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Noah Project to hold meeting

The Noah Project - North Advisory Committee will meet at noon on Friday, December 14th in the jury room of the Haskell County Courthouse. Please attend if at all possible.

Benjamin Community Christmas Program

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

• Santa Claus is coming to Benjamin!

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



The City of Knox City accepted the resignations of Police Chief Bill Glass and Patrolman Scott Kennedy in a special meeting Monday afternoon.

Glass resigned his position as chief of police on November 30th, according to City Administrator Barbara Rector. Kennedy resigned his post as patrolman on December 7th, also according to Rector.

Rector stated Glass had planned on returning to Iraq for another police training mission for the Iraqi police force.

Glass had spent 18 months prior to being hired by the City of Knox City training the Iraqi police force. He also worked as a patrolman for the Haskell Police Department and is a 15-year law enforcement veteran. The week following Glass' resignation, recently hired patrolman Scott Kennedy turned in his resignation.

Kennedy completed law enforcement academy training just prior to his employment with the city and this was his first job as a law enforcement officer. Because of his current lack of experience, he did not feel like he was equipped to handle the responsibilities of the job with Glass gone, according to Rector. For the time being, the sheriff's office will provide assistance when needed.

City officials will discuss the situation more in-depth at their regularly scheduled council meeting on Thursday, December 13th. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Baty Named Outstanding Administrator By Texas FFA

Mr. Louis Baty, Knox City-O'Brien CISD Superintendent, was recently honored by the Future Farmers of America's Oil Belt District as the Administrator of the Year at the annual banquet held in Olney.

The Oil Belt District of the FFA is made up of 21 school districts. The distinguished honor was presented to Mr. Baty by Knox City High School Agriculture Science instructor, Mr. Tom Farmer. Mr. Baty commented, "I am privileged to have been nominated and selected for such a noteworthy award."

FFA has always been an important part of Mr. Baty's life. He earned his Greenhand Degree and 4-H Gold Star in 1976, Chapter Farmer in 1977, and his Lone Star Farmer in 1979. Mr. Baty began his career in education in 1983 but along with his dedication to education, he never left his lifelong interest in farming. He continues the farming tradition today. A portion of the acreage he farms has been honored by the Governor's Family Land Heritage Program. He currently farms wheat and cotton; and raises cattle and



Superintendent Louis Baty (center) proudly displays the prestigious School Administrator of the Year Award presented by the Texas FFA Oil Belt District with Agriculture Science Instructors Mr. Rick Moeller (left) and Mr. Tom Farmer (right).

goats. He is a member of the numerous organizations dedicated to children and farming including: Texas Farm Bureau, Lions Club International, American Boer Goat Assoc., Knox City-O'Brien CISD PTO, among many others. According to the letter of recommendation, "Louis is an avid volunteer for programs supporting the youth in agriculture including the Knox County Jr. Livestock Show. He works the show ring, makes the phone ring with contributions, clips pigs and goats, then transports students to and

refreshments will be served.

7th Annual Cowboy Christmas Ball

Benjamin, Saturday, December 22 at 8:00 p.m., featuring America's Most Versatile Dance Band "The Bob Wills' Texas Playboys \$25 Capacity Limited. Tickets Limited, advanced purchase suggested, table for ten can be reserved with advance purchase. Contact J.W. Sollis at 940-655-3413 or 940-839-7870, e-mail jwsollis@yahoo.com.

• Immunization Clinic

The Texas Department of State Health Services Immunization Clinic will be at the Knox City Housing Authority Community Room, 203 SW 4th Street from 10:00 a.m. - noon and 1:00 -3:00 p.m. Thursday, January 3, 2008. DTaP, Polio, MMR, HIB, Td, Hepatitis A, Pneumococcal Conjugate, Hepatitis B, HPV, Meningitis and Chickenpox vaccine will be provided as well as all other immunizations for children, adults and infants. Flu vaccine is available for children 6 months and older and for adults. A parent, adult family member or guardian must accompany a minor under 18 years of age. Please bring a copy of your child's social security card. Services at the Department of Health are offered on a sliding fee scale, but no one will be denied services.

Visible Progress

Awning Project Has



New Awnings are now over Duckwall's and Fitness For Life Gym

The Knox City Chamber of Commerce and Knox City Economic Development Corporation have been working jointly on the downtown awning project for over seven years and the fruit of their labor is becoming visible, as the vibrant red awnings now stretch from the Fitness For Life Gym and over Duckwalls.

Robert Crowell and his crew of Seymour had been working steadily until recent wet weather put a hold on their progress.

The awning over Duckwalls is completed, and work has begun over the Art Stall. When the awning is complete over the Art Stall, work will move to the east side of the street until after the Christmas season, so as to not interfere with the downtown business districts holiday shopping. While on the east side, awnings will be put in place over the Chamber of Commerce office and KC Video.

"We're so excited! They add so much to the downtown area," said Clark.

While a fundraiser will be held at a later date to help the ongoing project, donations are being accepted now, are tax exempt and "greatly appreciated" according to Clark. About \$4,000 is still needed.

Downtown businesses pay for half of the cost of their awning, whether it is monetary or work in kind.

Donations can be made payable to the Knox City Community Development Foundation at the Chamber office.

Other businesses (outside of the downtown area) will have the same opportunity to get the awnings, according to Clark.

Give The Gift Of Life This Holiday Season

A community blood drive will take place on Monday, December 17. The Meek Blood Center Bloodmobile will be at the Knox County Hospital from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

"We are asking donors to give one more gift this holiday season, which is the gift of life," said Frances Baker, donor recruiter. "While most of us are at home enjoying time with our families, there are patients in the hospital receiving blood transfusions to save and sustain their lives. These patients are totally dependent on volunteer donors who are willing to take forty five minutes of their time to give blood." Donors must be at least 17 years old and weigh a minimum of 110 pounds. Those who have eligibility questions may call 325-670-2798 or log on to www.meekbloodcenter.org.

Each donor will receive a holiday T-shirt and a complimentary total cholesterol test. Cholesterol results are available three days after the blood drive. from major shows. He puts children first in every endeavor he encounters. Without a doubt Louis Baty is deserving of this prestigious award."

Knox County 4-H Needs Your Help

Knox County 4-H'ers learn early on that helping others is important. They participate in many community service projects as part of their learning experiences in an effort to help them grow as an individual, give them leadership opportunities and teach them to help others in need.

This year we have an opportunity to be a part of a state wide community service project and team up with Sew Much Comfort by collecting boxer shorts for our injured service members.

Sew Much Comfort provides adaptive clothing free of charge to support the unique needs of our injured service members from all branches of the military and national guard. The need for adaptive clothing continues to grow as American military members are injured serving their country.

Each week, many wounded military members arrive in the States from Germany for extensive medical treatment for bullet and shrapnel wounds, burns, head and limb injuries and amputations, while tens of thousands are still in the recovery process. These medical conditions require large fixator, prosthetics and casts that are too bulky to fit under ordinary clothing or underwear.

Sew Much Comfort is the only organization providing adaptive clothing in large volumes to attempt to meet those special needs. We need your help to reach our goal of 100 pairs of boxer shorts from Knox County by March 31, 2007.

Please keep our service members in your thoughts as you do your shopping this season. You can drop off your donation of boxer shorts at the *Knox County News* or Citizen's Bank, N.A in Knox City; the *Munday Courier* or First National Bank of Munday in Munday; or the Knox County Extension office on the 2nd floor of the courthouse in Benjamin.

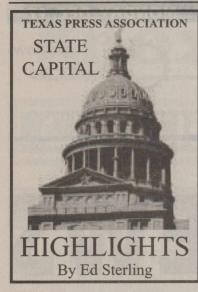
We will then be taking them to College Station in June to State 4-H Roundup where they will be collected by members of the Sew Much Comfort project for distribution. If you have any questions please call the Extension office at 459-2651.



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AUSTIN - The Texas Health and Human Services Commission announced plans to go statewide with a new smart card system that it said would create a more convenient and secure way for people to verify their Medicaid coverage.

The card, which looks like a credit card, automates the patient check-in process, which presently requires provider staff to copy data manually from paper forms.

The card contains encoded patient information and has

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State Plans To Issue New Medicaid Card

built-in fraud protection, as it requires the client's finger image to use.

Statewide expansion is set to begin next year when HHSC issues a request for proposals in May to select a contractor for the project.

The system may be in place by the second half of 2009, said Commissioner Albert Hawkins.

AG sues two Internet sites

Attorney General Greg Abbott on Dec. 5 filed lawsuits against two Web sites, TheDoll-House.com and Gamesradar. com under the federal Children's Online Privacy Protection Act, COPPA.

COPPA generally prohibits Web sites from unnecessarily collecting personal information from children under 13.

Abbott accused the Web sites of unlawfully collecting personal information such as names, ages, and home ad-

dresses from children.

Investigators also discovered that the sites' parental consent features were easily manipulated and circumvented.

Regents scale down tuition hike

The University of Texas System board of regents ordered UT-Austin to cut back a proposed tuition hike after students and state legislators complained the average \$300 per semester hike was too big an increase.

Instead, in school years 2008-2009 and 2009-2010, UT System students will pay \$150 more tuition per semester or 4.95 percent more, whichever amount is greater.

In 2002, before the Legislature deregulated tuition, a typical freshman entering UT in the fall paid about \$4,500 a year in tuition and fees. In 2010, under the new rates, an

By Ace Reid

incoming freshman should prepare to pay more than \$8,000. Speaker names energy panel

Texas House Speaker Tom Craddick announced the creation of the Select Committee on Electric Generation Capacity and Environmental Effects.

Craddick, R-Midland, assigned the committee to prepare a long-term energy and environmental impact plan and submit it to the 81st Legislature, which convenes Jan. 13, 2009.

The plan will include an assessment of various types of energy generation available to the state.

Craddick appointed eight House members to the committee: Charles "Doc" Anderson, R-Waco; Kevin Bailey, D-Houston; Norma Chavez, D-El Paso; Rick Hardcastle, R-Vernon; Phil King, R-Weatherford; Burt Solomons, R-Carrollton; Joe Straus, R-San Antonio;

Sylvester Turner, D-Houston; and Dennis Bonnen, R-Angleton, to serve as chair.

> **Green schools effort** is launched

U.S. Rep. Michael McCaul, R-Texas, announced on Dec. 5 a new, bipartisan congressional effort to ensure schools are safer environmentally and thus should provide a healthier learning place for children.

McCaul, co-chair of the Green Schools Caucus, said, "Today, there are American schools which are harmful to our children. That is unacceptable."

The caucus will take input and begin working on legislation to promote safer schools.

McCaul and architect Stan Haas made the announcement at J.J. Pickle Elementary School in Austin, a "green-built" campus that features proper solar orientation, insulated concrete, rainwater collection, salvaged

pine and recycled-content materials, unfinished materials, and paint and finishes with low levels of chemical emissions.

New chief at **Parks & Wildlife**

Carter Smith, state director of the Nature Conservancy of Texas since 2004, was named executive director of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department on Dec. 5.

A graduate of Texas Tech University and Yale University, Smith succeeds Robert L. Cook, who retired on Aug. 31.

Dewhurst is named

Texan of Year

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst has been named "2008 Texan of the Year" by Texas Legislative Conference, a non-partisan organization of Texas business and political leaders.

Dewhurst will accept the award at the group's 42nd annual meeting at New Braunfels in March.



Person to person

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The Tamale Dinner

By Baxter Black, DVM

Jim isn't related to me, but he could have been. He grew up in the same part of Central Oklahoma that my father's people did.

I remember my uncle takin' me to the Oklahoma City Stockyards when I was a kid. Jim must have been workin' there at that time. His wife took a week to go see family out of state. She left him lots of reheatable eatables but toward the end of the week he was prowlin' through the canned goods in the pantry. As luck would have it he found a can of tamales.

I remember exactly what they looked like and how good they tasted. They were the Mexican equivalent of Spaghetti O's. Until we moved to New Mexico when I was 9 years old, I never tasted a real tamale.

I cook out of desperation myself. Simple fare; leftovers...I can cook rice, wrap old biscuits in a wet paper towel and microwave them, fry stuff...that's about it. So I sympathize with Jim when he puzzled how to heat a can of tamales and not turn them to mush. Just heat them in the can, he thought. Up to that point I can follow his logic. Just heat water to a boil in a pan and leave the can of tamales in it for, say, 15 minutes.

Makes sense to me, but...Jim must have thought it would be quicker to put the can of tamales in the pressure cooker. Still logical to me because you'd need a deep pan of water to submerge the tamale can. Where we part in our culinary safety precautions was that I would not have put on the lid.

He started supper, then went into the living room, turned on the radio, sat in his chair and went to sleep. It would be fair to say he never heard the warning whistle.

But the explosion brought him out of his chair like the ejection seat in an F-14 Tomcat!

The lid turned left off the stove into the storage alcove, then right into the dining area, right again into the hall and finally, left into the bathroom, where it broke the wicker clothes hamper, collapsed and burned a circle into the linoleum.

Meanwhile, back in the kitchen, stuck to the stovetop, the pressure cooker was flat as a taco. Like a giant had stepped on it, like we would do a paper cup.

The ceiling directly above the stove was permanently imbedded with tamales. The bobble whistle was never found. Jim became famous.

For years after, at picnics, potlucks and at Custer's Annual Party, some wise-acre would always remind everyone that, "Jim will bring the tamales!" Skydiving Santa Vaults Sober Driving to Top of Holiday Wish List TxDOT Launches Annual DWI Prevention Campaign

SAN ANTONIO — In the company of six elite U.S. Air Force paratroopers, Santa Claus donned a parachute and jumped from a helicopter this week in a high-flying effort to remind Texans not to drink and drive during the upcoming holiday season. State and local safety advocates called on the man of the hour to launch TxDOT's annual four-week drunk driving prevention campaign.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is partnering with Lackland Air Force Base and other active military installations to encourage Texans to plan ahead and designate a sober driver when their celebrations include alcohol. Military officers called attention to their "Wingman" program, which asks airmen and other base personnel to designate a sober driver before they drink alcohol during off-time.

"Our wish list includes a safe holiday season for everyone," said Terry Pence, TxDOT's traffic safety director. "We're reminding drivers to celebrate responsibly and let someone else drive if they've been drinking. Our advice is simple: designate a sober driver in advance or call a cab to get home safely."

Law enforcement throughout Texas also is participating in the push to deter drunk driving. From December 21 until January 1, state and local law enforcement agencies will be working overtime to enforce the state's drunk driving laws. Penalties for a first-time DWI offense include driver's license



Santa Claus joined Brigadier General Darrell D. Jones at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio to launch TxDOT's annual holiday drunk driving prevention campaign and to remind motorists to designate a driver if their holiday celebrations involve alcohol. State officials say costs associated with a DWI arrest and conviction can add up to more than \$15,000. PHOTO BY JODY HORTON



suspension for up to one year, a fine of up to \$2,000 and up to six months in jail.

With help from Tandem Master MSgt. Ron Thompson, Santa Claus dropped in at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio to help launch **TxDOT's** annual holiday drunk driving prevention campaign. State officials are warning revelers that a firsttime DWI offense can come with a \$2,000 fine, driver's license suspension and up to six months in jail. PHOTO BY

This marks the tenth year of TxDOT's holiday public education campaign, which uses fes-

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tive television and radio commercials, billboards along interstate highways and ads at gas stations and convenience stores to deliver the responsible driving message. The public education initiative extends through New Year's Day.

Texas leads the nation when it comes to the number of traffic fatalities where the driver or motorcycle operator was legally drunk. Last year 1,677 people died in alcohol-related crashes in Texas.

Santa's other helpers in the DWI-prevention campaign include the Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, Texas Municipal Police Association, Texas Restaurant Association, Texas Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association and Valero Corporation.







5:35 p.m. Thursday



Lighting up the holidays.

As you begin using decorative lighting in and around your home this holiday season, AEP Texas reminds you to keep safety in mind. Check light strings for frayed cords, and use only UL-approved lights and extension cords. Remember not to overload circuits, and remind children not to touch lights or outlets. And on behalf of all of us here at AEP Texas, please enjoy a safe, bright holiday season with your family and friends. **AEP Texas is there, always working for you**.



For more information about electrical safety, visit **AEPTexas.com**

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OBITUARIES

L. G. (Glen) McGuire

L. G. (Glen) McGuire, 91, of Gilliland, Texas, an eight year resident of Ridgecrest Assisted Living Center in Waco, went to the Lord on November 13, 2007. Glen was preceded in death by his wife of 53 years, Valoise Cook McGuire, and his sister, Eula Mae Ferry. He is survived by a son, Lewis D. McGuire of Waco; a daughter, Elise Martinez of Hemet, CA; granddaughters, Terry Swaner and Lori Duckett of the Dallas area; Susan Harriman and Angela Rogers of Waco; five greatgrandsons, Jason Cypert, Jordan and Conner Rogers; Douglas and Samuel Harriman; great-

great grandchildren, Austin and Haylie Rose; in all he enjoyed a much loved five generation family. Gilliland Cemetery is his final resting place after following his wishes for graveside service and interment next to Valoise. Graveside services were held November 17, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. at the Gilliland Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Smith Funeral Home of Munday. Jerry Miller officiated. He loved to play dominoes. He was a long time farmer and drove the school bus between Munday and Gilliland for many years. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

God's Promises By Jim Reid, Pastor

O'Brien Baptist Church

Have you ever been asked, "What matters most?" My son has asked me on more than one occasion, "What matters most; doing what you want to do right now or spending quality time with your son?" That always gets me. You know exactly what I mean, I'm sure that your children do or have done something very similar. It pretty much leaves us with one answer doesn't it?

There are obviously many things that matter in our lives; such as family, career, marriage, finances, school and many, many more. So how do we choose our priorities and when?

Typically we assign the priority either in the moment or when other things can wait. Many times our church involvement, unfortunately, seems to come last. If we can't seem to place our church involvement as a priority, I can't help but wonder what people do with Jesus? Does he ever get priority? When does He come first and

foremost? Families who always put Jesus and church first are those who understand His provision and protection. They may have many of the



same circumstances as other families, but they get through them and resolve them a lot easier.

So how can we learn to place Jesus and church at the top of our priorities? We can if we will just follow His instructions and follow in His steps. I read an interesting, simple poem this week. It is written by an unknown author and you can even change or add the lines in it to fit your life. It's called "Jesus Does Matter".

Jesus Does Matter

One hundred years from now, It won't matter Who you thought you were, Or who I thought you were. It won't matter

How much money you had, What kind of truck or car you drove,

Or how many hours you worked,

Or how many seeds you sowed. It won't matter

Who your daddy was or wasn't.

But it will matter if you Knew Jesus.

(unknown author) Now the real question is,

"Does Jesus matter to you?"

Twelfth Annual Adopt-A-Beach Children's Art Contest

AUSTIN - Jerry Patterson, Commissioner of the Texas General Land Office, is calling on Texas students to participate in the 12th annual Adopt-A-Beach "Treasures of the Texas Coast" Children's Art Contest. The deadline to submit artwork is Monday, March 3, 2008.

"Each year, I'm impressed with the creativity of Texas schoolchildren," Patterson said. "Their artwork helps us produce a great calendar in support of the Texas General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach Program."

The contest began in 1996 to mark the 10th anniversary of the Adopt-A-Beach Program. The annual competition encourages Texas schoolchildren to learn more about the Texas coast and express what they've learned in their art.

Open to students in grades K-6 across Texas, the contest motivates thousands of young artists each year.

Artwork by sixth-grader, Carla De Lara, who attended Senator Eddie Lucio Jr. Middle School in Brownsville, earned the grand prize in the General Land Office's Treasures of the Texas Coast 2007 Children's Art Contest.

Carla's drawing was chosen for her unique style of conveying the official Adopt-A-Beach slogan, "Trashing Texas Beaches Isn't Cool." Last year's contest drew more than 6,000 entries from all parts of Texas.

Any medium may be used, but artwork may not be computergenerated.

Three-dimensional art is ineligible. Artwork should be based on the theme, "Treasures of the Texas Coast" and show why the Texas coast is special to the student. Artwork also must incorposlogan, "Trashing Texas Beaches Isn't Cool."

Only one entry per student is

taped to the back. Parental release forms may be printed from the GLO Web site located at www. texasadoptabeach.org.

Each contest entry must be postmarked by Monday, March 3, 2008 and submitted on an 8 ¹/₂-inch by 11-inch sheet of white paper.

Students are encouraged to color copy their artwork prior to sending it in because all artwork submitted becomes property of the Texas General Land Office and cannot be returned.

Ten winners will be chosen from the following categories: Grades K, 1 and 2; Grades 3 and 4; Grade 5; and Grade 6.

From these 40 winners, one Grand Prize Winner will receive two round-trip, coach class-tickets from Continental Airlines to any Continental destination in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Central America, the Caribbean and South America.

The grand prize winner's class will be treated to a party at one of three Schlitterbahn Waterparks in New Braunfels, South Padre Island or Galveston.

All 40 of the regional winners will receive a ticket to the Texas State Aquarium in Corpus Christi, two all-day passes to Schlitterbahn, prizes from Keep Texas Beautiful, a certificate of recognition from Commissioner Patterson and a calendar featuring the winning artwork.

The grand prize winner's teacher will also receive two round-trip, coach-class tickets courtesy of Continental Airlines.

This year's contest sponsors are Continental Airlines, Schlitterbahn Waterparks, the Texas State Aquarium and Keep Texas Beautiful.

For more information and conrate the official Adopt-A-Beach be test guidelines on the Treasures of the Texas Coast 2008 Children's Art Contest, please contact the General Land Office at 1-877allowed, and all entries must have TXCOAST or visit our Web site at



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Knox City VFD Report

The Knox City Volunteer Fire Department had seven calls in November.

Two LZ (Landing Zone) calls, four Fire Calls, and one **Power Line Call.**

Reported by P.I.O. Terry Butler #214.

Sunday Evening Worship at 6:30 p.m. • Mid Week, Wed. at 6:30 p.m. FBC Sunday School, and the worship services at 10:55 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. are telecast live on Classic Cable, channel 6 in Knox City and O'Brien

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - Knox City **Timothy Trimbel, Pastor** Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m. **No Sunday Evening Service**

ABUNDANT LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP - Knox City Tex Cox, Pastor

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening Classes 5:00 p.m. • Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Warriors 6:00 p.m. "Discovering God's Word" radio broadcast Sunday mornings on AM 1400 The River 8:20 - 8:50 a.m.

FOURSOUARE CHURCH - Knox City **Don Jackson, Pastor**

Sunday School at 10 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 10:45 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship at 6 p.m. • Mid-Week, Wed. at 7 p.m.

SANTA ROSA CATHOLIC CHURCH - Knox City Father Leo Schloemer • Deacon Ben Vasquez Sunday Bilingual Mass at 11 a.m.

LIBERTY COMMUNITY C.O.G.I.C- Knox City Gene Ward Jr., Pastor Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. • Sunday Morning Services - 11 a.m. Monday Evening Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH - Rhineland Father Leo Schloemer • Deacon Ben Vasquez Monday through Friday mornings, 8 a.m. Mass Saturday Mass at 7 p.m. • Sunday Mass at 9 a.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH – Benjamin Sunday School at 10 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 11 a.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - Benjamin **Timothy Trimbel, Pastor** Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m. • Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.

GILLESPIE BAPTIST CHURCH – Gillespie Matt Harrington, Pastor Sunday School at 10 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship at 6 p.m. • Mid-Week, Wed. at 6 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST – Benjamin Bible Study at 9 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 10 a.m.

THE BELIEVERS' CHAPEL – Highway 222 W.O. Smith. Pastor Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. - Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m. Mid-Week, Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

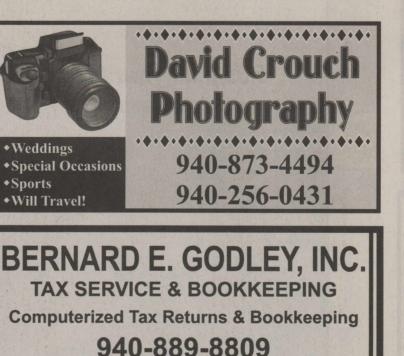
O'BRIEN BAPTIST CHURCH – O'Brien Jim Reid, Pastor Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship at 6 p.m., Mid-Week, Wed. at 6 p.m. Sunday Mornings on KVRP 97.1 at 9:05 a.m.

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Aging Center Lunch Menu

December 17- December 21 Monday, Dec. 17 - Peppered Steak, Buttered Rice, Stir Fry Vegetables, Light Bread and Peach Crunch with Topping Tuesday, Dec. 18 - Beef Tacos with Cheese, Pinto Beans, Salad and Sopapillas with Honey Wednesday, Dec. 19 - Chicken Strips with Gravy, Buttered Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls and Cobbler Thursday, Dec. 20 - Soup, Pimento Cheese Sandwiches, Salad and Cookies Friday, Dec. 21 - Hamburgers with Cheese Slices, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles and Onions, French Fries and Ice Cream Alternate Desserts for Diabetics

Call in Orders by 10:00 a.m.

657-3618 Orders can not be taken after 10 am and need to be picked up after 11 am YOUR COOPERATION IS APPRECIATED! (Menu subject to change)



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Citizen's Bank Hosts Annual Christmas Open House



Citizen's Bank of Knox City held their annual Christmas Open House on Thursday, December 6. Several were in attendance. Pictured left to right are Faby Vasquez, Sharon Cypert, Leona Burkham and Danielle Rodriguez

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Notes From The KC Lion's Club

The Knox City Lions are planning to have their annual "Ladies Night" Tuesday, December 18th at 6:30 p.m. at the Knox County Aging Center. Last year, we had 17 to show up. We hope the crowd will be bigger this year.

We have contacted a speaker for the program, Sandy Conway tape containing an actual 911 call placed by a child watching her mother get beaten by a husband and father.

We are proud to support our Noah Project workers this year.

Present for this meeting was the Ministerial Alliance, Deputy Lee Roland and 12 Lions.

Moorhouse Inducted As Fall 2007 Tarleton Alpha Chi Chapter Member

Stephenville – Tarleton State University's Alpha Chi chapter recently inducted its newest members.

Alpha Chi recognizes academic achievement and only extends membership to the top ten percent of juniors and seniors in smaller universities and colleges.

It was established in 1922 and now has over 300 chapters in 45 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

Tarleton's Alpha Chi chapter was chartered in 1969 and is a member of Region I, which includes parts of Texas and New Mexico. Tarleton's chapter is active on the national level and its members frequently hold national offices, serve on executive committees and take part in the national conventions held every other year.

Tarleton has even hosted one of the regional conferences held on alternating years and its Alpha Chi chapter has been named "outstanding chapter" three times.

Inducted into the Alpha Chi chapter at Tarleton State University for the Fall 2007 semester was Jessica Moorhouse, who's major is accounting.





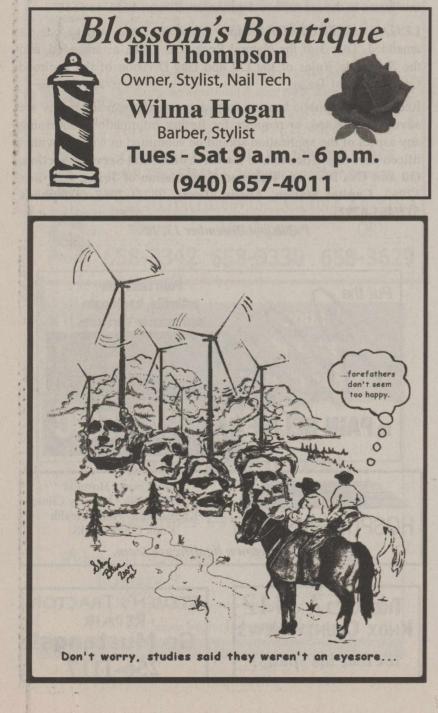
of Albany.

She was the speaker for the Ladies Harvest Day. Sandy is the secretary for the Albany Lions and has been selected as the district chairperson for the youth activities the Lions support. Please consider this an invitation to visit and share a meal with us.

We had a great program today. Janice Brzozowski of Haskell, with the Noah Project North, shared with us the ministry the Noah Project does for our battered spouses in Haskell and Knox counties. She also brought a video We were proud to present Lion Jim Lynn his 50 year chevron for 50 years of service to our community.

If you would like to be a service member to your community, especially with children be sure and contact a local Lion or attend one of our meetings Wednesday noon at the Knox County Aging Center.

We only have 16 active Lions right now, with five members at large. We could sure use your help and the community would be better for it.



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Benjamin Sports

BHS Continues Season With Wins And Tournament Honors

The Benjamin Mustangs and Lady Stangs had another positive week in basketball with several wins, including tournament action and honors.

On Tuesday, Benjamin traveled to Paint Creek in regular play and both the Lady Stangs and Mustangs brought back wins.

The Lady's final score was Benjamin 67, Paint Creek 28. Karla Benson was high scorer with 23 points. Also scoring for the Lady Stangs were Julia Acevedo 14, Raquel Acevedo 10, Nafeesa Ebraheim 8, Judit Acevedo 6, Jessica Vanderpol 4 and Shelby Russell 2.

The Mustangs final score on Tuesday was Benjamin 61, Paint Creek 44. Leading in points was Damon Gideon with 25. Also scoring for the Mustangs were Dylan Benson and Derrick Northrup with 12 each, Lucas Cartwright 6 and Gilbert Nevarez, Adam Holmes and Dillon Loftiss with 2 each.

BHS rounded out the week with another tournament, this time in Woodson. The Lady Stangs brought back a tournament champion trophy while the Mustangs came back with third place.

The Lady Stangs defeated Woodson in their first game of the tournament with a final score of 43-31. Leading scorer was Judit Acevedo with 9, followed by Karla Benson 8, Julia Acevedo 8, Nafeesa Ebraheim 8, Devon Jones 7, Leah Vanderpol 2 and Raquel Acevedo 1. vedo with 11. Also scoring were Judit Acevedo 10, Karla Benson 9, Julia Acevedo 8, Devon Jones 6, Jessica Vanderpol 5, Nafeesa Ebraheim 4 and Leah Vanderpol 2.

The girl's championship game was a nail-biter against Cisco junior varsity. The final score was 43-42 in favor of the Lady Stangs. Karla Benson led the board with 15. Also scoring were Judit Acevedo 12, Nafeesa Ebraheim 10, Devon Jones 2, Julia Acevedo 2 and Raquel Acevedo 2.

Karla Benson was named Tournament Most Valuable Player and Judit Acevedo was named All Tournament.

The Mustangs began their tournament play with a win against Woodson JV with a final score of 45-18. Scoring for the Mustangs were Damon Gideon 11, Derrick Northrup 7, Gilbert Nevarez 6, Dylan Benson 5, Dusty Stevens 5, Dillon Loftiss 5, Eddie Rivera 4 and Adam Holmes 2.

The Mustangs also played Moran on Thursday night and fell with an eleven-point loss. The final score was Benjamin 35, Moran 46. Scoring for the Mustangs were Gilbert Nevarez 6, Dusty Stevens 6, Derrick Northrup 6, Dylan Benson 5, Lucas Cartwright 4, Dillon Loftiss 4 and Damon Gideon 2.

The Mustangs were scheduled to play Paint Creek on Saturday for consolation, but Paint Creek forfeited the game. This automatically gave the Mustangs third place in the tournament.



Dylan Benson looks for an open pass





By Gladene Green

The weather did an about face this weekend. With rain, cold wind and a little snow, conditions for being outside were surely not very favorable. The trees, grass and bushes are all ice covered and very pretty, but their beauty is less inviting once you step out of the comfort of your warm home into the cold air. But one thing is certain, this type weather will pass and the warm days will return. They always do.

Sports

It was a good week again for Benjamin basketball. Our girls brought home another first place trophy from the Woodson tournament. That's two in a row. Pretty good, I'd say. The boys were going for consolation and I'm assuming won third, as the team they were playing (Paint Creek) had to forfeit due to circumstances beyond their control.

The football game Saturday between Munday and Windthorst sounded like a real contest. The kind of game you like if, in fact, you know your team will come out winners in the end, and Munday did. So, its on to the next round and good luck to the Double "M". Between that game Saturday and the close Cowboys and Lions game Sunday, lots of nerves were on edge. We're ready for not such close encounters next time around!

Here 'N There

Jack and Mary Young spent the weekend with his sister and other family members at Henderson.

Lorene Powers spent a few days last week with friends and

family in Midland. She came home Sunday, a couple of days earlier than she planned due to the weather. She said it was getting pretty bad out that way.

My granddaughter, Beckie Keys and her children, Dillon and Randi of Childress visited her mom, Debbie Moorhouse and family and me on Saturday.

Jim Bob Conner of Slaton visited his uncle, Bud Conner, on Wednesday. He was en route from a business trip to Oklahoma City.

Debbie, Mike and Will Moorhouse attended the funeral of his aunt, Barbara Mobley in Seymour on Sunday.

Among those from Benjamin attending the funeral of Manford Elliott in Seymour on Tuesday were Jack and Judie Whitten, Wyman Meinzer, Jack and Mary Young, Lorene Powers and Gladene Green.

Charles and Linda Griffith are excited about their daughter, Amy, and her family moving back to Texas. They have lived in Minnesota ten years and endured lots of snow and cold temperatures. The move to Lubbock and the change of climate is going to take some getting used to, They plan to be moved by January 1st.

The annual Christmas program will be Sunday, December 16th at 6 p.m. at the First Baptist Church under the direction of Linda Griffith. The youth of the community will have a large part in the program. Tib Burnett will also do some poetry and play his harmonica.

Refreshments will be served following the program at the Church of Christ annex. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Lady's defeated Moran on Thursday night with a final score of 55-25. Leading the board in points was Raquel Ace-

Receiving All Tournament honors was Gilbert Nevarez.

Dusty Stevens gets ready to pass a ball to a team mate



Lady 'Stangs go up for a rebound



Raquel Acevedo prevents a pass between Moran team mates

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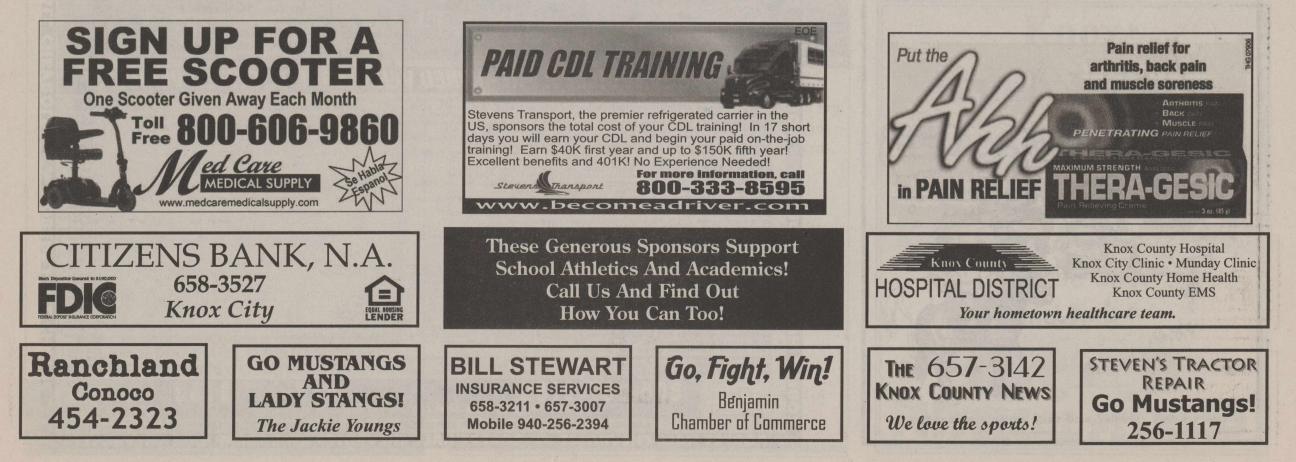
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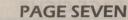
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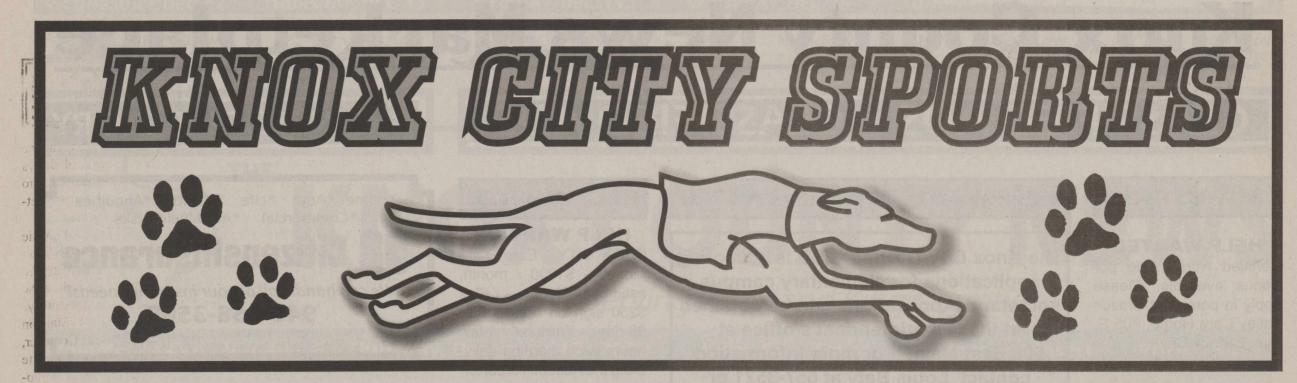
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Knox City Faces Throckmorton, Then Travels To Vernon For Invitational Tournament

Knox City had an action packed week of basketball starting with the Throckmorton Grevhounds on Tuesday, December 4, followed by the Vernon Invitational Tournament Thursday through Saturday, Dec. 6-8. (The JV girls had the week off.)

The Varsity Houndettes fell to the Lady Greyhounds. Then the Houndettes traveled to Vernon to participate in the white division of the tournament. Their first challenger was Vernon JV; and the Houndettes took the win 32 to 20.

The ladies met Vernon Northside in the second round of the tournament and won 39 to 28. Then on Saturday the Houndettes faced Chillicothe in the white division's championship game. Knox City brought home the 50-23 victory and trophy.

The Houndettes' Sarah Burt was named MVP of the white division of the tournament. Coach Peters was pleased and had to

ued their lead over the 26-19 at the half. In the third quarter Throckmorton rallied and were within 2 of Knox City. The KC Hounds played good defense and had some good shooting throughout the game.

They continued working the ball but Throckmorton continued working as well. The game was decided when the Throckmorton Greyhounds went up by one point with 1:25 left on the clock and the KC Hounds missed their final jump shot opportunity with 22. It was an awesome game to watch and a heart break to lose. Coach Moore said, "I am seeing a lot of good things with these guys, it's just coming along a little slower than we would like. We played good defense overall and shot the ball better as a team than the past few games. We've got to keep our heads up and not let frustration take over."

They, too, headed to Vernon to the Vernon Invitational

Tournament. The Greyhounds met Paducan







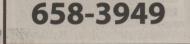






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say, "Overall I am extremely proud of the girls and I know it is something they will build on going into district play." She continued to explain that the team is beginning to close the gap on the mental part of the game and the physical or "hustle" part of the game as well. She stated, "When we played Vernon's JV, they had a six-footer and we played good help defense using our zone to prevent her being a scoring help.

The girls also stepped up and went to another level of aggressiveness in that game. I am proud of how we kept our composure during the Vernon Northside game as they were starting to close the point game in the 4th and our girls took care of the ball and added a few points to seal their win."

Starting the week off for the Greyhounds was Throckmorton. The KC Greyhounds led Throckmorton at the end of the first quarter 12-6 and continin the first round of action and fell in a 34-63 loss. They faced Amarillo San Jacinto in the second day of action and lost 55-66.

Then on Saturday, the Greyhounds played Memphis. The game went into overtime thanks to a 3 point buzzer beater hit by Jordan Carter.

The score was tied at 45. In overtime, the Hounds outscore Memphis 8-7 with Derrick Coleman sinking a three, Rico McCrary hitting a three and Carter adding a two-pointer to finish out the game.

Coach Moore commented, "These guys did a great job of fighting back late in the game, and chipping away at Memphis. They play with a lot of heart."

The Hounds and Houndettes will participate in the Rule Tournament, December 13-15; followed by the Varsity at Paint Creek and JV Boys at Paducah on December 18. Support your Greyhounds and Houndettes.

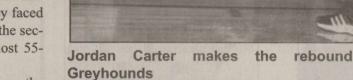
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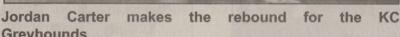
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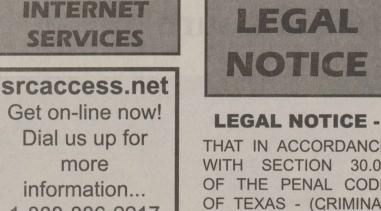
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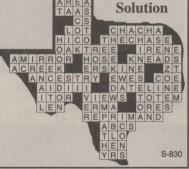
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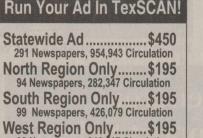
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