





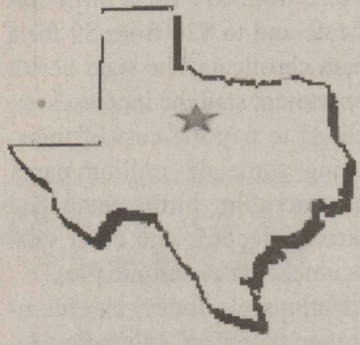


Wednesday November 23  High/Low 68°/41° Sunny	Thursday November 24  High/Low 75°/45° Sunny	Friday November 25  High/Low 74°/42° Sunny	Saturday November 26  High/Low 75°/46° Sunny	Sunday November 27  High/Low 72°/48° Party Cloudy	Monday November 28  High/Low 70°/44° Showers
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Greyhounds Play First Game Of The Season



#25 Jordan Carter goes for 3 points, also pictured #11, Jeremy Saxton and # 23 Grant Lewis

The Greyhounds had their first game of the season Friday, but unfortunately came out defeated.

The final score was 55-81 in favor of the Archer City Wildcats. High scorer was Derrick Magana with 22 points, Jeremy

Saxton put up 17, Jordan Carter added 9 while Ty Chisum had 6 and Grant Lewis 1.

The Greyhounds show talent this year and should start pulling down some victories once they make the mental change from football to basketball, and get

some more practice time in.

This year the mighty Greyhounds are lead by coach Daniel Hinojosa.

Good luck to both teams as they fight relentlessly towards their championships.

photo courtesy Sheri Baty

Tyler Rios First To Mail Letter To Santa



Tyler Rios mailing his letter to Santa, Tyler is the son of Al and Diana Rios

Knox City Youth Displays Sculpture At Abilene's Grace Museum



Sheldon Baty with his Award Winning Sculpture

Sheldon Baty, Knox City elementary second grader, answered an open call for artwork from the Abilene Zoological Society.

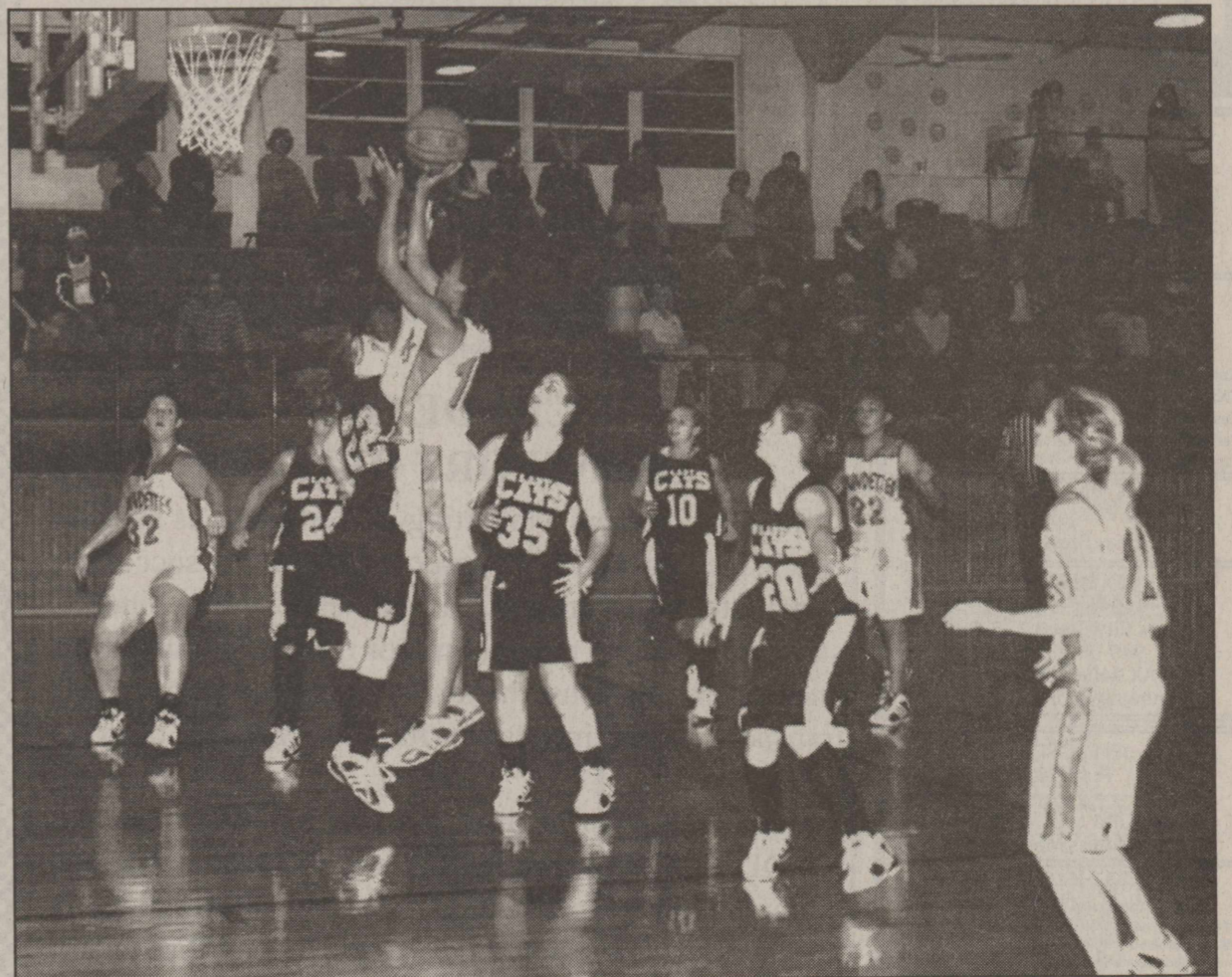
As a summer project, Sheldon worked diligently to sculpt the giraffes from the Abilene Zoo.

The artwork was submitted for the contest. Sheldon's sculpture was a grand prize winner.

His sculpture was on display at the Grace Museum for 6 weeks and since been auctioned off with the funds going to the Grace Mu-

seum and Abilene Zoo. Sheldon was also awarded a "Behind the Scenes" tour of the giraffe exhibit at the zoo. He is looking forward to the tour. Sheldon is the son of Louis & Sheri Baty and brother of Lyndon and Chance.

Houndettes Beat Archer City Lady Cats 64-41



Kayla Martin shoots while Jessica Albus (32) waits to rebound

photo courtesy of Sheri Baty

KCHS took on the Archer City Lady Cats last Friday and came out victorious with a 64-41 final score.

The mighty Houndettes showed that this should be another successful season.

With amazing team work, this group of girls can put up the numbers from anywhere on the

court.

Leading the Houndettes was Nikki Moss with 18 points. Close behind her was Jessica Albus with 13, Kayla Martin added 9, while Shana Nicholson put up 8. Kursten Stafford had 6, Bridgette Billington gave 5, Sarah Burt added 3, and Brittany Hawkins had the final 2.

It may have been a foul happy game, but the Houndettes proved to have their heads in the game and their eye on the ball.

Once again, the Lady Houndettes are lead by coach Shannon Fisher. She took them to the playoffs last year and should have no trouble taking them their again.

State spent \$1.3 Billion On Katrina, Rita

storms hit. Costs to local governmental entities have been at least that much, making the combined costs more like \$3 billion, so far.

Yet, while this amount of money addresses the short-term impact, it does not take into account such long-term costs as housing feeding, schooling, health care and employment.

For now though, it is easy to guess how some of the state's \$3 billion budget surplus over the next biennium may be used.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency is supposed to reimburse Texas for many costs related to the hurricanes if all goes according to design.

But FEMA observes certain limits. The agency said that on March 1, 2006, Katrina evacuees' apartment leases co-signed by Texas state or local govern-

ments must be assumed by the occupant, if the occupant elects to remain in the apartment. But Texas is negotiating with FEMA to extend the period to 12 to 18 months.

The fate of evacuees who've been staying in hotels and motels, however, is unknown. FEMA said it won't pay for the rooms past Dec. 1, but the state of Texas is appealing that deadline.

Meanwhile, FEMA said it would reimburse the city of Austin \$21.5 million for the cost of providing housing to Katrina evacuees. This covers rent for 4,500 units, plus utilities, transportation and move-in costs such as food, furniture and housewares. The city of Houston received a similar reimbursement grant for \$101 million.

Court ruling doesn't material-

ize rumors of a Nov. 17 ruling proved false. So court watchers are still waiting for the Texas Supreme Court to rule on the state's appeal of a lower court ruling saying the current method of funding public education benefits wealthier school districts and hurts poorer school districts to the point of being unconstitutional. If the high court upholds the lower court ruling, the abiding question will be how the tax system can be re-engineered to give property owners tax relief and improve public education to an acceptable level in all schools.

The governor's recently created Texas Tax Reform Commission, chaired by former Comptroller John Sharp, will formally contemplate the question.

The commission met for the

first time on Nov. 21 and took testimony from staff and others by invitation. DeLay, Earle haggling continues

The latest in the state's highest-profile ethics story is that Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle, also known as chief enforcer of state ethics laws, is fighting motions by DeLay's defense attorney Dick DeGuerin. One defense motion seeks to get the congressman's trial moved to his home county (Fort Bend). A second defense motion seeks permission to cross-examine grand jurors to determine if they were coerced into indicting DeLay.

Earlier this fall, DeLay was indicted on charges of money laundering and conspiracy to violate Texas election laws prohibiting corporations from directly

contributing campaign funds to candidates. The alleged infractions took place in 2002. Vital document costs to go up

Fees for Texas birth and death certificates will increase Dec. 1, to \$22 from \$11 for a birth certificate and to \$20 from \$9 for a death certificate. The state health department said the increases are needed to pay the cost of transferring some 48 million paper and microfilm birth, death and marriage records and other vital documents to electronic files.

Heflin seeks lottery chiefdom- Former state Rep. Talmadge Heflin, R-Houston, applied for the position of director of the Texas Lottery Commission. After 22 years in the House, Heflin was narrowly defeated in his 2004 reelection bid by Democrat and political novice Hubert Vo.



HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling

Costs of responding to the ruin caused by hurricanes Katrina and Rita are adding up fast.

On Nov. 16, Texas purse-string agency, the Legislative Budget Board, estimated \$1.3 billion had been spent by the state on hurricane relief since the

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ACROSS

1 nachos are TX "d'Oeuvres"

5 TXism: "fits like ugly ___ ape"

6 McLennan Co. seat

7 TXism: "he's ___ bricks shy of a load"

8 TX actor Torn of "Men in Black"

9 she married Bobby Ewing on "Dallas"

12 John Neely Bryan's historic abode in downtown Dallas

17 TX Jim Hart wrote screenplay for "Brad Stoker's ___"

19 TX O. Henry's "___ Santone"

21 carpet alternative: ___ tile

22 TX Louise Mandrell daughter

23 Sam Houston's Indian home "Wigwam ___"

28 disfavored group: "Ku Klux ___"

29 ex-Cowboy line-man Newton

30 TXism: "he uses barbed wire for floss"

31 TXism: "never let ___ you sweat"

35 Streep of TX-filmed "Silkwood"

36 TX Hutchison & Cornyn hang-out (2 wds.)

42 as a ___ team, TX "Babe" won '32 AAU

DOWN

1 higher learning in Big Spring

2 TXism: "you're pouring gasoline ___"

3 horse wagering site: "Sam Houston ___"

4 TXism: "as pure as the driven ___"

9 mountain lion

10 Col. Travis drew ___ at the Alamo

11 TX Meredith ___ Rae

12 TXism: "I ___ dance to that tune"

13 TXism: "that's ___ you do"

14 ___ Chica Bay

15 TX Janis' ___ Dem Ol' Kozmic Blues Again, Mama"

16 world's longest river

18 famous TX square dance caller Golden dir. to Galveston from Corpus (abbr.)

23 Fighting Irish (abbr.)

24 TX capitol architect Myers (init.)

25 hole in ___

26 TX Tanya's "San Antonio ___"

27 TX & LPGA Hall of Fame golfer Sandra ___

32 ___ Vernon, TX

33 TXism: "___ long"

34 ___ Lago, TX

36 TXism: "___ esta"

37 prayer ending

38 TXism: "britches"

39 frozen drinks

40 slants or tilts

41 NFL Hall of Fame TX DB Yale

43 Washington to USPS

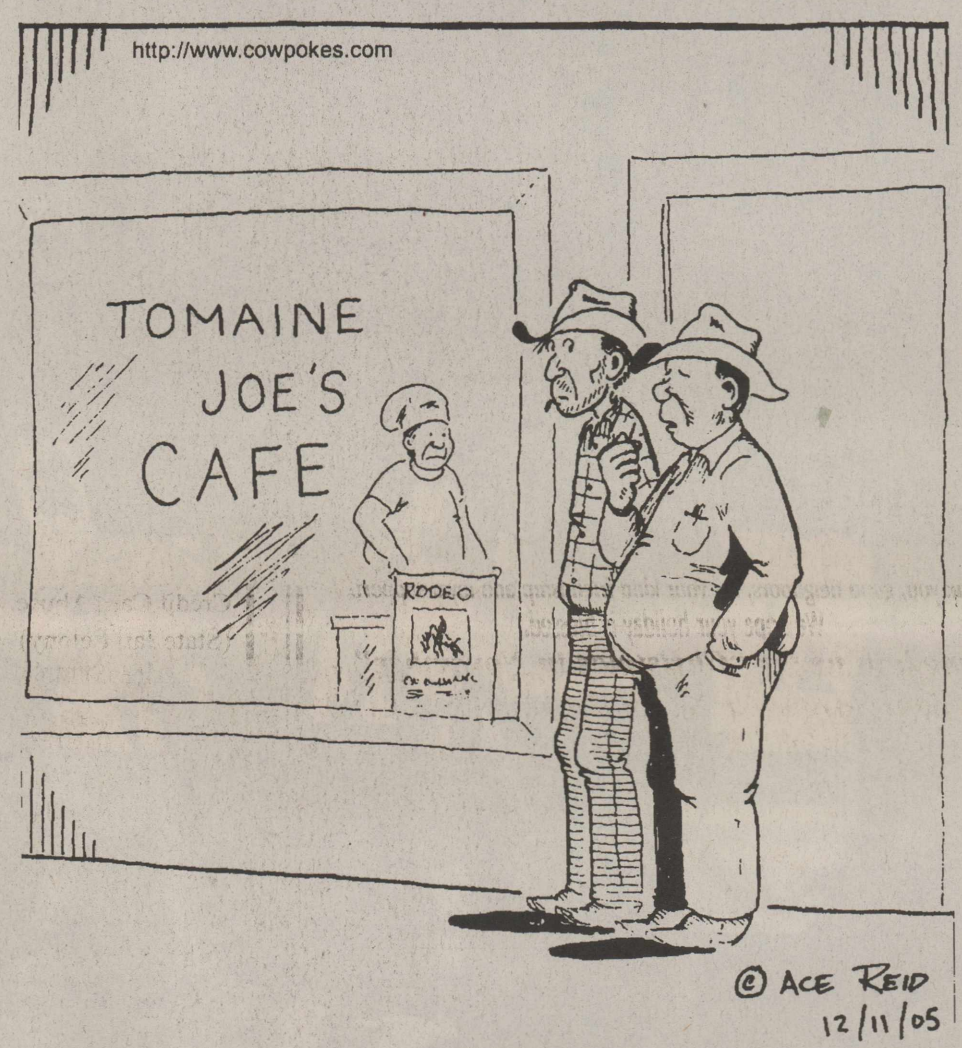
45 George H. "Stormin" general (init.)

47 put in charge? (2 wds.)

48 Battleship Texas State Historic ___

55 TX Rodriguez's "Pass ___"

OW POKES® By Ace Reid

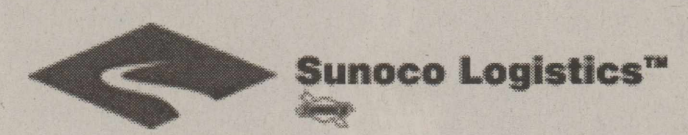


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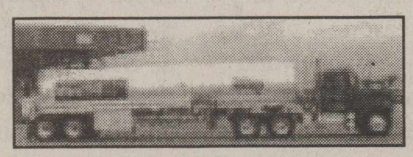


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IT'S THE PITT'S

Rope Tricks (Best Of) by Lee Pitts

Being the trick roper that I am I'm often asked to recreate some of my more memorable catches with my handy lariat. I must admit I have been seen doing some pretty amazing things with a rope. Luckily, many of my rope tricks were performed before the proliferation of video cameras and cell phones that take pictures.

I am perhaps best known for roping my own horse while I was still on him. If you are going to attempt this trick be advised that it requires a big loop and a well trained horse. Variations of this

catch include roping your horse around the neck, around the back legs, under the tailhead or any combination thereof. The main thing to remember when roping your own horse is DO NOT PANIC. Your horse will do that for you!

After you have your horse broke to being tied up in knots you may want to try roping something else, like cattle. Your first big decision is whether you want to tie hard-and-fast or take a dally. The decision really is whether you want to lose your rope or your finger.

There is some debate as to which is best: a big or a small loop? I prefer a big loop thrown when the calf is running full speed. This allows the calf to run through the loop. Just when the loop is centered around the calf's heartgirth you should pull your slack hard. The hardest part of this trick is getting the rope off the bucking calf but fortunately that's for the ground crew to worry about, not you. Throwing a big loop also avails you of the opportunity to rope three calves at one time like I did once to the amazement of all onlookers. Filled with confidence, on the same day I performed a difficult variation on this theme by roping both a calf and the fence post he was standing next to.

Another favorite catch of

mine is the neck/leg combination catch. This does not slow down the calf in the slightest but this catch has given me the opportunity to show off my amazing trick riding ability as I follow the calf around the arena leaning up against the saddle horn with outstretched arms. If you are going to perform this trick for your friends I suggest you use a really long rope and don't make any sudden stops.

Good roping requires teamwork between man and horse. The neighbors are still talking about the time I heartgirthed a steer and he immediately ran three circles around my horse before hitting the end of the rope causing my trusty steed to perform a difficult maneuver that cowboys refer to as "sunfishing."

This occurs when a horse's belly is exposed to the midday sun. One of two things can happen at this point, neither of them good. Either the rider ejects safely in which case his biggest problem is in regaining the confidence of his horse, or he will not eject in time and his biggest worry will be how his widow will be spending the life insurance money.

I have performed some of my best rope tricks while not sitting astride a pony. I am proud to say that I am one of only a handful of people who have mastered what I call the "Sneaky Catch." The trick here is to place your loop on the ground, stay perfectly still and wait for the calf to walk into your loop. Perhaps my most memorable trick was the time I roped a runaway cow from the

back of the pickup. Despite my wife's erratic driving I managed to get a nearly impossible double neck/leg figure eight on the cow in the exact split second that my wife allegedly accidentally ran over the rope. Luckily I was knocked out while being slung out of the truck so I did not get to see the gruesome wreck that followed. If you are going to attempt to perform this trick I'd advise that you take your dally around the truck's bumper and not around your waist like I did.

Although you may not possess the roping skills of Monty Montana, Speed Williams or Lee Pitts I am confident that if you dedicate your life to the relentless pursuit of the art of roping someday you too may perform one, or all, of these amazing tricks.



THANKSGIVING GREETINGS

Thank you, good neighbors, for your kind friendship and loyal support. We hope your holiday is blessed.

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Let's talk turkey - lots of them! Texas produces about 5

the delight of American turkey lovers.

Ham it up! Texas produces 97.6 million pounds of pork a year.

Texas pearls! Does your family enjoy a traditional oyster stuffing with your turkey? Texas produced about 5.6 million pounds from the gulf shores last year.

How sweet it is! Baked, candied or casserole, Texans love their sweet potatoes, and Texas farmers produced 39.2 million pounds of this healthy tuber last year to make sure there's enough

Knox County Sheriffs Report

November 15, 2005

to

November 21, 2005

1. Marez, Aaron
11-15-05
Felony Sexual Abuse, (warrant from Alabama)
2. Garcia, Paul Jr.
11-15-05
Bench warrant (civil case)
3. Oudems, Ronnelle L.
11-17-05
Possession of Cocaine (State Jail Felony)
4. Herrera, Bobby
11-18-05
Knox City Traffic Warrants (arrested in Haskell county)
5. Sample, Christopher
11-19-05
Credit Card Abuse (State Jail Felony)
6. Charles, Sample
11-19-05
Credit Card Abuse (State Jail Felony)
7. Stabler, Robert
11-20-05
Possession of Marijuana (Misd. B)

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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

THE AUCTION BARN MIRACLE!

If ya hang around a sale barn long enough you are bound to see some strange, some would say supernatural or even extraterrestrial happenings. Like a cattle buyer actually bidding a penny over the market, or a waiter in a tuxedo at the sale barn café, or what happened to Chato and the Indian cow.

Sonny said when the truck arrived from the reservation a lot of the cows were thin but the last one required gentle assistance to unload. She was thin, a common lookin' white face cow with a wide muzzle, ringed horns, bony hips and a long tail. A T-11 brand as well as several hieroglyphic brands decorated her hide.

Chato came in to report that the cow in question was now, and as he put it, 'had been dead all day long!' Sonny sent two cowboys to the pen. Sure 'nuf she was still dead. They hooked onto her hind legs with ropes,

pulled her from the tight stockyard pen, down three alleys and out to the road.

Chato picked her limp body up with the front-end loader. Sonny checked her ID's and watched as her head hung over the bucket draining digestive fluids. She was lowered gently in the dump truck and laid to wait for the final trip.

Since it was noon, Sonny suggested Chato eat his lunch and deliver the dead beast afterwards. Sonny did the paperwork and went on to the next crisis. Then, unexpectedly he heard what sounded like the Navy's crack acrobatic team of Blue Angels roaring over the sale yard at the speed of jet fuel! Thinking they would be strafed, he clutched his chest then realized to his relief it was only the old dump truck, pedal to metal, black smoke billowing and the iron bed rattling like chains on the gates of hell!

Sonny ran outside to see Chato, brakes locked, sliding through the gravel in a cloud of dust! Chato stopped, crashed out of the door and turned back to look. The crazy-eyed cow was looking down at Chato with a malevolent glare. With the bright sunlight at her back, her eyes glistened out of a silhouetted black head with horns. "¡Es un diablo!" yelled Chato as he staggered away.

While Chato was catching his breath and genuflecting, the boys drove the dump truck into a pen. Two of them held the tailgate up as the bed was tilted. The resurrected cow slid, upright, all four feet splayed out like a novice on the bunny hill. She hit the ground running, on the fight and put 'em all over the fence.

The following week she went through the sale as unnoticed as Clark Kent. Sonny thought it was best to leave sleeping cows lie.

Taking Bids

Knox County, Texas will be accepting bids on the following:

1998 Toyota Camry LE, 4-Dr., V-6 Engine, Auto Trans., 37,000 miles

Car can be seen at the Knox County Sheriff's Office.

SEALED BIDS will be received until 5.00 P. M., Friday December 9, 2005. Bids can be mailed to: Knox County Commissioners Court C/O Irma Bell, 100 West Cedar, P.O. Box 212, Benjamin, Texas 79505.

Please mark outside envelope "Sealed Bid Enclosed-Toyota Camry". SEALED bids will be taken in person or mailed. Bids will be opened and considered at Regular Commissioners Court on Monday, December 12, 2005 at 1:30 P.M. Knox County reserves the right to accept and/or reject any bid.

Travis Floyd Knox County Judge

DIANNE'S

A Resale Shop has been Opened in Knox City.

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It will offer a variety of good used items; including furniture, baby items, kitchen, bath, bedding and home decor; also clothing.

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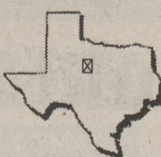
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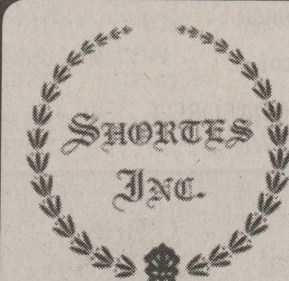


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Obituary 1945 Class Reunion Benjamin News

Eddy Bailiff

Eddy Bailiff, age 58, of Knox City, died Friday, November 18, 2005, at University Medical Center in Lubbock.

Eddy was born January 19, 1947 in Minden, Louisiana to Laurie (Dick) Heflin and Gladys Sawyer Bailiff. He attended Louisiana Tech for two years. He moved to Knox City in 1985 and purchased E.B. Brook, Boot and Saddle Shop in which, until the time of his death, he operated. Eddy was a shoe cobbler by trade and also a leather tooler, but always a cowboy at heart. He married Betty Hodges Acree on August 30, 1984 in Minden, Louisiana. He was also a clerk for Osborne's Farm and Ranch Coop.

He is survived by his wife Betty of Knox City, son William and wife Tara Acree of Fort Carson, Colorado, and son Jeffery Acree of Knox City; two sisters, Mary Lane and Billy Gray of Louisiana, JoAnn and Alva Roy Lary of Montgomery, Louisiana; and a sister-in-law Janet Bailiff of Louisiana.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother Jim Bailiff. Arrangements are being handled by Mansell-Smith Funeral Home, Knox City.

Funeral service were held at O'Brien Baptist Church at 10:00 AM Tuesday, November 22, 2005, Reverend Paul Chambers and Reverend John Gillispie officiating. Interment followed at Knox City Cemetery in Knox City.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be sent to the Knox City Fire Department or to the Knox County EMS in care of the Knox County Hospital District.

The man who is swimming against the stream knows the strength of it.

—Woodrow Wilson



Joe Ben and Carolyn Qualls hosted a 60 year Reunion of the 1945 Class of Benjamin High School on Friday, October 28 and Saturday, October 29 at their farm in Cleburne, Texas.

Those attending the celebration were: Jen Ben and Carolyn Qualls of Cleburne; Walter Carl and Rachael Taylor of Vernon; Nolan Parker and friend Jo of Stanton; Veba Carter Senfft of Houston and daughter, Judy Graham of Montgomery; Wanda Benson Jennings of Wichita Falls and Claudia Meinzer Rent-

rip of San Augustine.

The group visited Margaret "Blackie" Bell Robertson who is in the Stephenville Nursing Home in Stephenville, Texas on Saturday afternoon.

We are so fortunate that we have only lost one member of our class in these 60 years. Branson Laird passed away many years ago. There was a lot of laughing, "remembering back when" and catching up with the events of those 60 years. We're looking forward to another reunion soon.

Commissioners Court Special Called Meeting

Those present were: Judge Travis Floyd, Commissioners Johnny McCown, Jerry Parker, Jimmy Urbanczyk, and Johnny Birkenfeld, County Court Coordinator Janet Reed, Sheriff Dean Homstad Treasurer Irma Bell and Clerk Ronnie Verhalen.

Judge Floyd swore in Johnny McCown as Commissioner for Precinct 1, replacing Weldon Skiles who resigned earlier. The Court and Clerk Verhalen canvassed the vote for the Constitutional Amendments Election of November 8, 2005 and for the Gore Local Option Liquor Election of the same day.

The Court voted to adopt a list of holidays for calendar year 2006.

The court adjourned at 1:40.

"A" Honor Roll

First Grade

- Christina Abila
- Hailee Cox
- Kayla Eaton
- Elissa Hacker
- Amy Harrington
- Devin Harris
- Skylin Ledesma
- Willow Lee
- Cara McGhee
- Kirstin Tuckness

Second Grade

- Arron Arrieta
- Sheldon Baty
- Wesley Hutchinson
- Calista Rocha
- Payne Stanfield
- Ligon West

Third Grade

- Kinslee Cox
- Andrea Lynn
- Adrian Silva
- Jessica Wilburn

Fourth Grade

- Zachary Carter
- Tanna Moeller
- Kelsey Vasquez
- Gus West

"A/B" Honor Roll

First Grade

- Zachary Burt
- Joe Espinal
- Tyler Harvey
- Sklyin Ledesma
- Zachery Overmyer
- Jaylon Roberson
- Miguel Rodriguez
- Cameron Short
- Kristopher Stafford

Second Grade

- Katelyn Carrizales
- Byron Cleveland
- Cassidy Correll
- Jardyn Eaton
- Justin Thomas
- Brylee White

Third Grade

- Nathan Moya
- Israel Rodriguez
- Zachary Rodriguez
- Nicholas Short
- Graig Thompson

Fourth Grade

- Lyndon Baty
- Garrett Fox
- Malik Manuel
- Ty McLemore
- Taylor Pepper
- Scott Reid
- Christopher Richardson

By Gladene Green

Well, here it is Thanksgiving week. Not much news this Sunday night. Guess folks are waiting for the big holiday to do their visiting.

The biggest news around here last week was the first freeze of the season on Tuesday night. With the thermometer registering in the mid-twenties in places nearby, there is hope now that the "stuff" in the air that is causing all our allergies may be gone! Let's hope so.

Not a lot of change with our friends who are "under the weather" this week. Seems all are making a little progress back to better health. Leroy West got a good report Monday when he visited his kidney doctor in Ft. Worth. He said they were all very pleasantly surprised to see him doing so well, as he was in a pretty bad shape when he left there and came to the Munday Nursing Center, where he stayed several weeks before he was released to come home a couple of weeks ago.

Jacob Siemens had a little "flare-up" early Thursday morning. He took a quick trip to the ER and whatever medication he got helped him tremendously. Thursday evening he was out and about again! Good to hear he's doing better.

Sympathy to the family of Eddie Bailiff, who passed away Friday morning at U.M.C. in Lubbock after being injured in an automobile accident in Knox City last Sunday. Eddie was my friend, as he was to many, and will be greatly missed. His funeral is Tuesday in O'Brien.

NEW ARRIVAL! The newest resident of Benjamin is Chasity Alexis Benson. She was born

October 11, 2005 in Wichita Falls Hospital. She tipped the scales at 6lbs 10oz, and was 19 3/4 inches long. Her parents are Bubba Benson and Wendy Henderson. She will get lots of attention, and probably a little spoiling, from her grandparents Billy Carl Benson of Benjamin, Kathy Reynolds of Breckenridge, and Marty Henderson of Beaumont. Also grandparents Pat Benson of Benjamin, Ina Reynolds of Breckenridge, and Rick and Linda Goss of Dickens. Then there are the aunts, Laura, Sadie, and Carla Benson of Benjamin, Jennifer Henderson of Dickens, and uncles Dillon Benson, Christian Moore, and Trey Henderson, who will probably give her a lot of attention. Patiently waiting for her to grow a little so she can play with her is her cousin, Kinsey Benson. I saw her Saturday and she is precious. Her parents are so very proud of their little one. SPORTS

The ball teams were in Guthrie Friday night. The girls won by one point, but the boys lost. The season is young, though, and as the time goes on we hope for some wins along the way.

Junior High was in Guthrie for a tournament Saturday. The girls got beat out, but the boys won 1st. Congratulations!

HERE 'N THERE

Bud Conner and I attended the afternoon reception honoring Mark Bingham on Friday afternoon at the Munday Clinic. A large crowd attended the come and go event, and Mark was most appreciative.

On Sunday afternoon we attended the concert by the Brooks Brothers at the Methodist Church in Knox City. It was a

wonderful show, and those who missed it missed a treat, indeed. Others from Benjamin attending were Don Hertel, Lamoyne Patterson, Tibb Burnett, Kenneth and Jessie Roberts, Bea Parks, Jonnie Williams, Mary Bohannon, and Bobby Hudson.

The annual community Thanksgiving dinner and program was Wednesday night at the Ex-Student Building. A lot of good food was enjoyed by a good crowd in attendance. The program consisted of songs by the Methodist kids choir and Church of Christ adult choir and a Thanksgiving poem read by Loraine Powers. John Gillispie brought the Thanksgiving message.

Eddie Dean and Pearl Stevens of Roswell, New Mexico were here a couple of weeks ago visiting and attending to some business. Eddie has been pretty ill. He has had a lot of chemo, but is doing pretty well with that. It was good to see them.

I visited with Alton and LaVerna Hester, former Knox City residents, during the weekend. They moved to Amarillo over a year ago, and said they like it well up there, but still miss their local friends. Alton has had some eye surgery recently, but is doing well with it. His recovery is coming along nicely.

Now, my Thanksgiving wish for you all is for a very pleasant, enjoyable day with family and friends. Amid these troubled times and with sadness and sorrow around us, we still can find many things to be thankful for. If you're traveling, be careful, and I'll see you next week.

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ~ Knox City
Gayle Baucum, Pastor
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 10:55 a.m.
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Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.

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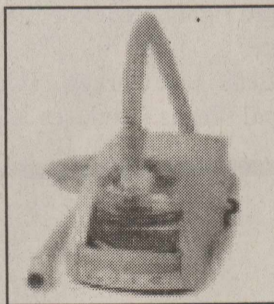
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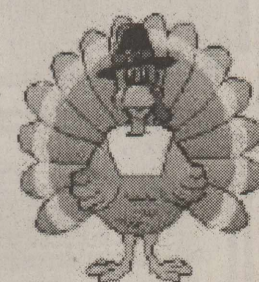
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Knox County Historical Commission

The Knox County Veterans Day each November has grown into one of the most popular projects of the Knox County Historical Commission.

The 2005 event drew one of the top crowds ever for the program, the historical display, and the meal. We will clear around \$2600, after expenses.

This included donations, the meal, cookbooks, calendars, quilt, and brick and stone receipts. Visitors came not only from Knox County and adjacent counties, but also from places several hours away.

The Veterans Day gathering has become not only a day for honoring veterans, but also a day for a reunion of veterans and family and friends of veterans with Knox County roots.

Young people were featured with parts on the program. Nancy McGreger's class of Benjamin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A poster was displayed and an interview from a veteran in their family was read by the following students: Tanner Monroe of Benjamin, Jerek Wilde of Knox City and Katelyn Brown of Munday. These are only the tip of numer-

ous interviews and posters made, as many children participated. Every student who interviewed a veteran and every veteran who was interviewed was a winner because of the communication between different generations about deeply felt experiences and the passing on of love of country and a part of our country's history between real people, not simply as pages in a lifeless book.

The Knox City Band played songs and taps which is always an important part of this memorial program.

A Munday high school history class attended as a group this year with their teacher visiting the historical display, along with many others interested in collections from Knox County veterans.

The veteran especially honored this year was Arthur Howard Cook of Gilliland with Gold Star Family members, sisters: Loreta Davis and Lou Covington and niece, Judy Thompson attending.

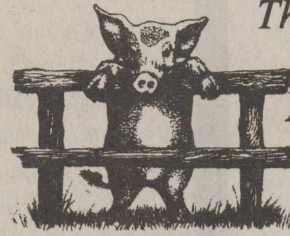
As is so often the case, he was young and far from home when he died at Luzon, Philippine Islands in 1945. His family placed

the memorial wreath at the Knox County Veterans Memorial and brought back memories of WWII to everyone present, whether they were adults in the 1940's or as young as five years old. It was a time still remembered by all who lived then. And it was a feeling shared by all who have gone to their country's service or seen family and friends go at other times to other places.

The Veterans Memorial, with name after remembered name, has become a part of Knox County life, and the spirit which saw the memorial built and the Veterans Day Program become a tradition, will be continued in the county museum.

Hopes and plans are already being made for museum exhibits about veterans, along with other aspects of Knox County history.

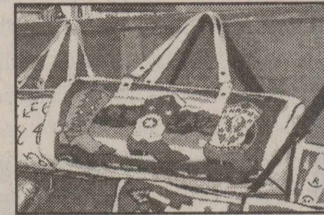
How has the museum building fund raising gone? Only about \$8,000 more is needed to complete the \$60,000 raised locally to receive the challenge grant. This phase will go largely to complete the interior of the building itself, with a later phase for exhibits, furnishings and operations.



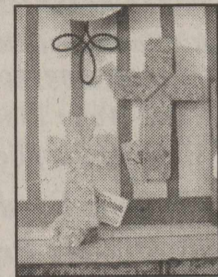
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Tickets will be \$6.00 each and may be purchased from any Advisory Committee member, at the Noah Project office on the 3rd floor of the courthouse, or at the door the day of the tour. All proceeds will be used to help victims of family violence.

The Noah Project-North an outreach of Noah, Inc., Abilene, provided services in the counties of Haskell, Jones, Knox, Stone-wall, and Throckmorton. All services are free.

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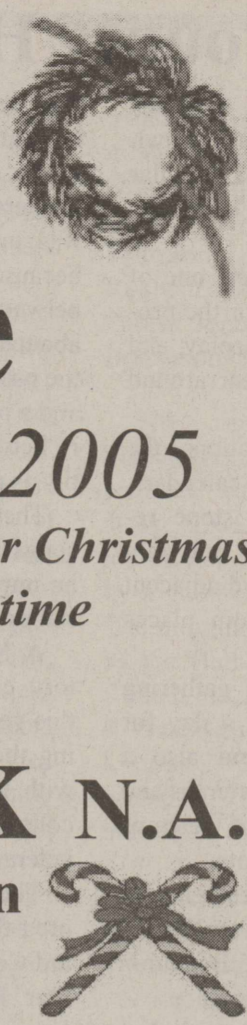
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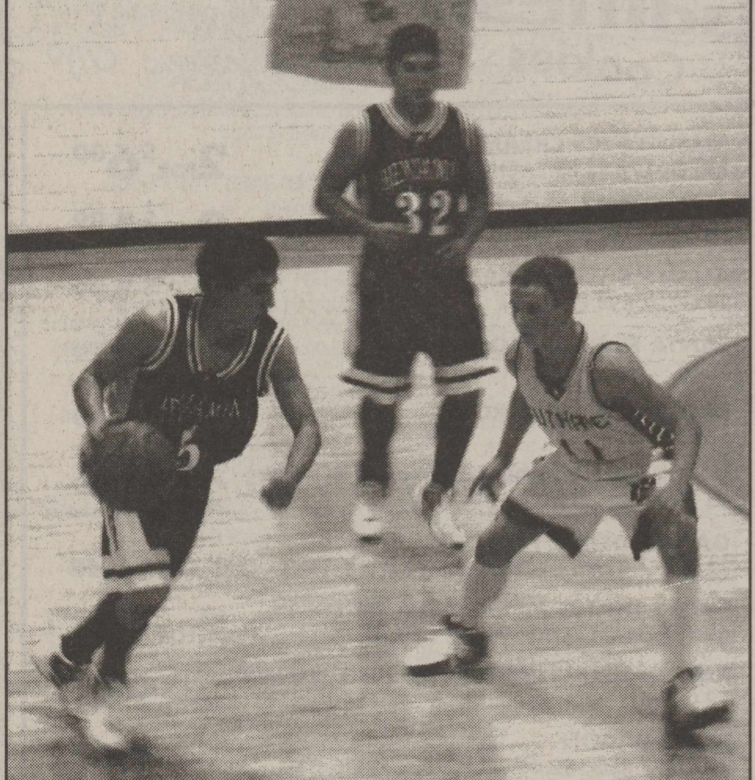
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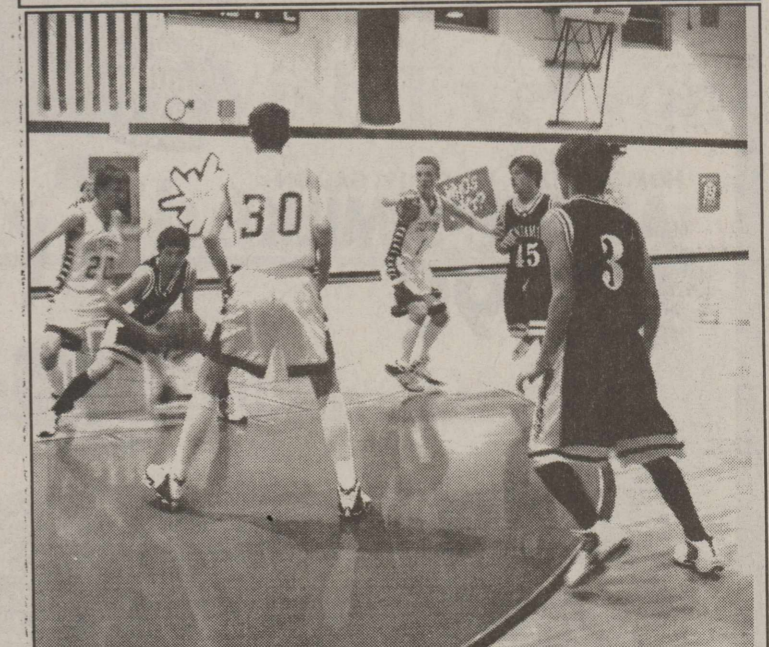
Lady Stangs Win By 1 Point
Against Guthrie Lady Jaguars



Cassie Lyles blocks #15 of the Lady Jaguars in Friday night's game.



Shaun Wilson heads down court while James Reid guards him.



Thomas Acevedo, Shaun Wilson, Blake McPherson of the Mustangs and Kelby Phillips, Shane Decker and Shane Decker of the Jaguar's in Friday night's game

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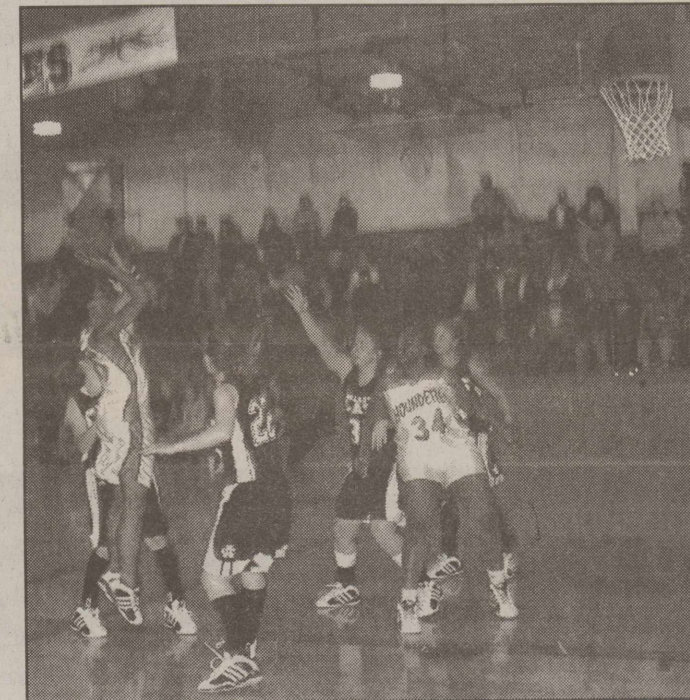
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Houndette Nikki Moss goes up for a layup.



Kayla Martin going up for the shot

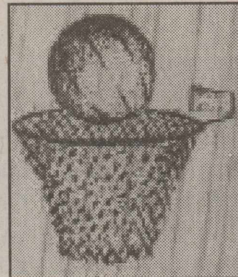


Grant Lewis attempting to make a basket

Knox City Houndette & Greyhound Basketball Schedule 2005

Nov. 5	##Munday	Away	Girls Only	TBA
Nov. 8	Crosbyton	Away	JVG, VG	5:00
Nov. 11	Albany	Home	JVG, VG	5:00
Nov. 15	Petersburg	Guthrie	VG, VB	6:30
Nov. 17-19	Crowell JV Tour.	Away	JVG, JVB	TBA
Nov. 18	Archer City	Home	VG, VB	6:30
Nov. 22	Rotan	Away	JVG&B, VG&B	4:00
Nov. 25-26	Fantasy of Light	Wichita Falls	VG, VB	TBA
Nov. 29	Munday	Home	JVG&B, VG&B	4:00
Dec. 1-3	Munday Tourn	Munday	JVG&B, VG&B	TBA
Dec. 6	Throckmorton	Away	JVG&B, VG&B	4:00
Dec. 8-10	Vernon Tourn	Vernon	VG, VB	TBA
Dec. 13	#Rule	Away	JVG&B, VG&B	4:00
Dec. 16	#Aspermont	Home	JVG&B, VG&B	4:00
Dec. 19	#Paint Creek	Away	VG, VB	6:30
Dec. 30	Petrolia	Seymour	VG, VB	3:00
Jan. 3	Open			
Jan. 6	#Jayton	Home	JVG&B, VG&B	4:00
Jan. 10	#Paducah	Away	JVG&B, VG&B	4:00
Jan. 13	#Guthrie	Home	VG&VB	6:30
Jan. 17	#Rule	Home	JVG&B, VG&B	4:00
Jan. 20	#Aspermont	Away	JVG&B, VG&B	4:00
Jan. 24	#Paint Creek	Home	VG&VB	6:30
Jan. 27	Open			
Jan. 31	#Jayton	Away	JVG&B, VG&B	4:00
Feb. 3	#Paducah	Home	JVG&B, VG&B	4:00
Feb. 7	#Guthrie	Away	VG&VB	6:30

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Week of November 21st thru November 28th

Monday, November 21 st
Chili and Beans, Garden Salad, Crackers, Apricot Crunch

Tuesday, November 22 nd
Cold Cuts Sandwiches, Potato Chips, Lettuce & Tomatoes, Pickles, Onions and Ice Cream

Wednesday, November 23rd
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Thursday, November 24 th
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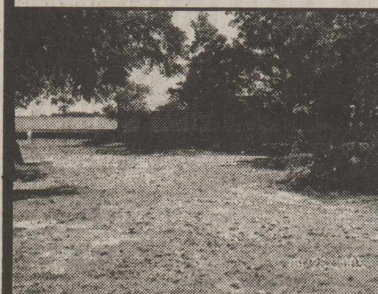
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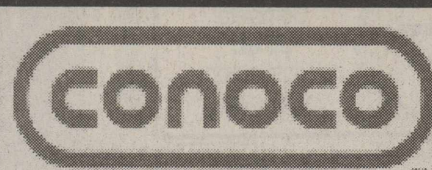


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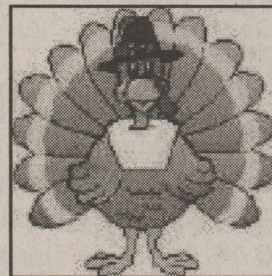
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