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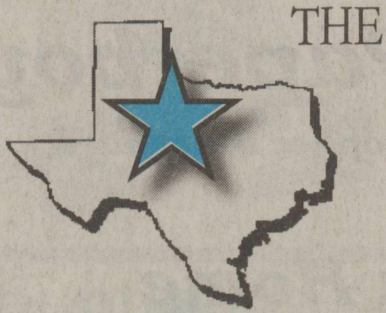
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Kacey Lathem, winner of the Pumpkin Carving Contest at the Munday Chamber of Commerce's Harvest Festival on Halloween day. (Photo by Tamara Smart)

## Knox County receives H1N1 Vaccine

By TAMARA SMART

On October 28<sup>th</sup>, the first shipment of the H1N1 vaccine came into the Knox Family Wellness Clinic. H1N1 has tormented several local people. From Munday High football team to the Police Chief in Knox City, Knox County has had it's fair share of "Swine Flu" encounters. While the dreaded flu first appears with normal flu-like symptoms, which can also be passed off for "change of season in Texas" allergies, it is much more severe than the "common cold". H1N1, without treatment, eventually effects the sufferer's respiratory system; causing respiratory infections, or, in some cases, pneumonia. According to the CDC, the number of victims of this flu virus continues to increase. Flu-related hospitalizations and deaths continue to go up nationwide and are above what is expected for this time of year. The best method to fight the H1N1 epidemic is to prevent it before it ever starts. This means to continue to wash hands constantly, and use anti-bacterial soap whenever possible. Also, now, in Knox County, the H1N1 vaccine is available.

Last Wednesday, the Knox County Family Wellness Clinic got their first shipment of the H1N1 vaccine. Isabel Moya received the clinic's first dose



Chrystal Taylor gives Isabel Moya the first H1N1 vaccine shot in Knox County at the Knox County Family Wellness Clinic. Call 940-657-4455 to make an appointment to get vaccinated against Swine Flu. (photo by Tamara Smart)

of the vaccine as rendered by Chrystal Taylor. This is a practice that many Knox County citizens are welcomed to join Isabel in doing so as to stop the H1N1 virus from continuing to plague our county.

According to the CDC's website: "CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) has recommended that certain groups of the population receive the 2009 H1N1 vaccine when it first becomes available. These target groups include pregnant women, people who live with or care for children younger than 6 months of age, healthcare and emergency medical services personnel, persons between the ages of 6

months and 24 years old, and people ages of 25 through 64 years of age who are at higher risk for 2009 H1N1 because of chronic health disorders or compromised immune systems..." Considering the increased age demographic of Knox, the importance of the vaccination increases for our population. People who have had the flu can (and should) still be vaccinated. Those who were vaccinated for the 1976 Swine influenza outbreak need to be re-vaccinated.

Vaccines will continue to be available at Knox County Family Wellness Clinic, located at 701 S. Ave F. in Knox City. Call 940-657-4455 for an appointment.

### LOOKING AHEAD

Remember our Veteran's on November 11<sup>th</sup> at the Annual Veteran's Day Program- 11:00 a.m. the Veteran Memorial in Benjamin, Texas.

Tailgate party before the Knox City/ Newcastle game on Friday night at the Knox City field. Be there at 5:30 and prepare to cheer the Hounds on to victory!

Knox County First United Methodist Church will be hosting a Bazaar on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. They will be selling traditional baked goods, jellies, casseroles and used books. A Turkey dinner will be served from 11 to 1 & a silent auction will be held until 1 p.m. The Church is located at 406 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> street in Knox City.



Mom and Pop Durham got into the spirit of Halloween this past weekend. (courtesy photo)



Todd Griffin talked to Knox County youth about dairy cows and does a live milking demonstration with his Holstein cow "Angel" at the Annual Ag Field Day on October 20 in Munday, Texas. See Field Day on page 8. (courtesy photo)

## Cotton Season Has Begun in Knox County

By TAMARA SMART

As one travels through the country, Autumn is marked by different scenes from coast to coast. In some places, the seasonal changing of the leaves is the tall tale sign. In mountain towns, the first flakes of snow are the way that late October thunders onto the scene. In grocery stores, Autumn is announced as advertisements for Turkeys are displayed and

hodge-podges of gourds adorn the aisles.

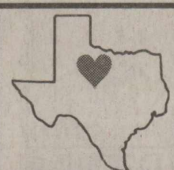
In West Texas, Autumn is officially here when the fields turn white, not from snow falling from the sky but from the cotton bolls drooping and dropping until they're finally picked, & cotton ginning begins. For this old cotton-farmer's daughter, fall in Knox County began last Thursday as the O'Brien Coop Gin started up the yearly dance of cleaning freshly picked cotton

and turning it into the sheets of wound-up whiteness that will eventually clothe and keep warm millions of people.

Larry Short of Rochester was the first farmer to bring in cotton to bale this year, as he has been many years in the past. Ginning began on Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup> and will continue until the last pole of cotton has been picked, cleaned and shipped out of Knox this season.



Cotton in Knox County is ready to be stripped. (Photo by Tamara Smart)



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## The Paperboy

By Christopher Blackburn

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The Knox City Chamber of Commerce would like to thank all of the sponsors listed below for their support with the Go-Kart Races on October 24, 2009

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Thank you for purchasing a banner or providing a banner for the fence at the races. It's a great way to advertise and we appreciate all of you

very much.

We would also like to thank all the volunteers that came out and helped, without them the races would not run near as smoothly as they do. We would like to give Jarred Pepper a special "thank you" for all of his blood, sweat, and tears that go into these races, he gives numerous volunteer hours on getting the go-kart race grounds and track ready. The Chamber directors asked the younger generations to come up with ideas and have some kind of input on the future of Knox City. The go-kart racetrack is the result of one of the younger generations idea and we are very proud to support it.

We will continue to ask the younger generations and all of the community for your input on Knox City's future. We look forward to hearing from you and we look forward to next years Go-Kart Races! Good Job and Congratulations Racers on a great year of racing!!!

**Thank You,**  
**Chamber Manager Gail Turner**  
**Chamber Directors Marla Hawkins, Steve Pepper, Dale Turner**

## Home Sweet Home

My wife Sharon is now at home recuperating. To say we have been blessed over the past month is an understatement.

Our lives have changed dramatically in the past week. After settling into a routine while in Amarillo, there have been many adjustments to life at home.

Although she's not quarantined, Sharon cannot be exposed to large numbers of people or anyone who has been in contact with someone ill. We've got plenty of GermX and use it frequently. Needless to say, our lifestyle is very restricted.

Sharon must have several IVs daily - 6 a.m., 2 p.m. and 10 p.m. At those times, she receives at least one bag of antibiotics through her central line. This limits her greatly, especially at those times.

She now has a nurse(s) visiting once or twice a day to check her incision, vitals, etc... I am her other nurse. I administer her IVs, fetch her pain pills, make her meals and try and keep the house in order.

I will admit, my first day on the job was rough. Not only was I exhausted, my bedside manner pretty much sucked.

To all of you moms out there, you now have even more respect from me. To say the day is busy is an understatement. In fact, I'm swamped! Honestly, sitting behind a desk with a phone and computer is a snap compared to what this job entails.

It does have its rewards. After being without our boys Jackson, 6, and Sutton Hawk, 4, for nearly a month, we're getting to spend a lot of time together. Jack is in school and Sutton is in preschool so it's fun being involved in their day-to-day lives. The extra time has been a blast. I won't kid you, it has been stressful, but it's so worthwhile! Ask me again in a month whether it's worthwhile and I may not be so sure.

We are fortunate to have the employees we do. Talk about clutch. At a time in which our leadership is nonexistent, you have a group of dedicated employees step up and not only get things done, but look at ways to improve business. I have not had the opportunity to even make an appearance at the office and of course, Sharon is out from the store, but having had our people rise to the occasion in such a way is beyond description.

I've learned to take extra time to go to the store or out in public. When so many beautiful, concerned friends want to know how Sharon is doing, I'm certainly going to let them know. This has been such a humbling experience for my family. Sharon and I have shared tears on several occasions at the outpouring of kindness.

If only I had the writing ability to convey how I feel inside when so many share their thoughts and prayers with us. It leaves me speechless, which is not an easy thing to accomplish when you're a big mouth.

I apologize for my shortage of columns. I'm hoping we've settled into a routine which allows me the time and opportunity to get some thoughts down.

Also, I'd like to apologize for continuing to write on this topic. This is what's on my mind and I'm at a loss as to what else to write about. Don't worry, I'm still an opinionated person and I'm sure thoughts on the economy, healthcare reform and politics will begin showing here on occasion soon.

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**ACROSS**

- 1 this TX city is only in U.S. that has radio station that spells name of city
- 5 TXism: "cold outhouse seat in January"
- 6 HOV \_\_\_ in Dallas
- 7 McCook FM
- 8 TX Ginger Rogers' "It \_\_\_ to Be You"
- 9 TX Roddenberry's genre: \_\_\_-fi
- 12 TXism: "smack \_\_\_ the middle"
- 17 TXism: "\_\_\_ been a snake it would have bit you"
- 19 TXism: "lasted as long as a June bug \_\_\_ house"
- 21 TXism: "\_\_\_ caged cougar"
- 22 Fort Worth businessman who financed "Biosphere 2"
- 23 zodiac signs of TX Larry Hagman, et al.
- 28 "Bevo" is the \_\_\_ of the UT mascot
- 29 '81 film with TX-born Bessie Love
- 30 TX rancher Chuck Norris '79 film: "\_\_\_ of One"
- 31 "terms \_\_\_"
- 35 TX Rip Torn '78 film: "\_\_\_ Cowboy"
- 36 TXism: "pulled \_\_\_ the fire" (saved the day)
- 42 little dish for some TX seafood (2 wds.)

## TEXAS CROSSWORD

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**DOWN**

- 1 TXism: "he'd \_\_\_ death in a revolving door" (inept)
- 2 TXism: "hot \_\_\_ griddle"
- 3 Hemphill Co. seat
- 4 single dollar bills
- 9 Dallas singer: "Sam the \_\_\_"
- 10 a good amount of "The National Beer of Texas" (4 wds.)
- 11 Lupino of "The Devil's Rain" with TX-born Joan Prather
- 12 TX Tanya's "Texas When I \_\_\_"
- 13 Athens, TX event: "Fiddlers Contest \_\_\_"
- 14 this Laufenberg was back-up to Troy & now a sportscaster
- 15 TX Trini sang "If \_\_\_ a Hammer"
- 16 not in TX: "Loch \_\_\_ Monster"
- 18 state nurses group (abbr.)
- 20 this Sonju got the Mavs in Dallas (init.)
- 23 TX has five \_\_\_ medical centers for veterans
- 24 "no \_\_\_ ands, or butts"
- 25 IRA type
- 26 "Texas, our Texas, so wonderful so \_\_\_"
- 27 small TX wild cat with black spots
- 32 "\_\_\_ la la"
- 33 Austin univer.
- 34 TX Linda Ellerbee's "And \_\_\_ It Goes"
- 36 \_\_\_ Colony, TX
- 37 "\_\_\_ and haws"
- 38 this TX-born Broady was '88 "Playmate"
- 39 TX does not have a \_\_\_ income
- 40 boot aromas
- 41 fish appendage
- 43 TXism: "he's a few bricks \_\_\_ of a load"
- 45 "E=MC2" guy (init.)
- 47 Marie's "You're Still \_\_\_" ('86)
- 48 mineral springs
- 55 OK town

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**Obituaries**

**Bobby Reeves**

Bobby Reeves, 56, of Lubbock, lost his battle with cancer on October 31, 2009. A funeral service will be held Wednesday, November 4, 2009, 2 pm at the First Baptist Church in Knox City with Bro. Rob Harrison, Bro. Gary Hubbard and Bro. Gale Baucum officiating. Family visitation will be held from 9 am to 11 am Wednesday morning.

Bobby was born September 13, 1956 in Knox City to the late Charles and Leatrice Reeves. He married Cathy Coffman August 16, 1975 in Goree, TX. He worked for Mid Con as a salesman and previously with MTC, Praxair, and the Mac Austin Ins. Bobby was a avid golfer as well a hunter and fisherman.

Those left to cherish his life are his wife Cathy, son Bobby "Kris" Reeves and wife Tiffany of Lubbock; daughter Courtney Reeves of Lubbock; brother Charles Reeves and wife Linda of Ft Worth; and sisters Kay Fannin and husband Gary of Chico, as well as a host of many of his friends and golf buddies.

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**Truscott News**

One more rain fell last week. Wednesday night brought 1.3 inches at China creek and seems to have fallen in several places on the divide.

June Looney reported her daughter, Kay, and son-in-law, Mike Hardin visited Sunday Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>.

Sherry and Ronnie Simmons were in Wichita Falls last weekend for a Halloween/birthday party for Kristin, who was born November 4<sup>th</sup>. The Gilliland Baptist Church is putting in a new ceiling in the sanctuary and redoing the restrooms.

November 1 services were held in the Gilliland Community Center, followed by a dinner there attended by 17.

Ramona Horne was visiting in Wichita Falls Sunday.

Erna Lee Horne will be honored on her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday Saturday, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> with a party at the Ranger Creek Lodge near Vera.

Irma Bell was at the Wichita Brazos museum November 1 to help Wagon members of the Munday Delta Kappa Gamma. Hostess Mrs. Judy Burnett served refreshments in the meeting room and arranged to make the museum tour so members who cannot visit during business hours could make the weekend tour. Mrs. Burnett is a museum member.

Q.D. and Joyce Williams of Floydada met Jack and Clara Brown Saturday, Oct 31<sup>st</sup>, at the Steakhouse west of Crowell for and early celebration of two events in the Williams family. Joyce was born November 3, 1928 and Q.D. and Joyce

were married on her birthday. Wednesday night brought 1.3 inches at China creek and seems to have fallen in several places on the divide.

Q.D. worked on the Big 4 and JY Ranches here before they moved to the Montgomery Ranch in Blanco Canyon in Southeastern Floyd County. They eventually bought the Montgomery Ranch. A few years later, they were adding to the house by remodeling the garage and closing the space between the garage for a hall and an extra bedroom, which is pretty good sized. The carpenter told her "this room is as big as some houses."

Joyce, thinking of the little three bedroom house on a hill on the Big 4 Ranch where she lived as a new bride and where the bathroom was a tin tub and a path, replied, "Yes, & I've lived in some of them."

The fall of 1947 saw two other Truscott related marriages, maybe more, but the ones recalled were J.H. Gillespie and DeAlva Thomas and Newell Looney and June Hickman. All three of the above weddings were in the home of the Bride's parents, a custom which seems to be fading away.

Last week's column discussed Pearl Harbor Day, Dec 7, 1941 so as news calls were made about this week questions were asked about memories of hearing news about Pearl Harbor's being attacked by the Japanese.

Jack Brown and Jack Young (of Benjamin who lived at Truscott in 1941) both said they hears about the Pearl Harbor attack on Monday, the day after the attack. Warren Morton, Truscott superintendent, called all the teachers and all students into the Truscott school auditorium to discuss the attack and inform anyone who had not already heard the news.

That was 1941. Jack Brown claims today he didn't know about Peal Harbor until Monday because his family's television wasn't working. (It didn't work until the 1950s, when television first came to Truscott homes).

All most country people had in 1941 was a radio that operated on batteries. A few in Northwestern Knox County had a Wind charger, Delco generator or were on an REA line, but for many battery radios were their only source besides the Fort Worth Star Telegram. And people didn't expect a 24 bombardment of news, as is available today, so the Pearl Harbor attack was unknown to them for much longer than would be true in the television filled homes of today.

Gordon Bell, who lived in Crowell then, said his company was driving around that Sunday afternoon which was a common family activity back then. Charlie, his brother, was about a year old and was in the front seat with their parents. Gordon was stretched out on the back seat sick and coming down with polio, though no one knew it that day.

A week later, Gordon was taken to Wichita Falls and from there was sent to Dallas where he spent 6 weeks.

**God's Promises**

By Jim Reid, Pastor  
O'Brien Baptist Church

There are so many people who feel so alone today. You don't have to be alone to feel alone. People can live separate lives even when they live together. These may be some of the loneliest people. Others who are by themselves feel very alone also.

There are people who feel so weak today. They feel incompetent in their work and without the power to change their situation. They believe there are too many circumstances to overcome for their life to ever be changed for the better.

There are people who feel so unknowing. They seem to never be able to figure out a better way or a way out. They can't seem to get done what is necessary for them to accomplish. They don't understand many things happening in their life; why is it happening and how can I change it?

Knowing God can resolve all the situations above. You can actually see your life completely change for the better when you know God and His person. There are three wonderful attributes to God's character. He is omniscient, He is omnipresent and He is omnipotent.

Omniscience means that God is all knowing; there isn't anything that God doesn't know. "You are those who justify themselves in the sight of men, but God knows your hearts; for that which is highly esteemed among men is detestable in the sight of God." (Luke 16: 15 NASB).

Omnipotent means that God is all powerful. There isn't anything or anyone that He can't overcome. "but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you;" (Acts 1: 8a NASB)

Omnipresence means that God is always present everywhere. You are never out of God's mind, sight and love. "That the nations may tremble at your presence! When you did awesome things which we did not expect." (Isaiah 64: 2c-3a NASB)

God's omniscience, omnipotence and omnipresence are for you, so that He may protect you, provide for you and make His ways known for your good. Invite Him into your heart today and let Him reign in your life as your God.



**A Note From the Sheriff's Office**

I received another call this past week about an obvious scam aimed at extorting money from unwary citizens. This particular situation involved a caller calling and telling a citizen that they had won \$4,000,000.00 dollars, pretty nice, huh? All they needed was for this person to provide some identification information, to transfer the money no doubt. Then as the conversation progressed, the citizen was told that all they needed to do was to pay some taxes on the money she had won. When questioned, that amounted to about \$800.00, which is a pretty good trade. When questioned what she needed to do to pick up the money, she was told to go to the nearest airport and collect it. Lets see, that could be Munday, Knox city or maybe Seymour. Let me set this straight, the person who called and reported this scam knew this was bologna from the start, but someone in a real money crunch looking to make it big quickly may be fooled into at least giving up their personal information, SS number, etc. By the way, the caller called from

876-282-8559, just in case you are interested in quickly ruining your life in a matter of minutes or have received calls from this number.


This is not the first time the Knox County Sheriff's office has been contacted on scams. Another scam included involving the names and locations of family members, claiming they were in trouble and to quickly forward money to a certain address, usually by Western Union or something similar. Again, these wary Knox County citizens did their homework and tracked down the family members before sending money to who knows where.

You as an individual, can do more when contacted to stop these scams when first contacted then law enforcement can do trying to follow up on endless phone numbers, addresses, and names after they have been given money. As I have said before, "IF IT SOUNDS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE, IT PROBABLY IS".

I have received numerous calls at the sheriff's office and

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Front Porch Quilts would like to welcome all Veterans, their families and friends to Benjamin on November 11th for the Veteran's Day Program.

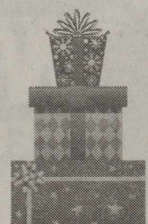


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# BENJAMIN NEWS

By Gladene Green

Halloween has come and gone- the trick or treaters have done their thing and the spook "Houses" doors are closed for another year. The weather was nice so all in all everyone seemed to enjoy the weekend. Now the busiest time of year is upon us. Things will continue to "pick up" until after the first of 2010!!!!!!

**Correction**

In last weeks' column concerning the get together at the Patterson Ranch, several words were misspelled, so I feel a correction should be made- MOLVELDA MAYES is the last sister of CHRISTINE PATTERSON. Chris Miller's baby girl is KENNADI & LaNay's son is TIMMY Cash (not Tammy!) My apologies to LaNay & her family. Also the groups- not grays- represented 5 generations of the Mitchell family.

**Sports**

Girls volleyball playoffs are about to begin. Our girls sealed the district title with a win over Munday Tuesday nite here at home. The matches were good & it was anyone's guess who might come out victorious but the Lady Stangs prevailed & will meet the winner of the Archer City-Graford game in the first round of the playoffs & of course, we wish them well.

The mustangs went over to

Chillicothe Friday night & things were going pretty well until a couple of our boys got hurt & had to sit out & the Eagles came out winners- 60-40. This week Guthrie comes here- the game will be Thurs nite as will the Jr. high game also. Last Thurs night our colts beat Chillicothe Jr. High here at Benjamin.

**Here N There**

Helen Green called on Sat. to say her brother James Coppedge has been back to M.D. Anderson for tests & treatment. His brain tumor is completely gone but he is continuing treatment on his lung, but he is feeling good & continues to ask us all to remember him in prayer.

Bobby & Courtney Sharrard spent the weekend with their daughter & family in the Canton area. Their small grandson, Cooper, who is almost 1 year old, has been quite ill. Drs. first thought he had the H1N1 flu virus but after a trip to Children's hospital in Dallas, it was determined he had a bad intestinal infection & after getting on some different medicine he is o.k. Much to the relief of all his family. We are glad to get that encouraging report.

Bill & Sue Roberts of Driftwood visited his parents, Kenneth & Jessie and other relatives during the weekend. On Sun, they & the Benjamin relatives attended a birthday get to-

gether honoring Jonah Duke in Knox City. Jonah turned 3. His parents are Zeke & Amanda & and his "big" brother is Daniel. New Arrival

Oscar & Shannon Gideon of Gilbert, Arizona are the proud parents of a new baby girl. Isabella was born Oct 28, 2009 in a Phoenix hospital. She weighed 7 lbs & 7oz. She has a sister, Ariel & 2 brothers, Damon & Ian who are very proud of the new baby in the house. Local grandparent's are Jane Gideon & Weldon Gideon.

Chris McGregor who lives in Germany is here for a few days visit with his parents Fred and Nancy and other relatives & friends.

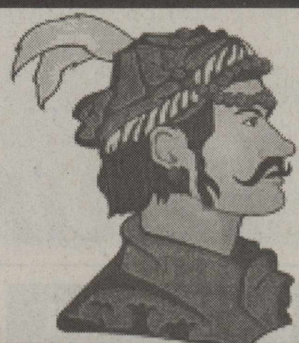
Anthony & Jessica Lamb of Wichita Falls spent the weekend with homefolks.

Ronald and Verna Griffith who live in Minnesota are here for a while- will visit his brother & sister-in-law, Charles and Linda & others in the area. Don't know how long they plan to be here- maybe till the grass gets green again in Minnesota!! They say the winters are pretty cold up there.

Don't forget the Fall Festival Saturday night at the gym- There will be a cake walk, booths of all kinds & bingo plus a program with lots of BHS talent. Promises to be a fun evening.

And also plan to be here Wed. the 11th for the Veterans Day program. And the meal following the program honoring the Knox Co. veterans is always well attended. We'll see you there.

# Monday Moguls



## Moguls Handle Archer City 49-35

By Tamara Smart

Friday nights continue to be nights of celebration in Munday as the 2009 Mogul football team continues to tear down any opponent brave enough to take the field against them.

The final damage to the Archer City boys was easily read in the scoreboard lights at the end of the game: Munday 49, Archer City 35.

Leading the Mogul pack in rushing again this week were Kenyin Thompson (24-329-4) and Dee

Paul (13-70-1). As a team the total rushing yards added up to 401.

Leading in the passing game for the Mogul team was Thompson (4-8-91-2), whose game was enhanced with receivers Johnathan Collier (3-56-1) & Kyler Urbanczyk (1-35-1) waiting on the balls down the field.

This past week's game made the Moguls record 8-1. On Friday, November 6, the Moguls travel to Petrolia for a 7:30 kickoff.

## Big Time Texas Hunt Winners Announced

AUSTIN, Texas — Ty Chumley was due for a bit of luck after losing his home and most of his belongings to Hurricane Ike.

Chumley, a tugboat operator from Nederland, bought one chance in this year's Big Time Texas Hunts Grand Slam category; it was the first time he'd ever entered. He won.

The winner of this year's Big Time Texas Hunts crown jewel, the Texas Grand Slam hunt package, receives four separate guided hunts for Texas' most prized big game animals — desert bighorn sheep, white-tailed deer, pronghorn antelope and mule deer.

"I haven't hunted deer since I was a kid and I lost most of my guns in the hurricane," said Chumley, who will embark on the first of four big game hunts-

of-a-lifetime in early December as winner of this year's Texas Grand Slam special drawn hunt package. "I'm a fisherman, but this will definitely get me started back into hunting."

Chumley joins 16 other lucky sportsmen who are making special plans for hunting season as winners of this year's Big Time Texas Hunts. The hunters were selected by random computer drawing from applicants in the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department program.

All told, hunters bought 72,688 Big Time Texas Hunt entries during this year's sales period through the Oct. 15 deadline. This generated about \$704,507 in gross revenue to support wildlife research, habitat management and public hunting.

Following are the winners of this year's Big Time Texas

Hunts.

- Grand Slam — Ty Chumley, Nederland.
- Premium Buck Hunt — Kelly Nunn, Austin.
- Exotic Safari — Michael Masera, Houston and Jeffrey Pumphrey, Midway, Kentucky.
- Whitetail Bonanza — Lawrence Ringley, McKinney; Gene Finn, Granger; Daniel Boschert, Dallas; Randy Ansley, Forney; Sammy Kelley, San Antonio; Robert Peterson, Temple; John Ehrhart, Highland Village; Charles Salazar, Houston; James Denny, Lockhart; John Massey, Kerrville.
- Big Time Bird Hunt — Phillip Barry, Highland Village.
- Waterfowl Adventure — Donald Tousley, Wichita Falls.
- Gator Hunt — Gregg Slade, Lockhart.

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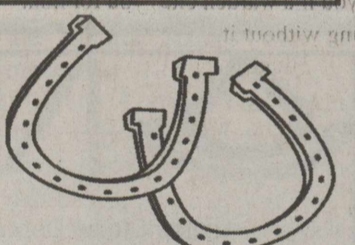
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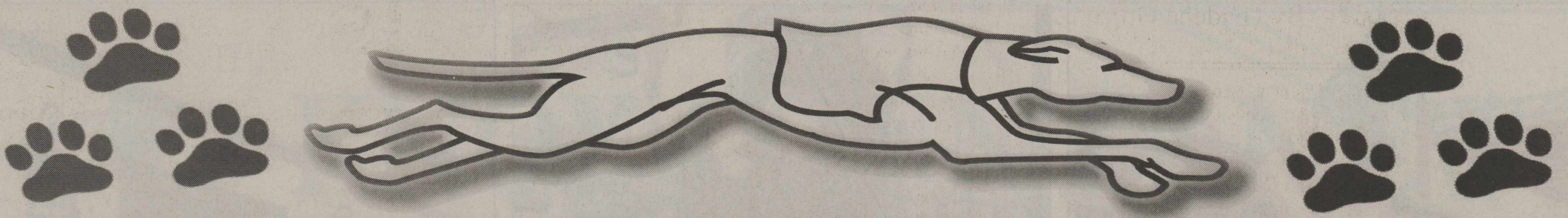
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# KNOX CITY SPORTS



## Houndettes Gear Up For Playoffs

By Tamara Smart

Last week the stands of Aspermont thundered, as the Houndettes officially entered the playoffs. And what an entrance it was!

In a game versus Rotan, the Houndettes sealed their continued success story of this season in four games.

The first game was Rotan victory (final score being 19-25), but after that the Houndettes came alive and took it the rest of the way home... 25-14, 25-18 & 25-22. High scorers

in all four games seemed evenly distributed between Laura Vasquez (3 points in the first game), Camille Ward (3 point in the first game and 6 points in the second), Lacey Pierce (3 points, one ace in the third game and 5 points in the fourth), and finally FRESHMAN Chastity Tolsend, who future contenders against the Houndettes may be leery and watch out for in the years to come. (Chastity earned the Houndettes 7 points in the third game and 4 points in the fourth).

Now the Houndettes will travel to Vernon High School gym and play bi-district versus Ulton.

Ulton beat the Houndettes earlier this season in the Childress tournament in a series of three games (Ulton won two out of three), but statistically, the Hounds have a better season record (KC is 17-13, while Ulton is 13-15).

This game will be played Tuesday evening (November 3) and the winner will go on to play Windthrust on Friday night.

## New Laws In Effect for Hunting Season

ODESSA — This year, deer hunters are facing several new changes. Among these changes are 52 new counties added to the list of antler restrictions, expansion of doe days, and expanded days of hunting.

The general rifle season for whitetail deer begins Saturday, Nov. 7.

One of the new rules hunters face this season is there are new counties with antler restrictions of one with forked antlers and an inside spread of at least 13 inches or spike include:

Anderson, Angelina, Archer, Atascosa, Brazos, Brown, Chambers, Clay, Cooke, Denton, Ellis, Falls, Freestone, Grayson, Grimes, Hardin, Harris, Henderson, Hill, Hood, Hunt, Jack, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Kaufman, Liberty, Limestone, Madison, McLennan, Milam, Mills, Montague, Montgomery, Navarro, Newton, Orange, Palo Pinto, Parker, Polk, Robertson, San Jacinto, Smith, Stephens, Tarrant, Trinity, Tyler, Van Zandt, Walker, Wichita, Wise and Young.

Northeast Texas counties with four doe-days, Nov. 26-29 include: Anderson, Henderson, Hunt, Leon, Rains, Smith and Van Zandt.

East Texas counties going from four to 16 doe, Nov. 7-22 include: Bowie and Rusk

East Texas counties from four to 30 doe days, Nov. 7-29 include: Cherokee and Houston.

East Texas counties added to the late muzzleloader season, Jan. 4-17 include: Camp, Cass, Cherokee, Gregg, Marion, Morris, Nacogdoches, Panola, Rusk and Upshur.

Cross Timbers and Prairies and eastern Rolling Plains counties increasing from three deer with no more than one buck, no more than two antlerless. With four deer, no more than two bucks and no more than two antlerless. With five deer, no more than two bucks. These rules are enforced in the following counties: Archer, Baylor, Bell, Bosque, Callahan, Clay, Coryell, Hamilton, Haskell, Hill, Jack, Jones, Knox, Lampasas, McLennan, Palo Pinto, Shackelford, Somervell, Stephens, Taylor, Throckmorton, Wichita, Wilbarger, Williamson and Young.

Trans Pecos counties increasing from four deer to five include:

Pecos, Terrell and Upton counties.

Rolling Plains counties increasing from three deer to five deer include: Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Childress, Collingsworth, Cottle, Crosby, Dickens, Donley, Fisher, Floyd, Foard, Garza, Gray, Hall, Hardeman, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Kent, King, Lipscomb, Motley, Ochiltree, Roberts, Scurry, Stonewall, and Wheeler.

Counties with a white-tailed deer hunting season expanding from 16 days to the full general season include: Dawson, Deaf Smith and Martin counties. Hunters are restricted to three deer, no more than one buck and no more than two antlerless.

Counties adding a season-long open antlerless deer season include: Cooke, Dallam, Denton, Hardeman, Hartley, Hill, Johnson, Moore, Oldham, Potter, Sherman, Tarrant, Wichita and Wilbarger

There have also been changes made to separate seasons for hunting mule deer. These dates include: Nov. 28 through Dec. 13 in the Trans-Pecos region of West Texas.

Hunters must have their 2009-2010 hunting license, along with any required hunter education certification. Upland game bird, migratory game bird and federal migratory game bird stamp endorsements must be purchased prior to hunting.

If you do hunt migratory birds of any kind, you also need the Harvest Information Program (HIP) notation on your license. It doesn't cost anything to get it from the license retailer but it could cost you if a warden cites you for hunting without it.

Hunters should consult Texas Parks and Wildlife Department 2009-2010 Outdoor Annual for Additional changes.

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home, organizations asking for money. Many of the times, it involves some type of Peace Officer benefit, support to surviving spouses of slain officers, or other typical information. They use many different names, trying to cash in on many realistic organizations that do assist families of officers, scholarships, education and a variety of good interests. Some callers will use a variation of Municipal Peace Officers, Sheriff's Organizations, and Texas Department of Public Safety, all hoping that someone will either give money or their identification. In a few short months, the Sheriff's Association of Texas will send out letters and notifications to local members, and you will probably see a notification in local newspapers. I am a little partial to this organization; I guess it is because it is an honest bunch of people running the show. All of their money collected through donations, memberships or advertising is returned in one way or another to the people, either in salaries,

donations, scholarships for young adults or peace officers trying to advance their educations, or other respectable programs. Bear in mind, if someone calls you to get you to join some Sheriff's Organization, hang up on them, Sheriff's Association of Texas will not call you, they leave open the opportunity for you to join the organization on your own free will. You can visit their website at [www.xsheriffs.org](http://www.xsheriffs.org) if you are interested. If you don't have a computer, call them as 512-445-5888. If you think you might be interested, call me at my office at 940-459-2211, and I can get you an application. There are benefits to you personally from being a member, but that can be seen on the online application. It will be the best \$25.00 you have spent or donated in a long time. Thank you for your time, and have a good one.  
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Aviles, Daniel 10/18/09 Public Intoxication (M-C) Knox County  
Hord, Jimmy 10/19/09 TBC (M-B) Navarro Cnty warrant  
Knight, Kevin 10/19/09 Terroristic threat (M-B) Resist arrest (M-A) Foard County  
Hunter, Dave Jr 10/20/09 T B C (M-B) Taylor Cnty warrant (Knox Cnty)  
Larue, Terry 10/20/09 Delivery of Controlled Substance (F-1) held in Wichita Falls- transported for pretrial  
Esquivel, Roberto Jr. 10/21/09 Disorderly Conduct (M-C) Assault w/ bodily injury (M-A) Knox County  
Green, Joe Helen 10/21/09 FTA/Possess controlled sub. (F-3) Knox County  
Watson, Joe Allen 10/22/09 Furnish alcohol to minor (M-A) Foard Cnty  
Helms, Francis (Cicci) 10/29/09 Theft (SJF) King Cnty; Traffic Warrants (Munday) Knox Cnty (MTR/ Theft warrant 3) and traffic warrants x 2, Liberty County (Knox Cnty)

## Knox County Farm Bureau Annual Ag Field Day

The Knox County Farm Bureau held its annual Ag Field Day on October 20th at the Centennial Park in Munday. Fourth graders from Benjamin, Knox City, and Munday attended the Field Day. Students learned about the importance of agriculture in Knox County and in Texas.  
Game Warden Jim Daniels brought the Texas Parks and Wildlife's "Wall of Shame" trailer and talked to the kids about wildlife and poaching. Bryce Moore, Knox County Farm Bureau Field Representative, brought the mobile learning barn to show byproducts from crops and livestock. Knox County Farm Bureau President, Tyler Thompson talked to the students about horses and ranching. Knox County 4-Hers brought some of their stock show animals. Parker Implement and Quality Implement both brought new tractors for the kids learn about while local farmer Spike Bryan talked to the students about farming and tractor safety. New Knox County Farm Bureau insurance agent, Wes Latham showed the students the new Munday VFD fire truck. O'Brien COOP Gin Manager, Terry Utley talked to the students about cotton production and showed them how cotton is ginned. Tim Trimble and students from the three county high schools taught the fourth graders how to rope "dummy"

calves and steers. Local auctioneer, Steve Pepper taught the kids about auctioneering and gave them the opportunity to bid on prizes with play money they earned throughout the day. Todd Griffin from the Southwest Dairy Museum in Sulphur Springs talked to the kids about dairy cows and did a live milking demonstration with his Holstein cow "Angel". The students finished the day with a hotdog lunch organized by Knox

County Farm Bureau Secretary Betty Trimble, Agency Manager John Parum and new Knox County Farm Bureau agent Wes Latham. FFA and 4-H students from Benjamin, Knox City, and Munday served as group leaders for the day.  
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