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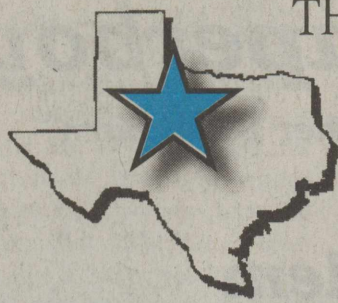
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Veterans Day Program in Benjamin Remembers and Celebrates Past and Present Veterans

By TAMARA SMART

From men who hailed from Knox County a century ago, to a man who is still undergoing the rigorous task of boot camp, name after name of man and woman alike were remembered and honored from the podium of the Knox County Veterans Day Program to honor those who have served to make this country what it is today.

After being welcomed to the festivities by Munday's Mayor, Bunny Norville, Benny Grill took the podium to act as the Master of Ceremonies during last week's program. Mr. Grill had the dubious honor of introducing new names onto the memorial that stands across the street from the Benjamin Courthouse. He called off the names of Knox County Citizens who are currently serving their country, including 6 Lowrance brothers and one man, Michael McGoughey, who is still undergoing the process of Basic Training in order to serve. This vocal listing came only after each Veteran present was recognized for their service and the war/conflict in which they served.

The youth of Knox County participated in the festivities as well; the Benjamin Elementary School students lead the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance, Munday High School Marching Band played for 30 minutes before the program started to set the pace of the day, and 3 students from each of the three schools in Knox County were selected based on essays they had written about a Veteran in their life read these papers aloud to the gathering. The children who read their essays were, from Munday, Sonora Escamilla; from Knox City, Sheldon Baty; and, finally from Benjamin, Brylee White.

Dewey J. Honeycutt, whose family lived north of Truscott on the North Wichita River was the Gold Star Honoree to whom the 2009 Memorial Wreath was dedicated and placed at the arch by two great nephews, Kenney Ownbey and Duane Johnson, both of Crowell. Dewey died in 1918, in France and was buried there in a military cemetery.

By the time that a Munday High school instrumentalist played the traditional song of the fallen, Taps, almost every

member of the community who showed out for the Program was sniffing back tears for all Veterans who have done their respective job at the time they were called to do it in order for us, as Americans, to live in the world that we know, in the manner that we wish to live it. The greatest celebration of the benefits reaped from the service of the strong and brave soldiers was at the beginning of the Program as Rev. Charles Goretla of Rhineland's St. Joseph's Catholic Church said the invocation over the event. It is, and continues to be, this gesture of prayer that applies the Freedom of Religion that was the initial freedom sought out by the first settlers from the West.

The final moments of the Veterans Day program were filled with Jess Jones' voice as she belted out the National Anthem. As the crowd disbursed, many found their way to the Ex-Students building for a hamburger dinner, while many made it to the Wichita-Brazos Museum to explore the many interesting historical exhibits.



The Memorial Wreath was dedicated to fallen soldier Dewey Honeycutt during last week's services. (Photo by Tamara Smart)

Crash Occurs as Result of DWI



On Monday, November 9th, 2009, at about 5:30 p.m., the Knox County Sheriff's office was sent to a report of a two vehicle crash located west of Benjamin on US HWY 82. Initial reports were received, indicating the location of the crash was 4 miles west of Benjamin. It was later learned that the crash was 4 miles west of

the Knox King County line. The crash investigation, led by Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper, Terry Brily, yielded in the arrest of a 22 year old man for Driving While Intoxicated. It is believed the man traveled through Knox County, along Hwy 82, while on a flat tire. Initial reports reflect that the man stopped only at a local store, in search of a tire. When this search yielded in negative results, the man settled for the successful purchase of a 6 pack of beer and continued his trip. A west bound vehicle, closely matching the suspects vehicle, closely matching the suspects vehicle, was called into 911 shortly before the crash occurred, about 6 miles west of Benjamin, however the suspect was involved in the crash before the Knox County Deputies were able to reach and stop him.

Assisting King county authorities in the crash were Knox County Sheriff, Dean Homstad, Knox County Deputy Sheriff John Wilkerson and various members of the Benjamin Volunteer Fire Department. Two

Munday City to Finance the Recertification of Local Drug Dog

By TAMARA SMART

People all over Knox County have had various opportunities to see Pistol in action. She, along with handler, Donna Petrusaitis, have visited the schools in Knox City, Crowell and Munday several times. They have done demonstrations for church groups, the boy scouts and anyone else who calls for their service.

Pistol, a NNDDA (National Narcotic Detection Dog Association) registered and certified dog, is a rescued German Shepard who has undergone countless hours of training and proverbial certification hoop-jumping to be able to go into police situations and help law enforcement in the finding and commandeering of illegal narcotics.

Dewayne Bearden, city manager of Munday, realized the importance and value of this tool for law enforcement in Munday and in the greater county. Dewayne says: "[he] thinks the county needs a method to detect drugs" and refers to Pistol as an excellent "tool for the police department". Because of these realizations, Dewayne suggested that the City of Munday pay for Pistols recertification. This comes at a very timely manner in Pistol's career. Owners, David and Donna Petrusaitis were just going to let her certification lapse, seeing as Pistol is not currently earning any financial



Pictured: The Munday Police department, Narcotics Detection K9 Agent, Pistol, and her handler, Donna Petrusaitis. (Courtesy Photo)

compensation for her skills, not was she being called on very much to utilize her talents.

At the last City Council meeting in Munday, the council voted to pay the expense involved to keep Pistols certification current. Donna and David were both ecstatic over this decision. "We are thankful for them helping out" was Donna's comment concerning the decision.

Donna's husband, David Petrusaitis, who is also the Chief of Police in Munday had a little more to add: "I was very pleased and surprised by the

consideration. I know how tight [the City's] funds are, and it was a very special consideration by Dewayne and the support of the council to endorse such an effort. Donna knew what owning and maintaining a professional K-9 would be and she accepted that responsibility. They are an exceptional team. Sadly she does not have the cohesive and strong commitment by other agencies as she was used to in Refugio County, as that is a strong motivational tool in itself when six or eight teams get together weekly to train and hone skills, but Donna

and Pistol work regularly at home to maintain proficiency. They have even been given permission to work on some locally owned 18 wheelers which pose different search considerations and obstacles as well."

Pistol is a fun, hyper dog that is full of energy and spirit. She can chase a ball, would do anything for a doggy treat, and can alert on a well-hidden marijuana seed. Hopefully, the county will continue to support and use this amazing resource available to help in keeping the communities of Knox drug free.

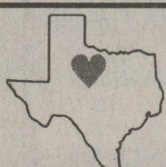
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OPINION

Afghan Escalation Would Make One-Year Pentagon Budget Almost As Big as Entire 10-Year Health Bill

David Sirota - Writer

In pitting the 10-year cost of Democrats' health care bill against the 10-year projected cost of the bloated Pentagon budget, my newspaper column last week made a simple comparison rarely ever made in politics today - a comparison that might provide citizens with much needed context, but a comparison that is ignored.

Is the comparison's omission deliberate? It's hard to say, but when you read this typical New York Times piece, it's hard to argue that it isn't being irresponsibly ignored:

While President Obama's decision about sending more troops to Afghanistan is primarily a military one, it also has substantial budget implications that are adding pressure to limit the commitment, senior administration officials say...

Even if fewer troops are sent, or their mission is modified, the rough formula used by the White House, of about \$1 million per soldier a year, appears almost constant.

So even if Mr. Obama opts for a lower troop commitment, Afghanistan's new costs could wash out the projected \$26 billion expected to be saved in 2010 from withdrawing troops from Iraq. And the overall military budget could rise to as much as \$734 billion, or 10 percent more than the peak of \$667 billion under the Bush administration.

Kudos, of course, to the Times for even reporting on the unfathomably large costs of intensifying militarism and adventurism. But as you'll see in the story, there's no attempt to put the costs into any context - specifically, there's no mention that an escalation in Afghanistan would mean outlays for the

one-year Pentagon budget is approaching the total outlays of the entire 10-year health care bill.

Of course, the Times does offer up one fleeting contextual message indicating that increased defense spending from an Afghanistan escalation "would be a politically volatile issue for Mr. Obama at a time when the government budget deficit is soaring, the economy is weak and he is trying to pass a costly health care plan." But even that brief mention is dishonest.

On what basis does the Times call the health care plan "costly?" As I said in my column, while the Congressional Budget Office (ie. the nonpartisan institution that reporters/politicians use to price bills) says the health legislation would mandate about \$890 billion, CBO also makes painfully clear its tax and budget-cutting provisions would recover a net of \$109 billion over 10 years, meaning the bill is as "costly" to the public treasury as the purchase of a stock that produces a net 10% return on investment. I mean, seriously - if you invested \$1,000 into a stock and got \$1,100 back, would you lament to a friend about how "costly" the investment was to your bank account? No - because your friend would look at you like you were insane.

Indeed, only in Washington is a big return on taxpayer investment and a \$109 billion reduc-



The Paperboy

By Christopher Blackburn

Mary's Problem

The following is a hypothetical situation to prove a point:

Mary came from a broken home. At 13, she was not unlike many of her peers as she enjoyed her friends and was involved in school.

What set Mary apart was her ability in school. Mary was smart ... real smart. In fact, she had never made anything below a high 'A.' She'd never been close to making a 'B,' much less anything below that.

Mary's plans for her future were, to say the least, impressive. She was going to make sure her amazing intelligence would get her higher education paid for. She even figured that she could get at least some of her med school paid for.

You see, Mary had the goal of finding a cure for cancer. She had made up her mind at the age of 8 that finding such a cure would help millions in the U.S. alone.

One day, Mary was sitting in class on a day like any other. What she did not know was her future was about to change do to circumstances out of her control.

Upon receiving her report card, Mary noticed she had received all 'Bs.' "Must be a computer error," Mary thought to herself.

Later, Mary spoke to her counselor. "I know I made all As, but my report card says all 'Bs,'" she said.

"Oh, I'm sorry," said the counselor. "We mailed a letter to your house so you should have been notified about our change in policy."

Mary informed the counselor that her Mom worked two jobs, so unless it was a bill, it may have been overlooked and than inquired about the policy change.

The counselor answered: "Well, Mary, since this is a 'poor' school, a new liberal-progressive policy has been put in place to help the other students who may not be as gifted as you. The board has determined that students making 'As' will need to pass a letter grade on to another student. Since you made seven 'As,' you were required to give seven letter grades to fellow students."

"Why? Mary asked, fighting back tears. "This is going to ruin my chance to get into the college of my choice."

"That may be true," said the counselor, "but by redistributing your grades, we are giving other students a chance at college which would not otherwise qualify."

"But I have big plans," voiced Mary. "In order for me to accomplish my dreams, I need the grades I've earned to get the scholarships I need to go the the schools which will enable me to achieve at the highest level."

"That's just selfish," said the counselor. "You need to make sacrifices so others can have a chance." Mary began to cry, saying, "Those are my grades! I've worked hard to make them and now you are taking what is rightfully mine and giving it to someone undeserving with no guarantee that any benefit will come of this. There is no incentive for anyone to try anymore under this program."

"You're just being silly Mary," said the counselor. "There are plenty of good jobs for 'B' students." If any of this sounds familiar, it's because this fictional counselor has the same attitude of our current Congress and the Obama Administration concerning the redistribution of wealth. It's wrong and it won't work.

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The 501

by Hanaba Munn Welch

Named for the historic FW&D Engine 501, The 501 is always exactly 501 words and dashes long, whatever the topic. Welch, a freelance writer for Blackburn Media Group, divides her time mostly between Abilene and the family farm north of Vernon.

It's official. Germs like cell phones. The news came to me today via television news, so it must be true.

Me, I just bought a new cell phone. It came with germs. It's used.

It also came with scratches. Looks like it's tangled with some barbed wire. I know barbed wire scratches when I see them.

It's even got initials scratched on the back. Looks like an "I" and an "S." Or maybe it's "15." I can't tell. If only cell phones could talk.

Now I'm beginning to wonder whose germs I got for \$30. At least I didn't get the previous owner's list of contacts in the deal.

At this point, just having listened to a detective novel, I'm feeling sleuthy. Whose phone was this? Maybe it once belonged to Isaac Stern.

If you think that's far-fetched, you try thinking of someone with those initials.

Meanwhile, I've discovered that the previous owner's call log is intact - a list of dialed, missed and received calls, almost exclusively Oklahoma numbers. So much for Isaac Stern. I have a hard time picturing him tangling with anything but violin strings anyway - certainly not barbed wire - and I don't see him spending his time talking to people in Oklahoma, especially Southwest Oklahoma, area code 580.

Nothing against Southwest Oklahoma. It's my favorite part. It's the most like Texas.

As for why I'd spend \$30 for a used cell phone, it's because neither of the \$1.99 phones I found at Goodwill

would work.

My "new" phone is just like my old one but not quite so worn out. Years of hard use had taken their toll on my old phone, meaning I had to dislodge and peel back the pliable keypad to punch at the phone's innards with a ballpoint pen whenever I wanted to retrieve contacts. Tedious. And it's always hard for me to find a pen.

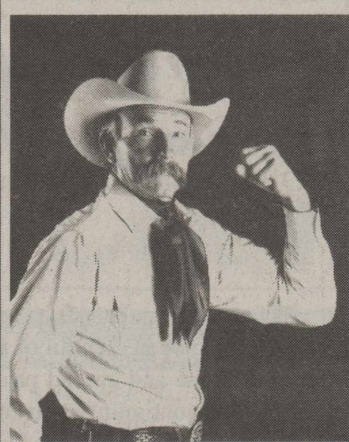
I could have upgraded, but I've accumulated a substantial collection of chargers. A new model would have rendered them useless. I hate obsolescence.

As for my need to stay on the leading edge of technology, my other cell phone is an iPhone. It takes pictures, connects to the Internet, records and transcribes notes, handles e-mail, tracks me on a map and offers me different ways to play Sudoku. I use it to call the other phone when I can't find it, and vice-versa. If you've ever had two working cell phones, you've probably done that too. Unlike me, you probably never answered the ringing one and wondered who was calling. Hello. Hello.

When I got my spiffy new iPhone, I considered phasing out the old clunker. "More bars in more places" is the AT&T claim. They're the people behind iPhones - just not my iPhone. Sure, it works fine in Dallas, but whoever wrote that AT&T slogan hasn't been on Texas 6 between Benjamin and Rule.

Yep, in this part of the world barbed wire scratches are the mark of a good working phone.

Oklahoma germs are OK too.



ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

by Baxter Black, DVM

HOW'D YA HURT YER NOSE?

I was wounded. I got cracked across the bridge of my nose. Not that my nose needs to do anything to attract attention. As one friend put it, "Bax, if you'd lie flat on your back in the sun, we could tell time!"

Of course, the next day I had a big show in Durango. I knew I would be answering the inevitable question, "How'd you hurt your nose?" My first thoughts on how to handle it included several clever riposte like; 'I was swatting flies with my branding iron,' or, 'When my wife asked if I thought the dress made her look fat, I gave the wrong answer.' or, 'I burned myself trying to pull toast out of the toaster with my teeth,' or, 'My hair blower turned on me like a snarling koala bear!'

But those answers seemed so mundane. I needed a reason befitting my heroic cowboy reputation; "We were driving a herd of range cattle over the big divide. The trail was steep and narrow. Suddenly a little black-bally calf slipped off the edge and landed ten feet down on a ledge no bigger than a Volkswagon's floor mat!"

"I quickly dropped my loop over my saddle horn, dismounted and using the tail of my rope I descended the cliff wall and reached the calf. It was as I lifted him to the safety of the trail rim that he stepped on my nose to make the last scramble to the top. My heart sang as I saw the mama welcome her baby as he nuzzled under her flank. 'All in the line of duty,' I thought, wiping away a tear."

OR...I could have been riding night herd when lightning cracked and the cattle stampeded! I rode for the front before they reached the river breaks and managed to rope the leader. But one of my dallies wrapped around my head! I couldn't let go or we'd have lost the herd!

OR I was returning an eaglet who had fallen from his eyrie, and his mother, misunderstanding my intentions, attacked me! OR I was injured while auditioning for a spot on Dancing with the Stars when my adagio came loose and I slid across the floor unintentionally biting the ankle of one of the judges!

Truth is, in the dark of night I walked into a Regulator clock hanging on the wall. I'm hoping my wound will eventually heal and look like a birth mark instead of the traffic-stopping hood ornament it does now!

Oh, and do you wanna know the time before I get back up?

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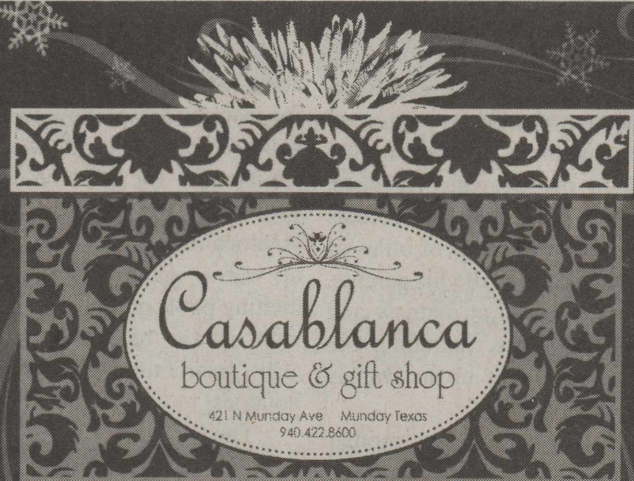
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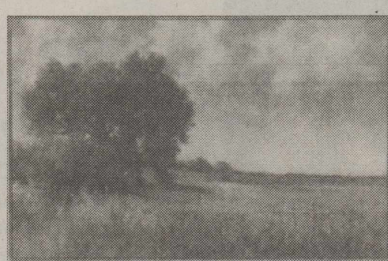
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Angela Roberts and Casey Patterson were married May 16, 2009 at seven in the evening. The outdoor ceremony was held at Erinshire Gardens in Abilene. Rev. John Lippard of Moore, OK performed the double ring ceremony. As Time Goes By was played by Sherry Reid of O'Brien as grandparents and parents were seated. An acoustic version of Love Song by Tesla was played as the bridal party escorted by the groomsmen entered the garden. Trish Johnson of Mineral Wells was her sister's Matron of Honor. Candace Anderson of Merkel served as Maid of Honor. Bridesmaids included Amber Dansevich of Fort Myers, FL, Kimberly Hawkins of Abilene, Andrea Jander of Dallas, Katherine Moreno from Odessa and Lindsey Wynn of Lake Dallas. Tracy Anderton of Fort Worth served as best man. Groomsmen included Byron Gajewski of Kansas City, MO, Blair Nutting of Dallas, Cody Rubio from Dallas, Richard Jander of Dallas, Carlos Moreno from Odessa, and Shannon Harris from Frisco. Tyler and Tayleigh Johnson, nephew and niece of the bride were ring bearer and flower girl. Moon River was played as Donnie Roberts escorted his daughter down the bridal path. Angela wore a Maggie Sottero designer gown of ivory empress taffeta ruffled a symmetrically and accented with lace applique and complimented by a side skirt flounce accented by feathers and a pearl broach. She wore hot pink heels and carried a hand tied bouquet. Keeping with tradition, her Great Great Grandmother Quiet's wedding band was tied in her bouquet. Something new was pearl and diamond drop earrings, a gift from Casey. Something borrowed was her Daddy's credit card and check book. Her garter served as something blue. As the couple poured unity sand, Donnie and Trish sang So This Is Love from Cinderella. Neil Diamond's Sweet Caroline was played as the recessional. Following the ceremony, dinner and a reception were held. A nostalgic candy bar was a special treat for guests. The four tiered bride's cake was decorated in ivory and black and adorned with hot pink gerbera daisies and topped with a black P. The groom's cake was a Boston Red Sox cap replica. Angela is a graduate of Texas Tech University and is a product manager with ThinkCash in Fort Worth. Casey graduated from Texas A&M University and is E-Metrics Project Manager at the J. C. Penney corporate office in Plano. Parents of the couple are Donnie and Diane Roberts of O'Brien and George and Linda Patterson of Fort Worth. Grandparents include Jean and the late Claudale Barnard of Knox City, Jessie and Kenneth Roberts of Benjamin, Myrlin and the late Carlton 'Case' Jones of Albuquerque, NM, and Virginia and the late Norman Patterson of Fort Worth. Following a honeymoon to the Fiji Islands, Angela and Casey are making their home in Fort Worth.



God's Promises

By Jim Reid, Pastor
O'Brien Baptist Church



This past week has given many opportunities for us to honor our Veterans. Far too many times it seems easy to be neglectful of these brave men and women. Courageous men and women who have served at home and abroad protecting our shores. We are truly blessed that our families have been afforded this continuing protection for more than two hundred thirty-three years.

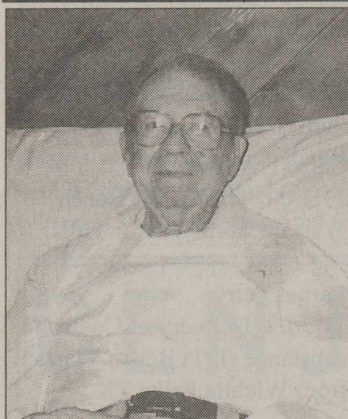
We are one nation under God and we serve Him as a nation. There are many who may not believe in one nation under God, but they may have never met the enemy eye to eye. Eye to eye is where the valiant veterans of our nation met the enemies of our nation. How could we ever be critical of their engagement in serving America?

If you are a Veteran or you are currently serving in our military or if you have children who are serving, I honor you today. I say thank you for your unselfish sacrifice and endurance. It seems such a small token of the appreciation our Veterans deserve.

Can you imagine how many men and women of our military have quoted unto themselves the 23rd Psalm. It may have been in the trenches of World War I, or the foxholes of World War II, or the frigid cold of the Korean War, or the steamy jungles of Viet Nam, or the arid deserts of Iraq, or the rough terrain regions of Afghanistan. Let us all pause now in this moment and praise God for His enduring protection and His faithfulness to this nation by reading that same Psalm.

*The Lord is my Shepherd,
I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside quiet waters.
He restores my soul;
He guides me in the paths of righteousness.
For His name's sake.
Even though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death,
I fear no evil, for You are with me;
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in
the presence of my enemies;
You have anointed my head with oil;
My cup overflows.
Surely goodness and loving kindness
will follow me all the days of my life,
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. (NASB)*

Obituaries



L.C. Guinn Jr.

Mr. L.C. Guinn Jr., of Knox City, passed away Wednesday at his home. Funeral service will be held at 2:30 pm, Saturday November 14, 2009, Abundant Life Christian Fellowship Church with Bro. Tex Cox and Mel Cure officiating. Burial will follow in the Johnson Cemetery

under the direction of Mansell Smith Funeral Home.

Mr. Guinn was born on February 1, 1917 in Munday, TX to the late L.C. Guinn Sr. and Bessie Shaw Guinn. He grew up in Munday until he began his business in 1950 in Knox City, Guinn Sheet Metal and Plumbing and Air Conditioning. He married Amerolis Hutcheson on June 6, 1936, and she worked in the family business with her husband.

He was a member of the Abundant Life Christian Fellowship Church.

He was preceded in death by three grandchildren Shelia Brown, Simone Sealy, and Chris Cure; one brother and two sisters.

Survivors include his wife Amerolis of the home;

two daughters Genie Holcomb of Knox City and Sue Rich and husband Joe of Garland; two grandchildren Mel Cure and Courtney Johnston; nine great grandchildren; two great great grandchildren; three sisters Virginia Bess Jackson of Abilene, Shirley Yandell of Graham and Patsy Todd of Canton City, Col and two brothers Al Guinn of Wichita Falls and Jerry Guinn of Knox City.

Pallbearers will be William Watson, Mel Reed, Dale Turner, Gary Johnson, Steve Pepper and Dallas Dykes.

The family has been so blessed by the love and care from Adina Roberson and William Watson and Hospice.

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Truscott News

By Clara Brown

The past weekend had a good chance of bringing rain, or so the man on the TV said. Maybe he'll let it happen next week when Thanksgiving travel gets underway.

At this point, our family is uncertain about who will come to share our turkey and dressing and even if we will gather on Thursday or Friday, lots of schedules mesh. It was simpler back in our growing up days. My father and his two brothers lived within a couple of miles of each other and so did his parents. We all gathered at mamaw and grandad's house, including the sister who drove up to Dumas from Plainview.

In later years, my mother told me that the women often took turns whipping a dishpan full of heavy whipping cream to go on all the cakes and pies (lots of tired arms. Be glad for electric mixers & cool whip).

The men were young- they did hard, physical work and never thought of making time to exercise. My memory says they didn't eat, they inhaled food. In those days, they didn't pause between the turkey, dressing, gravy, mashed potatoes, etc. and dessert. In fact, I can't remember anyone turning down that first offer of dessert, or anything else, including canned asparagus that always seemed to be served at holiday meals.

Our next generation skips the asparagus for fresh vegetables and dip. Olives in long, narrow bowls still are expected, plus a bowl of black olives too, which weren't seen at our house until the late 1940s. Now, someone gets assigned to bring the olives,

either a new cook with her first kitchen or someone who travels a long distance. Olives travel well. Speaking of new cooks, once the oldest sister was hosting Thanksgiving and assigned a niece who had a college apartment to bring the mashed potatoes.

Niece was worried. She called her mother, who lived about 150 miles from Lubbock for instructions on how to make mashed potatoes. It was an eye-opener for all the cooks who grew up watching brown potatoes transform into bowls of warm, creamy delight with melting pools of butter (probably with cream beaten into them also). Instructions! For Mashing Potatoes!

The elder generation realized that niece might have an apartment with a kitchen, but if she wanted potatoes on her menu, she probably zapped them in the microwave.

Mashed potatoes were served that Thanksgiving, but it might have been nieces mother who brought them.

Which may have beat what happened a couple of years ago at Truscott. After dinner (the mid-day meal), when the table was being cleared, someone asked, "Where are the mashed potatoes and gravy? I didn't get any."

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- The L.C. Guinn Jr. Family

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| Date | Temperature (F) Low / High | Rainfall inches |
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| 11/9 | 49/73 | |
| 11/10 | 47/74 | |
| 11/11 | 45/74 | |
| 11/12 | 47/74 | |
| 11/13 | 58/76 | |
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Benjamin Begins 2009-10 Basketball Season with a Bang

By Tamara Smart

Friday night lights are dimmed at the 'Stang stadium, the volleyball nets have been lowered for the season, but the Mustangs are still going strong in the Benjamin school. Patton Springs learned this first hand last week as their girls met the Lady 'Stangs on the court in their season opener and their boys scrimmaged with the Mustang Men.

The girls game was high paced, leaving the Patton Springs gals to take home the first Loss of the season as the final score was 41 to 15. High scorer was Raquel Acevedo with 14 points. Other points were racked up by Becky Baldwin- 11, Teri Miller- 10, Chloe Baty-2, and Jesse Vanderpol- 4.

On the men's Mustang front, after a hard played scrimmage with Patton Springs, the boys tasted their first victory of the 2009-10 basketball season. 45 to 33 was the final score, the top scorers

were Derrick Northrup and Cody Propps, both reaping 12 points each. The other points were scored by Dylan Benson with 9 points, Mitchell Ham with 4, Dusty Stevens, who scored 2 points, as did Jonathan Rainwater and Tyler Kinnibrugh brought home 4 points.

Even the Junior High Stangs started the season with a bang. The JH Boys won by one point over Harrold as Ryan Heard made a shot at the buzzer to win the game. The only loss of the week was from the JH girls who lost 13 to 30 to Harrold.

According to athletic Director/coach Doug McCoullough: "I thought both teams played well Friday for their first games, but we have a lot of work ahead of us to get where we need to be."

The next Benjamin Basketball game will be on November 20th against Rule.

BENJAMIN NEWS

By Gladene Green

Gonnagetcold! Weatherman says a freeze is "on the way". That will be good. Maybe a lot of these allergy causing weeds, etc. will take a leave for a little while. After all, it's mid- Nov & time for cooler day.

Sympathy this week to the family of L.C. Guinn. L.C. passed away Wed. His funeral was Sat in Knox City. His passing leaves a void in many lives but memories of his 90 plus years will be treasured always.

Sports

The "round ball" season got underway for the local teams Fri. night. Traveling to Patton Springs, the Mustangs and Lady 'Stangs each brought home victories. A good start for what we hope is a very good season.

Veteran's Day Program

The program presented on Wednesday honoring veterans of all wars was an impressive event. Several Knox Co. vets were on hand & were recognized by the war (conflict) in which

they served.

A more detailed account of the day's events appears elsewhere in this paper. It was nice & fitting tribute to our military. The meal following provided an excellent opportunity to visit friends who came from all around for the day.

Here 'N There

Mike Moorhouse had a little "run-in" with a rattlesnake last Mon. Was moving (or attempting to) an air compressor in the barn & the little snake was under it & got him on the finger- just under the nail. Just barely nicked him, but enough that his finger sure swelled & got sore. But he's o.k. & vows to be more cautious than ever from now on. It could have been so much worse.

Rex Bohannon of Knox City is having some health problems. Is seeing an oncologist in Abilene weekly. Please keep Rex in your prayers. His brother, Roger, of course, lives here.

Patsy Bateman called on

Wed. & told me the mew athletic field house at Denton High has been named for her late husband, Jim. Jim went to school here in Benjamin & was a coach during his adult years, many of them in Denton. The public announcement was made on Nov. 6. School pals of Jim, Johnny Hudson & his wife, Cynthia of Pilot Point & Billy Trainham & wife, Penny of Dallas were present for the presentation. (Note: Patsy is to send me a more accurate detailed account of this story & I will pass it on.)

Patsy thought local friends & acquaintances would be interested in this story & we think it's a wonderful way to honor Jim. We appreciate her sharing this with me.

Mike Gideon of Bryan was here for a weeks visit with his dad, Weldon (& Jane Gideon) last week. While he was here, Jane fixed an early Thanksgiving dinner. Joining them was Weldon's sister & her husband, Mildred & Ed Wynn of Knox City & Lana Mendoza & family who live here in Benjamin. Two of Lana's children, Valerie & Sydney have had the swine flu. Missed several days of school last week but were able to go back today (Mon). Think they were pretty sick for a few days. I just have to say Thanks to the many, many readers of the two county newspapers. And the kind words I have received regarding this column. It's because of you that I do it. And I realize that some weeks are "newsier" than others but I try to include as much as I can to make it of interest.

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Knox County Volleyball All-District Results

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NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR: Bridget Williams, Rotan
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ALL-DISTRICT SECOND TEAM: Samantha Kerley, Sr., Aspermont; Becky Baldwin, Sr., Benjamin; Jesse Vanderpol, Sr., Benjamin; Brittney Baker, Sr., Knox City; Candy Mata, Sr., Munday; Makebra Collier, Soph., Munday; Lisa Moore, Soph., Munday; Savannah Cave, Sr., Rotan; Devin McQueen, Jr., Rotan

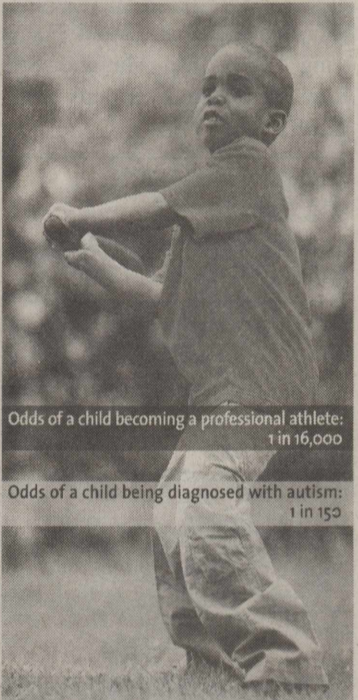
HONORABLE MENTION: Joanna Rojas, Sr., Aspermont; Kinsey Gilmore, Jr., Aspermont; Kim Mayen, Jr., Aspermont; Amy Daniels, Sr., Aspermont; Shelby Russell, Jr., Benjamin; Chloe Baty, Sr., Benjamin; Whitney Collins, Jr., Knox City; Chasity Tolson, Fr., Knox City; Camille Ward, Jr., Knox City; Kandace Lowrance, Jr., Munday; Kylie Urbanczyk, Fr., Munday; Emily Harris, Sr., Rotan; Katie Martin, Sr., Rotan; Hanah Porter, Sr., Rotan; Shelby Spikes, Sr., Rotan

ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT: Amy Daniels, Aspermont; Katherine Harris, Aspermont; Samantha Kerley, Aspermont; Sarah Patterson, Aspermont; Chloe Baty, Sr., Benjamin; Teri Miller, Sr., Benjamin; Jesse Vanderpol, Sr., Benjamin; Candy Mata, Sr., Munday; Lauren Lampe, Sr., Munday; Ashley Hawkins, Sr., Munday; Rian Dillard, Jr., Munday; Kandace Lowrance, Jr., Munday; Kristen Kuehler, Soph., Munday; Makebra Collier, Soph., Munday; Alyssa Moore, Soph., Munday; Kylie Urbanczyk, Fr., Munday; Savannah Cave, Sr., Rotan; Emily Harris, Sr., Rotan; Hanah Porter, Sr., Rotan; Shelby Spikes, Sr., Rotan

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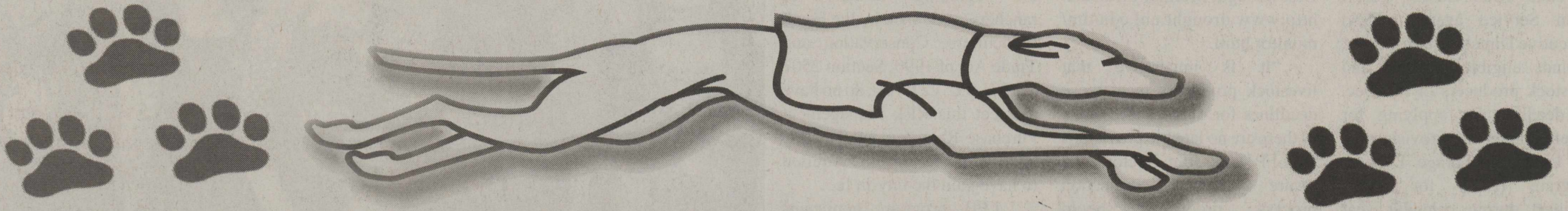
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USDA Reminds Producers Of Upcoming Livestock Disaster Assistance Deadlines

(Knox City, Texas) Nov. 12, 2009- Knox County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director, John Rector, reminds eligible ranchers and livestock producers of the Dec. 10 deadline for applying for benefits under the provisions of the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) for losses incurred during calendar year 2008. For losses incurred during the 2009 calendar year, the deadline to apply for benefits is Jan 30, 2010.

LFP provides payments to eligible livestock producers that have suffered livestock grazing losses due to qualifying drought or fire. Fire losses apply to federally managed rangeland. Eligible livestock under LFP include beef cattle, alpacas, buffalo, beefalo, dairy cattle, deer elk, emus, equine, goats, llamas, poultry, reindeer, sheep and swine. For losses due to drought, qualifying draught

ratings are determined using the U.S. Drought Monitor located at <http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm/monitor.html>.

"It is imperative that livestock producers meet these deadlines for disaster assistance as there are no late file provisions for LFP," said John Rector. "To insure a smooth application process, producers should have all required supporting documentation with them at the time they visit our office to apply for benefits."

In order for an LFP applicant to qualify for program benefits, the applicant must have purchased insurance coverage through FSA's Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) or the Pasture, Rangeland and Forage Insurance (PRF) program offered through the Risk Management Agency (RMA).

Producers who meet the requirements of a socially

disadvantaged, limited resource, or beginning farmers or ranchers, as defined by the Food, Agriculture, Conservation and Trade Act of 1990, Section 2501 (e)(7 U.S.C. 2279(e)), do not have to meet this Risk Management Purchase Requirement (RMPR) and, therefore, are not required to have paid the buy-in fee.

LFP program applicants should note that in addition to risk management provisions, certain payment limitation and adjusted gross income eligibility requirements must be met in order to qualify for livestock disaster program benefits.

For more information or to apply for LFP and other USDA Farm Service Agency disaster assistance programs, please contact the Knox County FSA office at 940-658-3537. Information can also be obtained on line at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.



Participants in the 2009 D3 food show pictured left to right: Sonora Escamilla, Kate Baker, Peyton Shipp, Aleixa Jimenez and Callie Cude.

A Note from the Desk of the Sheriff

By Dean W. Homstad

Holidays are upon us again. Seems like they come around quicker every year. Time for everyone to get together, eat too much and hopefully have a good time with family and friends. Too bad for everyone when a careless moment, thought, or not thinking, leads to trouble. What I am referring to is not locking your vehicle when you

get out of it. You should lock your vehicle EVERY TIME you get out. How many times have you driven up to your house or store and just run in to get something or do something, then it ends up taking longer than you thought? We have several reports through every year with someone getting out of the vehicle at a store, only to return minutes later to discover a purse

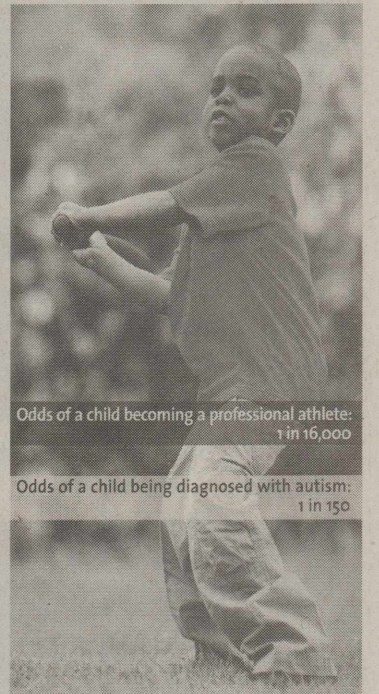
or other important items missing from an unlocked vehicle. Other times, a person will be working outside their residence, leaving their vehicle door unlocked, only to end up going inside for the night forgetting to lock the door. The next morning, valuables; including money, purses, guns, checkbooks (to name a few), are missing with no idea of who or when it was taken.

If you have the good fortune to be able to buy any amount of gifts for Christmas, take care of them, keep them out of sight in the vehicle and again, be sure the vehicle is locked. If you run out of room in the trunk, throw a blanket over the items to make them less obvious.

When you leave the house LOCK the doors. A very determined thief will make the effort to enter anyway, but you

don't have to invite them in with unlocked doors. I have heard it said many times, "If someone wants to steal your car, it's better to leave the keys in the vehicle so they don't break into your house to get the keys." Okay, leave your keys in the vehicle, that way they will take your car and leave the rest of us alone. I have yet to see, in this area, where a vehicle was stolen without the keys being left in it, and that includes 35 years as a resident and over 20 years Law Enforcement. What am I trying to convince you to do?? Lock your vehicle after you take out your keys, and lock your house. DO this everytime you leave wither one, if even for a short time. I know we have some very responsible residents in Knox County who mean well, but these days, forget the idea that crooks are not among us in a small town, because they are everywhere. Even your good neighbor may have some unruly kinfolk who come to visit and take advantage of our hospitality, then leae the neighborhood in disarray because of theft or burglary.

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people were transported to the Knox County Hospital by Knox County EMS. These two people were treated and released for non life threatening injuries.

The Knox County Sheriff's Office wishes to thank all those involved in assisting in this matter. The Sheriff's Office would also like to take this time to remind all citizens of Knox county to be careful on the roadways this Holiday season and help us by reporting suspected drunk drivers. The life it saves could be someone you love.

LOOKING

The Knox County Retired School Personnel will have their monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 24th, at 2:30 in Fellowship Hall of the O'Brien First Baptist Church. Linda Haynes, Child Protective Services worker in Haskell, will bring a program about the work done by her office and the Knox County Child Welfare Board. Hostesses for the meeting will be Sherry Hacker and Sandy Railsback.

Members are reminded to bring

their gifts of children's books and gifts for the county nursing homes in addition to the annual totals for volunteer hours and steps for Walks a Million.

PLAYOFFS!!!! Munday vs. Bronte-- November 21st at 7:30pm at Shotwell Stadium in Abilene. Munday will be the visitor.

Fourquare church will host a satelite presentation of Rick Larson's Star of Bethlehem on November 29th at 6 -7:30. The following Sunday, December 6th, Foursquare will show The Case for Christmas with Lee Strobel at 6 p.m.

CORRECTION: Foursquare 75th anniversary will be held December 12th and 13th. They will be "Celebrating our Past and Connecting with our Future". All are invited to attend and worship with them. Please call Gary or Wanda at 658-3345 for more information

HEALTH

tion in the deficit an example of something that's "costly" to taxpayers - and only in a quickly deteriorating American media

would defense spending be reported with almost zero context.

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the cabinet, filled with peeled, sliced potatoes. Covered with water like good cooks do so the slices won't darken while waiting to be cooked.

Most of the cooks were niece's age, but had been running kitchens quite a while. It wasn't that they could mash potatoes, it was just too many cooks

crowding the kitchen with no one responsible for cooking potatoes. Somehow, Thanksgiving survived. The big bowl of raw potatoes probably got carried to the creek fence and dumped for the rabbits and raccoons. To this day, the cook-dumper hasn't confessed.

The Knox County Veterans Day program and meal were well attended. For this years program, organizers tried to arrange with the Air Force for a fly over above the program site. Bigger towns always got the show. Except this year. This year the fly over was heading for mid-town Benjamin, it was a little early, but it was there. Then it shifted, a little to the north, and was gone... you know how geese are.

The military exhibit at the Wichita-Brazos museum drew visitors both morning and afternoon. Quite a few, especially people from out of town, visited the museum for the first time.

As requested, some photographs were donated for the veterans Albums on November 11. If anyone discovered on Nov. 11 that their family's veteran has no picture on his or her page, then feel free to send a copy of your picture to the museum. If you bring a picture into the museum, a copy can be made and you can keep your original photograph. Ruby and her brother, Brian Jones, were brought from Abernathy by Ruby's daughter. The Jones family came to Knox County from Wheeler in 1908 along with the Masterson family.

They enjoyed trading stories with Ruth Lowrance about the ranch. Members of the Jones family were connected to the

Masterson's JY Ranch for most of the first half of the 20th century while Lowrance's have owned the ranch since the mid 1950s into the present 21st century. She is very interested in stories about the ranch, old maps and photographs from past years.

Ila Mae Bullio has sent a clipping from the Nov. 6, 2009 Lubbock Avalanche Journal about the passing of Pauline "Polly" Cash on Nov 3.

Polly Cash was born April 25, 1920 to Guy and Rehe Neoma Smyer n Lorenzo, TX. She married the late Wayne Cash and they lived in Lubbock many years. He was the son of the late Monroe and _____ (Black) Cash of Truscott and Gilliland. Survivors include a daughter, Martha Sue Massey; two sons, Roy Don Cash & wife, Judy and Jerry Cash & wife, Vicki; eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and 2 great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, a brother-AlbertSmyer, a daughter, Kay Patillo, and a granddaughter-Toni Sue Massey.

Such obituary notes from out of town are much appreciated as former residents like the Cashed still have friends, neighbors and relatives in this area.

Ila Mae, a former Truscott postmaster, who once taught at Benjamin, also sent a note about her husband, the late Paul Bollion, who was a WWII veteran. Paul was in the Northern Africa campaign. From Africa, he went to Europe, where they were held off the coast of Salerno, Italy several days because of being shelled by shore guns and airplanes flying over.

Then they entered Italy and eventually marched up to Rome. Italy was front page news for many, many long, long days. Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's U.S. Fifth Army landed at Salerno September 9, 1943... 66 years ago.

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