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# **Knox City High Pride Band Advances to State**

By TAMARA SMART

The best marching bands in the state will gather in San Antonio next Monday, November 2nd, to battle for the title of "Best in the

The judges of the competition are in for a big surprise from on that date as Knox City will take the field for the first time ever in State marching competition.

They will be sure to leave behind an impression of "epic"

The Knox City Pride band has put together a marching routine to the music of "Fall of Troy" which features four different movements to tell the story of Troy

The first movement begins the tale with "The Siege Begins" and is followed by movements entitled "Helen of Troy", "Trojan Horse", and "Final Assault"

The Band plays and moves with the overtures, lead by their drum major who dons a very ethereal costume to create more of the Epic Tale essence on the field.

This routine earned Knox City a 2<sup>nd</sup> place ranking at Area competition last weekend and will surely allow the State judges a look at the talent and abilities of the youth who attend Knox City

Mark Tucker, KC Pride Band director, is very excited about the trip to compete on state level. In reflection of the recent events and developments, Tucker said "the kids did an awesome job representing Knox City & it's town. This is the first time a K.C. band has ever advanced to a State competition."

It is the opinion of many that the band will do amazingly well at the competition and this will not be the last time that the State competition judges will be seeing the Knox City Pride Band.

Knox County News wished the band the very best this week!



The Knox City Pride Band leaves the Birdville stadium with Director Mark Tucker on their shoulders. Tucker has lead the band to State competition for the first time in history. (photo by Daveine Clark)

# Bill Explained

It was 1970 and the first water was taken out of the dam to the citizens of Knox & Haskell Counties. Because of the NC70 and later NC 74, Bond Issues passed in 1969 to build the Miller Dam and then tax the water that was drained into the townships to repay the original costs of the project (3.4 million for the initial project which was the NC70 Bond amount & a supplemental \$265,000 latercovered by NC74).

The last payment on those bond issues will be made in 2010, which is just around the corner, a few flips of the calendar away. So, when a debt is paid off, it is time to quit making payments, right? That is what some would think, which is why the issue has come up for the people's voice to be heard.

The North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority has proposed that the member cities of the Water Authority (Munday, Goree, Knox City & Haskell) continue to pay this tax, even after the Bond issue expires. This tax money will then be ciphered into a "just in case" fund and be used

for any repairs of deterioration on the dam, malfunctions or up-keep that may come in the future. The tax will also ensure the member cities water rates will remain consistent and not fluctuate because of unforeseen problems.

This tax will not affect member cities very much as of what they are paying now. Each city has the right to put a surcharge on their water, which is not part of this tax bond proposition. There are 7 other townships, which get water out of the Miller Creek deal, but are at the mercy of fluxuation (yet, as of now, the charge seems to equal out the same for members and non-member cities because of the tax versus the extra charge for non-members).

The M&O Tax proposition, as the continuation on the Bond tax is called will be kept at \$.10/ unit, and will continue as long as the Miller Creek dam is in tact. There is no end date.

The public has a voice in whether to continue to pay this tax or go to a open ended pay

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# Proposed Water Tax Goree Regains Possession of School Building

**By TAMARA SMART** 

When Munday and Goree School districts united and became Munday Conslidated Independent School District, the school building located in Goree became property of the MCISD. Until this last school year, the building in Goree was used as the Junior High facility of the Munday Consolidated ISD.

Yet, at the end of the 2008-2009 school year, the school board voted unanimously to bring the Junior high classes to the main campus in Munday proper rather than continuing to ship kids from the two cities to Goree for their junior high education.

This left the old school building vacant and

unused. When the school board held their many Goree School building is now the property of the City of Goree again. (photo by discussions pre- andpost decision to close the Tamara Smart) Goree campus, it was continuously mentioned the

desire to give that building back to the City of Goree to use as they deem fit. This action became official at the last MCISD school board

While the keys haven't been turned over as of time of press, the decision has been made, the vote passed. The Goree citizens now have the daunting, yet exciting task to decide what to use the building and facilities associated with it for. The only stipulation is that Goree cannot make the building back into another public school, but there is talk of a possible trade school.

Some see the property as a possible community center. Everyone will get an opportunity to express their ideas of what the property should be made into at a town meeting that will be scheduled in the near future.

(Knox County News will continue to report as the story continues to unfold).

# Rev. Ida Jo Watson new City Judge in Munday

in Munday, Buddy Norville,



Rev. Ida Joe Watson took office as the new Munday City Judge in early September. (photo by Tamara Smart)

accepted appointment to his who would replace Buddy on the Judge Watson preaches at the When the last City Judge new position as Mayor, the City bench. While there is no official Council began discussions on decree barring the mayor and the city judge of a township from being one and the same person, Buddy believed that would provide for a conflict in interest, and was open in his intentions to resign from that position even during the election process when he was running for mayor.

> Since that time, many names have flown across the council's table in consideration of who would be best in this vacant city position.

Early September, Rev. Ida Jo Watson, long-time Munday resident took the stand as the "Honorable" Judge Watson. Ida Jo had been the secretary at the Munday Chamber of Commerce for two years and has built a reputation for herself throughout Munday and the surrounding area. As an ordained pastor, West Beulah Community Baptist Church in Goree.

Judge Watson is the mother of three children; Frankie Stinnett, Anthony Stinnett and Gwen Swearengin, all of whom she raised in Munday and are graduates of Munday HS. Judge Watson is also the proud wife of Robert Watson, from Knox City, with whom she has shared wedded bliss for 6 years.

Judge Watson is excited about this opportunity to be part of the judicial system in Munday. She says she hopes to "build communication" in the community and plans on being a fair judge, as she is a fair

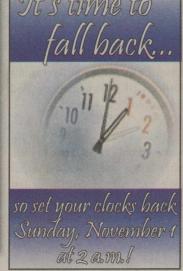
To contact Judge Watson, feel free to call Munday City Hall at (940)422-5220, or email cityjudge@windstream.net.



is hosting their annual HAUNTED HOUSE. They will be open Tuesday, 10/27 and Thursday- Saturday from Dusk to "whenever the line ends"... \$3 entry fee to benefit the Knox City Volunteer Fire Department.

The Munday Chamber of

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Goree Community Center N. 5th Street,

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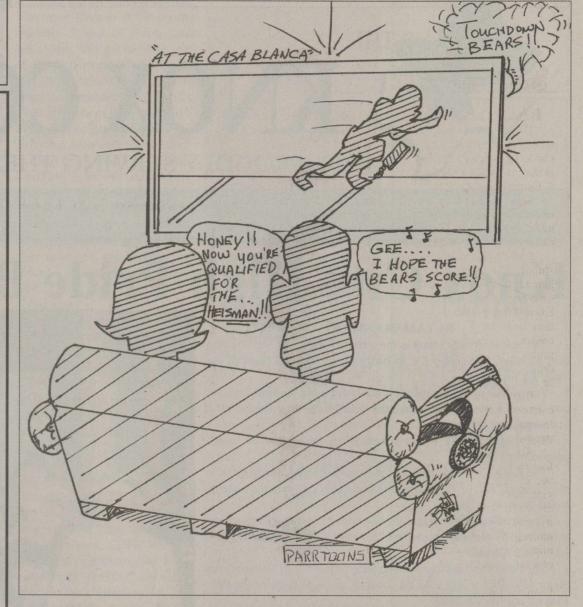
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# Irate Mom, Line One; Parents Talk Back to Pharma

By Martha Rosenberg

The most dramatic moment for the 70 doctors and 200 spectators attending June FDA hearings about approving new psychiatric drugs for children came when two bereaved mothers approached the open mike.

Liza Ortiz of Austin, Texas, told the advisory panel her 13year-old son died of Seroquel drugs. toxicity in an ICU days after behands twisted in ways I never thought possible," she said.

Next was Mary Kitchens of Bandera, Texas, who described Seroquel's lasting effects on her 13-year-old son Evan after being given the antipsychotic without her knowledge or permission by a residential treatment center.

But for Kitchens the most dramatic moment came after the hearings when she approached Dr. Robert Temple, the FDA's director of the Office of Drug Evaluation, who had officiated on the panel.

"Can I show you the stamp on these Seroquel samples that proves my son was given an unapproved drug in 2003?" she asked him, displaying the original drug packaging, which she also showed at open mike. "The panel is considering whether these drugs should be approved for children--and I can show you they've been marketed to kids for years!"

"I'm sorry, ma'am --I can't talk to you," replied Temple, making a quick getaway.

If 44-year-old Kitchens seems angry, she is.

"The committee was willing to talk 'openly' with reporters who quite frankly did not know what questions to ask, but a mom who traveled 1,300 miles was not allowed to ask one simple question at the press conference! The vote was already in and I was completely devastated realizing that every child in America is going to be affected by this. That's why I followed Dr. Temple down the hall," she

The Psychopharmacologic Drugs Advisory Committee considered in June approval of three "atypical antipsychotic" drugs for use in children: AstraZeneca's Seroquel (quetiapine) for the acute treatment of schizophrenia in adolescents 13 to 17, acute treatment of bipolar mania in children 10 to 12 and adolescents 13 to 17; Pfizer's Geodon (ziprasidone) for the acute treatment of manic or mixed episodes associated with

psychotic features, in children and adolescents ages 10 to 17 and Eli Lilly's Zyprexa (olanzapine) for the acute treatment of manic or mixed episodes associated with bipolar I disorder and acute treatment of schizophrenia in adolescents. The committee ultimately voted to approve the

But, according to Kitchens, ing put on the antipsychotic. "His who admits to calling the FDA "almost every day," bipolar disorder and schizophrenia in children are not even found in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders. "I ask them how can there be hearings to approve drugs for a diagnosis that is not even recognized?" she says. "I understand off-label marketing and off-label prescribing. But now we have off-label diagnosing!"

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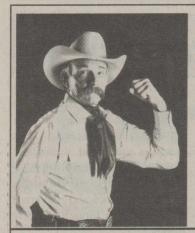
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"I would never have given my son a drug that causes depression for a simple allergy who would?-- but my choice was taken away by a company that buried the risks in 'post marketing adverse events' while it makes billions," says Miller.

Cody's death galvanized the community-- and Miller met with FDA representatives in New York Rep. Kirsten Gillibrand's Washington, D.C., office. Miller also began hearing from other parents, including those in whose children Singulair was producing bipolar and ADHD symptoms.

The tsunami of ask-yourdoctor drug advertising that began in 1997 is only one reason branded children's drugs are selling like breakfast cereal. Another is the desirability to the pharmaceutical industry of the child "customer"--easily administered drugs by parents, doctors and teachers -- and likely to stay on them for life, if started

But the biggest reason for the rush to medicate children, say health policy analysts, even with drugs known to be dangerous, is private funding for expensive, possibly unnecessary drugs is evaporating and the pharmaceutical industry has turned to public funds to satisfy stockholders. A practice Kitchens and other irate moms says has gone on long enough.



## **ON THE EDGE OF COMMON** SENSE by Baxter Black, DVM

#### BACKYARD ANIMAL HUSBANDRY

The phenomenon of Backyard Animal Husbandry is spreading among urban folks with no farm background. They are choosing to raise fowl and small mammals to eat! The economy is the main factor but it apparently appeals to the "Homegrown is Better" mentality.

This rediscovery of the truth in the human/animal relationship must be agitating to the animal rights groups who have spent millions brainwashing the young and gullible, that raising animals to eat is somehow abnormal.

But, as the animal rightists are discovering, people aren't stupid. The new urban animal husbandrymen are only two generations from grandmas that milked cows, butchered their own hog, raised chickens to eat and made their own sausage. Even if these urban newcomers only do it for a couple of years they will learn the importance of proper nutrition, parasite control, vaccinations and manure management. If their goat or rabbit gets sick they will realize that antibiotics are a miracle drug! They will learn about withdrawal dates before slaughter or drinking the milk.

Big city small animal veterinarians may be forced to take continuing education courses in the care of small mammals, TB testing, and diseases of poultry. Hanging by their stethoscope and thermometer will be a hog snare, cow halter and a sheephook!

Although I am surprised by this renewed interest in livestock raising by these, mostly female urbanites, I shouldn't be. In the last twenty-five years women have flooded the veterinary profession, the ag schools, the 4H and FFA, They are compassionate by nature and aggressively practical when it comes to protecting and providing for their family. To the mortification of PETA and HSUS; there is no question in HER mind when she hears the animal rights loonies equate the value of a rat or a monkey to that of her children.

We who raise livestock as 'professionals' know the financial investment and the moral responsibility that we bear from the animals in our care. We also understand the emotional attachment to those beasts that will make the ultimate sacrifice for our benefit. In the first half of the 20th century over half the population was involved in agriculture first hand. Now that number is less than 2%. Therefore it is logical that a large portion of the human race is inherently good with animals. So that means in any cross section of urbanites, many hundreds of thousands of 'animal lovers' have been removed from the shepherd/lamb relationship, That capability and desire is inside them just waiting to participate in the natural cycle of "sex and birth and death and life", as one urban goat raiser described it.

Both 9/11 and the recession have opened our eyes to the reality of surviving. They have exposed the frivolousness of some of the choices we made when we had the luxury to be wasteful. Seeing these urban animal husbandrymen join the ranks of animal production with serious intentions is encouraging. It's like the world is tilting back and righting itself again.



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.

Well, it's a deep subject.

The old one on our farm is big around too -- big enough to fall into. I never have. But I did stick my head in last weekend, putting myself eye-to-eye with the black widows that hang out inside the concrete casing near the top, if you can be eye-toeye with anything when your head's upside down. I guess you can. Some of them were upside down too.

As for the water, it was a long way down - too far to tell if anything significant was rippling the dark surface. Last time it was a snake.

The well is from circa 1952. A man named Vanek brought an impressive bucketed contraption to our farm to dig it. He was silver-haired and rotund - sort of a beardless Santa Claus-type wearing wellworn summer cotton work clothes that flapped a little in the wind. That's how he came across to me, circa 5.

More intriguing was his precursor, the water witch.

Mother and Daddy did their best to prepare me for the arrival of Velva Coffee, diviner. They let me know she wasn't a Hansel and Gretel-type witch. I was still awestruck. They were too somewhat, I think.

Not that we didn't already know Velva Coffee, who lived four miles away – maybe three. She was the wife of Lockwood, who was the cousin of the father of my friend Sue with whom I shared a great-aunt and great-uncle, Hallie and George. Family connections aside, Velva took on an eerie extra dimension when she arrived solo at our place to

dowse for water. At least that's how it seemed to me, fairy tale aficionado.

A linguistic aside: For the first time ever I heard "witch" double as a noun and a verb. Life is full of surprises like that when you're 5.

For a divining rod, Velva used a forked peach tree limb from the orchard. Daddy got it for her, trimming it some with his pocketknife. She grasped a branch in each hand, holding the Y-shaped limb level in front of her as she walked along, her demeanor unremarkable. We followed respectfully at a distance, an entourage of three. When the peach limb dipped, Daddy marked the spot for Mr. Vanek.

> And that was that. It's been a good well.

Later, along about seventh grade, our science book devoted considerable verbiage to debunking the water witch myth. Our teacher, Orlan Jantzen, told us to consider that

text the official word of science

on the topic.

Then he took us outside for our unwritten lesson of the day. He cut a forked limb from an elm tree. Most of us knew what was about to go down. After all, we country kids all drank well water, mostly from witched wells.

We crossed the tennis courts to the grassed-over site of a long vanished well. The limb trembled in Mr. Jantzen's ex-baseball pitcher hands as he tried to hold it steady.

Nothing beats having a water witch for a science teacher.

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# Pink Ladies News

By Billie Walker, Pink Ladies Reporter

All present seemed to enjoy the Pink Ladies Red Carpet Extravaganza" on October Chirch of Knox City hosted by Sheila Keuhler and the hospital nursing staff. Stephen Kuehler gave the welcome followed by Dan Offutt's opening prayer. After a delicious meal, the pink Ladies were individually recognized by president, Glenda by a benediction given by Dan Huff and awarded a token to Offutt.

wear stating the number of hours served this year. The hospital presented each lady with a pink smock. Stephen Kuehler announced that the ladies had 20,2009 at the First Baptist contributed over \$20,000 this year to hospital/clinic needs. This could not happen without donations given by the citizens in the community.

An award ceremony was held for clinic, hospital, home health, EMS employees followed

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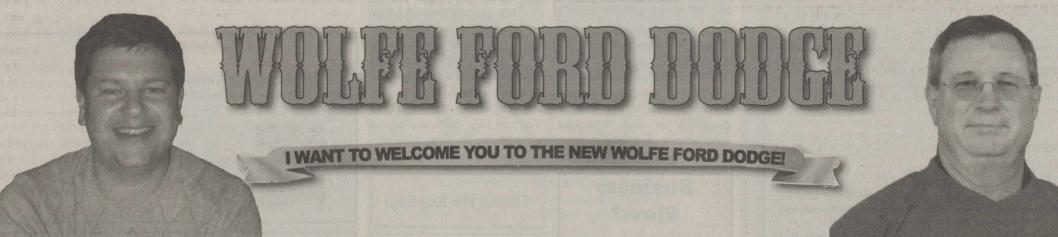
By Dean Homstad, Knox and well after dark? As we passed **County Sheriff** 

What a wonderful rain, wheat that got planted is growing nicely. It's not doing anything for the cotton right now, but better not complain too much. drive around and see prosperity coming our way. But wait, what flag us down this time of night

by the subject in the roadway, it looked like a cow, no maybe a horse, no maybe a hog, deer or calf. What color was it? I don't know, couldn't tell if it was a calf or mama cow. Well, call the sheriff's office or 911 to report it. Now that the wheat and pastures Give them the information you are doing well, everyone can just talked about, but remember not to know where you are.

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# Truscott News

What's the weather like are increasing. Many trees on long clack handle, to no avail. around Gilliland & Truscott? It's getting colder. Summer is mostly over and winter is on it's

The Dallas Cowboys played Sunday so no phone calls were made until after the game was over. Who wants to answer the telephone when the Cowboys are on? Anyway not many contacts were made but people on the Wichita Ridge are still going places, having company.

Michael and Geraldine Tomanek were in Stamford Saturday, Oct 24th for a meeting and dinner of the RVOS Lodge

Emily Gray of Vernon visited her grandmother, June Looney, Sunday on her way home after attending the Texas Tech game at Lubbock Saturday.

June reported attending the Thalia community's fish fry Saturday evening. She said there was a good crowd and it reminded her of the good visits at Truscott when we had grandma's Sunday dinner.

About that remark about summer being over

The weather? It's getting colder. Summer is mostly over and winter is on its way.

In this part of the country, it is hard to say that summer is completely gone because all fall and winter there are times, sometimes for half a day at a time, sometimes for two or three days at a time that summer tries to sneak back into our lives. You go out without a jacket because

It's sort of an "out of calendar" experience. Enjoyable, but not the real thing.

China Creek are filled with bright yellow leaves, except of course the ones that are still green and refusing to let go of summer no matter what the calendar says. (What's the matter, trees? Can't you read? Do you need a hearing aid to hear the calendar? Or are you just stubborn?)

No tree that isn't an evergreen is more stubborn than the Mesquite. It hesitates to put on leaves in the Spring, and holds them tight in the fall. The first Norther is blowing right now, but as other trees change color and let go through other northers, we will get used to their bare limbs and leaves still on the Mesquite.

Then one day we'll look and the mesquites will be bare too since we checked them last week, yesterday, five minutes ago (it seems). It's a yearly disappearing act mesquites do.

And then there are the wheat fields. While some are being sown or re-sown (as the need may be), many a field is crossed by the bright green of young and tender wheat hugging the ground, getting ready to grow into winter grazing, or at least that's what wheat farmers hope. Change is coming whether we voted for it or not.

Here on China Creek, it was decided to change indoor weather control from turning on the air conditioner to getting the wood stove ready to use.

The stove pipe in the living room was banged on, knocking down the usual gritty black stuff. Then to take care of the part passing through the attic and emerging through the roof, the Signs of winter's approach chimney brush was put on it's

The brush couldn't work because the chimney top wouldn't come

The son from Whiteface (bill) came in for a short visit and found a job waiting. A father-son consultation decided manual strength was not the proper choice. (Neither could move the chimney top). The proper decision was to use every handyman's favorite tools: WD40 and waiting.

It worked, as always. The top came off, the brush went down, roof top into the stove.

The two chimney sweeps didn't wear the traditional top hats or black tuxedos but got the job done.

One more chore done to get ready for winter. For people who live in houses one step always seems to point to another waiting to be done.

Now it's time to re-stock the long ignored woodpile, left to skunks and snakes and tall weeds in the hot days of summer.

Pile up the unused wood short enough to fit in the stove, make a discard pile of oversized wood to be split later by a handy ax wielder. Bring in more from the pasture stock created by clearing brush along fences.

Wood heats you several times. It heats when it's cut, when it's stacked, when it's brought in the house, and, finally, when you burn it.

However, when the room that houses your TV has no heat except a wood stove, you tend to take care stove related chores before the blue northers get too

November is almost here and so it's Veterans Day, November

Has your family been to the the Veterans Day memorabilia

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daughters of the American Revolution? A discharge from either the Federal or Confederate

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army in the Civil War? A letter or souvenir from any war? Any related military souvenir will attract attention. Over 100 visitor studied exhibits related to Knox County families and veterans at last year's show.

Bring items in on Nov. 10, or afternoon of November 11. of each item.

One collection that would be presiding. nice for the museum would be a written collection of memories Rochester, Texas to Clarence the chimney was cleaned from of December 7, 1941: Pearl Malcolm Manley and Della Harbor Day.

> remember December 7, 1941, School in 1953. He attended whether old or young that day, Murray State College and Texas whether you were eventually on | The University, and married the the battlefront or the war effort late Carol Ann White on June on the home front, a collection of 14, 1956. He served in the U.S. Knox County memories of that Army in 1957-1962 and was day would be a unique historical stationed in Germany for two contribution.

> day? Who were you with? Who serve his country and stationed told you about the attack on in Fort Smith, Ark. He later had Pearl Harbor? How did you feel | a successful career selling farm about what you heard?

> that day. Write your experience and R. Hershel Manufacturing. down or have someone in your For the past few years, Dick family write it down. Share it resided at the Ardmore Lodge. with younger family members. His charismatic Personality Bring it to the museum to share and "never meeting a stranger with others.

> on a Corrall fence watching her where items were located in brother, Bill Ryder, ride a bronc Wal-Mart! Many visitors and when she heard about Pearl new residents thought he was Harbor. When she settled down employed at the Lodge because to watch the show she had no of his willingness to help and idea that she was going to hear his knowledge of the facilities. something that would send her Dick had a passion for tractors, Ryder and Myers and other kin, old and new, and continued to as well as her future husband to dabble in sales and trading. He the far reaches of the world and was a salesman at heart and cause their names to be carved in | could convince you to support tall, stone markers at Benjamin. his causes whether it was to help

Wichita-Brazos Museum for day as did the future of all support one of his favorite sports Americans.

What do you remember Your family may have about December 7, 1941? Have humor and loved to tease family may be made to www. you talked about it with your and friends. He had a twin hdouglasfuneralhome.com. children?

Have you told them about the Iraq, Afghanistan and support cold stunned shock you may have areas. Bring them to the museum felt? About that determination November 10 and share your that rose in Americans that day and pulled them together in one Do you have a certificate gigantic effort? Remember of membership in the sons or that December day again as Veterans Day, 2009, arrives and we celebrate all those who have helped America stay American.

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# **Obituaries**

#### Richard "Dick" Manley

Richard "Dick' Manley, 74, passed away on Monday October, 12,2009 at his residence in Ardmore, Okla. Services will be before 11:00 a.m. on November held Thursday, October 15, 2009 11. You can pick them up the at 2 p.m. at the Harvey Douglass Centennial Chapel. Internment Please provide a short description | will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Park with pastor Bill McClendon Dick was born Jan 17 in

Belle Arnold manly. If you're old enough to graduated from Rochester High years, During the Cuban Missle What were you doing that Crisis, Dick was recalled to implement replacement parts and You are a part of history of tractors with Southern Supply attitude" made him the resident Edith Ryder Cash was sitting expert on football, food, and Her future changed that feed the birds, give him a ride, or

> Dick had a unique sense of brother, Bobby, who used to love

to pull practical jokes. Being identical, they would switch identities and fool many of their classmates and teachers. This practices continued throughout their lives, most recently at Wal-Mart where Dick enjoyed sitting on the front bench and conversed with people as though he were Bobby

Dick is survived by his son, Brad Manley of Ardmore; three daughters, Lisa Manley of San Francisco, Laurie Pittman and husband, Tracy, of Broken Arrow, Okla and Carrie Anderson and her husband, Russ of Frisco, Texas; five wonderful grandchildren, "the lights of his life", Aaron, Allie, Lindsey, Nicholas and Heath; his twin brother, Bobby Manley and his wife, Oleta of Woodford Okla.; two sisters Modelle Barton of Rochester, Texas and Lois Hilburn of San Antonio. Sistersin-law, Jerry Manley of Madill and Janice Manley of Ardmore; his nieces and nephews, Randy Manley, Marion Manley, Kathy Nan Fagala, Kim Turner, Richard Manley; and many great nieces and nephews. Dick was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers, Frances Manley and Charles Manley; A sister, Marie Aagesen; and two nephews, George Ballard and Mike Ellyson.

Casket bearers are Danny Turner, Jeremy Turner, David Childress, Robert Manley, Marion Manley and Wayne Fagala. Honorary casket bearers are the staff and residents of the Village Lodge. The family wishes to extend their greatest appreciation for the loving care shown and making him part of their family.

Memorial contributions may be made to the C/Sara Foundation, 818 16th Avenue NW, Ardmore OK 73401

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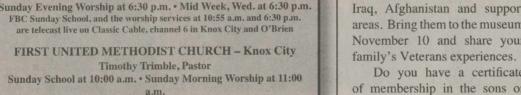
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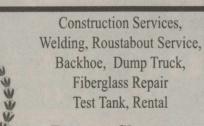
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# **Benjamin Blasts Harrold 100-54**

By Tamara Smart

Rarely does one encounter a football score that contains a triple digits. The scoreboard in Benjamin on Friday night refleted one of those unusual occurrences as the Benjamin Mustangs put up a score of 100 and beat Harrold who only scored 54 points.

Mustang team in rushing (20/364 and 5 td's) and passing (12/21/0-251 yds and 5 td's) stats.

In receiving, the boys worked as a tried and true team, each member pulling his own weight and getting the job done. Some leaders in the pack of impassable Mustangs were Derrick Northrup (3/133; 2 td's), Cody Propps (4/89; 1 td), & Mathew Acree (4/31; 2 td's).

Coach McCollough had this can make us or break us."

to say concerning Friday's game: "The boys played a good game Friday against a much-improved Harrold team. We were lead by dictable at best. Dylan Benson who had an exand in the air finding a variety of it would turn out.

teammates."

Dylan Benson led the all and 3-0 in district, tied with a haze of purple on the Benjamin Chillicothe for district lead... but gym floor as last year's district not for long. The Stangs go to Chillicothe this Friday and will battle it out under foreign lights. Coach McCollough has seen Chillicothe play under the direction of Coach Holland, who according to McCollough, "has done a good job this year with his team. [The Chillicothe boys] are big and have some quickness. Our boys are working hard Cody Propps had two inter- to get prepared for this week's Munday were nothing to write game. They know that this game



A swarm of Benjamin Mustangs get to a Harrold ball carrier Friday. The Mustangs beat Harrold 100-54.

### Lady 'Stangs **Beat Munday**; **Enter Playoffs** As Top Seed

By Tamara Smart

District play has been unpre-

Upon entering the competiceptional game on the ground tion, it was anybody's call on how

The final showdown during The Stangs are 5-3 over- regular district play took place in champs, Benjamin Lady 'Stangs took on the Munday Mogulettes for the number one seed going into the playoffs.

The Mogulettes have proven to be that aforementioned unpredictability factor. While many ruled them out before the season ever really got started, the Mogulettes dominated as a severe force in seasonal district play.

Last year, the Ladies from home about; this year they have come looking for blood.

showed up at the gym on Tuesday night looking to tie up the district's rocked the gym.

In only three games, the Lady Stangs proved that they still are number one on their home turf. As Munday found out, beating these girls is difficult; beating these girls in their home gym is seemingly impossible. The final scores of the game; 25-19, 25-21, 25-19; left the 'Stangs entering district playoffs for the second year in a row as #1.

Playoff games are still TBA. Knox County News will continue to over the action throughout the duration of the volleyball season.

# Monday Moguls





The Munday Moguls take the field Friday before their 22-18 win over Windthorst. The Moguls meet the Archer City Wildcats Friday.

# Moguls Top Windthorst 22-18

By Tamara Smart

The 2009 Mogul football (1-8). team has proven itself once more as they showed Windthorst no were led by Kyler Urbanczyk mercy on Friday night.

The Moguls beat Windthorst 22-18 after a battle lasting four And while the Mogulettes quarters and left the field with an overall season record of 7-1.

Offensively, the game was top seed, they fell short. Benjamin well played with several players sticking out.

The leaders in the Mogul rushing game were: Kenyin Thompson (24-172-2), Kyler Urbanczyk (8-73) and Dee Paul

Quarterback Thompson had a great night, with passing stats of 8-18-116-1. Yet no quarterback is of any consequence without his receivers; the leaders of the Mogul receiving stats on Friday being Dee Paul (4-47-1), Johnathan Collier (2-56), Kevin

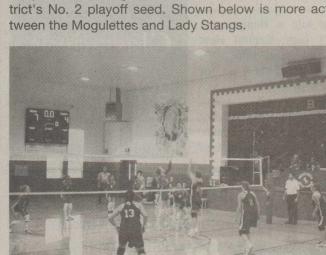
Duncan (1-5) & Kyler Urbanczyk

Defensively the Moguls and Jose Gonzalez each recording 10 tackles. Calder Culd had one sack, making his season sack

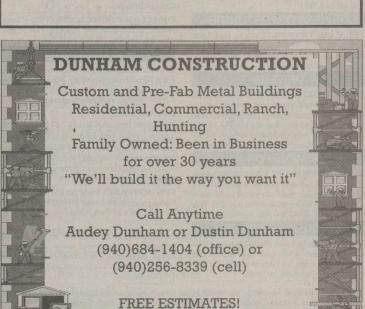
Friday, the Moguls host Archer City.



The Munday Mogulettes await the ball from the other side of the net in volleyball action recently. The Mogulettes lost to to Benjamin. The Mogulettes will enter the playoffs as the district's No. 2 playoff seed. Shown below is more action between the Mogulettes and Lady Stangs.







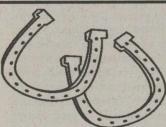
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# BENJAMIN NEWS By Gladene Green

Shelby Russell sends a serve flying during a scoring streak in

the third game. (Photo by Tamara Smart)

Here we are again! These other good one. Mondays come around pretty often- I know, once a week, but

From all accounts, it will be an-

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Sports

It was a busy week for the it seems like every other day- local athletes this past week. On And a month is gone before you Tues. nite the volleyball girls & know it. Seems every time I turn a number of their fans want to around, I'm turning another cal- Wichita Falls for a practice game endar page. Oh well, enough of with Notre Dame. Our girls lost, but on Sat, they played another Was another "sort of " quiet Wichita Falls team (Christ the week around here. The school king, I think). This time they folks are "busying" themselves won 3 straight. Tues, nite (togetting ready for the fall festi- morrow) they host Munday here val, which will be November 7. in our gym. District play is winding down, so the games this week are crucial.

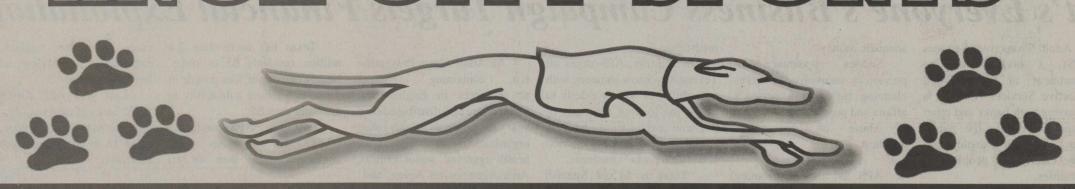
> Friday night the Mustangs played Harrold here & sent the visitors home with a loss. The final score was 100-54- Sounds sort of like basketball scores but it was in fact, football! This week it's off to Chillicothe. So far we are undefeated in district-

Here 'N There

It's congratulations to Mark Tucker & his band from Knox City who are State bound in the Marching contest. They came in 2nd on Sat in competition. I & all the supporters wish them well as

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# KNOX CITY SPORTS



# **Houndettes Make It To Playoffs**

By Tamara Smart

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It was a district defining

game, leaving the Greyhound

fans a downtrodden as their

hopes of making it to district

playoffs were stifled on Friday

night as the Crowell Wildcats

barely slipped by and captured a

right direction for Greyhounds

with the Hounds up by 14 points.

Everything turned around in the

The game started in the

supporters; the first quarter ended plays on the Greyhound team

After two very important games last week, the Houndettes are officially playoff bound.

This came only after the girls were able to defeat Aspermont girls in a four game series on October 20 (scores being 25-20,17-25, 25-13, 25-23). The high scorer on the Aspermont court was Brittany Gonzalez, who scored 11 points in the first game, 3 points in the second and 9 points in the third. Also in the second game, Lacey Pierce scored 2 points, one ace. Chastity Tolsend scored 5 points in the third game as well as 5 points in the fourth (Tolsend was the high scorer in the final game that day).

On Friday, October 23, the Houndettes took the court against the Mogulettes. This game was all-important for the Houndettes, as a loss on this court would end their season and shatter their playoff hopes.

Knox City Houndette goes to her knees to prevent giving a point to Munday.

Crowell Wildcats Slip by KC Hounds

second as Crowell stomped their

way into the endzone time after

time and scored 36 points. The

Hounds were consistent, gaining

14 points each quarter, until the

final quarter of the game, when

they brought home only six

points. Crowell racked up 22 in

the third and 8 in the final quarter

There were many notable

37-yard field goal. M.J. Abila Northside at Vernon.

leaving the final score of 66-48.

though, Bandy Moeller made a

It took five games before the victor was decided - and after many nails had been bitten down to the quick, after several people left thinking "it was over", the Houndettes emerged on top.

Munday won the first two games, 18-25 and 24-26. Yet in the third, the Houndettes seemingly "pulled it together." Brittany Baker, Chastity Tolsend and Camille Ward all scored four points each, Chastity finagled an ace in too. Score for the third game, 25-17

After that, the Houndettes, lead by the two Brittany's (Baker and Gonzalez) were unstoppable. Gonzalez scored four points in the fourth game (25-17) and three points in the fifth. Baker Scored four points in the fifth game as well-final score: 15-6.

The Houndettes are 6-13 overall this season and 5-3 in district play. Their next game, the tie-breaker for the play-off seed, is TBA on who, where and when.

scored six touchdowns and was

responsible for rushing for 165

yards during the game. Blake

Jones lead in receiving yards

(158), over the lead for the

Wildcats who only got 81 yards

Hounds were Blake Jones (big hit

& offense), Bandy Moeller (Big

Hit), Ryan Ledesma (defense)

and MJ Abila (offense).

Players of the Week for the

Next week, the Hounds play

in his stats.

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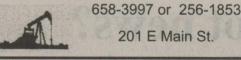
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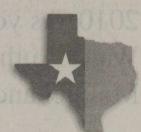
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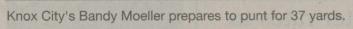


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Knox City Players of the week; Blake Jones, MJ Abila, Ryan Ledesma and Bandy Moeller (not pictured). (photo by Tamara Smart)

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# "If It's Not Your Money - It's a Crime!" It's Everyone's Business Campaign Targets Financial Exploitation

Adult Protective Services adequate money. (APS), a division of the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS), is partnering with banks and other groups to educate the public about financial exploitation of the elderly and people with disabilities.

This month, financial institutions across Texas are hanging APS posters in offices to educate their employees on the signs of exploitation, such

Sudden changes in bank accounts or banking practices.

Unexplained or unexpected withdrawals of large sums of

Adding names to an elderly or disabled person's bank signature card.

Unfamiliar people accompanying bank customers to withdraw large sums.

Unauthorized withdrawals of funds using an ATM card or sudden transfers of assets.

Sudden changes in financial

Unpaid bills despite having and law enforcement can

Sudden appearance of previously uninvolved relatives claiming rights to a person's affairs and possessions.

Abuse of power

APS is also distributing brochures and other materials that provide tips on how Texans can protect themselves and some clear examples of exploitation. And, APS is holding conferences in many communities to further understanding of financial exploitation and build on the efforts of APS, law enforcement agencies, and prosecutors to combat it.

Everyone needs understand that taking the money of an elderly parent or a person with disabilities is not okay," says APS Assistant Commissioner Beth Engelking.

"We want people to realize that if it's not their money, it's a crime. If you suspect exploitation, call 1-800-252-5400 and file a report so APS

investigate."

In addition, APS urges all a disability or who is elderly to be on the lookout for signs of financial exploitation, because stopping abuse and exploitation is truly everyone's business.

"There is an old Spanish proverb that I think illustrates why everyone has a stake in stopping elder abuse," said Engelking. "As you see yourself, I once saw myself. As you see me now, you will be seen. At some point we all need help and that is why financial exploitation is a grassroots campaign based is everyone's business."

APS' It's Everyone's Business campaign is a statewide effort to educate Texans about the pervasive problem of abuse, neglect and exploitation of the elderly and adults with disabilities, and to encourage citizens to get involved in protect the elderly and adults making a positive difference.

It's Everyone's Business features two main themes:

> Adult abuse prevention. Financial exploitation prevention.

An Adult Abuse Prevention Texans who know someone with Kit, containing 31-pages of resources in English and Spanish, are also distributed each year to hospitals, faith-based organizations, libraries, home health agencies, senior centers, Area Agencies on Aging, and other community partners. The kit, as well as the new financial exploitation poster and brochure, are available online www.everyonesbusiness.

> It's Everyone's Business on working in partnership with dozens of local agencies and service organizations across

#### **APS Facts and Figures**

The mission of APS is to with disabilities from abuse, neglect, and exploitation by investigating, and providing or arranging for services necessary to alleviate or prevent further maltreatment.

million residents 65 or older. exploitation involving adults Nearly one out of four people in Texas either have a disability or are older than 65.

Last year, APS conducted 68,683 investigations and confirmed more than 48,380

Texas has more than 2.4 cases of abuse, neglect, or living at home.

> Last year APS confirmed 1,772 cases of exploitation. APS serves those 65 or older, and those 18 to 64 with a disabling

# Knox County 4-H **Annual Food Show**

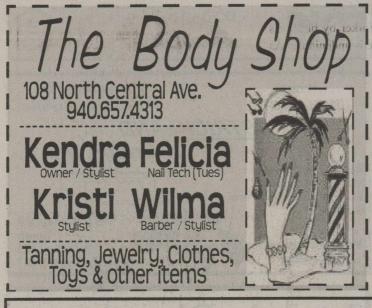
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their annual Food Show in the Munday High School Cafeteria on October 19th. There were five contestants who prepared dishes. Sonora Escamilla, an intermediate exhibitor, fixed Peach Chicken with an amazing dressing for her main dish. Peyton Shipp, a junior exhibitor, entered her Peanut Butter Cookies in the dessert division. Callie Cude, a junior exhibitor, cooked up her Banana Bread to enter in the bread and cereal group. Alexia Jimenez, a junior exhibitor, created a Pistachio Salad for

Knox County 4-H held the fruit and vegetable category. Kate Baker, a junior exhibitor, entered her Peanut Butter Cocoa Balls in the Nutritious Snack group. Each of these girls will be able to compete at the District Food Show in Vernon on November 14th. They also have the opportunity to create a news article and visual display board on the topic of nutrition for display purposes at the District Food Show. These five girls did an outstanding job. For more information on 4-H, please contact Lorri or Anthony at 940-459-2651.

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# **Museum News**

On Wednesday, November, 11, 2009 at the Knox County Veterans Memorial in Benjamin, Texas, the Family of Corp. Dewey J. Honeycutt, 1st U. S. Army, 144th Inf. Regiment, 36th Division, of Truscott (Foard City), will be recognized as the Gold Star Family and will place a memorial wreath beneath the archway. The archway is engraved with the names of Knox County veterans

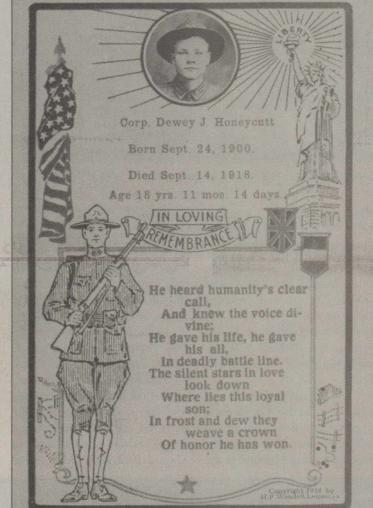
Dewey J. Honeycutt was the son of William Riley and Zilpha Durham Honeycutt. He, along with his brothers and sisters, attended the Harrisonville School which was moved to Foard City

He enlisted in the Army in 1917 during World War I and was killed on the front in France and buried in the town of Thiaucort, France, in a military cemetery. He died September, 14, 1918, at the age of 18 years, 11 mo., 14days.

His body was never brought back to the states. The 40 acre cemetery, named Saint-Mihiel American Military Cemetery, is the third largest of the eight American World War I cemeteries in Europe, His gravesite was visited in 1984, by Lt. Col. Kenney Ownbey, a great nephew, who was stationed in Germany, and Bonnie Johnson, a niece visiting there from Crowell, Texas.

General John J. Pershing, Commander-in-chief of the American Expeditionary Forces formed the 1st American Army, which was given the mission of eliminating the St. Mihiel salient. On the 12th of September, our troops attacked. The American units were highly successful and this great military success had a tremendous effect with the combined efforts of all the Allies, bringing World War I rapidly to its climax.

The Gold Star family of Corp. Dewey J. Honeycutt will be represented by Kenney Ownbey and Duane Johnson, great nephews, from Crowell, Texas.



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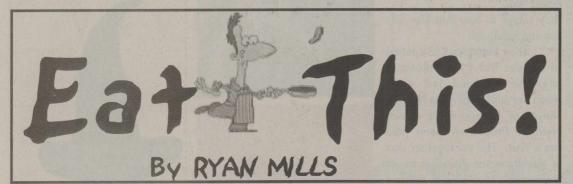
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Most of you with children will be carving pumpkins this week as well as we all know Halloween is right around the corner.

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Place olive oil and 2 tbs. sugar in a heavy saucepan over medium-low heat and stir with wooden spoon until the sugar turns a light golden brown. Watch carefully to avoid burning.

Pour the caramelized sugar mixture over the toasted pumpkin seeds and stir to coat. Pour the cinnamon-chili powder mixture over the seeds and

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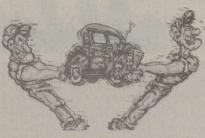
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# Russell Graves Outdoors

Teddy Roosevelt's Texas - Part 2 By Russell A. Graves

The Wolf Hunt

Teddy Roosevelt's fame as a commander in the Spanish-American war, of course, catapulted his political popularity and was soon elected as the governor of New York, then tapped as vice president, and upon the assassination of William McKinley, became president of the United States.

While still president, Roosevelt traveled back to Texas for a Rough Riders reunion in San Antonio in 1905. After the reunion he made his way back up through Northwest Texas to hunt coyotes in the Comanche Territory in present-day Southwest Oklahoma. After train stops and speeches in small towns like Quanah, Texas, the presidential procession arrived in Frederick, Oklahoma where, on April 18th, he joined notable Texas cattlemen like Burk Burnett of the Four Sixes Ranch, Comanche Indian Chief Quanah Parker, and Texas Ranger Bill McDonald for a few days of "wolf coursing."

While most of the hunt took place just across the Red River in Oklahoma, towards the hunt's end, the party relocated to a ranch south of Quanah near the present-day Lake Pauline. Just south of town, a county road [Wolf Hunt Road] pays homage to the event.

In his memoir titled, Outdoor Pastimes of an American Hunter, Roosevelt describes a lively hunt in which, "...we entered the town after dark, some twenty of us on horseback... We broke into a lope a mile outside the limits, and by the time we struck the main street, the horses were on a run and we tore down like a whirlwind until we reached the train. Thus ended as pleasant a hunting trip as anyone could imagine."

In all, the group took seventeen coyotes on the hunt. Roosevelt was fascinated by one of the hunters, Jack Abernathy, and was impressed by his ability to catch and tie up live coyotes by hand. President Roosevelt, in complimentary fashion, was reported to have quipped to Abernathy, "...I want you to be my guest in Washington, and every time you see a senator grab him and tie up his jaws the way you do those wolves."

#### **Lasting Texas Legacies**

While parks and streets in San Antonio bear Roosevelt's name, one Texas community was named in honor him. . Established in 1898 out on the hardscrabble edge of the western Texas Hill Country in Kimble County, Roosevelt, Texas was named for the future president after it was reported he visited the area with the Rough Riders before heading to the Spanish-American War.

Perhaps the long lasting influence that Teddy Roosevelt had on Texas was his strong conservation ethic and his leadership in bringing conservationist principles to the forefront after the excesses of market hunting decimated wildlife populations in the 19th century.

Founded in 1887 by Roosevelt and a handful of other like-mined individuals, the Boone & Crockett Club was formed to promote fair-chase in hunting and lobby for conservation minded hunting regulations. Additionally, the Boone & Crockett Club established standards by which big game animals are judged. The Boone & Crockett scoring system is the most widely used system for objectively establishing a measurable score for antlered and horned mammals.

Interest in big deer has shaped the way most Texas hunters think and a huge deer hunting culture has emerged. Today, Texas is recognized internationally as being one of the top states for harvesting free range whitetail deer with the potential of making the Boone & Crockett Club record books.

In 1903, President Roosevelt paved the way to set aside lands for the protection of wildlife when he authorized the creation of the first National Bird Preserve on Pelican Island, Florida. The move eventually paved the way for the national wildlife ref-

uge system and today, Texas is home to fifteen National Wildlife Refuges encompassing more than 400,000 While Roosevelt was a New Yorker by birth, his

impact on Texas culture and folklore is undeniable. As

a soldier, conservationist, hunter, and president, he held Texas and Texans in high esteem and his impact on our state lasted well beyond his passing.

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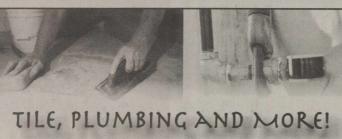
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#### WATER TAX

schedule. The Bond issue is up for a vote on November 3rd, and any registered citizen can either vote to continue to pay or not. Polling places can be found when livestock or wild animals throughout the county on that are seen on or near the roadway. day. Contact the County Clerk Seeing or missing something for more information on voting on the roadway happens so or the NCTMWA for more quickly that before the motorist information on the M&O Tax has a chance to react or gather (940/422-4051).

#### LOOKING

Commerce will have a "Hoot-N-Howling" Harvest Festival in downtown Munday on Halloween day/night from 2 p.m. until midnight. There will be activities for everyone-including haunted house, costume contests, pumpkin carving, and a street dance featuring Dan Green's Pure Country Band.

KNOX COUNTY AGING FUNDRAISING DINNER ON 11-1-09 FROM 11 A.M TO 1 PM. DUE TO LIMITED SEATING SPACE ALLORDERS WILL BE TO GO ONLY. DELIVERIES AVAILABLEUPONREOUEST. TURKEY AND DRESSING ADULTS-\$10.00 PER PLATE CHILDREN 10 AND UNDER \$5.00 PER PLATE.

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#### SHERIFF

their thoughts about what just happened, they are half a mile away and just happy to have survived, but what about the other vehicles on that roadway? Not much can be done about the wild animals walking across or along the roadway, nor about the motorists driving through our county on the roadways, sometimes well over the speed limit even at night, but we, as citizens, can call in and report where we have livestock grazing on a wheat pasture or have just pastured throughout the year. One advantage to that is if your cattle get out, maybe someone will wall you and tell you about it before some unsuspecting soul has a collision with the animal. A description of the livestock you have helps identify the livestock when they wander several miles away, or end up in the river and come to a highway a few miles in whatever direction. If your neighbor doesn't call in with their information, you do it. It might help to keep the wrong party from being called on a "dark and stormy night".

It would be great to have everyone who has cattle to give livestock description, ear tags or brands, color, size, location, who to call and phone numbers. A location can be as easy as the Farm to Market road and nearest County Road, not referred to as the "old so-and so- place",

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recognize as a location, partially because they don't want to be bothered late at night when most cattle would seem to get out, but probably because some lease out their land for grazing and don't feel responsible for the cattle because they don't actually take care of them. That's all well and good, but it shouldn't stop the landowner from letting the sheriffs office know who is responsible for looking after the cattle. Now, don't get me wrong, there are a few, and I repeat, a FEW, farmers, ranchers, cowboys or others interested that will get out no matter what to help locate an owner or just try to take care of a livestock problem, even if the cattle or horses are not

The Knox County Sheriffs Office spends a lot of time looking into cattle reported as being out, working accidents along with the Department of Public Safety when a passing vehicle finds the livestock, and calling the wrong party to try and find an owner. Why call the wrong party you say, well, that may be the latest reported information that is available to us at that time, because no one reported a more recent owner or caretaker for the cattle. It doesn't make the dispatcher very happy when they are cursed at or fussed at for calling the wrong party, but without some assisting with information, that continues to occur. Please, if you are in any way responsible for livestock, advise the Knox County Sheriffs Office of the information listed above, and help make our roadways safer and everyone's job a little easier. Have a good day. Thanks.

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they travel to San Antonio this coming weekend.

NEWS

LaNay Patterson Cash called to say she had a very pleasant, enjoyable weekend last week when her aunt, Molvelda Michell Mayes of Conroe & hr cousin Nathalie Propes of Plano paid her a visit. The get together was at the Patterson Ranch east of

Benjamin. Molvelda is the last Christian Patterson's sister & is a 1938 graduate of Benjamin High School. Also joining them for the 2 day fun even were Chris Miller & daughter, Kenneth of Guthrie, Kim Grey & Mac & Terrie Miller & Evan of Benjamin & Tammie Cash who lives at Gilliland. The groups represented 5 generations of the Mitchell family & a lot of their time was spent looking at pictures & remembering times past. LaNay said it was a won-

derful time. Mike, Debbie & Will Moorhouse were in Abilene Sunday to visit their daughter and sister, Jessica.

Betty and Chelsea Parker of Aspermont & Betty's oldest daughter, Sabra Turner who lives in Kansas visited their mom (and grandmother) Gloria West on

Attending the Double mountain Assiational Meeting at Leuders on Sunday were Charles & joy Jones, Corrine Parrish, Lorene Powers, Gloria West & the pastor, Troy Culpepper.

Sunday starts the "new time" again. Don't forget to set you clocks back!!!!

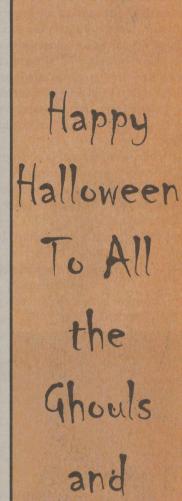




Hold on, man. We don't go anywhere with "scary," "spooky," "haunted," or "forbidden" in

~Shaggy From Scooby-Doo

the title.









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