

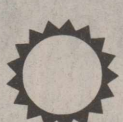
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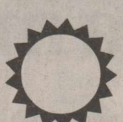
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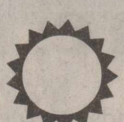
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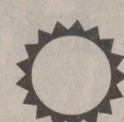
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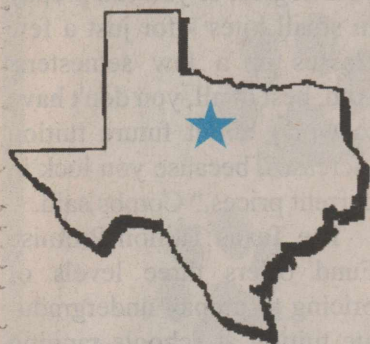
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Looking Ahead

CREATIVE WRITER'S

The Creative Writer's Group will meet this Saturday the 20th of September, at the Senior Citizen's Center at 500 E. Belknap St. in Seymour, TX at 2 PM. Everyone is welcome to attend

KCVFD FOOTBALL

Knox City Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting a Football game on Thursday September 25 at 7:30 against the local law enforcement

1ST ANNUAL KNOX CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GOLF TOURNAMENT

1st 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.

YOUTH MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER

Kerry Girling, will be speaking to Benjamin I.S.D. Students at the Memorial Building in Benjamin on Wednesday, October 8th at 1 p.m. Parents and the Public are invited to join

O'BRIEN HOMECOMING

Mark your calendar and check your mail--the O'Brien Homecoming is scheduled for October 10-12, 2008. 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

DTV AND THE SENIOR POPULATION

The West Central TX Council of Governments Area Agency on Aging will assist consumers 60 years and older with DTV questions, converter box coupon obtainment, or converter box installation. Services are at no cost. For more information contact the Area Agency on Aging at 1-800-928-2262.

SPORTS

Knox City: Wed. Sept. 17th Homecoming Bonfire Pep-rally @ City Dump Ground @ 8pm

SPORTS ACTION:

Thurs. Sept. 18th

O'Brien Bulldogs

vs. Bryson

There @ 5:30pm

Knox City Hounds JV

vs. Bryson

There @ 7pm

Fri. Sept. 19th

Knox City Homecoming

Greyhounds

vs. Bryson

Here @ 7:30pm

Sat. Sept 20th

Benjamin Lady Stangs

Volleyball

vs. Aspermont

There @ 2pm

Houndette Volleyball

vs. Rotan

Here @ 10am

20-Year Tradition Rings Strong At Benjamin Convenience Store



Front row: Derrick Northrup, Janice Tolson, Dylan Benson Back row: Dusty Stevens, Eddie Rivera Photo taken by Mellisa Casillas

By Mellisa Casillas

BENJAMIN -- The Dictionary states that the word "tradition" means: custom or belief. This defines the cowbell that rings loudly through BJ Country Store on football Thursday and Friday nights.

Janice Tolson, owner of BJ's, purchased her cowbell back when son, Chad Tolson, played junior high football in Benjamin.

The cowbell also became an alarm to notify grandson, Justin Baty, who attended Rochester High School, when Maw would show up late for the game.

From the sound of the bell echo-

ing throughout Rochester's stadium, he knew that she had made her appearance.

When Tolson opened the store in 1988, she brought the cowbell into the store, and that is when the tradition of ringing the bell at BJ's was created.

Although Mustangs have come and gone, the tradition has stayed the same.

Janice will greet the Mustang football player with, "ARE YOU FIRED UP?" If the player has a lack of enthusiasm, she will give him a fair warning and say, "I CAN'T HEAR YOU!" It is then that the cowbell sound echoes off the store

walls.

Varsity player, Derrick Northrup, told Janice, "The sound of the bell gets me fired up and ready to roll," when he overheard her questioning the junior high guys this past Thursday.

Whether you are a veteran of the city might be better just to say veteran of Benjamin or simply passing by, Janice Tolson will not hesitate to ring her old cowbell.

She said, "I ring the bell to be involved with the team and to involve the community." This 20-year tradition is something that Mustangs and Mustang fans of all ages have grown to love.

Knox City Volunteer Fire Department Recieves \$1000 Donation Form Hunt Oil Company



When people see smoke or fire in their home or business they turn to the local fire department. The Knox City Volunteer Fire Department is ran on donations from the community, businesses, and fund-raisers held by the fire fighters. On Tuesday September 9, Hunt Oil Company made a donation to the KCVFD. David Lisle with Hunt Oil said they gave the donation to the department because "they always came and helped out when needed, so Hunt wanted to help them out." Fire Chief Fred Ledesma said " they appreciate the donation and want to thank Hunt Oil Company." The money will be used to help replace the brush truck that quit on them. The fire department does not just fight fires they also help out one Knox City High School graduating senior by giving them a scholarship. On September 25, the KCVFD will be facing off with the local cops in a football game to help raise money for the scholarship. Everyone is invited to come out and support the men. Photo taken by Amanda Sandusky

Knox County Visioning Team Honored at Texas Rural Health Association



The Knox County Visioning Team was honored with the 2008 Communities That Care Award at an awards luncheon held during the Texas Rural Health Association Annual Conference in Austin on August 6, 2008. The Visioning Team was nominated for the award by the Big Country Area Health Education Center (AHEC). Knox County Judge Travis Floyd and Remelle Farrar, Director of the Knox County Visioning Team, were on hand to accept the award, along with Judge Floyd's wife, Brenda Floyd.

The Communities that Care Award is given annually and recognizes rural communities that go the extra mile for its citizens by implementing a health care project that has made a significant difference both for the people and the community it serves. In their nomination of the Visioning Team, Big Country AHEC applauded Knox County for its commitment to the youth of their communities by hosting Career Fairs, Parenting Fairs, and the Youth Engagement Day. In addition, Knox County has welcomed Big Country AHEC into their schools to provide health careers and healthy living presentations such as the DWEyes Program.

The Knox County Visioning Team was also applauded for sponsoring a Certified Nurses Aide Training for Knox County residents which resulted in the graduation of nine individuals who are now either working at a local nursing home or at the Knox County Hospital. Currently the Visioning Team is hosting an Emergency Medical Technician Training for seven Knox County residents who will eventually be certified to serve the area as a certified EMT.

Also included in the nomination was a description of Knox County's commitment to providing strong health care for its citizens. The community has repeatedly welcomed students from health professions training programs who have trained under Dr. Kevin Finley and the Knox County Hospital. Since beginning his role as a preceptor with Big Country AHEC in 2006, Dr. Finley has hosted a total of seven medical students, proving his commitment to address the health care provider shortage and improve health care access for Knox County residents.

Big Country AHEC recognized Knox County's ongoing commitment to partnering with AHEC to offer support programs to recruit and retain health care professionals. By offering courses like the Trauma Nursing Core Course, health care professionals are able to obtain continuing education credit and take part in professional development opportunities.

Big Country AHEC Director, Kelly Cheek, stated "The Knox County Visioning Team is a perfect example of people invested in improving all aspects of their communities. We are proud to partner with the Visioning Team to continue to improve health education and health care access for the citizens of Knox County."

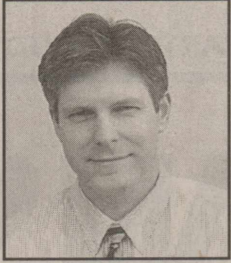
The mission of the Big Country Area Health Education Center (AHEC) is to address the health care provider shortage and improve health care access in the North and West Central Texas through education and development of the health care workforce. One of the goals we use to uphold that mission is to introduce school-aged youth to health careers and encourage healthy living through promotions and presentations.

Opportunities like these are the result of partnerships with communities, community health professionals, health professions training schools and the Big Country Area Health Education Center (AHEC). The Big Country AHEC is a service of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center F. Marie Hall Institute for Rural and Community Health and the West Central Texas Council of Governments. For more information about a school or civic presentation, contact Kelly Cheek at 325-793-8484.

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TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

State Capital HIGHLIGHTS



By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - Hurricane Ike's 40-mile wide eye crossed Galveston Island early on Sept. 13, laying waste to the city of Galveston before plowing its way north through Houston, then heading northeast and out of Texas.

Ike brought with it powerful winds and a 12-foot wall of seawater that wrecked or swamped Galveston homes, businesses and infrastructure. FEMA-directed search and rescue crews moved in to Galveston and other communities as winds and high water

began to recede. An estimated 140,000 coastal residents did not obey evacuation orders. On Sept. 14, the governor's office reported more than 1,900 storm victims had been rescued.

On Sept. 15, nearly 3 million homes were still without power in scores of communities in Ike's path. Crews began to distribute water, ice and MREs (Meals Ready to Eat) on Sept. 14. Authorities asked that residents not return to stricken areas until further notice.

For evacuees and rescues whose homes and businesses are still habitable, it could take weeks before power and city services are restored.

The National Weather Service on Sept. 12 had predicted a life-threatening storm surge to hit the Texas coast in advance of Ike as it spun toward Texas as a Category 2

hurricane with winds in excess of 100 mph.

SERVICE TO PROTECT IKE EVACUEES

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott on Sept. 11 launched Operation Safe Shelter, an emergency service to provide registered sex offender information to evacuation shelter personnel.

The Office of Attorney General established a 24-hour a day, toll-free emergency hotline to allow shelter personnel to inquire whether evacuees are registered sex offenders. When evacuation shelters contact the Safe Shelter Hotline at (866) 385-0333, officials will access and share information from the state's registered sex offender database.

Callers should be prepared to provide evacuees' names, addresses and dates of birth. Shelter managers can use this

information as necessary to coordinate specialized housing arrangements or take other action as appropriate, according to the attorney general's office.

TEXAS TOPS CALIFORNIA IN STUDY

Gov. Rick Perry and economist Arthur Laffer on Sept. 9 unveiled a study comparing Texas and California.

Laffer's study suggests that Texas' lower taxes, reasonable regulations and limited government have created a better economic climate with growth in income, wealth and employment projected to strengthen relative to California and the nation as a whole.

Perry and Laffer presented the study at a forum hosted by the Texas Public Policy Foundation, Texas Association of Business and Texas Conservative Coalition Research Institute.

A news release from Perry's

office said the study compares the two states' taxes on labor income, capital income, consumption, overall tax environment, government spending policies and government regulatory policies. The study found Texas' economic environment more competitive than California's in five of the categories and equal to California's in taxes on consumption.

Perry credited "controlled government spending and a reasonable tax environment with creating prosperity and attracting businesses to move to Texas" and expressed the value of "continued government spending restraint and transparency."

NEW PREPAID TUITION FUND DEBUTS

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs on Sept. 10 rolled out the Texas Tuition Promise Fund, a way for parents to lock in current prices for college

tuition and fees for their children.

"You can prepay for a four-year degree, or you can prepay in small bites - for just a few classes or a few semesters. And, best of all, you don't have to worry about future tuition increases, because you lock in current prices," Combs said.

The Texas Tuition Promise Fund offers three levels of pricing to prepay undergraduate tuition at schools ranging from public community colleges to four-year state universities. The money also may be used at out-of-state or private universities, with students and their families making up for the difference in cost.

Prepaid tuition accounts must be paid in full and open for at least three years before tuition benefits can be paid, a feature that encourages parents to begin saving early, the comptroller stipulated.

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By Ace Reid

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"I can't believe we used to risk our necks ridin' horseback through this ol' rough country!"

The Paperboy

By CHRISTOPHER BLACKBURN

As you've might have noticed, I'm somewhat conservative. Does that mean I'm a Republican? No. Actually, I consider myself an Independent.

I've known politicians my entire life. I stuck a cookie in the mouth of Gov. Dolph Briscoe as a boy and visited Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock in Austin because I thought he was brilliant. Both were friends of my grandfather, the late Morris Higley, a newspaper publisher from Childress.

Sen. Phil Gramm helped me get a dorm at Texas A&M and Rep. Mac Thornberry was a pallbearer at my grandfather's funeral.

The first two I mentioned were Democrats, the second two Republicans. I consider them not only skilled politicians, but good men. They served or are serving us well.

I have always admired Gov. Ann Richards and consider James Carville brilliant.

I've always thought Oklahoma Rep. J.C. Watts should have stayed in office and I appreciate the humor of Dennis Miller.

Richards and Carville are Dems while Watts and Miller are not.

Michael Moore may be one of the biggest jackasses in world history followed closely by Pat Buchanan.

I consider Presidents Franklin D. Roosevelt and Ronald Reagan the greatest U.S. presidents of the last century.

Why am I disclosing this? I think it's fair for the readers to know it.

We live in a very cynical time on both sides of the aisle and it has become borderline ridiculous. I hate to break the news to you, but there are good people in both parties and there are some who de-

serve to be ousted.

Currently, President Bush has an approval rating of 32.7 percent and a disapproval rating of 64.7 percent.

By contrast, Congress, which is controlled by Democrats, has an approval rating of 20.3 percent and a disapproval rating of 72 percent.

It looks to me like the vast majority of Americans are a bit fed up with both parties and the entire process.

For me, my biggest concerns tend to be rural issues. Are our farmers being protected? Are the state and federal governments paying attention to the needs of rural schools? Are we getting strong representation from our elected officials? Do we have the best law enforcement for rural residents? Is our health care adequate?

Simply put, we have issues which are either put on the back burner or never addressed at all and it is killing rural America. It's not a Republican issue and it's not a Democrat issue. It's because it takes population centers to get elected to office and that's one thing small towns don't have.

There are great Americans in both parties and there always have been. The trouble starts when members stop reaching across the aisle for the good of us all.

This election season, demand that whomever you vote for begin paying attention to the 80 million Americans who live in small towns.

If enough of us do that, the issues affecting us might start getting the proper attention.

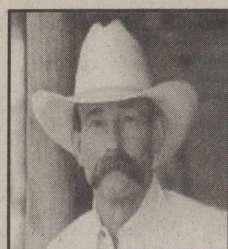
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BAXTER BLACK

ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

WATER ON MARS

WATER DISCOVERED ON MARS! That headline stopped me in my tracks! Maybe there's hope for Colorado!

Colorado's burgeoning population has those responsible scouring the state for water to supply the unquenchable suburban growth along the front range of the Rockies that stretches for 200 miles. Other, primarily southwestern metropolises from L.A. to El Paso, are trying to secure a water supply to accommodate their next 25 years of population explosion.

But actually locating, seeing and proving that Mars has water beneath its surface is electrifying to me. The accomplishment and findings of this feat rank with putting a man on the moon, the taming of the jalapeño, and the invention of insecticides.

Four million miles away on a red planet, just a bright dot in the night sky, we landed a toy shovel with a stove and a wireless cell phone with a camera. The picture showed a scrape of the bucket in the Martian dirt with two distinct wet spots in the track. Not a doubt.

It's like making a connection that heretofore, had just been a blurb in the imagination of the human mind. Science fiction writers' plots. Scientists' puzzles. Romantics' hopes. Star gazers' dreams. It touches a deep spot inside of us. I concede not everyone is as impressed as I when the University of Arizona proved their theory that H2O existed on Mars. It didn't even make the front page of many newspapers. There was a ho-hum reaction on television news that treated celebrity baby births, campaign promises, and

political corruption as higher priorities.

But finding water on Mars is a watershed in the progress of mankind's earthly knowledge of the universe. Suddenly Mars is no longer a barren giant rock circling the sun. It is no longer lifeless. It is not as hostile. H2O exists under its surface and with it, oxygen. Basic essentials for life, as Coloradoans can tell you. They are protective of their beautiful canyons and streams and mountains. They have for years voted down attempts to capture more water from the Front Range run-offs. But...now days, the "environmentalists" are being washed away by the reality of demand.

In Colorado, developers, California immigrants, and politicians have spent decades plotting ways to beg, buy, borrow, or steal water from the agricultural communities.

Now they have the numbers. Major water projects are in the permitting process or under construction to expand reservoirs, build new ones, build new dams, and install massive new pipelines from distant sources. There is an urgency.

Maybe by the time Denver, Los Angeles, Las Vegas, and Phoenix have drained every drop of water from the washrag of neighboring counties, we will be shooting H2O molecules on laser beams from deep wells on Mars and using them to flush toilets and water golf courses in Scottsdale and Aurora!

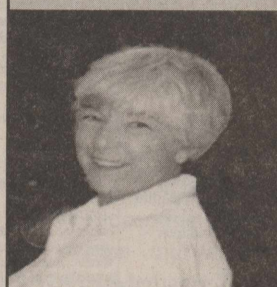
Hey, anything can happen. You wouldn't believe it! We just found water on Mars!

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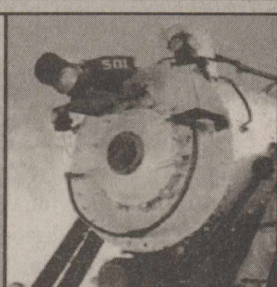
A flock of wild turkeys trots along a fence near State Hwy. 6, headed north in the river-crossed country between Benjamin and Crowell. A special fall turkey hunting season for archers runs from Saturday, Sept. 27 through Friday, Oct. 31. The regular fall turkey hunting season in North Texas opens Saturday, Nov. 1, and runs through Sunday, Jan. 4, 2009. In North Texas, fall turkey season coincides with white-tailed deer season, both for archery and conventional hunting. More information about hunting seasons in Texas is available from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department -- <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/huntwild/hunt/season>.

I want to say a big thank you for all the nice things that were done for me during my hospital stay and since I have come home. Especially for all the prayers, the visits, the good food that was brought to the house, cards, telephone calls that were made, and anything else that was done during this time. May God bless each one of you and be with you in whatever you undertake. Love and God bless each of you, Charlene Brothers



The 501

by Hanaba Munn Welch



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.

My Grandmother's name was Dessie. She named a cow Callie for a trip she made to California to see her sister Hallie. Grandmother's other sister was Sadie.

Grandmother belonged to the "ie" era when nearly every girl's name ended with those letters. Indeed, the cow was born into a much later era, but I think Grandmother made the right decision to go with the name Callie. Otherwise, back then, she would have been on the horns of a naming dilemma, caught chronologically between Shirley and Linda — distinctly non-cow names.

What controlling deity of culture is it that turns some once-trendy human names into cow names but does not appropriate others?

Shirley and Linda never caught on with Borden. But Callie would have fit right in with Elsie and Elmer. At this point, it must be said that names like Callie seem to be back in style, except nowadays the spelling of Callie is more likely to be something like Kaleigh. I can

say these things; our granddaughter is Rylee.

If I sound overly name-conscious, remember, I'm Hanaba — a hopeless misfit. The other day, our 2-year-old grandson, Cutter, managed to put my name in the "ie" category, calling me Habie, albeit with the emphasis on the last syllable. Sounded good to me.

Back to cows, I think it's good to name them for events — especially if you have a herd of longhorns. Longhorns are long on longevity. Keep your longhorns long enough and you don't have just a herd — you have a chronicle.

Grandmother ran Herefords. If she had a naming system, I don't know what it was. Callie is the only cow I remember by name. The only other long trip I remember Grandmother making, besides one more trip to California, was to Minnesota.

To my recollection, no cow got named Minnie. I would remember a Minnie. A handy cow-naming system for small herds is the hurricane system. We have a Rita and

a Katrina. For anyone like me who doesn't care about keeping precise records, it's a way of letting the National Weather Service keep cow records for you. That agency is all about records; I am not.

The big drawback is that every other hurricane name is for a guy. It's OK to name bulls, but they come and go. If you named one for a hurricane you'd be telling his age — not always a plus when you're ready to sell him.

On the other hand, why not name a cow Ike? Boys' names for girls are in style now — so much so that parents nowadays would think twice before they named a boy Mackenzie.

Well, as I live and breathe, we just stumbled onto a modern-day "ie" name. You can't keep a good name ending down. We might as well end with a family story handed down by my "ie"-less Aunt Kate: She taught school. She asked a boy which of his two older sisters was older.

"Callie's the oldest," he said. "But Effie's legs is the biggest."

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KNOX COUNTY 4-H AND YOUTH PROJECT FAIR

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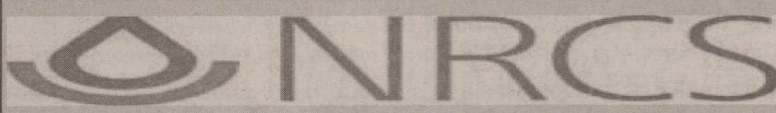
The fair is held in conjunction with Knox County Extension Education Association Achievement Fair in which EEA members come together to compete in various categories including crafts, foods, photography, horticulture, fine arts, and needlework. The youth have a separate division and there is no entry fee.

This year a special prize of \$25.00, given by the Knox County 4-H and Youth Committee, will be awarded to the youth in each age division with the most entries.

The age divisions for youth are: Kindergarten through 4th grade, 5th through 8th grade, and 9th through 12th grade. Entries will be received on September 22 until 11:00 AM. Doors will open again at 5:00 PM for viewing of entries, awards and a meal sponsored by Knox County EEA. If you are interested in learning more about the Knox County Extension Education or Knox County 4-H or just want to come see what talent Knox County has and share a good meal, please join us on Monday, September 22 at 5:00 PM in Benjamin, TX.

For more information on entering the fair please contact Lorrie Coop, CEA-FCS, at the Knox County Extension Office at 940/459-2651

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2008 Weekly Weather Report

Date	Temperature (F) Low / High	Rainfall inches
09/09	61/71	.09
09/10	64/75	.93
09/11	71/86	.02
09/12	73/84	.19
09/13	69/86	
09/14	64/79	
09/15	53/77	
	Total Rainfall	1.23
	2008 Rainfall (ytd)	16.02

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Time: 9:00 a.m.

Antiques/Collectibles/ Appliances

- 1 Victrola chair;
- 1 Antique shredder;
- 1 Western TV light;
- 1 Upright piano;
- 1 Shoe spreader;
- 1 Printer shelf;
- 1 Frankoma pieces;
- 1 amber pedestal bowl;
- 1 card table;
- 2 milk glass pcs;
- 1 lot of misc kitchen items;
- 1 GE 20.6 cu ft fridge;
- 2 mixing bowls;
- 2 cast iron pcs;
- 1 punch bowl set;
- 1 silver tea service;
- 1 enamel roaster;
- 2 Pyrex pcs;
- 5 corning ware pcs;
- 1 Oster bread maker;
- 1 Black & Decker chopper;
- 1 lot Tupperware;
- 1 Black Decker Coffee maker;
- 2 club aluminum sauce pots;
- 1 Waffle iron;
- 1 tea kettle;
- 1 lot kitchen tools;
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- 1 3 1/2 ton floor jack;
- 1 Stahl Weedster;
- 1 Black Weedster; Craftsman 2 1/8 HP Circular saw;
- 1 Embroidery table cloths;
- 1 spice rack;
- 1 Blue glass cake stand;
- 1 footed bowl;
- 1 platter;
- 1 lot linen;
- 1 lazy Susan;
- 1 Food processor;
- 2 maple bar stools;
- 2 vinyl covered bar stools;
- 2 Japanese chop sticks in case;
- 1 Oil lantern;
- 3 mini oil lanterns;
- 1 King bed;
- 1 Dresser w/ 2 mirrors;
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- 1 Windtunnel Hoover Vac;
- 2 Lamp table w/ magazine rack;
- 1 Hurricane lamp;
- 1 lot towels;
- 1 cleaning supplies;
- 1 Maple shelf unit;
- 1 Leather foot stool;
- 1 Windyork to Sirloin Volume 1 and II;
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- 1 Floor runner;
- 2 pcs art glass;
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- 1 Fifty Six Military Currency;
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- 1 yard cart;
- 1 cult seat;
- 1 cutting torch w/ gauges;
- 1 log chain;
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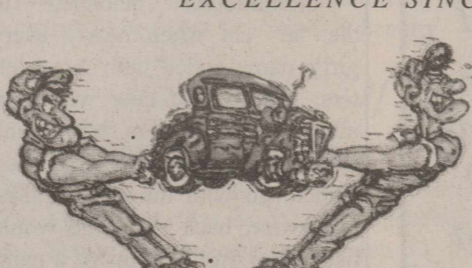
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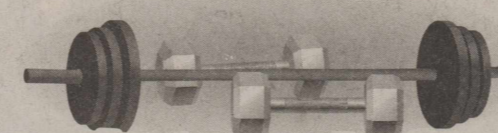
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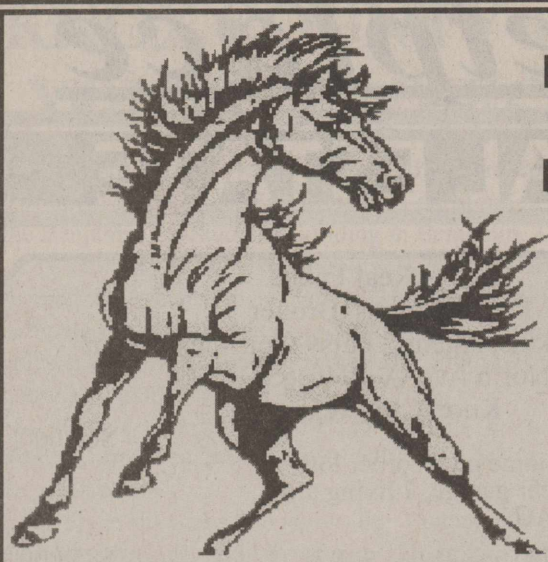
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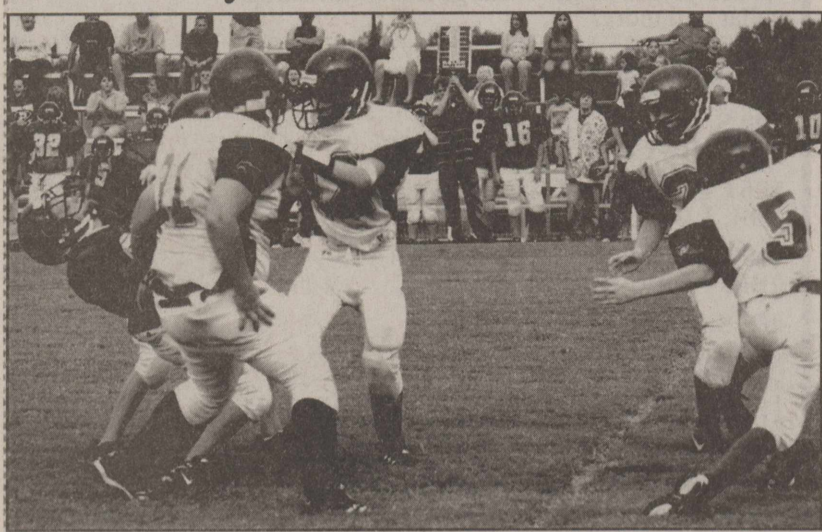


BENJAMIN SPORTS

BENJAMIN NEWS

By Gladene Green

Benjamin Jr. High 24-0 Victory Over Paint Creek



2008 Jr. High season began on Thursday, September 11th, the young generation of Mustangs lead themselves into a 24-0 victory over Paint Creek. Star player was Heath Ham, the biggest improvement from practice to the game was Bryston Pierce, Matt Acree was the most consistent player on the field. Heath Ham: 1 Rushing Touchdown, 1 Receiving touchdown, 1 Interception touchdown; Kellen Loftiss: 1 Passing Touchdown; Strawn Jackson: 1 Rushing Touchdown

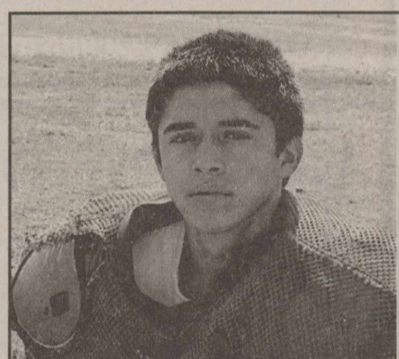
As if the success wasn't enough the Mustangs played a fifth quarter against the Little Pirates. The final score for the extra quarter of play was Benjamin 13 / Paint Creek 6. Jonathan Rodriguez: 2 Rushing Touchdown; Bryston Pierce: 1 Pass for extra point; Cody Potter: 1 Reception for extra point. Coach Loftiss was content with the play that Benjamin Jr. High brought to the field.

BENJAMIN PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



Leah Vanderpol

Lady Stang Volleyball
Grade: 12th
Age: 18
Nickname: BOG
Parents: Brent & Lauren Vanderpol
Siblings: Laura (30), Jessica (16), Benjamin (10)
School Involvements: Volleyball, Cheerleading, 4-H, National Honor Society
My claim to fame is: getting up early
Some people don't know that I: love to run at night
My "American Idol" is: Audrey Hepburn



Gilbert Nevarez

Mustang Football
Grade: 12th
Age: 17
Nickname: Mr. Meatles
Parents: Gilberto & Bertha Nevarez
Siblings: Elias (10), Abraham (6)
School Involvements: All Sports, UIL, OAP
Behind my back people may say: Gilbert just can't stop helping those less fortunate.
One embarrassing moment for me was when I: wrecked my truck
My "American Idol" is: NFL players

Lady Stangs Are On A Roll

Look out district 14-2, Benjamin Lady Stangs are on a roll. This past Saturday, the Ladies hosted Newcastle. There, the Stangs defeated their opponent in the first three matches. Senior Devon Jones has been the most consistent player on the court. However, Junior Raquel Acevedo has made the most improvement since the last game. Teri Miller: 5 Kills; Devon Jones: 4 Kills, 4 Assists, 4 Aces; Raquel Acevedo 2 Kills, 5 Assists, 3 Aces; Leah Vanderpol served 17 straight service points in game 3

Benjamin: 25, 25, 25
Newcastle: 15, 14, 01

Although the Ladies season record of 7-7, doesn't reflect a dominate pattern, it reveals the fact that the Stangs are filled with determination.

Saturday, September 20th, will be the Benjamin Lady Stangs' district season opener. They will meet up with Aspermont, the competition will begin at 2pm in Aspermont. The Benjamin Ladies need all of the fan support that they can receive. As said before, the Stangs have a huge pair of shoes to fill going into their 2008-2009 District Season. During last year volleyball season, the Benjamin Lady Stangs were able to win as District Champs and played as Area Qualifiers. Coach Loftiss said, "I expect the district to be tight, we must stay healthy."

First "45" Of The Season

Mustang Madness captured their first "45" of the season against Paint Creek Pirates. On Friday afternoon, the Benjamin Mustangs were encouraged by the win that the Jr. High team had succeeded in the night before. Senior Dillon Loftiss had made the comment during his speech at the pep-rally that he wanted to continue the win against Paint Creek. The Mustangs allowed no room for mistakes in their path of conquest to "Sink the Pirates". Ending the fourth quarter early gave the Mustangs a definite sense of accomplishment.

The Mustangs both young and old graced Benjamin with a VICTORY! The Mustangs hold a 2-1 record for the 2008 season. Star player for Friday night's game went to Junior Derrick Northrup. He acquired one touchdown and tallied up 3 attempts for 61 yards. Freshman Blake Jones showed the most progress since the game against Christ the King a week ago. Jones had one touchdown and one pass attempt for 45 yards.

Nonetheless, Senior Gilbert Nevarez has given the most relentless play of the team. Nevarez's competition is reliable and devoted to his team. He claimed one touchdown and had three attempts for 52 yards. Another player that assisted in carrying out the win was Junior Mitchell Ham with one touchdown and one reception of 45 yards. Coach Jason Loftiss said that, "We must focus on improving each and every day. We stress team is more important than individual (me)!"

Many kudos go to Coach Loftiss! This year, he is a man with many duties. Loftiss carries the weight of both Varsity and Jr. High Football as well as the Lady Stang Volleyball. With this in mind, when cheering for your favorite Benjamin team give the Coach a HIP, HIP HOORAY!

Benjamin will have an OPEN on Friday, September 19th. They will continue play on Saturday, September 27th when they take on Paint Rock at Trent kick-off will begin at 11am.

Cross Country

Seymour Cross-Country Meet (3 mile course)
Benjamin Varsity Boys-Team finished 6th overall
Gilbert Nevarez 16th 18:51 Blake Jones 29th 19:42
Derrick Northrup 45th 20:40 Dillon Loftiss 60th 21:46
Dylan Benson 72 22:48 Dusty Stevens 73rd 22:52



Jr. High Cheerleaders Chasity Tolson Kelsey Brown

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Last week brought us some much needed rain. Almost every day, some fell. Some days more than others but every drops appreciated. And those wonderful cooler temps are so welcome. Makes us realize that one day soon we will trade those high A/C bills for equally as "digging" the cost of heating our homes! But I'm not gonna rush it. Had to many hot days!!!

About Out Ill

Reports on our ill friends vary today. Dutch Young is making progress tho it is sort of slow. Still can not swallow as well as he would like to but with time Drs. say that will get back to normal. It to have a test on Wednesday to determine if there may be another cause for that problem other than the surgery. He is still in Texas Specialty Facility, a branch of Grace Care Center in Wichita Falls. And doesn't know when he will be home.

Bobby Hudson has been a patient in Knox County Hospital since Thursday but is much better and if he continues to so as week as he was Monday he should be home tomorrow (Tuesday). That's good news. He's had a bout with pneumonia.

Jessie Roberts is doing much better. Had several pretty "down" days but is getting stronger now and feeling much more like herself for which she is most thankful.

Fred Carver is having some back problems and needs to be very careful about what he does. Has something wrong with the lower spine and I think is pretty painful. He was to see his doctor in Abilene last week and I have not heard how that visit went.

Weldon Gideon is much better. Is enjoying his little trailer he moved into recently.

Don Hertel was admitted to Knox County Hospital Sunday morning. Is not doing well at this time but maybe today's report will be more encouraging. He and his family need our prayers as do all these friends.

Sports

Last week was a good week for the Mustangs, Lady Mustangs, Coaches, fans and anyone else interested in local sports. On Thursday the Jr high hosted Paint Creek and defeated the visiting team 24-0. Friday night the High School boys went over to Paint Creek and brought home another victory (45-0) On Saturday, here at home, the Lady Stangs hosted Newcastle. The football teams both have open dates this week. The next Jr. High game is on October 2 with Bryson there. Game time is 5:30 p.m. The

High school plays Paint Rock at Trent on September 27. This game is scheduled for 11:00 a.m.

Here 'N There

It was a fun weekend for the class of 1954 of Munday high School this past weekend. Meeting at the MCM Elegante' suites, thirteen who graduated with the class and three others who had been members of the class but had moved away enjoyed 3 days of visiting, comparing notes on each others lives, re-living school days and just enjoying each others company. And we all departed looking forward to our next meeting. Bera Spann Boyd Johnson and Bob Kilian got the group together. The rest of us enjoyed the results of their efforts. Those attending were

Joan Sakora Blake and husband Tommy, of Friends wood, Lois Michels Smith and husband, Wayne who live in Colef, Peggy Cure Ritchie and husband, Grindel of Wichita Falls, C.J. and (Naomi) Davis of Halton City, Bill (and Patsy) Henson of Weatherford, Parker (and Janice) new of Pipe Creek, Jack (and Katy) new of Liberty Hill, Jimmy (and Wanda) Morgan of Waco, Jerry Bob (and Becky) Goodwin of Megargel, Bob (and Juanita) Killian of Lubbock, Betty Stoodghill LeMaster of Houston, Bera Span Boyd Johnson of Abilene, and Gladene Yeager Green of Benjamin. Also Larry Don Lain (and Betty) of Buchanan Dam, Roy Lee Voyles of Lubbock and John King of Houston.

And we had an extra "measure" of enjoyment as a few of the Class of '53 were also there for a get together and we all got to visit. there's nothing quite like being with friends from the past who continue to be friends!

Mary and Jack Young were in Wichita Falls Sunday to see his brother, Dutch.

There were a couple of birthday "bashes" here in town last week. On Saturday, September 6th, Jessie Roberts was honored by some of her family with cola and punch and good wishes. There son Bill and his wife, Sue, who live near Austin stayed a few days last week for a visit.

And on Wednesday night, Philomae Robersons' family gave her a little party. Daughters, Judy Barnett and Kathie Waldron and some of their families and Philomae's sister, Corrine Parrish enjoyed that gathering.

Betty Bohannon had her sister Marilyn Fisk and niece, Debbie Stephenson both of Clyde during the weekend

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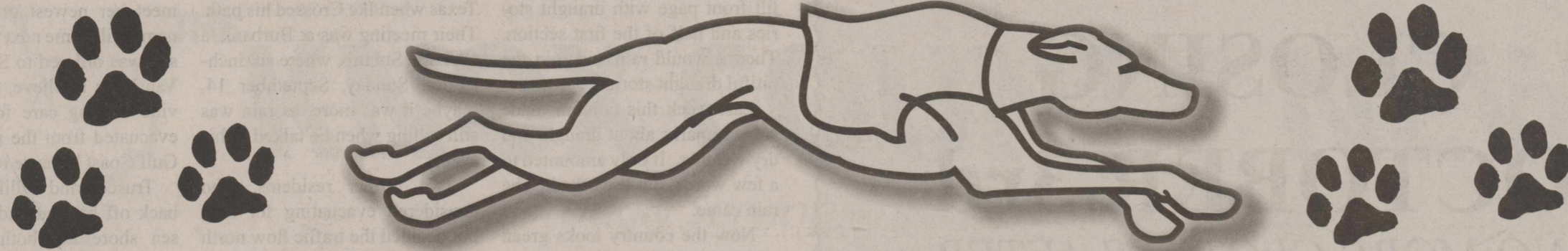
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Houndettes Place 2nd In The Silver Bracket At Childress

The Houndettes won second place in the Silver Bracket at the Childress Tournament on Saturday. The Girls were successful with two out of three games giving them an overall record of 11-2.

Coach Jan Reed said that Lacey Pierce made the biggest improvement during the tournament. Coach feels that the entire team has a whole continues to have consistency in the game. She says, "when we're on, we are all on and when we're off, we all seem to be a little off." Saturday, September 20th, the Houndettes will be beginning their District play against Rotan.

The girls are expecting to do well and go beyond this branch of volleyball. "We appreciate the fans that back us and come to see us play. It's always good to know your town is behind your team all the way. It's amazing what that does for our confidence! Thanks and we'll see ya at the games!" declared Coach Reed.

Mea Abila: 4 Kills, 6 Tips, 2 Blocks, 1 Ace; Whitney Collins: 9 Digs; Sam Esquivel: 1 Kill, 3 Tips, 1 Ace, 1 Assist; Brittney Gonzales: 1 Kill, 1 Ace; Tiffany McCrary: 4 Kills; 5 Digs, 1 Tip, 2 Aces; Lacey Pierce: 2 Aces; Katelin Reed: 10 Digs; 2 Tips, 1 Ace.

TEEN NEWS

By Rachel Ellis

The halls have been filled with lots of spirit this week as everyone prepares for the homecoming game this Friday Night.

The football team played a great game against the Chillicothe Eagles, and came out with on top with a score of 54-18. This week they will play their homecoming game against the Bryson Cowboys. The bon fire will be held Wednesday at 8:00 p.m., at the city sanitation landfill. The pep rally will be held on Friday at the gym starting at 3:05p.m. Home coming activities will start at 6:45p.m. at the football field Friday night.

The volleyball girls played in the Childress tournament this past weekend. They placed second overall. They played Woodson on Tuesday. They play their first district game this Saturday against Rotan.

The Knox City FFA officers held a breakfast for the chapter and parents of FFA students Thursday morning. There was a great turn out.

Students 3rd grade or 9 years old, who are interested in showing live stock at the County Show, with Jr. FFA, need to contact Mr. Nelson at the Knox City high school Ag Department.

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Knox City Greyhounds 54 Chillicothe Eagles 18



The Greyhounds got back to their winning ways Friday night beating the Chillicothe Eagles 54-18 to bring their record to 2 wins and 1 loss.

It was not a normal week of practices for the Hounds with the rainy weather and dealing with illness and injuries. During the week there were as many as 3 or 4 varsity players not practicing due to injuries or sickness. "When you have a week like this where the weather is bad and you have kids injured and sick, you never know what is going to happen under the lights on Friday night. Practices were more mental than physical due to the rain". Coach Steele said. "Getting a big win after

a week like this shows the character of these young men and we are very proud of them".

The Greyhounds took care of business on both sides of the ball Friday night. Offensively, the Hounds had 359 total yards. Their multiple offensive attack yielded 129 yards through the air and 230 yards on the ground. The Greyhound backfield foursome of MJ Abila, Zach Shaver, Ryan Ledesma and Marcell Lewis took care of the ground game. Abila was the offensive leader with 103 yards rushing with 2 touchdowns and 119 yards passing with 2 touchdowns. Jordan Carter was the leading receiver with 75 yards and 2

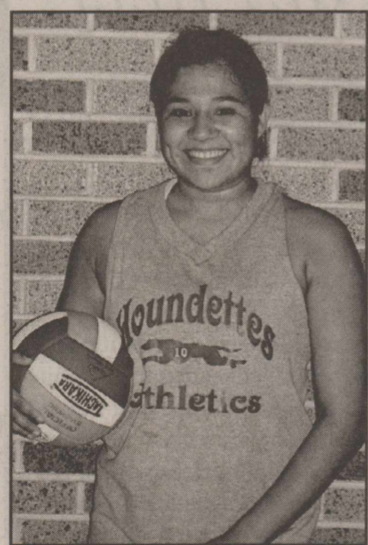
touchdowns. Lewis had a rushing touchdown and Zakery York caught a touchdown pass from Bandy Moeller to round out the offensive scoring for the Hounds. "I thought we played very well on offense. We have several different weapons that can go score at anytime. If we cut down on the fumbles and penalties, we will be unstoppable".

The Greyhound defense bent but did not break only allowing the Eagle offense into the end zone 3 times. The defensive standouts were Jordan Carter and Ryan Ledesma. Ledesma led the defense with 20 tackles. Carter had 15 tackles and 2 interceptions, returning one for a

touchdown. Other notable defensive players were Marcell Lewis, MJ Abila, Bandy Moeller and Shane Strickland. Coach Steele added, "The first half we played great defense. Then we came out flat after halftime and gave up a quick score right off the bat. We made some adjustments, refocused and finished the game strong."

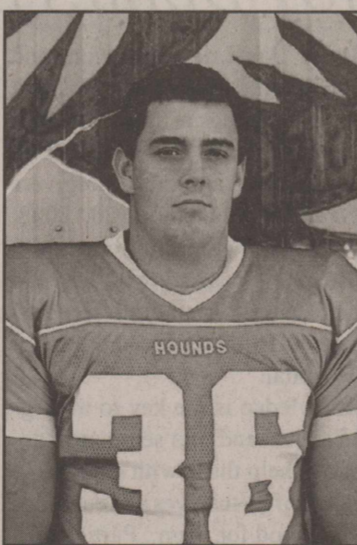
This week is the homecoming game. The Greyhounds host the Bryson Cowboys Friday night at 7:30 PM. Everyone come out to the game and make it a homecoming to remember. Wear your Red and Blue and bring your noise makers. BE LOUD AND PROUD!!!!!!!!!!

KNOX CITY PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



Mealinda Abila

Houndette Volleyball
Grade: 12th
Age: 17
Nickname: Betty
Parents: Mario & Linda Abila
Siblings: Lezli (23), Lindsey (21), MJ (16), Christian (9)
School Involvements: Volleyball, Basketball, Tennis
If I could be anyone for a day I would be: the famous sand volleyball player- Welch
One embarrassing moment for me was when I: was shaking my groove thing in front of my friend's dad!
My "American Idol" is: Hannah Montana



Shane Strickland

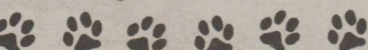
Hound Football
Grade: 12th
Age: 17
Nickname: Shaner
Parents: Paul & Venetia Strickland
Siblings: Tamara Ortiz (29),
School Involvements: Football, Basketball, Track, Baseball, Golf, Band, FFA
My claim to fame is: my mad yo-deling skills
If I could be anyone for a day I would be: Charles Steele
The last book I read was: a book to the Kindergartners

Bulldogs Look Young In Jr. High Debut.

The O'Brien Bulldogs started off their Jr. High season last Thursday by traveling to Chillicothe. The team was outscored 19-0, but Coach Howeth and Coach Webb said that they were impressed with the majority of the squad. "I think we did alright considering that only four of our players had ever played jr. high football before." Because of low numbers, the 6th graders were allowed to play this year. Having them play, as well as the 7th graders, being their first year playing as well, gave the team 14 members suiting up for the first time. "We were intimidated by their size at first, Chillicothe had some big kids." said Coach Webb. After one big play on defense the team settled down and moved the ball down the field before turning it over on downs. The coaches said that the offense fared well with the little preparation time they have had, and were impressed with some backups when starters were out with injury or needing a break. Some highlights of the game were a 25 yard pass to 6th grader Leighton Pepper, and a couple crucial first down receptions by Austin Sanders. On defense Garrett Fox and Zach Rodriguez played well and came up with a number of tackles. "Our first group found an offensive set we liked, and moved the ball down the field, we just couldn't put it in the end zone. A couple dropped passes and mental breakdowns hurt us as well." added Coach Webb. The team travels to Bryson on Thursday to take on the Cowboys at 5:30pm. "I think we'll be alright this year, the kids need to learn some more things, and we are going to tweak the personnel a bit, but I think we'll be alright." said Coach Howeth.

KC JV

The Greyhound Junior Varsity team traveled to play the Newcastle Bobcats last Thursday in place of the canceled Chillicothe game. The Bobcats defeated the Hounds 54-6. After the long bus ride, the Hounds just could not get things together. The Greyhounds moved the ball with success at times but seemed to shoot themselves in the foot with a turnover or penalty. Josh Schnable was the lone scorer for the Hounds with a 35 yard touchdown run. TJ Moore had several long runs from the running back position also. Brandon Bradley, Landon Lynn and Austin Valimont did a good job blocking against the over sized, speedy Newcastle defense. The defense held their own for most of the night but just gave up big plays that went for touchdowns. Defensive standouts for the Greyhounds were Landon Lynn(3 sacks), Kyle Harrington(1 INT), Ty Baker, Ivan Garcia and Mike Wilburn. "I bet we gave up at least 20-30 pounds per player across the front line. We are smaller than most of the teams that we will play so we have to take advantage of every opportunity. With a break here or there, we could have scored several more times and made it a better game. I am proud of the fight our kids showed". Coach Steele commented. The Greyhounds will get another shot at the Bobcats later in the year. You can bet that game has now been circled on the schedule.



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Eat This!

by Ryan Mills

I'm probably gonna take a lot of heat from my buddies for writing a cooking column but I don't get much heat from those same buddies while cooking for them.

Food has become my favorite hobby over the last decade or so. I'm no culinary-trained chef like my good friend Brian Steele down in Austin and formerly of Dickie Brennan's Steakhouse in New Orleans, but my food is edible. Not to mention Mr. Steele has shown me a thing or two in all our years as friends.

Mostly, though, cooking is just something I enjoy and according to my wife, Marci, something I don't do enough of.

What you will find in this space are proven crowd pleasers that I've made numerous times for family and friends alike. You won't find anything too fancy and you won't find anything too difficult. If I can make it, anyone can make it.

Recently, I was watching the latest Pixar movie "Ratatouille" with my 6-year-old. From the time the movie came out, I knew two things. One, it was a Pixar movie so I knew it would be good and two, it was about a rat who yearned to cook and I was interested.

The thing that really caught my attention, though, was a phrase uttered by Chef Gusteau in the movie that made me smile because I've said it before myself.

"Anyone can cook" he says and it's true.

I will start with an appetizer today and it's one of which many of you have probably had someone's variation of. Many of you have even had my recipe.

Over the years, I have taken a pretty common recipe and made it my own with a few little twists. I have taken suggestions on this recipe from my wife as well as Keith Loter and some of it was my own idea. I've heard them called things like "Armadillo Eggs" and "Texas Poppers" but around my house they are simply known as Stuffed Peps.

I can honestly say of the hundreds of people I've served these to, they never disappoint and you can never seem to make enough. For a party I once made 100 of these and they lasted maybe 30 minutes - I didn't even get one.

A few tips before the recipe - I don't even attempt it unless the jalapeno peppers are at least four inches long. I prefer the biggest I can get but anything smaller than four inches and they are hard to deal with.

Also, I always clean the veins and seeds out of the peppers with a melon baller. We'll put a little spice back in them later with some hot sausage. Also, while you are cleaning the peppers I strongly advise wearing latex gloves. There's nothing worse than rubbing your face or eyes after forgetting you have jalapeno juice all over them. I know, I've done it.

And as with all recipes it can be halved, doubled, tripled - whatever. My mantra is no recipe is carved in stone so feel free to experiment.

The recipe below makes 30 appetizers.

- Stuffed Peps**
Ingredients
 15 large, raw jalapenos, the bigger the better
 latex gloves
 1 block of cream cheese

1 1/2 up shredded mexican blend cheese

1/2 lb. hot and spicy breakfast sausage

1 package of peppered bacon
 30 toothpicks

Directions

Cut the stem ends off the peppers and then cut each pepper in half lengthwise. Use the melon baller to de-vein and de-seed the peppers.

Preheat the oven to 350.

Brown the sausage in a skillet on medium heat until all pink is gone.

In a bowl, mix sausage, cream cheese and shredded cheese.

Take a large cookie sheet and coat with non-stick spray.

Take the package of peppered bacon and cut the block of bacon perpendicular through the middle turning each long slice of bacon into two slices. This makes each slice of bacon fit almost perfectly around the pepper.

With a spoon, fill each pepper with the cream cheese mixture and then wrap a piece of bacon around and secure with a toothpick.

Bake at 350, depending on the oven, for 30-45 minutes.

I pull mine out when the cream cheese mixture just starts to brown on top.

Note: If you plan to use your grill instead of the oven, put foil sheets on the grill as the open flame tends to cause the cream cheese filling to run out.

Ryan Mills is the Editor of The Childress Index. He writes a weekly cooking column for BMG newspapers. You can comment on his column or make suggestions at index@chiphshot.net.

Truscott News

By Clara Brown

Back in the 1950s and 1960s when the whole of Texas got drier than dry the Wichita Falls paper would have its reporters fill front page with draught stories and half of the first section. Then it would rain and ruin the pitiful draught stories.

Last week this column made some remarks about draught and dry weather. It only amounted to a few words, but it worked. The rain came.

Now the country looks green and beautiful, even though we had to use the remnants of a pacific storm to get moisture because Ike, the big one, missed us.

There's a murmur here and there about needing tank water, but no real complaints, everyone's too glad not to be flooded and smashed like Ike treated the Texas upper Gulf Coast.

Jack Horne was honored at the Gilliland Center Saturday with 60 guest celebrating his 80th birthday with him and Ramona.

His daughter, Charlotte Welch, said about a third of the guest list was unable to come due to weather created by Hurricane Ike. They were from the Dallas, Atlanta, Nacodoches, areas, on down toward Houston. Many are in law enforcement, security, and other areas of work called on during weather events.

Sarah Tomanek is a student at Texas Tech in Lubbock, but the college closed down last week for a tropical storm caused weather event. Lubbock got over seven inches in a short time, and in Lubbock there's not much place for water to be drained off fast. It wasn't Ike that shut down Tech, but rain caused by a pacific ocean storm.

Sherry Simmons boys at Corpus Christi had their classes shut last Wednesday, September 10, so they came home for a short visit but those classes were expected to resume sometime Monday as Ike decided not to visit South Texas.

Fran Abbott didn't have relatives in the Houston area storm. But she had Kin at both ends of Ike's storm across America. There was family in Florida and toward the end of Ike's U.S.

Journey, more family saw Ike's face in New York.

Geraldine Tomaneka's brother, Ken Myslik, wasn't any where in Texas when Ike Crossed his path. Their meeting was at Burbank, a Chicago Suburb, where six inches fell Sunday, September 14, maybe it was more, as rain was still falling when he talked to his sister.

Two former residents, who considered evacuating for Rita but decided the traffic flow north was too dangerous, decided to stay in place for Ike unless they were ordered to evacuate. They were Ruth Brown Mescall and Jacquelyn Brown Richey.

Nothing happened at Jacquelyn's Houston house. No flooding, no broken roof or windows, just a few fallen branches and some shrub damage.

Ruth reported same story for her Baytown house, which is a few miles straight north of the Bay of Galveston's northern shore.

Except for one thing, Friday night, worn out by storm watching, she collapsed into a deep sleep in the early hours of Saturday morning, she woke up, and upon stepping out to survey the neighborhood discovered that the tall oak which had stood just outside the room where she had slept was stretched lengthwise from it's roots taking the air in her yard, across the street, to it's top resting in a neighbors yard. No people, houses, or wires damaged, just the tree. Later that day several men moved the tree by hand so cars could get out of the cul de sac

There are certain rules about this column imposed by younger family members that when something happens they get mentioned. So, please let the record show that Alex and Tommy helped move the tree with Grace helping supervise the project, and that all three are observers and survivors of Hurricane Ike.

Megan missed it as she was in Australia and Rachel had previously evacuated to Austin for classes at University of Texas. Sam and Claire rode out Ike in Houston. (That ought to save a certain grandmother from a

scolding.)

Trenna Carlson lives in Truscott. She had barely landed in Texas from visiting Sweden to meet her newest grandson (his name will come next week) when she was ordered to South Texas, Van Horn I believe, to help provide nursing care for prisoners evacuated from the upper Texas Gulf Coast because of Ike.

Truscott and Gilliland may be back off beyond and far from a sea shore but both communities were touched in recent days by weather that came across the Atlantic from Africa. It really is one world.

The Wichita-Brazos Museum garage sale at the Museum Center on Saturday, September 13, was a big success. Despite fears that rain might deter crowds the weather was pleasant and customers kept coming and coming. Usually a garage sale slows at noon, but not the one Saturday.

At noon people drove up, bought grilled hamburgers, ate and visited on the porch, and then went inside to buy.

The hamburgers brought in one-fourth of the income. The overall take was over twice what a museum garage sale usually makes.

It was so successful that a P.S.; has been planned for Saturday, October 4.

Clara Brown and Sonsee Cline didn't take all their furniture, ect. to the September 13 sale because they feared the weather would cut the crowd down. On Saturday, October 4 they plan a porch and carport sale for the Wichita-Brazos museum at Sonsee's Truscott house. It is one block South of Main Street at the Northwest corner of the block where Floyd and Galveston meet. It's where Shirley and Ruth Moore used to live. If that doesn't ring a bell, look at the Truscott map on page 87 of Between the Wichitas.

It isn't that the two women are so anxious to support the museum, and they are, but they are tired of the foot lockers, chairs, winter clothes, beds, ect. ect. that are overcrowding storage space and which missed the sale last Saturday.

GOT DIABETES? GET HELP!

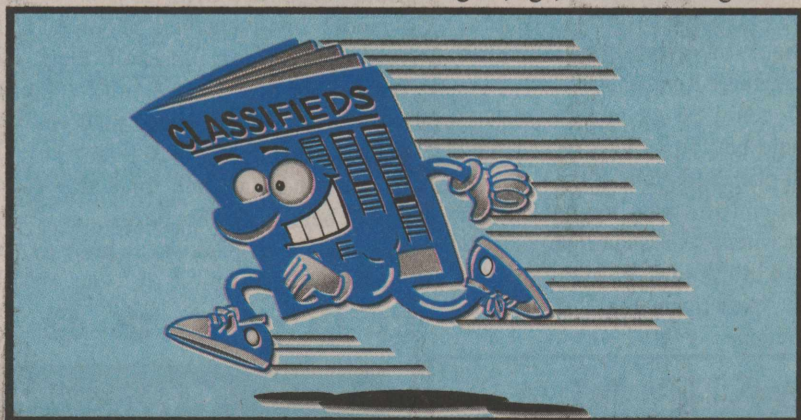
Texas AgriLife Extension and the Haskell Memorial Hospital will be offering a free Diabetes Seminar designed for people with type 2 diabetes and their caregivers on Saturday, September 20, 2008. The seminar will run from 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. and will be held at the Haskell Memorial Hospital Education Building located east of the Hospital.

Knowledge is the key to managing diabetes and this seminar is designed to help those with diabetes to take care of themselves and eat foods that are good for them. Participants will learn what you can do to take control of diabetes and to live the kind of life you want to live.

A different session will be offered every hour throughout the day. Participants may come for the entire day or choose which sessions they wish to attend. Scheduled sessions

- are:
 9:00 a.m. - What Is Diabetes
 10:00 a.m. - Managing Blood Sugars
 11:00 a.m. - Foot Care/Exercise
 11:30 a.m. - Label Reading
 12:00 p.m. - Lunch (On Your Own)
 1:00 p.m.- Dietary Treatment of Diabetes
 2:00 p.m. - Diabetes Medications

Diabetes educational exhibits and information booths will also be available for viewing throughout the day and door prizes will be given during each scheduled session. For more information about the seminar contact the Haskell County Extension Office located at 101 S. Ave. D in Haskell or call (940) 864-2546. Educational programs of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin.



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 MACARONI & TOMATOES
 PINTO BEANS
 CORNBREAD
 FRUIT SALAD

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 24TH
 POT ROAST/GRAVY & VEGETABLES
 GREEN BEANS
 HOT ROLLS
 COOKIES

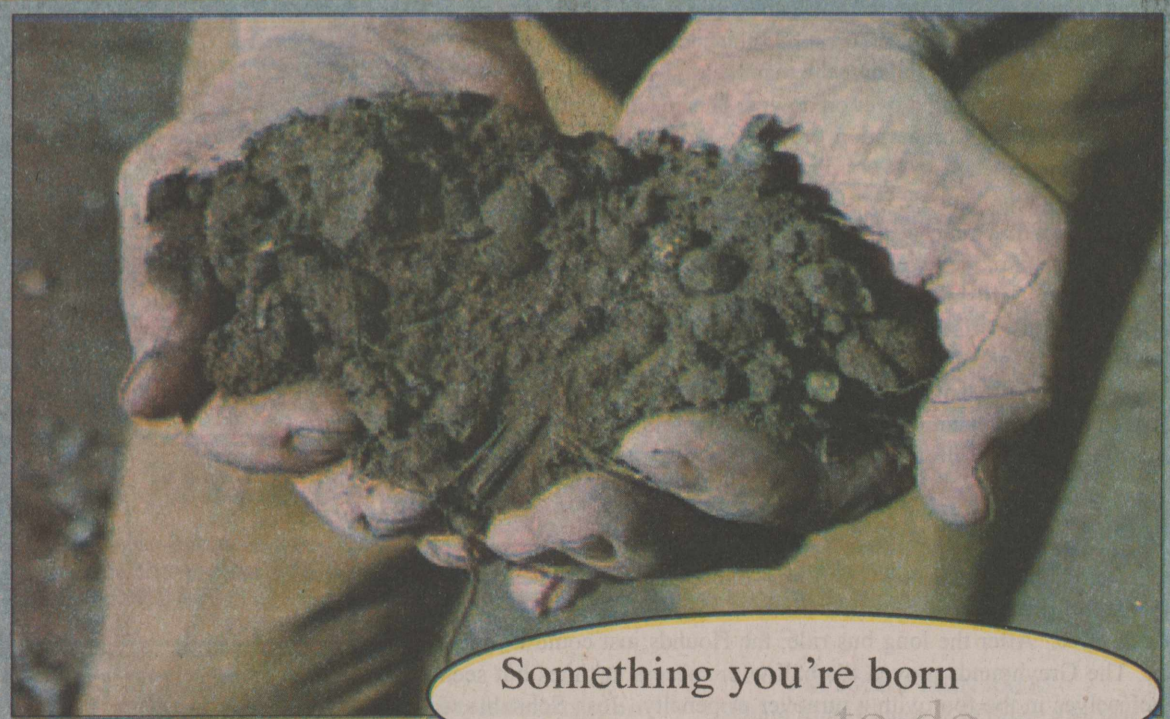
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