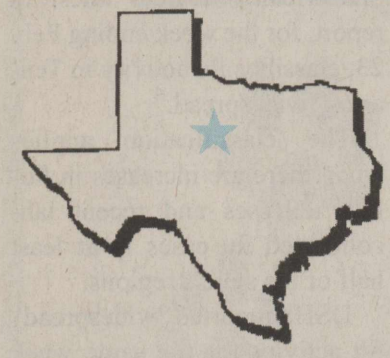


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Looking Ahead

- Knox County Vision Group Meeting**
 The Knox County Vision meeting will be Thursday, March 6 at noon at the Perry Patton Community Center in Munday.
- Stock Show Schedules**
 The schedules for the major Texas shows are as follows: San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo - January 31 thru February 17; San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo - February 21 thru March 2; Star of Texas Fair and Rodeo / Austin - February 29 thru March 15; Houston Stock Show and Rodeo - March 3 thru March 22.
- Singles and Singles Again**
 Every meeting we set new attendance records, so come on out and join us. Benjamin - First United Methodist Church, March 7 at 7:00 p.m. Come prepared to play dominoes and other table games. Bring your favorite games. Bring a friend, or two.
- Defensive Driving Course**
 If you are interested in taking a defensive driving course in Knox City call the Aging Center at 657-3618 between 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. weekdays. Ask for Cheryl. At least 20 interested people needed.
- First United Methodist Church Youth Group Bake Sale**
 The First United Methodist Church Youth Group will have a bake sale Saturday, March 8 at 6:30 a.m. in front of the Conoco.
- KC-O'Brien Ex-Students Homecoming**
 The homecoming will be the first weekend in June - June 6 & 7, 2008.
- St. Joseph's Catholic Church Annual Sausage Dinner**
 St. Joseph's Catholic Church will have their annual sausage dinner Sunday, March 9 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Rhineland at 11:00 - 1:30. Pick up orders on Saturday, March 8 at the Brown Store before 1:00 p.m. Adults - \$8, children - \$4.
- Knox City Youth Group "Pure Strength" Brisket Meal**
 Brisket meal will be at the school cafeteria Sunday, March 9 at 11:00 - 1:30 p.m. Adults - \$6, children - \$4. Tickets available at the door.

Benjamin Chamber Holds Ribbon Cutting For Santa Fe On The Brazos

The Benjamin Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting on Saturday, March 1st for the town's newest business, Santa Fe on the Brazos, owned by Sylinda Meinzer. The boutique, a refurbished gas station of bygone days, offers three rooms filled to the hilt with eclectic merchandise.

"It's a unique little boutique where you can find out of the ordinary gifts and clothing items," said Meinzer.

The merchandise includes clothing, jewelry, furniture, unique food items, tack, and gift items. A tanning salon, The Cowgirl Tanning Salon, operated by Brittney Meinzer is also available.

The bed is available during regular business hours and

Brittney has an assortment of lotions for tanning use.

A special feature of the boutique is the wish list.

"We'll have ladies come in and fill out a wish list and their significant other can come in and purchase off it," said Meinzer.

"This business is going to be an asset to Knox County," said Benjamin Chamber of Commerce president Mitzi Welch. "The variety of merchandise that Sylinda carries offers something for everyone."

Santa Fe on the Brazos is located at 200 W. Hays in Benjamin. Business hours are 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

To reach the business by telephone or to make a tanning appointment call Sylinda or Brittney at 940-454-2057.



Sylinda Meinzer, owner of Santa Fe on the Brazos in Benjamin is surrounded by family and friends at the ribbon cutting for her new business, Saturday morning. Left of Meinzer is chamber president, Mitzi Welch and vice president, Olivia Del Hierro Gloria

Knox City Job Fair Successful

The Knox County job fair that was held last week was a success, with over sixty people in attendance at the two hour event held at the Catholic Hall in Knox City.

"I was very happy with the number of people who turned out to attend the Fair,"

said Remelle Farrar, community development director of Knox County.

"It was exciting to look out at 6:15 and see cars and pickups already around all sides of the hall."

■ See **KNOX COUNTY JOB FAIR** on Page 5

Local Election Update

The deadline to file for a place on the ballot in city and school board elections is Monday, March 10. A few more applications have been accepted across county.

Below is a list of each school and city, the positions open along with the terms and those who have filed as of Tuesday, March 4th shortly before noon.

Benjamin ISD
 Three (3 year) Full Term Seats and Three (2 year) Unexpired Term Seats
 Filed: Full Term Seat - Glenn Heard; Unexpired Term Seats - Linda Griffith, Kim Moore, Jimmy Barrientez

City of Benjamin
 Mayor (2 year), Two (2 year) Full Term Seats and One (1

year) Unexpired Seat
 Filed: Mayor - Sylinda Meinzer; Full Term Seats - Lorene Powers, Fred Carver

Knox City - O'Brien CISD
 Three (3 year) Full Term Seats
 Filed: Cody Manning, Scott Lynn and Charlie Schur

City of Knox City
 Three (2 year) Full Term Seats
 Filed: Terry Utley, Danny Reece

Munday CISD
 Two (3 year) Full Term Seats
 Filed: Sam Hunter

City of Munday
 Two (2 year) Full Term Seats
 Filed: Exa Lee Martinez, Durwood Thigpen

Physician Assistant Chooses Knox County To Complete Rural Clinical Training

Katie Hare, a Physician Assistant student enrolled at the University of North Texas Health Science Center in Ft. Worth will be completing 160 hours of clinical training under the guidance of a preceptor, Dr. Kevin Finley at the Munday Clinic beginning February 25th, 2008.



Dr. Kevin Finley and Ms. Katie Hare of the UNT Physician Assistant program, look over a patient's record

In addition to the teaching support that Ms. Hare will be receiving from Dr. Finley, the Knox County Hospital, Administrator Stephen Kuehler, will provide housing for Ms. Hare while she is completing her training in the community. Katie Hare is originally from Bogata, Texas. She completed her undergraduate degree (BS) at Texas A&M University in College Station, majoring in Biology.

Meeting the health needs of rural communities continues to be a focus of Area Health Education Center (AHEC) programs in Texas. Providing the opportunity for students in health professions programs to complete clinical training in rural areas not only gives the student a glimpse of what rural medicine entails but also allows the community the opportunity to recruit health professionals for the long-term future.

While each student who completes clinical training in a rural community may not return to this community as a practitioner, word of mouth from a positive experience goes a long way to hosting future students and compiling a list of prospective health providers for a community's long term plans for meeting the health needs of its population. Travis Floyd, Knox

County Judge agrees, explaining "Knox County is thankful that Big Country AHEC has provided us with a win/win/win situation in the Medical Student Placement program. We get an opportunity to share the experiences of living and working as a small rural community, and hopefully make a positive impression on the student so that they might want to return. The student gains knowledge of working in a rural environment and gains additional enlightenment by working side by side with a physician. And of course the medical facility wins by having an additional person to assist in all aspects of the work involved. This is a great program and I'm glad to be a part of it." Lynn Hogan, Community Based Education Coordinator for the Big Country AHEC visited the Munday Clinic before taking Dr. Finley and Ms. Hare for lunch at Mati's. "See-

ing first hand what a great clinic the student is participating in, just confirms my purpose as the CBE. The West Texas clinics and hospitals that AHEC serves by introducing the community to a future practitioner, and the opportunity for the student to continue the learning process in a rural setting enhance the situation for both the community and the student".

Community based education experiences like these are the result of a partnership between communities, community health professionals, health professions training schools and the Big Country Area Health Education Center (AHEC).

Big Country AHEC's mission is to address the health care provider shortage and improve health care access in the North and West Central Texas through education and development of the health care workforce.

■ See **PA** on Page 3

KC Chamber Sets Banquet Date

The Knox City Chamber of Commerce has set the date for the annual chamber banquet. The banquet will be held on Saturday, March 29th at the First Baptist Fellowship Hall beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Tickets for the Hawaiian themed "Small Town Paradise" event are \$12.50 each and will go on sale Wednesday, March 5th.

Tickets can be purchased at the chamber office, Counts Real Estate, Knox City Florist from Steve Pepper or Paula Carter.

For more information, contact Knox City Chamber Executive Director Daveine Clark at 658-3442.

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State Capital HIGHLIGHTS



By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - Turnout for the March 4 primary elections likely will reach a record number.

Texas Secretary of State Phil Wilson, the state's chief elections officer, on Feb. 27 projected an overall turnout of 26 percent of the registered voters in Texas. That is 3.3 million voters.

The previous record came 20 years ago in the 1988 presidential primaries, with 2.7 million Texas voters casting ballots.

To predict turnout, the secretary of state's office factors

in early voting from Texas' 15 most populous counties: Harris, Dallas, Tarrant, Bexar, Travis, Collin, El Paso, Denton, Hidalgo, Fort Bend, Montgomery, Williamson, Nueces, Galveston and Cameron. About 60 percent of all voters in Texas are registered in those counties.

Candidates push hard for Texas

Texas continued to prove itself a battleground state for presidential candidates in the last few days leading up to the March 4 primaries.

Polls pointed toward a close finish in the race between U.S. Sens. Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama for the Democratic presidential nomination.

U.S. Sen. John McCain of Arizona and former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, vying for the Republican presidential nomination, spent time and energy in delegate-rich Texas.

Candidates seesawed back

and forth between Texas and Ohio, a state sharing the March 4 date for its primaries.

Senate panel hears 'Gaps' update

The Senate Education Committee met Feb. 27 to hear from state education officials about the implementation of reforms passed by the Legislature last session.

Texas Commissioner of Higher Education Raymund Paredes reported on the "Closing the Gaps" initiative, a program to increase college enrollment and graduation rates for all Texas high school students.

Paredes said the state is on track to meet its enrollment goals by 2015, adding 235,000 more college enrollees as of 2007. Also, he said, minority enrollment is up since 2000, with an increase of 49 percent for Hispanics and 38 percent for African-Americans.

College completion rates

were also up, said Paredes, increasing by 152,000 degrees in the last seven years. Again, the largest percentages of growth were among minorities, with a 67 percent increase in college graduation for Hispanics, and 44 percent for African-Americans.

DPS gives details of cocaine bust

The Texas Department of Public Safety announced Feb. 27 it seized 360 pounds of cocaine after DPS Commercial Vehicle Enforcement troopers stopped a flatbed tractor trailer for a routine inspection.

The cocaine, with an estimated street value of \$3 million, was discovered in 142 individual packages in a secret compartment in a flatbed trailer.

The stop and seizure occurred Feb. 24 on U.S. 90 about 18 miles west of Brackettville at the Kinney County and Val Verde County line, a DPS

spokesperson said.

A Piedras Negras, Mexico, resident was arraigned Feb. 26 in Del Rio on federal drug charges in connection with the seizure.

DPS Narcotics investigators are continuing the investigation.

On the job injury report released

The Texas Department of Insurance on Feb. 26 released statistics for on-the-job injuries in 2006.

According to the report, the number of nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses involving days away from work in private industry in Texas increased by nearly 5 percent compared to 2005.

Although 3,230 more of these types of injuries and illnesses were reported in 2006 compared to 2005, the 2006 total is less than the numbers reported in 2004 and 2003, the agency

said.

Plenty of flu to go around The Texas Department of State Health Services' latest flu report, for the week ending Feb. 23, classifies flu activity in Texas as "widespread."

The classification applies when there are increases in flu-like illnesses and recent lab-confirmed flu cases in at least half of the state's regions.

DSHS reported "widespread" flu activity for the same week last year.

Disaster proclamation renewed

Gov. Rick Perry on Feb. 29 renewed a disaster proclamation, originally issued Jan. 29, to address the threat of wildfires across the state. He identified 32 additional counties as threatened or impacted by wildfires, making a total of 216 counties at risk. To date, fires have destroyed homes and burned more than 500,000 acres.

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By Ace Reid



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- 6 TXism: "handle"
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- 16 female sheep
- 17 TXism for "brain" (2 wds.)
- 21 Miss or Mrs.
- 22 soldiers who didn't make it back (abbr.)
- 23 TX Audie Murphy film: "40 Guns to ____ Pass"
- 24 TX-born Gale Storm was "My ____ Margie"
- 29 infield covering at The Ballpark
- 30 leveling wood
- 31 atop the TX Capitol: Goddess ____ Liberty
- 32 Wichita Falls hosts the "Hotter Than Hell ____ bike race"
- 34 TXism: "bone ____ (study)"
- 35 dread, veneration, and wonder ____ of 1932
- 36 Frisco RoughRiders to the Texas Rangers (2 wds.)
- 37 "do you need ____?"
- 38 symbol on Dallas Cowboys helmet
- 39 " ____ Bowl" ('89-'95)
- 41 farm task
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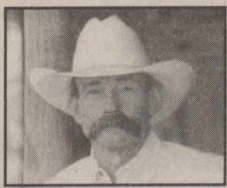
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- 3 Mexican food
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- 10 TXism: "in a ____ of trouble"
- 11 TX-born Reynolds film: "How the West ____ Won"
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- 13 TXism: " ____ had wings he'd be an eagle"
- 14 Spurs 2nd chance score (2 wds.)
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- 20 penalty caller
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- 48 TXism: between a rock and ____ place"



BAXTER BLACK

ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

Molasses Calf

By Baxter Black, DVM

You gotta feed cows in the winter in the San Luis Valley of Colorado. Liquid molasses is a common supplement.

But Annie (an alias) was not prepared for the sticky surprise she found in their molasses tank. Standing withers deep in the rectangular container was a four-day old bull calf!

She went to work trying to cajole and lift the calf over the edge. It was so slippery, no grip could be had.

Taking the bull by the horns, so to speak, Annie delicately stepped into the tank. The molasses was cold and came up to her knees. Ignoring the discomfort and slime, she tried to lift the calf. Her attempts were fruitless; he was just too slick to hold.

In an unconscious moment she tried to swipe a lock of hair out of her eyes and nearly

knocked off her glasses! Charging on, she reached around the calf's midsection and managed to get his kicking, wiggling hind feet up to the lip of the tank. That was where he planted both hind legs and got enough leverage to push the two of them over backwards! Annie fell flat on her back and submerged completely as the calf scrambled around on top of her.

She rose from the molasses mire like a mastodon breaching from La Brea! As the audience of bawling mother cows cheered her on, she slid and slipped and fell and rose and heaved the calf over and out! The cows immediately began to lick off the poor little baby.

Annie lurched out of the cow lot, navigating by crash, fall and stumble to the electric fence hot wire (Obstacle one) She reached down for the plastic handle and a pint of molasses poured out of

her coat sleeve. It completed the electrical circuit and the shock waves rippled through her body! Shivering, she lay down in the moldy hay, dead leaves, cockleburs and tumbleweed (Obstacle two) and rolled under the hot wire. Wearing her coat of many stickers, she made it to the bob wire gate.

Pressing against the post to open it, she squeezed out another bucket of molasses like she was wringing a mop! At last she crawled up the front steps, but alas, obstacle three, could not turn the knob...too slippery. In desperation, she got on her hands and knees and tried to dry her hands on the dead grass in the lawn. She came away looking like Bigfoot playing a Werewolf in some demented off-Broadway horror film.

Oh well, she did what she had to do. Save the calf and did it with no regard for her personal safety, dignity or reputation. Her husband said later, with empathy, she didn't really look like a werewolf. Maybe more like one of those seagulls in the National Geographic Magazine that had been washed ashore in an oil spill in a tidal wave of goose bumps!

Benjamin Elementary Students Pick Up Litter During KBB's Adopt-A-Highway Program



Benjamin Elementary students show off their litter bags after a litter promotion program presented by Keep Benjamin Beautiful. The students and their teachers stand in front of a pick-up load of trash bags picked up during KBB's Adopt-A-Highway clean up, Saturday.

PA Chooses Knox County - Continued

(Continued from page 1)

Goals include introducing school aged youth to health careers, providing rural clinical training for students in the health professions, supporting existing health care professionals via continuing education and promoting healthy living.

The Big Country AHEC is a service of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Office of Rural and Community Health and the West Central Texas Council of Governments.

For further information about the Big Country AHEC please contact Kelly Cheek at kcheek@wctcog.org or 325-793-8484.



Lynn Hogan presented Dr. Finley and staff a Certificate from AHEC for their participation in the preceptor program. Pictured from left to right are: Lynn Hogan (AHEC) Dr. Kevin Finley, Maria Gonzalez, Linda Abila and Angela Hager

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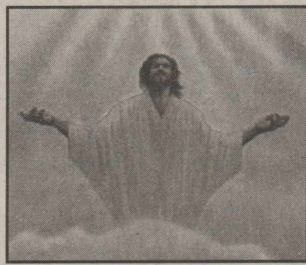
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CITY OF KNOX CITY, TEXAS
 By:
 /s/ Jeff Stanfield
 Mayor

God's Promises

By Jim Reid, Pastor
O'Brien Baptist Church



If there is one question that is typically on the mind of pastors it is this, "Why don't more people come to church?" A pastor doesn't have to be in ministry very long to hear more than enough excuses that people use to justify their absence in church. Yet, most people truly believe that he or she believes that there is one Supreme Being and His name is God. In fact, if you ask people, "Do you believe in God", you can't find hardly anyone who will say no! So, why don't you come to church? Typically people who don't come to church will have at least one of three reasons:

1. I'm not going to be a hypocrite like so many people that I know in that church! You might possibly be right. There may be some hypocrites in church. The word "hypocrite" simply means, "one who puts on an act". When you understand this definition then you can find hypocrites everywhere; at work, at school, in your clubs or organizations, but you will attend those places without any difficulty.

2. I don't have time for church! This is also a popular reason for not attending church, but the very things that you're doing are other activities that you have allotted the time. It's usually not a matter of schedule, but a decision of priority.

3. I have to work, we need the money or the work can't wait! Now this reason is seen as paramount to any logical or practical explanation for feel-

ing the need to attend church. Truly you may have a work schedule, or emergent situation or a time necessary that you do need the extra hours. But can't we ask ourselves, "Does it have to be every Sunday?"

I never intend for this article to sound like I'm preaching. I have the opportunity to do that three or more times a week. I always want this article to be encouraging to each and everyone who takes the time and interest to read it. I am confident that your being in church on Sunday will bring the most encouragement of the week into your life and the life of your family. There are three reasons why:

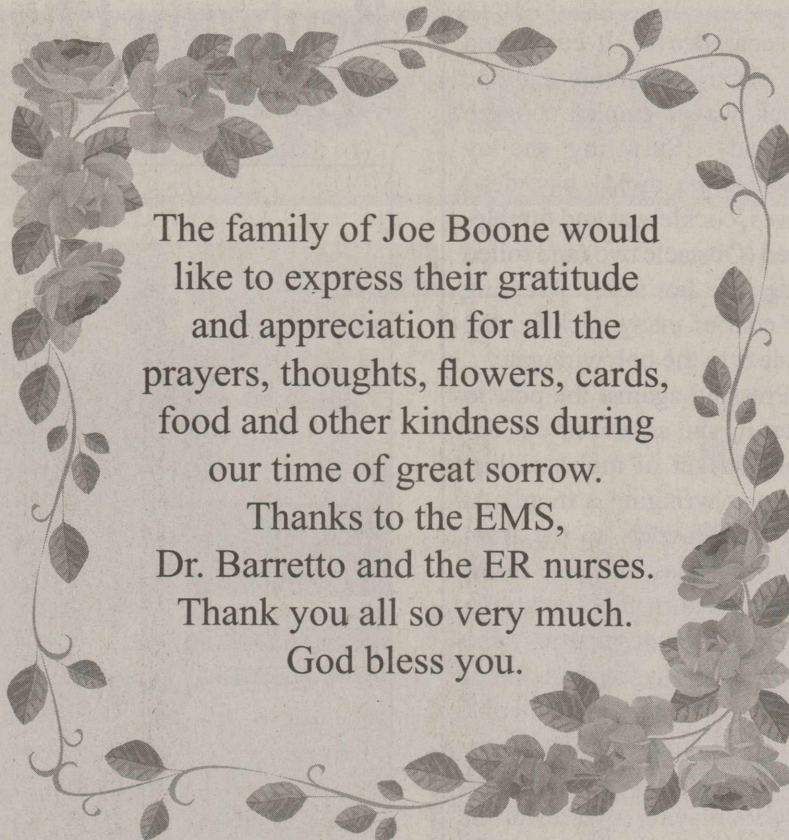
1. Attending church is like other places; you're sitting with people just like you.

2. Attending church is simply a matter of scheduling the time.

3. Attending church is never a waste of money.

God's Word always brings encouragement: *Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; and let us consider, how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more, as you see the day drawing near. (Hebrews 10: 23-25 NASB)*

God will direct your steps to the church that He has for you this Sunday. I pray that you will attend.



The family of Joe Boone would like to express their gratitude and appreciation for all the prayers, thoughts, flowers, cards, food and other kindness during our time of great sorrow.

Thanks to the EMS, Dr. Barretto and the ER nurses. Thank you all so very much. God bless you.

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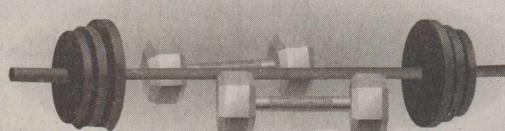
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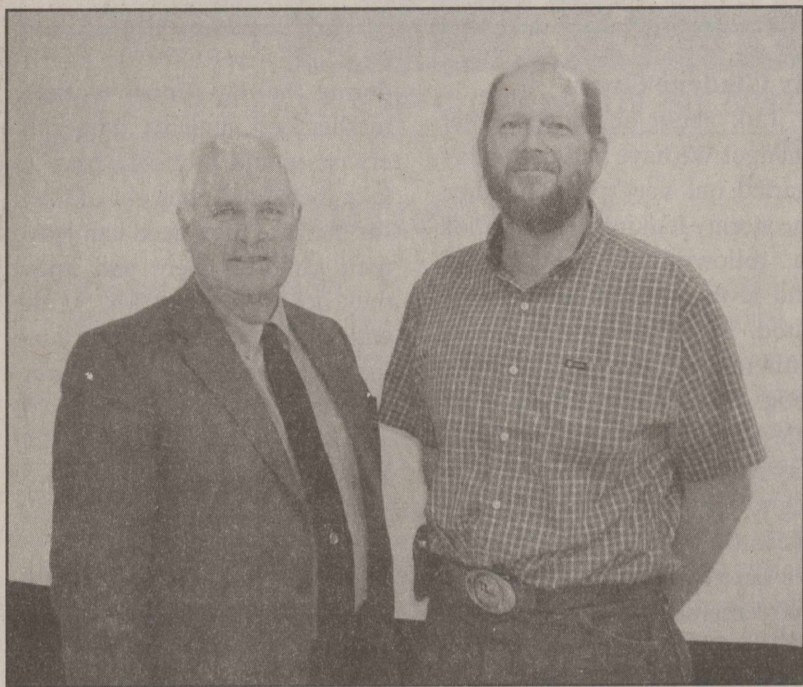
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Service Awards Presented To TxDOT Employees



(Photo courtesy of Barbara Seal, Childress District Public Information Officer)

Pictured l-r are Terry Keener, Childress District Engineer, Gary Mizer, Munday Area Engineer, not pictured - Kammi Bonham, Munday Area Office Construction Records Keeper.

Childress - Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) recently presented service awards to Munday Area Office employees.

Terry Keener, Childress District Engineer presented these awards to the following: Kammi Bonham, 5 years and Gary Mizer, 25 years.

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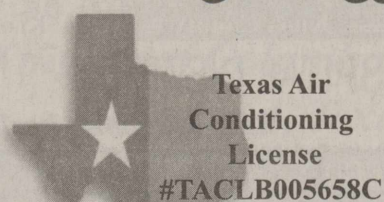
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Knox County Job Fair — Continued

(Continued from page 1)

Of course, we would like to have even more, and anticipate that we will next time, as word gets around that we really do have good jobs available in Knox County, as well as the assistance in finding and qualifying for these jobs." And according to Farrar, many of the visitors seemed surprised by the quality of information and opportunities available to them in Knox County and expressed interest more job fairs.

Over a dozen businesses and agencies present kept the large crowd moving from booth to booth with helpful information and job opportunities.

Also available with job search services, career opportunity and training information and financial assistance for education and training were the Texas Workforce Commission, Workforce Solutions, Texas Department of Health Services and the Big Country Health Education Center, who, according to Farrar, were impressed with the participation by businesses and the turnout at the job fair. Each business and agency addressed those in attendance before those in attendance visited the booths.

Knox County Judge Travis

Floyd and Dr. Darryl Birkenfeld, Director of the Ogallala Commons program also spoke with the assembly about the Visioning Group and the Real Ranch Country Community Cluster.

"The number of businesses and services who participated was great. I believe we will have even more next time," said Farrar. "Every business, prospective employer I have visited with felt they did reach some possible employees and gave out more than one application package," she said.

Farrar and Birkenfeld have met with area school administrators to plan for a Youth Engagement Day, where area students will be presented with the opportunities to prepare for their dream job and the possibility of bringing that job back home. "Ninety percent of our students year in, year out tell us they would like to come back home if there was a way for them to do so and have a good job," stated Farrar. While another job fair is a strong possibility, a date has not been set as of this time. The Youth Engagement Day has been set for May 13th, at which time a date and location for an entrepreneurial fair for students will be announced.

USDA Rural Development Accepting Applications For Rural Economic Development Loan Program

TEMPLE, TEXAS - Scooter Brockette, Acting State Director of USDA Rural Development, announced today the Agency is accepting applications for the Rural Economic Development Loan Program until June 30, 2008.

USDA Rural Development Business Programs administer loans and grants designed to strengthen the economy and infrastructure of rural areas.

The purpose of the Rural Economic Development Loan Program is to provide zero-interest loans to electric and telephone companies who are USDA Rural Development borrowers not delinquent on any Federal debt or in bankruptcy proceedings.

This entity establishes a revolving loan fund that can be used for community facilities and infrastructure. The funds support financing job creation projects and economic development within rural areas. A third-party recipient may be a private or public organization having corporate and legal authority to incur debt.

The Rural Economic Development Loan Program has approximately \$33 million available on a competitive basis nationwide.

Completed applications must be postmarked and submitted to the Texas USDA Rural Development Office, 101 South Main, Suite 102, Temple, Texas 76501 or submitted electronically at <http://www.grants.gov> no later than June 30, 2008. An application must contain all of the required elements to prevent negatively impacting the overall score.

USDA Rural Development works to ensure that rural citizens can participate fully in the global economy by providing technical assistance, funding, and other programs that help rural Americans build strong economies to improve their quality of life.

For additional information or an application package, contact Billy Curb at (254) 742-9780. For further information regarding USDA Rural Development Programs, visit our web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>.

Shower honoring Steve and Cassie Sheedy who lost their home to a house fire on February 16 at the Spike Box Ranch. Please come and show your support on March 14, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Benjamin Memorial Building. Dress Casual. Selections are at Wal-Mart at registry #86170638255, this can also be done online. If you can not attend, you may leave your gift at B J's Corner Store

Brazos Valley Care Home would like to express their deep gratitude and heartfelt thanks to the Knox City Fire Department, Police, EMS, Knox County Hospital, Care Home Staff, and concerned citizens for their quick response at our time of need on Saturday.

Dumb Crook News



"Let Me Repay My Overdraft In Installments Or I'll Shoot You With My Water Pistol!"

Police in Viborg, Denmark, say that a man was placed in protective custody there on February 29 for robbing a bank with a water pistol after his bank refused to let him repay an account overdraft in installments.

The unidentified man, originally from Germany, had been living in Denmark for almost 50 years, walked into a Sydbank there on February 28 wearing dark glasses and carrying a cane.

Pointing a water gun, he politely asked her to give him a bit of money.

"Don't worry," he said, according to media reports. "I don't shoot people."

He left the bank with a plastic bag filled with about 30,000 kroner (about 4,025.13 euros, about US\$6,113.59), but only managed to walk some 985 feet before he was stopped by the cops.

By that time, his loot had become worthless after an exploding dye pack placed in the bag by the teller exploded spraying the money — and his clothing — with red ink.

The man planned the holdup after he overdrew his account when redecorating his new apartment in a retirement home and his bank refused to set up a repayment plan for him.

According to police, it remained unclear whether the man had robbed his own bank.

On February 29, the man happily accepted being sent to jail, telling the judge, "I don't want to return to my apartment. I'm too ashamed."

Thief Gives Witnesses His Real Address

Police in Hurstpierpoint, England, have arrested a drunken burglar after he gave witnesses his real address.

The man, identified as 37-year-old Leon Gladding, tried to break into a house there on New Year's Eve.

He had been drinking all day.

Neighbors were alerted as he stumbled about, removing fence panels and glass from a window.

They found Gladding at the back of their neighbor's home on Western Road.

He told them that he had disturbed someone else breaking into the house and said that he was on his way home.

"The neighbors tried to detain him but let him go when he became unruly," prosecutor Rhiannon Sadler said.

"He said he was going to 42 Kemps, Hurstpierpoint, because he lived there."

The neighbors called the cops who went to the address and arrested Gladding when he answered the door.

He stuck to his story that he had disturbed a burglar at the house on Western Road.

Gladding maintained the pretense even when tiny pieces of glass from the smashed window were found on his jumper.

He told detectives that it got there after a window was smashed when his own home was broken into on Christmas Eve.

However, he later admitted the attempted burglary on December 31, 2007, and appeared at Hove Crown Court for sentencing February 25.

The court heard that Gladding has a string of previous convictions for theft, burglary and attempted burglary.

Andrew Selby, his defense attorney, said that Gladding had acted stupidly and made an unsophisticated attempt to break into the house while drunk.

Judge Cedric Joseph sentenced Gladding to a year in jail.

"To suggest that you should receive anything other than an immediate prison sentence today is just ridiculous," Judge Cedric Joseph said.

"The fact that you were drunk and stupid enough to give your own address is not a mitigating factor at all.

"A stupid criminal is as much to blame as a clever criminal. As a result of your stupidity you got caught."

Getaway Complicated Due To Car's Hood Being Up

A robbery suspect in Dallas, Texas, gave a whole new meaning to driving blind the evening of February 29.

According to police there, a woman had pulled over her overheating car around 6:20 p.m. at Elisha Pease Elementary School in the 2900 block of Cummings Street, near East Ledbetter Drive and Bonnie View Road.

The car's hood was up, and the woman was going into the school to ask for help when a man approached her. He threatened to harm her, then drove away in her car — with the hood still up.

A police officer who was in the area saw the car and gave chase. The unidentified man hit two vehicles before crashing into a tree.

He fled on foot before he was caught. There were no serious injuries in the accident.

Police said that they expected to file a robbery charge against him.

Benjamin Sports

BENJAMIN NEWS

By Gladene Green

Talk about another weather change! We have had it. Sunday started out very pleasant, then the stormy looking clouds rolled in, followed by strong winds and severe weather alerts being aired. Finally around 5 p.m. a little rain started, but didn't last long. Then more strong wind and promise of blowing snow all day Monday. It will be interesting to see what Tuesday brings. We know one thing it will bring, the Texas primary. I hope everyone remembered to vote.

Those miserable flu-like symptoms continue to bother many folks in the area. Some worse than others. I was down nearly all last week, but other than being pretty weak, am pretty well over it. And thankful to be. And many more are in the same boat.

My sincere sympathy to a high school friend, Barbara Phillips Cagle, now of Wichita Falls. Barbara's husband, Clovis, passed away last week in Wichita Falls after a brief bout with pneumonia. His funeral was last Saturday in Wichita Falls.

Day Care News

The temporary day care center that has been set up in the Baptist Parsonage seems to be doing what it's designed to do, help those in need of child care

during the day. Either working mothers or students who otherwise would probably have to take their little ones out of town for the care they need can leave their children there and know they are well cared for. At the end of the school year, a long look will be taken at the overall picture to determine if it will carry on long term. Any and all support of this project is appreciated.

Here 'N There

Bonnie Howell and family who live in Nebraska are here for spring break with her parents, Betty and Roger Bohannon and siblings, Jamie and Lonnie, and their families.

Debbie Moorhouse met daughter, Jessica Moorhouse, student at Tarleton State, in Abilene Saturday for a girls day out. Sounds like they had a fun time.

Kim Sealy will be in London, England this week to be with his daughter, Tara, who will receive her masters degree in Molecular Biology of Infectious Diseases on March 8th from the University of London. Tara will be employed in Atlanta, Georgia at the Center for Infectious Disease Control upon her return to the United States. Kim said probably in a couple of years she will go to Africa to work and eventually get her doctors degree.



Benjamin Mustang & Lady Stang Track Schedule

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March 13	TBA	Jayton	Junior High
March 14	TBA	Jayton	Varsity
March 20	3:45	Throckmorton	Junior High
March 21	12:00	Throckmorton	Varsity
March 27	3:45	Aspermont	Junior High
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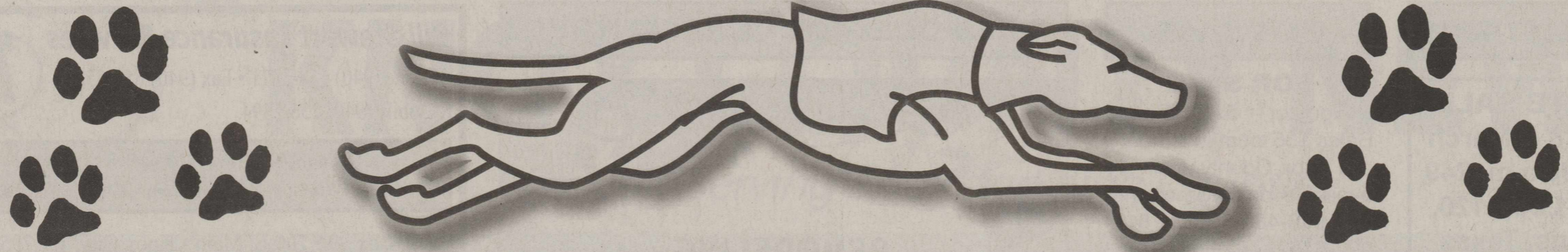
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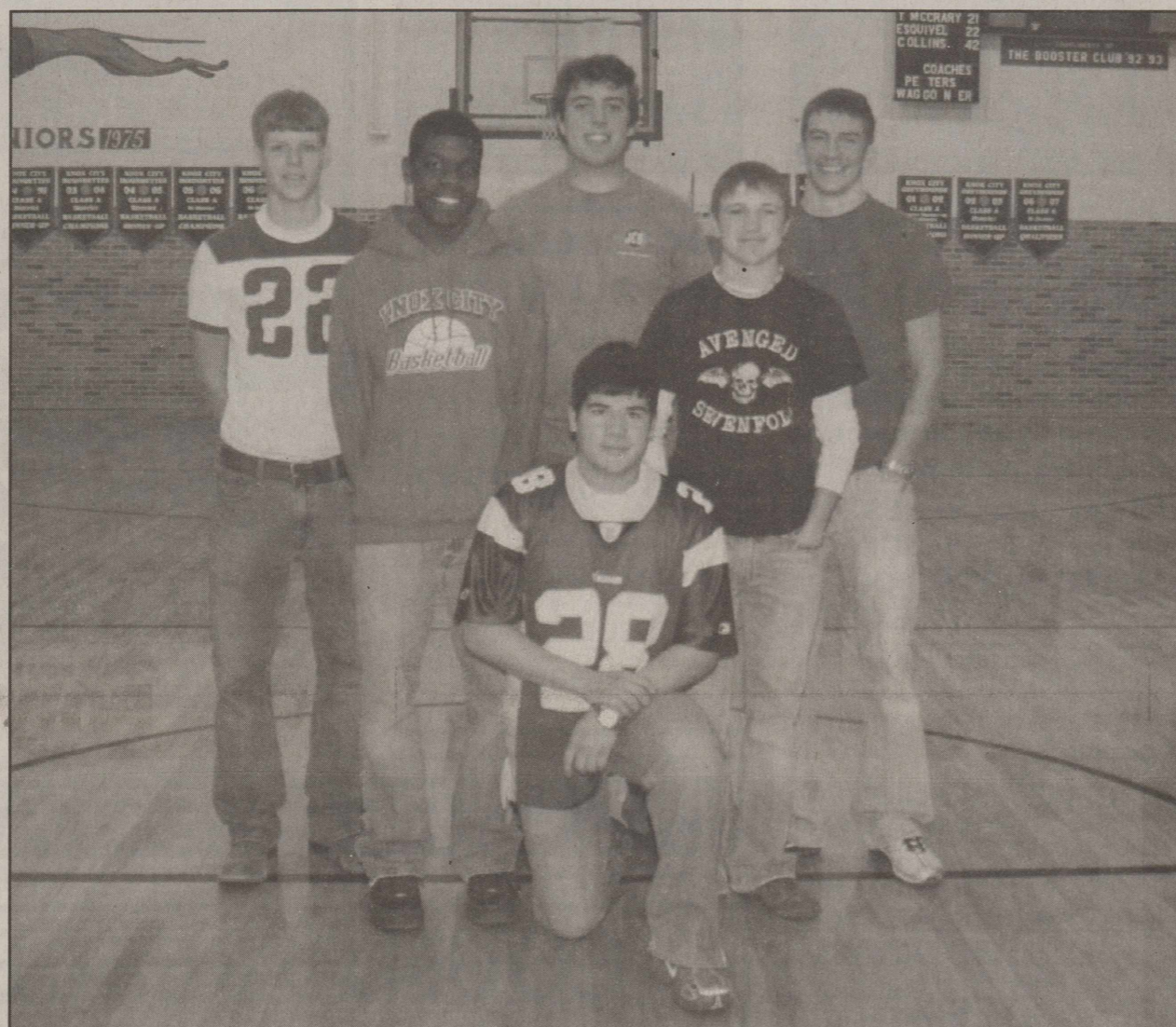
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Knox City Greyhound All-District Basketball Players 2007-2008



The Knox City Greyhounds making District 13A's All-District team list. Front row: M.J. Abila; Middle row (L to R) Derrick Coleman; Orrin Myers; Back row (L to R) Bandy Moeller, Shane Strickland, and Jordan Carter.

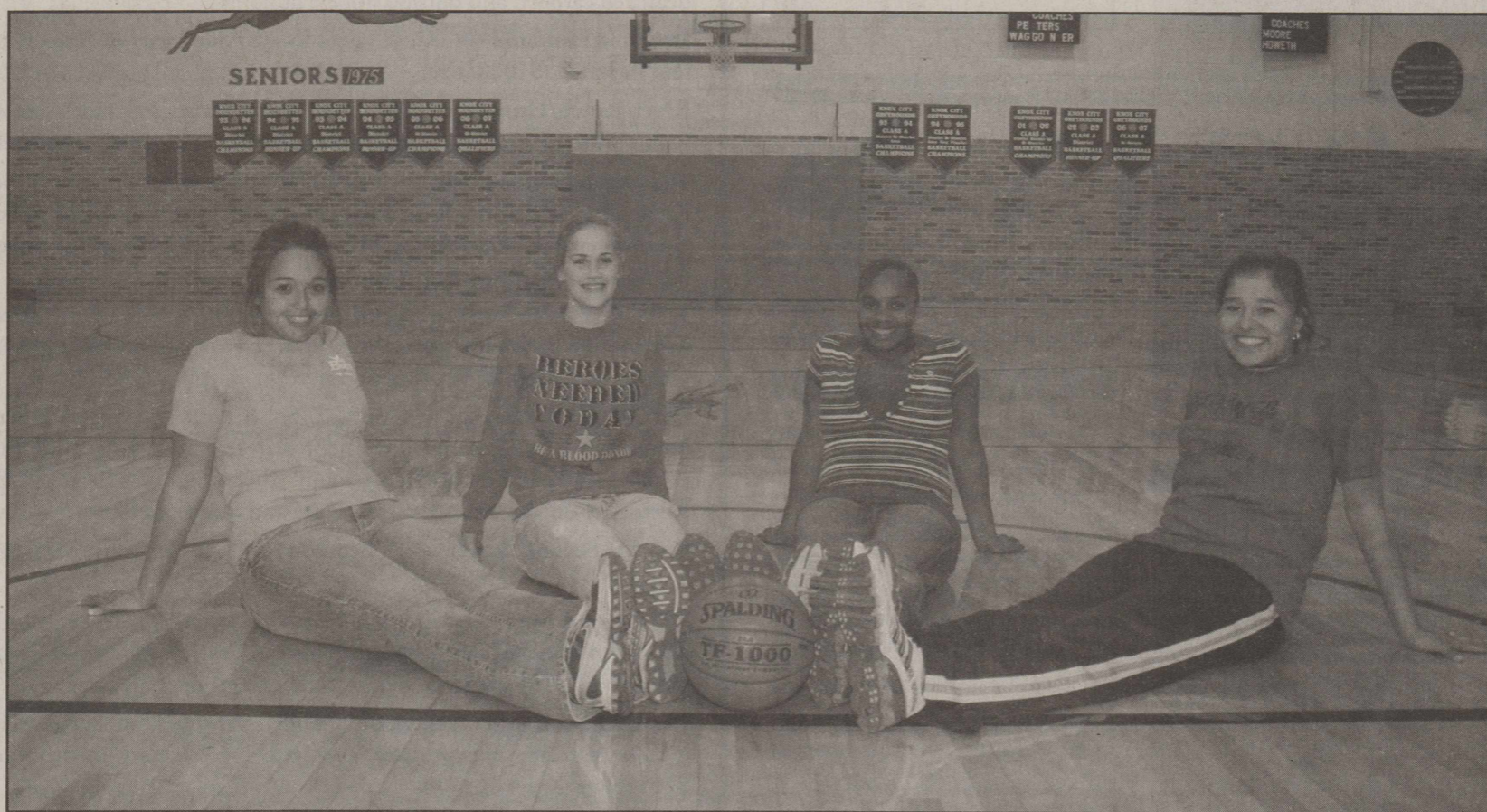
District 13A recently announced their All-District players of the year for the 2007-2008 basketball season.

The Knox City Greyhounds' Orrin Myers was named District 13A's Defensive Player of the Year, also; Orrin was also named to the All Star Basketball Team for six-man schools. Jordan Carter, M.J. Abila and Derrick Coleman was honored on as All-District Players while Shane Strickland and Bandy Moeller made the Honorable Mention All-District list.

Meanwhile, the Houndettes' Sarah Burt was named as an All-District player; and Mea Abila, Tiffany McCrary, and Samantha Esquivel made the Honorable Mention list.

Congratulations!

Knox City Houndettes All-District Basketball Players 2007-2008



The Knox City Houndettes making District 13A's All-District team list (L to R): Samantha Esquivel, Sarah Burt, Tiffany McCrary, and Mea Abila

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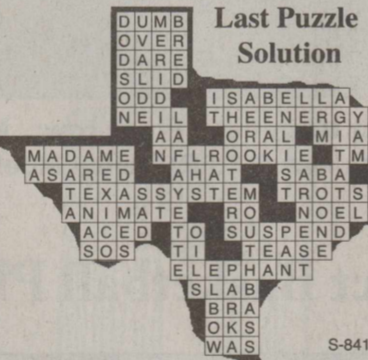
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