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Looking Ahead

•REPORT CARD NIGHT
 Report card night will be held on October 13 all class rooms will be opened from 6-7pm.

•KNOX CITY ELEMENTARY
 Friday October 10th, "Professor I Want to Know" will be at the Knox City Elementary to talk to the kids

•BOOK SALE
 Haskell County Library will be holding a Book Sale on the north side of the square in Haskell in the former Library Building. Sale dates are Friday, October 17th and Saturday, October 18th, with times from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Books will be \$1 a bag. All proceed benefit the Haskell County Library.

•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

•CITY COUNCIL
 City Council meeting on October 9 at 7:00p.m. in the City Hall.

•O'BRIEN HOMECOMING
 Friday, October 11th
 Saturday, October 12th
 Sunday, October 13th
 Whether you are an Ex-Student, Ex-Teacher or not an Ex at all, come on over and join the festivities.

•KNOX COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
 Knox County Sheriff's office will be handing out trick-or-treat bags and glow-in-the-dark necklaces for the first 100 kids. They want to promote a safe and happy Halloween.

•BENJAMIN PTO FALL FESTIVAL OCTOBER 25

•KNOX COUNTY SINGLES AND SINGLES AGAIN
 Knox County Singles and Singles Again is getting together on October 3, at 7:00p.m. at the Knox County Aging Center.

•TEXAS STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
 The Texas state genealogical society will host its annual conference in Abilene on October 24th and 25th at the MCM Elegante Suites. Early registration by October 15 is \$75.00 For both days including lunches. Friday or Saturday sessions with lunch is \$45.00. Award banquet tickets are \$25.00. Mail checks TSGS Conference registrar, P.O. Box 7308, Tyler TX 75711 any questions call (903)539-5572

•KCHS MEAT SALE
 Knox City High School Ag Department is having a meat sale from September 29th- October 17th. All items must be paid for in full at the time of order. Deliveries will be made between November 3rd- 21st. Please contact Mr. Joe Nelson at (940) 657-5171 or any Knox City Ag student.

SPORTS

Thursday, October 9th
 Benjamin Jr. High Mustangs vs. Jayton
 There @ 5:30pm
 Knox City Hounds JV vs. Throckmorton
 Here @ 7pm
 O'Brien Bulldogs vs. Throckmorton
 Here @ 5:30pm
Friday, October 10th
 Benjamin Mustangs vs. Jayton
 Here @ 7:30pm
 Knox City Greyhounds vs. Throckmorton
 There @ 7:30pm
Saturday, October 11th
 Benjamin Lady Stang vs. Aspermont
 Here @ 2pm
 Knox City Houndette Volleyball vs. Rotan
 There @ 10am
Tuesday, October 14th
 Benjamin Lady Stangs vs. Knox City Houndettes
 In Knox City @ 6:30pm

The 2008 O'Brien Homecoming Committee To Honor The 1972 O'Brien 6-Man State Champs



The 1972 O'Brien Bulldog 6-Man State Champions

"In December 1972 the O'Brien Bulldogs won the first 6-Man State Championship. The O'Brien Bulldogs stunned 2,000 fans in Coleman, Texas Friday December 8 as they ran past the much larger Jarrell Cougars to capture first State title ever awarded in 6-man competition."

As Coach C.H. Underwood exclaimed in an article written in the December 14th issue of the Knox

County News.

Although time has come and gone, the memory of the 1972 state championship game lingers in the minds of the team members, coaches and fans.

This weekend, the O'Brien Exes, Families and Friends will be celebrating the long-lived moments that have captured the hearts and lives of Carney High.

On Friday, October 10th at

6:30pm the Homecoming festivities will begin. On Saturday, October 11th registration will begin at 9am and the meal will be from 12 - 1pm. At 2pm, the 1972 O'Brien Bulldog Champs will be recognized during an assembly. The dance will start at 8pm at the Knox City Country Club. On Sunday, October 12th, the O'Brien Baptist Church will be holding a special worship service at 11am.

Knox City Pre-K Students Enjoy The Spirit Of Pumpkin Season.



The Knox City Pre-K students above each received a little pumpkin when they went to visit local pumpkin patches this past week.

The Pre Kindergarten and kindergarten classes will be learning about pumpkins and how they grow all through the month of October. The classes will be visiting local pumpkin patches, last week they went to see Daniel Duke, Jake Byers and Samuel Barnard's patches. Students are observing the different sizes, flowers and growth patterns. The teachers each had their own group, Mrs. Bowen's group compared the weight of each child to the weight of a pumpkin that each kid picked out. Mrs. Jenn's class measured how many pumpkins tall they were. Mrs. Urbanczyk's class all chose a piece of yarn and measured the girth of the pumpkin to the length of their yarn. Mrs. Mannings class made thumb-print pumpkin covers for their

books and read stories about pumpkins.

During the four weeks the classes are learning about pumpkins they are going to have a sink float lesson, illustrate what the inside of the pumpkin looks like, predict the height and make patterns of pumpkins. To finish up the classes will paint and carve pumpkins, make pumpkin pie play do, and eating pumpkin pancakes

Pepon- the Greek word for "Large Melon" is where the pumpkin originally got it's name. Pumpkins have many uses, you can roast the seeds, make Jack-o'-lanterns, a pie, or even a boat. In many places all over communities get together and have boat races, the only catch is the boat is a big orange pumpkin. The competitors of The Giant

Pumpkin race will have grown their own boat/pumpkin or they have bought it from someone who specializes in growing giant pumpkins. They are then cut opened and hollowed out so that the driver of the pumpkin can then sit in it and row it down a river.

A more common use for the pumpkin is in a pie. The pumpkin pie started out by removing the seeds and pouring milk, honey and spices into it and baking it on hot coals. The largest pumpkin pie ever made was over five feet in diameter and weighed over 350 pounds. It used 80 pounds of cooked pumpkin, 36 pounds of sugar, 12 dozen eggs and took six hours to bake.

Then there is the kid favorite

See Pumpkins Page 10

FIRE SAFETY NEEDED -- INDOORS AND OUT

Every day somewhere in our state or nation, fires claim lives, destroy homes and reduce valuable natural resources to smoldering ashes.

This year's National Fire Prevention Week (October 5-11) marks another coordinated effort by metropolitan, volunteer and wildland firefighters to focus our attention on the importance of fire prevention in the home, on the job and outdoors.

Though the theme for the national observance is "It's Fire Prevention Week, Prevent Home Fires," wildfire prevention also plays a very key role here in Texas in preventing the loss of homes and other improved property, as well as natural resources, said Bruce Woods, head of the mitigation and prevention department of the Texas Forest Service.

"One only has to look at the first half of this year to see the interrelationship of structural and wildland firefighting. Firefighting resources from around the nation were mobilized to Texas to help reduce home and natural resource losses," Woods said. "Practicing fire safety indoors and out can prevent most structural and wildland fires from occurring and sparing individuals and communities from damage and loss."

Assistant Fire Chief Duane Freeman with the Lufkin Fire Department also expressed concern about the amount and dryness of hurricane debris left to be disposed. Freeman echoed the need for fire safety in the home and out.

"While too many home fires still occur due to carelessness, the good news is that many are easily preventable," Freeman said. He enumerated several precautions that can reduce the likelihood of home fire damage or losses.

- * Avoid overloading extension cords or electrical outlets. Replace damaged electrical cords and use extension cords for temporary wiring only.
- * Never leave food cooking on the stove unattended.
- * Store flammable liquids in outbuildings away from gas water heaters and other ignition sources.
- * Make sure that you have smoke detectors installed, replace batteries with each time change and regularly check to make sure that detectors are working.
- * Keep flammable materials away from ignition sources, such as space heaters or candles.

Implementing fire safety precautions outdoors is just as important, said Woods. Helpful fire prevention tips he suggested for the outdoors include:

- * Establish wide control lines around burn receptacles and brush piles to be burned to help keep possible flying embers from reaching flammable vegetation.
- * Dispose of smoking materials in vehicle ash trays to help prevent roadside wildfires
- * Crushing smokes and matches in bare soil to help prevent fires caused by outdoor users.
- * Avoid driving or parking in tall, dry grass.
- * Build campfires in open, level spots away from trees and overhanging branches. Keep fires small and extinguish them cold to the touch before leaving.

A special safety concern is present in some areas damaged by Hurricane Ike, Woods said. He said that in areas where power is still out, local city and county officials strongly advise that all outdoor burning should be avoided, so residents without power can open windows without having to worry about getting smoked out.

October Is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

October is designated as Breast Cancer Awareness Month by the American Cancer Society. Breast cancer is a major cause of illness and death in American women. Until the cause of the disease is known and it can be prevented, the best way this highly curable form of cancer can be successfully treated is through early detection, when the cancer is small and has not spread. By discovering breast cancer at the earliest possible stage, the chance for cure is nearly 100%.

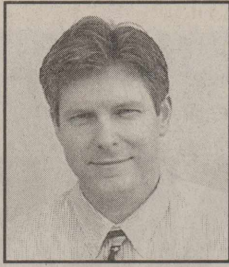
The Society encourages all women to perform monthly breast self-examinations, since symptoms can develop and be noticed between clinical breast exams and mammograms. It's an important way that every woman can take control of her body and her life. The Knox County Unit will help promote awareness by handing out pink ribbons (the symbol for breast cancer awareness) at various churches on Sunday, October 12th. For more information on breast cancer and treatment, contact the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345.



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State Capital HIGHLIGHTS



By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - The U.S. House of Representatives passed H.R. 1424, the "Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008" on Oct. 3.

It was the House's second attempt in five days to prop up faltering Wall Street financial institutions. President George W. Bush quickly signed the \$700 billion legislation referred to by some as a "bail-out" and to others as a "rescue" plan.

The House vote was 263-171. The Texas delegation cast 17 votes against the bill

Governor Says Taxpayers Should Not Bail Out Wall Street

and 15 for.

On Oct. 1, the U.S. Senate passed the legislation on a vote of 74-25.

Sens. Kay Bailey Hutchison and John Cornyn both voted in favor.

On Oct. 1, with Congress edging closer to passing the legislation, Gov. Rick Perry said he did not want taxpayer dollars to bail out Wall Street.

"In a free market economy, government should not be in the business of using taxpayer dollars to bail out corporate America.

"Congress needs to take off its partisan gloves and work together to bring both short and long term stability to the credit markets.

They need to stop blaming each other and start thinking about solutions that put the taxpayers of this country first," he said in a prepared statement.

Perry joined with Democratic Gov. Joe Manchin of West Virginia in urging Congress to take action. Manchin is chair of the Democratic Governors Association and Perry is chair of the Republican Governors Association.

System To Nail Uninsured Drivers

An estimated one in five vehicles - about 4 million - drive on Texas roads without proper insurance, the Texas Department of Public Safety announced Oct. 2.

But now there will be extra pressure to "get legal" because of TexasSure, a motor vehicle insurance verification database designed to identify uninsured motorists.

Law enforcement officers will be able to tap into TexasSure and check records of registered passenger vehicles against personal auto

insurance policy information submitted by Texas insurance companies.

"If you don't have liability insurance for your vehicle, your chances of getting a ticket just went up dramatically," DPS Lt. Louis Sanchez said.

Driving without liability insurance carries a maximum fine of \$350 and hundreds of additional dollars in court costs and fees. Repeat offenders also are subject to a two-year driver license suspension.

Volunteers Clean Up Beaches

Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson on Sept. 30 estimated 3,500 volunteers hauled more than 101 tons of trash off Texas beaches during the agency's annual Adopt-A-Beach Fall Cleanup conducted Sept. 27.

That 101-ton total is all the more impressive considering for the first time in 22 years thousands of Adopt-A-Beach volunteers couldn't reach

the beaches in Beaumont, Galveston or Surfside, Patterson said.

Abbott Goes After Price Gougers

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott on Oct. 2 took legal action against a hotel in Nacogdoches and another near Katy for unlawfully increasing room rates during Hurricane Ike.

The attorney general's office is seeking civil penalties of up to \$20,000 per violation and up to \$250,000 per violation for victims over age 65.

Under the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act, businesses may not take advantage of a declared disaster by selling or leasing fuel, food, lodging, medicine or other necessities at an exorbitant rate.

Voter Registration Grows Quickly

Since the March primaries, Texas voter registration has

grown by nearly half a million people, Secretary of State Esperanza "Hope" Andrade said Sept. 30.

There are now more than 13.2 million registered voters in the state, accounting for an estimated 75 percent of the voting-age population, said Andrade, the state's chief elections officer.

Ag Chief Promotes Dine-Out Day

Many restaurants participated in the GO TEXAN Restaurant Round-Up Oct. 1 to help local food banks serve a growing number of Texas families.

Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples asked Texans to dine out on Oct. 1. Participating restaurants donated a portion of the day's proceeds to Texas food banks in the Texas Department of Agriculture's "Texans Feeding Texans" initiative.

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COW POKES

By Ace Reid



"Yep, I'm fightin' inflation, I'm drawin' depression wages!"

The Paperboy

By CHRISTOPHER BLACKBURN

Rural America is sometimes an afterthought. It's wrong, but true.

Many in urban areas consider us "hicks" or "gun-toting zealots."

According to the Texas Department of Agriculture, here are some facts for those who knock us small-town folk to consider:

• Texas is the second-largest agricultural state in the United States, accounting for about 7 percent of the total U.S. agricultural income.

• The food, horticulture and fiber industry is the second-largest industry in the state and generates \$73 billion a year for the economy.

• Texas is the fifth-largest wine-producing state with more than 155 wineries and 220 commercial vineyards, producing more than 2 million gallons of wine. The Texas Hill Country Viticultural Area is the second-largest Viticultural Area in the United States, covering 15,000 square miles.

• Eighty percent of the land in Texas is in some form of agricultural production.

• Ninety-two percent of Texas' agricultural operations are still run by individuals or families.

• Although agriculture employs one out of every seven working Texans, less than 2 percent of the population is involved in day-to-day farming or ranching.

• Texas farmers grow more than 60 different commercial fruit and vegetable crops.

• Texas ranks first in the nation in the number of cattle and calves, accounting for 15 percent of the U.S. total. The Lone Star State also is the top producer of cotton, sheep, wool, goats, mohair and horses. The state's top crops also include vegetables, citrus, corn, wheat, peanuts, pecans, grain sorghum, hay and rice.

• Besides livestock and crops, the state's agriculture industry includes timber/forestry, aquaculture, bees/honey and nursery/greenhouse.

• Texas is the third largest exporter of agricultural commodities. Texas' top agricultural exports are live animals and red meat; cotton and cottonseed; hides and skins; wheat and products; and feeds and fodder.

• Each Texas farmer grows enough food and fiber for 128 people - 94.3 in the United States and 33.7 abroad.

• Texas' 1 million horses, representing approximately 15 percent of all horses nationwide, makes the state a leader in the United States.

Texas also leads the nation in the number of registered American Quarter Horses, American Paint Horses, Appaloosa horses and American Miniature Horses.

Next time someone knocks rural Texas or America to you, tell them to get their facts straight.

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ACROSS

- 1 continent where TX mohair is exported
5 Linden is the seat of this county
6 TX Pecos Bill
7 TXism: "___ could strut sitting down" (big ego)
8 quilting or spelling
9 across the border from El Paso
15 done after drinking Dr. Pepper too fast?
16 Jacksonville's Tomato Fest stages "Battle of ___"
19 this "Tex" created Pecos Bill in 1923
21 has supper
22 UT's Ricky Williams '98 award
27 Tex Ritter sang "High ___" theme
28 TX Larry Hagman sitcom: "___ of Jeannie"
29 Fort Worth has world's oldest ___ rodeo
30 TXism: "___ slate clean"
32 TXism: "___ long" (good-bye)
33 ex-QB Meredith (nickname)
36 "Enchanted Rock" sound
37 TXism: "mad as a wet ___"
38 most favorable
39 "room ___"
41 TXism: "ugly as homemade ___"

The Original

TEXAS CROSSWORD

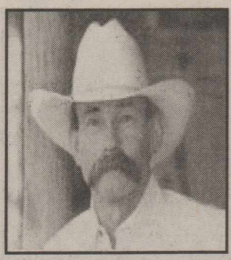
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Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

DOWN

- 1 C&W music org. (abbr.)
2 TXism: "got more on his plate than he can ___ grace over"
3 Reba's "___ Life Out There?"
4 TXism: "___ clothes" (fake)
8 TXism: "___ some boot leather" (run)
9 TX buxom actress
10 TX George Strait tune: "___ wound"
11 TXism: "spread like gossip ___ a church meeting"
12 TX "Trekkie" Gene
13 big dog in Iran
14 western writer Grey
15 TXism: "fat as a ___ house cat"
16 TXism: "happy as a pig in ___"
17 puzzling problems
18 this Marie is "a little bit country"
20 cut of beef
22 short salutation
23 Ranger's play-by-play Eric (init.)
24 TX Meatloaf's "___ Anything for Love..."
25 daytime dramas
26 operator of historic JA Ranch: M.H.W. ___ Ritchie
28 TX Trini's "If ___ a Hammer"
31 musical sound
34 this Yvette starred with TX Tommy Lee in "Jackson County Jail" (init.)
35 TXism: "another ___, another dollar"



BAXTER BLACK

ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

THE SCREWDRIVER INCIDENT

I was sitting in the doctor's waiting room filling out the information sheet before my physical exam. As I zipped down the list of diseases, allergies, surgeries, and current bank accounts, I realized the list of boxes to check was incomplete.

My ol' friend Swanny worked in a factory. He was in maintenance. There was a breakdown in one of the forms for plastic molding. Antifreeze was leaking; a round hose clamp was loose.

Swanny knelt in the puddle and attacked, tightening the screw with his screwdriver. Everything was wet and slick. As he bent to the job, the screwdriver slipped and he stuck it up his nose!

"YEE OW!" You can imagine how that felt! Or maybe not? Having a horse step on the back of your hand? Sitting on an implant gun? Passing of a football-sized kidney stone? Dropping a shoeing anvil on your shin?

Having a bear eat all your fingernails off? Even getting kicked squarely in the groin by a draft mule?

Suffice it to say they gathered up Swanny, called the paramedics and loaded him in the ambulance. In his confused, painful state, blood all over his

face, blind on one side and face swelling rapidly, he concluded that he must have put out his eye.

At one time or another, most of us have thought about losing our sight, or a limb, being paralyzed or being diagnosed with a terminal illness.

How would we, each of us, handle the handicap? Would we be brave like many we have known? Would we contemplate refusing life-sustaining treatments? Would we develop a stronger belief in God, or would we blame Him.

Swanny tried to imagine life without the ability to see. He had dark moments, then miraculously he began to see light. It improved so much, by the time he reached the hospital he figured out what happened.

The doctor asked him for an explanation.

"Stick skruver ut mindo."

"What?"

"Stk skrudud ut no."

"What?"

"I stuck a screwdriver up my nose!"

Obviously, the doctor would not have had to ask if in his medical history there was a box to check that said, "Have you ever stuck a screwdriver up your nose?"

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Special Education Child Find 3-5 year olds Screening Dates Set

Attention Parents:

If you are a resident of any of the following school districts:

- Benjamin ISD
- Knox City-O'Brien CISD
- Munday CISD
- Paint Creek ISD
- Rule ISD

Haskell-Knox Shared Service Arrangement in cooperation with the school districts in represents (see above) are holding some screening in the towns of Munday and Knox City for children ages 3-5 years of age whose parents have concerns of the developmental level(s) where their child functions. These screenings will be October 13, 14, 15, 2008.

In the Spirit of the Individuals with Disabilities Improvement ACT (IDEA, 2004) and No Child Left Behind (NCLB) we will focus on keeping children in their most natural instructional settings whenever possible, while focusing in on supports for areas of delays.

If you have concerns with your child who is 3 or older and not yet in kindergarten; in area of:

- Mental
- Learning
- Speech
- Motor, and/or
- Emotional skills...

Please call HKSSA to set up an appointment. The number is (940) 658-3587. Once an appointment time is set, you will be asked to bring your child's birth certificate, social security card and immunization record with you and the child on the day of the appointment.

If you have a child turning 3 years old later on in the 2008-09 school year, and have any concerns with their developmental; then you are encouraged to contact your local school's principal's office or HKSSA (940) 658-3587 to obtain more information about Preschool Programs for Children with disabilities (PPCD).

FLU SHOTS AVAILABLE AT ANNUAL HEALTHFAIR

Continuing its tradition of offering quality care to the people it serves, Knox County Hospital District announces its annual healthfair, HEALTH, WELLNESS, AND SAFETY 2008. The event sets the stage for multiple health screenings, quality information, and demonstrations benefiting all ages. It is scheduled for Saturday, October 18, 2008, from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on the Hospital grounds at 701 South 5th in Knox City. The public is cordially invited to take advantage of the many services offered.

Vendors scheduled to attend are Noah Project - North, Texas AgriLife Extension Services, Big Country Area Health Education Center, Seymour Medical Supply, Department of Aged and Disabled, American Red Cross, Aids Resources of Rural Texas, Munday Nursing Center, Diagnostic Management Group, Outreach Health Services - WIC, Knox County Unit American Cancer Society, Alzheimer's Association, Hawkins Insurance and Hospice of Wichita Falls.

Providing complimentary glucose and cholesterol testing, the Laboratory of Knox County Hospital District requests that participants fast prior to the test. Cookies and punch, compliments of the Pink Ladies Auxiliary, will also be available. The Home Health staff will provide a free blood pressure clinic. As a healthy diet is important to good health, the Dietary Department will provide nibbles and information concerning healthy eating. The Physical Therapy Department will be giving away free water bottles and other items. Kids will enjoy face painting.

Designated as a Level IV Trauma Center, the District believes that prevention of injuries is the basic part of the cure. In its ongoing commitment to community education, the Trauma Department is providing injury prevention education including give-aways. EMS will provide a night-light give-away.

Administrator, Stephen Kuehler, stated "The healthfair provides an ideal forum for the District to offer health screenings and information to the citizens who entrust us with their care. It also gives an opportunity for area vendors to share information about various healthcare related issues and about services that are available. Flu shot are available and all participants are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity. Pediatric flu shots (6 months - 36 months) will also be available."

Mark your calendar now to attend HEALTH, WELLNESS, AND SAFETY 2008.

THE BEACH HOUSE OPENS ITS HEART AND DOORS IN MUNDAY

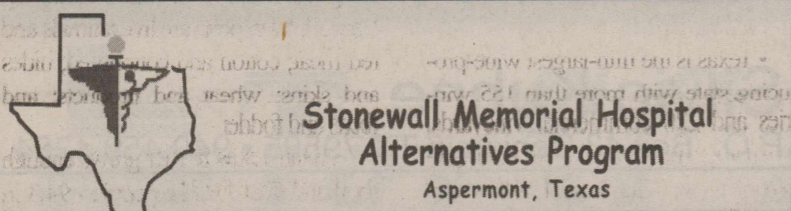
A weekend of activities slated to celebrate opening, Oct. 24-25

MUNDAY, Texas — My Beach House proudly announces its newest location, The Beach House of Munday, is celebrating its opening with a weekend of special activities. The community is invited to attend a Ribbon cutting at 3 p.m. on Oct. 24 and Open House, at 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Oct. 25 at 840 North 7th Ave. in Munday. The schedule includes a staff meet-and-greet and facility tour.

Over the last year, the facility has undergone extreme renovation including widening doorways, adding handrails and updating both the interior and exterior look of the home. Unlike large health care institutions, The Beach House is a beautifully decorated home with family living space, dining room, and four semi-private and private bedrooms. This type of setting provides for a positive environment for continual personal development and healthy living.

Residents of the facility will receive specialized care including home-cooked meals with special accommodated diets, laundry and housekeeping, assistance with bathing and grooming as well as medication administration and help with physicians' appointments all by a caring staff on site 24 hours a day.

The management has already begun accepting applications for both residents and staff positions. Applications may be obtained at the Open House event or requested by email at arredmon@gmail.com. For more information about the Open House event, residence inquiries or employment, contact arredmon@gmail.com or (940) 256-0097.



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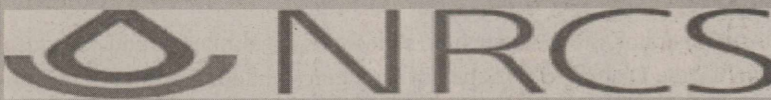
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Date	Temperature (F)		Rainfall inches
	Low	High	
09/30	55	84	
10/01	54	89	
10/02	56	88	
10/03	52	93	
10/04	66	89	
10/05	61	83	.91
10/06	61	83	
Total Rainfall			0.91
2008 Rainfall (ytd)			16.93

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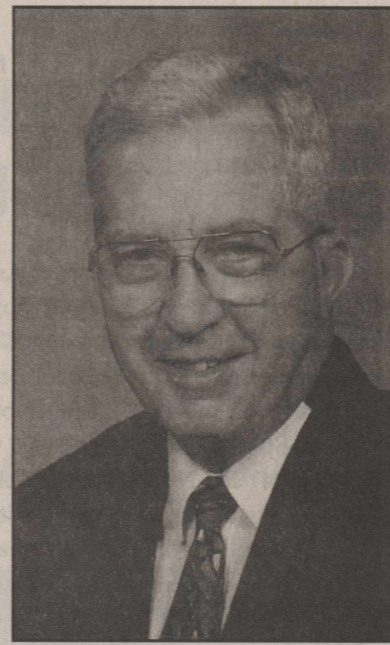
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Donald Kent Smith

Donald Kent Smith (Speedy), 79, passed away Tuesday, September 30, 2008 in Abilene TX. A funeral service will be held Friday, October 3, 2008, 1:00pm at the First Baptist Church in Rule with John Greeson and Pastor Russell Stanley officiating. Burial will follow in Rule Cemetery under the direction of McCauley Rodison Funeral Home. Family will receive friends at 500 Cardiff Rule, TX.

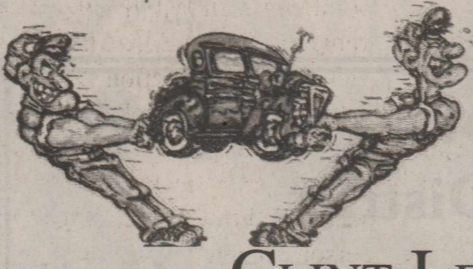


Donald was born March 4, 1929 to the late Ira "I.L." Smith and Gladys Day. He married Alma Ruth Almond on February 23, 1949 in Rule, TX. Donald owned and operated Speedy's Oilfield Service for thirty years from 1965 to 1995. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Rule. Donald was also a member of the City Council in Rule.

Survivors include his wife Alma Smith of Rule; two daughters Beverly Speck and husband David of Knox City and Kay Perry and husband Bill of Haskell; one son Kent Smith and wife Sharla of Rule; one brother Roy Dean Smith and wife Shirley of Rule; ten grandchildren; ten great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

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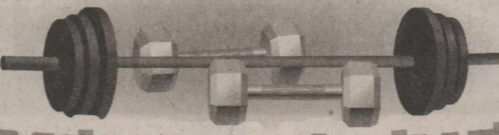
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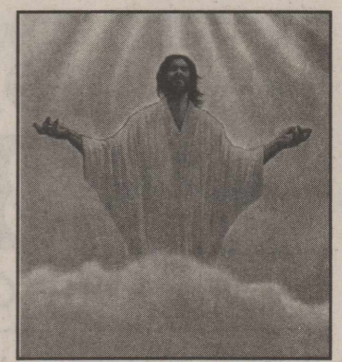
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BENJAMIN NEWS

By Gladene Green

The rain Sunday night was welcome. It has given new life to the world around us. Truly adding the beauty of this time of the year.

About Our Ill:

Dutch Young us continuing to recuperate after getting back home Monday. Is & about and seems to be feeling pretty well. And I think Randolph Barnett is doing pretty well after breaking his leg. He will be back good as new before long. Other than those two I'm not aware of anyone having any real problem. Just the usual aches, pains & "gripes" in general that bother us all.

Sports:

On Tues nite our volleyball team headed to Abilene & played Abilene Christian School. The Lady Stangs lost but got in some good practice. Tomorrow (Tues) Munday comes here for a district match-up.

In football the Mustangs were in Bryson Thurs. nite and suffered defeat at the hands of their hosts. Jr. High also played & they too, were defeated.

This week Jr. High plays Jayton, Thurs. at Jayton. High School plays Jayton here, Fri. nite. That will begin district play for the Mustangs.

Shower Honors Parents-To-Be.

A pink 'n blue shower honoring Jess and Lanham Jones was held Sat. afternoon at the Church of Christ annex Bldg. here in Benjamin. Lots of lovely, useful things were received by the young couple. Their little one, (boy or girl) will be the "best dressed kid" around! Refreshments were served the guests by the hostesses who were:

- Susan Cartwright
- Jan Caver
- Carol Dickson
- Olivia Gloria
- Shana Heard
- Mindy Hudgens

Cindy Layton
 Laura McCanlies
 Becky Moorehouse
 Cassie Sheedy
 Missy Redford
 Jennifer Whitley
 Judy Williams
 Mitzi Welch
 Here 'N There:
 Hazel Stockton was in Abilene Fri to see her eye dr. No great change in her eyes -Just needs new glasses. She was glad to get that news.

Linda Griffith, her daughter Becky Jones and her children, Devon, Brooke and Kamron were in Lubbock Sat. to "Walk for the cure."

Mike & Debbie Moorehouse spent the weekend with her son & family Cody and Kayla Taylor & children, Lexie, Katie and Blaze in Amarillo.

SamiJo Russell, student at South Plains Nursing school was home for the week end to visit her mom, Kim Moore and sister, Shelby.

Edith Broach of Lubbock was a visitor in the area during the week end. She has family & friends in both Knox City & Benjamin.

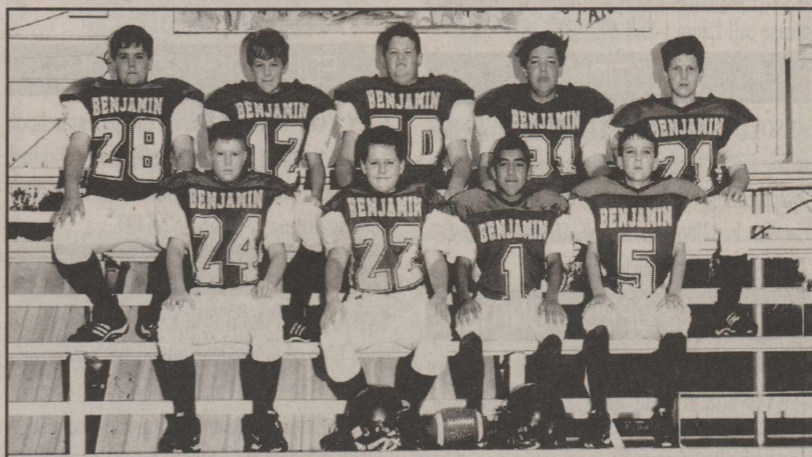
I visited briefly with Joe & Louise Leathers & daughter, Anna on Sun. They are former Benjamin residents who now reside at Guthrie & tho that's not far off, we don't "meet up" very often. It was good to see them.

Late report on Rayburn Layton is that he has entered in rehab facility on Wichita Falls. And so far the effects of his stroke seem only to be a problem with one arm. Maybe after therapy that will improve.

Betty Lyles said Lewis is doing pretty well.

Gets sort of down & out once in a while but that's to be expected. He has adjusted pretty well to living in the Munday Nursing Center. He has an appointment in Abilene Wed. to check his hearing.

Benjamin Junior High Football



back row: Kellen Loftiss, Heath Ham, Jonathan Rainwater, Matthew Acree, Stran Jackson
 front row: Cody Potter, Scotty Reid, Jonathan Rodriguez, Bryston Pierc

MUSTANG FOOTBALL

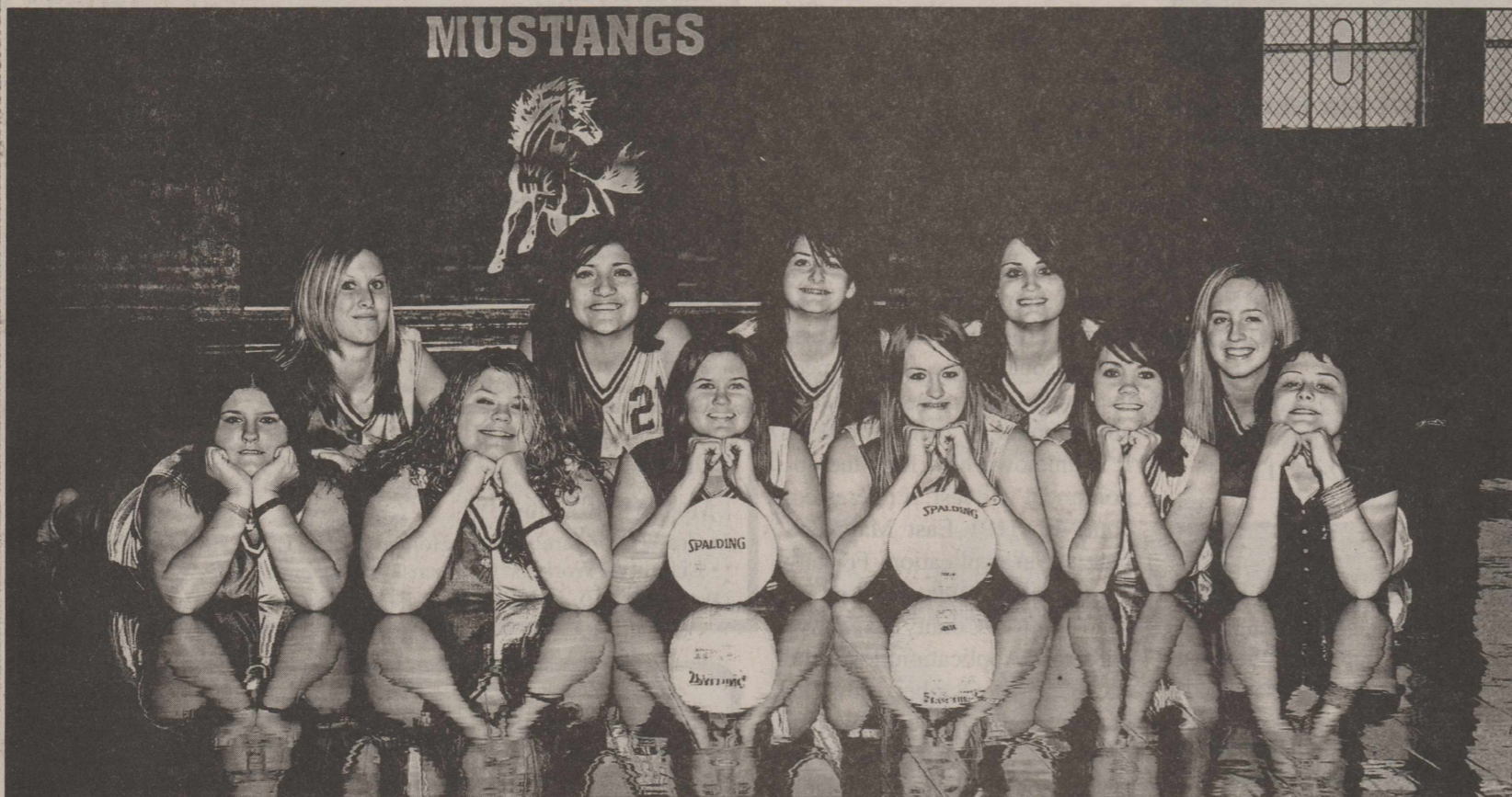
* Benjamin Jr. High Mustangs took on Bryson Thursday, October 2nd. The final score was Benjamin 6 / Bryson 52. Stats were unavailable for this game. The Jr. High will be going to Jayton on Thursday, October 9th the scuffle will begin at 530 pm.

* This past Thursday, the Mustangs were unable to outrun the Bryson Cowboys. Coach Loftiss informed the Knox County News that the stats were unavailable. Benjamin has an overall record of 3-2 for the season. The Mustangs begin their district play on Friday, October 10th against Jayton. The kick-off will take place at 7:30 pm on home turf. Y'all Come On Out and Support Your MUSTANGS!!



BENJAMIN SPORTS

Benjamin Lady Stang Volleyball



back row: Chloe Baty, Raquel Acevedo, Leah Vanderpol, Tabby Golden, Brittany Coop
 front row: Crystal Baldwin, Shelby Russell, Jessica Vanderpol, Teri Miller, Devon Jones, Leah Tibbets

Benjamin Lady Stangs traveled to Abilene to take on Abilene Christian High and Colorado City in a dual. The Stangs, were unable to prevail in a win with either of the matches. However, the ladies are prepared to take begin their second portion of

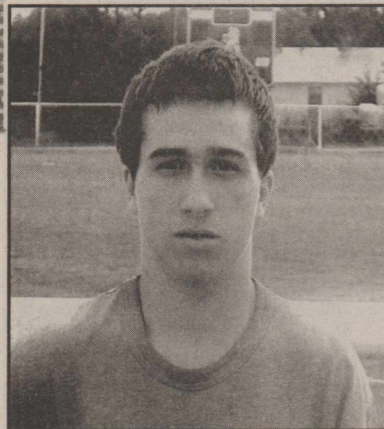
district play. Senior players: Brittany Coop, Devon Jones, Tabby Golden and Leah Vanderpol agree that in order to venture on beyond district play, the team will need to focus on their accuracy, serves and continue to play as one. The Lady Stangs will

be playing Aspermont at home on Saturday, October 11th the game will begin at 2pm. On Tuesday, October 14th at 6:30pm the ladies will take a trip across the Brazos River down highway 6 to take on the Knox City Houndettes. During this final se-

tion of district play the Lady Stangs need their fans to come out and support them. Total Stats: Teri Miller: 12 Kills; Devon Jones: 2 Aces, 6 Kills, 8 Assists; Leah Vanderpol: 4 Kills; Jessica Vanderpol: 5 Kills, 11 Assists; Tabby Golden: 7 Kills.

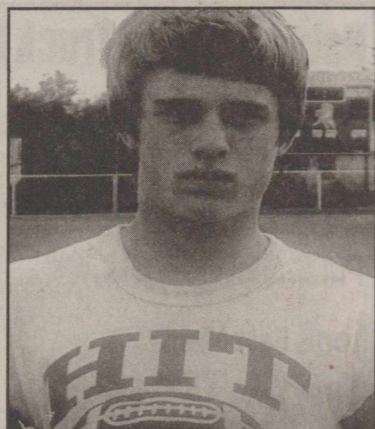


BENJAMIN PLAYER HIGHLIGHTS



Derrick Northrup

Mustang Football
 Grade: 11th
 Age: 16
 Nickname: Dimrick
 Parents: Tim & April Watson
 Siblings: Donnie (20) & Melissa (19)
 School Involvements: Football, Basketball, Track, Tennis, Cross-Country, FFA, OAP
 Some people don't know that I: am going to be a DADDY!
 If I could be anyone for a day I would be: Vince Young the quarterback for the Tennessee Titans.
 One embarrassing moment for me was when I: dressed up as Winnie the Pooh in a horse show.



Dylan Benson

Mustang Football
 Grade: 11th
 Age: 16
 Nickname: Pickle
 Parents: Billy Carl & Kathy Benson
 Siblings: Karla, Sadie, Bubba, Laura
 Behind my back people say: I'm mean.
 My favorite subject is: Geometry.



Teresa Miller

Lady Stang Volleyball
 Grade: 11th
 Age: 16
 Nickname: Terbear
 Parents: Brandon & Kim Gray
 Siblings: Christine Miller (18), McKenzie Gray (7)
 School Involvements: Volleyball, Basketball, Track, NHS, U.I.L.
 Some people don't know that I: have a son, Evan
 If I could be anyone for a day I would be: Mr. Johnson!
 The last book I read was: I don't know!



Chloe Strickland

Lady Stang Volleyball
 Grade: 11th
 Age: 16
 Parents: Beverly & Willie Strickland
 Siblings: Justin (now My Guardian Angel)
 School Involvements: Volleyball, Cross-Country, Track, Basketball, National Honor Society, U.I.L., Student Council
 Some people don't know that I: am the greatest person you will ever meet.
 At a fantasy dinner I would invite: Nobody comes between me and my food.
 Behind my back people say: It's hard to say really! I could care less!

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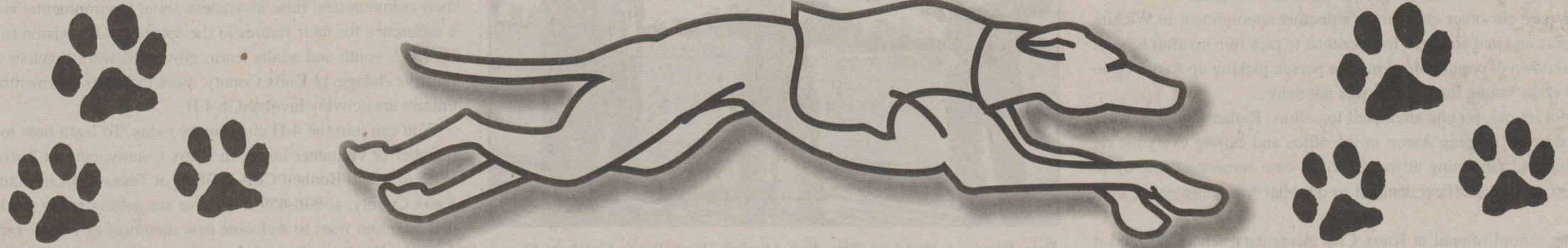
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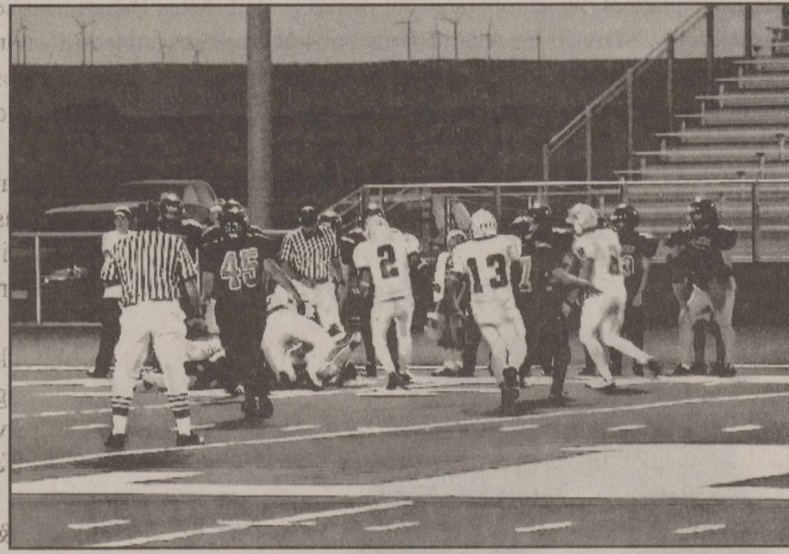
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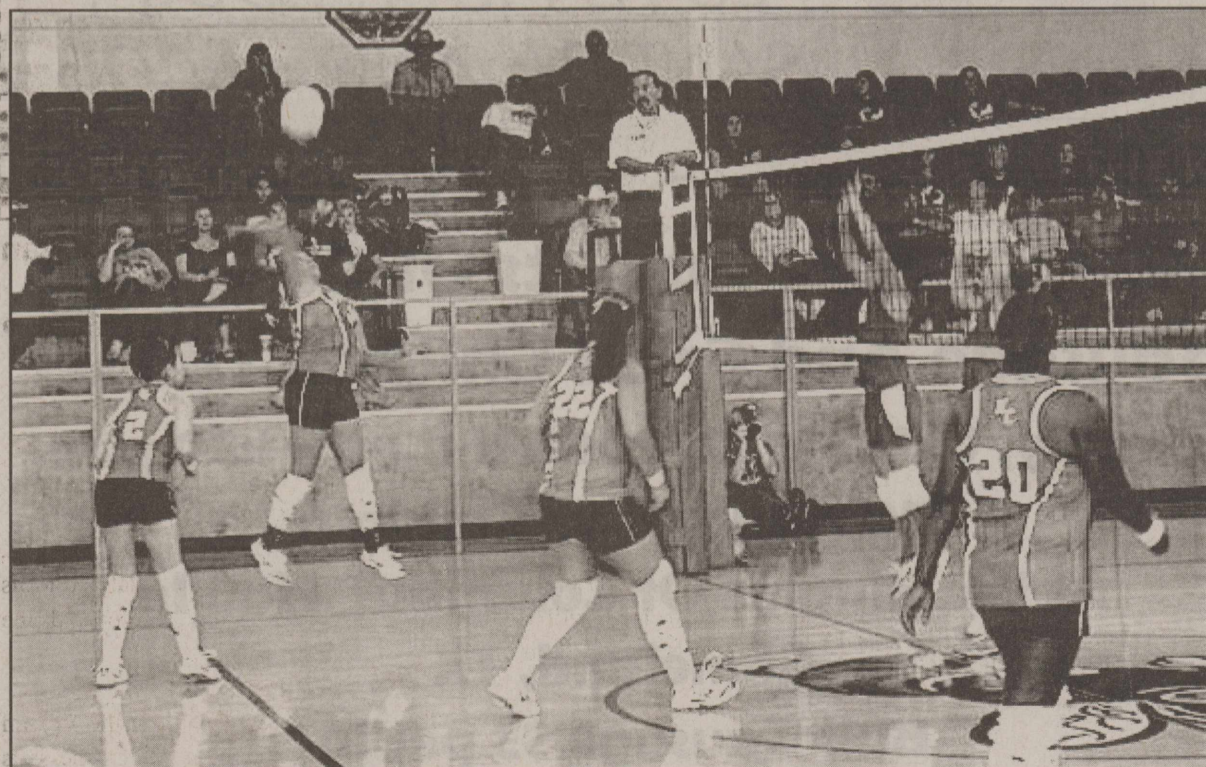
Knox City Greyhounds 74
Lueders Avoca Raiders 26



The Knox City Greyhounds traveled to Trent last Friday night to play the Lueders-Avoca Raiders on the nicest six-man field in the state. The Hounds took advantage of playing on a nice field and performed at the top of their game beating the Raiders 74-26. Coach Steele commented, "Getting to play on a field like that is a great experience for our guys. Playing an opponent at a neutral site with those facilities is a playoff type atmosphere and our guys stepped up to the challenge".

The Greyhounds were hitting on all cylinders offensively. The Hounds scored eleven offensive touchdowns while gaining 286 yards rushing and 203 yards passing. The backfield trio of MJ Abila (131 yards-1 TD), Zach Shaver (67 yards-1 TD) and Ryan Ledesma (65 yards-2 TD's) were too tough for the Raider defense to keep in check. The other Greyhounds to rush for touchdowns were Bandy Moeller and Skyler Eades on runs of 12 yards and 1 yard respectively. MJ Abila had seven completions to five different receivers for 195 yards and five touchdowns. Jordan Carter, who had 115 yards receiving on 3 receptions, caught two touchdowns and Shane Strickland, Zakery York and Zach Shaver had one each. "We are finally starting to click in all facets of our offense. If someone shuts down one part of it, then we can adjust and score with another." Steele added.

The Hounds defense only allowed the Raiders into the endzone four times with three of them coming in the first half. The defense was led by Ryan Ledesma with 15 tackles. Three other Greyhounds recorded double digit tackles. They were Marcell Lewis (12), Zach Shaver (12) and Bandy Moeller (10). The pressuring Greyhound defense only allowed 25 yards passing for the Raiders. Jordan Carter had 1 interception and 4 pass break ups. Three of the four Raider extra point attempts were blocked by the Hounds. Marcell Lewis, MJ Abila and Jordan Carter all had one a piece. Coach Steele said, "Every week our defense has gotten better and we feel like we are right where we need to be with district starting next week. Everyone is looking forward to the challenging district schedule we have over the next five weeks. Every game counts for real now."



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KC JV

The Knox City junior varsity wrapped up their last non district game Thursday night as they faced off against the Guthrie Jaguars varsity squad. Unfortunately the Hounds fell to a more experienced squad 46-12. Coach Steele stated, "We knew this was going to be a great learning experience for this group of guys, and they did a great job." Guthrie jumped out to a quick lead, and at halftime the score was 33-6. "We just seemed to come out a little hesitant in the beginning, but then they really started to step up and play," Coach Howeth commented.

The offense was led by Brandon Bradley, and TJ Moore who both scored for the Hounds. Jarek Wilde also helped energize the Hounds, with a vicious crack on a Guthrie player. "The offense took a few series to get in motion, but once it did we were very productive," said Coach Webb. On defense the Hounds were led by Jarek Wilde, TJ Moore, and Austin Valimont. "Our guys played really good defense, and if it wasn't for some big plays from Guthrie, this game would have been a lot closer," Coach Maxwell stated. This upcoming Thursday, the junior varsity Hounds will face the Throckmorton junior varsity at 7 pm at O'Brien Middle School. Come out and support the Hounds in their first district game of the season.

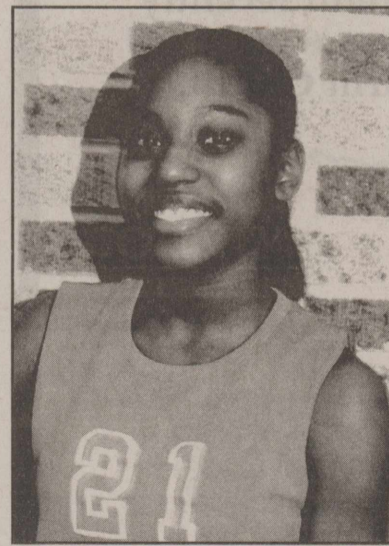
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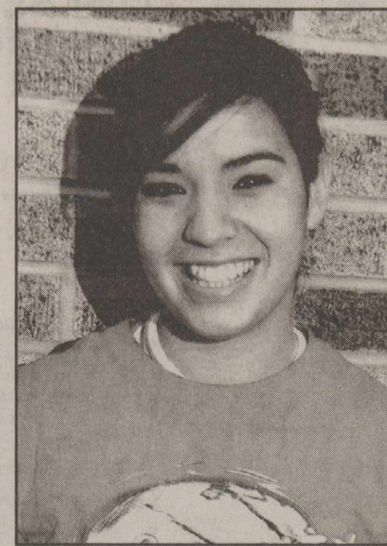
The O'Brien bulldogs played their first home game Thursday night. The group was split in two and played different opponents. The younger group played Lueders Avoca. "I think our kids did well. They may have lost, but it was to a team that gets first team reps everyday. That's something these kids don't always get." Said Coach Maxwell. DeAndre Hughey led the defense with a couple tackles and an interception that he took back for a touchdown. On offense Michael Overmeyer scored a touchdown and Israel Rodriguez added a couple big runs. In the second game, against Guthrie, there was plenty of offense to go around and some new faces found the end zone. Starters Tyllyne Eaton and Jose Espinal both scored in the game and lead the team in touchdowns. Blayne Bradley and Leighton Pepper both scored their first touchdowns of the year. "Carter played well, and maintained things at the quarterback position. He had some good lead blocks and threw well." Added Coach Webb. The defensive side of the ball was outstanding the duration of the game. "They threw some things at us that we had worked on. We made good adjustments and some players came through when we put them in different positions." said Coach Howeth. "A.J., (Zach Rodriguez) did well tonight rushing the qb as well as running the ball at the fullback position late in the game." added Coach Howeth. Other big defensive plays included Austin Sanders and Eaton with big hits all night long. "I think our kids are finally figuring it out. They were lighting people up, and finally hitting the other team like they hit each other all week. It was good for some of the younger kids to get some playing time in the first game, and it will show later in the season how the game experience helps." commented Coach Steele.

KNOX CITY PLAYER HIGHLIGHTS



Camille Ward

Houndette Volleyball
Grade: 10th
Age: 15
Nickname: Ms. Mill
Parents: Doris and Gene Ward
Siblings: Ashleigh (23), Jamilla (20)
Essence (11)
School Involvements: U.I.L., Athletics, Band and Cheerleading
My claim to fame is: to be on a talk show with Adrian.
Some people don't know that I: love playing with dolls hair.
At a fantasy dinner I would invite: Chris Brown.



Brittney Gonzales

Houndette Volleyball
Grade: 11th
Age: 16
Nickname: Gonzo
Parents: Rick & Tammy Gonzales
Siblings: Tandy (25), Rick (22)
School Involvements: Volleyball, Basketball, Golf, U.I.L., Cheerleading, FFA, Band
My claim to fame is: Volleyball.
If I could be anyone for a day I would be: Misty May or Kerri Walsh
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Letter To The Editor

This is a letter informing the citizens of Knox City about a situation at the elementary school in Knox City. On Friday, October 3rd, there was an incident involving my son, Aaron Gentry, who is in third grade.

We had to take our other children to a doctors appointment in Wichita Falls on that day and had arranged for someone to pick him up after school. Due to a breakdown of communications, the person picking up Aaron came to the school at the wrong time and he was not there.

After school let out, no one attempted to call us. Rather than following proper procedure by keeping Aaron in the office and calling everyone on our contact list and remaining at the school in case someone came by to pick Aaron up, a school official decided to do what was more convenient for them.

Instead, the school official at Knox City elementary school decided it was best to LEAVE THE CAMPUS WITH AARON and drive him around Knox City looking for somebody to look after him.

Now, according to the school's procedures, there is no situation in which any student should be removed from the campus without written consent from the parents. As far as we are concerned in a situation such as this, it is considered to be kidnapping.

They had no right to take our child from the campus under any circumstance. What if they had an accident? We had several people going to the school to pick Aaron up, but no one was there.

Numerous people tried calling the school, but again, no one was there. After they failed to find anyone, the school official decided to just leave him alone at our house, ALONE. Fortunately, when they were dropping him off there, the person who was supposed to pick him up arrived at our home and got him, saving him from a potentially dangerous situation.

Our pickup person had also contacted us and told us that they did not see Aaron at school. Upon hearing this, we both immediately started to call the school and head toward Knox City as fast as possible (Me from my job, my wife, from the doctor's appointment).

There was no one at the school to answer the phones and this was ten minutes after three o'clock. Again, NO ONE answered the phone. You cannot imagine the fear we both felt not knowing where Aaron was.

We have removed our children from Knox City Elementary and placed them in the Benjamin school system. This all could have been avoided if the School Officials of the Elementary school would have admitted they were wrong for removing Aaron from the campus and attempting to leave him at home with no adult supervision and if they would have offered an apology, but they have refused.

All of this could have been prevented if they would have done their job. Instead they took it upon themselves to decide what they thought was most convenient for them. They had NO RIGHT to take Aaron from the campus without our permission. They made NO ATTEMPT to contact us or any of our authorized contacts. When we attempted to contact the school, there was NO ONE THERE to take our call, almost immediately after school let out.

It is a shame that this happened, I like our kid's former teachers at Knox City Elementary, and they were adjusting well. But we cannot tolerate the situation with the School Official.

Ed And Rita Finley

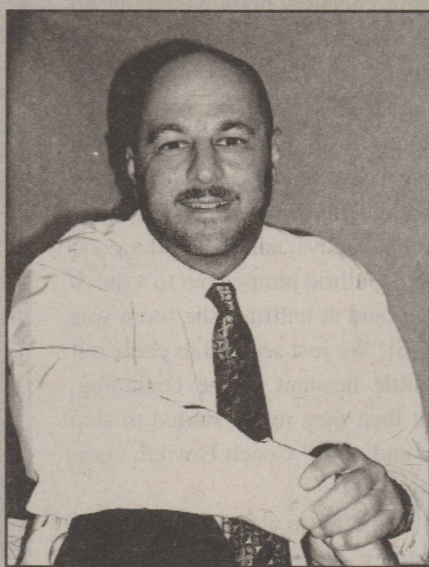


Ron Brunson Band at The 2nd Annual West Texas Cowboy Camp Meeting was held on Friday, October 3rd - Sunday, October 5th at the Moorehouse Ranch in Benjamin, Texas. Tom and Becky Moorehouse believe that the camp meeting was successful. Pastor Freddie Stice and wife, Glenda of Paducah is already making plans for next year's event. The Moorehouse and Stice family are hopeful for a bigger, better and more triumphant camp meeting in 2009.

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Knox County Youth Celebrate National 4-H Week by Keeping It Green

(Benjamin, TX)—4-H youth from across the nation will be "Keeping It Green" as they celebrate 2008 National 4-H Week October 5-11 by initiating projects that make a positive difference in their communities.

Throughout National 4-H week and the year, 4-H'ers solve problems in their communities, raise awareness about environmental issues, and make a difference for their futures in the spirit of 4-H's vision to create a world in which youth and adults learn, grow, and work together as catalysts for positive change. In Knox County, more than 100 4-H members and 40 volunteers are actively involved in 4-H.

You can join the 4-H community today. To learn how to become a 4-H member or volunteer leader in Knox County, contact Lorrie Coop, CEA-FCS, or Adam Bonner, CEA-AG/NR at Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Knox County, at 940-459-2651. We are getting ready to kick off the new 4-H year and want to welcome new members as well as our returning 4-H families. We have three clubs in Knox County that meet monthly including the Munday 4-H Club with managers Nancy Cude and Lianne Tidwell, Knox City 4-H Club with manager Michelle Esquivel, and the Benjamin 4-H Club with manager Stacia Propps. It is free to join Knox County 4-H and we participate in a wide variety of projects, community service and leadership activities throughout the year. 4-H is a community of 6 million young people across America learning leadership, citizenship and life skills. National 4-H Headquarters, which operates out of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), is the federal partner of 4-H programs implemented by the Cooperative Extension System of the nation's 106 land-grant colleges and universities and in local communities through 3,150 county Extension offices. Learn more about the 4-H adventure at www.4-H.org.

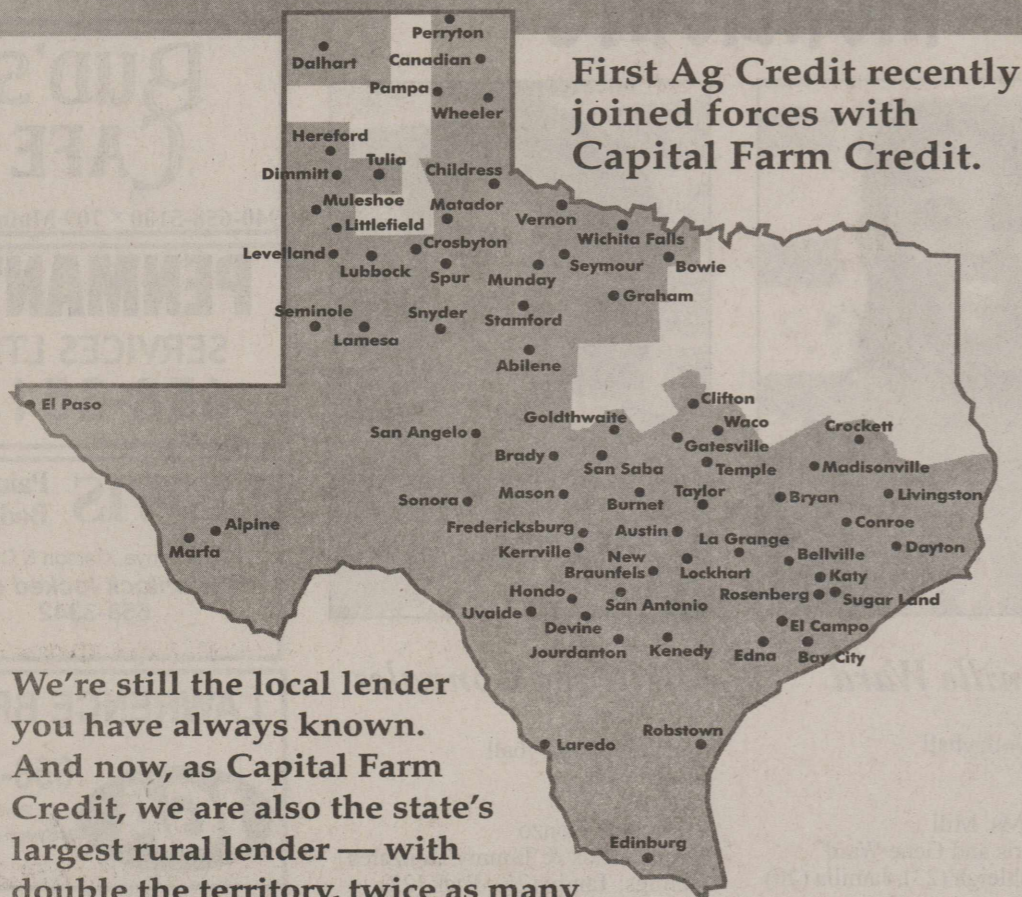
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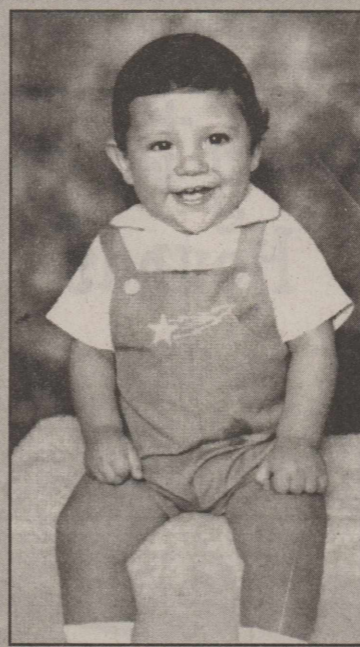
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Museum News

Willis Granite workers will be in Benjamin soon to add 67 names of Veterans to the granite monoliths. No charge is made by the KCHC to put a name on the memorial. The cost of the truck and engraving crew will be paid out of the Veterans Fund maintained by the KCHC.

The Veterans Fund is maintained through donations to the memorial, memorials for Veterans who pass away, selling the Joe Barton books about WWII, and the hamburger lunch held following the Veterans Day program.

The program, Veterans Fund, a thirteen album collection about our Knox County Veterans and collection of military artifacts, continue to be the projects of the KCHC.

The Friends of KCHC, a separate, non-profit organization, operates the Wichita Brazos Museum and contributes to Veterans Day by housing the office of the KCHC, collecting and exhibiting military artifacts, holding a free Veterans Day exhibit each year and using the museum computer to update records connected with the Knox County Veterans Memorial.

All Veterans are invited to participate in the museum's special exhibit on Veteran's Day, Nov. 11, with photographs, souvenirs, and other items telling about their service or their branch of the military service.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of O'Brien is giving notice of the intent to submit a Community Development Fund application for a grant from the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program. The grant application request is for \$247,615 for the following activities:

Construction of WWTP improvements, including a new holding pond, irrigation piping, equipment and pumps, meter and vault, and grass seeding. The project will be located at the WWTP, north of town.

The application is available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.

Knox County Sheriff's Report

1. Oudems, Jasmen Lee
9/18/08 FTA/Burg. Of building (f) Arrested in Wichita Falls Tx. (Knox County warrant)
2. Sanders, Whitney L.
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4. Dockins, Jermane
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5. Ford, Stephen T.
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6. Docking, Buddy James
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Eat This!

by Ryan Mills

Italian food is one of my favorite things to eat as well as prepare.

I came up with this recipe after I saw a similar one in a cook book that called for bacon in spaghetti instead of the traditional ground meat or meatballs. I'm a big bacon fan, peppered bacon to be exact, and I don't think you can go wrong with bacon in just about anything. Heck, I even put it in my chili. But that's another recipe for colder weather.

The recipe that gave me the idea had only a few ingredients. As you will see, I've loaded it down.

Over the years, I've tweaked this recipe into a very hearty meal that tends to please those eating it. I've added this here and that there and the following recipe is the final product of a few trials and errors.

I don't really have a name for it except for "My Spaghetti" but I guess you could call it whatever you like. I'll call it "Loaded Spaghetti" for today's column because it is loaded with goodness.

A few tips before the recipe — I prefer to use Hormel diced pepperoni but lately I have had trouble getting that locally. The last time I made this dish, I simply used regular pepperoni and

just stacked the pepperoni up and quartered it myself. I wasn't happy that I couldn't find the pepperoni I normally used, but it turned out just as good. Also, I always use Angel Hair for this recipe but any pasta would probably do. As with all Italian dishes, this one is better after it sits overnight. If you make the sauce the day before you plan to eat it and refrigerate it, the next day it is all the better. Any kind of sauce works, I've used plenty. The one I prefer is in the recipe.

- Loaded Spaghetti
- Ingredients
- 3/4 lb. peppered bacon
 - 1 8 oz. bag pepperoni
 - 1 large onion, diced
 - 3 cloves garlic diced
 - 1 container fresh, sliced mushrooms
 - 1/2 cup white wine (white cooking wine works fine if you aren't a wine drinker and don't have wine on hand)
 - 1 26 oz. jar spaghetti sauce (I usually use Ragu Roasted Red Pepper and Onion but your favorite should be fine)
 - 2 8 oz. cans of Hunt's Roasted Garlic tomato sauce
 - 1 14.5 oz can Hunt's Basil, Garlic and Oregano Diced Tomatoes
 - Angel Hair pasta
 - Directions

Chop the onion as chunky or fine as you like, chop the garlic and chop the pepperoni if you were not able to find them already diced. Dice the bacon into just larger than bite-size pieces.

In a large sauce pan (think chili pot) over medium to medium high heat, start browning the bacon with the garlic. Once it starts rendering a lot of fat, drain the bacon and add the onions in and brown with bacon until the onions begin to soften. You should drain again here.

To the bacon, garlic and onion mixture, add the white wine, pepperoni and mushrooms and cook until mushrooms change to a darker color.

Lower heat to simmer and add the spaghetti sauce, tomato sauce and diced tomatoes and simmer for at least an hour stirring occasionally.

Here you can either serve or let cool and refrigerate for the next day.

Cook the angel hair according to directions and serve sauce over the pasta.

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@chipshot.net.

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NOTICE OF ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION)

To the registered voters of the County of Knox, Texas:

(a los votantes registrados del Condado de Knox, Texas)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on November 4, 2008, for voting in a general election to elect presidential electors, Members of Congress, Members of the Legislature, and state, district, county, and precinct officers;

(Notifíquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales situadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 4 de noviembre 2008 para votar en la Elección General pa'ra elegir electores presidenciales, Miembros del Congreso, Miembros de la Legislatura, y oficiales del estado, distrito, condado y del precinto.

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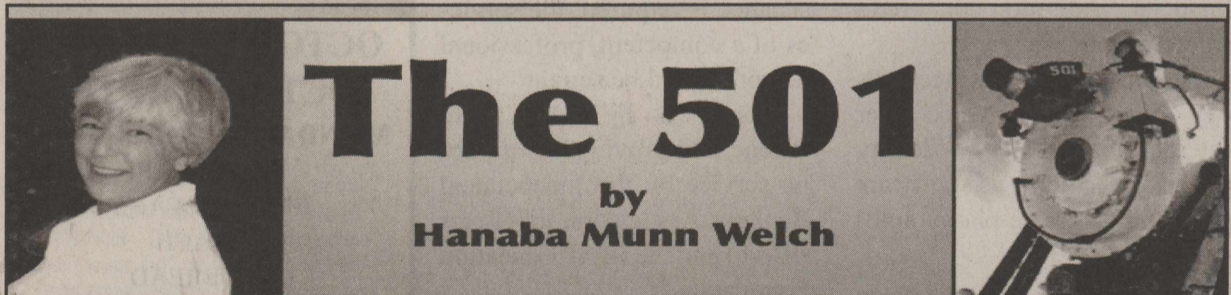
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Travis C. Floyd, Knox County Judge



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.

Is there anything more intriguing than a bottomless lake? How about the stock market? Economics isn't my strong suit, but I think the comparison holds — not that I know anything about bottomless lakes either.

In the realm of oddball economic metaphors, "Let's get in the saddle and ride" was what my college economics teacher said to start each class. That concept I understood. But the only other thing I grasped the whole semester was supply and demand, and I understood that rule already. Who doesn't?

Back to lakes. In the real world, every lake has to have a bottom. Otherwise they'd all go to China.

As for the stock market, who knows? Everybody talks about the bottom, but nobody knows where it is. Maybe it goes to China. But when I think of the Dow, my theory is that the bottom is somewhere around sea level, as in zero. Surely it can't go any lower than that.

On the other hand, my grandmother lived through the Panic of

1893 and the Great Depression. Thus schooled and twice widowed, her economic philosophy was that you never know when the bottom might fall out — like just when you think things can't get worse, they get worse.

How did she live with such a thought in mind? Within her means.

If she needed money, she sold a calf. If a fence needed fixing, she fixed it. If the barn needed patching, she patched it. She kept chickens, and they laid eggs. For a while, she had rabbits too. When she quit raising them, she set her sights on native cottontails, following the rule of thumb that they're healthy enough to eat in any month with an "r." That's September through April.

Grandmother seemed happy. Sure, her fortunes depended on the vagaries of the weather and fickle prices for crops and livestock, but she wasn't dodging creditors. And she knew that even if the bottom did fall out, the chickens wouldn't know. Nor would the cottontails.

Could I live like my grandmother? Nope. I'm not that good a shot. I don't much like rabbit anyway.

But that doesn't mean I couldn't somehow get by with less and still survive. We all could. It's human nature to adjust to change even when the change is to a more Spartan existence.

Personal case in point: In 1975 I was living in New Orleans and working downtown — close enough to shop on Canal Street on my lunch hour or stroll into the French Quarter to eat. The following year I was back in Texas, living on the farm and working in Vernon — about as much like New Orleans as the Pease River is like the Mississippi.

One Saturday, as I was shopping in Gibson's Discount Center, it hit me that I was just as happy as if I'd been on Canal Street. I hadn't even tried to adjust. It just happened.

So here's to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, wherever the bottom turns out to be.

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Budweiser ShareLunker Season Off to Early Start



John True of Dallas caught this 13.38-pound bass from a private lake in Rusk County October 3. The fish was 26.75 inches long and 20 inches in girth. It is Budweiser ShareLunker No. 455. Photo Taken By TPWD Photo © 2008, David Campbell

ATHENS, Texas—John True of Dallas kicked off the 2008-2009 Budweiser ShareLunker season October 3 with a 13.38-pound largemouth bass from a private lake in Rusk County.

True was fishing with his three-year-old son, Jack, when the fish took a Senko in 10 feet of water. The fish was 26.75 inches long and 20 inches in girth.

Only five other fish have been entered into the ShareLunker Program in October. The first was Scott Tongate's 16.02-pounder from Possum Kingdom Lake caught October 13, 1989. The latest was Danny McBride's 13.16-pound Lake Fork lunker,

caught October 29, 2004.

True's fish is the earliest October entry, but other fish have been entered earlier in the year. One fish was entered in July, two in August and one in September because of special circumstances. Normally fish are accepted into the Budweiser ShareLunker Program only from October 1 through April 30.

Any angler legally catching a largemouth bass weighing 13 pounds or more may enter it into the Budweiser ShareLunker Program by calling program manager David Campbell at (903) 681-0550 or paging him at (888) 784-0600 and leaving an

area code and number.

Anglers entering fish into the program receive ShareLunker clothing, a fiberglass replica of their catch, and recognition at a banquet at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center in Athens following the close of the season.

The Budweiser ShareLunker program is made possible through support from Anheuser-Busch, Inc. Since 1991, Anheuser-Busch, in partnership with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation, has contributed millions of dollars in funding to support conservation causes and fishing, hunting and outdoor recreation programs in Texas.

There's Something 'Vishy' Going On

First, it was "phishing" and now criminals have come up with yet another scam called "vishing".

With phishing, consumers receive an e-mail supposedly sent from their bank or credit card company asking them to update their account information and passwords. The e-mail directs the consumer to click on a link that takes them to what appears to be a legitimate site. The e-mail informs the consumer that the bank or company was requesting this information because of suspected fraudulent activity going on with their account.

Of course, as soon as consumers click on the site and provide their personal information, they immediately become part of an illegal identity theft collection system. Now that consumers have become more aware of phishing, criminals have developed another scheme — vishing. Over the past several weeks, several Texas banks and their customers have been hit with this scam. It generally occurs over the weekend and by the time the bank opens on Monday morning, the damage has been done.

According to the FBI, these scams usually work one of two ways. In the first scenario, a consumer gets the typical e-mail, like with the traditional phishing scam. But instead of being directed to an Internet site, the consumer is given a phone number to call. Those who call the "customer service" number are led through a series of voice-prompted menus that ask for account numbers, passwords, and other critical information.

In the second scenario, the consumer will receive a phone call rather than an e-mail. The call could either be a "live" person or a recorded message telling you to take action on your account because of suspected fraudulent activity. The phone caller or recording usually already has some personal information on you, including your account or credit card number, so you think you are actually talking with someone from your financial institution or credit card company.

Because of recent technology called VoIP—Voice over Internet Protocol—identity thieves are able to use software programs to create phony automated customer service lines. They can mask

the number they are calling from, thereby thwarting Caller ID. The number comes up on Caller ID as being from the bank. It can even show the bank's actual phone number.

How You Can Avoid Becoming a "Vishy" Victim

Never call a phone number included in an e-mail, no matter how "official" looking it is. Even if the logo looks like your bank or credit card company logo, do not call the number until you verify the number.

People are generally trusting, but when it comes to your financial information, NEVER give out your account number, your password, your PIN, or other personal information to someone who calls you. It takes just a few minutes to look up the number in the phone book or check the phone number on your bank or credit card statement. It is a good practice to enter your bank's phone number into your PDA, cell phone or rolodex and use only that number when contacting your bank. If you bank at a community bank, get to know someone at the bank and if you are ever suspicious, ask to talk to that person. If you don't recognize their voice, hang up and call back.

Remember, a legitimate secure website (i.e. https://), requesting personal information will have an "s" in the http and a padlock in the browser. The "s" indicates that the website is on a secure network connection. If you don't see either of these icons, delete the e-mail. Better still, bookmark your bank's website and use only that bookmark to go to your bank's website.

Being overly cautious with your personal and financial information might just save you a world of headaches.

For more information and safety tips to prevent vishing, talk with your local community banker. They want to keep you and your money safe.

This information is provided with the understanding that the association is not engaged in rendering specific legal, accounting, or other professional services. If specific expert assistance is required, the services of a competent, professional person should be sought.

Compiled by Mae Beth Palone and provided as a public service by the Independent Bankers Association of Texas (IBAT) and the IBAT Education Foundation.

Pumpkins

carving a Jack-o'-lantern. Carving a Jack-o'-lantern began in the 1800s, Irish immigrants discovered the native pumpkin of the Western hemisphere which lent itself even better to the tradition of carving out lanterns. The term "jack-o'-lantern" also came from the Irish in the form of a mythical story about a character named Stingy Jack.

Stingy Jack was a drunkard who, invited the Devil for a drink, then requested that the Devil transform himself into money to pay for the drinks. When the Devil did so, Jack took the money and put it in his pocket next to a silver cross.

The Devil, unable to transform himself into his original form because of the cross, was trapped. Jack made a deal with the Devil that he would not bother him, and would leave him alone for a year if he was allowed to change back. The Devil, agreeable to this.

He came back to Jack in a year. Jack, confronted by the Devil, requested that the Devil climb up in a tree to pick a piece of fruit. Once the Devil was in the tree, Jack carved a cross in the trunk of the tree preventing the Devil from descending until he agreed once again not to bother Jack for another ten years.

When Jack died a short time after this encounter, neither God nor the Devil would accept him into their kingdom. The Devil, keeping his promise, sent Jack away into the night with only a hot coal to light his way, which Jack put into a hollowed out turnip. Thus began the tradition of jack-o'-lanterns.

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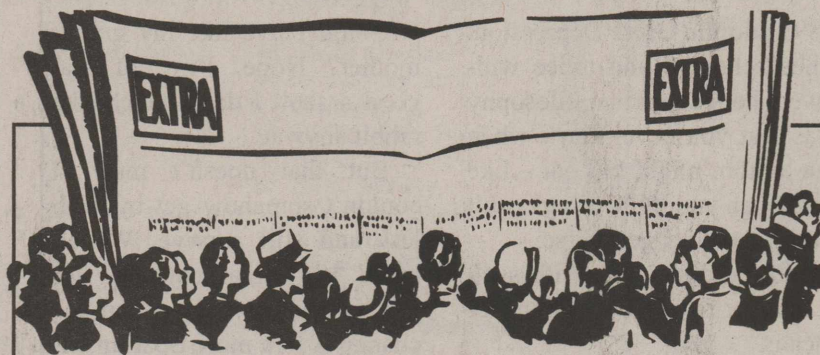
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