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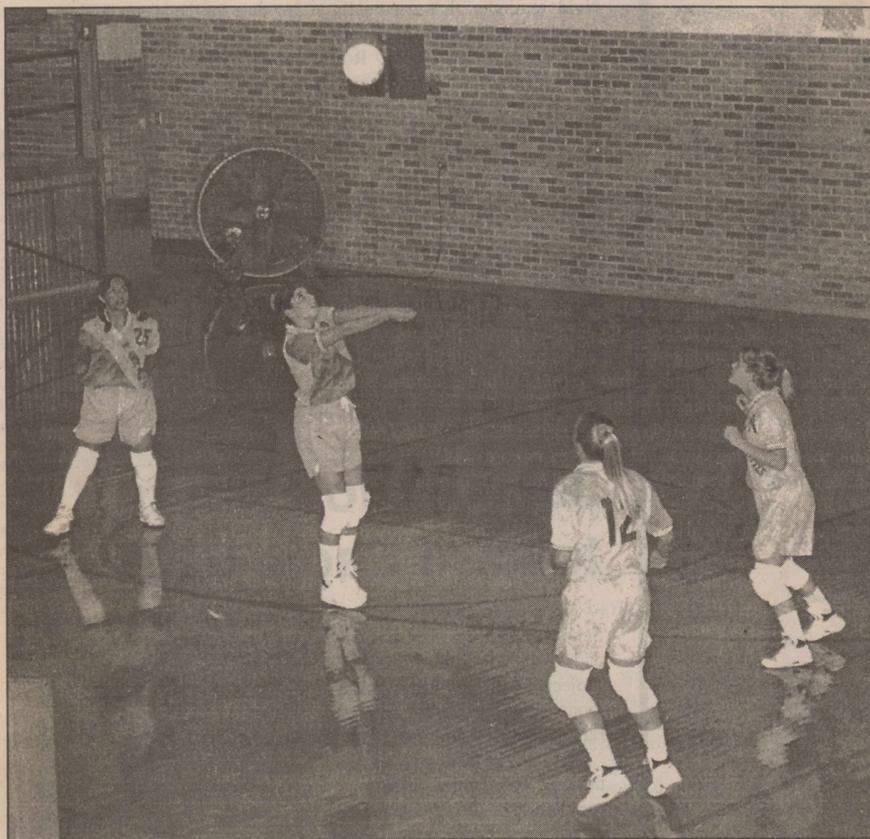
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Houndette volleyball teams face tough opponents



HOUNDETTA SARA DILLON sets the ball up in the back court during a game against Chillicothe last Tuesday when Knox City hosted the Lady Eagles. Other Houndettes identified in the photo are Gloria Navarez (25-at left), Kim Grimsley (12 - center right), and Tamara McGaughey (shown at far right). Other Houndette Volleyball photos are featured on page 8, the booster sports page. (NEWS Photos)

Monday, September 1, brings changes to Texas motorcycle helmet law

By Dave Thompson

It's official...and it's coming next Monday. The first day of September marks the first day that motorcycle riders in the State of Texas will be able to ride a motorcycle without wearing a protective motorcycle helmet.

While some have been waiting a long time for this new law, others dread it, and yet others are not covered by the law. To sort through the confusion, here is a brief explanation of how the new law operates:

- Yes, a new law was passed by the last session of the Texas Legislature.

- Yes, Gov. George Bush did sign the new bill into law.

- The new law takes effect on Monday, September 1, 1997.

- The new law only effects motorcycle riders who are at least 21 years of age and older. Those riders under the age of 21 still need to wear a helmet. There are **NO** exceptions to that part of the law!!

- Those riders who are 21 years of age and older do not have to wear a helmet - **IF** - they comply with one of the following two provisions:

1. Riders may ride without a helmet if they can show proof that they have attended a motorcycle safety course. The two acceptable course completion certificates that are acceptable are for either the Basic Motorcycle Training Course or the advanced Motorcycle Operators Training Course offered by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation. Here in Texas, those courses are offered through the Motorcycle Safety Bureau of the Texas Department of Public Safety in Austin.

2. If no safety course has been taken by an over 21 year old rider, they may still ride without a helmet - **IF** - they can show proof of

a medical insurance policy that covers them for at least \$10,000 of medical and surgical expenses in the event of an accident.

- There is a license plate sticker being offered by the DPS Motorcycle Safety Bureau that over 21 year old riders who meet either of the two requirements listed above can place on their motorcycle license plate to show proof that they have met the requirements to ride without a helmet. The sticker is available from the DPS Motorcycle Safety Bureau after the rider fills out an application form, then sends it in to Austin along with proof of either a safety course or adequate insurance and a \$5.00 application fee.

- **HOWEVER** - the sticker is **NOT REQUIRED** in order to ride without a helmet. The sticker only serves as a visible, advance notification to law enforcement officers that the rider has met the requirements to ride without a helmet.

- A rider (over age 21) may ride without a helmet and without displaying a license plate sticker, but he or she must be ready to show proof of either a safety course completion or medical insurance of at least \$10,000 any time a law enforcement officer stops them and requests the information.

- To avoid a hassle with law enforcement officers, it seems prudent to send off for the \$5.00 sticker. Forms are available at most motorcycle dealers, here at the NEWS office, or they can be downloaded off the internet by going to the DPS Motorcycle Safety Bureau's web page at: (www.txdps.state.tx.us/msb).

- Passengers over the age of 21 are considered under the state required liability insurance of the rider's motorcycle, so they can ride without a helmet without meeting either of the above re-

quirements.

- An out of state rider who is 21 years of age or older may ride without a helmet, but must be able to show proof of either a safety course completion or of the mandated \$10,000 worth of medical insurance.

After qualifying for and completing the above listed requirements, riders must then make up their own minds about the wisdom of riding without a helmet.

As a former Motorcycle Safety Instructor for the Motorcycle Safety Foundation and the Texas Department of Public Safety Motorcycle Safety Bureau, and as a former State Safety Coordinator for the Harley-Davidson® Motorcycle Company, I have heard all the arguments both for and against helmets. From freedom of choice to possibly restricting vision and hearing, the arguments are too long to list here. Then again, the arguments really don't matter too much any more since the new law allows adult riders to make up their own minds.

Hopefully, sensible judgments will be made by riders and the State of Texas will still be able to enjoy a low accident fatality rate for motorcycle riders.

The key to safe motorcycle riding does not rest solely on the helmet issue. Increased safety and low accident fatality rates are the end result of EDUCATION.

The DPS Motorcycle Safety Bureau is dedicated toward educating the public. Their small, underpaid and overworked staff in the DPS Austin headquarters accomplishes that task by both training motorcycle riders and teaching other drivers on the roadway to be more aware of motorcycles. A great group, my hat is off to them. The new helmet law will make their job much more difficult.

Dr. Rao begins duties here as Knox County's newest physician

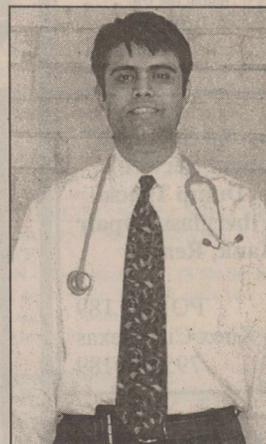
Knox County's newest physician, Dr. Imran Rao, arrived in Knox City late Sunday night and hit the ground running Monday morning at the Knox City Clinic.

Dr. Rao (rhymes with "how") was quite busy on his first day of duty with "First Flight" arriving twice at the hospital, once during the afternoon and again during the early evening.

The 30 year old physician was spending some of Tuesday morning with hospital administrator Kevin Ansley who brought him by the News and was assisting him with getting settled into Knox City life.

A native of Pakistan, Dr. Rao comes to Knox County by way of Rush-Westlake Hospital in Melrose Park, Illinois, just outside of Chicago. He completed his three year residency requirement in June 1997.

Dr. Rao took his board in Boston last week, August 19 and 20, traveled back to Chicago and then



DR. IMRAN RAO
...begins practice here

on to Knox City.

The new physician said he was looking forward to the West Texas climate as it is very similar to that in Pakistan, leaving behind Chicago's cold weather and snow. He visited Knox City earlier in

March of this year.

Hospital administrator Ansley, who ran an advertisement in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* for a physician, said the local facility received 85 responses to the ad and that Dr. Rao was picked from this field.

Ansley plans to teach Dr. Rao the game of golf with tennis already being among his hobbies.

Dr. Rao's fiancée, who is also from Pakistan, has completed medical school and will do her three year residency in Texas, hopefully in Lubbock.

Being an internist, licensed physician and surgeon, combined with his personality, Dr. Rao should be well received by our communities.

The new physician will be rotating calls with Dr. Shirley Baretto, Ansley said. He will be in the Knox City Clinic on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and in the Munday Clinic on Mondays and Tuesdays.

School receives grant, implements class in communications/business media

By Kay Adkisson, Teacher
Knox City High School

On August 18, 1997, Knox City High School took a major step towards better preparing its students for today's competitive job market.

Thanks to the generosity of the West Texas Central Council of Governments Tech Prep program, the school was awarded a \$2500.00 grant to fund a telecommunications/business media course.

The grant, researched and written by local teacher Kay Adkisson, will provide software, equipment and materials used in business media.

This innovative course, designed by Mrs. Adkisson, aligns students with local business mentors for whom they will design and implement various telecommunications projects, including a



STUDENTS ENROLLED in the new communications/business media class at Knox City High School are shown here. From left to right are Margaret McKinney, Melissa Stoval, Amy Hunt, Kim Grimsley, and Heath Turner.

web page. Navigation of the Internet is a major focus of the course as well.

Students will also participate in a series of workshops presented

by successful business figures.

The participants are Kim Grimsley, Amy Hunt, Heath Turner, Margaret McKinney and Melissa Stoval.

4-H Annual Enrollments Scheduled for next week

4-H is a youth development program which focuses on the needs, interests, and concerns of young people through a variety of opportunities and experiences.

Each year enrollments for 4-H are conducted throughout Knox County.

If you or someone you know between the ages of 9 (or 8 years old and in third grade) and 19 would like to become a 4-H member or learn more about the 4-H

program, we invite you to attend one of the enrollments. We also encourage parents to attend as well.

Current 4-H members are reminded to attend and re-enroll in order to participate in any county, district or state 4-H activities or stock shows.

Those wishing to enroll or re-enroll may attend any of the meetings listed below or drop by the Extension office in the Courthouse

at Benjamin to complete a card.

Enrollment meetings are as follows: September 2 - Knox City, 4:00 p.m. at the Community Center; September 3 - Munday - 4:00 p.m. at the High School Ag Shop; September 8 - Benjamin - 9:45 a.m. at the School Library.

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

School District needs Volunteers for Campus Site Based Decision Making Committees

The Knox City-O'Brien CISD is asking for volunteers to serve on the District and Campus Site Based Decision Making Committees.

These committees are to be composed of community members, business representatives, parents, and school personnel.

These committees serve in an advisory role and shall review educational goals, objectives, and

major instructional programs.

Anyone wishing to serve on the district committee should contact Superintendent Louis Baty at 658-3521.

Individuals wishing to serve on one of the campus committees should contact Elementary Principal Maribeth Williams at 658-3146, Mid School Principal Eddie Bland at 658-5321, or High School Principal Mack Lowe at 658-3565.

Trish Roberts named to Texas Tech dean's list

Trish Roberts, daughter of Diane and Donnie Roberts of O'Brien, has been named to the dean's honor list for the spring 1997 semester at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

Students making the dean's list are only those with a 3.5 or better grade point average.

Trish is a senior elementary education major with a specialization in physical education.

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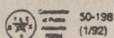
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Board of Trustees

is scheduled to vote

on the tax rate at a

public meeting to be held

on September 4, 1997 at 7:30 p.m.

at the Superintendent's office.

Time is running out to obtain crop insurance

Ron Berryhill, director of the Oklahoma City Regional Service Office, Risk Management Agency, announced today the sales closing date for crop insurance is September 30 for Wheat. Last year in Texas, \$171.5 million in protection (liability) was provided to producers through more than 20,000 policies.

"The freeze of last April is a vivid reminder that eventually everybody will have to cope with crop losses or low prices," Ron Berryhill said. "Appropriate crop or revenue insurance protection will help you survive these handships."

Sales closing dates are significant because signing up for insurance, changing the crop insured or level of protection, and changing insurance providers, must be done prior to the announced date. Sales closing dates vary by crop and location.

Beginning with the 1998 crop year, crop insurance is available

exclusively through crop insurance agents. USDA will continue to subsidize all policies, establish policy terms and conditions, set rates and guarantee funds for the payment of approved claims. Although a producer's policy will be randomly transferred from USDA to an insurance company, producers have the right to choose their own agent prior to the sales closing date for the insured crop.

To ensure that all producers are served, insurance companies are required to insure all eligible crops, and provide all levels of coverage in the states in which they operate.

A waiver of administrative fees for producers who qualify as limited resource farmers is available from all crop insurance companies. Private agents are willing and prepared to assist those qualifying producers with determining eligibility. A listing of agents may be found in all local Farm Service Agency offices.

Jessie Rios works toward Eagle badge

Jessie Rios, a Knox City High School student and son of Dora and Jessie Rios, has completed a project toward earning the prestigious Eagle Badge, the highest ranking for an Eagle Scout.

The Eagle Badge is earned through community service by completion of projects in a town or community. Jessie contacted City Administrator Robert Patrick for assistance in locating a town project. Through the efforts of the Economic Development Corporation, the City Laundry Mat was purchased and renovated for ap-

pearance. Robert informed Jessie that he could pursue the Laundry Mat with more detailed renovation. Jessie proposed to paint the outside of the Laundry Mat, pickup trash and clean up the exterior. Jessie received approval for the project from the Abilene Scout District. After approval from Abilene and the City of Knox City, Jessie started his project.

Following hours of work, Jessie completed his project and sent in his step-by-step report to the Abilene District for final conformation.

Jessie belongs to Troop 161 and Pat Ivie is his scout leader.

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Rites held here Tuesday for Alma Culwell, 99

Graveside services for Alma Alice Favor Culwell of Knoxville were held Tuesday, August 26, at 11:00 a.m. in the Knox City Cemetery. The Rev. Dusty Garrison officiated and arrangements were by Smith Funeral Home.

Mrs. Culwell, 99, died Sunday, August 24, in a Haskell hospital.

Born May 6, 1898, in Navarro County, her parents were the late Samuel and Sallie Bell Favor. She was a bookkeeper for the Knox City Gin and at a Stamford bank for many years. She was a member of the First Christian Church in Knoxville.

Her brother, William Vance Favor; and two sisters, Sammie L. Carpenter and Vivian Beatrice Ferguson, preceded her in death.

Survivors include a son, Dr. Jerry H. Culwell of Palm Desert, California; three granddaughters, Karen Drayer, Jeri Konig and Kristi Wiseman; and four great-grandchildren, Richard Culwell Wiseman, Todd Wiseman, Kristin Konig and Chadd Konig.

Fitzgerald rites held August 20 in Munday

Graveside services for Mary L. Fitzgerald of Munday were held Wednesday afternoon, August 20, at two o'clock in Johnson Memorial Cemetery in Munday. Jeff Christian officiated.

Mrs. Fitzgerald, 93, died Monday, August 18, in the Brazos Valley Care Home in Knoxville.

Born June 20, 1904, in Jack County, she was a retired clerk for a dry goods store. She married Jerome C. (Kirby) Fitzgerald on October 9, 1926, in Benjamin. He preceded her in death in 1975.

Survivors include a sister, Ozelle Kilgore of Benjamin; and several nieces and nephews.

EDC discusses future businesses in Knoxville City

The Economic Development Corporation met on Tuesday, August 12, at 2:30 p.m. at Citizens Bank.

Guest Mitzi Ham presented her ideas for the opening of a licensed Day Care Establishment. Mitzi has prior experience in this business operation. She is interested in moving to the Knoxville City area and making this her home. She presented suggestions and a very well thought out plan for her future plans.

This business would be a valuable asset to the community and a

help to many working parents.

Other areas of business discussed were setting more definite boundaries for the EDC Business Improvement Zone. This project is still in the planning stages.

Immediate consideration is the future of the former Perry's store in downtown Knoxville City. The EDC is in high hopes that the business will be reopened soon so the needs of Knoxville City can still be met. Anyone with interest in this business enterprise can contact the EDC at 940-658-3313 or any board member.



PATRICIA ANN PERRYMAN

Best all around nursing student

Patricia Ann Bufkin Perryman of Seymour was honored as Best All Around Student of the Seymour 1997 Vocational Nursing Class at the VRJC pinning ceremony on Friday, August 15, at 7:00 p.m.

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'Howdy,' Fifth Graders!

Tuesday, August 19, the O'Brien Student Council were hosts to a "Howdy Night" for the fifth graders and their parents.

Greeting the students as they arrived were Melissa Ruiz, president; and Lezli Villa, vice-president. Melissa gave a short welcome and led those present in the Pledge to the Flag. Mandi Kimmel and Ashley Jobe led the group in the O'Brien School Song.

Next, each fifth grader met his student council buddy for the year. The "buddy" will act as a helper to

the student throughout the year. The fifth graders and their "buddy" broke into three groups where questions were asked and answered about school at O'Brien. During this time, Mr. Bland, middle school principal, answered questions from the parents.

After the students returned, watermelon, provided by Johnson Melon Corp., was enjoyed by all. The fifth graders next received a "Howdy" sack filled with various items to help them with classwork.

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September 1 thru 5

Monday, September 1 - Labor Day holiday. No meals served.
Tuesday, September 2 - Chicken strips, tossed green salad, creamy potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, cake.
Wednesday, September 3 - German sausage, spoon tomato salad, pinto beans, turnip greens, cornbread, cobbler.
Thursday, September 4 - Swiss steak, hominy casserole, blackeyed peas, fried squash, hot rolls, fruit cobbler.
Friday, September 5 - Chicken casserole, fresh garden salad, sweet peas, glazed carrots, hot rolls, pudding.
(All menus subject to change without notification due to conditions beyond the control of the staff at the Knox County Center. It is very important to notify the site manager in advance so that the visit will be on record and meals will arrive from the central kitchen.)

O'Brien News

By Audie Johnston, O'Brien Correspondent

Blush Hour - I was on the phone at the end of the day when my boss walked in and pressed a sticky note onto a nearby filing cabinet. I had already put away my glasses and was in a rush to leave, so I quickly scanned the slip of paper and called after him, "I have feelings for you too!" He looked back at me quizzically and was gone. Then I took a closer look at the note. I read, "I have filing for you."

HERE AND THERE

Billie Ruth Walker spent several days last week in Amarillo with her son Joe Banner and family and daughter Julie and Laura and family.

Visiting Claudalé and Jean Barnard over the weekend were her daughter Claudia Bryant and husband Eddie and son Jon and a friend of Levelland.

College students, Scott and Stefani Stephens and Trish Roberts, will be leaving for Texas Tech in Lubbock this week.

Junior and Myra Reeves, Billie McAuley and Opal and Gary

Collier of Midland spent the weekend in Ruidoso, New Mexico, vacationing in the nice, cool, rainy weather.

Troy and Clara Hanson, Vivian Hendrix and Bernice Rowan all attended the fourth Saturday night musical at Old Glory Saturday night. There was lots of good singing and a lot of good instrumental playing and a good crowd attended.

Bennett Shortes, Scott Stephens, Wes Holmes and some friends spent some time in Las Vegas recently helping Scott celebrate his birthday.

Freddie and Shirley James of Shallowater picked me up August 9 and we went back to Shallowater to their home and spent the night. After church on Sunday, I left Lubbock at 4:00 o'clock for Lancaster, California. I arrived in LA around 6:00 o'clock our time. I spent two weeks with my daughter Laura Proffitt and husband Billy. While there, we visited their children David and Joy Vierra and children Joseph, Mia and

Christa and Tom and Ami Proffitt of Lancaster and Judy, John, Seth, Breawana, Amberly and Amanda of Chino. We attended church, a Dodgers baseball game, a Lancaster baseball game, a music and dance recital and lots of shopping around. I came back to Lubbock last Friday and attended a retirement party for Sammie Roberts in Plainview on Saturday evening and night and returned home Sunday.

We lost some good neighbors here in O'Brien recently. The Flint Richardson family moved to Burkburnett where Christy will teach school and the Monte Stephens family moved to Knox City.

Orval and Helen Manning spent the weekend at Brownwood. Lake recently attending a Pack family reunion. There were 49 people present. All of Helen's brothers and sisters attended. Some fished, some went boating and lots of games and good food were enjoyed by all present.

Brad, Monica and Jacob Manning met Orval and Helen Manning at Weatherford last week and they enjoyed a good visit with each other as Brad and family are moving to San Diego, California, this week. They will be missed.

Thank You
My recovery was made easier with all the prayers, flowers, cards, food and phone calls. Our prayers were indeed answered and I'm doing good. A very Special Thanks to Dr. Barretto and the Knox County Hospital staff and to Bro. Vergil.
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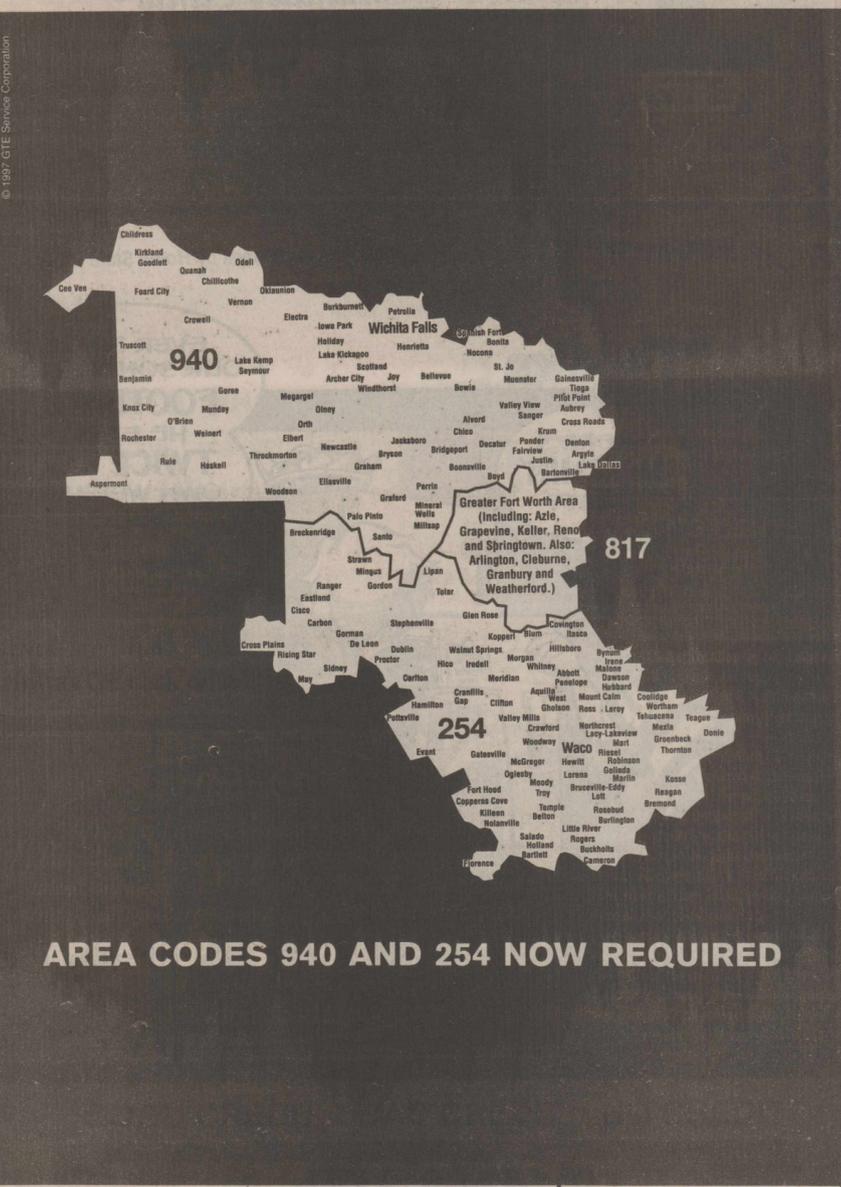
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Benjamin News

By Gladene Green, Benjamin Correspondent

Miss a week and have to double up. That's what happened as I have gathered up quite a lot of happenings since I last wrote. The rains of last week have subsided, the grass and weeds continue to thrive and the mosquitoes are very prevalent but guess all in all, things are in pretty good shape.

We have news of our sick friends today. Some reports are very encouraging and some continue to have a few problems but they all need our on-going prayers and concerns.

Phil Boone underwent surgery in Dallas last Tuesday and tho it was quite serious, he is doing great. Was released from the hospital on Friday and went to a motel for the weekend and will have tests and be checked today (Monday) and if all's still going well, will be able to return to his home in Trent. Phil's wife is the former Rebekah Duke of Benjamin and is the son-in-law of Dennis and Pam, who with their son, Zeke, were in Dallas for the surgery. Pam remained in Dallas until Friday. We are so glad to be able to report the good news about Phil.

Leroy West was in Fort Worth Tuesday for his checkup and thought all was fine but after he got home he received word from his doctor to go back in two weeks for another evaluation. Seems something showed up in his blood work that they thought needed rechecking. He's feeling fine though and doesn't expect this to present much of a problem.

Ozelle Kilgore was admitted to the Knox County Hospital Thursday and after a few days there will be sent to Abilene today for further tests. She was feeling better last night according to her daughter, Barbara, who is here for an extended time. Barbara lives in Los Angeles, California. Also here to be with Ozelle and Galen is Ozelle's other daughter, Willa Cunningham of San Angelo.

Bud Clower is having some pretty good days lately. He goes back to Houston next week for another checkup and hopefully he can cut down on some medication. They will just have to wait and see but right now, he's feeling pretty well. Out and doing a few things that's needed to be done for awhile and he's glad to be able to do that.

Era Brown fell a couple of weeks ago and broke her arm up close to her shoulder. She's in a sling-type support thing and is doing well but finds her new "harness" sort of bothersome. Maybe it won't be long until she can get out of it. Of course, our best goes to Mrs. Brown.

SCHOOL GETS UNDERWAY
The 97-98 school year is off and running and reports from those "on campus" are that - so far, so good. The following is a listing of all school personnel, thanks to Debra Moorhouse, school secretary for giving it to me.

K-Carol Dickson, first and second grade - Pam Duke, third and fourth grade - Nancy McGreger, fifth and sixth grade - Kim Chambers, seventh grade - Kent Josselet, sponsor, who also is coach and teaches Social Studies, Health and Science, eighth grade - Dick Dickson, sponsor and all ag classes, freshman - Belle Grill, sponsor, English and art, sophomore - Stephen Kuehler, sponsor, coach and business education, junior - Robert Coffman, sponsor, and science, senior - Brent Vanderpol, sponsor, history and math.

Sylinda Seidenberger is principal and teaches some math.

Susan Carver is the Spanish, reading improvement and seventh grade English teacher. Sharon Johnson teaches special education.

Aides are Jimmie Kay Ryder, first and second; Shannon Propps, third and fourth; and Mary Rainwater, fifth and sixth. Stacia Propps is library aide. Lunchroom help is Marsha Condron who also drives a bus and Sue Tolleson. Joel Bolanoes is bus driver and maintenance and Carla Porter is custodian. School nurse is LuRose Schumacher and Veeta Reid is counselor.

And as mentioned, Debra Moorhouse is school secretary. Charles Barron of Seymour is interim superintendent, pending the hiring of a new one - that becoming necessary with the resignation of Weldon Koepf in July. Sounds like a

pretty good "crew" to me and think they are all looking forward to a good school year.

VOLLEYBALL NEWS - 1997

By Kent Josselet
On Tuesday evening, the Lady Stangs traveled to Paducah to start another volleyball season. Our goal going into the match was to learn to play together and trust one another on the floor. We have really been trying to develop a common chemistry these past few weeks since we have several new faces on our team this year. We started the match a bit shaky, especially in the passing department, but seemed to get better as the match went on. We looked extremely good at the serving line, for this early in the season, serving with a 85% efficiency rate. The ladies won the first match 15-13, 15-1.

As we started the second match our focus and intensity were down and it showed as Paducah took the first games 15-7. After getting back to the basics the ladies took the second game 15-4 and finished the match winning the last game 15-7. It was good to come away victorious but we still have a long road ahead of us. We will really focus on passing, movement after the first hit and team communication over the next several weeks to improve our team play.

The ladies traveled to Aspermont on Saturday to take part in the Lady Hornet Volleyball Tournament. The Lady Stangs opened up with Rotan early Saturday morning and won the match in two games. The ladies took on the Lady Steers from Rochester in the next round of the tournament. We knew going in that Rochester was going to be tough. We fell behind early in the first game and couldn't ever recover. The ladies bounced back

in the second game behind good serving and solid play committing only 14 errors. The ladies were able to win the second game to force the third and final of the match. The ladies jumped out to a 11-6 lead but had several mental errors and we seemed to get away from fundamental volleyball and Rochester took advantage of our mistakes and came storming back to defeat the Lady Stangs.

The Lady Stangs took on the Knox City Houndettes in the third place game after a long lay off of about four hours. I was afraid we might be pretty tired and drained after such a long lay off but the ladies played well for the conditions they were under. I really stressed fundamentals before the game because I knew Knox City would capitalize on our mistakes. Our kids did a good job of serving in this match maintaining a 83% efficiency rate. We played a good solid game against a tough Knox City team and were able to hold off the Houndettes for the third place win. The tournament was a good experience for our kids because it gave us a chance to develop in several areas that we were concerned with going in. We will continue to work on our aggressiveness at the net and our movement after passes, but I felt we have made good strides after one week of play.

The Lady Stangs team this year consists of Seniors - Kathy Rainwater, Jamie Bohannon and Lacy Carver, Junior - Misty Ham, Sophomores - Blaine Conner, Carmen Acevedo, Micah Larned and Lynn Moorhouse and Freshmen - Toby Rainwater and Jessica Shaw. Lynn had knee surgery recently and hasn't begun playing yet but should be able to start in a couple of weeks.

HERE 'N THERE

Earlene Meinzer and Pearl Ryder were in Vernon recently and visited Mrs. Woolley in the care home. Said physically she seemed pretty good but doesn't have problems getting around, but didn't seem to be uncomfortable in any way. They enjoyed seeing her.

Don, Marilyn and Amanda Ervin returned home last week from a three week trip to Ohio where they visited her daughter.

Betty Mancille and Tommy Latimer of San Antonio were weekend guests of Jonnie Williams and Mary Bohannon.

Susan and Ned Jones of Sequin and Lanham Jones of Canyon visited with Butch McCanlies and Kemp and Becky Jones and family during the weekend. I talked to Susan on Saturday night and she says tho it's not home, they are liking Sequin pretty well after moving there the first of the summer.

Hazel Nesbitt, Shirley Mooney and Brandon, all of Weatherford, were recent guests of Bud Conner.

Betty and Roger Bohannon visited in Earth on Saturday.

Gary and JoAnn Hamilton, Travis and Rocky returned home Monday from a several weeks visit with her family in Missouri.

Sheila and Ishmael DeLosSantos and family of Vernon spent the weekend with her parents, Joy and Charles Jones.

Daniel and Rose Ellen Albus and Lauri and Alex Fischer of Lubbock visited Don and Louise Hertel during the weekend and with Nora Hertel in the care home in Munday.

Raul and Reyes Barrientez were in Carrollton during the weekend getting acquainted with a new granddaughter. Hannah Marie was born Thursday, August 21, at 7:30 p.m. at Trinity Medical Center in Carrollton. She weighed three pounds, eight ounces and was 17 inches long. Her parents are Mary and Sean Widmer and her other grandparents are Gary and Mary Jane Widmer of Dallas. According to Reyes, all are doing fine.

Monday guests of Odessa Cox were Mary and Henry Patric of Seymour.

Among the Benjamin-ites attending the wedding of Jody Moorhouse

and Douglas Lindeman at the Moorhouse Ranch Saturday night were Jessie Roberts, Pam Duke, Nancy McGreger, Jack and Mary Young, Dutch and Imagean Young, Dick and Carol Dickson, Buddy and Janice Tolson, Mike and Debra Moorhouse and family and Bud Conner and I and of course, Jody's grandmother, Luville Moorhouse and aunt, Mabel Moorhouse. Also

several kids came to the reception after the volleyball game. It was a pretty wedding. And everyone enjoyed it, the reception and visiting that followed.

And work continues on Bea Parks and Lucy Mings' house - Shouldn't be too long before it will be "liveable" - It's been a summer project for Dennis Duke and his family and the "fruits of their labor" are showing up nicely.



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A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget.	\$ <u>137,000.00</u>
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The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget.	<u>2-2/3</u>
The number of employees compensated under the current budget.	<u>2-2/3</u>

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

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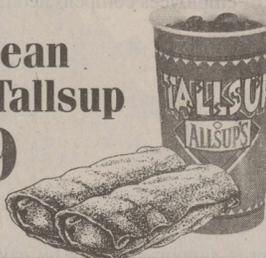
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Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6790.)

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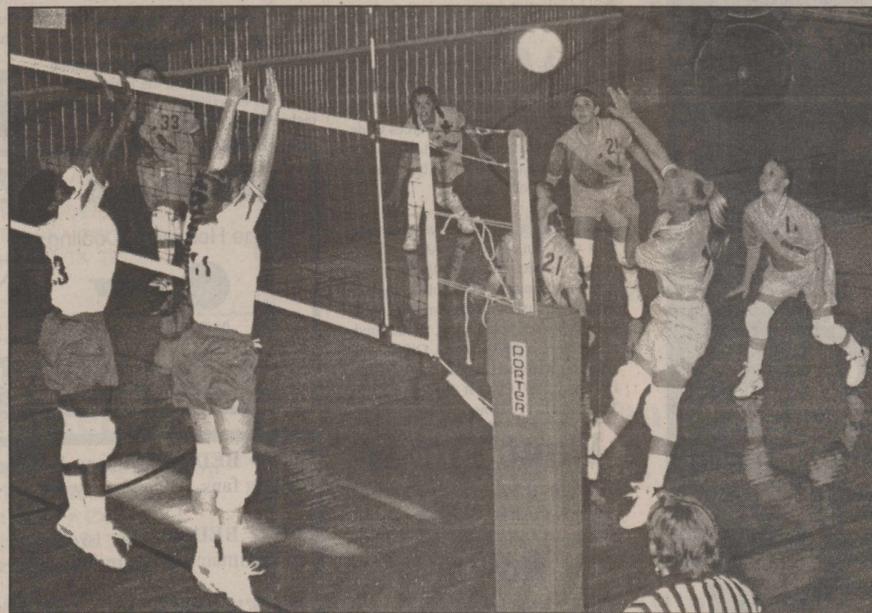
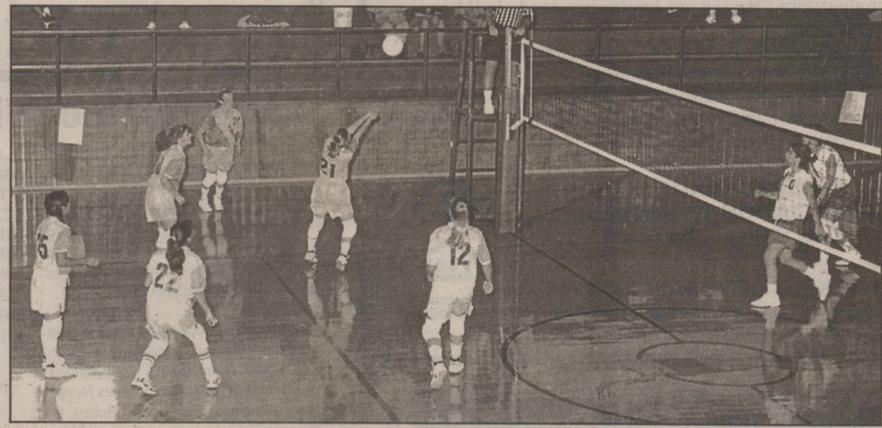
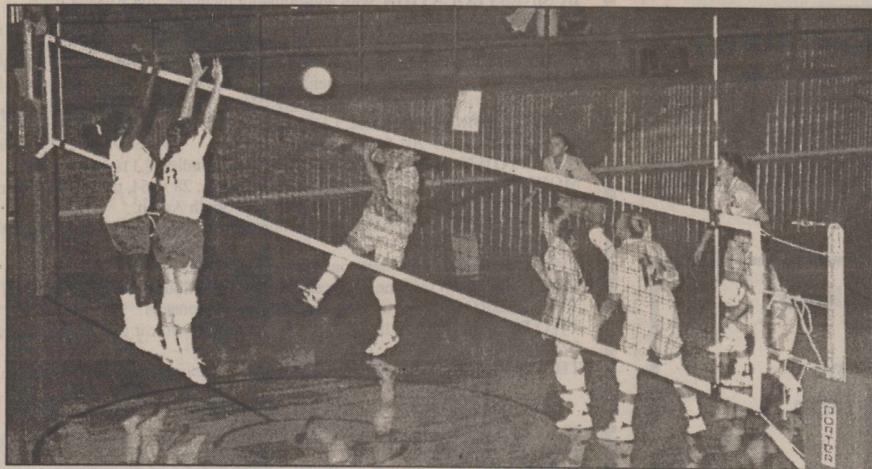
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