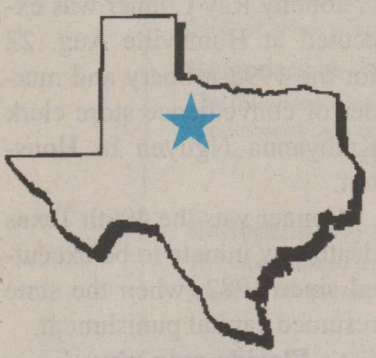


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Looking Ahead

Meet The Hounds, Houndettes and Greyhound Pride Band Pep Rally

The 2007 Knox City Greyhounds, Houndettes and the Greyhound Pride Band will be introduced following the JV football game against Bryson on Thursday, August 30th. The game starts at 5:30 p.m. at Greyhound Stadium. Ice cream and cookies will be provided by the Hound Booster Club. On Friday, August 31st at 3 p.m. the 'Hounds will be sent off for their season opener in Bryson with a pep rally at the Little League Baseball Field. The game begins at 7:30 p.m. in Bryson.

Stamford Chamber of Commerce 1st Annual Mackenzie Trail Festival

The Stamford Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring our 1st Annual "MacKenzie Trail Festival" to be held Saturday, September 22. Events will be held on the Square and at the Texas Cowboy Reunion Rodeo grounds. On the Square, we will be having our Annual Car Show sponsored by Duggan's Parts Plus, as well as food vendors and activities for all ages. The "Hell or High Water BBQ for Bucks Cook-Off" will be held at the Texas Cowboy Reunion Rodeo grounds. Also held at the TCR grounds will be a Horseshoe Pitching Contest and Trade Vendors located at the TCR Pavilion. The day will conclude with the 1st Annual TCR "Bull Fest" beginning at 7:30 p.m., followed by a dance at the TCR Pavilion, featuring the Southern Heart Band. For information or entry forms, please contact Dawn at the Stamford Chamber of Commerce 325-773-2411.

TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly. Monday evenings at 6:00 p.m. at the Knox County Hospital Break Room.

Students And Faculty Ready For New School Year

Yellow school buses and the ringing of school bells greeted Knox County students early Monday morning as the start of a new school year began.

Knox City-O'Brien CISD and Benjamin ISD both welcomed new faculty and students to their campuses.

The Knox City elementary campus welcomed thirty-eight new students to their corridors, twenty-nine of which are pre-k.

Knox City-O'Brien Middle School enrolled three new students and Knox City High School gained two new students.

Knox City - O'Brien CISD gained four new faculty members, Kay Adkisson, Spanish Instructor; Jimmie Kay Peters, Head Girls Coach; Tom Farmer, Agriculture Instructor and Jessica Farmer, Second Grade Instructor.

Faculty members who have taken on other duties include Mark Tucker, Band Director and O'Brien Middle School

Principal; Rick Moeller, High School Principal and Christie Howeth, Counselor.

Joining the Knox City-O'Brien CISD in the Lil' Pups Daycare are Sylvia Vasquez, as day care assistant; and Shelia Overmyer, as on-site director.

Benjamin ISD welcomed sixteen new students aboard, six of which are pre-k, and five new faculty members.

Faculty members include Jason Loftiss, History Instructor, Junior High Coach and High School Girls Coach; Melissa Everson, Business and Spanish Instructor and High School Cheerleading Sponsor; Gwen Marrier, English Instructor, Theater Arts and One Act Play; Susan Spake, Science Instructor and David Lindsay, Cafeteria Manager.

Debbie Clower, Speech Therapist with the Haskell-Knox Shared Services Consortium will be at both the Benjamin and Knox City-O'Brien school campuses.



Knox City Elementary Students are all smiles on their first day of school.

Up, Up And Away...

Students At Benjamin Celebrate Their Exemplary Achievement

Benjamin ISD started the school year off with a bang at their first assembly of the new year and the excitement was palpable.

Superintendent Olivia del Hierro Gloria, who was hired during the second semester of the 2006-2007 school year, led the assembly by introducing new faculty and announcing Benjamin ISD's recent notification of Exemplary status by the Texas Education Agency.

In addition, high school cheerleaders performed cheers for the crowd and elementary teachers and coaches introduced their new students and teams, respectively.

Afterwards, the faculty and students, along with parents, gathered in front of the school, and after a special cheer by the cheerleaders, released about one hundred purple and white balloons into the air to celebrate the schools recently acquired Exemplary school rating and the beginning of the new school year.

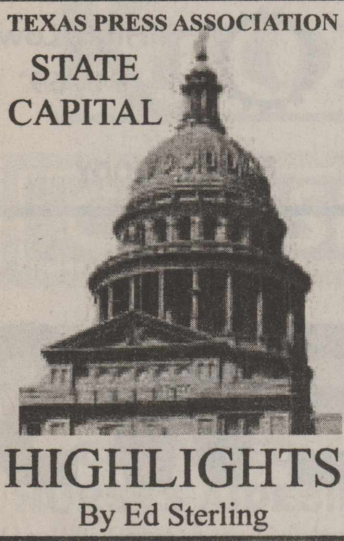


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Hurricane Dean Response Crews Stand Down

to be headed toward the Texas-Mexico border region.

Personnel, search-and-rescue teams, buses, aircraft and refuelers were staged in the Rio Grande Valley and San Antonio to support community efforts to prepare for bad weather.

"Luckily, our state was spared and it is time for the dedicated men and women who answered the call of duty to return home," Perry said.

College Ready Texas hits road

What does it mean for a student to be "college ready?"

Basically, it has to do with ensuring that high school curriculum matches college entrance standards.

Members of the Commission for a College Ready Texas have been on the road to get more input on exactly what it means.

Austin attorney Sandy Kress chairs the commission. Other members are Robert Scott, acting state commissioner of education, and Raymund Paredes of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

House Bill 1, in effect since 2006, requires teams of educators to define college readiness and the State Board of Education adjust high school curricula and develop online instructional resources for students and professional development for educators.

So far, the commission has gathered public testimony in Austin, Houston, Arlington and Midland. In September, they'll have meetings in Harlingen and San Antonio.

State considers electronic signs

The Texas Transportation Commission is contemplating

passage a regulation that would allow electronic billboards visible to passing motorists.

If the commission grants preliminary approval, a 90-day public comment period will follow before final approval.

Opponents say the changing messages can distract drivers. Supporters say it's not that big of a deal if messages don't flash or crawl.

Home rule municipalities would still have the final say-so in their jurisdictions.

Sales tax holiday helps shoppers

Shoppers saved about \$52 million in state and local sales taxes during the Aug. 17-19 annual sales tax holiday.

Combs and Sen. Rodney Ellis of Houston, the primary author of the sales tax holiday law, have said they would like to increase the maximum price

for tax-exempt items from \$100 to \$150.

The officials hope to add another dimension to the tax holiday by including items such as pencils, pens, crayons and paper to the list.

Perry is asked to end shipments

Citizens and more than two dozen state legislators asked Gov. Perry to use his authority to stop further shipments of toxic waste to a Port Arthur incinerator.

The corrosive liquid waste comes from VX, a type of military nerve gas.

The gas is chemically broken down and shipped from Indiana to Texas in 4,000 gallon containers.

A Port Arthur firm is processing and disposing the liquid under a three-year, \$49 million contract that took effect in

April.

State executes death row inmate

Johnny Ray Conner was executed at Huntsville Aug. 22 for the 1998 robbery and murder of convenience store clerk Kathyanna Nguyen in Houston.

Conner was the 400th Texas death row inmate to be executed since 1982, when the state resumed capital punishment.

Florida man given death sentence

John Couey, the Florida man convicted in the 2005 rape-murder of nine-year-old Jessica Lunsford, as sentenced to death by a Florida court Aug. 24.

The case prompted 31 states, including Texas, to enact some form of Jessica's Law to help protect children from sexual predators.

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By Ace Reid



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1 highest point in TX: Guadalupe

5 TX Strait's "All My Live in Texas"

6 Grand Ole

7 senior dance

8 "the" when the French flag flew over TX

9 TX Red Duke's prof. assn.

12 TX John Wesley Hardin alias

17 landed properties

19 Colt Python is a .357

21 TXism: "fast ___ -shot coyote"

22 film feats

23 reduce

28 state assn. for corn farmers (abbr.)

29 Marshall is in ___ TX

30 TX Trini's "___ A Hammer"

31 ___ power

35 TX Woody Guthrie's mother

36 TXism: "he's got ___ as Texas" (kind)

42 capital of Austin's colony: "___ de Austin"

44 swimmers at Hippie Hollow?

46 state of being suspicious

48 NFL strives for this among teams

49 Waggoner Ranch founder (init.)

50 exam

51 TXism: "don't get your shorts in ___"

52 TX Buddy Holly hit: "Peggy ___"

53 brief and vigorous honky tonk scuffle

54 TXism: "I wouldn't give a red ___ for it"

56 TXism: "his facts ___ elastic" (liar)

57 bro's sib

58 "Fire ___ Festival" in 29-across

DOWN

1 Stanton: "Home of 3,000 Friendly Old Soreheads"

2 TX-filmed "Sugarland ___"

3 blimp that looks for drug traffickers on the TX border

4 San Antonio FM

9 big ship is guided by ___ boat on the TX coast

10 TXism for "friendly" 11 "___ me no questions and I'll tell you no lies"

12 Swenson founded the West TX ___ ranches

13 diamondback

14 ___ Dulce, TX

15 TX-based "La Quinta ___"

16 Granbury inn: "The ___ House"

18 network that Emmitt danced on

20 Mrs. or Miss

23 lithium symbol

24 actor Errol of film "San Antonio" (init.)

25 transgressions

26 sandbar on the TX coast

27 TXism: "he ___ his spurs"

32 TXism: "come hell high water"

33 Dewhurst is the ___ Gov. of TX

34 Rosebud-Lott h.s. class

36 he took title from TX Foreman in '74

37 clue

38 fencing swords

39 UT's orange color

40 TXism: "chuckleheaded"

41 "By the Time I ___ Phoenix"

43 TXism: "let '___ rip!"

45 This young founded UT's Certain Club (init.)

47 TXism: "got as much chance as a ___ a packing plant"

48 TX George H. is a ___ president

55 TXism: "stirred up a hornet's ___"

BAXTER BLACK

ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

Tracto Therapy

By Baxter Black, DVM

The countryside is being checkerboarded by a new wave of settlers identified by ad agencies as rural lifestyleers.

My friend Michael was typical of those whose motivation boiled down to 'escaping the rat race'. He and his sweetheart yearned to move to Texas, buy forty acres and own their own John Deere tractor. They already had the cap.

When the pressure got unbearable, they could take the tractor out for a spin and mow. Tracto Therapy, he called it. They could take turns wearing the hat.

"Why didn't you go?" I asked him.

"Oh," he said, "the relationship didn't work out. I got a job and she went back to her husband."

Contemplating his idea, it occurred to me that there might be lots of folks out there like Michael whose dream is not to go to a dude ranch but to drive a tractor. Why not start a dude farm! The most popular show on RFDTV is Classic Tractors. I would venture there are plenty of fans who've never plowed a furrow! They'd be an ideal market.

Think of it! A chance to grade a driveway, pull a honey wagon, make mounds in the feedlot! They'd leap at the chance! Farmers could advertise their

dude farms in the paper; "Pick yer own fruit! Learn to clean elevator buckets, de-tassel seed corn, run to town for parts! Try the exotic midwinter North Dakota Wheat-growers tour. Shovel snow, tinker in the shop, go to town for coffee at 8 and 3!"

Or the scenic Arkansas chicken house extravaganza. Take part in a barn cleaning. Fix bent water pipes and fences and ventilation systems! And learn to tell a raccoon (striped tail and mask) from a possum (a hairless tail and about half an inch thick on the highway).

And the epitome of trips...the Texas to north Idaho or Bust Wheat Harvest!

Drive a 20-year old grain truck to the elevator from dawn til dusk for two months! Eat dust, bologna and Kentucky Fried! Sleep in a camp trailer!

Sounds exciting. We in agriculture are always looking to diversify.

If you've tried comfrey, ostriches or your own roadside stand selling homegrown soy bean cakes, give dude farming a look.

According to Michael, Tracto Therapy could be the best lucrative opportunity for farmers since that Georgia pecan grower advertised duck hunting on his place.

He charged \$10.00 a duck and called it 'Quackto Therapy'. He'd give you the tail feathers with the bill.

Crop And Weather Report

COLLEGE STATION — Rainfall across the state has put range and pastures in great shape for beef cattle, and livestock markets have gotten a boost, according to Texas Cooperative Extension reports.

In East Texas, Anderson County cattle demand has been strong with cow-calf pairs bringing up to \$1,820, while bred cows have been priced as high as \$1,525.

Calf prices are strong and producers are beginning to wean then.

Cotton is making good progress in the South Plains region, according to reports.

ROLLING PLAINS: Hot, dry conditions reported. Cotton is in good condition around the district, but some fields struggling and need to set bloom by mid-September.

Cotton aphids are starting to show in cotton. Pastures are in average condition, but have weeds and need moisture.

Fire danger will be very high this fall due to the volume of weeds.

Hay supplies are tremendous this year, especially hay grazer crops. Milo is in good condition and harvesting activities have begun.

Grant Awarded To Knox County For Community Development Projects

The West Central Texas Workforce Development Board has announced that the Knox County Visioning Committee has been awarded a \$3,000 grant to be applied toward hiring a community development coordinator for Knox County.

The grant was one of eight awarded on August 17, 2007 at the end of a two-day community planning workshop hosted by the Workforce Board in Abilene.

During the event, five members of the county visioning group, Knox County Judge Travis Floyd, John and Barbara Rector, Tammy Trainham and Kacy Latham, received assistance in developing proposals for community development projects.

The goal of the county visioning group is to hire a Knox County Development Coordinator by the beginning of November and have a three year salary commitment for the hire. They hope to achieve the salary with grants and other sources.

The Knox County Development Coordinator would help established businesses and help others become established, pursue grants and help coordinate efforts between county chamber of commerces, economic development boards and the cities.

Eight communities in the 19-county West Central Texas region were represented at the workshop.



Members of the Visioning Committee that attended are Knox County Judge Travis Floyd, John and Barbara Rector, Tammy Trainham and Kacy Latham

Based on an evaluation process that included a panel of Workforce Board members and input from workshop participants, funds were awarded for a variety of projects deemed to have a measurable impact on the economic development of the community.

According to Mary Ross, Executive Director for the Workforce Board, "The community teams did an excellent job of developing innovative solutions to very specific challenges they face."

"We are pleased to be able to assist them, and we look forward to their continued progress."

Funding for the community

development grants was made available by the Dodge Jones Foundation, the Dian Graves Owen Foundation and the Workforce Board.

The West Central Texas Workforce Development Board is one of 28 boards in the state charged with oversight and policy-making responsibility for workforce and training programs in a nineteen county region.

Additional information on the Board's economic development efforts or services for business customers may be obtained by calling the Workforce Board at (325) 795-4200 or by visiting the website at www.workforcesystem.org



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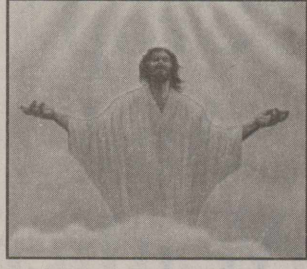
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 By Jim Reid, Pastor
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When you look at people what do you see? Most of us are people watchers. As we see people throughout the day we may wonder what they do or where are they going? We may see them as troubled or distraught, perhaps lonely, sad or happy. We all see people through our own eyes with our own perceptions. But how does God see them?

There is no doubt God always sees them through love. God is love. He wants the best for them. He wants to resolve any problems, remove any burdens, correct any faults, and forgive all sin. He really wants to make their life better and peaceful. He wants them to be joyful.

Gwen is a single mom with three children. She works at a large community hospital as a nurse. When she leaves home to work her shift she hopes to be home in time to spend time with her children. But she never knows what may happen any given day at the hospital that could cause her to have to work extra hours.

Gwen is now sitting in her car in a lonely parking garage in the early dawn of the morning. She's just completed a twenty-four hour shift.

She's tired and a little depressed; she hasn't seen her children for two days. She is very grateful that her mother can take care of the children when this happens, but at the same time she feels guilty for having to depend upon her.

The extra hours will help with the burden of the financial strain being a single mom. She thinks, "Is it worth it?" and then realizes, why ask the question.

There's not any opportunity of change either. She wishes she could have an answer before she starts the car and another day begins.

You may be a "Gwen", or you may understand her situation and relate to it in a different way. You also need an answer. You don't see any opportunity of change either. Let me share a scripture from the New Testament. A scripture of assurance and hope, *"And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus."* (Philippians 4: 19 NASB).

If you know Jesus Christ draw close to Him now, pray and He will answer you. If you don't know Jesus Christ you can come to know Him. Go to anyone that you know to be a Christian and ask them how you can come to know Jesus Christ. Go to any Pastor in our community and He can share with you how to come to know Jesus Christ. The most important thing is this, *"Go and go now!"* God can change your life, if you really want it changed.

I pray that you know the love of God today and that you live and trust His love every day.

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Wednesday, Aug. 29 - Baked Chicken, Rice with Vegetable Casserole, Salad, Light Bread and Cake
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Abundant Life Christian Fellowship Hosts 2007 "It's STILL Not Hotter Than Hell" Golf Classic

The 2nd Annual "It's Still Not Hotter Than Hell" Golf Classic hosted by the Abundant Life Christian Fellowship church of Knox City got a name change in 2007 due to large rain showers that blanketed the area and postponed the tournament by one day due to flooding in the golf course.

Keeping their sense of humor intact, church members renamed the tournament "It's STILL Not Wetter Than the Flood"! Flooding receded enough on Sunday for the tournament to swing into gear and many participants remarked that this was by far one of the most fun tournaments they had played all year.

Played in a two-person scramble format, teams were faced with a variety of opportunities to lower their scores and raise their fun! Hole #1 featured an opportunity to "Be a Kid Again" – offering the contestants an opportunity to take a free tee shot – with a kid's club! Another hole offered a chance for multiple tries for a hole-in-one – with a hole that measured more than 3 feet in diameter! For those of you who missed out this year for one reason or another – be sure to watch the calendar so you will be able to play in next year's tournament!

This year's tournament was held to raise funds for a new projector system for the church. Many thanks go out to everyone who helped make this year's tournament a success and especially to all of the many sponsors who donated both financially and in prizes.

This year's tournament sponsors include: *Pepper's Dry Goods & Other Stuff, Shortes Inc., Helena, Agrilience, Air Ag, Inc. Basic Energy Services, Ledesma Oil Field Construction & Services, Citizen's Bank, Scott & Bobbie Burleson, Don Hawkins Insurance, Counts Real Estate, Jerry's*

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A big thank you to Bob Maloney for mowing all the greens before the tournament and to the Knox City Country Club for allowing us to host the tournament on such a fun playing course! If you aren't a member of the Knox City Country Club yet, you should be!

This year's tournament gave out over \$2,000 in prizes – including a Grand Prize valued at over \$500 which was won by Steve Pepper. The 2nd Grand Prize had a value of over \$250 and was won by LaDonna Smith. Every participant went home with at least one prize and had an opportunity to enjoy a wonderful meal after the tournament prepared by Abundant Life Christian Fellowship church members.

Championship flight winners — 1st - Starnes/Garcia Team; 2nd - Speck/Arismendez Team; 3rd - Burleson/Wise Team

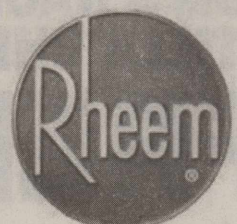
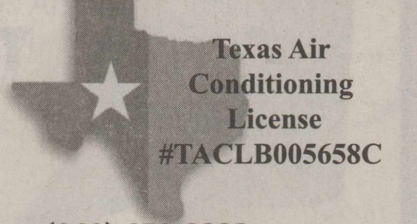
First Flight Winners — 1st - Casillas/Fox Team; 2nd - Pack/Pepper Team, 3rd - Offield/Casillas Team

Longest Drive Winners — Doug Sorrells – Men; Sammie Offield – Women

Closest To the Pin Winners — Corky Speck – Men; Sammie Offield - Women

Be sure and come out next year! And remember, it may be hot in August, but "It's STILL Not Hotter Than Hell!!!!!!"

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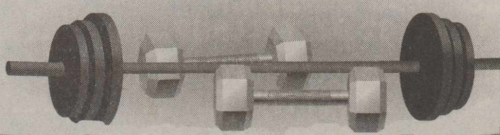



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KC Visioning Committee Host Luncheon

The Knox County Visioning Committee hosted a luncheon on Sunday, August 26 at the Benjamin Ex-Students Building to graduate students from a work ethics class and also to hear guest speaker Remelle Farrar from the Ogallala Commonwealth.

Ogallala Commons is a non-profit resource development network, offering leadership and education to reinvigorate the commonwealths that form the basis of all communities, both human and natural. Ogallala Commons country overlies the High Plains-Ogallala Aquifer, covering about 174,000 square miles across parts of eight Great Plains states.

After a delicious meal sponsored by First National Bank of Munday and catered by K.P.'s Mesquite Grill & Catering of Haskell, Farrar, a native of Foard County, spoke to the many in attendance about what the county needs to do as a whole to help itself survive.

Most stressed was "if we're gonna survive, we are going to have to do it as neighbors," Farrar said, by putting our differences aside to make it work. Knox County Judge Travis Floyd echoed her statement. "It's all going to depend on us working together." The visioning committee, now going into its third year, has committed itself to rebirthing the county by bringing jobs to the county, retaining those jobs that are here and educating people in the county with job-ready skills.

To date, there have been two CNA classes graduate and one welding class graduate, in addition to the work ethics class that received their certificates on Sunday. "We want the kids to go to college, but we also want them to leave (high) school with a skill so they are job ready," said Farrar.

Receiving graduation certificates for the works ethics class were: Kaitlyn Kuehler, Jenna McCanlies, Sean Wilson, Shaylee Propps, Britney Kuehler and Melissa Northrup from Benjamin and Shelbye Hendrix, Whitney Sanders, Lizzie Gulley, Eric Gonzalez and Ashley Crownover from Munday.

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KC Faculty



KC Faculty — left to right - Mr. Mark Tucker, Band Director & O'Brien Middle School Principal; Mr. Rick Moeller, High School Principal; Mrs. Kay Adkisson, Spanish Instructor; Mrs. Christie Howeth, Counselor, Mrs. Jimmie Kay Peters, Head Girls Coach; Ms. Debbie Clower, Speech Therapist with the Haskell-Knox Shared Services Consortium; Mr. Tom Farmer, Agriculture Instructor; Mrs. Jessica Farmer, Second Grade Instructor. Mrs. Adkisson, Coach Peters, Ms. Clower; and Mr. & Mrs. Farmer are new to the district.



Joining the Knox City-O'Brien CISD in the Lil' Pups Daycare are (l to r) Sylvia Vasquez, as daycare assistant; and Shelia Overmyer, as on-site director.

Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2007 on September 11, 2007 at 7:00 pm at the NCTMWA office at 135 N Munday Ave., Munday, Texas. Your individual taxes may increase or 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.
FOR the proposal: Joe Clonts, Leon Burkham, Ray Lynn Hardin, M M Booe, Bob Presnall, Lyndel Lambeth, Keith Everett.
AGAINST the proposal: none
PRESENT and not voting: none
ABSENT: Joey Thomas

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year 0.1800/\$100 Adopted	This Year 0.1800/\$100 Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	0.1800/\$100 Adopted	0.1800/\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$0.0000/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		0.0000%
Average appraised value	\$30,012	\$30,590
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$0	\$0
Average taxable value	\$30,012	\$30,590
Tax on average residence homestead	\$54.02	\$55.06
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)		\$+1.04
and percentage of increase (+/-)		+1.89%

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION
 If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.

Benjamin Sports



Mustangs break free from the Chillicothe Eagles and head down field



Mustangs block Chillicothe during the scrimmage Friday



Benjamin Lady 'Stangs were tournament champions at the Bryson Tournament Saturday. Pictured back row l-r — Devon Jones, Leah Vanderpol, Nafeesa Ebraheim, Terri Miller, Jessica Vanderpol, Raquel Acevedo and Shelby Russell. Front row l-r — Brittany Coop, Judit Acevedo, Tina Siemens, Karla Benson and Julia Acevedo

BENJAMIN NEWS

By Gladene Green

School began today and we are fast sliding out of August into September and that wonderful time of the year - fall. It's always my favorite season, but the way things have been going this year, it may be exceptionally hot, wet, cold or almost anything could happen. We'll see.

Students and teachers should be settled into their regular routine before long. Sports (football and volleyball) have started with practices and scrimmages. The boys had a scrimmage Friday night and I'm told looked pretty good. Of course, when regular season starts, we'll be able to tell more about the team. The volleyball team has played a few games and were in the Bryson tournament Saturday. They won first there and have only been beaten once (I believe) this year. That was in a scrimmage with Eastland. Think they have a pretty successful season ahead. Their next game is Saturday at Moran at 10 a.m.

Sympathy Sent

I express sincere sympathy to the family of Julia Trepanier today. Julia passed away Wednesday in Wichita Falls. She had been in failing health for several months. Her grave side rites were Saturday in the Benjamin Cemetery.

Also word was received here today of the death of Johnny Hertel of Fillmore, Oklahoma.

He had several relatives here, among them nephews Dennis Duke and Don Hertel and cousins by marriage Lorene Powers, Sonny Bufkin, Linda Parker and former resident Tommy Joe Bufkin.

His wife was the former Katherine Bivens, a sister to another former resident, Maretha Patterson. Johnny was well known here, having lived here many years ago. His funeral is Wednesday morning in Fillmore. Sympathy to his family, also.

Regarding Our Ill

Things are improving for the ailing of our community. Bud Conner is doing much better. Getting stronger each day, and though it will be a while before he's back to 100%, he is getting there and very glad to be feeling better. He sees his doctor again Wednesday in Lubbock.

Cassie Sheedy spent a few days in an Abilene hospital, returning home Friday. She still has a problem or two, but doctors are watching her closely and hopefully will have her back in good shape before long. She is the wife of Steve Sheedy. We're glad to get that encouraging report on her.

Our little Mason Herring had heart surgery on Friday. (Postponed from Thursday due to an emergency his doctor had to take care of.) He's doing okay.

He had a couple of pretty restless nights, but Sunday night was better. Not sure how long he will be in the hospital, but hopefully not too long. He's in Children's Hospital in Dallas. We appreciate all the prayers for him and his family.

Here 'N There

Jimmie Kay and Don Liles of Longview were here last week to visit her daughters, Stacia and Shannon Propps and their families, and to help granddaughter,

Shaylee Propps "load up" and head off to college. She will be attending VRJC in Wichita Falls. She was excited, but her mom, Shannon, was pretty sad. (It's hard to see our "babies" leave home.)

Maggie Seidenberger of Lubbock was home for the weekend and visited her mom and her husband, Sylinda and Wyman Meinzer.

Earlene Meinzer called to say she visited Pat Benson in the Munday Nursing Center Sunday. She said Pat seemed to be doing well, but still doesn't know how long she will be there.

Word was received here last week of the death of Minnie Golden, wife of Billy Ray. They were living in Breckenridge and her funeral was there on Thursday.

The Clower brothers, Michael and David, are off to school. This is Michael's third year and David's first. They are attending ACU in Abilene. Also going to ACU is Josh White, a former resident, son of Ronnie and Susan.

Judy and Randolph Barnett have been here a few days and also spent some time with his son and family in Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

Wynelle Halloway of Fredericksburg returned home a few days ago after several days visit with her sister, Omitene Barnett. Omitene is doing pretty well and enjoys hearing from her friends.

Debbie and Mike Moorhouse were in Dallas Friday for their grandson's, Mason, surgery.

Mike came home Saturday and she stayed to help out another day or so.

Mustangs and Lady 'Stangs Looking Good

The Benjamin Mustangs and Lady Stangs have hit the ground running, showing great potential for the volleyball and football seasons.

The Lady Stangs have a win against Moran and the Bryson tournament championship under their belts, in addition to some well-played scrimmages. The Lady Stangs are under the direction of new coach Jason Loftiss.

The girls competed in the Bryson tournament over the weekend, going head to head with Forestburg, Chico, Goldburg, City View and Bryson. The Lady's won each game 2-0, except in games against City View and Bryson, each game being 2-1 in favor of the Lady Stangs. Scores were unavailable as of press time.

Karla Benson was named All Tournament Team at the Bryson tournament.

The Mustangs have had one scrimmage, with Harrold and Chillicothe at home, last Friday. Rain shut out their first scheduled scrimmage against Spur earlier in the month. Danny Copeland coaches the Mustangs.

The Mustangs made several touchdowns on Friday evening and had several impressive plays, playing strongly as a team against both Harrold and Chillicothe and holding their own.

The Mustangs will travel to Jayton on Friday night for their season opener against the Jaybirds at 7:30 p.m.

The Lady Stangs next game will be September 1 in Moran at 10:00 a.m.

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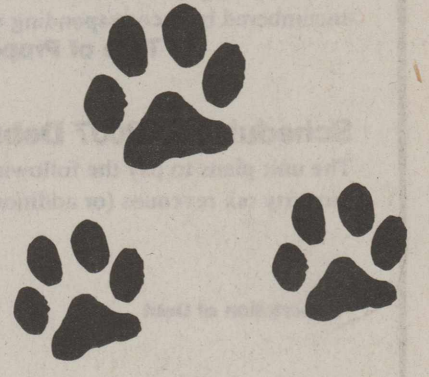
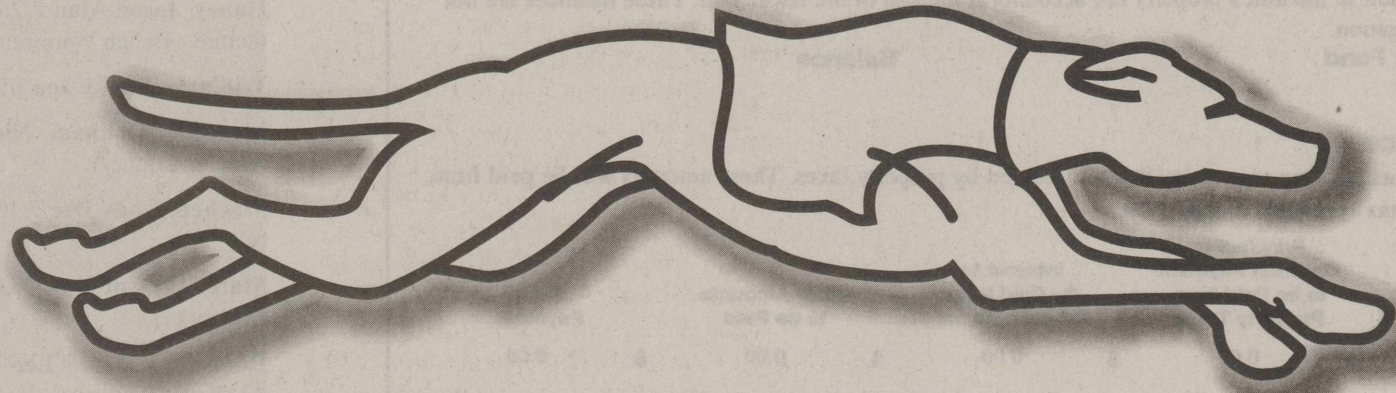
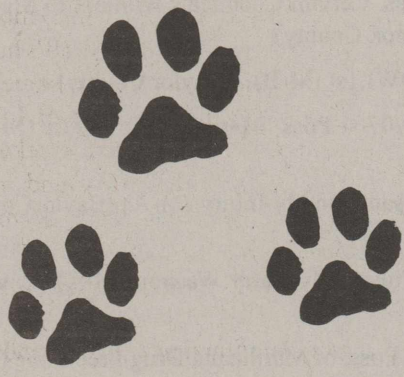
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KNOX CITY SPORTS



KC Hounds To Kick Off 2007 Football



Kenyin Thompson tucks the ball in close as he crosses the goal line for the TD at the scrimmage in Crowell last Friday night.

The Knox City Greyhounds are looking forward to kicking off the 2007 football season this Friday night against the Bryson Cowboys in Bryson.

The kick off is scheduled for

7:30.

The Hounds have worked hard in preparation for opening night.

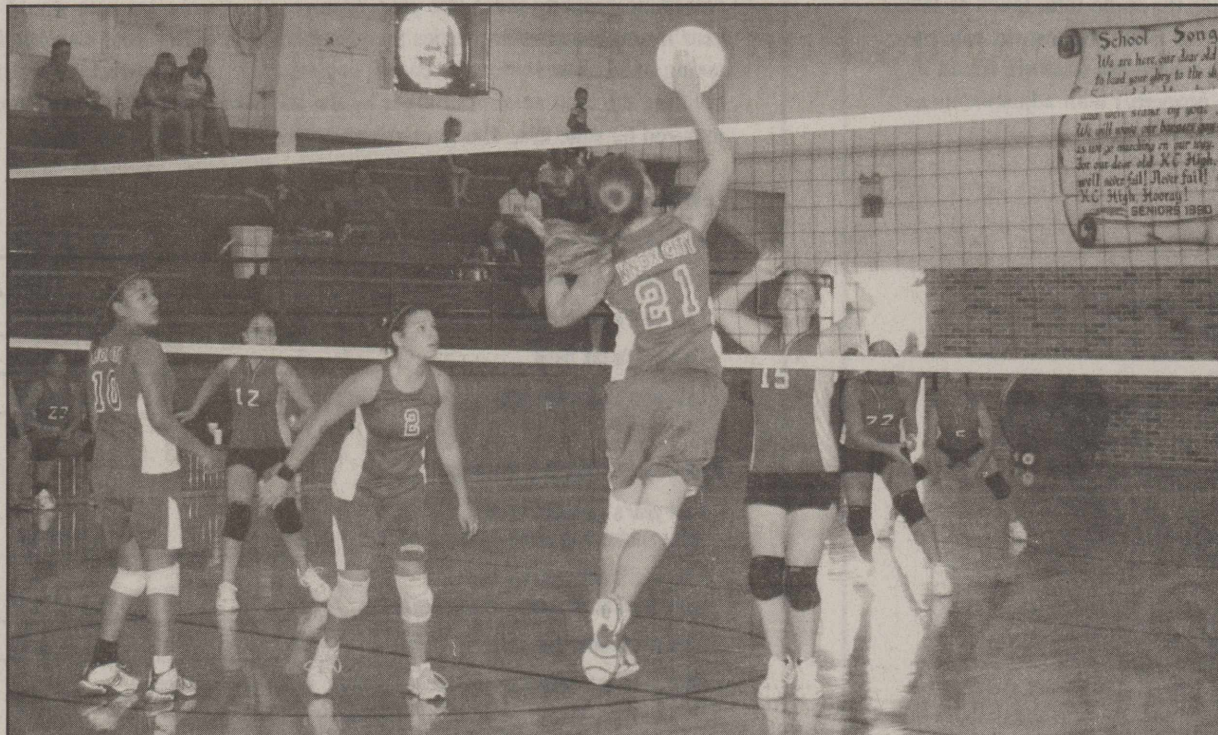
Three weeks of two-a-days, two scrimmages, and a week of

school will be behind them when they take the field. Offensively, speed and passing will be the key elements to the game.

Staying strong defensively as the Hounds have proven in the

2007 scrimmages will also be another crucial element.

Fans are encouraged to make the trip to Bryson to support the mighty Greyhounds on the road Friday night.



Brittany Baker goes for the kill.

The Knox City Houndettes played Chillicothe at home last Tuesday. The J.V. were defeated 17/25 and 19/25.

"They lost their intensity for a while, but I believe we have gotten that back this week in practice", commented Coach Peters. The varsity girls defeated Chillicothe varsity in a series of 3 matches with the following results: 25/16, 25/18 and 25/15.

Then, the Houndettes traveled to Chillicothe over the weekend for the Lady Eagles Volleyball Tournament. Coach Peters stated, "Our girls are showing progress every week."

The girls took the first match against Harold in 25/20 the first game and 25/13 the second game.

The next match was against Chillicothe J.V. which the

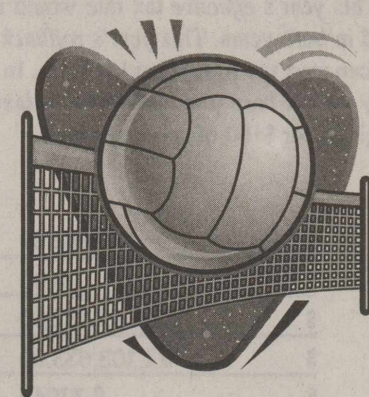
Houndettes won 25/21 and 25/11. The third match was against Electra J.V. and, again, the Houndettes won: 25/8, 22/25 and 17/15. They played Paducah for the championship but came up short 25/22, 20/25 and 13/15.

"I think the girls realized that you don't let up on your intensity until you walk off the court. However, when you see

the progress I have seen every week, as a coach, you know your on the right track.

The improvements we are seeing is a testament to the hard work these girls have put in since two-a-days," Coach Peters acknowledged.

The Varsity Houndettes will travel to Woodson on Saturday to play Ranger/Woodson at 10:00 am.



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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.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance

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).

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
(expand as needed)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Total required for 2007 debt service		\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A		\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources		\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00
- Excess collections last year		\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00
- Total to be paid from taxes in 2007		\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00
Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only <u>95.0</u> % of its taxes in 2007		\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00
- Total Debt Levy		\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00

KC Sheriff's Report

July 21 - August 28

- Macias-Zuniga, Cindy 7/24/07 - Panhandling (M-C) (Knox County)
- Haney, Jason Alan 7/26/07 - Poss. Certain Chemicals w/intent to Manufacture - Bench Warrant (F-2) (Knox County)
- Williams, Bucky Joe 7/29/07 - DWI 1st (M-B) (Baylor County)
- Velasquez-Denham, Nicole 7/30/07 - Poss. Marihuana DWLI (M-B) (Baylor County)
- Machen, Cody Dee 7/30/07 - Assault/Bodily Injury (M-A) (Baylor County)
- Marek, Brient Ray 7/31/07 - Unlawfully Carry Weapon (M-A) (Baylor County)
- Rodriguez, Daniel Lee 7/31/07 - Poss. of Marihuana/Drug Free Zone (M-A) (Knox County)
- Larue, Terry 7/31/07 - Judgment NISI/Delivery of Controlled Substance (Felony) (Knox County)
- Campos, Noel 8/04/07 - DWI 1st (M-B) (Knox County)
- Shaw-Peters, Kimberly 8/05/07 - DWI 1st (M-B) (Knox County)
- Miller, Kimberly 8/07/07 - Public Intox (M-C), Resist Arrest (M-A) (Knox County)
- Waldron, Justin 8/06/07 - Assault/Family Violence (M-A) Public Intox. (M-C) (Knox County)
- Hernandez, Jacinto 8/06/07 - DWI 1st (M-B) No Drivers License (M-C) (Knox County)
- Carver, Adam Cyle 8/11/07 - DWI 1st (M-B) (Knox County)
- Estrada, Adrian 8/13/07 - MTR/Possession of Marihuana (M-B) (Knox County)
- Young-Brown, Tina Renee 8/16/07 - DWI 1st (M-B) (Baylor County)
- Adams, Charles Milton 8/17/07 - MTR/DWI 3rd or more (F-3) (Baylor County)
- Garcia, Ricardo E. 8/19/07 - DWLI (M-B) (Baylor County)
- Costello, Tommy 8/21/07 - Possess Marihuana (M-B) (Knox County)
- Costello, Sammy 8/21/07 - Possess Marihuana (M-B) (Knox County)
- Harvey Chase Ray - MTR/Criminal Trespass (Misd.) (Baylor County)
- Hogue, Debbie - 8/23/07 MTR/TBC (M-B) (Knox County)
- Oudems, Jasmen Lee - 8/23/07 Poss. Marihuana (M-B) (Knox County)
- Newton, Terrece Dewan - 8/24/07 Poss. Controlled Substance (SJF) (Knox County)
- Collier, Johnny Wayne - 8/24/07 Poss. Controlled Substance (SJF) (Knox County)
- Youtsey, Richard - 8/25/07 Assault/Family Violence (Misd. A) (Baylor County)
- Neal, Sammy James - 8/25/07 DWI 1st (M-B) (Baylor County)
- Shaw, Kimberly Jean - 8/26/07 Unauthorized Use of Vehicle (SJF) (Baylor County)

50-179 (Rev. 07-07/3)

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If KNOX CITY adopts a 2007 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$ 74241 per \$100 of value, taxes would DECREASE compared to 2006 taxes by \$ 77940 - (0.3700).

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.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance

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).

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
(expand as needed)	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total required for 2007 debt service		\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A		\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources		\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00
- Excess collections last year		\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00
- Total to be paid from taxes in 2007		\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00
Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only <u>95.0</u> % of its taxes in 2007		\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00
- Total Debt Levy		\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00

50-212 (Rev. 05-06/8)

KNOX CITY Property Tax Rates in KNOX CITY, TEXAS

This notice concerns 2007 property tax rates for KNOX CITY. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$ 172,282.00
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0.00
Last year's total taxes	\$ 172,282.00
Last year's tax base	\$ 22,103,533.00
Last year's total tax rate	\$ 0.77940 /\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 173,114.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 23,317,583.00
= This year's effective tax rate	\$ 0.74240 /\$100

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)

In the first year a hospital district or city collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ /\$100
= Effective tax rate	\$ /\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 173,114.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 23,317,583.00
= This year's effective operating rate	\$ 0.74241 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$ 0.80180 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ /\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$ 0.80180 /\$100

A hospital district or city that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collects the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following lines:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ /\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$ /\$100

For a taxing unit with additional rollback rate for pollution control, insert the following lines:

+ Additional rollback rate for pollution control	\$ /\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$ /\$100

50-212 (Rev. 05-06/8)

2007 Property Tax Rates in CITY OF BENJAMIN

This notice concerns 2007 property tax rates for CITY OF BENJAMIN. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$ 27,131.00
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0.00
Last year's total taxes	\$ 27,131.00
Last year's tax base	\$ 3,271,378.00
Last year's total tax rate	\$ 0.82930 /\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 27,076.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 3,190,405.00
= This year's effective tax rate	\$ 0.84866 /\$100

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)

In the first year a hospital district or city collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ /\$100
= Effective tax rate	\$ /\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 27,076.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 3,190,405.00
= This year's effective operating rate	\$ 0.84866 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$ 0.91655 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ 0.00000 /\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$ 0.91655 /\$100

A hospital district or city that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collects the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following lines:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ 0.00000 /\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$ 0.00000 /\$100

For a taxing unit with additional rollback rate for pollution control, insert the following lines:

+ Additional rollback rate for pollution control	\$ 0.00000 /\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$ 0.00000 /\$100

50-175 (Rev. 07-07/05)

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If KNOX CITY HOSPITAL adopts a 2007 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$ 0.46246 per \$100 of value, taxes would DECREASE compared to 2006 taxes by \$ (0.02554) 0.48800

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.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS	400,000.00

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).

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
	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
<i>(expand as needed)</i>				
Total required for 2007 debt service		\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A		\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources		\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00
- Excess collections last year		\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2007		\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00
Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only <u>95.0</u> % of its taxes in 2007		\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00
= Total Debt Levy		\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00

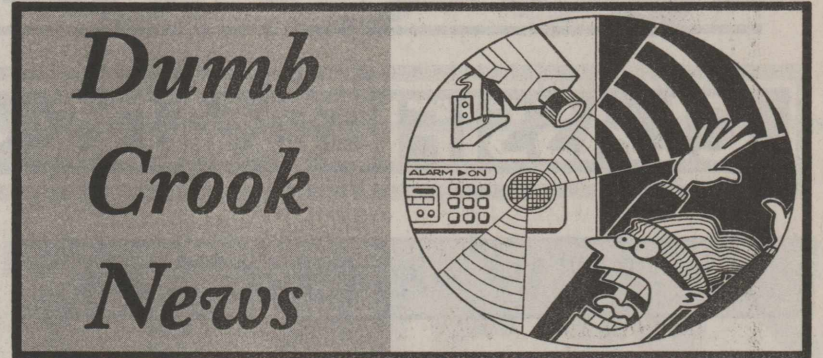
Schedule C - Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax
(For hospital districts, cities and counties with additional sales tax to reduce property taxes)
In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$ _____ in additional sales and use tax revenues. For 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 \$ _____ 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 \$ _____ 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 \$ _____ 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 _____
Title _____
Date prepared _____



Phone Pot Plant Photos Prompts Arrest

Authorities in Newport, Vermont, say that a cell phone containing pictures of cannabis plants tipped off police to its owner and his growing operation.

The man, identified as 22-year-old Peter Ste. Marie, was charged with felony marijuana cultivation after he confessed to growing about 20 plants for his own use, Orleans County Deputy Sheriff Daniel Locke wrote in an affidavit.

An unidentified person found the phone and searched it for pictures that might lead to the owner.

When the person saw the pot plants, the phone was handed over to the Sheriff's Department on August 13. When police activated the phone, it showed the owner's name and the name of his business, Locke said.

The finder also told police that there were marijuana plants on Mills Road, in Jay, Vermont, near where the phone was discovered, according to Locke, who found about 30 plants growing on land owned by Ste. Marie's grandmother.

Ste. Marie, who told authorities that his grandmother had no knowledge of the marijuana plants, entered a not guilty plea to the cultivation charge August 21 and was released on \$100 bail.

Locke says that there is a lesson that we can all learn from this case.

"I don't think I'd be taking pictures of illegal things on my cell phone," he said.

West Central Texas Workforce Development Board Announces New Officers

Abilene — The West Central Texas Workforce Development Board is pleased to announce the election of new officers. Dave Dalzell, Owner of Dalzell Realtors of Abilene, was elected Chair of the Board. Chance Barr, Vice-President of Barr Fabrication in Brownwood, was elected Vice Chair and Dr. Tom Winter, Associate Provost at Abilene Christian University, was elected as Secretary-Treasurer. The officers assume their new responsibilities on September 1, 2007. Regarding the new officers, Mary Ross, Executive Director, said, "We are pleased to have these three individuals in leadership roles for the Workforce Board. Their knowledge of workforce issues and commitment to improving the region's economy will be a tremendous asset during the coming year."

The West Central Texas Workforce Development Board is one of 28 boards in the state of Texas charged with oversight and policy-making responsibility for workforce and training programs in the nineteen-county West Central Texas region. For additional information, call Steve Collins, at (325) 795-4200 or by e-mail at steve.collins@workforcesystem.org.

50-212 (Rev. 05-08/06)

2007 Property Tax Rates in KNOX COUNTY HOSPITAL

This notice concerns 2007 property tax rates for KNOX COUNTY HOSPITAL. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$ 687,701.00
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0.00
Last year's total taxes	\$ 687,701.00
Last year's tax base	\$ 140,908.00
Last year's total tax rate	\$ 0.48800 /\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 686,167.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 148,371,441.00
= This year's effective tax rate	\$ 0.46246 /\$100

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)

In the first year a hospital district or city collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year.

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ /\$100
= Effective tax rate	\$ /\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

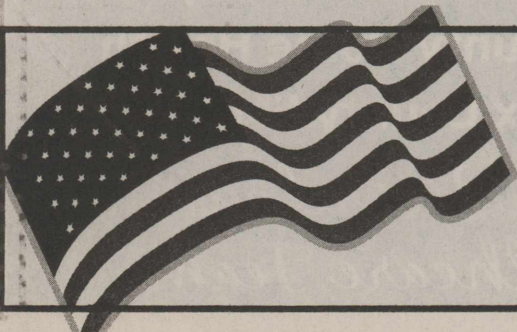
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 686,167.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 148,371,441.00
= This year's effective operating rate	\$ 0.46246 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$ 0.49946 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ 0.00000 /\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$ 0.49946 /\$100

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The Knox County News Office Will Be Closed Monday, September 3 For Labor Day. Deadlines For News And Advertising Will Be Tuesday, September 4 by 10:00 a.m.

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Tax Rate Hearing
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8-30-07-9-6-07/HHC/c

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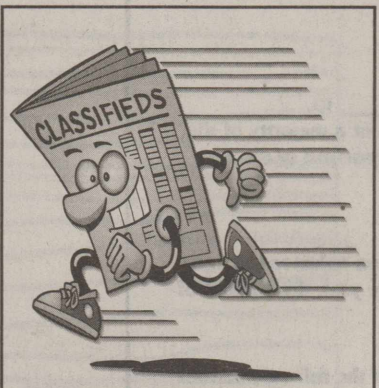
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3-22-07/tfc

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6-14-07/MTA/ff



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7-26-07/ff

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8-16-07/PC/C

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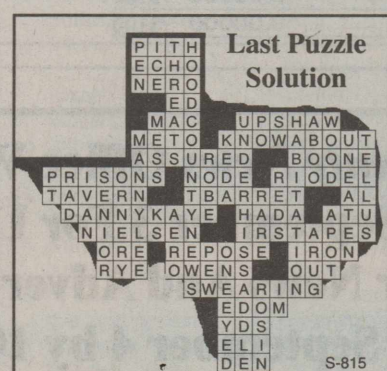
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