school at 940-657-3521 if you have any questions.
- I get WIC. Can my child(ren) get free meals? Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Please fill out an application.
- Will the information I give be checked? Yes, we may ask you to send proof.
- If I don't qualify now, may I apply later? Yes. You may apply at any time during the school year if your household size goes up, income goes down, or if you start getting Food Stamps, TANF or other benefits.
- What if I disagree with the school's decision about my application? You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: Louis Baty, Knox City-O'Brien CISD, 606 East Main, Knox City, TX 79529.
- May I apply if someone in my household is not a U.S. Citizen? Yes. You or your child(ren) do not have to be a U.S. Citizen to qualify for free or reduced-price meals.
- Who should I include as members of my household? You must include yourself and all people living in your household, related or not (such as children, grandparents, other relatives or friends.)
- What if my income is not always the same? List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally get \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and got only \$900, put down that you get \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime pay, include that in the amount as income. If you do not normally get overtime pay, do not include it as income.
- We are in the military, do we include our housing allowance as income? If your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. All other allowances must be included in your gross income.

If you have any other questions or need help, call 940-657-3521. Si necesita ayuda, por favor llame al telefono: 940-657-3521. Si vous voudriez d'aide, contactez nous au numero: 940-657-3521.

Sincerely,
 /s/Tammy Gonzales

USDA Rural Development Announces Funding For Stamford Hospital District

STAMFORD — Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State Director, announced today Stamford Hospital District was selected to receive \$20,000 through the agency's Community Facilities Grant Program. The grant funds will be used to purchase a new fire sprinkler pump.

"This funding will assist Stamford Hospital District in updating the sprinkler system for the safety of their patients and staff," said Daniel. "USDA Rural Development is committed to providing assistance to rural towns and communities to help them provide valuable services to their residents."

In Fiscal Year 2006, a total of \$802,000 in Community Facility Grants was obligated in Texas. Funds are used to enhance the quality of life for residents of rural areas by providing the means for construction, expansion, or enhancement of community facilities, telecommunication and distance education programs, and water and waste disposal systems.

Since 2001, USDA Rural Development Community Programs have awarded \$1.8 billion for these purposes, and touched the lives of more than 1.8 million households in the process.

USDA Rural Development was created in 1994 to serve Texas' more than 3.6 million rural residents. For further information regarding USDA Rural Development Programs, contact the Abilene Local Office at (325) 690-6162, Extension 4, or visit our website at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>.

Vernon College Announces Registration Dates For Fall 2007

Vernon College Campus Connect online registration for all eligible students ends August 16. New and re-enrolling students may register Wednesday, August 22, at Century City Center, located at 4105 Maplewood Avenue, in Wichita Falls or on the Vernon campus Thursday, August 23, at the Osborne Administration Building.

Registration is by alphabetical order. Students at Century City Center with the initials A-H may register from 9:15-10:45 a.m., I-P 10:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Q-Z 2:30-3:45 p.m. and registration is open from 3:45-6:00 p.m. Students on the Vernon campus with the initials A-L may register from 9:30 a.m.-11:00 p.m., M-Z 11:00-1:00 p.m. and registration is open from 2:30-5:15 p.m. Classes begin Aug 27 on all Vernon College campuses.

Campus Connect is Vernon College's web-based registration system. It enables eligible students to register for credit courses from any computer with Internet access or at selected Vernon College computer labs. To access Internet registration, students must

meet all admissions requirements, have a PIN (Personal Identification Number), no holds on their records, and attended a New Student Group Advising session prior registration through Campus Connect.

First-time students must complete an Application for Admission form, have high school or college transcripts sent to the registrar's office, have their ACCUPLACER scores on file (if required), and attended a New Student Group Advising.

For students who cannot attend classes on campus, Internet classes are available online. Students should check the class schedule for any mandatory class meetings and have their own working computer and Internet connection. The schedule for Internet class orientation can be found in the class schedule.

Admissions application, class schedules, and registration information can be found on the Vernon College Website at www.vernon-college.edu. For more information, call 940-696-8752 in Wichita Falls or 940-552-6291 in Vernon.

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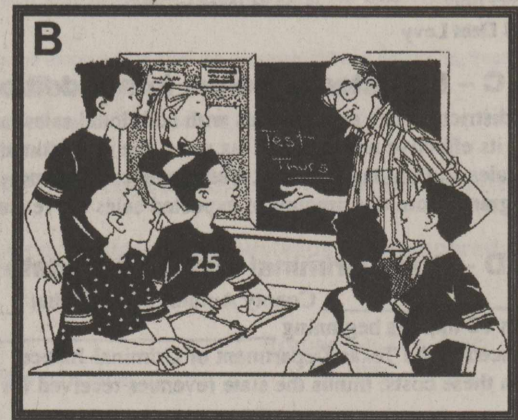
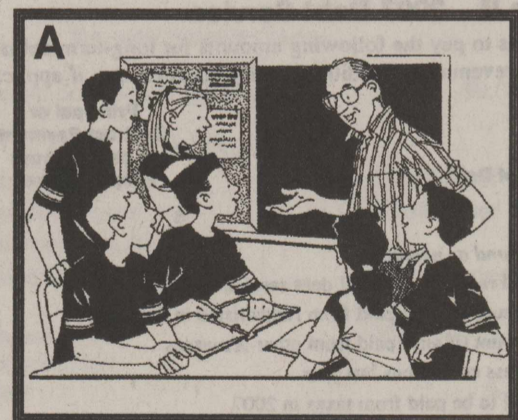
KIDS' corner

Food FACT:

WHAT FRUIT HAS CUSTOMARILY BEEN GIVEN TO TEACHERS?

ANSWER: APPLE

What's the Difference?
 There are six things different between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?



ANSWERS: 1. Boy standing has speckled hat 2. Boy sitting has polka-dot shirt 3. Boy sitting has "25" on his shirt 4. Paper on bulletin board is blank 5. Childboard says "Test" 6. Notebook in front of seated girl is missing

THIS DAY IN... HISTORY

August 29

- 1949: THE U.S.S.R. TESTED THEIR FIRST ATOMIC BOMB.
- 1966: THE BEATLES PLAYED THEIR LAST MAJOR CONCERT.
- 2005: HURRICANE KATRINA HIT THE GULF COAST OF THE UNITED STATES.

new word

semester

one half of the academic year; usually 15 weeks

How they SAY it in...

English: SCHOOL
Spanish: ESCUELA
Italian: SCUOLA
French: ÉCOLE
German: SCHULE

Did YOU KNOW?

THE NOTEBOOK WAS INVENTED IN 1920 BY AUSTRALIAN J. A. BIRCHALL, WHO STUCK PAPER TOGETHER WITH A CARDBOARD BACKING. TODAY NOTEBOOKS ARE MOST COMMONLY USED BY STUDENTS.

get the PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture featured here is?

ANSWER: BASKETBALL

FEDERAL INCOME CHART
 For School Year 2007-08

Household size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	18,889	1,575	364
2	25,327	2,111	488
3	31,765	2,648	611
4	38,203	3,184	735
5	44,641	3,721	859
6	51,079	4,257	983
7	57,517	4,794	1,107
8	63,955	5,330	1,230
Each additional person:	6,438	537	124

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Statement of Increase/Decrease

If KNOX CITY- O'BRIEN CISD adopts a 2007 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$ 1.23500 per \$100 of value, taxes would DECREASE compared to 2006 taxes by \$ 1.43500

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Table with 2 columns: Type of Property Tax Fund, Balance. Value: 2,028,000.00

Schedule B - 2007 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Table with 5 columns: Description of Debt, Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes, Interest to Be Paid from Property Taxes, Other Amounts to be Paid, Total Payment. Includes rows for 2007 debt service, amounts paid from funds, and total debt levy of 93,473.00.

Schedule C - Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax

(For hospital districts, cities and counties with additional sales tax to reduce property taxes) In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$ 0.00 in additional sales and use tax revenues. For County: The county has excluded any amount that is or will be distributed for economic development grants from this amount of expected sales tax revenue.

Schedule D - State Criminal Justice Mandate (For Counties)

The County Auditor certifies that County has spent \$ 0.00 in the previous 12 months beginning for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

Schedule E - Transfer of Department, Function or Activity

The spent \$ 0.00 from to on the. The operates this function in all or a majority of the. [Second Year of Transfer: Modify schedule to show comparison of amount this year and preceding year by unit receiving the function.]

Schedule F - Enhanced Indigent Health Care Expenditures

The spent \$ 0.00 from to on enhanced indigent health care at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures is \$

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at

Name of person preparing this notice MITZI WELCH Title CHIEF APPRAISER Date prepared 08-14-07

Sikes Lake Center Of Midwestern State University To Be Gathering Place Of Memory Walk Champions

Wichita Falls — On Saturday, September 15 Sikes Lake Center of Midwestern State University will be the site of approximately 300 Walkers determined to move forward the cause of Alzheimer's care and support for those dealing with the effects of Alzheimer's disease.

Teams are forming across the city, with a combined goal of raising \$50,000. This year, the North Central Texas Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association welcomes local presenting sponsor Transamerica Long Term Care. Joining them in support of our Walk are The Red Men Bingo, Huaco Tribe #48; Rosalyn G. Rosenthal; Funeral Directors Life Insurance Corporation (FDLIC) and Care Improvement Plus.

Cumulus Broadcasting radio personality "Big Jim" Russell from 94.9 FM is serving as honorary chair for this year's walk. Jim sums up his commitment to Memory Walk this way, "Alzheimer's disease has touched my family personally, and with 1 in 8 Americans over age 65 affected, we ALL need to be walking, raising money and advocating for an end to this disease." Starting a team

is easy. Log onto the web at www.alz.org/northcentraltexas and follow the links to Memory Walk or call 940-767-8800. The Alzheimer's Association's Memory Walk, nationally presented by Genworth Financial, is the nation's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer care and support.

Held annually in hundreds of communities across the country, this inspiring event calls on volunteers of all ages to become Champions in the fight against Alzheimer's.

Champions include those living with the disease, families, caregivers, and corporate and community leaders. Americans who have participated in these walks have raised more than \$200 million.

The Alzheimer's Association is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's research, care and support. Our mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research and to enhance care and support for individuals, their families and caregivers. Our vision is a world without Alzheimer's. For more information visit www.alz.org/northcentraltexas.

Workforce Center Announces Upcoming Brown Bag Seminar

Abilene - In January 2005, the West Central Texas Workforce Development Board, in partnership with chambers of commerce in the region, initiated a series of "brown bag" workshops.

The workshops are to be targeted to businesses in different locations throughout the region using video conferencing technology. The August 2007 workshop, to be hosted by the Workforce Center, will be held from 12:00 noon-1:15 p.m. on Thursday, August 23rd. Kathy Galinak, Human Resources Coordinator for Hendrick Health System, will speak on "New Federal Wages: Managing and planning for the increase in minimum wage". The upcoming seminar will focus on managing the impact the new federal minimum wage will have on your businesses.

This interactive seminar will be delivered via video conferencing technology to locations in Abilene, Breckenridge,

Brownwood, Snyder, and Winters. For location and registration information in any of these cities, contact a Business Services representative at the Abilene Workforce Center at (325) 795-4200. There is a nominal fee of \$10.00 for the workshop, and participants should bring their own lunches.

Space is limited in each of the locations and registration will be on a first come, first serve basis. For future Brown Bag seminars, business representatives are invited to submit topics of interest to their industry or community.

The Workforce Center System is contracted by the West Central Texas Workforce Development Board to provide services to employers and job seekers in a 19-county region. Video-conferencing equipment was purchased by the Workforce Board to increase accessibility to workforce services for all business customers and job seekers in the region.

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Feral Swine Health Concerns Producers And Regulators

According to fable, three little pigs built houses of brick, wood or straw to protect themselves against the wolf.

Swine producers now work with pen design, housing construction and biosecurity measures to protect pigs against another wolf: wild (feral) hogs that can carry and transmit disease.

And, there's no shortage of the wild pigs in Texas. Of the nearly 3 million swine in the state, more than two million are wild.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Services in Texas submitted samples from nearly 700 wild swine from August 2003 through May 2007.

Test results showed that more than 20 percent or 142 of 697 pigs had pseudorabies, a highly contagious viral disease that can cause mild flu-like signs in sows and boars, or kill piglets. About 10 percent or 66 of 676 of the feral hogs were positive for swine brucellosis, a bacterial

infection that can cause sows to abort. Swine brucellosis also may be transmitted from infected pigs to handlers.

The USDA, in its Program Standards for Pseudorabies Eradication, has classified swine based on how well their housing protects against wild hogs. "Commercial" swine, says the USDA, have the greatest protection and are maintained under high levels of biosecurity.

"Transitional" swine live in pens or on farms where it is conceivable that feral swine could burrow under, climb over, or go through fencing to commingle with the domestic pigs. Captured feral swine also can be included in the "transitional" swine herd. The USDA's third classification is for "feral"

swine--pigs running free.

Since 2004, all "commercial" swine herds in the U.S. have been officially free of pseudorabies.

USDA regulations allow commercial and transitional swine to move interstate without pseudorabies test requirements. While individual states may establish their entry requirements, these must meet, and may exceed, the USDA's Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) standards.

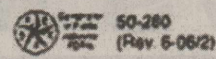
The USDA has not applied the three classifications of pigs in the national swine brucellosis eradication program. Texas is the only state not officially swine brucellosis-free.

To protect against potential disease introduction, the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) requires incoming breeding swine six months and older to be test-negative for swine brucellosis within 30 days prior to entry. The animals also must be vaccinated within the previous 30 days with a Leptospirosis vaccine containing the Canicola, Hardjo, Icterohaemorrhagiae, Grippotyphosa, and Pomona strains.

The USDA also stipulates that swine moved across any state lines be identified with ear notches, an ear tag or a number tattoo, and travel with a certificate of veterinary inspection issued within the previous 30 days.

The swine must not have been fed waste food or been exposed to hog cholera or pseudorabies, or vaccinated for pseudorabies.

The TAHC allows feral swine to be imported from other states, directly to slaughter, provided the pigs are transported in sealed trucks and accompanied by a VS 1-27 permit (a USDA document that can be issued by a USDA or state animal health official).



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KNOX CITY, TEXAS

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Approved by Local Voters		

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	% Increase	or	0.78000	% (decrease)
Debt service	0.00000	% increase	or	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	% increase	or	0.75000	% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 97,464,789.00	\$ 103,291,857.00
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 398,151.00	\$ 91,360.00
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 58,183,113.00	\$ 63,145,525.00
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 398,151.00	\$ 91,360.00

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.

** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.

*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 60,000.00

* Outstanding principal.

50-280 (Rev. 6-06/2) (Back)

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.37000	\$ 0.06500 *	\$ 1.43500	\$ 3,198.00	\$ 6,034.00
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.17008	\$ 0.06583 *	\$ 1.23589	\$ 2,844.00	\$ 6,698.00
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.17000	\$ 0.06500 *	\$ 1.23500	\$ 3,041.00	\$ 7,094.00

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 19,936.00	\$ 21,397.00
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 9,804.00	\$ 11,357.00
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.44	\$ 1.24
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 141.18	\$ 140.83
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ (0.35)

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.1919. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.1919.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

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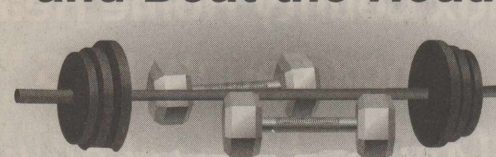
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