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## Badlands Publishing to Publish New Book Co-Authored by Wyman Meinzer

By Tamara Smart

After growing up on a Ranch outside of Benjamin, Wyman found his talents in many realms of life in the rough West Texas country. He found his true calling behind the lens of a camera and, since 1979, has been selling his pictures professionally. Wyman can tell you story upon story about Texas and what an amazing state it is. One could easily joke with him and tease him about his complete lack of pride in being Texan (they'd be being very sarcastic, of course)...

Most citizens of Knox

County know the name "Wyman Meinzer". More than the name, most people around know the man. From the lace-up knee high boots, to the long sun bleached hair; from the trademark thick mustache casting a shadow on the constant teasing smile to the twinkling eyes; Wyman Meinzer has been a staple in Knox County since the far reaches of Knox

County memory. The perfect sidekick for Wyman to finish off his very unique persona come by way of three creatures that walk on four legs, grey & white patchwork fur and a "vicious" stigma attached to their personalities... thus his pet wolves.

While Hollywood has made little "yap-yap" dogs that get skirted around in purses the

newest trend, Texans have long found their dogs to be a little more useful than just the common companion. Wyman Meinzer and business partner Henry Chappell have captured the working spirit that makes Texas one of the greatest places on earth. It has been said: "everything is bigger in Texas"- there is a reason for that. Texas is a state full of working people- not just working people, but working animals. This is the premise that took Wyman and his camera on the road three years ago, photographing dogs all over the state: from Padre Island to the Panhandle, from the western mountains to the Texas/Louisiana border.

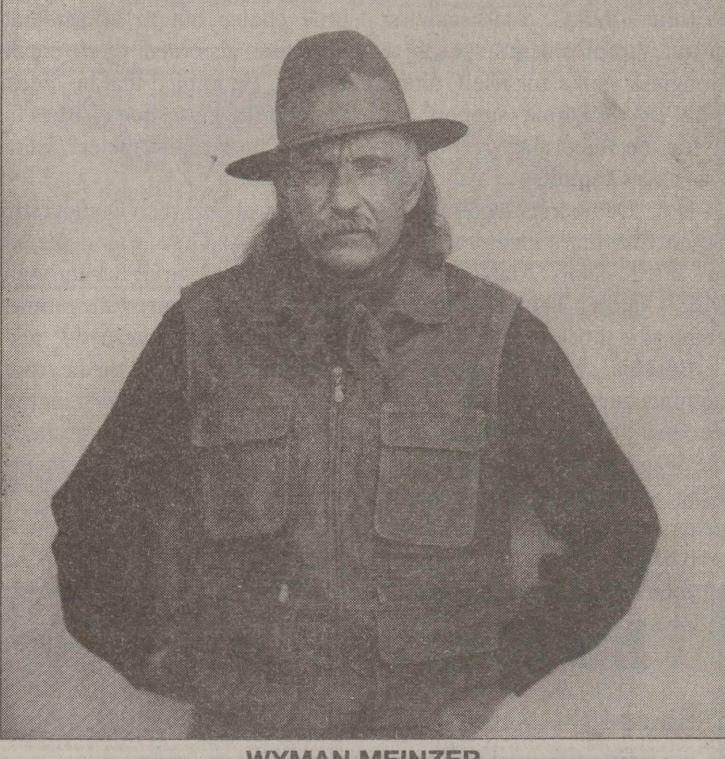
Wyman was not just on the lookout for "any old dog" during his travels- but dog that were "working" and helping their owners make a living- sometimes actually helping society keep living. In all Wyman and Henry's travels, they encountered working dogs of all kinds: bomb-sniffing dogs at DFW, drug sniffing dogs, rescue dogs, hounds out of Huntsville, cow-dogs, bird-dogs, seeing-eye dogs, ranch dogs, "Timmy-fell-down-the-well" dogs, and countless others.

In his work, Wyman found the following quote that kept the premise for the book alive in his heart through his work: "He is your friend, your partner, your defender, your dog. You are his life, his love, his leader. He will be yours, faithful and true, to the last beat of his heart. You owe it to him to be worthy of such de-

votion." (Anonymous).

After traveling all over, talking to owners, and watching these unsung "beasts of burden" at work; Wyman and Henry compiled their efforts (using Wyman's photographs and Henry's writing skills) co-authoring a book entitled Working Dogs of Texas,

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WYMAN MEINZER

## LOOKING AHEAD

The first meeting for 2009-2010 of Knox County Retired School Personnel will be at 2:30 on Tuesday, September 29, in the Fellowship Hall of the Munday First United Methodist Church. Members should bring their handbooks for receive updates. Guests and new school retirees are invited to attend the meeting.

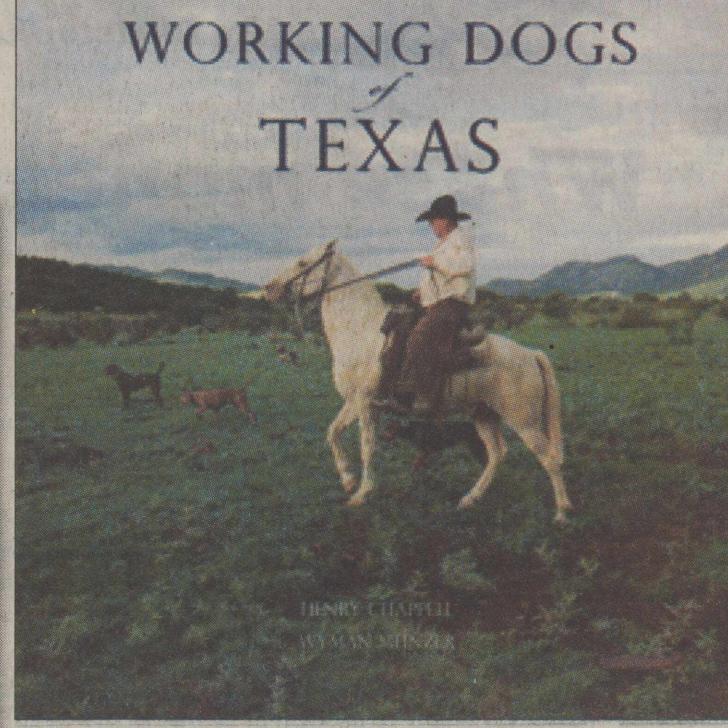
Members who would like to attend the District IX October 5th meeting of Texas Retired Teacher's Association in Wichita Falls should contact Joanna Delgado, local president, prior to September 28th.

**FIREPROOF YOUR MARRIAGE.** Starting September 9, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. every Wednesday at the Four Square Church in Knox City. Classes happen every Wednesday until October 28th. Everyone is welcome to come- married, engaged or single; help solidify strong marriages, immobilize quakes in marriages, or perhaps make "good-every-other-day" relationships more consistent- All can benefit from the services.

Knox City Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament is scheduled to be held on September 26, 2009 at the Knox City Country Club. Registration, 12:00 noon; Tournament begins at 1:30 pm. Entry costs for the 3 Person Scramble-\$120.00 per team or \$40.00 per person. For more information, contact Chamber 940-658-3442 or Sammie Offield 940-657-5001

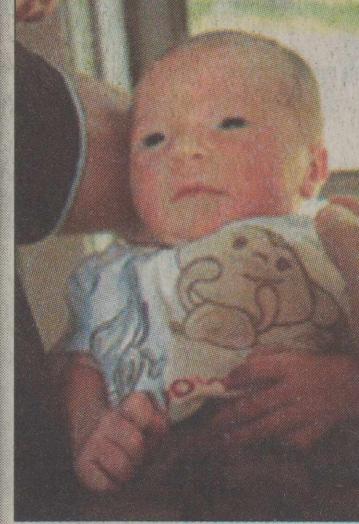
The Munday Police Department will host a "National Night Out" in the streets of Munday on October 6. This is an opportunity to let go of a "fear of the dark" and see that the streets are safe after the sun sets. For more information call the Munday Police Department.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!** The annual Sausage Dinner in Rhineland is scheduled for Sunday, October 11 at the Catholic Church in Rhineland.



The cover of the upcoming book by Wyman Meinzer.

## Knox County News Editor Realizes the Love of a Mother



JUSTUS SMART

By Tamara Smart

As I have done several times through the year that I have worked at the Knox County News, this article is written as an editorial piece, diverting from the traditional "news" genre.

I have found through my short tenure in Knox County an underlying belief and faith-based set of communities. Because of this, I have been able to write about several instances where a miracle has been observed by the people of Knox, like in the articles about the "unlikely" healing of Sequoyah Reynolds, the preservation of life of a Munday native lost at sea, and so on. This week, though, I have witnessed the greatest miracle I have ever known in my 27 years of life and now feel that this may be of interest to the readers of the Knox County News. And so I digress.

Last Wednesday, September 16, 2009, at 9:49 pm, I fell in love with a bald, toothless man. I never knew I could love any single person to this extent; this whole heartedly, to this extreme.

I saw my miracle for the first time, and held him very shortly thereafter as my husband, the miracle child's daddy, put him in my arms. He was beautiful. He was amazing. He was as near perfect as I could ever have imagined. He was a creation of love between Jason and me, with a lot of help from God. And as I examined all 10 fingers and toes, the knees which had been jammed in my ribs for the last several months, the blond hair and the porcelain skin of my first-born son, I cried.

Although I would definitely never refer to myself as an emotional person, I remember several occurrences in the last ten years that if one had walked in on my life at that moment, they would be hard-pressed to agree with that statement. For example, in September 2004, as

I cried my eyes out in the floor of my parents house after finding out that I had cervical cancer, and the series of surgeries and biopsies that ensued thereafter. Medical science was able to cut the cancer out of my body; but according to them, the possibility for me to have children was very bleak as I was left with only 10% of the original organ. I was used to the "ill" lifestyle, I spent most of the years since I turned twenty in and out of the hospital, ailed with this and that- a heart attack at 20, a lingering heart murmur, constant low potassium levels, stomach trouble, and, eventually, this cancer.

Adversely, realizing that happiness is also an emotion of serious consequence, calling me a "non-emotional person" would have never crossed the mind of any person who witnessed my smile on June 2 of 2008 as I took vows to love, cherish and be faithful to the man who I know that God created just for me.

Some women cry at their weddings, I could not stop smiling and staring at my husband wondering what I had done so right in my life that God would have sent me such an amazing angel with whom I was going to get to share my life as my partner.

Jason has three children from a time before he knew me, who are my step-children and a source of light in my life. I was hesitant to even really want to try and have our own child, considering the health problems which had plagued me throughout the years. To this pessimistic outlook, my husband, Jason, kept reiterating that "God was bigger than..." and if a baby was in our future and in God's will, then it was to be so.

Any first time mother would tell you their baby was perfect.

I am no different. I know God has the recipe for making babies down (He's been doing it for a very long time), but I think God might have been playing with the ingredients of man when he made Justus. Perhaps He slipped in a little extra "special" and an extra dash of "wonderful". I would believe He gave Justus a bit more of the "awe" factor. He's a baby made by love and brought into a world filled with love.

My parents ran to Abilene from New Mexico when they heard he was coming. My sister flew here from Albuquerque. When I brought Justus home the first time, it was to a house filled with his siblings, an aunt and an uncle, four grandparents, & some great-grandparents, too (two of whom drove in from the Metroplex to welcome their 17 great-grandchild into this world).

Knox County has responded to Justus' birth too. My house has seen a parade of neighbors and friends coming by to see the new addition; not many who know the miracle behind the baby, but all who are extremely excited about his life.

And I fall deeper and deeper in love every minute; with my miracle son, my angel of a husband, my ever-growing family, my blessed life and, most of all, with my infinite God.



JASON AND JUSTUS SMART

## Knox County Commissioners Meet

Knox County Commissioner's Court met in Regular Session on Monday, September 14.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

The Court then considered the nominations for the Knox County Appraisal District Board of Directors; Commissioner Godsey made the motion to nominate Patsy Gonzales, Ray Penman, Larry Thompson, David Key, and Charles Griffith, Commissioner McCown seconded, all agreed. After discussing the issue of the request to raise the rent for the County Barn in Munday; Commissioner Urbanczyk made the motion seconded by Commissioner Birkenfeld to accept the terms. The motion passed five to zero.

Commissioner Birkenfeld made the motion seconded by Commissioner McCown to approve the resolution with Texas Department of Aging & Disability Services (DADS). This concerns providing means for the Knox County Aging Center. All Agreed.

Upon considering a resolution authorizing the sale of three properties from the Appraisal District; Commissioner Urbanczyk made the motion to accept the bid for the Munday property. Commissioner Birkenfeld seconded the motion;

the motion passed five to zero.

Commissioner Godsey made the motion to accept the bid for the property in Truscott; all agreed.

Commissioner Birkenfeld made the motion seconded by Commissioner Godsey to reject the bid for the property in Goree; the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Urbanczyk made the motion seconded by Commissioner McCown to make some changes in the Policy Manual concerning Degrees of Relationship. The Court agreed unanimously.

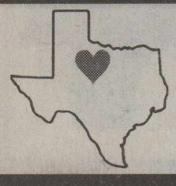
After considering Aging Service, 911 and Extension reports no action was needed.

There was no action needed in Road and Bridge.

Commissioner McCown made the motion seconded by Commissioner Birkenfeld to approve the financials and pay the bills for July 2009. All agreed.

There being no further business to come before the Court Commissioner Birkenfeld made the motion to adjourn, Commissioner McCown seconded, all approved, and the meeting of the court was adjourned.

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# OPINION

## It's still about the economy, stupid

By Gene Lyons

From a political standpoint, the worst thing about blaming President Obama's perceived difficulties on racism is that there's not a damn thing anybody can do about it. Determined bigots can't be shamed, while many see invoking race as more an excuse than an explanation.

Democrats who cry racism risk looking like whiners fearful they're losing the argument. Not to mention illogical. If Obama's approval rating among white voters has dropped from 63 to 43 percent, as the Los Angeles Times recently documented, it's not because they suddenly heard about his African father.

Nor should there be any reason to panic. As Joan Walsh has pointed out, 43 is the exact percentage of whites that supported Obama in 2008. Rep. Joe Wilson's, R-S.C., rude outburst during the president's speech to Congress spoke for itself, along with his longtime support for flying the Rebel flag over South Carolina's capitol.

No, Democrats won't win South Carolina's electoral votes in 2012. Nor Alabama's or Mississippi's. This should not come as a shock.

Besides, there's absolutely nothing new about the abuse directed at Obama. Pundits like the Washington Post's Colbert I. King, as my friend Bob Somerby never tires of pointing out, have arrived rather late at the party.

"There's something loose in the land," King opines, "an ugliness and hatred directed toward Barack Obama, the nation's first African-American president, that takes the breath away. The thread of resentment is woven through conservative commentary, right-wing radio and cable TV shows, all the way to Capitol Hill."

So where was King when Bill and Hillary Clinton were accused of murder by Rush Limbaugh and in videotapes peddled by the Rev. Jerry Falwell? The latter's sanctimonious mug nevertheless continued to appear constantly on network TV talk shows as an honored representative of America's devout Christians.

(I once got to ask Falwell, on camera, if the Ninth Commandment against bearing false witness was more or less important than the Sixth, forbidding adultery. He had little choice but to affirm that Scripture accorded them equal gravity. He alibied that he didn't know if the grotesque charges in "The Clinton Chronicles" were true or not.)

How about when Democratic nominee Al Gore was depicted as a fraud and serial liar through the use of phony allegations ("invented the Internet") and manufactured quotes on the front page of, yes, the Washington Post? Where was King then? Studiously polishing his fingernails, evidently.

The same is true of establishment pundits such as The New York Times' Maureen Dowd and Frank Rich, who participated gleefully in sliming the previous several Democratic candidates. (Dowd and Rich invented the myth that Gore falsely claimed to be the inspiration for the novel and movie "Love Story.") So now they don the shining armor of multi-culti liberalism? Please.

But I digress. It's important to remember that the same hysteria attended FDR's creation of the New Deal. America was going communist! Abandoning the Constitution! Casting aside our sacred freedoms! That's how the GOP's Henny Penny faction reacted to Social Security.

Panic may abate after

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Congress passes health care reform -- although if Obama signs a law requiring mandatory health insurance without a public option to restrain industry price gouging, there could be hell to pay.

But unease runs deeper. In my hometown paper today, there's word of a factory manufacturing stainless-steel sinks shutting down, a sawmill cutting production to one day a week and Eli Lilly & Co. announcing the elimination of 5,500 jobs.

Meanwhile, Obama's on Wall Street, talking about financial reforms, which mainly reminds people that these jokers damn

near gambled the economy away, took billions in taxpayer bailouts, then kept awarding each other obscene bonuses as if nothing had happened. Fear and anger won't diminish until sawmills and factories start hiring again.

Alas, it appears to be considered bad form in the Obama White House to keep reminding voters that it was President George W. Bush's economic and tax policies -- the very miracle cures now championed by Fox News celebrities, politicians like Rep. Joe Wilson and "Teabaggers" alike -- that caused

this economic Katrina to happen.

It's the economy, stupid.

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## The Paperboy

By Christopher Blackburn



## Whose money is it?

So many topics, so little space.

Regarding health care reform: A tax increase is a tax increase regardless of what it is called or how it is disguised.

Of all of President Obama's stances, the one I agree with most is his stance on Afghanistan. The president said we are developing a strategy to win the war and defeat the enemy for good.

Once Obama has the right strategy, I presume he'll carry it out and hold true to his word. That war must be won.

If the government spends it, it comes out of our pocketbook. So, regardless if the government raises taxes on small businesses or the middle class, it is a tax hike and it will effect the economy negatively.

The prudent thing to do is to reform what is not working in healthcare and drive costs down while working on a bipartisan bill to get the 30 million CITIZENS not on insurance some quality coverage.

The less government interference with this process the better.

Through all of the change President Obama wants something is rarely talked about. I'd like to know the number of additional employees the government must take on to regulate, calculate, answer phones, work cases, etc...

How many additional people do you think it takes to handle the stimulus bill? Perhaps 1,000? Maybe 5,000?

Before you say, "Yea Blackburn, but that is job creation," remember this: these employees are paid by tax dollars. When you create jobs for nothing and pay people with tax money, taxes are going to go up to pay for it.

I imagine the Czars under Obama earn a pretty good wage. From what I've found online, the 30-plus additions to the government earn between \$150 and \$172,000 a year. Now throw in staff, travel and perks and the numbers are huge.

Estimates put the total at between \$1.75 and \$2.2 million per Czar. Only in America.

By the way, you're darn right these employees, which have an enormous amount of power and answer only to the president, should be confirmed by Congress. There must be a system of checks and balances or we're in trouble.

ACORN should be abolished. I cannot believe our tax dollars go to this organization.

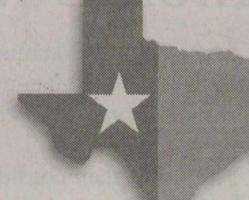
ACORN has been abusing the system for years and their time should come to an end and the role they play in urban centers should be modified and taken care of by a responsible organization.

I can't imagine how much corruption is in this group. And to think of the harm they've done and the abuse they've aided in. It is a travesty and as Americans, we should demand an immediate shutdown of ACORN and a complete investigation into all practices!

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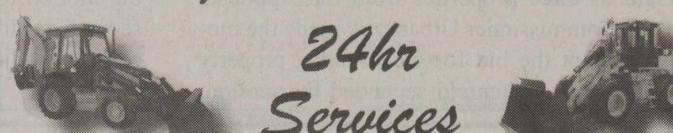
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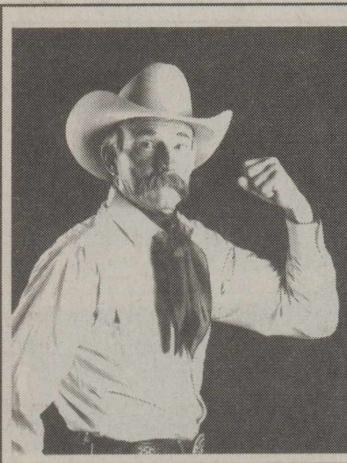
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## ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

by Baxter Black,  
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### BRONC YEARS

Calf ropers are a peculiar group of talented cowboys. I would characterize them as more serious about their work than most. They have hobbies like small appliance repair and breeding orchids. Their calling seems to draw more of the accountant/engineering sort of mentality. Dean Oliver, Tom Ferguson, Dee Pickett, Mike Johnson and Cody Ohl are representative. They are modest, focused, hard working and responsible.

Of course, every now and then there's a Roy Cooper or Joe Beaver that crashes the party, but in every bunch of good hardworking border collies, there's always a couple that chase cars!

Calf ropers have a pretty good career longevity compared to say... bull doggers and bareback men.

Chad told me of his conversation with one of our old timer rodeo friends. Chad noted the old timer's son was entering the Pendleton Rodeo this year in the calf roping. The dad kinda snorted and said, "He's pressin' his luck, he's nearly 50 years old!"

"Wait a minute," said Chad, "You were fifty-six the last time you entered the saddle bronc and that was in Bronc years!"

Bronc years is a measure of time like 'dog years'. A dog year is equivalent to 7 human years. A bronc year is equivalent to 2 roper years. In other words, a roper of any kind should be able to compete in rodeo twice as long as a rough stock rider.

This is demonstrated when you look at the last fifty years of the top rodeo cowboy career earnings. For every one rough stock rider there are two ropers. The first steer wrestler doesn't show up til #24.

As expected, ropers think that's only fair. When they show up to play they're pulling their three horse slant with live-in quarters, a groom, monster truck, enough gear to outfit the re-enactment of the Alamo, several hundred feet of rope in 32' pieces, a laptop, a satellite TV, XM radio and a roping dummy. They camp overnight, do their deltoid presses and go to bed in their jammies.

Whereas, their counterparts, the rough stock riders arrive on bronc time, during the Grand Entry, with a riggin' in their war bag along with two miles of bandage tape, an exercise video of Dancing with the Stars, and a dirty shirt.

So, according to bronc time, if our old timer friend rode rough stock when he was fifty-six, his genetically prone son could still be entering Pendleton in 2046! Then he could switch to roping steers or barrel racing and go for another ten. Or retire and become an investor... like Chad.



## 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.

Don't look now, but another good word is about to lose its true identity. It's "pashmina." If you don't know the definition, Google the word now before it unravels. Hurry.

On the other hand, maybe you're not a Googler. Maybe you still look things up in a regular dictionary, printed and bound, where traditional definitions of "pashmina" and many other words are all sewed up and going nowhere, and the word Google makes you think of a guy named Barney with "goo-goo-googly eyes." You don't have to hurry. Chances are you already know a meaning or two of "pashmina" anyway.

But if you'd like to know the very latest use of "pashmina" – an integrity-threatening usage that hasn't even crept into online dictionaries yet – I can tell you what it is.

### DRAMATIC PAUSE.

It's "big scarf." That's the loose meaning of "pashmina" floating around shopping malls these days. I know because I shopped extensively just last week for something to wear with my new dress, and when I said "scarf" to the salesclerks, they all said "pashmina" back to me. It was like going to a foreign country and trying to speak the language only to have everybody talk back in English, except sort of the opposite. At first it was unsettling. Then the next thing I knew I myself was walking into stores and asking to see their pashminas.

Shame on me. Now that I've Googled the word, I find that such a casual use of "pashmina" is an abuse even by online standards. Wikipedia, for instance, defines "pashmina" as either a kind of

cashmere wool or something made from it.

### There's more:

"The wool comes from changthangi or pashmina goat, which is a special breed of goat indigenous to high altitudes of the Himalayas. Pashmina shawls are hand spun, woven and embroidered in Kashmir, and made from fine cashmere fiber."

So, if people in Kashmir are eking a living out of thin air, herding and nurturing mountain goats to harvest, spin, weave and embroider their fine wool, who am I to call my new \$8 scarf from Wal-Mart anything but a scarf? I've already removed the informational label, but I think it said it was 97 percent cotton and three percent other stuff. Calling it a pashmina doesn't make it one. I'm calling it a scarf.

### The paradox:

Even as I call my humble scarf a scarf, I'm feeling superior to those clerks who were so carelessly tossing around the word pashmina. How could they? The more I think about it, the more I think I deserve to own a genuine pashmina. Who else is defending the honor of the word and the honor of all those pashmina-makers and all those goats? Just me.

### INTERNET SHOPPING PAUSE.

Hmmmm. A real pashmina is within my reach for only \$7.99.

Oh well, when you're in the language police, an expensive uniform isn't required. You just have to know what you're wearing to flaunt it correctly.

A cheap pashmina will do just fine.

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## Texas Grain Sorghum Board Announces District Board Nominations and Elections

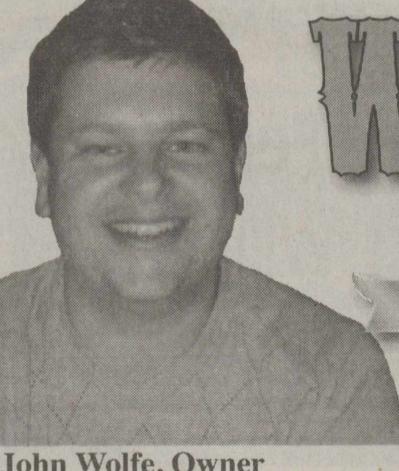
Lubbock - The Texas Grain Sorghum Board (TGSB) will hold its biennial election on November 13, 2009. Any person living within the available

district counties who is engaged in the business of producing, or causing to be produced, sorghum for commercial purposes, is eligible to vote or service on the board, including owners of farms and their tenants and sharecroppers, if such person is subject to paying the assessment that is collected on sorghum in Texas.

Nomination forms may be obtained by calling Texas Grain Sorghum Producers (TGSP) staff at (806) 438-5995 and must be filed with the TGSP Officer, 4201 North 1-27, Lubbock, TX 79403 by October 13, 2009.

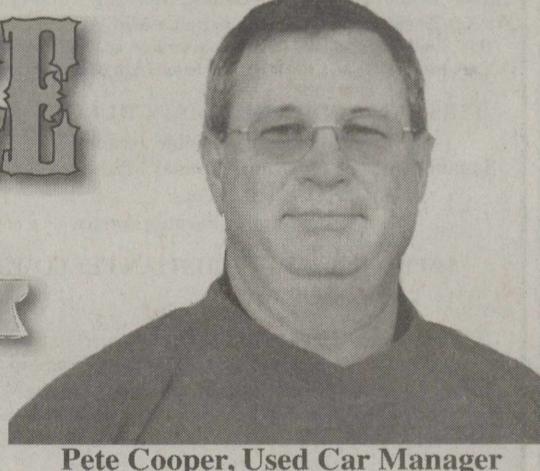
The election will be held by mail ballot. Ballots must be mailed to the TGSP office and postmarked before midnight November 13, 2009. Persons qualified to vote who do not receive a ballot 15 days prior to election may obtain one at their local County Agricultural Extension Office or grain elevator or by calling TGSP staff at (806) 438 - 5994.

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# BENJAMIN NEWS

By Gladene Green

News this week is scarce indeed. Just not much happening that I'm aware of. Good that there are not any reported illnesses (and hope there's not any unreported). I did talk to Kim Cash Gray on Thursday and she said right now she's pretty well "holding her own."

Drs. have ruled out ALS and MS for which she is most thankful. She said she's not working now, but does have a little garden she likes to tend to and that is pretty good therapy for her. It was good to visit with her.

Our sympathy goes this week to Ricky and Christi Moeller and family in Knox City. Rick's dad, Ernest, passed away Wednesday in Abilene HMC after a w year battle with lung cancer. His funeral was Saturday, in Haskell where he had been a lifelong resident.

## Sports

The Mustangs enjoyed a week off last week and will take to the road Friday. They will travel to Trent, where they will battle the Paint Rock team.

The volleyball girls had a good week. Went over to Childress Tuesday night and defeated their hosts in three

games. Then began district play Saturday against the Aspermont team and again came out winners. They go south Tuesday night to take on the Houndettes of Knox City. We hope a good crowd will be on hand to "root for" the Lady Stangs.

## Here 'n There

Debbie Niel and grandson, Collin, who live in Boca Raton, Florida, are here for a few days visit with her parents, Jack and Mary Young. It's always good to see Debbie and she said "It's always good to come home for a while."

The garage sale Saturday to benefit the museum was well attended and lots of "merchandise" changed hands. It was fun to see the shoppers "eyeing" the cars and was great to see lots of folks we don't see real often.

Robert and Brannde Estrada honored their daughter, Grace, with a birthday party/ trip recently. They headed off to Abilene and stopped off in Stamford. Looked over the car show, had a few hot dogs and the trimmings, then went on their way. Did several things in Abilene and the highlight of the trip seemed to be their visit

to the zoo. Sounds like they all had a lot of fun. Gracie's friends helping her celebrate were Leslie Brumley, Maddie Barrienez and Maggie Kuehne.

Debbie Clower was a week end visitor with her son and his wife and other family members in the Dallas area.

Dean and Gracie Hamstad are moving back to Benjamin and will be living in what used to be the home of Slick and Darlene Benson. The house is on the corner of Perry and N. Bedford Streets. We are glad to have them living here and hope they enjoy. She has lived here before.

Micky Hedges of San Angelo visited her mom, Wilma Smith, a few days last week. I saw Micky on Saturday and must admit, I didn't recognize her. It had been several years since I had seen her and she like, most of us, has changed! But it was good to see her and I bet I'll know her next time we meet.

Brad Conner and I attended the funeral of Ernest Moeller in Haskell Saturday.

A reminder about the revival at First Baptist church here in Benjamin beginning with the Sunday morning service on Sunday, September 27. Services will continue through Wednesday, September 30, beginning nightly at 7:00 pm. Jim Reid of O'Brien will be bringing the messages, Charles Jones will be leading the singing and there will be special music each night. We invite you all to come and worship with us during any or all of these services.

## Legal Notice

Notice of Sale  
The State of Texas  
County of Knox  
By Virtue of an Order of Sale

Dated September 3, 2009, and issued pursuant to a judgment of the District Court of Knox County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on Said date in the hereinafter styled and numbered clauses, and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said court, I have on September 3, 2009, seized, levied upon and will on the first Tuesday in October, 2009, at the Courthouse door of said County, in the City of Benjamin, between the hours of 10:00 o'clock A.M. and 4:00 P.M. on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Knox and the State of Texas, to-wit:

Cause No.

8935      Styling, Defendants and Property Description  
Knox County Appraisal district v. Pat Hobert, Lance Hobert and Chad Reo the South 1/2 of Block 32, R.P. Munday addition, City of Munday

9016      Knox County Appraisal District v. Jerry Brown, Randall Brown Jo Ann Patterson, Addie Lee Smith, Mrs. L.C. Porter, George Wall (In Rem Only), Buelah Hornbeck, W.D. Nicholson & B.E. Grey

.270 acres out of Abstract 1812 of the H & TC Survey, Section #82, Block 45  
4.730 acres out of Abstract 1812 of the H & TC Survey #82, Block 45  
Lot 10, Block 134, Reeves & Musser Addition, City of Munday  
Lots 17, 18 and the North 50' of Lots 15 and 16, Block 26, Original townsite to the Town of Knox City  
Lot 12, Block 123, Reeves and Musser Addition, City of Munday  
Lot 5 and 6, Block 17, Original Townsite to the Town of Truscott

9113      Knox county Appraisal District v. Cirilo Sanchez and Bank of America, N.A., Leinholder (In Rem Only)  
a 45' x 113 tract of land, more or less, out of Block 31, R.P. Munday Addition, City of Munday

9124      Knox County Appraisal District v. Hipolito Guzman  
A 250' x 55' tract of land, more or less, out of the D & W RR Co. Survey #74, Block 2 out of Abstract 1746 and being located in the City of Munday

9133      Knox County Appraisal District v. Bas Baez and Lidia Baez  
Lot 8, Block 13, Warren Addition to the City of Knox City

9134      Knox County Appraisal District v. Alonzo Zavalas  
the West 130' of the South 1/2 of Lot 11 and the North 5' of the east 70' of Lot 11, Block 42, Lee Addition to the City of Munday

the West 130' of Lot 12, block 42, Lee Addition to the City of Munday

9135      Knox County Appraisal District v. Vicente Zavala a/k/a Vincent Zavala  
The west 125' of Lots 7 and 8, Block 44, Lee addition to the City of Munday

9138      Knox County Appraisal District v. Isabell Reagins  
Lots 1 and 2, Block 7, Original Townsite of Goree

Or upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion thereof to satisfy said judgment for delinquency property taxes and accrued penalties and interest and costs of suit and sale; subject; however, to the right of redemption, the defendants or any person having an interest therein to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, within the period of time and in the manner provided by law, and subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment for delinquency property taxes and accrued penalties and interest rendered in the above styled numbered cause, together with interest thereon and cost of suit and sale, and the proceeds of said sale to be applied to the satisfaction thereof and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

Dated September 3, 2009, at Benjamin Texas  
By  
Dean Homstad  
Sheriff, Knox County Texas

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## THE KNOX COUNTY NEWS

# Big Bend Ranch State Park to Host Fiesta Nov. 14

PRESIDIO, Texas — The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department hopes the third time will be the charm for a daylong Fiesta set for Saturday, Nov. 14, to celebrate expanded recreational opportunities at Texas' largest and wildest state park — Big Bend Ranch State Park.

The public is invited to learn first-hand about the many wonders of the more than 310,000-acre state park tucked into the far southwestern corner of the state during a free, daylong Fiesta at the park's Sauceda Ranger Station. Two previous attempts to hold the outdoor celebration had to be cancelled when the Rio Grande uncharacteristically flooded the Presidio area in fall of 2008 and again in May of this year when nearby Mexico suffered an outbreak of the swine flu.

Saturday's "open house" will feature a free barbecue lunch at noon, followed by a

performance by cowboy singer-songwriter Dennis Jay. Activities being offered include park tours, hikes, guided mountain bike and horseback rides, desert survival and camping demonstrations, a student art show, Buffalo Soldiers encampment and informational displays on everything from bats to river recreation.

One guided tour will go into part of the recently acquired Fresno Ranch, a significant and strategic 7,000-acre addition to the park featuring wild canyons, stunning vistas, historical roads, rich riparian habitat and Rio Grande frontage.

Park rangers, as well as natural and cultural resource specialists, will be on hand to share information about this true wilderness park in the Big Bend Country's scenic Chihuahuan Desert highlands.

The purpose of the Fiesta is to increase awareness of the state park's greatly expanded

public use opportunities and to provide Texans, especially local citizens, a chance to visit and experience one of the great parks of the West.

Thanks to the labors of park staff and friends during the past two years, today's adventurers now have more opportunities to hike, bike and ride horses along many miles of newly accessible trails and jeep roads, and much greater access to more than 50 new campsites, many of them in the more rugged, remote and scenic areas of Big Bend Ranch's backcountry.

Information booths will be open and special Fiesta programs running from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Special pre- and post-Fiesta tours, as well as "early bird" tours beginning at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, will be offered by advanced reservation. The regular \$3 park entry fee for persons 13 and older will be waived Thursday, Nov. 12 through Sunday, Nov. 15.

Visitors attending Fiesta weekend can make arrangements to stay overnight, but should be aware that there are limited tent camping options. Camping is free during the Nov. 12-15 time frame, but reservations are required. No lodging will be available at Sauceda.

To reserve a campsite during Fiesta weekend, call Big Bend Ranch State Park at (432) 358-4444. To reserve a spot on one of the Fiesta event tours, call TPWD's Customer Service Center in Austin at (512) 389-8908 between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. To learn more about the state park and Fiesta activities online, visit the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Web site.

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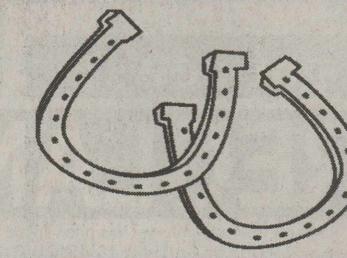
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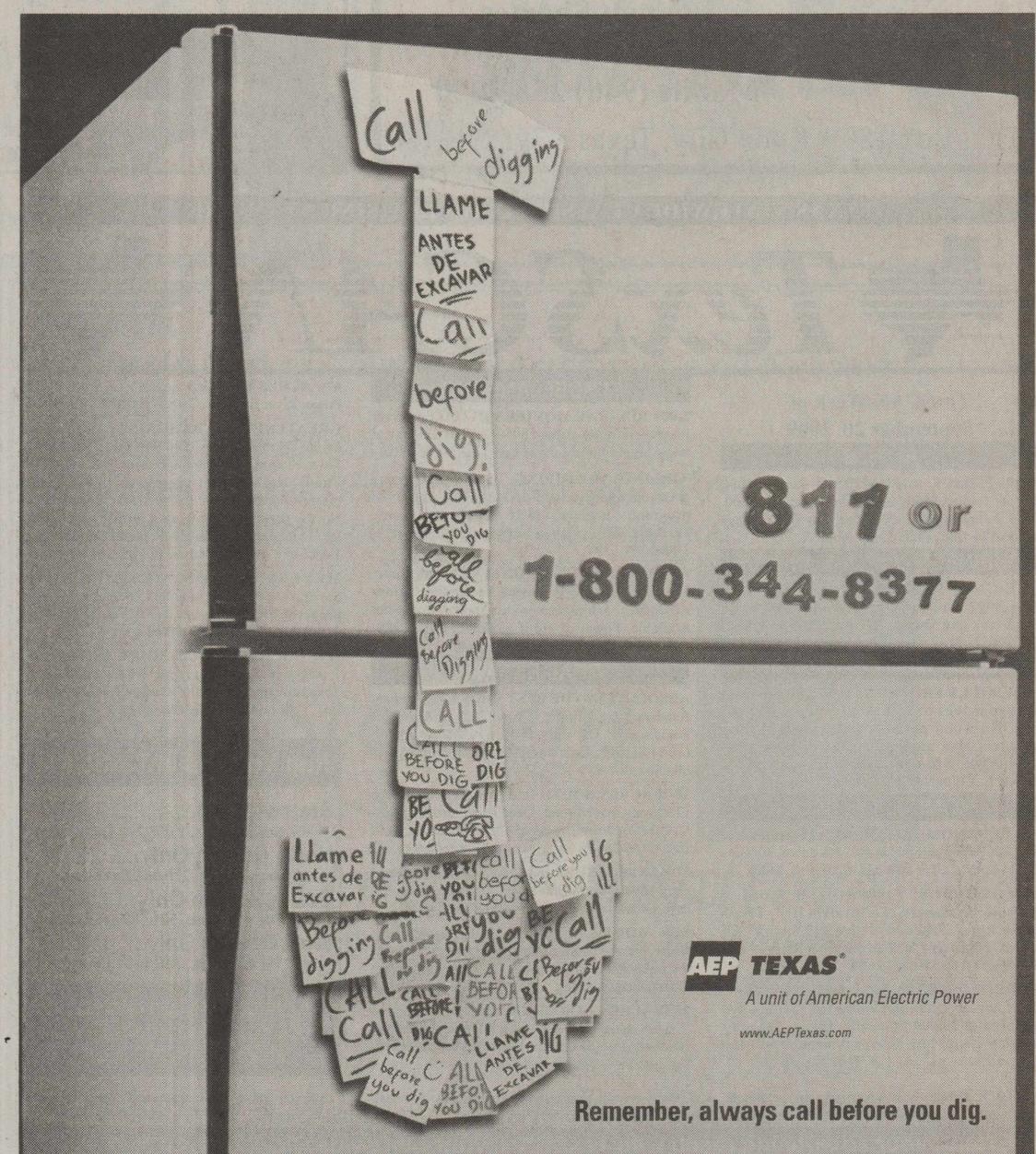
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# Southwest Texas finally gets a good rain

By Robert Burns

**COLLEGE STATION** — Much of Texas received substantial rains in the past weeks, but nowhere was it more needed than in southwest Texas, said Dr. Jose Peña, Texas AgriLife Extension Service economist based at Uvalde.

"The average was about 5 inches, but there was 10 or even 12 inches in some places," Peña said. "An excellent rain after many months of severely dry conditions."

Though the rain came hard and fast over the first two days, which resulted in more runoff than would have been optimal, the rain improved conditions across the board. One of the biggest benefits was to rangeland and pasture grasses, which were in danger of being lost after one of the hottest, driest summers in history, Peña said.

"We might be able to save a lot of the grasses," he said. "As the drought continues, birds eat the seeds, and the whole area

degrades. By the rain coming, a lot of seeds will be able to germinate."

The rain was also a plus for field crops, even commonly irrigated crops such as peanuts and cabbage, pickling cucumbers and green beans, he said.

"In terms of fall-planted crops, we have many winter vegetables that will be able to take advantage of the rain," Peña said.

Though there was a lot of runoff into rivers, stock tanks, many of which were dry, were also replenished.

"Without water in the stock tanks there's no way that livestock and wildlife can survive," he said. "There are some wells, but we need stock tanks, and they were dry."

Still, it would have been better if the rain had come a little slower, as much as the water was lost to crops and rangeland.

"The statistics are going to indicate we got better than we actually did in terms of rain capture," Peña said. "We need

more rain to sustain everything. We're still at 60 percent of our long-term average. There's just no way we can say the drought is over."

More information on drought in Texas can be found at the Web site of the Drought Joint Information Center at <http://agrilife.tamu.edu/drought/>.

The following summaries were compiled by AgriLife Extension district reporters:

**CENTRAL:** Most of the region received significant rainfall. Small-grain planting was expected to begin when soils were dry enough. Pastures greened up. Cotton harvest was halted due to the rain.

**EAST:** Parts of the region received as much as 10 inches of rain. However, the rain bypassed part of Polk County entirely, and pastures still showed signs of drought stress. Elsewhere,

hay harvests were delayed by the rain. Producers continued to plant winter forages. Feral hog activity was up. Armyworms were spotted in several areas, as were millipedes and love bugs. Livestock were in good to excellent condition.

**FAR WEST:** The region received from a trace to 2 inches of rain and cooler temperatures.

Producers began planting winter wheat. Alfalfa production was going smoothly, and the sunflower harvest was under way. The corn harvest was completed. Some cotton fields looked good while others were just average or a little below. Where there was rain, pastures greened up. In other parts of the region, grass was turning brown.

**NORTH:** It rained every day for a week, but it was a slow rain, allowing the moisture to soak into soils. Farmers will not

be able to get into their fields for quite a while. Some areas received from 10 to 12 inches. Soil moisture ranged from adequate to surplus. The rain has halted the

harvesting of grain sorghum and

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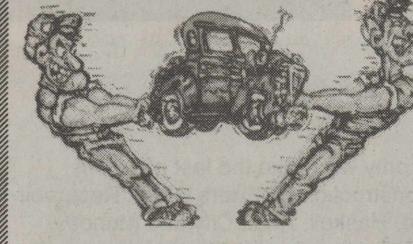
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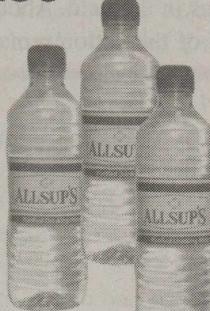
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soybeans and put a stop to the early planting of wheat. Some producers who had already planted winter wheat may have to replant part of their fields. With sunny, warm days, 80 degrees or higher, the rain may allow for one more cutting of hay. Cotton was in fair to good condition and producers began harvesting. Rice harvest was about 20 percent complete. Livestock were in fair to good condition. Fly and armyworm populations were on the increase. Rangeland and pastures were in fair to good condition. The rain wasn't good news for everyone; sweet potato growers were concerned that it was too much water at harvest time.

**PANHANDLE:** Many counties received substantial rain. Soil moisture was short to adequate, depending on the area. Cooler temperatures slowed the growth of corn, sorghum, cotton and pastures. Corn was from 25 percent to 100 percent mature and 5 percent to 50 percent harvested. Cotton was good with 5 percent to 75 percent of bolls

opening. Producers applied defoliant in some areas. Peanuts were in good condition. Peanut growers who received rain applied fungicides. The silage harvest was nearly complete. Wheat was from 5 percent to 75 percent planted with early irrigated stands ready for grazing. Cattle were in good condition.

**ROLLING PLAINS:** The region received a slow, good rain that replenished topsoil moisture. Rangeland and pastures were expected to improve, though the shorter days and cooler temperatures will limit the forage production going into fall. Producers were expected to begin planting wheat as soon as the fields dried out. Recently planted winter wheat began to emerge, but the rain may have come too late for earlier-planted fields. Cotton had pretty much played out with small bolls opening and dropping fruit. Only a small number of acres showed promise. The grain sorghum harvest was nearly complete. Livestock were in fair to good condition. Ranchers began weaning calves to try and relieve grazing pressure. There

was some runoff into stock tanks, but the dry soils absorbed most of the rainfall.

**SOUTH:** From 1 inch to 5 inches fell, with reports of 8 to 10 inches in some areas. Rangeland and pasture conditions were improving. Stock tank water levels rose; some tanks were completely filled. Livestock were in fair condition. The peanut crop continued to develop and should be harvested in one to two weeks. Sesame fields neared being harvest-ready. In the western part of the region, producers were planting cabbage and preparing fields for the planting of spinach, onions and carrots. Cotton ginning was very active. In the southern part of the region, vegetable planting was already under way. Sugarcane planting continued.

**SOUTHERN PLAINS:** Temperatures were moderate. Soil moisture was short to adequate. The corn and sunflower harvests were ongoing. Cotton was in fair to good condition, with many cotton fields nearing the stage where they could be safely defoliated. Peanuts were in fair to good condition and in the final growth stages. Winter wheat planting was in full swing. Pastures and ranges were in fair to good condition. Livestock were in mostly good condition with supplemental feeding continuing.

**SOUTHEAST:** Recent rains, from 0.6 to 1.5 inches, helped replenish ponds, but topsoil moisture levels were still low. Growth of warm-season and cool-season grasses and legumes were stimulated by the rain. Fall armyworm infestations appeared not long after the rain. Brazoria County reported the worst armyworm infestation in nine years. Soybeans continued to do poorly despite getting rain.

**SOUTHWEST:** From 5 to 6 inches of rain falling over a four-day period filled dry stock tanks and generally improved condition of pastures and rangeland. Also, the accompanying cool weather helped conserve the moisture. The region was green and the dust settled. The rain should make a big difference to wildlife as well. However, the year-to-date rainfall remained at about 60 percent of the long-term average and forage remained scarce. AgriLife Extension personnel believed the remaining growing season is too short to produce enough forage to sustain a significant livestock and wildlife inventory. The rains interrupted the cotton harvest and might have caused some quality losses in the field. About 10 percent of the cotton remains to be

harvested. Another 10 percent of the crop remains in field-stored modules. Peanuts and some pecans made good progress. The peanut harvest was expected to start by the end of September. The fall sweet-corn harvest was complete. Fall-planted cabbage, pickling cucumbers and green beans showed good growth.

**WEST CENTRAL:** Cooler days came, and most areas received a much-needed rain. Producers were ready to begin planting small grains as soon as fields dried out. Rangeland and pastures were improved by the rain. Low stock tank levels continued to be a great concern for many. Livestock remained in good condition. Pecans were in good shape, with above-average yields expected.

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