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Looking Ahead

The Knox City Greyhounds Varsity and Junior Varsity games have been moved to Thurs September 4, JV will play here @ 5.30 p.m. Varal

SCHOOL PICTURES Pictures will be taken this Thursday by Lifetouch. For more information contact Tammy Dillon at 657-5171

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Mike Mitchell a representative from Boy Scouts of America will be meeting with boys at the Elementary school on Monday September 8th

VISIONING COMMITTEE MEETING

This is a reminder of the Visioning meeting scheduled for next Thursday, Sept. 4th, at 5:30 PM in Munday.

KNOX COUNTY SINGLES AND SINGLES

The next meeting of the Knox County Singles and Singles Again will be at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, September 5th. The group will meet at the Knox County Aging Center, 601 North Ave. E in Knox City for snacks, games and conversation. Any single, divorced or widowed county resident age 18 and over is invited to attend.

1ST ANNUAL KNOX CITY CHAMBER OF **COMMERCE GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Annual Knox City Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament. Saturday, September 27th at 1:30 p.m. at the Knox City Country Club. 3 Person Scramble. \$40 per person or \$100 per team if paid by September 1st. Cash and Prizes awarded. Please contact the Knox City Chamber of

Commerce to register. O'BRIEN HOMECOMING

Mark your calendar and check your mail---the O'Brien Homecoming is scheduled for October 10-12,

If you are an O'Brien Ex-Student or O'Brien Ex-Teacher please share your email and postal address with us. We want to keep you informed about the Homecoming this year.

Email: derobe@srcaccess.net Or O'Brien Homecoming Committee P. O. Box 11 O'Brien, TX 79539

It Is Time For Dove Season Again

Amanda Sandusky Reporter

If dove hunters in the North Zone had it their way, Sept. 1 would fall on a Friday every year, a way to start dove season with a whole weekend of hunting. "Opening day" of dove hunting has been part of the hunting tradition since the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918 was signed.

This treaty with Canada and Mexico established the framework for the taking of all migratory game birds, including dove. This law makes it so that dove hunting in the United States cannot begin before the first day in September.

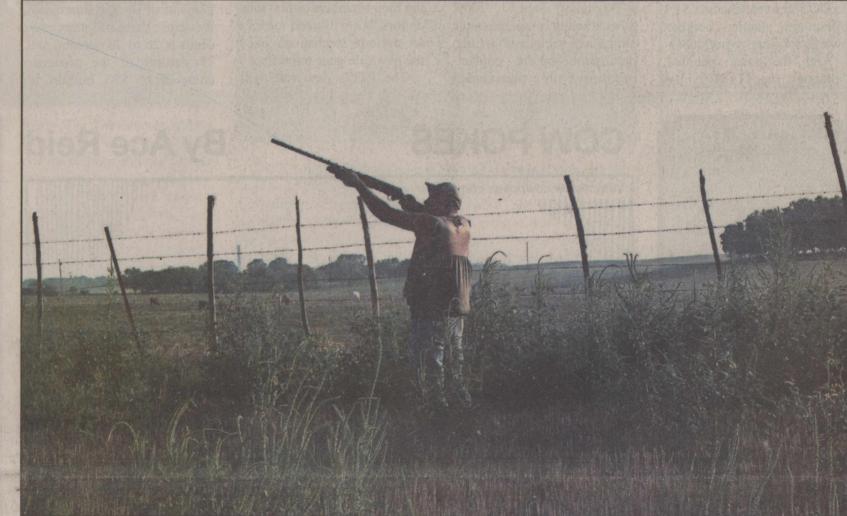
This year September 1 fell on Monday -- not too big a letdown, since Monday was Labor Day and for many Texans it was a holiday.

The timing of this year's opening day created an anxious feeling among the state's 400,000 dove hunters as they waited through the whole weekend for their first day in the field.

Even with the season starting on a Monday, many people had geared up to go hunting. Duckwall's had already sold 124 hunting licenses by Monday.

This year seems to be a promising season for dove hunters. The fields of sunflowers and maize seem to have plenty of birds sitting on fence posts or flying around. In the local community there are many places people can hunt.

Bird hunters can get a guided hunt at a lodge or hunt on their own wherever they have permission, usually by means of a lease. Jeff Stanfield, owner of Stanfield



September 1st, opening day of dove season, Steve Ledesma takes his aim, shooting at local dove.

Hunting Lodge, said his expecta- rules to follow: tion for the 2008-2009 hunting season is for good turnout. Hunters from four states will be in to hunt at the lodge. He also commented that he does not think the hurricane season will affect the hunting this

For anyone new to hunting, the first rule is to know that there are

endorsements

- must have a valid state hunting license with migratory bird

- gun must only hold three shells at a time

- cannot hunt from a moving vehicle

- 15 bird a day bag limit - if born before September 2, 1971, safety course - hunting allowed 30 minutes be-

fore sunrise until sunset. Anyone caught trespassing to hunt can get a minimum fine of \$1,500 to a maximum fine of

\$10,000 or 2 years' jail time. Jim Daniels, game warden, said

that opening day was good and that

the hunter must have taken a hunter most people that he checked had their bag limit. He wrote seven tickets to people who were caught hunting without a license.

Daniels encourages everyone to find out what their hunting license entitles them to hunt. Without the correct endorsements, hunters can get a ticket if caught hunting a mi-

Gary Schnable Takes The Position At The Pulpit To Pastor The Foursquare Church Of Knox City

Amanda Sandusky Reporter

The Knox City Foursquare Church has welcomed Gary Schnable as its new pastor. Gary assumed the position Aug. 17. Gary and his wife Amy and their four children -- Caleb, 16; Joshua, 14; Moriah, 11, and Samuel, 9 -- moved from Tampa, Florida.

Gary and Amy have been married for 19 years. They met while in New York at Bible school. They have had the opportunity to minister to people from all walks of life. Over the past 17 years, they have ministered in Ohio, Indiana, Tennessee, Florida and now Texas.

The Schnables said that their mission is to help people know who

they are in Christ, understand and know their calling in Christ and then to help people live that calling with the assurance of knowing their destiny. They want to rebuild the broken, release the captives and refire

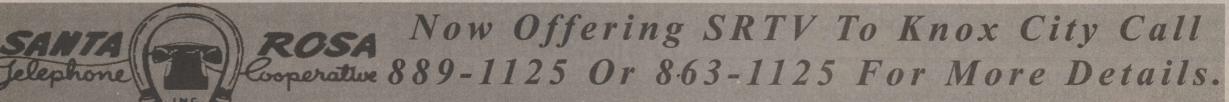
They also commented that it has always been in their hearts to raise people up in their God-given gifts and talents to impact the community for Christ. Gary Schnable does premarital and marriage counseling.

Living in various communities has made it possible for the Schnables to touch people from New York City to Knox City. They believe the bottom line is that God has a plan for each





Left to right: Caleb Schnable, Amy Schnable, Samuel Schnable, Gary Schnable, Moriah Schnable and Joshua Schnable



TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION **State Capital** HIGHLIGHTS



By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - The Office of the State Auditor on Aug. 28 released an audit report on the Texas Department of Transportation's Financial Forecasting and Fund Allocation.

The overall conclusion was that "ineffective internal communication, a complex reporting structure and misunderstanding of reported data led TxDOT to over schedule \$1.1 billion in planned contract awards for fiscal year 2008."

And, the audit specified, "although the [TxDOT] has

State Audit Shows Deficiencies In TXDOT Operations

made organizational changes that should help reduce communication obstacles in the future, its reporting process still needs improvement."

Texas law requires TxDOT to contract for an independent audit of its management and business operations in 2007 and every 12 years after

Independent, external audits of TxDOT processes found weaknesses related to those the state reported.

New Telemarketing Rules

To Come

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott publicized the Federal Trade Commission's Aug. 25 announcement of a new rule governing prerecorded telemarketing calls.

Beginning Sept. 1, 2009, telemarketing companies must obtain call recipients' written permission before contacting them with a prerecorded

message. More immediately, effective Dec. 1, 2008, prerecorded telephone marketing calls must have an opt-out mechanism so that recipients can elect not to receive those unsolicited calls in the future.

Telemarketers with pre-existing customer relationships will be allowed to continue using prerecorded messages to contact those customers only for one year after the rule is published in the Federal Register. At that time, telemarketing companies will need their customer's written permission before calling anyone with a prerecorded message.

However, under the new regulations, charitable organizations can continue contacting their members or previous donors, but will need to offer an opt-out mechanism once the new rule goes into effect.

The FTC's new rule will

not prohibit customers from receiving certain prerecorded informational calls, such as those that announce flight delay notifications, upcoming appointments, or similarly helpful information. These phone calls are unaffected by the new rule because they are not used to market products or services to the recipient. Healthcare-related phone calls also are exempt from the new

For complete details on the rule, go to www.ftc.gov.

Lottery Privatization Considered

regulations.

State lawmakers met Aug. 27 at the Capitol to hear ideas on whether to privatize the Texas Lottery.

Scott Dudley of the Legislative Budget Board said the state's share of lottery proceeds is 26 to 28 percent, and 75 percent of the proceeds come from \$50 million in scratch-offs sold each week. But, Dudley said, sales are declining.

Representatives of some of the nation's largest brokerage houses testified at the hearing. All pretty much agreed that the Texas Lottery could become more profitable, and that privatization is worth a look.

Lawmakers also heard antigambling testimony.

Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Lewisville, said she would want to make sure revenue from privatizing the lottery goes to fund education.

DPS Cautioned Holiday

Travelers

Before Labor Day weekend, the Texas Department of Public Safety sent out a reminder that drinking alcohol and driving shouldn't be mixed and wouldn't be tolerated.

These points were made: • A Driving While Intoxicated conviction stays on an offender's criminal and driving record forever.

· For the first offense, the law allows a maximum of six months in jail, a \$2,000 fine and a one-year driver license suspension.

· A DWI conviction also carries a \$1,000 surcharge for three years, in addition to any other fines or costs associated with the arrest.

The plan was for more law enforcement officers than usual to patrol roads, highways and interstates across Texas.

LBJ Centennial Is

Marked

On Aug. 27, the 100th anniversary of the late President Lyndon B. Johnson's birth was celebrated in Austin and at the Johnson family ranch in Stonewall. The LBJ Library and Museum staged a birthday party and launched "Space," a new display featuring the race to the moon in the 1960s.

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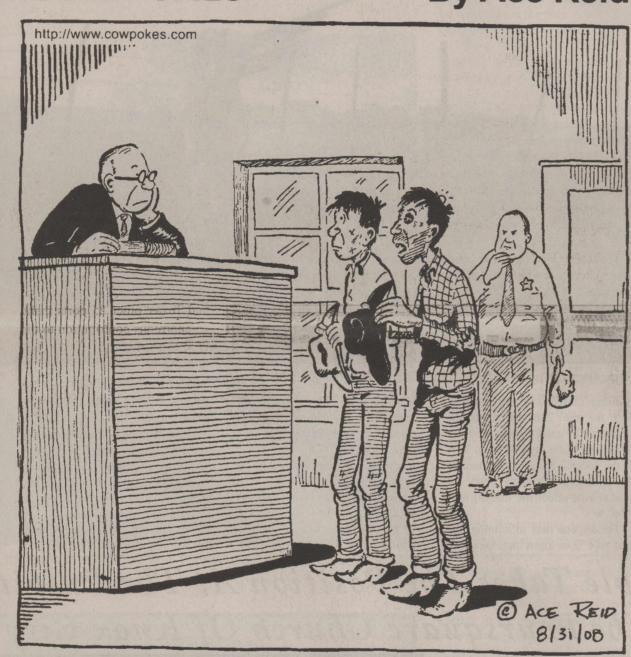
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COW POKES

By Ace Reid



"Nope, Judge, he didn't hit me with malice. It was a shovel!"

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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

BRUCELLOSIS YELLOWSTONE PARK

How many veterinarians, cattlemen, defenders of wildlife, Elk Foundation members, hunters, and National Park lovers would like to see Brucellosis eradicated in the bison, elk and cattle in the United States? Go ahead, raise your hand. All of us. Good.

We have come close to achieving this goal in cattle more than once. But now, the biggest impediment to total eradication is the presence of disease in the elk and bison herds in Yellowstone Park. If these wild beasts were miraculously turned into cattle, privately owned, there is no doubt we collectively, would require that the herds be eradicated...slaughtered. Matter of fact, the law would demand it.

No one disputes the grandeur, tradition and emotional connection of these mighty beasts to the West, but they have now become sickened. Typhoid Marys of the Range. Beautiful Yellowstone Park now stands as a pustule disseminating disease like Old Faithful spewing its sulfurous water, every time an infected cow elk or buffalo drops an aborted fetus.

The argument that you can't eradicate them all falls flat. You could if they were cows. Since 1934 the U.S. has depopulated hundreds of thousands of cows as part of the Brucellosis program. In the United Kingdom, 4.4 million cattle were slaughtered during their BSE eradication

program. Yellowstone Park has 20,000 to 30,000 elk and 3,500 buffalo.

A wide variety of groups have a vested interest in solving the problem: Cattlemen, who bear the economic brunt of the Yellowstone mess; the USDA, who has made so much progress in cattle yet are now unable to remove the last wasp nest of infection; the Park Department, who is trying to balance the status quo; the defenders of wildlife, who hold elk and buffalo sacrosanct, plus urban tourists who don't have a clue about the huge controversy occurring beneath the surface as they admire the magnificent herds of elk on the feed grounds in the winter.

The solution is simple. So simple we can't see the forest for the trees. Those responsible, all of us, must take a giant step backwards to put the problem in perspective and be able to think beyond the next calving season, Secretary of Interior, or Sierra Club member.

Buffalo and elk are not endangered species. Repeat after me...not endangered species

Yellowstone Park needs to remove the source of the Brucellosis infection the same way the USDA does in cattle. Then repopulate with healthy animals. So in ten years or so, the USDA might be able to say with some credibility, that the United States is Brucellosis Free. And all of us would say, "It's about time."

The Paperboy By CHRISTOPHER BLACKBURN

We now know who all of the players are. Either way, history will be made. With a 24-hour news cycle and a camera on what was believed to be all potential prospects for vice-president, Sen. John McCain pulled the trigger on Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin as his running mate. The move is being hailed as one of the most surprising in recent political history.

So far, the move can also be hailed as one of the most successful.

According to the polls, the Obama-Biden ticket received no bounce from the Democratic National Convention. Estimates last Thursday evening put an expected bounce at between 10 and 15 percentage points. However, the announcement of Palin less than 12 hours after a historic speech by Obama, resulted in virtually no bounce for the ticket.

"The convention and particularly Obama's speech seems to be well-received," says CNN Polling Director Keating Holland. "And the selection of Sarah Palin as the GOP running mate, also seems to be well-received. So why is the race still a virtual tie? Probably because the two events created equal and opposite bounces assuming that either one created a bounce at all."

Truth is, the move by the McCain campaign improves his shot at the White House ... by a ton.

Friday morning, pundits were busy telling the world it would take a major mistake by Obama in order for McCain to have a chance. By noon Friday, all bets were off and the focus turned from Obama's speech in front 80,000 party loyalists and a huge world-wide audience to Palin and her acceptance speech.

Over the weekend, much was made of the Palin selection and several made the claim that is was nothing more than a political ploy and would not have happened had Obama selected Hillary Clinton.

Had Obama picked Clinton, would that not have been a political ploy as well? In other words, the entire process is a political ploy. You pick your VP candidate to give yourself the best shot at winning.

But did he?

Now comes the news that Palin's 17-year-old daughter Bristol is pregnant and she will marry the father. How do both camps respond to this?

Palin preaches abstinence and is staunch in her pro-life conviction. After all, she gave birth to a baby with Down Syndrome and knew about it well before giving birth. But, her preaching of abstinence has backfired in her own backyard.

Frankly, the media needs to stay away from the daughter. Nothing is more sickening than going after the children of candidates. By all means, let the candidates have it, but keep away from the kids.

It may not happen, but it would be refreshing if the race came down to merit. However, with the country seemingly split in half, the 2008 campaign will likely be a bloodbath.

With two months remaining before the election, it will be fascinating to watch the drama unfold. What ads will people respond to? What truths will be uncovered concerning the candidates? How will the debates go?

Regardless of what happens in the election, you have to admit, the timing and the selection of Palin got the GOP ticket on the map. Politically speaking, it was a stroke of genius because if nothing else, it took the focus off of Obama and kept him from jumping way out in front.

What happens now is anyone's guess.

Christopher Blackburn is the President of Blackburn Media Group, owner of this publication. Feel free to comment on this column at http://thenewbastion.blog-spot.com/.



Named for the historic FW&D Engine 501, The 501 is always exactly 501 words and dashes long, whatever the topic. Welch, a freelance writer for Blackburn Media Group, divides her time mostly between Abilene and the family farm north of Vernon.

Life is short and getting shorter.

How many of us really believe we'll get everything checked off our master to-do lists this side of the grave? Or on the other side either, for that matter? Not me.

Facing my own mortality, I've decided to eat real butter and make no apologies. I'm in league with the late C. S. Lewis, novelist and theologian, unless I'm missing the point in one of his books when he describes what an impossibly difficult task one of Satan's apprentices faces as he tries to tempt someone to evil who is in the process of ingesting something good. It's not butter.

It's a cup of very good hot chocolate. Same difference. That's the story as I remember it, and I'm sticking to it. Here's to butter and chocolate, antidotes to evil. Enjoy.

Not that chocolate needs my support. Chocolate's been getting some good press lately for the health benefits of its flavonoids, whatever flavonoids are. I believed in chocolate before I knew it had flavonoids. So there

Butter is different. Butter clearly needs a champion. As much ado is made over good fats and bad fats, butter is getting stuck in the latter category – just a notch above lard, as it were. Makes me want to say something nice about lard. But I digress.

Bottom line, butter may be a bad fat by some standards. I've got different standards. Butter's my favorite fat. Go butter.

For all my talk, I missed a chance today to stick up for but-

ter. I could have created a scene in public. I didn't. Instead, you get to hear about what happened.

The place was a major fried chicken franchise restaurant. They asked me if I wanted butter and honey for my biscuit. I said I'd take butter. Nothing against honey. I just didn't want to get sticky.

Not surprisingly, in the spirit of fast-food inaccuracy, they gave me both honey and butter. That's better, I suppose, than not getting what you want at all. But here's the greater inaccuracy: the butter wasn't butter, and the honey wasn't honey.

The honey packet said "HONEY SAUCE." I smelled a rat. Sure enough, the small print told me it was only 11 percent honey. The rest of it was high-fructose corn syrup, and so on. At least they were honest about it. Worker bees still should strike. Can't a big-name franchise spend a fraction of a cent more for real honey and make up for it by not giving it to people who don't ask for it? Just my thought.

The other dubious packet was labeled "Buttery Spread." No list of ingredients.

As our safety-conscious government grapples with ways to determine points of origin for all sorts of food, beef to tomatoes, shouldn't the ingredients of something called "Buttery Spread" at least be listed on the package?

For all I know it could have been expertly recycled axle grease. Life's too short to eat mystery pastes. I'll take butter, and that wasn't it.



Texas Ports - A Gateway to the World

Texas boasts 28 seaports, dispersed along our Gulf Coast from Houston and Galveston down to Brownsville, including three of the busiest ports in the United States. Our state's economy depends on the viability of our port system, which serves as a gateway to markets around the world. To bolster our prosperity, we must ensure that Texas' ports remain secure, competitive, and operationally sound.

Each year, over 500 million tons of cargo move through Texas seaports. This flow of commerce keeps over a million Texans employed and accounts for more than \$180 billion in revenue. The wheat, corn, rice, and peas from Texas farms and ranches pass through these portals as they are shipped to dinner tables across the globe. Ports also facilitate the import and export of many other products vital. to Texas' economy, including petroleum and chemical supplies, electronics and machinery, dairy products, and fertilizers, among others.

The Port of Houston, a 25 mile complex comprised of the Port Authority of Houston and more than 150 private industrial companies, leads the nation in foreign waterborne tonnage and is ranked second in the U.S.

for total tonnage of cargo. In 2006, more than 222 million tons of cargo was shipped through the Port of Houston, nearly 80 million tons moved through the Port of Beaumont, and the Port at Corpus Christi handled 77.5 million tons. These and Texas' other 25 ports make an enormous contribution to the U.S. economy.

Because these ports are so important to our nation's economy, we must constantly work to preserve their safety and viability. One terrorist incident at a U.S. port could impact a number of coastal port communities, and the domino effect would have a catastrophic effect on our nation's economy. The tragic events of 9/11 dealt a serious blow to our internal sense of security, and also revealed vulnerabilities that we are still working to address.

We have made a number of improvements to the safety of our airports, mass transit systems, and major ports of entry. In 2006, I helped pass the SAFE Port Act, which authorized random inspection of containers, established minimum standards and procedures for security containers in transit to the U.S., and implemented an improved container targeting system. I also offered an amendment, which was passed and became law, to add hundreds more Customs

and Border Protection officers to inspect incoming shipments.

In addition, I actively support the Port Security Grant Program, which helps our nation's ports assess security risks and make preparations for emergencies or attacks. Since 2002, Texas has received over \$200 million in competitive Port Security Grants, primarily to secure petrochemical facilities at ports.

The viability of our ports also depends on the maintenance and expansion of infrastructure. In the U.S. Senate, I have worked to direct funding to important projects that will keep commerce moving in and around the Texas seaports. For example, I secured funding for the operation and maintenance of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, which is a critical connector between our state's coastal ports. I also joined with local leaders to provide resources to extend the La Quinta Ship channel, a segment of the Corpus Christi Ship Channel (CCSC), to a container terminal site where operations are scheduled to begin in 2009. The funds will also be used to better separate barges and ships within the CCSC, making the channel safer and more efficient. In addition, I have worked to secure funding for the Houston Ship Channel, the Sabine Neches Waterway, the Matagorda Ship Channel and other Texas waterways critical to commerce.

To maintain the vibrant commerce that keeps our ports in business is to support, foster, and expand free trade. The Port of Houston, for example, handles cargo in and out of northern and southern Europe, the Mediterranean, Mexico and Latin America, and western Africa. Other lucrative trade relationships, like the one we share with Colombia, should be strengthened through free trade agreements, which would open up more commerce. The U.S. must continue to pursue formal trade relationships with international partners.

Our state's ports are essential to our long-term economic growth and we must constantly work to expand their safety and viability. As the senior Republican on the Senate Commerce Committee, which has oversight of most port security issues, I will work to ensure that our nation's ports have the resources to meet the economic and homeland security challenges of the 21st century.

Kay Bailey Hutchison is the senior U.S. Senator from Texas and is the Ranking Member on the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science &

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c/o: Dottie Murphy Attorney at Law 4245 Kemp Blvd., Suite 712 Wichita Falls, TX 76308

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Parent- Child Relationship;

Section 9.61 of the Texas Penal Code states the use of force, but not deadly force against a child younger then 18 years of age is justified if the actor is the child's parent or step-parent or is acting loco parentis to the child and when and to the degree the actor believes the force is necessary to discipline the child or to safeguard or promote that child's welfare. Loco parentis includes grandparents or a guardian who was appointed through the court who has jurisdiction over that child and anyone who has expressed or implied consent of that child's parent or parents.

Penalties for an Alcohol Offense by a Minor;

Section 106.071 of the Texas Alcohol Beverage Code states that a minor convicted of an offense which this section applies shall have his/her driver's license suspended for; 30 days if the minor has not been previously convicted; 60 days if previously convicted once; and 180 180 days if the minor has been convicted twice or more.



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The City of O'Brien, Texas will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The 2008-2009 budget will be revised and adopted

The public hearing will be held on September 11, 2008, at 6:30p.m.

Public Meeting Notice For

A proposed resolution of the Board of Directors of the North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority pertaining to the of rules for the regulation of on-site sewage facilities at the Millers Creek Reservoir rand repealing Regulation Number 101.

The Board of Directors of the North Central Teas Municipal Water Authority will conduct a public meeting under the authority of Chapter 366, Texas Health and Safety Code, to consider the regulation of onsite sewage facilities (including septic tanks) within its jurisdictional area of Millers Creek Reservoir, to prevent possible pollution or injury to public health. A copy of the proposed regulation is available for review at 135 North Munday Avenue, Munday Texas 76371

The public meeting will be held before the Board of Directors Mwwting at:

Location: 135 North Munday Avenue, Munday Texas 76371 Date: September 9, 2008

Time 7:00 PM

All interested persons are encouraged to participate in the public meeting.





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By Jim Reid, Pastor O'Brien Baptist Church



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There seems to be much to do about the new HDTV's. I can certainly appreciate the technology and would love to have one myself. Have you noticed the commercial currently running on television for one our area electronics stores? The commercial shows a husband getting his wife's approval to go and purchase a new HDTV, then the music in the background surfaces loudly proclaiming, "I want it all, I want it all, I want it all and I want it now! The song is from 1989 of a rock band by the name of Queen. The lyrics of the song continue on to speak of the desire of our youth demanding their way, acting in rebellion with their understanding of a false truth embedded in a one track mind. Here is an excerpt of the lyrics:

Listen all you people come gather round

I gotta get me a game plan gotta shake you to the ground Just give me what I know is mine

People do you hear me just give me the sign

It ain't much I'm asking if you want the truth Heres to the future for the dreams of youth

I want it all (give it all) I want it all I want it all and I want

I want it all (yes I want it all) I want it all (hey)

I want it all and I want it now.

This one track being, "I want it all, I want it all, I want it all and I want it now!" Is this a road to destruction? Does this type of thinking refuse sacrifice and the integrity of selflessness? We all can be tempted to live in this philosophy of greed.

King Solomon, the wisest man who ever lived, speaks in the Old Testament book of Ecclesiastes of the knowledge of seeking wealth for the sake of having it all.

Ecc 5:10 He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance, with increase: this also is vanity.

Ecc 5:11 When goods increase, they are increased that eat them; and what advantage is there to the owner thereof, save the beholding of them with his eyes?

The word "vanity" means emptiness, transitory, temporal. In essence saying, theses things never satisfy, because it is never enough. I pray that we can encourage our youth to see the deceit in this type of thinking and aspirations. To say, "I want it all, I want it all, I want it all, and I want it now", is a downward spiral to ruin. Let us continue to pray earnestly for them to realize the riches and prosperity of Holy God.

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Potential Wheat Disease Outbreak Requires Immediate Action By Producers

AMARILLO - Recent rains have set the High Plains up for a potential disaster if wheat producers do not take time to destroy volunteer wheat before the drilled wheat begins to come up, said Texas A&M AgriLife experts.

Dr. Charlie Rush, Texas AgriLife Research plant pathologist, said the wheat curl mite, which transmits wheat streak mosaic and other viruses. over-summers on the volunteer wheat.

Populations can build up to extremely high levels and that can serve as a point source for infestation of the new wheat that is being planted into September.

"When this happens, you end up getting an early fall infection of wheat streak, which is devastating to the wheat crop," Rush said. "Neither the mite nor the disease can be treated, so the producer can't fix the situation once it occurs."

This infection can be minimized or even avoided if producers will go out in a timely manner and get rid of any volunteer wheat, he said. It will also help to plant as late as possible.

"So many people did not do that last year, and that was one of the things that set up the disastrous wheat year last year," Rush said.

He said he has data to show that in spite of the drought, dryland fields planted later that were not infected by wheat streak did

"Everybody had drought, but the fields infected by wheat streak were much, much worse at harvest time," he said. "Even some irrigated producers had significant losses because of it and the combination of other



Wheat afffected by the Wheat Streak Virsus

diseases."

"We know there is not much you can do about CRP (Conservation Reserve Program) grasses, but there is something to do about the volunteer wheat," he said. "If you have a strip of volunteer wheat in the ditch around your field, I would get rid of it there too."

Rush said it was so dry for so long, from harvest up until July, and many acres of wheat were abandoned. Then the rains came and a lot of that grain that didn't get harvested will start coming

Also, he said, the concern is that dryland farmers will start planting as soon as possible to take advantage of the moisture. So there will be no disconnect between the volunteer wheat (wheat seed sprouting from previous years) and the new emerging crop, and that sets up the in-

fection situation. Dr. Brent Bean, Texas AgriLife Extension Service agronomist, said although there are a few varieties with some re-

sistance to wheat streak mosaic that producers could plant, none

of the varieties are immune from

the disease.

It is critical producers do what they can to reduce those populations of that over-summering host, Bean said.

"Once you are infected in the early fall and the virus gets a chance to get established, the virus is not going to go away and will likely only get worse," Rush said.

Bean said the weather conditions later on will play a large role of how severe the infection is and how widespread it becomes in a given field.

"Any inputs to fall-infected wheat need to be carefully considered once you know you have an infection," he said.

Rush said a producer irrigating wheat at 50 percent to 100 percent of the evapotranspiration rate could lose up \$350 to \$450 per acre (including inputs) if the crop ends up becoming infected early with wheat streak.

Dr. Ron French, AgriLife

Extension plant pathologist in Amarillo, and Bean have given numerous talks at wheat field days, grower meetings, AgriLife Extension agent trainings, agricultural industry talks and other speaking events about this sub-

"You can't remind producers too many times how important this simple wheat disease management practice can be to their bottom line," French said.

"Although volunteer wheat is the most favorable host for the wheat curl mite, we cannot rule out barley, corn, triticale, rye and other grasses or grassy weeds," he said. "These crops also can potentially serve as a 'green bridge' for the wheat curl mite to survive from one season to another."

Volunteer wheat and grass weeds should be taken care of at least 21 days prior to planting by using tillage, a burn-down herbicide, minimum tillage or mowing, French said.

"Current insecticide treatments do not effectively manage the mites," he said. "Therefore, destroying the host plants for the wheat curl mite is the action to take until plant breeders can come up with good resistant varieties against these viruses."

The other options are to delay plantings, especially if wheat fields are close to Conservation Reserve Program fields, or plant after the first frost, French said.

The much-needed moisture received provides the setup for a really good wheat season, Rush

"It would be a shame to let this good start turn into a disaster because farmers failed to take care of something they could easily control," he said.

Gov. Perry Launches Program to Speed Apprehension of Criminals Who Harm Law Enforcement Officers Activates Statewide Blue Alert Network Program

AUSTIN - Gov. Rick Perry today launched the Blue Alert network, pursuant to Executive Order RP 68. The program will enable rapid, statewide distribution of information related to offenders who flee after killing or seriously injuring federal, state or local law enforcement officers in the line of duty.

"Each day when they put on their uniforms, our law enforcement officers place themselves in harm's way to protect and serve the people of Texas.

In turn, Texans should have the opportunity to do their part to help these officers in their time of need," said Gov. Perry. "The Blue Alert Program will be a powerful tool that leverages the eyes and ears of many toward the apprehension of criminals who threaten our protectors."

Based on the successful AMBER and Silver Alert programs, the Blue Alert network is a cooperative effort between the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS), Governor's Division of Emergency Management (GDEM) and Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). DPS and GDEM are currently recruiting Blue Alert partners among public and commercial television and radio broadcasters; private commercial entities; local, state and federal government entities; and any others who can assist in spreading offenders' information.

Upon Blue Alert activation, the offender's vehicle information will be displayed across the state primarily via TxDOT's dynamic message signs and media broadcasts. Alerts will also instruct individuals with information related to the offense to contact local law enforcement via 911.

Activation of the network will be terminated upon apprehension of the suspect, evidence the assailant has left the state, or determination that the alert is no longer an effective tool for apprehending the suspect.

Network Blue Alert Activation Criteria (all criteria must be met to activate):

* A law enforcement officer is killed or seriously injured by an offender

* The investigating law enforcement agency determines the offender poses a serious risk or threat to the public and/or other law enforcement personnel

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Adult Protective Services has implemented a public awareness campaign entitled "Its Everyone's Business". The campaign is designed to make people aware of the importance of being aware of the needs of the elderly and disabled and be responsible in reporting suspected abuse, neglect, or exploitation.

It is all about partnership. "APS workers can help in so many ways ----but it is up to the community ---friends, neighbors, family----to let us know who needs help or who is at risk, "says local APS supervisor Will McFarland.

The agency is empowered by Chapter 48 of the Human Resource Code to investigate abuse, neglect, and exploitation and to put in place services to alleviate the threat/risk of further maltreatment.

More than half of all cases reported to APS involve neglect..... most involve self-neglect.

While situations of abuse and exploitation are commonly understood by the general public, neglect is also a frequent cause for suf-

Self-neglect occurs when individuals fail to provide themselves with whatever is necessary to prevent physical or emotional harm or pain. The reasons that vulnerable adults neglect their own needs are often complicated, and frequently people are unaware of the severity of their situation.

Neglect often creates a downward spiral toward loss of independence, isolation, depression and even death. Neglect may result in starvation, dehydration, over/under-medication, unsanitary or unsafe living conditions, or lack of heat, running water, electricity, personal hygiene, and medical care.

For many, intervention in situations of neglect can prevent hospitalization, nursing home placement, prolonged illness, and/or serious

Self-neglect ----neglect without a perpetrator---is common among the elderly and disabled----it is no one's fault ---but rather a result of a wide range of physical, mental, social, and financial factors.

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Others may have more severe needs as there home situation has declined to unsanitary conditions or loss of utilities.

There are often many services available to help an elderly or disabled person remain at home. If you know someone who is elderly or disabled and you think they are suffering from neglect, contact the Adult Protective Services HOTLINE 1-800-252-5400.

sponse to recent reports that a small 110-student school district in north Texas allows school staff to be armed without being li- here is the safety of our chilcensed by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education, the Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence has released an analysis indicating that such policies apparently violate Texas law. "It is a myth that 'gun-free

schools' somehow make our children more vulnerable," said Brady Center President Paul Helmke. "In fact, America's schools are some of the safest places for them to be. As Gary Kleck, a researcher frequently cited by the gun lobby, has noted, 'both gun carrying and gun violence are ... phenomena almost entirely confined to the world outside schools.' Less than 1% of school-age victims of homicide are killed on school grounds or on the way to or from school. Adding more guns in school can only put our kids at greater risk.

"An analysis by the Brady Center Legal Action Project (attached) shows that the Harrold Independent School District's plan to arm staff and teachers Chapters.

Washington, D.C. - In re- without being properly licensed does not appear to comply with Texas law," Helmke said

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"The most important issue dren," said Marsha McCartney, President of the Texas Chapters of the Brady Campaign. "When students go to school, they are best protected by law enforcement officers or school resource officers and not just staff with other school duties who happen to have concealed carry permits. Texas law requires school district officials to follow strict requirements," McCartney said.

Read the Legal Action Project analysis here: http://www.bradycampaign.org/xshare/pdf/ letters/schools/harrold-texasmemo.pdf

The Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence is a national nonprofit organization working to reduce the tragic toll of gun violence in America, through education, research, and legal advocacy. The programs of the Brady Center complement the legislative and grassroots mobilization of its sister organization, the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence with its dedicated network of Million Mom March

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The Importance of Soil Testing

By Adam Bonner, County Extension Agent-Ag/NR

The increasing costs of ni- ceed 18 pounds, or seed germinatrogen and phosphorous during the last year have made it more important than ever to use fertil-Brent Bean, AgriLife

good soil test is essential to determine the most efficient nitrogen use and proper rates of other nutrients. "It is important to remember that yields are limited by the most limiting nutrient, whether that is nitrogen, phosphorous or other nutrients," Bean said. "Applications of nitrogen when phosphorous or other nutrients are deficient, is wasting money." He said where possible, the collection of deep soil samples is best and could potentially save producers a significant amount of money in fertilizer costs. "It is not unusual to find 30 pounds or more of nitrogen in the soil at depths below 1 foot,"

Bean claims that adding wheat can easily use nitrogen from a soil depth of 3 feet. Wheat needs 1.5 pounds of nitrogen for every bushel, regardless of the nitrogen source, said Dr. Gaylon Morgan, AgriLife Extension small grains specialist. It also needs approximately 0.75 pounds of phosphate for every bushel of yield. "If phosphorous is needed, it is best to apply it in the fall," Morgan said. Phosphorous must be incorporated or injected into the soil because it is not mobile in the soil like nitrogen, he said. The highest efficiency rates are received when phosphorous is applied in band. "Phosphorous can be applied with wheat seed, but make sure any nitrogen or potassium applied with it does not ex- office at (940)459-2651.

tion may be hampered," Morgan

Nitrogen can be applied either izer as efficiently as possible. Dr. all in the fall, as a split application between fall and spring, or Extension agronomist, said a all in the spring to maximize nitrogen use efficiency, Dr. Todd Baughman, AgriLife Extension agronomist said. "Unless the nitrogen level is very low in the soil, dry land wheat producers should consider applying all of their nitrogen in the spring when they will have a better estimate of their yield potential," Baughman said. Nitrogen should be applied as a top-dress application at least two weeks prior to jointing, Bean

This will promote tillering and

wheat head size. If the wheat will be grazed, then at least one-third of the nitrogen needs should be applied in fall. "If manure or compost is available, producers should compare cost with inorganic fertilizer needs," Bean said. "In many cases, manure or compost may be the most economical form of fertilizer." But he also suggested producers have the manure or compost tested for nutrients, as only about half of the nitrogen content will be available the first year. SEQ CHAPTER \h \r 1Educational programs of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin. Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service or accommodation in order to participate in a meeting or program are encouraged to contact the Knox County Extension

Wildlife Biologists Conduct Spotlight Surveys in Area

Wildlife biologists across the State will be heading to the field this fall conducting various types of wildlife surveys including Annual Roadside White-tailed Deer Spotlight Surveys. These surveys are conducted each year determine white-tailed deer population trends, estimate deer densities and determine herd composition.

These surveys will begin the middle of August and continue through the end of September. The survey is conducted by three Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (TPWD) Biologists, at night beginning lights and binoculars. one hour after sunset and continuing for the next four hours. These surveys will be done from a State vehicle along public roads including county roads, farm to market roads and state highways. The survey will consist of one driver and two employees rid-



ing in the back of a State vehicle spotlighting on both sides of the road, the vehicle will be going between 5 and 15 miles per hour and making frequent stops to identify deer found using spot-

TPWD requests that motorists who approach survey vehicles be courteous. However, if you see spotlighting and suspect illegal activity you should contact your local Sheriff's office, Texas Parks & Wildlife State Game Warden or call Operation Game

Thief at 1-800-792-GAME. Local Wildlife Biologists make every attempt to notify the local Game Warden, Sheriff's office and landowners along the route prior to conducting the spotlight

In this area there will be Whitetailed Deer Spotlight Surveys in Cottle, Foard, Hall, Hardeman, King and Knox Counties. If you have questions concerning this survey, please contact Dana Wright, TPWD Wildlife Biologist, (806)596-4016.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON KNOX COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUDGET

The KNOX COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT will hold a public hearing on a Proposed Budget for the 2008 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on September 8, 2008, at 5:00 p.m., at the Knox County Appraisal District, Knox County Courthouse, Benjamin, Texas.

At 5:30 p.m. on September 8, 2008, at the Knox County Appraisal District, Knox County Courthouse, Benjamin, Texas the Proposed Budget will be Adopted.

A summary of the Appraisal District Budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget

The total amount of increase over the current year's budget

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If approved by the Knox County Appraisal District Board of Directors at a public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts and cities and towns served by the appraisal district office.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of these governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

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This sale has filled the center to overflowing every year. Help the With good friends, good luck, museum by donating good "stuff" and hard work, the museum can be to sell, shop the sale yourself, and edging into a "WOW" exhibit be- be sure to eat a grilled hamburger fore long. Saturday, Sept. 13th can on the front porch at lunch, backed help the Wichita Brazos Museum up with a home-made cookie, of move toward an exciting future. course. The Friends of the Knox Clean out your closets! Make room County Historical Commission is sponsoring the sale, as usual. Donations can be brought to the Perry Patton Center from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 12th. If you help your Wichita Brazos Museum need help, contact a commission



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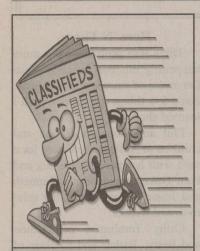




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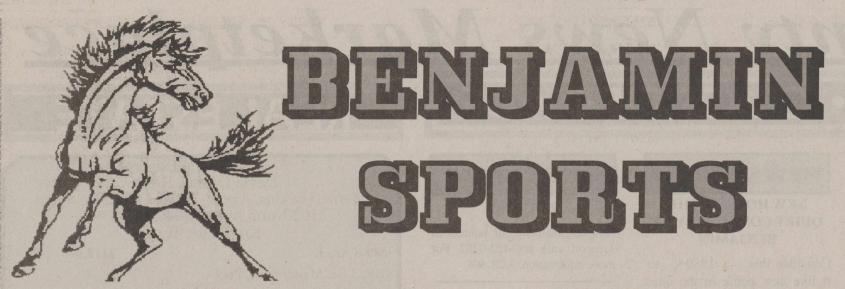
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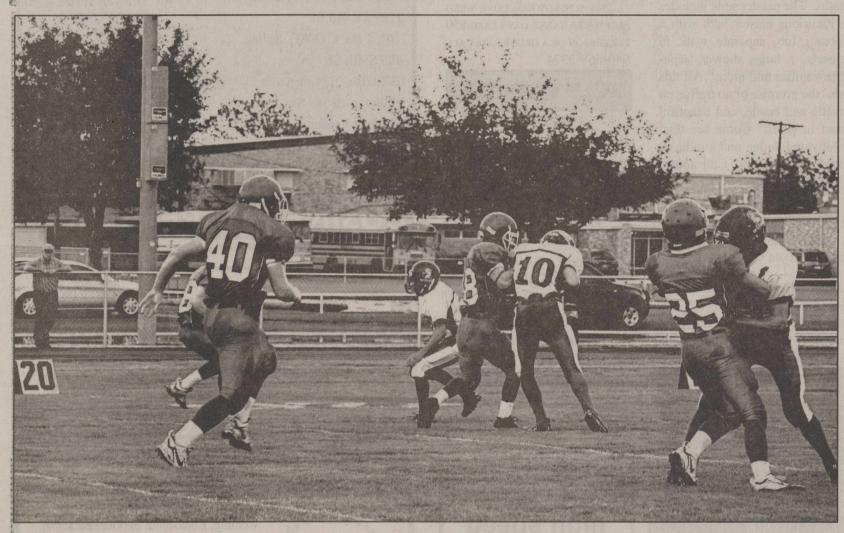
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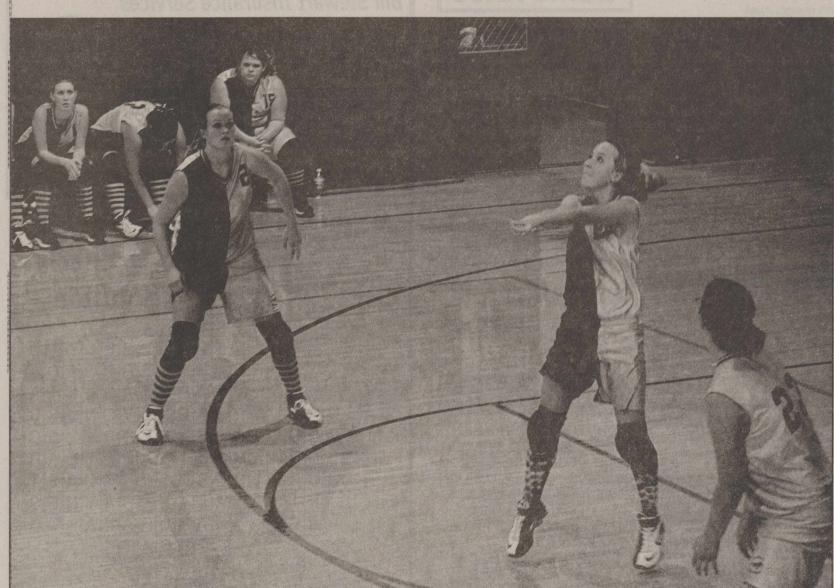
MUSTANG FOOTBALL



The Benjamin Mustangs competed in the Jayton Classic against Newcastle. The Mustangs were unable to prevail against Newcastle. However, the Mustangs will not stop there. They will be welcoming Christ the King football team this Friday night at Grill Stadium. The rumble will begin at 7:30 pm. For all of you Mustang fans wear your purple and white to support your fighting team.

Stats from 08-30: Rushing 11 attempts for 15 yards (Blake Jones 1 for 1yrd; Gilbert Nevarez 7 for 17 yards; Derrick Northrup 3 for -3 yards; Dillon Loftiss 1 for 0 yards) Passing 9 comp. out of 21 attempts for 96 yards and 2 touchdowns (G. Nevarez 4-11-38-1; D. Northrup 4-8-55-0; B. Jones 1-2-3-1) Receiving 9 for 96 yards (Northrup 4-38-1, Cody Propps 1-57, Nevarez 2-0; Rivera 1-3-1; Jones 1 for -2) Tackles: Dusty Stevens 2; Loftiss 1; Northrup 21/2; Nevarez 1; Jones 2; Mitchell Ham 1 1/2.

LADYSTANG VOLLEYBALL



The 2008 Lady Stang team consist of Seniors: Brittany Coop, Tabby Golden, Devon Jones, and Leah Vanderpol; Juniors: Raquel Acevedo, Chloe Baty, Teri Miller, and Jessica Vanderpol; Sophomores: Shelby Russell; and Freshman: Crystal Baldwin. The Lady Stangs were unable to participate in the Chillicothe Tournament this past weekend. They will be facing City View in a dual on Saturday, September 6th beginning at 11 am in City View.

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BENJAMIN NEWS

By Gladene Green

It's another week and business as usual. Labor Day has come and gone, the hurricane has subsided and thankfully not as bad as predicted, a woman is about to be nominated for Vice President at the R.N.C. and just all sorts of things going on. Makes for interesting

First things first- A correction or two needs to be noted. In last weeks News, when I mentioned the Kuehler siblings off to college. It should have been Aaron to LCC in Lubbock, Seth to South Plains in Levelland and their sister Kaitlyn is going to V.R.J.C. And a couple weeks ago, when I said Mrs. Kemletz commented on my new, it gave her name as Laurie- should have been Louise. I like to get things right! And I apologize for these errors.

About Our Ill

Dutch Young is still in a Wichita Falls hospital after surgery last week. He's had a few rough days but hopefully is feeling some better and may be home in another day or

Reports are that Don Hertel is having some better days. Welcomes company and always ready to visit a while. His son, Scott, of Dallas is with him this week.

Jessie Roberts spent a day or so in Knox County Hospital last week. She's home now and tho week, is feeling better. She's always been so active, this is a change of pace for her. But she knows she has to take care of herself.

Sports

School is off and running and the sports are "cracked up" In Volleyball =, the JV defeated Archer City JV Tuesday night, but the varsity suffered defeat. Tonight (Tuesday) they play Northside

Saturday morning the Mustangs traveled to Jayton and played Newcastle in a gridiron clossie. Newcastle come out winner but the boys gave it their "all" and we are proud of their efforts. This week they play Christ the King, Here -

Here 'N There

There was probably a lot more happening this past weekend than I'm aware of since it was a holiday. But a few things did happen (that I learned about)

Phil and Rebekah Boone and children of Abilene were here for a visit with her parents, Dennis and Pam Duke, grandparents Kenneth and Jessie Roberts and other relatives and friends.

Cathy Tomlinson of Denton and Betty Parker and Chelsea of Aspermont visited their mom, Gloria West and other family and friends during the weekend.

Hazel Stockton and Kim Moore attended the funeral of Hazel's brother, Sam Loper in Lubbock Thursday.

I visited with Susan Spake on Sunday. She lives in Munday and is the science teacher here. This is her 2nd year and that was the first time I had met her. Says she reads this column and would feel she was a real "Benjamnite" when she saw her name in it so Susan, you are now "on of us"! Welcome - Good to have you among us.

I had a nice visit with Parker and Janice Johnson and two of their children on Saturday. They live near San Antonio and were in the area for the Gilliland Homecoming. It was good to see them.

Sue Terry and family of Dallas were here for a weekend visit with home folks.

Margaret Silva of San Angelo was here to visit her mom, Tina Siemens and other family members during the long weekend.

Linda Griffith was in Lubbock Tuesday helping daughter Amy Tyson get settled into their new home said they got a lot done and Amy and her family are sure glad to be settled in one place again.

Betty Lyles spent a big part of week before last in Sherman with daughter, Judy Robinson and fam-

And had some doctors appointments she had to keep while gone plus a birthday party for a great grandson, so was quite busy.

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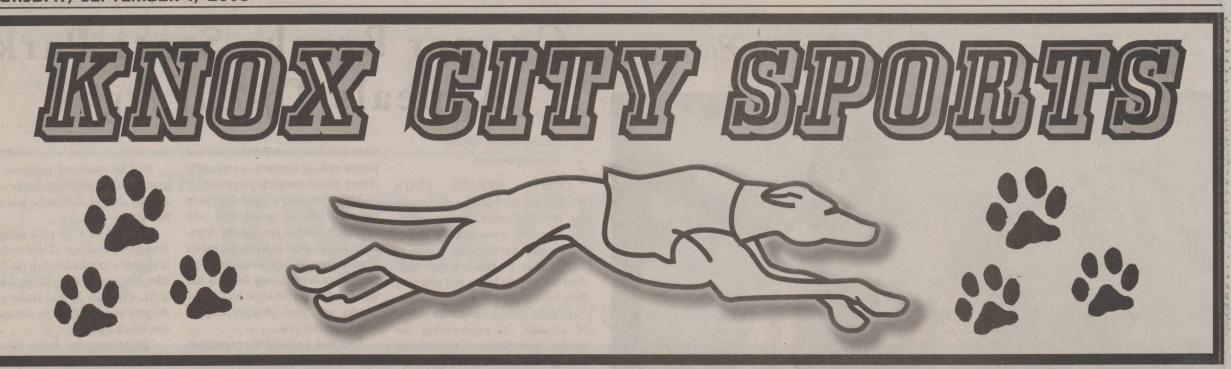


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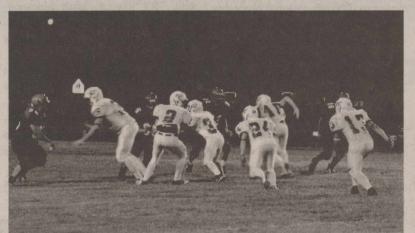
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The Knox City Greyhounds traveled to Southland on Friday to open the 2008 season. The weather delayed the start of the game almost an hour.

only thing that was going to slow down the Greyhounds. The Greyhounds backfield trio of M.J. Abila, Zach Shaver and Ryan Ledesma ran over, around and through the Southland defense. Abila led the way for the hounds, racking up 176 yards on the ground scoring 2 touchdowns.

Ledesma and Shaver both had touchdown runs of 40 and 35 respectively. Abila lead all passers with 104 yards and 2 touchdowns. Bandy Moeller and Landon Lynn both had one touchdown reception a piece.

The Greyhounds defense was very tough on the Southland of-

excitement the past week.

TEEN NEWS

By Rachel Ellis

The halls of Knox City High School have been filled with lots of

and came home with a victory. They also played in a tournament in Chillicothe this weekend. They played three games winning the championship. Their record is now 8-1. They will play Woodson on

out on top with a victory 50 to 15. Shane Strickland said, "The team

worked extremely hard throughout the game. Even with the weather

the way it was, we got our minds right and really focused up and

played a really great game. We hope to continue our momentum and

run right through the Rule Bobcats. I feel positive about our defense and the confidence of our offense. I feel that we are about to change a lot of people's mind about the outcome of Thursday night's game."

The greyhounds will face the Rule Bobcats at home this Thursday night, beginning at 7:30 p.m. This week's spirit day is Mismatch

ment. Her classes along side with her help have been very busy the past week. They have cleaned out the home economics room, and

year the yearbook staff has extra annuals; the cost is \$30.00. Contact

Mrs. Addkission has taken over the home economics depart-

The 2008 yearbooks arrived. If you forgot to order one last

Saturday starting at 10:00 a.m., here in Knox City.

day. The pep-rally will be Thursday in the gym.

are in the processes of repainting all the kitchen areas.

The volleyball girls played Paducah on Tuesday, August 26,

The football boys traveled to Southland on Friday night to play their first game. They played through the rainy weather and came

half. The Greyhound defense took the ball away three times, one interception and two fumble recoveries.

Jordan Carter was respon-The rain seemed to be the sible for the interception. Zach Shaver had one fumble recovery and Marcell Lewis scooped up a fumble and returned it 20 yards for a touchdown. Coach Steele said, "The weather delay was a big distraction and did not allow us to have a normal pre game

Evidently, it did not hurt our focus because we jumped out to a quick lead and never looked back. I am very pleased with the focus all of our kids showed Friday night".

This Thursday, the Hounds will be hosting the Rule Bobcats, kick-off will begin at 5:30 pm with the Junior Varsity followed by the Varsity at 7:30 pm. We ask fense not allowing them to reach that the community gather and the endzone until the second root for our GREYHOUNDS!!!



The Houndette volleyball team have hit the season off well, thus

far. The girls are currently holding an 8-1 record. Coach Jan Reed

is passionate for this group of young ladies. She is expecting the

Houndettes to function their love for the game as well as their zeal-

ous pursuit to push them beyond district play. This past weekend, the

Houndettes entered the Chillicothe Tournament with high hopes and

came home without any disappointment. Both the JV and Varsity

brought home first place trophies beating out Memphis in the cham-

pionship realm. Coach Reed says, "the girls have played really well,

when it comes down to crunch time the team excels." Coach is ex-

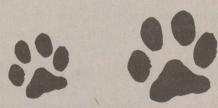
tremely proud of both the JV and Varsity teams. She said, "they are

taking new strides each time they play." The Houndettes will compete

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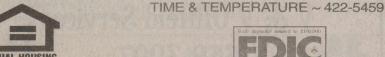
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Copper Breaks State Park Appeals To All Ages

By Hanaba Munn Welch Correspondent

COPPER BREAKS STATE PARK -- As the last days of summer slip into September, the stereotypical American vacationer is aging. More older travelers are taking to the highway as families with children are staying home and planning their lives around school activities.

Copper Breaks State Park, north of Crowell, is experiencing the yearly phenomenon -- the graying of park visitors -- but the park continues to offer educational programs designed to please all ages, if not to compete with schools, to compliment classroom learning.

In fact, it's the time of year that a park ranger can "take the park to school," treating youngsters to all sorts of lore, complete with objects and pictures to illustrate lively les-

"I'll go to school and present a program," said Carl Hopper, educational ranger. "If they need somebody to come speak, here we are."

Programs on both wildlife and history, both designed for fourthgraders, are in Hopper's traveling repertoire. He also does programs on weekends at the park -- activities designed to please all ages.

"Skins, Skulls and Tracks" is Hopper's name for a presentation he's making at the park on Saturday, Sept. 20, to teach different methods of animal identification. It won't all be about looking at footprints, bones and hides.

"We'll do predator calling to call up some animals," he said.

Often Hopper knows just where to go to grab a creature to give his audiences a live illustration of his lessons -- like the time a group of schoolchildren had never seen a horned toad. It took him 30 minutes, but he found one.

"We kind of know where everybody is out here," he said, making the creature population of the park sound as important as the campers.

Indeed, at Copper Breaks, that's how it is. Animals and people coexist in a rugged setting, both in the care and keeping of the park staff -- people like Hopper and his colleague, Wendell Barbaree, head ranger, and David Turner, long-time park superintendent.

Now that summer is over, a wide choice of camping spots is usually available. Reservations are recommended but often not necessary this time of year, even for the traveler who arrives late and unannounced -- especially during the week.

"More than likely, we'll still have enough room," said Ronda Altman, office manager.

Labor Day Weekend was busy, Altman said, but by Tuesday only one lonely shiny Airstream remained at the upper campground area -- an expanse of camp sites with both 30amp and 50-amp hookups and water for RV-style camping.

A lower camping area with water but no electricity is designed for tenters, pop-up campers and small

"For Labor Day we had a pretty good mix (of ages)," Altman said.

Peaceful times lie ahead (except for whatever creatures of the night Hopper may rouse with his special

"It's going back to the older crowd," Altman said.

But weekends will still be times

when families can enjoy the park and pursue special interests -- especially if they attend campsite programs.

This Saturday's mid-afternoon campsite talk on geocaching will provide a chance for anyone interested in the sport to learn the basics from a man who's no stranger to the park. Geocacher Doug Holbert has talked before on the topic for Copper Breaks audiences. Ranger Hopper heard him last year.

"We took a small little expedition around the headquarters," Hopper said. "It's like an adult hide-andseek. You have to figure out the riddle and the location (of the cache) at the same time."

Hopper enjoys geocaching, but he's not as devoted as some geocachers he has met.

"I'm not (interested) to the extreme," he said. "I'm not going to drive 200 miles. We have seen some people who will do that."

The park puts some restrictions of geocachers who want to hide ob-

Besides weekend campsite programs, other activities happen day in, day out at the park, including

Payment of a \$2 park entry fee for anyone over age 12 and under 65 is all that's required to fish the lower lake. For anyone 65 or older, the cost is \$1. Children 12 and under enjoy the park and fishing at no charge. No one needs a license.

"Right now the lower lake has been stocked with catfish and largemouth bass," Hopper said. "It's been stocked since the 1970s."

Pictures on display at the park show prize catches -- a 14-pound bass and channel catfish over 15 pounds, Hopper said.

Fees for camping sites vary from \$7 to \$20 and range from primitive sites with no water to sites designed to accommodate large RVs. Rates for group sites and activities depend on the number of participants and the location.

QUANAH -- Geocaching will be the topic of a campsite talk 3 p.m. Saturday, September 6, at Copper Breaks State Park. Doug Holbert, military veteran and veteran volunteer, will talk about basic aspects of the increasingly popular outdoor hobby.

Geocachers establish a geocache, which is usually a small box containing small tokens such as flashlights or key rings as well as pad and pencil. Other participants log onto a Web site for information and then try to find the site using GPS coordinates. When a geocacher finds the cache, the custom is for that person to leave something in the box and take something out. Also, geocachers often leave notes or clues to other cache locations. The finder then posts the discovery on the website.

Geocaching offers everyone an opportunity to be a treasure hunter without being destructive.

"Geocaching offers the best combination of orienteering and mapping, hiking and being outside, and just plain fun," said Holbert.

For more information on the geocaching program or other Copper Breaks events or facilities, contact the park daily during business hours at (940) 839-4331. Copper Breaks State Park is located eight miles north of Crowell on State 6. The distance from Knox City is 49 miles. The entrance to the park is on the west side of the highway.

jects on park property.

and we have to make sure it's in a safe location," he said.

The cache is often in a small length of PVC pipe, Hopper said.

Meanwhile, Hopper is more concerned with other goings-on at the park -- activities that enhance the 2,000-acre site for people who want to spend time in the breaks along Pease River.

In a way, Copper Breaks tries harder because of its relatively remote location and lack of a blockbuster attraction or feature.

"We're not Palo Duro Canyon," Hopper said. "We have to guarantee that we give people something while they're here."

April through October, monthstargazing sessions called StarWalks® are a draw. Telescopes and binoculars add to the naked-eye experience, not to mention talks by Jeri Turner, long-time volunteer and wife of David Turner, park superintendent. The next two star-viewing events are Sept. 27 and Oct. 25.

Doc Wood, cowboy poet, will be the Saturday campsite speaker both

Sept. 13 and Oct. 11. Martin Sanchez will talk about

firefighting on Saturday, Oct. 4. Prelude to Halloween, "Creepy Critters" is the topic for Saturday,

The park has restrooms, includ-"We have to know where it is, ing some with showers, in various locations.

Trails for hiking, horseback riding and bicycling run several miles through the park. Swimming and boating are other activities, and the park has a playground.

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Alternate Desserts For Diabetics Call In Orders By 10:00 A.m. 657-3618

Orders Can Not Be Taken After 10 m And Need To Be Picked Up After

11 Am YOUR COOPERATION IS APPRECIATED! (Menu Subject To Change)

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