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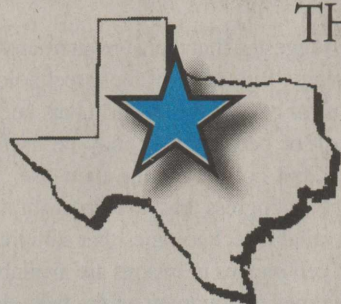
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KCHS Alumni David Counts III Named Federal Magistrate Judge in Midland

By Tamara Smart

Knox City is home to many great people. Some have made their place in this world right here in Knox County; others have moved off, taking with them their Knox roots to where ever the wind blows them.

For W. David Counts III, 49, the wind has blown him all over the great state of Texas, landing him most recently in Midland where on July 24, he became the "Honorable Judge Counts" as he will serve as the United States Magistrate Judge to serve the Midland Division of the Western District of Texas. He has only accomplished this prestigious after many years of training and education. After graduating from Knox City High School, Judge Counts went to Texas Tech University where he received his undergraduate,

and went to Saint Mary's Law School in order to obtain his Juris Doctorate degree.

Honorable Judge Counts spent many years in Austin working for the Martin, Cox & Greenberg law firm and served Travis County as first assistant district attorney.

Most recently, Judge Counts has been serving as Assistant U.S. Attorney in San Antonio.

Counts has not only been training for the bench in his professional life, he has flourished in his personal life as well. As the father of three children (Jennifer, a 19 year old Texas Tech Student; Sarah, a 17 year old student at Midland Christian; and, his youngest child, Matthew, who is 14), and a devoted husband to wife, Jill, Honorable Judge Counts has had a cheerleading squad behind him every step of

the way as he has made his path toward the bench. Judge Counts is a Reserve Army Colonel and serves the National Guard as a state judge Advocate.

Federal Magistrate Judges serve 8-year terms, during which they pleas in arraignment trials, conduct regular trails and set bonds, much like a Justice of the Peace.

The honorable W. David Counts III is the son of Knox City's W. David Counts Jr. who owns Counts Reality, is the Grand Master Mason for the state of Texas and served his State as a State Representative for many years.

W. David Counts is just one more Knox County success story through which the county smiles and is very proud of the way the Knox County "village" raises children.



Knox City High School alumni W. David Counts III was recently sworn in as a U.S. Magistrate Judge in Midland. His wife, Jill, is shown at right.

Knox City CISD Welcomes Perales As New Head Coach for Lady Greyhounds

By Tamara Smart

"It takes a lot of courage to be an athlete" were the first words this reporter heard belted out of the newest member of the Knox City/O'Brien CISD athletic staff on the first morning of two-a-day practices in the Greyhound gym.

Coach Arnold Perales knows a thing or two about being an athlete. He moved to Knox City to fill the need for a head

girl's coach from Dimmitt this summer.

He brings with him many years of coaching experience, which began back when he was a mere Student Assistant Coach at Panhandle State University for Women's Basketball.

Since then, Coach Perales has coached in schools of all sizes (from 1A to 5A schools) in four different states (Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico and Colorado). He has coached 6 man, 8 man and 11 man football, basketball, volleyball, track and cross-country. His passions lay with girls volleyball and basketball, though. He started the volleyball program in Friona during his tenure there and lead them to a winning season not long after. Most of Coach Perales' career has been in 1A schools; he says Knox City is one of the "larger small schools" for which he has had the pleasure of coaching.

Coach Perales is more than just a coach, though; he is a devoted father, husband, teacher and scholar. When inquired about his personal life (specifically about his wife, Gina, who he has been married to for 10 years)

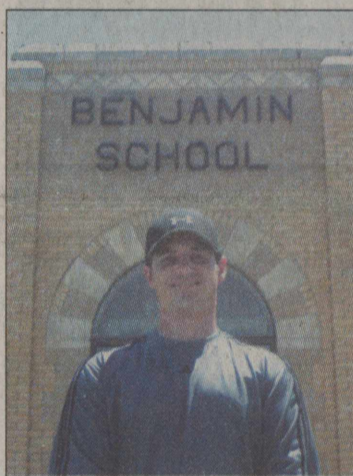
Coach Perales chuckles and says, "I don't know who gets more nervous at games, me or her... it takes a very understanding wife to be married to a coach." The duo seems to have found their niche though.

Mrs. Perales has been offered and accepted position of "Special Education" teacher at KCHS, which she will begin with the new school year. KCHS will become the second home of their eldest son, Allen, as well, as he will enter the 2009-10 school year as a sophomore (Allen brings a lot of athletic ability to the Greyhounds himself. He lettered in 5 sports at his last high school in Cotton Center, TX). They have two other kids too; a 4 year old son, Kelby, and a 3 year old daughter, Kensli.

Coach Perales, with his many years as a coach, father and husband has continued to better himself as well. Coach Perales has a Masters Degree from the University of Phoenix in Education Administration as well.

The Knox County News wishes Coach Perales a successful year with the Lady Hounds!

McCollough New Benjamin AD



DAVID MCCOLLOUGH

By Tamara Smart

Coach David McCollough moved to Benjamin only three weeks ago from Denton. Since that time, he has been inundated with the daunting task of getting a house ready for his wife, Courtney, and his 2-year-old son, Kelby; preparing two teams for the athletic events of the upcoming year, finding enough kids in the community to make those athletic seasons possible, setting up his new classroom to educate Benjamin kids in history, government and economics; in essence, settling into a new town, new people, new things and a new way of life.

This is Coach McCollough's

fourth year as a professional coach. He coached for two years in North Carolina, and for a year at Whitney High School in a town north of Waco.

Benjamin ISD has created a whole roster of new experiences for Coach McCollough. His coaching job in Benjamin is his first experience at a 1A high school, and his first time coaching girls sports. Mainly, Coach McCollough, who is not only the Head Coach for all Benjamin sports, but also wears the hat of "athletic director" for Benjamin ISD, has worked with aspiring male athletes on the football field, the basketball court and baseball diamond, but this year will be tackling the new task of coaching some talented Lady "Stangs as they hit the volleyball court.

Coach McCollough has been an athlete throughout

most of his life. Most of his career in athletics has been on the "playing" side. Before he started a career as the "coach", McCollough was found on many baseball diamonds; first playing at Lumberton High School in Southeast Texas, then at Lon Morris Jr. College, and eventually at Tarleton State University.

As far as Coach McCollough's coaching theory goes; he says he maybe a "little old school" in his beliefs. Yet, the coach is adamant that "if you take care of what you need to at practice- you'll do alright when it counts." Also, Coach McCollough is forthcoming with his plans to "push [his] kids to do what's right so they can be successful on & off the field."

The Knox County News wishes Coach David McCollough and his Mustangs a successful year!

NRCS Announces Sign-up for the New Conservation Stewardship Program

TEMPLE — Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) state conservationist for Texas, Don Gohmert, announced a sign-up beginning on Aug. 10, 2009, for the new Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) to assist agricultural and forestry producers. CSP is a new program authorized in the 2008 Farm Bill.

"Farmers and ranchers actively engaged in conservation land stewardship have the opportunity to earn conservation rewards through CSP," Gohmert said.

"This program gives conversation-minded producers the ability to apply and build on their current stewardship efforts."

CSP is a five-year program which offers continuous sign-up, but all eligible applicants who sign up between Aug. 10 and Sept. 30, 2009, will be ranked as a group in October and November. A second ranking of subsequent applications will likely take place again in January or February.

CSP replaced a program authorized in the 2002 Farm Bill, the Conservation Security

Program which was only offered on a watershed-specific basis. The new CSP is now available to landowners statewide.

Gohmert noted only top stewards will be awarded contracts for CSP and receive funding.

NRCS encourages farmers and ranchers actively involved in conserving their natural resources to apply for CSP in order to maintain existing conservation activities and implement additional enhancements or practices on their land.

"CSP is for the best of the best stewards," Gohmert said. "We have many land stewards in Texas that are worthy of this recognition, and I encourage them to apply."

Lands eligible for CSP include cropland, grassland, pastureland, and private nonindustrial forestland, a new land use for the program. Agricultural land under the jurisdiction of an Indian tribe is expressly eligible as well.

The CSP application process begins with a self-screening checklist.



Photo by Tamara Smart

Coach Perales talks to the Lady Greyhounds during their first volleyball scrimmage of the 2009 season.

LOOKING AHEAD

Come and meet the 2009-2010 Hounds, at the first football scrimmage of the season-- Saturday, August 15 at the athletic complex in Knox City. Laundry soap and body soap will be accepted as donations in lieu of admission fee.

Registration for the 2009-2010 School Year at Knox City Elementary will be on Wednesday, August 19th from 1-3 pm at the Elementary School building. Birth certificate, Social Security Card (the actual card, NOT just a SS number) and a current shot record will need to be provided in order to register a child. For more information call KC Elementary at 657-3147.

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Our nation faces a growing threat from crime syndicates and other dangerous felons that operate inside the very facilities meant to keep them and their illicit activities off our streets and out of our communities. Imprisoned convicts coordinate murders, plot extortion schemes, and run drug trafficking, credit card fraud, and identity theft enterprises. These dangerous operations are increasingly facilitated by contraband cell phones smuggled to inmates. This problem is growing at such an alarming rate that it threatens not only the lives of the security professionals who work in these American prisons, but the general public as well.

In 2008, correctional facilities across the nation reported startling numbers of confiscated phones. For example, the federal prison system located more than 1,600 contraband communications devices, and in Texas alone, there were 1,162 cases. This year, there are already nearly 700 illicit cell phone cases in Texas. These numbers are even more disturbing because they represent only the phones that were actually found. Prisoners are using increasingly sophisticated methods to smuggle phones into correctional facilities and then conceal them from authorities. A single phone is often shared among many inmates, and just a few

phones inside a prison can lead to coordinated attacks both inside and outside prison walls. And we have seen how effective these tools are for spreading violence. Escape attempts coordinated by contraband cell phone have resulted in the deaths of corrections officers. Prisoners have also used them to intimidate witnesses and local officials and to carry out assassination attempts. In Maryland, a witness for an upcoming trial was gunned down in his front yard after a prisoner gave the murderer his address from a cell phone. At a recent Senate hearing, Texas state senator John Whitmire shared an account of how he was contacted by an inmate with an illicit phone, and how he and his family were subsequently subjected to harassment and death threats.

While the danger of inmates armed with cell phones is apparent, prisons are struggling to keep pace with the problem by using traditional security measures, such as trained dogs, handheld scanners, and metal detectors. We must provide corrections officers with a comprehensive solution that includes the tools necessary to prevent the use of phones when they evade detection and discovery. To that end, law enforcement officers, corrections professionals, governors, and others working to address this problem

have asked Congress and the Federal Communications Commission for authority to use cell phone signal jamming equipment.

Federal law prohibits the use of jamming devices in all but a few cases. Prohibiting intentional interference serves an important purpose because unregulated jamming technology could hamper commercial wireless operations and public safety communications. That is why we must have a sensible process to review devices and provide protections designed to minimize the chance of interference before permitting the use of jamming equipment.

In January, I introduced bipartisan legislation which allows correctional facilities to seek a conditional waiver from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to operate a wireless jamming device. The Safe Prisons Communications Act creates a framework for the FCC to test and approve jamming equipment and to review applications from corrections facilities seeking to install cell phone jammers. Most importantly, to ensure the integrity of wireless networks for public safety and commercial wireless providers, and minimize any chance of interference,

the legislation outlines the coordinated efforts from all stakeholders, including prisons and the telecommunications providers.

Some have suggested that there are alternatives to jamming technology. But many of these technologies present problems for corrections departments because of their high cost, or because they may be useful at detecting phones, but not preventing their use. With lives on the line, Congress has a responsibility to ensure that all available technologies that can prevent the actual use of cell phones in prisons are available to the hard-working men and women on the front lines.

Prisons are meant to stop the commission of crimes, but cell phones inside prisons mean business as usual for dangerous felons. America's dedicated law enforcement and corrections professionals need this important capability, and they are counting on Congress to help them meet this challenge. I urge all of my colleagues to join me in this important fight to protect the innocent from the convicted when this legislation comes to the Senate floor for a vote this fall.



The Paperboy

By Christopher Blackburn

Do you send text messages on your cellular phone? If not, surely you've been around people who are texting.

In the world of texting, abbreviations (a type of shorthand) are commonly used. So much so, it is almost like another language.

To be honest, I'm not very good at texting. I'm slow and I really don't enjoy it that much. However, it does come in handy at times. One of the most useful aspects of texting for me is the fact you can send the same message to several people at the same time. Example: "Baseball practice tonight is canceled"

As text-messaging shorthand becomes more and more widespread in emails, text messages and Tweets, people have a need to decode the ever-evolving shorthand.

Parents want to keep up with or police their teens. Bosses want to know what employees are saying on company equipment.

One reason for the growing number of texting abbreviations - now over 2,000 according to NetLingo.com - is the boom in social-media sites like Twitter, where messages are limited to 140 characters. Text messages, too, are limited in length, so users have developed the shorthand abbreviations.

The trend will most likely continue. In 2008, over one trillion texts were sent in the U.S.

The confusion over the explosion of abbreviations is fueling a greater number of resources that provide English translations. They include independent Web sites like NetLingo.com and UrbanDictionary.com and corporate ones like LG Mobile Phones' DTXTR.com. Textapedia, a pocket guide to texting terms released last year, is now sold in over 4,000 stores nationwide. NetLingo reports a 391% increase in the number of unique visitors over the past five years, while UrbanDictionary says it saw a 40% jump in its unique visitors in the past year.

Both the AP Stylebook and Merriam-Webster Dictionary recognized texting shorthand for the first time in their 2009 editions. The AP Stylebook now includes IMO ("In my opinion"), ROFL ("Rolling on the floor laughing") and BFF ("Best friends forever"), among others. Merriam-Webster defines LOL ("Laugh out loud") and OMG ("Oh my God").

Some parents have created their own cheat sheets in an effort to keep up with their teens. Rightfully so given these abbreviations: GNOC ("Get naked on camera"); POS ("Parent over shoulder"); LMIRL ("Let's meet in real life"); and IWSN ("I want sex now").

Here are some more examples of some common shorthand abbreviations:

- * UG2BK - You got to be kidding
- * GBTW - Get back to work
- * NMP - Not my problem
- * PIR - Parent in room
- * GFTD - Gone for the day
- * FYEO - For your eyes only
- * B15 - Back in five minutes
- * DEGT - Don't even go there
- * BIL - Boss is listening
- * PAW - Parents are watching
- * 99 - Parents are no longer watching
- * PCM - Please call me
- * IMS - I am sorry
- * TOY - Thinking of you
- * KUTGW - Keep up the good work
- * CID - Consider it done
- * FWIW - For what it's worth
- * HAND - Have a nice day
- * IAT - I am tired
- * NRN - No response necessary
- * 4COL - For crying out loud
- * WRUD - What are you doing
- * A5 - High five

For what it's worth, I'll throw an original of mine in there: IHNIWAIT!

Know what it means. Hint: It's what I'm thinking when I get texts.

I Have No Idea What Anyone Is Saying. Of course, people are really not "saying" anything when they text, so I should probably change that to IHNIWAIT.

And you thought spelling and grammar suffered as a result of spellcheck...

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Dear Editor,

I wanted to take this opportunity to publically express appreciation to our local grocery store "Lawrence Brothers" because this business is providing a great service to our local schools.

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The program this year ran from September 2008 - March 2009. During this time, register tapes valuing almost \$300,000 were collected for Knox City Elementary! In return, the school was able to purchase several thousand dollars worth of equipment! Some of the purchases included folding tables, industrial paper shredders, electric pencil sharpeners for all classrooms, audio-visual carts and a noise level monitor for the cafeteria to name a few.

Knox City Elementary would especially like to thank all of the store employees at Knox City Lawrence Brothers for saving register tapes in paper bags during this past school year for us to pick up and to the

customers for donating your tapes. We want to send a huge thank you to project manager Alisha Ledesma, school secretary, for organizing this time-consuming project which involved adding up all receipts and boxing them for mailing. Also thanks to Kristi Moeller, 4th Grade teacher, for her help in adding up the receipts.

In closing, partnerships between communities and schools are an integral part of education. Programs such as this are providing resources to our local schools which enhance learning for the future leaders of our community. "Thank You" Knox City Lawrence Brothers for sponsoring this program for our local schools!

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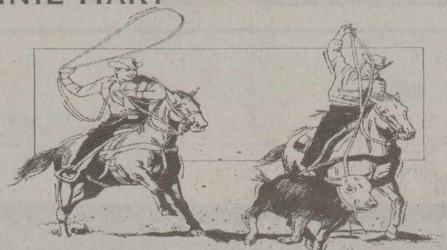
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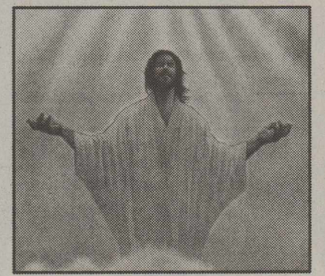
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God's Promises



By Jim Reid, Pastor
O'Brien Baptist Church

When we see the Lord truly change a person's life for the better we have witnessed a miracle. A miracle isn't something that is done naturally, by man's account of his own power and strength, but by a supernatural power. Supernatural power is beyond the knowledge, power and strength of mankind. The love of God is the only supernatural power that can change a person forever.

Many of you may be thinking, "I've seen people get religion, and then lose it or give it up." You may think because of the these you have known or have seen experience religion that it must not be real, much less miraculous. I want you to ask yourself a question, "How many of these did you hear tell of this miracle?" How many people did you hear talking about this miracle? I don't mean hearing them say, "They're going to church now." How many times did you hear them using the name, "Jesus?"

Jesus healed so many people of their sins during His ministry on this earth and continues to heal the sin in anybody's life who calls upon Him to forgive their sins. The New Testament shares a verse of scripture from the book of Mark, chapter 5, verse 19, "And He did not let him, but He said to him, "Go home to your people and report to them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He had mercy on you."

When Jesus healed this man, he immediately came to understand the love of Christ and therefore, wanted to stay with Jesus, but Jesus would not let him stay. Jesus gave him the instruction to go tell the people he truly cared about that they might experience the same love of Christ. Look at the scripture again, Jesus said, "Go home to your people". This instruction truly requires a supernatural power and when we follow His instruction then we know we have truly experienced a supernatural change by the power of Holy God.

I pray that you truly understand His supernatural life changing power. If not, ask Him right now to change your life forever. Attend the church of your choice this Sunday and experience the love of Holy God.

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The family of dearly departed Carol Godsey would like to take a moment to thank everyone in the community for their love during our time of grief. We would especially like to thank the medical professionals who helped ease our mother through her last few months of life: Dr. Finley, Dr. Duke, Karen Stewart, and Jamie Early. We are thankful for the way the hospital and at the care home staff took special care of mom, and the way the O'Brien Baptist Church took care of everyone's spiritual needs during these hard times. All the love sent by way of flowers, cards, food and prayer are deeply appreciated.

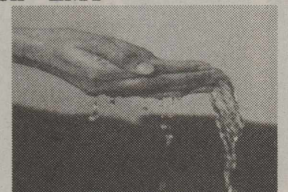
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Stephen Kuehler Administrator

Legal Notice

SMALL TAXING UNIT NOTICES

The Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District will hold a meeting at 7:00 p.m. on August 20, 2009 at 135 N. Munday Ave., Munday, Texas to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2009-. The proposed tax rate in .0227 per \$100 of value. The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District by 0.0%

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Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing within 15 days of publication to the Environmental Services Section, Oil & Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas, 78711-2967. (Telephone 512/463-6792)

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BENJAMIN NEWS

By Gladene Green

Last week and the weekend were busy times for me and a lot of folks- It's getting close to the beginning of another school year and many are doing those "last of the summer vacation" things before the everyday school routine sets in, which I believe starts Aug 24.

Regarding Our Ill

Lorene Powers is sure not feeling too well these days, bothered by a pretty good case of the shingles. Says some days she feels better than to "run their course"- which we (& I'm sure she feels the same) hope isn't long.

Sympathy Extended

Sympathy this week to the family of Carol Godsey who passed away early last week. Her health had been failing for some time. She was a friend to everyone & her passing leaves a void in many lives. Her funeral was Thursday in O'Brien.

Here 'N There

Judy and Randolph Barnett spent last weekend with his sister, Betty Jo Riggs in elk City, Okla. Betty's son, Jack Rogers & his family of Flagstaff, Ariz was also there so they all en-

joyed a "mini" family reunion. Judy said Randolph & Jack had not seen each other in nearly 30 years so they had lots of "catching up" to do.

Sharon & Karson Bivens of Tatum, New Mexico & Margie & Weldon Patterson of Fresno, California were here a few days this past week, seeing their parents (Rex & Maretha Petterson) home & to attend the annual Patterson reunion at Vera on Sunday. Sharon & Karson also saw about things at his parents' home. They were Leon & Olga Bivens.

Dutch and Imagean Young returned home Tues. from a week's stay in Ruidoso, NM. I haven't talked to them, but I'm thinking the temps had to be more pleasant than our 105° which we experienced last week.

Diane & Ashlee Evans of Childress were here Saturday. We spent the day with Mike and Debbie Moorhouse 7 Diane & Ashlee helped Debbie get most of her house back in order after the June 12 storm & remodeling, re-flooring and just really general "re-doing" that followed. They still lack a little but it's shaping

up nicely and they sure are glad! On Son, Mike, Debbie & I went to Amarillo for a visit with her son, Cody Taylor & family & help her granddaughter, Lexee celebrate her 5th birthday. About 15 family members enjoyed lunch with Lexee & her family after which she opened her gifts- Cake & ice cream followed then we all went to a soft ball game- Cody & his wife, Kyla play & their team is undefeated so far. It was fun watching especially since they won again- Score 15-7.

We stopped in Childress and Dillon & Randi Keys went with us & everyone had an enjoyable day.

I attended the beautiful wedding of Ashley Jobe & Tony Tomlinson at Saint Josephs Catholic Church in Rhineland Sat. night (and the reception following). It was so nice & a wonderful opportunity to visit

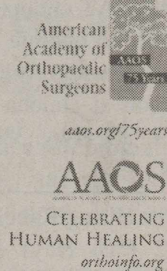
with friends you haven't seen in a while.

Weekend guests of Gloria West were her daughter, Cathy Tomlinson of Denton & Cathy's sons, Sammy of Denison & Jody who also lives in Denton. They all attended the Tomlinson- Jobe wedding on Sat. night.

Arial Gideon left Sat. for her home in Gilbert, Ariz after a weeks stay with her grandparents, Jane Gideon & Weldon Gideon & other relatives & friends. Her friend, Dillon Benson took her to Lubbock for her flight out at 3:55 p.m. After Dillon returned home, he and Eddie Riveria were in an accident east of Seymour. It involved his pick-up and another vehicle & Eddie received a broken foot. Other than that, no serious injuries even though Dillon's pick up was totaled. They feel very blessed that the injuries were not over whelming.

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Benjamin Mustangs Scramble for Players

By Tamara Smart

With the beginning of the season right around the corner, the Benjamin Mustangs are hard at practice in their various sports under the direction of new Athletic Director, Coach McCollough.

Yet, there is a little nervous tension in the air of those practices that is not the result of wondering about the outcome of the season... Rather, this nervous tension is the result of wondering if there will even BE a season for the 2009-2010 'Stangs.

While the athletes are sweating all morning in practices, there are not enough of them signed up to qualify as a legitimate team by UIL standards.

The boys had eight on team, but one is "red shirting" this season, sitting on the sidelines for one year. They hope that another player will show up before the season starts officially; particularly one who is spending his summer at Boot Camp. Of the eight gentlemen football players, five of them are seniors.

The same problem has hit the Lady 'Stangs on the volleyball court as well. There will be no problem if all the waivers that were applied for with UIL are granted. Until then, last year's district champions have had to back out of scheduled tournaments and change games into scrimmages. This is bad news for the 'Stangs, but can be good news for those who would have to face them on the court. 4 of the ladies are seniors this year, who have played together for many years and know their way around a volleyball court. Benjamin will soon be the home to a foreign exchange student who may help build their numbers up and ease their ability to qualify as a team.

Whether UIL recognizes these teams or not, they will still have a season. Nothing can keep the 'Stangs down, and Coach McCollough isn't too worried about finding the players in order to qualify as a team... numbers don't make a team, the players do; anyone who has ever been to a 'Stang game knows the heart of the athletes in Benjamin.

The Knox County News will continue to cover this story as it unfolds.

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2009 **Property Tax Rates in** CITY OF BENJAMIN

This notice concerns 2009 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	\$ 27,076.00
Last year's debt taxes	\$
Last year's total taxes	\$ 27,076.00
Last year's tax base	\$ 3,396,589.00
Last year's total tax rate	\$.86092 /\$100
This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 29,159.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 3,598,233.00
= This year's effective tax rate	\$.81036 /\$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)	\$ 29,159.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 3,598,233.00
= This year's effective operating rate	\$.81036 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$.87518 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ /\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$.87518 /\$100

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Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 685,287.00
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0.00
Last year's total taxes	\$ 685,287.00
Last year's tax base	\$ 158,889,997.00
Last year's total tax rate	\$.43129 /\$100
This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 688,489.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 158,329,864.00
= This year's effective tax rate	\$.43484 /\$100

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+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 158,329,864.00
= This year's effective operating rate	\$.43484 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$.46962 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ /\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$.46962 /\$100

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Lady Hounds Survive First Scrimmage

By Tamara Smart

In a Scrimmage that started at 10 a.m. on Friday morning, the Lady Hounds took to the volleyball court for the first time in 2009. The Lady Hounds, although they had been having two-a-day practices since Monday, had not yet really run any volleyball drills until Friday.

This was not very apparent though, as the girls bumped, set and spiked like champs for the next three hours. The scrim-

mage featured three teams from Vernon Northside and Knox City rotated on and off the court as Coach Perales watched from the sidelines, creating his playbook and roster all the while.

After the scrimmage, Coach Perales said that in watching the tapes from last year, he noticed the main weakness in the Lady Hound volleyball was inconsistency in serving. Yet, the girls already proved to the Coach that

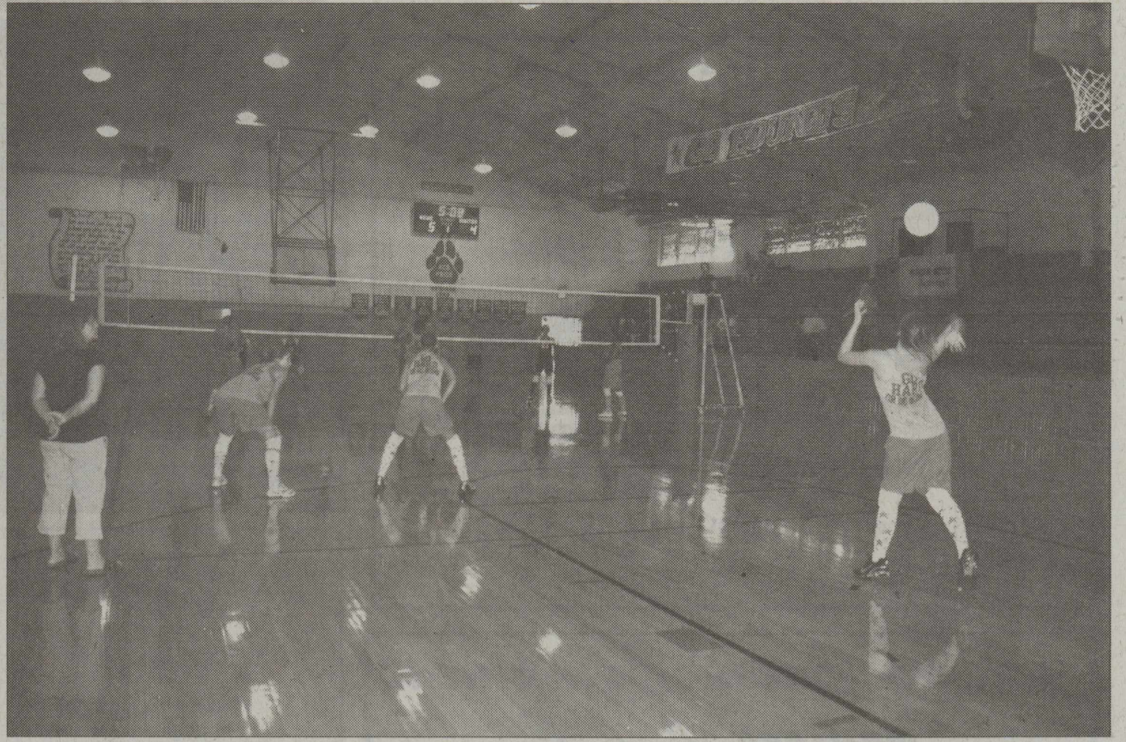
their serves had already improved from the film he viewed.

Overall, Coach Perales said "[the girls] did a really good job today."

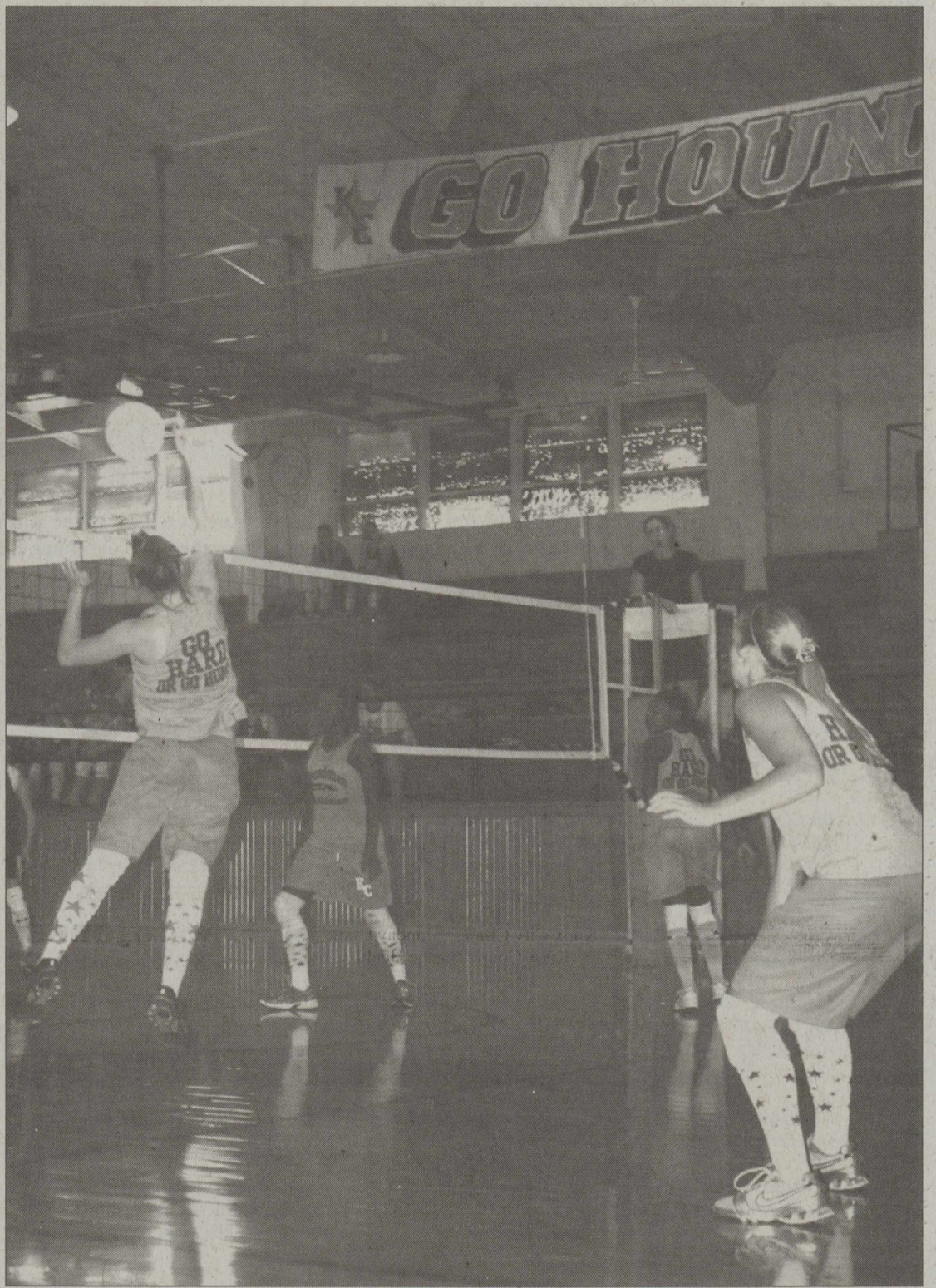
Hounds Scrimmage Saturday

The Knox City 'Hounds will have their first scrimmage on Saturday, August 15, 2009 in Knox City. The 2009 football team will make their season debut.

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2009 **Property Tax Rates in** KNOX COUNTY

This notice concerns 2009 property tax rates for KNOX COUNTY. 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.

	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund	Special Road/ Bridge Fund
Last year's tax rate:			
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 936,820.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 178,309.00
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Last year's total taxes	\$ 936,820.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 178,309.00
Last year's tax base	\$ 158,896,817.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 155,808,857.00
Last year's total tax rate	\$ 63556 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ 12309 /\$100
This year's effective tax rate:			
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 1,011,637.00	\$	\$ 1,011,637.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 812,110.00	\$	\$ 158,399,644.00
= This year's effective tax rate for each fund	\$ 83220 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ 12145 /\$100
Total effective tax rate	\$ 75366 /\$100		

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

In the first year a county 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)

\$ 1,011,637.00	\$	\$ 192,388.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 158,393,984.00	\$ 158,399,644.00
= This year's effective rate	\$ 63868 /\$100	\$ 12145 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$ 68977 /\$100	\$ 13116 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	\$ 68977 /\$100	\$ /\$100
This year's total rollback rate	\$ 82094 /\$100	

A county 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 county 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. 08-09/10)

2009 **Property Tax Rates in** KNOX CITY

This notice concerns 2009 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	\$ 173,199.00
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 84,646.00
Last year's total taxes	\$ 173,199.00
Last year's tax base	\$ 24,469,969.00
Last year's total tax rate	\$ 81438 /\$100
This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 201,859.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 25,205,250.00
= This year's effective tax rate	\$ 80086 /\$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)

\$ 201,859.00	\$ 25,205,250.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 25,205,250.00
= This year's effective operating rate	\$ 80086 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$ 86492 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ /\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$ 86492 /\$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

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Registration for the 2009 – 2010 School Year at Knox City Elementary

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New Students to the district will need to provide the following documents:

- (1) Birth Certificate
- (2) Social Security Card
(please provide the actual card, not the number)
- (3) Current Shot Record

Any questions please call Marsha Quade, Knox City Elementary Principal at (940) 657-3147

Public Notice NOTICE

of Vote on Tax Rate

The Knox County Commissioners Court
Has a proposed budget for 2009/2010 that
will decrease the total tax revenues of

Knox County

from properties on the tax roll in the preceding

year by 0.00299 percent

The Knox County Commissioners Court

is scheduled to vote on the proposed budget and the

proposed tax rate that will result in that tax

decrease at a public meeting to be held

on August 27th, 2009 at 10:00 AM

at the Assembly Room in the Benjamin Courthouse.

The Public is invited to attend.

Legal Notice

Let it be known that this legal notice was to be run LAST WEEK, in the August 6 issue of the Knox County news. Through no fault of the City or the employees thereof, the legal notice concerning the Walking Path was omitted from last week's paper. Knox County News accepts full responsibility and our sincerest apologies for the oversight

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
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Separate sealed bids for the construction of **KNOX CITY GOLF COURSE WALKING TRACK** will be received by THE CITY OF KNOX CITY, TEXAS, until 1:00 pm on August 12th 2009, at City Hall, 902 E. Main, Knox City, Texas 79529, and then publicly opened and read aloud.

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

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Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained from Jacob & Martin, Ltd., 3465 Curry Lane, Abilene, Texas 79606 (915-695- 1070), upon payment of \$30.00 (nonrefundable) for each set.

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CITY OF KNOX CITY, TEXAS
By: s/ Jeff Stanfield
Mayor

CITATION BY PUBLICATION - Rule 114 & 101 - Rules of Civil Procedure

CLERK OF THE COURT

Annette Offutt, Clerk
50th District Clerk
Benjamin, Texas 79505

Attorney: Megan Suarez
PO Box 111
Benjamin TX 79505

THE STATE OF TEXAS

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of forty two days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you."

To: JASON FRANKUM RESPONDENT, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's petition at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this citation, the same being Monday the 21st of September 2009 at or before 10 o'clock a.m., before the 50th District Court of Knox County, at the Courthouse in Benjamin, Texas.

Said RESPONDENT PETITION FOR TERMINATION AND ADOPTION July 7, 2009 in this case, numbered 9227 on the docket of said court, and styled IN THE INTEREST OF: JOSHUA JAMES FRANKUM, GT AL MINOR CHILDREN.

The names of the parties to the cause are as follows: ED HUNT is Petitioner and JASON FRANKUM IS THE Respondents.

A brief statement of the nature of the suit is as follows, to-wit: PETITION FOR TERMINATION AND ADOPTION as is more fully shown by Petitioner's Motion on file in this suit.


If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. The officer executing this writ shall promptly served the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Benjamin, Texas, on August 7, 2009, 2009.

ATTEST: Annette Offutt, District Clerk
Knox County, Texas

By: Lisa Cypert, Deputy
LISA CYPERT, Chief Deputy

THIS COPY BEING FILED ON 8 DAY OF 20 2009
SHERIFF, KNOX COUNTY, TEXAS



THE STATE OF TEXAS In the name and by the authority
of the State of Texas, notice is
COUNTY OF KNOX hereby given as follows: TO

Antonio Diaz, if living, and if any or all of the above named defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of each or all of said above named persons who may be dead, and the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any and all other persons, including adverse claimants, the unknown stockholders of any defunct corporations, their successors, heirs and assigns, owning or having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the following described property, delinquent to Plaintiff herein, for taxes, all of said property being located in said County and State, to-wit: Lot 1, Block 51, Lee Addition, City of Munday, Knox County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Vol. 293, Page 898 of the Deed Records, Knox County, Texas; Lots 2 and 3, Block 51, Lee Addition, City of Munday, Knox County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Vol. 293, Page 898 of the Deed Records, Knox County, Texas; Lot 12, Block 55, Lee Addition, City of Munday, Knox County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Vol. 288, Page 1248 and Vol. 313, Page 103 of the Deed Records, Knox County, Texas; and the West 120' of the South 100' of Block 41, R.P. Munday Addition, City of Munday, Knox County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Vol. 294, Page 1180 of the Deed Records, Knox County, Texas.

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiff for taxes in the following amount: \$1,604.79, exclusive of interest, penalties and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes, all said interest, penalties and costs therein allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by the Knox County Appraisal District, Plaintiff, against the above named persons, as Defendants, by petition filed on June 24, 2008, in a certain suit styled the Knox County Appraisal District et al vs. Pedro Castillo et al, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Knox County, Texas, 50th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 9176, that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit are NONE.

Plaintiff and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, and in addition to the taxes all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiff, Defendants, and Intervenors, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties and costs allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefor, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file and which may hereafter be filed in said cause by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance of this citation as set out below, said appearance and answer date being the 5th day of October, A.D., 2009, (which is the return day of such citation), before the honorable District Court of Knox County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiff and the taxing units parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

This citation is issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court in the City of Benjamin, Knox County, Texas, this the 6th day of August, A.D., 2009.

Clerk of the District Court,
Knox County, Texas, 50th Judicial District

"Lets Talk Plants"

By Brandon Carr

Who doesn't enjoy the taste of fresh, homegrown vegetables? Have you been wondering what it takes to grow your own produce? When should I plant? What should I plant? How long will it take for the vegetables to mature? These are questions to consider before you plant any garden. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has declared August 23-29 as National Community Gardening Week. This is a chance to get out and learn how to produce your own gardens. For many that have already mastered this art, you have the chance to educate others. Community gardens can provide positive benefits in many different ways. They give individuals the opportunity to get outside, maybe get some needed exercise. They give neighbors the chance to visit and work together as a team. They provide fresh food for our families. And finally, they allow us to teach our children and grandchildren how to live off the land. While many may think that because the summer is winding down, there is no time left for a garden this year. Actually, August is a great time to plant a vegetable garden. Fall gardens have to be

planned carefully to ensure that the plants being grown have time to produce before frost and freezes. Certain plants have the ability to withstand frosts and freezes, while others may be severely hurt or killed. The fall time of the year provides a chance to grow cool, short season vegetables. Green leafy plants such as turnips, spinach, and cabbage have the ability to withstand cold spells with little damage. Lettuce, beets, and carrots can handle some freezing weather, but may be hurt by long spells of freezing temperatures. Beans, peas, cucumbers, and squash show heavy damage from frosts and freezing temperatures.

We are planning to plant our own garden here at the plant materials center around the middle of August. Our "People's Garden" will give aspiring gardeners the opportunity to come and see things growing in the field. You can ask questions or just look at the different things we have growing. Our garden will consist of: lettuce, beets, cucumbers, peas, okra, sweet corn, squash, turnip greens, spinach, mustard, radish, carrots, and collards.

See PLANTS page 10

Benjamin Independent School District Announces School Lunch Guidelines

Children need healthy meals to learn. Benjamin ISD offers healthy meals every school day. Lunch costs PK - 6 \$1.00 and 7 - 12 \$1.50. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced-price meals. Reduced price is .40 cents for lunch.

- 1. Do I need to fill out an application for each child?** No. Complete one application to apply for free or reduced-price meals. Use one Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Application for all students in your household. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. **Return the completed application to: Benjamin ISD P.O. Box 166 Benjamin, TX 79505**
 - 2. Who can get free meals?** Children in households receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits (formerly the Food Stamp Program) or TANF can get free meals regardless of your income. Your benefit letter from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) is your documentation for free meals. If you have not already received a letter from your school stating that your household is eligible for free meals, you may take your HHSC benefit letter to your child nutrition office to be certified for free meals. Call the school at **940 459-2231** if you have questions.
 - 3. Should I fill out an application if I got a letter this school year saying my children are approved for free or reduced-price meals?** In most cases no, however read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. Call the school at **940 459-2231** if you have questions. If your household does not receive SNAP or TANF, your children may still be eligible to receive free meals if your household income is less than the amounts listed on the federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Please complete the application and submit it to your child nutrition office. Head Start students and most foster children may also qualify for free meals.
 - 4. Can homeless, runaway and migrant children get free meals?** Yes. If you have not been notified of free status under these categories, please call **Benjamin ISD 940 459-2231** to see if your child(ren) qualify.
 - 5. Who can get reduced price meals?** Your children can get low cost meals if your household income is within the reduced-price limits on the Federal Income Chart, included in this application packet.
 - 6. I get WIC. Can my child(ren) get free meals?** Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Please fill out an application.
 - 7. Will the information I give be checked?** Yes, we may ask you to send written proof.
 - 8. If I don't qualify now, may I apply later?** Yes. You may apply at any time during the school year if your household size goes up, income goes down, or if you start getting SNAP, TANF or other benefits.
 - 9. What if I disagree with the school's decision about my application?** You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: **Benjamin ISD P.O. Box 166 Benjamin, TX 79505**.
 - 10. May I apply if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen?** Yes. You or your child(ren) do not have to be a U.S. citizen to qualify for free or reduced-price meals.
 - 11. Who should I include as members of my household?** You must include yourself and all people living in your household, related or not (such as children, grandparents, other relatives or friends).
 - 12. What if my income is not always the same?** List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally get \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only got \$900, put down that you get \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime pay, include that amount as income. If you do not normally get overtime pay, do not include it as income.
 - 13. We are in the military; do we include our housing allowance as income?** If your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. All other allowances must be included in your gross income.
- If you have other questions or need help, call **940 459-2231** *Si necesita ayuda, por favor llame al teléfono: 940 459-2231*.


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For School Year 2009-10			
Household size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$20,036	\$1,670	\$386
2	\$26,955	\$2,247	\$519
3	\$33,874	\$2,823	\$652
4	\$40,793	\$3,400	\$785
5	\$47,712	\$3,976	\$918
6	\$54,631	\$4,553	\$1,051
7	\$61,550	\$5,130	\$1,184
8	\$68,469	\$5,706	\$1,317
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About the Brazos River Authority

The Brazos River Authority, with headquarters in Waco, is the oldest river authority in Texas. Created by the Texas Legislature in 1929, the Authority's 42,000 square-mile territory includes all or part of 70 counties; extending from the Texas-New Mexico border west of Lubbock to the Gulf of Mexico near Freeport.

The Authority built, owns, and operates three reservoirs (Lakes Possum Kingdom, Granbury, and Limestone). In addition to these water supply reservoirs, the Authority contracts with the Corps of Engineers for the water supply storage space at eight federal multi-purpose flood control and water conservation reservoirs (Lakes Whitney, Belton, Proctor, Somerville, Stillhouse Hollow, Granger, Georgetown and Aquilla).

The Brazos River Authority owns and operates a regional wastewater system for the cities of Temple-Belton. The Authority also operates wastewater treatment plants for the cities of Georgetown, Dime Box, Clute-Richwood and Sugar Land. Through an alliance with the Lower Colorado River Authority, the Brazos River Authority operates wastewater treatment plants at Brushy Creek Regional Wastewater System in Round Rock, the city of Hutto

and the city of Liberty Hill.

The Authority owns and operates water treatment systems at Lake Granbury (which supplies potable water to wholesale customers in Hood and Johnson Counties), and the City of Taylor. The Authority also operates a potable water treatment plant for the City of Dime Box. A water treatment plant for the City of Leander is operated by the Brazos River Authority through an alliance with the Lower Colorado River Authority.

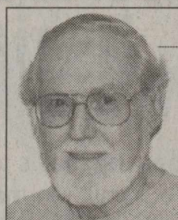
The Authority also engages in water quality monitoring activities throughout the Brazos River basin. As a member of the Texas Clean River Program, the Authority samples and tests water from 157 locations throughout the basin on either a monthly or quarterly basis.

For further information on the Brazos River Authority, please contact Judi Pierce, Public Information Officer at 254-761-3103.

PLANTS

Again, we invite you to come and see us anytime. The NRCS Field Office staff can assist you in planning all the conservation needs on your land. Or, give us a call at the plant materials center (940-658-3922), we would be happy to visit with you about our plant material releases and research projects.

We also welcome groups large or small to come out and take a tour. Let us know when you want to come and we will have someone available to show you around. We are open Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. We look forward to seeing you.



Paul Derrick Stargazer

Are we alone, or are "they" out there somewhere? While we can only guess how long humans have wondered about life beyond Earth, such curiosity surely predates recorded history.

In 1994 Terence Dickinson and Adolph Schaller published "Extraterrestrials: A Field Guide for Earthlings" which features amateur astronomer Dickinson's fascinating text and artist Schaller's dazzling illustrations. (Inexpensive used copies are available via the Internet.)

After showing a sampling of Hollywood-created extraterrestrials -- like Mr. Spock, ET, and others -- they conjecture about what real aliens might be like. Right off, Dickinson acknowledges that, paraphrasing earlier writers, extraterrestrials -- if they exist -- are apt to be not just stranger than we anticipated, but stranger than we could have anticipated. Still, he and Schaller make some intriguing speculations about such beings based on things we do know, like some basic laws of nature.

It is almost certain beings from other places would not resemble us. Just as we have been shaped by conditions on Earth, conditions where they live -- temperature, gravity, atmospheric pressure and composition, amount and form of water, and the like -- would have shaped their evolution.

Dickinson first looks at the kinds of places, in our solar system and beyond, where conditions might support life as we know and understand it. He discusses the evolution of brains and emergence of intelligence, and how smarter species are likely to out-survive the less smart ones.

He then examines, and Schaller visually portrays, the kinds of sensory organs aliens might use to gather information about their environment. Like humans, other life forms are likely to have mechanisms for sight, hearing, taste, smell, and touch.

They might have other sensory capabilities such as sonar (like bats and dolphins) or magnetic-field detection (like some birds, insects, and fish). Aliens might have "sight" in parts of the electromagnetic spectrum invisible to humans,

enabling them to "see" ultraviolet, infrared, microwave, radio waves, x-ray, or gamma rays.

The authors pose one final mind-boggler. On Earth the chemical foundation of all life is carbon-based, but this might not be universal. Some life elsewhere might be silicon-based where crystalline critters nibble on rocks rather than bananas.

In a future column, we'll see what Dickinson has to say about how we might discover other life, and why we haven't already.

* Aug. 13 Thu.: The Moon is at 3rd quarter.

* 14 Fri. morning: The Moon passes through the Pleiades star cluster but moon glow will make binoculars needed to see the cluster.

* 14 Fri.: Jupiter is at opposition, and thus at its best for the year -- nearest, appears largest and brightest, and up all night.

* 16 Sun. morning: The crescent Moon is to the lower left of Mars.

* 17 Mon. evening: Saturn is to the upper right of brighter Mercury near the western horizon at dusk.

* 20 Thu.: The Moon is new.

* 22 Sat. evening: The crescent Moon is to the left of Mercury which is to the left of Saturn all near the western horizon at dusk.

* 27 Thu.: The Moon is at 1st quarter.

• Perseid Meteor Shower. The best times for seeing Perseid meteors are Tues. and Wed. evening, Aug. 11 & 12, until the Moon rises around midnight, but the nights before and after might also be worth a look. Perseus rises in the northeast but it's best to watch overhead where the sky is darkest.

• Naked-eye Planets. (The Sun, Moon, and planets rise in the east and set in the west due to Earth's west-to-east rotation on its axis.) Evening: Saturn and Mercury are low in the west at dusk as Jupiter rises in the east. Morning: Jupiter is the brightest object in the southwest with "morning star" Venus in the east and much fainter Mars well above it.

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