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Christmas in November 2009 to Be Held On Nov. 28th

The Knox City Chamber of Commerce announces the 8th Annual Christmas in November for 2009. Festivities will begin in the downtown area at 5 p.m. Live music, Christmas lights, late evening shopping, and most importantly the arrival of Santa Claus will highlight the evening events.

Designed to promote and offer support for our local businesses, this annual event provides an opportunity for family and friends to experience 'Christmas in November...Knox City style!' Merchants in the downtown area will be offering special promotions, snack foods for sampling, and an opportunity to win Santa Dollars! During the week of November 23 -28, you will be given one ticket for every \$10 you spend, and on Saturday, two tickets for every \$10. These tickets will enter you in a drawing for a chance to win \$100 in Santa Dollars. The Chamber of Commerce is once again sponsoring the Santa Dollars, with a total of four drawings for \$100 each time. The drawings will be held at 7:15 p.m. in the Gazebo at the downtown Merchants' Park. The Chamber offers these drawings as an incentive to shop at home and to offer support for all of our local businesses. Remember, YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO

A very special addition to the festivities this year will be live music. In the true spirit of Christmas, a group of local, talented artists have VOLUNTEERED to provide a selection of Christmas music for our listening pleasure. The group consists of Ron Stanfield, Sherry Reed, Tracy Carter, Steve Pepper and Delbert Lloyd. I hear they have been rehearsing a little and are looking forward to sharing their version of Christmas cheer with the community. This addition will definitely enhance the holiday mood! Thank you all for doing this!

This Chamber event is intended to kick off the Holiday season with 'Knox City' flair. The stores and windows will be dressed in their finest, Christmas music will fill the air, the streets and buildings will be lit with Christmas lights. Santa will be making his list as he visits with the boys and girls, and there will be an air of excitement and good will. All this will provide a great opportunity to shop, visit, enjoy the downtown area, and maybe win some Christmas dollars. The Chamber of Commerce extends a cordial invitation to all for this annual event. Bring your friends and family and celebrate Christmas Knox City style!



Munday Mogals Quarterback draws back to throw as a blocker pushes off sack attempts from Bronte rushers. Munday Mogals won this game 42-36 after running one into the end zone as the clock ran out in the fourth quarter. The Mogals will be going on to the quarterfinals to play Lindsay at Memorial stadium in Wichita Falls this Friday night at 7:30. Come out and support Knox County Football! (Photo by Sid Smart)

Denton Field House Named After Benjamin High School Alumnus

By TAMARA SMART

Many old timers around Knox County can tell the tales of Jim Bateman. Long Before Coach Bateman became "Coach", he ran the halls of Benjamin School, ran around with Benjamin buddies, eventually graduated in 1958, and, four years later after receiving an bachelors degree from Hardin Simmons University, in 1962, began his coaching career in Knox City with the Greyhounds.

Soon Bateman moved to Denton where he would later become hailed as the "winningest coach in the storied history of Denton School"... an easy claim to make about a man who from the year 1985 until 1988 did not lose one game in regular season play; taking his team to a 24 consecutive win status. Under Coach Bateman's direction, the Denton Broncos make the playoffs seven times, including 6 consecutive trips from '82-

Not only was Jim Bateman known as a superior Coach, but as a man of "integrity", a 'gentleman" and "a good friend". According to the Denton School Board President, Jim Alexander, "[The administration at Denton] hopes that all the players who go in and out of that field house are reminded of the role model



Coach Batmen represented" (as Fulton Street in Denton as his reported in the Denton Record Chronicle).

Coach Bateman died in legacy lives on, though in a scholarship which was set up in his honor and now on the outer walls of the Field House on name is displayed in bold black

Knox County is proud to be March, 2008 of Leukemia. His the hometown for this renowned man, as he displays, even after he parting from this Earth, the values and morals of a Knox County raising.

Wyman Meinzer Awarded Distinguished Alumnus Award from Texas Tech University By TAMARA SMART



Every year, three past graduates of the Texas Tech student body get awarded a very honorable 'Distinguished Alumnus" Award. This award is given to those graduates who have shown a 'significant enhancement" to their surrounding world through dedicated service.

From a school which graduates several 100 people into the working world every year, being one of three who have left a lasting legacy that their alma mater seeks them out to honor them as one of their own is an amazing deal.

Wyman was noted on the Texas Tech website with the following introduction: "The name Wyman

Meinzer is synonymous with photography. For years, he has been delighting people with his depictions of the Texas landscape and the creatures that inhabit it, as well as other parts of the globe." Because of this addition to today's literature from Mr. Meinzer, the alumni association picked him from hundreds of thousands alumni to honor at the Distinguished Alumni Dinner which was held last Friday night, November 20th, after the Tech/University of Oklahoma game.

The other two Alumni who were honored were well-known Houston businessman, Larry D. Johnson, who is the founder, president and chief executive officer of The Johnson Development Company; and Douglas E. Barnhart, the chief executive officer of Makena Consulting Inc., a consulting company for large construction, engineering and construction management firms and Chairman of J. Reese Construction, Inc. Both firms are based in San Diego, Calif.

Unlike the other two noted alumni, Wyman is unique in his membership of these "great men" because of his upbringing. If anything, Wyman hopes this award "gives kiddos from small communities hope." See WYMAN page 13

LOOKING

Downtown Knox City on November 28th. Come meet Santa, shop in your local stores swing by WestMark Realty Grand Opening, Donate to Angels and Wise Men Anything Drive and start celebrating the upcoming holiday with friends, family and neighbors! Events start at 5:00 pm; drawing for Santa dollars will be at 7:15 pm. For more information call the Chamber of Commerce.

KNOX COUNTY AGING CENTER IS SELLING RAFFLE TICKETS ON A BEAUTIFUL **FULL SIZE HAND CRAFTED QUILT MADE BY STELLA** CARVER, THE DRAWING WILL BE HELD ON DEC.

See LOOKING Page 13



Shelby Stiewert and her Streusel-topped pumpkin pie that won first place in the Munday Chamber of Commerce's Harvest Fest. (Courtesy Photo)

STREUSEL-TOPPED PUMPKIN PIE

Filling:

1 can (15 oz.) pumpkin

1 can (12 oz.) evaporated milk

3/4 cup sugar

2 eggs

1-1/2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice

1/4 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon vanilla

Streusel:

1/4 cup brown sugar, packed

2 tablespoons flour

2 tablespoons butter, softened 1/2 cup pecans, chopped

Crust:

1 9" deep-dish pie crust, unbaked

Preheat oven to 425°. 1.

2. Prepare crust for 9" deep-dish pie pan.

In large bowl, beat eggs; add sugar, salt and pumpkin pie spice; mix well. 3. Stir in pumpkin; add vanilla; pour in evaporated milk and mix until smooth.

Pour into unbaked pie shell and bake for 15 minutes in 425° oven.

Reduce oven temperature to 350° and bake for 15 minutes. 5.

Meanwhile, in small bowl, mix streusel ingredients by hand. 6.

Sprinkle streusel over pumpkin filling. Bake 15 to 20 minutes longer or 7. until knife inserted in center comes out clean.

8. Cool completely.

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OPINION

The Madness Returns

By Robert Parry Reprinted from Consortium

The hoopla over former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin's memoir is the latest sign that the madness, which has dominated American political life for most of the last three decades, has returned - and may be on its way to a political restoration in 2010 and beyond.

The outbreak of Palin-mania follows the right-wing enthusiasm over the accusations about President Barack Obama's being born in Kenya, the phenomenon around Fox News personality Glenn Beck, the Tea Party rallies, and last summer's town hall disruptions over health-care re-

This excitement has given hope to national Republicans who believe they're headed toward a return to power sooner rather than later. They have even succeeded in shifting the blame for the massive federal debt and the bank bailouts onto Obama and Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner, when those two mostly handled the messy triage after George W. Bush left behind a multi-car crash with bodies scattered all around.

The Republicans also are gaining traction with the old nostrum that got the United States into the current calamity, a reprise of Ronald Reagan's mantra of tax cuts for the rich, a smaller social safety net, corporate deregulation, and a tough-talking foreign policy.

is wrapped around clever talking points that appeal to many Americans conditioned for decades to despise "lib-rhuls." Yet, some GOP arguments are head-snapping, such as the Republican anti-health-reform claim that the party's goal is to

While the Republicans and the Right are having fun returning to this politically promising world of make-believe, Obama and the Democrats are plodding forward with all the joy of bedraggled war refugees dragging their life's belongings behind them in an oxcart.

protect Medicare.

The struggle for health-care reform has turned into a long, excruciating march with many of the most worthwhile features - like a true cost-saving system, either a single-payer approach or a robust public option - cast away like family valuables left on the roadside to lighten the painful load.

In the 10 months since Obama was inaugurated on that bitterly cold day in January, he has been transformed from a beacon of hope and change into a cautionary tale, a symbol of what happens to a thoughtful man who is overly accommodating to both rivals and erstwhile allies.

By letting health-reform deadlines slip - and especially allowing Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus to dilly-dally by negotiating with Republicans who simply wanted to string out the process - Obama managed to look weak and inde-

Their "free market" message cisive, rather than bipartisan and mainstream reporters who dug conciliatory.

> And the times when his ad-right-wing positions. ministration has acted forthsial, if not unpatriotic and un-American.

Meanwhile, the American sideline critic, giving Obama almost no credit for his brave acts and lots of blame for his compromises. Progressives also have done little to build an infrastrucother institutions that can challenge today's right-wing dominance in what the Right likes to call the "war of ideas."

The Reagan Revolution

traced back three decades to the the Left largely dismantled its media outlets and think tanks, especially in the news center of Washington. Leading progresliberal strongholds such as San Francisco.

building its own Establishment centered in Washington. Besides its own media outlets and think tanks, the Right spent large sums of money in creating anti-journalism attack groups to go after

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up information that undermined

Into that shifting situation of rightly, such as when it released the late-1970s stepped Ronald evidence of George W. Bush's Reagan, a charming grade-B torture policies and announced movie actor, corporate pitchman trials in New York federal court and former California governor. for five 9/11 defendants, the Unlike the responsible but drearight-wing and mainstream news ry President Jimmy Carter, who media have portrayed those rea- talked about the need to conserve sonable decisions as controver- energy and rein in wasteful materialism, Reagan made everything seem simple and fun.

Though dubbed The Great Left has reverted to its role as Communicator, Reagan really wasn't that great an orator. His secret was that - as an actor and adman – he understood that Americans wanted the world presented in easy blacks and ture of media, think tanks and whites, while enjoying flattering tales about their own innate goodness.

So, Reagan engaged in systematic exaggerations - about the black-hat evils of government, All these tendencies can be big unions, environmentalists, "welfare queens" and the Evil post-Vietnam War days when (Soviet) Empire and about the white-hat goodness of American Way consumerism, unrestrained capitalism, a beefed-up U.S. military and "freedom-fighters" sives mostly retreated to distant from Nicaragua to Angola to Afghanistan.

To present such a black-and-Simultaneously, the Right be- white world required control gan pouring hundreds of millions of information, so Reagan's - even billions - of dollars into Washington foot soldiers, especially a bright young cadre

known as neoconservatives, sought control of key information sources. As the shock troops for what's called "information warfare," the neocons targeted independent-mindedWashington journalists and the CIA's analytical division.

The neocons' behind-thescenes victories over those two groups - made easier by the American Left's abandonment of the information battlefield - proved decisive in setting the nation's political course for three decades. The United States veered off into Reagan's world of fear and fantasy. [For details, see Robert Parry's Secrecy & Privilege.]

The Interludes

Even during brief respites of relative sanity, such as when some of Reagan's dirty secrets spilled out in the Iran-Contra Affair or when Bill Clinton finally ended the 12-year Reagan-Bush-I reign, the trend away from rationality never was seriously addressed. Rather, the Democrats looked to finesse the falsehoods and avoid ugly con-

Because of that, the madness could quickly resume. For instance, during the first year of Clinton's presidency, the potent right-wing media invented or exaggerated a host of "scandals," such as Clinton's Whitewater real estate deal, the Travel-gate

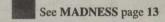
firing of some holdover White House staff, and the "murder" of White House deputy counsel Vincent Foster, who actually had committed suicide.

In February 1994, when I attended the Conservative Political Action Conference, what I saw was a glimpse of the future. Right-wingers were hawking frat-boy-style magazines showing Hillary Clinton semi-nude and videos recounting Bill Clinton's supposed "murders" and other crimes.

There was a locker-roomstyle madness to the scene, much like the blustery irreverence on the talk radio shows of Rush Limbaugh, G. Gordon Liddy and other Clinton-haters.

At the time, Democrats tended to dismiss the significance of this right-wing media assault. Instead, they sought bipartisanship and focused on legislative achievements, such as passing a deficit-reduction bill and pressing for reform of the healthcare system. But congressional Republicans responded by doing whatever they could to delay and sabotage Clinton's key initia-

Backed by a populist upsurge, which found its voice in the Clinton-hating media, the Republicans mounted a powerful comeback. Both the House and





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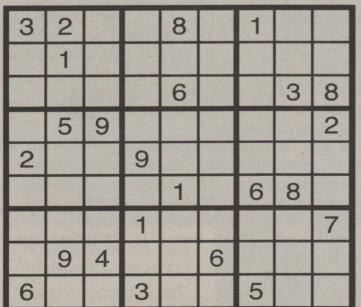
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One Day At A Time

My wife Sharon is getting stronger. She is still ill - and I guess she'll be for months, but the difference is night and day compared to the previous eight weeks.

She still receives five IVs a day of heavy-duty antibiotics. When they determine she is healthy enough, she will begin oral antibiotics.

Sharon has made two public appearances. We went out for a late lunch a few days ago and two a civic engagement the next day. Those events wore her out pretty good.

She goes through times when she has some energy - which she burns on her computer trying to get caught up with work some. With basically no immune system, she gets tired easily and her stamina is

lacking to say the least. Sharon's main hurdle right now is her high sedimentation rate or sed rate. Without going into too much detail - the high set rate means she is still fighting infection. It takes a lot of time to get it to normal

after being as septic as she was following her colon rupture. From what my pea brain can ascertain from two months of this, Sharon should be completely recovered by the fall of 2010. Basically a full year of her life dedicated to getting well.

Following her recovery, she should be good to go for the rest of her life, which, Lord willing, will be three or four decades. In other words, once she's through with her meds and has another surgery, when should live a nice, normal life.

As you know, our lifestyle has changed drastically since this ordeal began. We are at the house most of the time and I take the boys where they need to go. The extra time with our children has been wonderful despite the constant messes.

Thanks to our family and friends, Monday is the first day either child has been absent from school. Sutton Hawk, 4, missed preschool because we took him with us to Sharon's weekly appointment in

Amarillo. I'm glad, I like to watch him flirt! My mother always said I was girl crazy when I was a small boy, but that child takes the cake. He

loves the ladies, even though he's been using the "shy" routine to work his magic. The difference between Jack, 6, and Sutton are vast when it comes to girls. I can name you several girls between the ages of 3 and 50 which Sutton has requested a visit from. The other day he asked me

to get him something for a certain young lady while we were at the store. I told him since it was his girl,

it needed to be his money. That actually worked! With so many major issues in this country, it really does boil down to friends and family. Regard-

less if you are a Democrat, an Independent or a Republican, I think it is safe to say that there are issues in rural America which are vastly ignored. Despite the fact we are 80 million strong, we have very little representation compared to our urban friends. We've got to do something to get this changed. Many of the policies Washington is considering will hurt our small towns because we are an after-

thought. Our small-town banks are punished because of their success when the government comes knocking with it's hand out. Many small businesses in our towns will be pushed to the limit and beyond because

of additional taxes and unfunded mandates placed on them by Uncle Sam.

In retrospect, Congress should have used the initial stimulus money on infrastructure projects - roads and bridges. That would have kept unemployment down. Back when they were talking about the Trans-Texas Corridor, it was going to cost north of a billion

dollars, and that highway was an Interstate on steroids. Can you imagine the good that could have been done had this country received a cash infusion for infrastructure only to the tune of \$800 billion? We could have had our terrible road problems solved.

Instead, they used your money and gave it to giant banks and other businesses deemed "too large to

With \$200 billion remaining in the original stimulus, do you think they'll use that to actually create jobs? Do you think they'll give that back to the taxpayers? I just bet they could insure all 30 million uninsured citizens and all illegal immigrants with that money.

Friends, continue to let your elected officials know that this country is broke and you expect results when they take your money without permission.

Tell them they are gambling and losing with YOUR money, not theirs.

Tell them you still expect them to live up to their campaign promises. Tell them to get together and represent ALL OF US!

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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.

A good man is hard to find. So is kale.

When I ran across some the other night at Wal-Mart (kale -- not men), I could have burst into song:

"Kale, kale, the gang's all here."

I grabbed the kale and a fat red cabbage. Then I looked for yams, the other main ingredient in may favorite kale recipe.

But the gang wasn't all there. No yams. No sweet potatoes. Is there a difference? Who knows? Bottom line, the store had neither, at least not in the produce section. I finally settled on canned cut yams in light syrup -- my only latenight option.

OK. Once I got to the farm with those canned yams, they worked fine in my recipe, especially by the time I'd added ginger, onion, soy sauce, salt and a couple of substitutions -- Parkay and bacon grease for olive oil and several dashes of jalapeno Tabasco instead of a serrano chile, seeded and diced. Also, I added a leek because I had one and left out the garlic because I didn't have any.

Yum. It was good, and the colors were spectacular - a complimentary mix of orange, purple and green. Everything would have been fine except for the thought that nagged:

How could an Arkansasbased grocery-retail chain run out of sweet potatoes at a Texas superstore - especially just a couple of weeks before Thanksgiving? I'd say it's un-American - un-Southern, at least -- not to have a bin of sweet potatoes somewhere in

the vicinity of all the regular potatoes. Never mind that the name of my recipe is "Spicy African Kale and Yams.' Maybe the sweet potato truck overturned somewhere west of Bentonville.

Some of you aren't listening. You're still shuddering at the thought of substituting bacon grease and Parkay for olive oil. It worked. In a way, grease is grease, even when it's olive oil. For example, in World War II, rapeseed oil - canola oil, by any other name -- worked nicely in steam engines. Who would have thought? And one of my favorite childhood books was about a cow that got stuck in the silo door. They rubbed shortening on her and squeezed her right out. Our farm didn't have a silo, but I knew if we ever got one we'd be ready to deal with a stuck cow because we always had Crisco.

You learn stuff like that inventive ways to use things - both at war and on the farm. Why drive to town for parts if baling wire will work? Or make a run for baking powder if you've got a box of Arm & Hammer in the fridge?

As for my midnight dinner, I like to think the goodness of the kale offset the bad effects of fake butter and hog fat

Kale, by the way, is what butchers use around red meat to make it look really red. Once, when I couldn't find kale at the supermarket, the butcher gave me some.

That's what I call a good man.

ONTHE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE by Baxter Black, DVM

TWO KINDS OF DAIRYMEN

The Hindu dairymen, represented by the Hare Krishna (HK) in the United States, have much in common with dairymen from California, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin. The HK dairy is in West Virginia and is called New Vrinaban. They refer to themselves as a cow sanctuary. The big distinction is they never cull a cow. Granted, this sounds familiar to many a ranch wife who has often heard her husband shout over the noise of the preg checkin' chute, "I know she's open and got no teeth, but let's run her one more year!"

When you hear that the HK cowmen sometimes name their cows, that's not remarkable. I can recall Nicole, Two Dot and Dallas from my own bunch!

The HK comment that "...cows are very dear to us, we take care of them like our own family." How many hundreds of times have you 'normal' cattlemen missed dinner, stayed up all night, nursed calves in the bathtub, ridden into a blinding blizzard, fired up the generator to keep milking, gone into debt and put your human family second behind a cow in distress?

The HK dairy cows eat grain while they are being milked twice a day. They preach the 'power' of cows to provide everything from milk for their children to manure for their farm, They make butter, yogurt and sweets. DITTO for traditional dairymen.

But the paths of these two dairymen diverge in a profound way when the HK states, "slaughtering an animal is not natural for human beings." Have they not seen the paintings on the cave walls? Where do they get these ideas? Why did they invent the sharp knife and BBQ sauce? For cole slaw?

So how do these HK dairymen earn the approximately \$100,000 a year they say is required to pay for the hay, the barn, the workers and property taxes on an 80 head operation where cows are never culled and less than 10% are in the milking string?

They Fund Raise. That's right. Just like Peta, the Sierra Club, HSUS, the Farm Sanctuary, and other ANTI groups who rattle their bells and beg on the fringes of American's abundantly productive agricultural symphony. "Adopt a cow!" is their plea. I suspect they think their cause is as worthy as cancer research, the Make-A-Wish Foundation, and the ALS Foundation, who are competing for that same dollar. In truth I don't begrudge eccentrics and entrepreneurs who are trying to make a dollar. The HK say they worship cows. Yet they still keep them in confinement, breed them, milk them and profit from their sacrifice. I sense a twinge of hypocrisy in their righteousness.

I've kept old horses long after their usefulness has waned. However, I don't beg money from the government or my friends to support my personal whims.

rt my personal whims.

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1s it just me, or did somewhere along the way we get our priorities out of whack? "Milk ... it's what's for Dinner!"

We appreciate you, our readers!

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Brazos Valley Care Home News

Well. October has already come and gone and we are time to put up the summer things Halloween night. They always and break out the sweaters and jackets. All the bright sunny colors are changed to browns. gold, and reds.

We had 4 birthdays this month with a party on the 20th. Who doesn't love birthday

The Pink Ladies Auxiliary, hosted our Halloween party and had all kinds of goodies for us. We thank all of them for their hard work and hope they had as good a time as we did. The servers were, Glenda Huff, Dan Reeves, Judy Leaverton, Lou Vail, June Tankersley, Billy Walker, and Frances King. Thank you all for

a job well done.

The residents also enjoyed getting into the fall mode. It's receiving trick or treaters enjoy guessing who all the spooks are.

> Our thanks to June Tankersley for playing the piano at the Halloween party and doing rhythm band the second Wednesday of each month.

We would also like to thank our community churches for being here on Sundays. The Baptist church of Knox City was here on Sunday the 4th, the Foursquare Church came on the 11th, the First Methodist Church was here on the 18th and the Abundant Life was here on 25th

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Museum News A large crowd attended the Veterans Day Memorial set up in the dining hall where

celebration on Wednesday attendees could purchase the new November 11, 2009. After the 2010 Business of Knox County program ended at the memorial Calendars. The calendars have site a hamburger lunch was served old pictures of Knox County at the Benjamin Ex Students Business and features ads from Center, sponsored by the Knox the past on both front and back County Historical Commission covers. Also on sale were to help support the Veterans the cookbooks, Museum and Memorial. One volunteer said the Veterans Memorial postcards and line came through so long and so note cards and posters. The same fast that those trying to serve the items were sold at the Museum. heated buns couldn't heat them was a "build-your-own project," the netting a profit of \$900.00

which will be given away at the morning and afternoon hours. February Meal. The quilt pattern tickets are now on sale at the and seeing old friends. Wichita Brazos Museum and will be sold by various other people.

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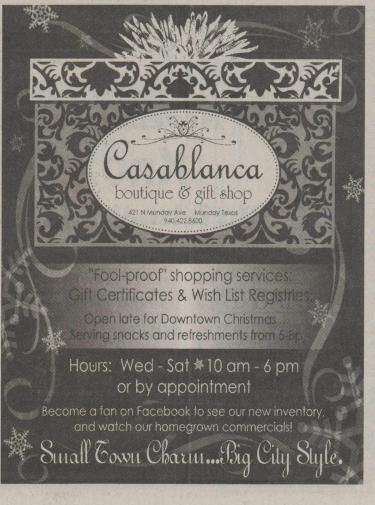
The Museum had a table

Many visited the Museum for fast enough. The rest of the line the first time and enjoyed seeing annual Special Military with a bowl of beans, drinks and and community exhibits. The cobbler included. Over 300 are Museum is a good warm place believed to have been served to wait before the Veterans Day Program begins. Those who attended the might want to remember this for meal had an opportunity to see next year.) People from both out the beautiful quilt donated and of town and County residents pieced by Mary Cartwright, visited the Museum both in the

As we gathered to honor our is called "Dresden Plate," and is Knox County Veterans everyone done in shades of maroon. Quilt enjoyed visiting with each other

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Commissioner's Court Meets in Regular Session

October, 2009, there was conducted a REGULAR Meeting of the Honorable Commissioners' Court of Knox County, Texas, at the Courthouse thereof, in the City of Benjamin, Texas, for the purpose of transacting any and all business that may lawfully be brought before the same.

Knox County Judge Travis Floyd, called the Regular Meeting to order at 1:30 P.M. Commissioners Jimmy Urbanczyk, Johnny Birkenfeld, Dan Godsey, Johnny McCown, County Attorney Megan Suarez, County Sheriff Dean Homstad, County Treasurer Rosie Ake, County Clerk Annette Offutt, and County Court Coordinator Michelle Esquivel, were present. Also present were Donald Kelm, Lorrie Coop, and Anthony Munoz representing Texas A&M Extension Services.

The Court considered the following matters as posted and filed for Record in the office of the County Clerk October 9th, 2009.

There were no Public Comments.

Donald Kelm, from Texas A&M Extension Services gave a report on the activities of the Extension Services.

Commissioner Godsey made the motion seconded by Commissioner Birkenfeld to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held September 14th, 2009. The motion passed five to zero.

The Court considered the appointment of Paula Cowsert to serve on the Knox County Welfare Board; Commissioner Urbanczyk made the motion to approve the appointment, Commissioner McCown seconded, all agreed.

Commissioner McCown made the motion to approve a six percent rate for the Texas County & District Retirement System. Commissioner Birkenfeld seconded, the motion passed five to

After considering the issue concerning the 2010

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 12th day of Holiday Schedule Commissioner Birkenfeld made the motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Godsey. The motion passed five to zero.

> Commissioner McCown made the motion to apply for an Indigent Defense Grant that is being made available to Counties; Commissioner

Urbanczyk seconded the motion all agreed.

Upon considering a resolution authorizing Breast Cancer Awareness Commissioner Birkenfeld made the motion to proclaim October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Commissioner McCown seconded the motion; the motion passed

Commissioner Urbanczyk made the motion to apply for an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant; the motion was seconded by Commissioner McCown, the vote was five to zero

Upon considering the need during Sonny Correll's absence, Judge Floyd made the motion seconded by Commissioner Godsey to hire a part time janitor, all agreed.

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

Commissioner Godsey made the motion to take bids on two new Motor Graders and trade in two of the old ones. Commissioner Birkenfeld seconded. The motion passed five to zero.

Commissioner McCown made the motion seconded by Commissioner Godsey to approve the financials and pay the bills for September 2009.

There being no further business to come before the Court Commissioner Godsey made the motion to adjourn, Commissioner Birkenfeld seconded.

APPROVED this the 9th Day of October,

nonagricultural

significant

Professional

10.2 percent.

downturn."

Health Services.

The Texas

in Texas increased by 41,700

positions in October with

Services and Education and

adjusted unemployment rate rose

slightly to 8.3 percent in October,

up from 8.2 percent a month

ago, and continued to trend

well below the U.S. seasonally

adjusted unemployment rate of

job market regained some lost

ground experienced over the past

several months, although it is too

soon to indicate a trend," said

Texas Workforce Commission

(TWC) Chairman Tom Pauken.

"The Texas unemployment rate

continued to edge upward as

our state continues to feel the

effects of the national economic

October with the addition of

14.900 jobs, and Professional

and Business Services added

10,800 positions in October.

Employment in the Financial

Activities industry increased by

in October are good news,

alternative, but we remain

concerned about the many

Texans who still cannot find

work," said TWC Commissioner

Representing Labor Ronny

Congleton. "We want to

encourage those seeking work to

take advantage of the job-search

and training services available

at our workforce centers across

and Hospitality industry was

up in October by 2,600 jobs,

while Trade, Transportation and

Utilities reported an increase

of 2,500 positions in October.

continued to experience job

losses with a decrease of 9,400

increased employment reports

across most industries in

October specifically in the service providing sector which

includes health care, business

and finance," said TWC

Commissioner Representing the

Public Andres Alcantar. "TWC

and the 28 local workforce

development boards remain

determined to help out-of-work

Texans find jobs."

"We are encouraged by

employment

Employment in the Leisure

Texas."

Construction

jobs last month.

"Reports of job gains

4,500 jobs in October.

Education and Health

"In October, the Texas

increases

and Business

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employment

God's Promises

By Jim Reid, Pastor O'Brien Baptist Church

Every Christian wants to have an effective prayer life. Many times we ask God for answers that we seem not to receive. Perhaps many Christians even lose their confidence in

prayer because they did not see an answer to their request. Is this fair of us not to keep praying, if we feel that God did not answer our prayer?

Jesus taught much about prayer, therefore we want to be sure that we understand the significance of prayer. Jesus wants us to know that if we want our prayer answered we must:

- 1. Learn to pray consistently. If we only go to God in time of need or emergency then we are only praying with a selfish heart. We're only considering our self without any respect to God's Holiness or His desire of us. We must rely upon God each and every day to have continual communication with Him and go to Him confessing and repenting of our sins. We also want to remember to pray daily thanking Him for our provision and protection over our family from temptation and evil.
- 2. Learn that answers don't always come with convenience. We must be persistent with our requests to God. He is our Father and just like our earthly father He wants to hear our warranted need. There isn't a time that prayer is inconvenient to God, but we must not only pray when it is convenient for us to pray, but to pray always.
- Learn that consolation comes as your reward. God gives each believer the Holy Spirit to indwell or live within the believer. It is His power that speaks to God and knows the heart of God. He will then speak to you the heart of God. It His Holy Spirit that enables us to be comforted with His answers to our prayers and to bring about the answer through the power of the Holy

I encourage reading Luke 11: 1-13 and trust God to give you understanding and answers. May the love of God be seen in your life in everyway everyday.



office. Blackburn Media Group owns seven newspapers. We build each one in our office.

On Tuesdays, we start with Hollis due to the press at 10 a.m., followed by Wellington due at 2 p.m., then Memphis due at 3 p.m. and we finish the day with Floydada due at 5 p.m. It's a high stress day. An earplug day if you will. Let's just say we've instituted a swear jar. You say a bad word, you put a quarter in the swear jar. Needless to say I now need a raise thanks to that

But I digress. Knowing it's a high stress day and it's hard to fit lunch in we have started a tradition this week that someone will bring lunch. Jami Rash kicked it off this week with a very tasty Posole.

Posole is a traditional soup/ stew from Mexico and Tuesday was the first time I had tasted it. It's very good. Jami did a great job and was kind enough to let me use the recipe.

Tex-Mex Posole Stew Ingredients

1 small pork tenderloin 2 - 14oz. cans chicken Services employment grew in broth

2 stalks celery, chopped

4 cloves garlic minced 1 tbs. crushed red pepper

1 large onion chopped 2 cans yellow hominy

3 cans diced green chilies 1 bunch fresh cilantro

chopped

4 corn tortillas torn into and certainly better than the pieces

1 tbs. cumin 1 tbs. cayenne pepper

salt and pepper to taste Shredded cheese Limes cut into wedges

Directions

Cook pork tenderloin in slow cooker with chicken broth, celery, ½ of the onion, garlic and crushed red pepper. It should

Tuesday's are tough at this cook on high setting for around Serve in bowl with options of 4-5 hrs or until tender enough to be shredded with forks. You can use any kind of pork roast and just adjust the time to how tender it needs to be. Add water the Texas Coop Magazine and as needed. Don't let the pork dry

> Shred the tenderloin then add hominy, chilies, ½ of the chopped fresh cilantro, cumin, cayenne pepper and then salt and pepper to taste. If you aren't much for spicy food, leave out the cayenne. Add the torn tortilla and let cook for additional hour. Add

fresh cilantro, shredded cheese, chopped onions and lime wedges as condiments for toppings. Serves 6-8 people. This recipe was found in

tweaked by Neweta Rash. Ryan Mills is a Chief Operating Officer of Blackburn Media Group and the editor

of The Childress Index. For comments, suggestions or to submit a recipe contact him at index@chipshot.net.

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water if more liquid is needed.



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NHAT ARE YOU THANKBUL FOR

Benjamin First Grade I love Thanksgiving!

It's a fun holiday! I am thankful for my family. Hove my mom and my dad. -Madison Barrientez

Thanksgiving is fun. My mom fixes us a pumpkin pie. Thank Brumley

I love Thanksgiving! I am thankful for the Archaeopterix (it's a dinosaur). Even though they are extinct. I care for them because God made them. Thank you God for making dinosaurs. -Grace Estrado

I'm Thankful formy Thanks giving Sometimes people shoot turkeys for Thanksgiving. -Wesson Ham

On Thanksgiving I eat turkey with my family. We sometimes have pumpkin pie. I am sorry turkey, we have to eat you. I thank God God. I love Thanksgiving! I am thankful for electricity so we can see in the dark. I have so much to be thankful for. -Christian Speck

Benjamin Second Grade

It's fun to celebrate Thanks giving! I like the turkey! I am going to the Memorial building. I am thankful for my mom for giving me turkey and things that my mom bought me for Thanksgiving. I like my mom. I'm grateful for God and my life. I am thankful for my dad. I loved Thanksgiving this year. I hope next year, it will be different next year. I like Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is fun! -Jalen Barrientez

It's Thanksgiving, and I am ready! I'm thankful for Nick, Jalen, Chance, and Braden Garza. I love God. He's like a dad to me. -Chase Bohannon

Thanksgining is fun to celebrate because thanksgiving is a holiday where everyone gets to eat. This is what we eat: turkey, corn and pie. I am thankful for my mom, my brother, my sister, my dad, teacher and the USA. What are you thankful for? -Nicholas Brumley

It's family time to celebrate Thanksgiving together. I went to my grandma's and I saw my Uncle Thomas and I love him.

I am grateful for my mommy -Lexey Mendoza and my daddy and my family. They're special because they love me and I love them too. -Hope Donham

Thanksgiving is great to celebrate. Every Thanksgiving, my dad you for the pie. -Lez'leigh dresses me up as an Indian tribe them and they are nice to me... Apache. I am thankful for my parents because they love me. -Braden Garza

> It's fun to celebrate thanksgiving. I like to watch the Thanksgiving parades. I like to eat turkey. am grateful for God and Jesus. I am grateful for friends. -Jacelyn

> Thanksgiving is good to celebrate. I stay home for Thanksgiving. I jump on my trampoline.. What I'm thankful for is to live in Benjamin so I can live close to Chase. I am thankful to have such a good friend. -Dylan Kuhne

for this day. I am thankful for Thanksgiving is fun. Thank you, God, for good food. Thank you Mom for making my food. I thankful for Texas and for letting me live in Texas! -Abraham

Benjamin 3rd & 4th Grade

I Am Thankful For...

.. Thanksgiving because I can see all my family.-Laurie Beck

... My Family because if I didn't have a family, I would not be -Mechelle Knapp

.The Pumpkin Pie and all the food on Thanksgiving because it I am grateful for soldiers because tastes so good. -J.C. Espinal

... My Mom, Dad, and brother because mom and dad help me get stuff and my brother helps me with games. - Chance Bohannon

.. The music that we listen to in class because I get to sing it in -Dale Knapp the shower.

.My Great Uncle because he serves in the War for our

with them. -Caleb Barrientez

.. Animals because they make this world go round.

because it is where I was raised. My family is the best! -McKenzie Gray

.. My family because I love sometimes. -Emily Speck

.. Being able to help others because sometimes we need -Hailie Macias

.. My family because they help -Joseph Macias me.

.. Everybody because I like -Aaron Gentry everyone.

Munday First Grade Mrs. Wilde's Class:

I am grateful for my Aunt Sandy because she is coming to my house to pick up pecans with me and my dad. (Kendal Rocha)

I am grateful for our soldiers because they saved everybody in my family. (Nina Cobb)

I am grateful for God because he made me. (Carmen Lewis)

I am grateful for soldiers because they defeat the bad soldiers. (Richie Perez)

I am thankful for my dad because he makes me lunch and dinner. He reads to me and takes care of us. He loves me. (Christina

they keep us safe. (Angel Marmalejo)

I am grateful for God because he loves me (Galen Garrison)

I am grateful for my dad because my books. (Kertin Martinez) he takes care of me. He plays with me and helps me. My dad loves me. (Claire Redwine)

I am grateful for my mom because she is very sweet and she helps me. When I am crying and she -Brogan White loves me very much. She takes my cat to the hospital. She makes .My family and friends because a list. She is very nice. Mom they play with me and I have fun takes care of me. She bought me a cake. (Aimee Bowling)

> friends play with me and are nice country.(Kreece Thompson) to me. (Trinity Rodriquez)

they are nice to me and play with my spelling test. She is proud of .. My family and my home me. They sit by me and exercise me. with me in P.E. They sing with me in music and help me say a hard word in my AR book. (Jonah Hernandez)

> she cooks for me. She tucks us in bed. (Davaida Hardeman)

lets me read AR books! (Alexa grandma.

because she helps me with my have clothes and school to learn. homework. She helps me read I am thankful for clean water and

Munday Second Grade (Hall's class)

Kameron Redder... I am thankful I am grateful for mom because for my parents and my toys. I am thankful for my clothes and my hats. I am thankful for my dog.

am grateful for my teacher Raul Zavala... I am thankful because she helps me learn. She for food. I am thankful for

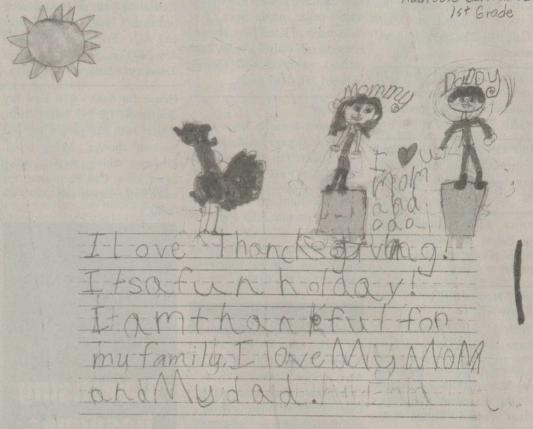
Isabella Nunez... I am thankful am grateful for my Aunt for my parents. I am thankful we

I am grateful for friends because because she helps me do good on teachers because some kids don't have any. They don't have toys, covers, a home. I am thankful for what I have. I don't need anymore than I need.

> Jessica Renee Bowling... I am thankful Mrs. Hall, my family. My friends, Byanne Mae Cude, that is one of my friends. I have lots more. I am thankful for God. I am thankful for my mom and dad and sissy.

Hunter Anderson... I am thankful for God and things God has done for us. God has given us food. I m thankful for mom and dad. I am thankful for grandma and

Madison Barrientez



am grateful for my sister Belle Dutton... I am thankful (Jasmine Swann)

because she tells me everything I need to know and understand Swearinger)

I am grateful for soldiers because I am grateful for friends because they protect me and fight for our

am grateful for my grandma

my whole entire family.

because she teaches me the for the turkey and thicken and cheers for the Munday Moguls. the dressing and the pumpkin pie and the whole entire family. That God has brought us here am grateful for my teacher everyday. That is what I am thankful for.

I will be so smart. (Ashia Bryanna Mae Cude... I'm water because in some countries Thankful for my family, my friends and animals that God made for us because some people don't have a family or friends or animals. I would hate to wear rags and stand in the rain. I'm also thankful for my school and

Emily Cottingham... thankful for my family because some kids don't have a family. I am thankful do our school because some kids don't go to school. I am thankful for the lights (electricity) because in other countries they don't have light (electricity). I am thankful clean they don't have clean water. I am thankful for what God made us because in a country, there are kids who don't have toys. I am thankful for food, because in Letters continue on page 7

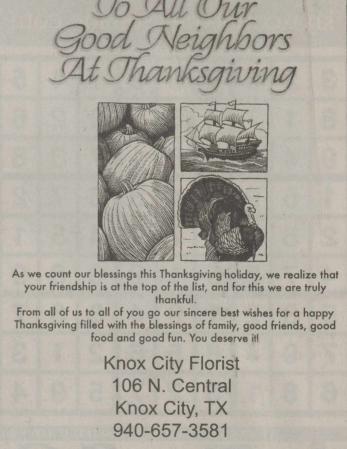


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some countries they are poor they can't buy food. I am thankful for books because some people don't have books.

Judith Evan Hunter... I am thankful for my mom and dad because some kids don't have parents. I am thankful for what God has given us. I am thankful for the food we have because people need it. I am thankful for the slothes I have because they cover me up and keep me warm. I am thankful for the home I have because when a stormy day comes I have a place to stay. I am thankful for the rain because if we didn't have rain farmers would not be able to grow

Ben Bowman... I am thankful for food, water and my mom and dad. Some people don't have a mom or a dad. I am thankful for everything.

Ana Karen Sanchez... I am thankful for what my family gave me. I love my mom because she got me an IPod but I don't bring it to school and I am grateful for what God gave us like food and

Ricardo Carranza... I am thankful for m mom and dad because my mom works so hard at cooking. My dad works so hard at farming and my cousin. I am thankful for God and my cousins.

(Wilson's Class)

I. Karsyn Sanders, am grateful for my beautiful town. And that town is Munday Texas. And I am grateful for my house, Because I have shelter. I am also grateful for my family too. Because my family and I love each other. I am also grateful for Jesus because he loves me too.

I, Jaron Roberts am grateful for my family because we play games. If I didn't have family, I wouldn't exist. I am grateful for my father because if my father left my mom I would cry.

I, Zoe Harris, am grateful for my family because without my family now, who would take care of me? I am also grateful for all of my friends because my friends help me with my problems. I am also grateful for my school because it helps me learn.

I, Cody Carlile, am grateful for my family and my great great grandma and my great great grandpa who died a long time ago. I am grateful because I have never seen them.

I, Ramiro Carranza, am grateful for family because they are nice to me and I have a house to keep me warm. And I am grateful to my cat because she never scratched me.

I. Sarah Anderson, am grateful for a family and a house and a dad. I am grateful for mimi and papa. I am grateful for my dog,

I. Monse Cedillo, am grateful for my family, my school, my house, and my cat. Because I play with my cats. My family gave me the stove that I need.

I, Makayla Grimaldo, am grateful for my daddy and my brother I, Ossiel Zavala, am grateful for for. The end. because they love me. I love my daddy and my brother. I am grateful for my house because I like my house.

I, Sydney Thompson, am grateful for my mom and dad. I am grateful for family. I don't want to be lonely. I am grateful for God and Jesus. Jesus and God are powerful. I am grateful for I'm grateful for her. my bed because it is warm.

mother and my father and my brother and my baby brother and my sister and my big sister and my papa and my step mom and my step dad and grandma because they take care of us.

I, Madelyn Mendoza, am grateful for a teacher and a school. They're great things in my life I am also thankful for my family and my friends. I would be lonely. I am grateful for lots of thins. The End.

I, Tony Castro, am grateful for my father. I love him. I like y dad and mom and my sister and

my sister. Thanks you for that. I thank you for a family. I thank you for friends.

Munday Third Grade

I, Edgar Araujo, am grateful for my mom because she is nice to me and sometimes she lets me go to work and then she will call somebody to pick me up.

I, Broderick Bove, am grateful for my family because I love my family and they love me. And I am grateful for my mom because she loves me and I love her and when I was living with my mom she took good care of me and she gave me food and drink and she bought me clothes and shoes an socks and I am grateful for Annie

bought me a bike and gives me stickers. food and drink and she loves me and I love her and I am grateful for her and for my sisters because they are nice to me and I am nice I like hugging them too and my always gives me money.

I. Yulisa Rodriguez, am grateful for my mom because she loves me so so much and because she buys me so much stuff and because she takes me and she loves me so so so so much and so I love her.

my mom and I help teach my mom to stand after her surgery.

grateful for my mom because she makes me food and she gets reason I am thankful for food, me clothes and she does a lot of stuff for me like sometimes clean my room for me and plays games

I, Sidronio Rangle, am grateful I, Rianna, am grateful for my for my dad because he will take care of me and he will cook for me and play catch with me and he will take care of me when I am sick and when my mom isn't here and he will wash the garten and then he will play football with me when I am lonely and then pie is sweet potato pie. I have he will see me and he takes me with him and he is not mean he protects me when I am in trouble and he is my favorite person in the world and plays very well.

> I, John Mendez, am grateful for my mom is grateful to gets me food in a water in a game in we play to better in my dad is grateful in we had a good time.

I, Leighya Toney, am grateful for I, Kysen Sue, am grateful for mom she is loveable and sweet to me and she helps me with my homework and my math facts but she don't tell me the answers. She says figure it our and I told her that's why I love you mom.

> , Kobe Ramirez, am grateful for my mom because all she has bought me. And the thingsshe has done for me. And the palces she has brought me.

> I, Emily Scott, am grateful for my family because they love me and they take care of me. And I am grateful for food so that we can get nutrients in our body. I am also grateful for clothing so that we won't be freezing cold. I am grateful for shoes so our feet won't hurt if we step in some

(Josselet's 3rd grade) I, Josh Hernandez, am thankful for my parents, brother, aunt, to them because they take up for uncle, cousin. I am thankful for me and they like hugging me and my parents because they raised me and they took care of me buddy is my friend because he when I was sick. I am thankful for my brother because he plays with me that's why I am thankful for him. I am thankful for my uncles because sometimes they help me with cub scouts. I am thankful for my aunts because they babysit me and love m. I am thankful for my cousin because she loves me since I was a baby sometimes they play with me and help me with my homework. And that us what I am thankful

I, Ja'toria Dockins, am thankful for food, water because if we Madison Thompson, am didn't have water we will not be able to live long. And the other water because water, food is good for you, it's healthy. This is almost all the healthy stuff I with me and she fixes that's why like: soup, apples, green beans, carrots, lettuce, spinach, rice, corn, meat, milk. And the reason I like healthy stuff because it is good for you.

> I, Larissa Manning, am thankful for food and water. Food and water are good for you. I love fruit. My favorite food is Hamburger Helper. My favorite made sweet potato pie in first grade. I love apples. Do you like

snail? You can make snails into snail soup. I like carrots. I like green beans. I like pork. Good

I, Christian Nunez, am thankful for all the food and for all the shelter, for all the water, for all the stars. And for all the clothes and for all the things in the word. And for adamais for all the hacher. And for the rain.

I, Jared Ramirez, am thankful for helping my mom to make a sandwich. For boy scouts. Yesterday, I helped my dad for soccer practice on Sunday. Then my mom went to a store and mom got some coke and I helped her.

I, Emmanual Gonzalez, am thankful for my dad and mom because they help me learn and love me. That's why I am thankful for tem. I want to be thankful for my dad because he makes money, he works hard for us. Am thankful for my mom because she makes food for us and takes care of us.

I, Michealin Toney, am thankful for a friend. And a mom. And a dog and a teacher. And a family. And a school. And a sister. And a brother. And a dad. And cousins. And a house. And a clubhouse. And an aunt. And a grandma. And a backyard.

I, Zoe Cedillo, am thankful for my mom and dad because they buy things for me. They show me learn things that I don't know

I am also thankful for my teacher because she shows me how to say words. She helps me learn. She makes me smart.

I, Dakota Harlin, am thankful for my house because it protects me from storms and my family because they take care of me and they buy me clothes to wear and my school because it helps me learn and so I can go to college and so I can get my own job.

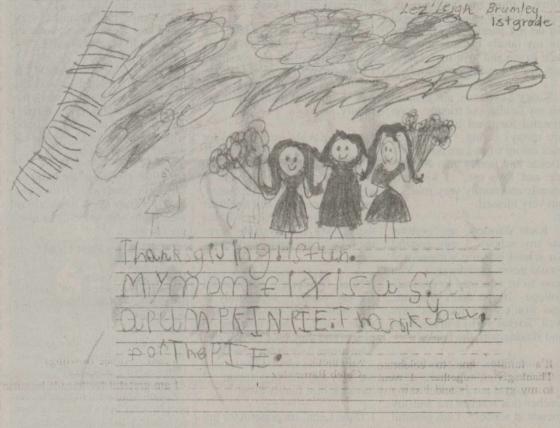
I. McKenna Zeissel, am thankful for my mom because she feeds me and she loves me. My mom is cool because she buys me stuff that I want but sometime I do not get what I want and I get mad. I love her and she loves me.

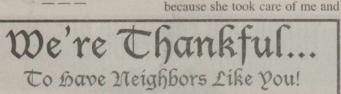
I, Noah Ramos, am thankful for everyone in the whole world and I am thankful for my mom and my dad and the rest of my family. Also, I am thankful for the world.

I. Logan Steele, am thankful for food and water and shelter and all the trees that give me all the fruit on the trees then all the school. And the flowers were the bees bring pollen and the animals can be a pet that you can take care of the pets.

Munday 4th Grade I, Kayla Taylor, am grateful for my family and my classmates. I like my family because they take care of me and I like my classmates because they be

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We're counting our blessings at the holiday, and your friendship is at the top of the list!

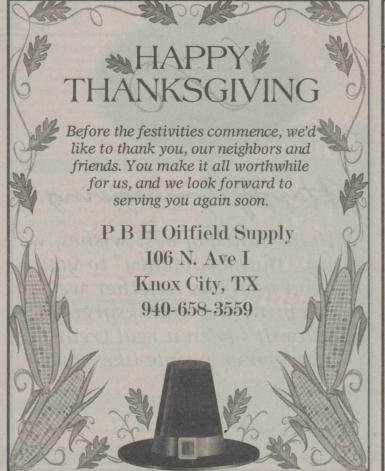
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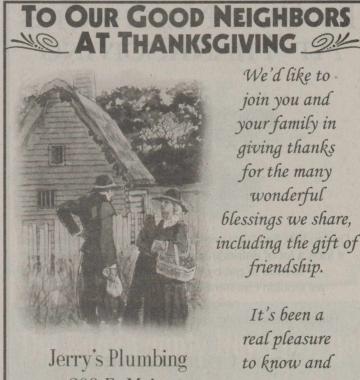
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kind and nice to me. My family feeds me food. How my family gives me somewhere to live. My classmates play with me and help me.

I, Alex Flores, am grateful for my friends because they are always there for you. And another reason why is because there for you to play with and you can go play with them when you are bored and then you'll be happy. And another reason is because they are helpful and they always heal you when you get hurt like fall down. So I love friends.

I, Shawn Castorena, am grateful for my family and my cousin. I am also grateful for spot and fatty. I am grateful for my parents and my grandparents. I love them very much. I also love my teachers and my principal and also my school and my friends.

I, Brooklyn Stout, am grateful for school because without school we wouldn't be smart. We wouldn't get a good job. School is fun, the teachers are nice. They are pretty unlike the guys! We all should be happy that we have teachers! They teach us because they are very sweet! They are outrageously smart! Teachers are awesome! I am so thankful for them!

I Aubri Garcia, am grateful for my family. They are always there for me. They never let me down. I think my family is the biggest family you've ever seen! So do my parents! I'm grateful for my family because they are nice to me and love me. I have lots of reasons to be thankful.

I, Kasey Lowrance, am grateful for my family and friends. I am grateful for them because they are always caring. Also they pick me up when I am down. My friends and family also comfort me and love me. I love my friends and family very much. I am very blessed.

I, Kade Sanders, am grateful for my school. I am grateful for school because without it, I would never get educated. You have to be educated to graduate college. If you don't graduate, you won't get a job that pays well. So that's why I'm in school and staying with the books!

I, Callie Cude, am grateful for good friends, family and a good community I am grateful for my teacher that teaches me and my friends at school. I am grateful

for my community because of all the nice people and the good things they do to make unday great. I have been blessed!

I, Kristen Kuehler, am grateful for my family. They are the best family in the whole world. I said that because they take care of me. No family could take care of me like them. I love my family very much. I have been blessed with a wonderful family.

I, Kolbey Brown, am grateful for my family. My family is the best famil in the whole wide world. My family treats me with love. There isn't one family like mine. We love each other so much, and no one else could take care of me like they do! Nothing in the world is as great as my family! Happy Thanksgiving!

I, Omar Nunez, am grateful for my parents. My parents are the best in Goree, TX. They buy me a bunch of stuff like minimotorcycles and dirt bikes and goat carts. I am thankful a lot of times. I think my parents are grateful for me also. I love my parents very much.

I, Rickell Thomas, am grateful for my family. I am thankful for a meal everyday and getting to have a feast for Thanksgiving. Sometimes people don't get a meal whenever they are hungry. I am also Thankful for having a roof over my head. I am thankful for everything. Most of all, I am thankful for having a family who loves and cares for me.

I, Jody Earle, am grateful for my family. I like my family because they treat me good and I have fun with them. I love my family because they care about me. I am most thankful for my

I, Oscar Zavala, am grateful for my family because my family is the best in the world. We're going to have Thanksgiving at my house. My uncles, cousins, grandpa, grandma, and my other grandma from Mexico will be there. My family really loves me a lot. I am very thankful for

I Noah Fernandez, am grateful for my family. My family is the best thing in the whole wide world. They take me to places and they take care of me. Sometimes we play football, soccer and baseball. Other times we play on the playstation. I have the best family ever!

I, Dane Leija, am grateful for my

family. My family is the best in the world. I am also grateful for my house and my clothes. I am grateful for my friends and my teachers. But most thing I am thankful for is my family, even though my sisters bug me! My family is the best.

I, Raylynn Dockins, am grateful for my family. My family is a good family and we love each other. When holiday come we sometimes get together. My family owns a trucking business. We have 4 big trucks. This Thanksgiving, Iam remembering my uncles who have passed away. God bless them.

I, Jacob Armendariz, am grateful for my family. My family is wonderful because they take me to places I've never been too, like New York. They love me and care for me. My family helps me whenever I'm sick. They also help me with my homework. My family is a good, loving family

Trevor Swearengin, am grateful for my family because they care for me and about me. Oh, and they will always love me. My family is the best family in the whole wide world. I hope they will take me to Atlanta for Christmas. That is like the best place in the world.

I Brady Weaver, am grateful for my family. My family is the best family because they treat me with care. I am grateful for my family because they love and respect me. My family is very close and we love one another very much. I am blessed.

I, Karla Taylor, am grateful for my mom. I help her with the dishes and teach her to work the TV. I am grateful for my family. They love me and they help me with my homework. My family means so much to me.

I, Willie Dockins, am grateful for good behavior. I love my family. They mean the world to me. I am also grateful to have my friends.

Knox City First Grade

Mrs. Shaver's class I, Patience Warren, am grateful for fiends. I like Thanksgiving and family.

I, Melanie Ruiz, am grateful for food, helping my mom, Thanksgiving and my dad.

I, Mason Magana, am grateful for people who help me and I love. my country the Untied States.

I, Michael Rutledge, am grateful for family, friends, turkey and our country.

I, Cason Lewis, am grateful for Thanksgiving. I like turkey and mashed potatoes.

I, Gabriel Ruiz, am grateful for Thanksgiving. I like to hunt. I like turkeys. I like food.

I, Justin Baker, am grateful for

I, Dezirey Patterson, am grateful for food and dogs.

I, Brittany Andrews, am grateful

for Thanksgiving, family and

I, Anthony Martinez, am grateful for Thanksgiving. It is the best

holiday. I like turkey. I, Tyler De Los Rios, am grateful for my friends. The U.S.A. is a

good country. I, Angelica Gutierrez, am grateful for Thanksgiving and turkey and family.

I, Kimberly McGavock, am grateful for my family, friends and helping.

Mrs. Webb's class

I Brittany Cassilas, am grateful for my brothers, my uncles goat, and my dog that I used to have.

I, Gilbert Trevino, am grateful for my house, my parents and Santa Claus.

I Mayson McGaughey, am grateful for America, family and my home.

Benjamin Goonight, grateful for love, my mom, the greyhounds, and my dad.

I, Martin Hernandez, am grateful for my puppy, my toys, and my trampoline.

I, Caitlyn Wilson am grateful for family, friends and cousins.

I, Jacob Gonzales, am grateful for family, food, and my room.

Tres Frausto, am grateful for Thanksgiving, church and Christmas.

I, Kiyanah Gonzalez, am grateful for my room, for playing and for they can teach me how loodsa

I, Chelsey Castorena, am grateful for family, friends and food.

my family, my dad, my mom, the school and my home.

I, Tanner Strickland, am grateful for my dog, my trampoline, and my fish.

I, Gracie Howeth, am grateful for holidays, teachers and family.

I, Evelyn Barnam, am grateful for math, my church, and for my mother, father and sister.

work, mom and dad.

I, Jalista Sanchez, am grateful for my church, my family and my home.

Knox City 2nd Grade I, Corban Cox, am grateful for my family; Mom, Dad, Coltan, Hailee, Kinslee, the cops and Fly Guy. Well, you probably want to know why I have a fly named Fly Guy. It's because he's a fly and that's why I named him Fly Guy. I am grateful for my family because they love me.

I, Raevn Rodriquez, am thankful for my Momo because she gets me whatever I want to get. She lets me stay with her whenever I want to and she gets me ice cream every day. In the morning I get to go feed Sage. I have to go milk a cow with my Popo. We go to my Grandma Menga's and go to bed.

I, Dawson Eades, am grateful for God because He made the world and Johnny Appleseed because he made trees grow. I am grateful for my dad because he works hard and loves me. I love my mom because she cares about me. I am grateful for my brother because he babysits me when my mom is at work. That is why I am grateful to these people.

I, Tori Garcia, am thankful for my family, my grandma, angels, God, cops, Jesus, and my friends because they are part of my family. They let me do what I want to do. I hope one day I get to see my grandma in Rochester,

I, Ainsley Manning, am grateful for my family and friends. I'm grateful for my grandparents because they always take me to Bud's. I am grateful for my mom and dad because they buy us food and water. I am grateful for cops because they stop people who are speeding. I hope you have all of the things I have.

I, Aaron Espinosa, am thankful I, Angel Perez, am grateful for for water and food and God because God gives us everything. If we did not have food we would die. I hope you have many things you are thankful for.

I, Abraham Perez, am grateful for my little cousins and they are girls. I love my little cousins because they are really nice to me. One time I got hurt when I was riding a pony and a dog bit the pony. I got bucked off and I flew up 8 feet. I went inside and they got close to the couch. They I, Carson Carver, am grateful for asked what happened. I said nothing and I got an ice pack. They really make me feel happy. I, Reylee Ledesma, am grateful for people. People are special. They have many jobs to do. Some people don't have schools. They have home school. Coaches are very special. Their job is to let people exercise. Salesmen sell stuff. My family has a loving heart. This is why people are so special.

> I, Vivica Guillory, am grateful for the things I have. I am grateful for my mom, dad and brother. They are in my heart and I will never forget them. I love my grandparents. They love me as much as I love them. I love my dog very much. I love my godparents very much. I am grateful for God, Jesus and the Lord. I am grateful for those people because of all the loving and things they gave me. That is why I am grateful for those

> I, Klarisa Martinez, am grateful for being able to help people and for having two families. I am also thankful for having sisters, a brother, and for having a step dad and a step mom.

> I, Rachel Rodriquez, am thankful for my mom, my dad, my sister, my brothers and my family because they are loving and they are kind. They love me for who I am and they are very nice.

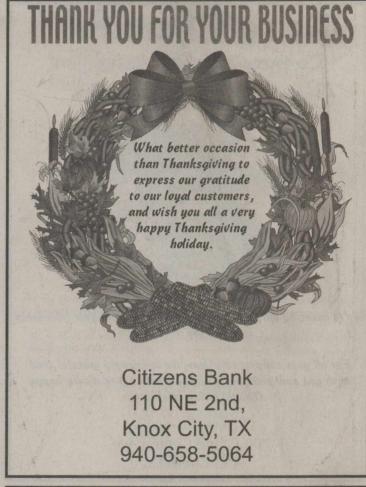
I, Chance Baty, am grateful for many things. First, I am thankful for cheerleaders because they are pretty and I love the Dallas Cowboys. I am also thankful for turkeys. First, I get to hunt for it and then I eat it. MMMMMgood! I am very grateful for my trains and go cart because they are fun to play with. I am thankful for Mom and Dad, Lyndon, Sheldon, Grandma, and Poppop.

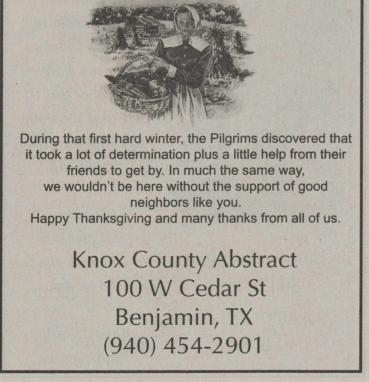
I, Valerie Andrews, am grateful for many things. First, I am

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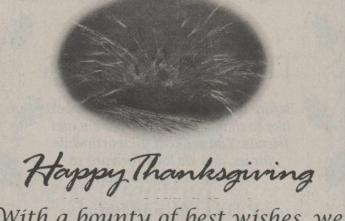






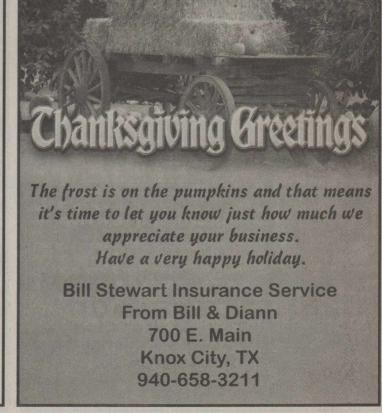
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because it's fun to eat turkey, stuffing, pumpkin pie, and cupcakes. I am also grateful for Christmas because we get really cool gifts from Santa. I am grateful for my sisters because they share

I, Andrew Casillas, am grateful for many things. First, I am thankful for my family and Thanksgiving because my family loves me and I love them. We get together on Thanksgiving Day and eat pumpkin pie, apple pie, and lots of turkey. I am grateful for Christmas. Each year Santa brings presents to my family. I am also grateful for all my friends because they play with me.

I, Bradyn Paul Durham-Garcia, am grateful for many things. First, I am thankful for my family and Thanksgiving because they love me and are good to me. I love to eat turkey with the whole family. I am grateful for Christmas and Texas Tech because Texas Tech is the best team. Christmas is the best holiday because Santa Clause comes to town and brings presents. I am also grateful for the Dallas Cowboys because their cheerleaders are good at cheering and they are a great team.

I, L.J. Sanchez, am grateful for many things. First, I am grateful for my family because they are very nice to me. I am also thankful for my teachers because they are nice and pretty. My grandparents are another thing I am grateful for because they do wonderful things for me. Thanksgiving is a wonderful time of year.

I, Breanna Pryor, am grateful for many things. First, I am grateful for my teachers because they are nice to me. I am also grateful for my Mom and Dad. My Mom helps me clean my room. I like for her to help me. My Dad helps me with my homework. I love Thanksgiving.

I, Ethan King, am grateful for many things. First, I am grateful for God because he made everything. I am also thankful for my home because it keeps me warm. Another thing I am thankful for is my clothing because it protects you. Thanksgiving is a wonderful time of year.

I, John Shaver, am grateful for many things. I am grateful for football games because my Mom and Dad always take me with them. My Grandma takes me

hunt turkeys. Dad takes me with him when he goes hunting. Thanksgiving is a great time of

their toys and ride bikes with me.

I Noemy Polanco, am grateful for is God because he lets us stay for many things. First, I am on this world and keeps us alive. thankful for my grandparents. I am grateful for my family, My Grandpa likes to dance with me. I am also grateful for Santa help me when I need help. because he gives us toys. I am grateful for my brother because a wonderful time of the year.

> I, Raquel Martinez, am grateful for food because there are kids for many things. First, I am in some places that are starving grateful for my Mom and Dad because their family cannot because they love me so much afford it or a hurricane has hit it. and I love them too. I am also Another thing that I am thankful because he bought me pajamas. to have a friend's that you can I love him so much and he loves tell your most secret secrets to. I me too. I am thankful for my Dad am grateful for all of these things, because he takes me to church. especially family and food. Thanksgiving is a wonderful time of year.

> many things. First, I am grateful miss my mom. I am also grateful for Santa because he brings for my friends because they help surprises like bendaroos. I am me if my stuff fall son the floor. also grateful for bear because They help me pick it up. Another he is a fun dog. My brothers are thing that I am grateful for is another thing I am thankful for God. He made all of my bones so sister. Thanksgiving is a great things in my life. time of year.

Knox City 3rd Grade Teachers: Mrs. Lowe and Mrs. Harrington

I, Tyresha Collins, am grateful for my family because my family has helped me grow up and am so glad to have a family. I am also grateful for my friends because they always cheer me up when I am sad. Another thing that I am grateful for is my dog because my dog is like a family member. My dog is so nice to me! I am glad I have a life like this. I'd never want anything better because I have all I need right here.

I, Priscilla Contreras, am grateful for my family because they are always there for me. I kind get whatever I want from my Momo and Popo. I am also grateful for my friends because they are always there for me too. I have awesome friends! It is so fun to play with them. Another thing that I am grateful for is my school because I learn the 4re and get grades and I love my something I like to help them teachers too. I am so glad to have my family, friends, and school. I love having a lot of things but these are the most important.

Cheyenne Roberson, am

for Thanksgiving with her too. I'm also thankful grateful for my family because people. for dogs because they help you they feed me and they let me go to my friend's house. I am grateful for my friends because they help me when I need help. They play with me everyday. Another thing that I am thankful friends and God. They always

> I, Dustin Ledesma, am grateful he is nice to me. Thanksgiving is for my family because some kids do not have families. I am glad I have a family. I am also grateful grateful for my cousin Daniel for is dogs because it feels good

I, Chris Gonzales, am grateful for my family because they make I, Faith Sliger, am grateful for me happy if I'm crying because I because I love being their big that I can move. I like all these that I am grateful for is my life for my dog because he is my Letters continue on page 12

> I, Jesse Munoz, am grateful for my family because I do not know what I would do without them. And no one can replace them. I am also grateful for my friend's because if I am sad, they cheer me up and so I can play with them. I do not know what I would do without them. Another thing that I am grateful for is my dog because when I am mad, she comes and licks my face and I love my dog! I am grateful for living on this world.

> I, Kaetlin Ledesma, am grateful for my family because they are always by my side. I am also grateful for friends because they cheer me up when I am crying. Another thing that I am grateful for is my teachers because they teach us science and math. I am grateful for all of these things.

> I, Issac Sanchez, am grateful for reading because I can leap to become a Super reader. I am also grateful for helping pick it up. Another thing I am grateful for is my family because they can teach me how to cook food. I am thankful for all the things I do because it makes me feel good. I like to read and help

I, Terry Tatum, am grateful for my family because they are always there for me when I need help. Or when I'm hurt, they are there too. I am also grateful for being at school because without school I would not be as smart as I am right now. Another thing that I am grateful for is friends because without friends I could not tell anyone secrets. I am glad that the Lord gave me all of these things. I am very happy.

I, Sean Logsdon, am grateful for God because he made everything that lives and grows. I am also grateful for family because I would be lonely and sad and I probably wouldn't have a home. Another thing I am grateful for is friends because when I am sad they make me happy. I am grateful for more things like school and food, but most of all Jesus. He helped God make the

I, Erica Trevino, am grateful for my family. They are always there for me and I care for them and love them. I am also grateful for God because He gave me life and we all love him and will always believe in him. Another thing

these things and I am grateful to be here today and forever.

I, Josue Hernandez, am grateful for my God because he put me on this Earth and gave us the things. I am also grateful for my family because they care about me because I'm their son. Another for my family because I love thing that I am grateful for is my friend's because they play with me and without my best friends

I, Preston Lynn, am grateful for my family because they provide things that I need that other kids do not have. I am also grateful for because they can't afford it or because something happened to their town. Another thing that their parents. I am grateful for is my friends because I would have no one I, Nathan Williams, am grateful didn't know me, they might think everybody hated me. I am glad I have those three things because if I didn't have them my life would be a disaster.

I, Myleshia Manuel, am grateful class and have a lot of friends.

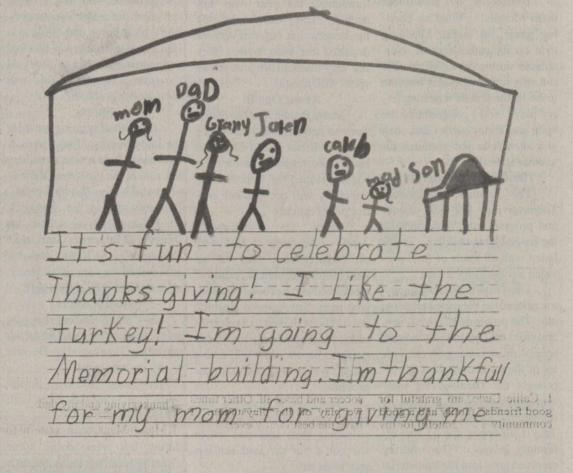
because I love my life and being family. I am also grateful for on Earth today. We all love my friends because my friends ourselves. I am grateful for all are nice. Another thing that I am grateful for is my family because they take care of me. I am grateful because some children don't have families. I am grateful because some families have lost their dogs.

L.A. Bonner, am grateful them and they buy food for me and some children don't have a family. That's why I'm glad to no one can be there for me. I am law a family. I am also grateful glad for my friend, family, and for my brain because some aliens take people's brains. But I am glad to have my brain so I can learn math. Another thing that am grateful for is my friend because they are funny and some kids are lonely. I am grateful for food because some people starve my mom because I am her son and I am grateful for my dad because some kids don't have

to play with and if somebody for my family because they provide me shelter and they protect me. I am also grateful for my dog because he is so cute and I love him so much. Another thing that I am grateful for is my church because I am goo din

Julen Barrientez

2nd grade









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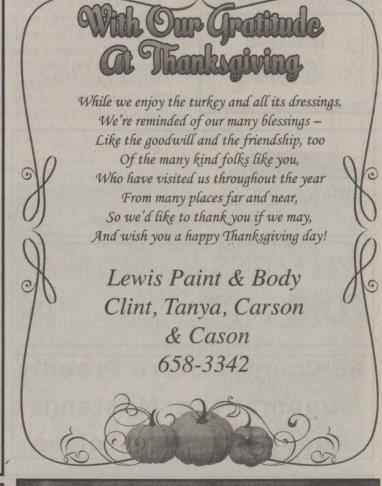
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Lady 'Stangs Beat Up on Rule Wildcats

By Tamara Smart

(Rule Wildcats), the Lady Stangs charge into their season full force.

Jessica Vanderpol was the high scorer for the Ladies with 15 points earned, 5 boards, and 1 assist. Teri Miller scored 14 points, had 26 boards, 3 assists, 3 steals, and 3 blocks. Becky Baldwin was responsible for 11 points, 3 boards, & 2 assists.

Raquel Acevedo scored 7 points, had 4 boards, 9 With a final-score of 56 (Lady Stangs) to 41 assists, & 4 steals. Finally, Chloe Baty scored 5 points, 7 boards, 4 assists, and 1 steal.

According to Coach McCollough, "The Girls played a good game Friday. We shot well hitting 66% from the line and 41% from the field."

The next game featuring the Lady 'Stangs will be in the Benjamin gym on December 1 against Paint Creek at 6:30.

> noon. He was moving it from one place to another and the bull

> ran over him. Alan was flown to Lubbock with unknown injuries, but later determined he had several broken ribs, broken pelvis,

> lots of bruises & cuts, but maybe no internal injuries so hope-

> fully things will be o.k. for him. Please remember him & Peggy & the rest of their family in prayer. Olivia Gloria was in Ft. Worth

> last week for some eye surgery.

She's back home and doing o.k.

Had a tear duct that was blocked

and causing her eye to "cry" all

the time. Hopefully this will

Sports

the Lady Stangs. Two games &

two wins! Rule came over here

Fri. nite & the girls were the vic-

tors but our boys lost by 4 points.

It's early tho in the season &

we know as the time goes on

things will improve. Tues. nite,

the teams go to Paint Creek for

games then they are off til Dec 1,

Here N There

Steve Conner of Big Spring

cleaning out of their parent's

and Ashley Cartwright Burson &

I think they plan to move here in

Dec. It will be good to have the

Thanks For

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Not much visiting this past

The Hertel boys were here

when Paint Creek comes here.

Basketball is going great for

clear up her problem.

BENJAMIN NEWS By Gladene Green

them Moguls!" What an exciting game Sat. night. Listening the benediction before everyone to it on the radio kept us over- departed for their homes feelanxious during all 4 quarters. We ing very thankful for an evening can only imagine what it was like spent with friends. to be in the stands watching every play. And I congratulate the another state title.

Thanksgiving Program

Thanksgiving Pot-luck dinner trol pretty quickly and program was Wed. night at the Ex-Students building. Tables Aunt, vided a meal fit for a king

Tim Trimble, Methodist pastor, offered the blessing before we ate. The program followed- sevspecial music/ Greg Steele, pasbrought the Thanksgiving message, Kenneth Roberts gave the ministerial alliance report, and

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alliance fund which helps people

To start off, say "How about throughout the year who may need it. Tracy Cartwright gave

About Our III

Mark Brown was in Dallas team and their coaches and wish Tues to see his Dr. was doing you all well as you continue for pretty well but had a slight set back since returning home. He has developed an infection but The annual community hopefully will get it under con-

Randy Wynelle Halloway laden with all kinds of food pro- of Fredricksburg was in an Automobile accident a couple of weeks ago and has been hospitalized in an San Antonio Hospital but has been moved to a rehabilieral from the community brought tation facility & looks like she is week. Guess folks will be on the tor of the local Church of Christ, while. We are so thankful for her to call in your news.

Saw Shiela Kuehler Fri. spent 2 or 3 days last week with night. She's had a bout with food his family here Troy Culpepper voiced the of- poisoning. Not sure just where feratory prayer. The offering she got it but she said she has during last week doing some received goes into the ministerial sure been sick.

I can certainly sympathize (Don & Laurie Hertel) home. with her- One time (& that's The house has been sold to Troy enough) I had that & I was never so sick!!! And it's sure a relief when you start to feel better.

My friend, Alan McGaughey home occupied again. of Knox City, was involved in an accident with a bull Thurs. after-

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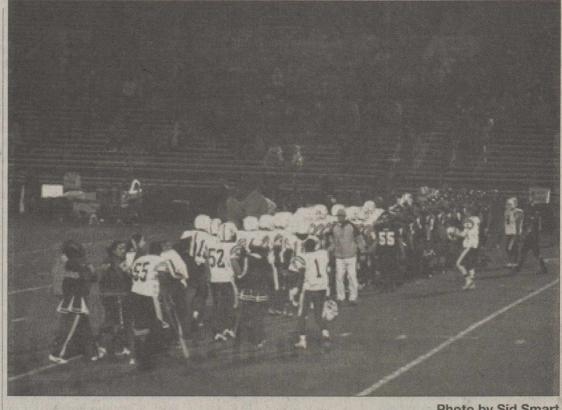


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The Munday Moguls shake the hands of the Bronte players after defeating them and making it to the Quarterfinals. Munday will meet Lindsey in Wichita Falls Friday at 7:30 p.m.

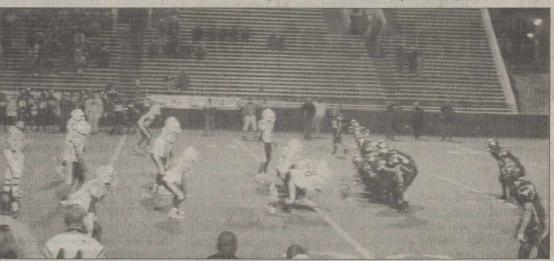


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going to be o.k.. Just will take a go during Thanksgiving. Be sure Munday Moguls versus Bronte last Friday night in playoff action. The Moguls defeated Bronte 21-18 to advance to meet Lindsey this week.

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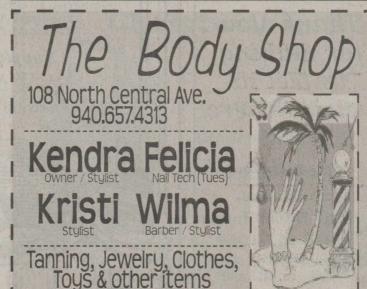
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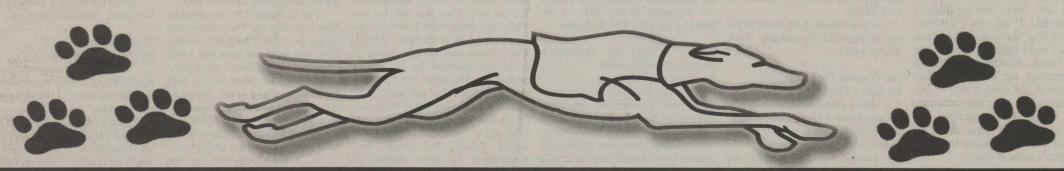
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KNOX CITY SPORTS



O'Brien Jr. High Girls Basketball

By Tamara Smart

The O'Brien Jr High Lady Bulldogs began game with 2 points. their season at Vernon Northside on November 12. The season began slow as they lost this first round of play to Vernon 11 to 32. High scorers for the Lady Bulldogs were Cassandra Ledesma with 4 points, Tanna Moeller with 3 points, and Andrea Lynn & Leighton Pepper, who both scored two points each.

On November 14, the Lady Bulldogs from O'Brien went to the Jayton Tournament. During the tournament, the girls took on Jayton, losing that game

3 to 35. Marlie Steele was the high scorer in that

The girls from O'Brien Jr. High played Chillicothe on November 19, 2009. The final score left the Lady Bulldogs as victors as they exited the court with 30 points illuminated under "Visitor", and Chillicothe only had 27 points. High scorer in this game for the Lady Bulldogs was Essence Ward, who scored 10 points, followed by Marlie Steele with 8 points and Joanna Trevino with 6



O'Brien Bulldogs place 2nd in Jayton Tournament.

O'Brien Junior High Boys Basketball Stats Vs. Chillicothe Thursday Nov. 19th

Score by qu	Final				
O'Brien-	7	7	6	5	25
Chillicothe-	12	5	1	12	30

Scorers- Zach Carter- 13, Tylynne Eaton- 10, Tyler Sanders- 2

Coaches Comments: Boys are 1-3 and have shown great improvements since the beginning of this season. We are proud of the direction we are heading and hope to improve our record in our future games.

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Photo by Daveine Clark The Hounds and the Lorenzo boys fight for the ball during



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The Houndettes struggle to keep possession of the ball under

	Lo	renzo 45	, Knox C	ity 40		
Box Score						
	1	2	3	4	Final	
KC	6	16	15	3	40	
Lorenzo	14	11	13	7	45	

High scorers- M.J. Abila- 12pts, Bandy Moeller and Zakery

Coaches note- We played well for the first game of the season but got into some early foul trouble. Our younger guys stepped up when we needed them. After some early turnovers we ran our offense well but didn't execute in the fourth qtr and let them get to

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Houndettes Off To Slow Start

By Tamara Smart

York-10pts

up" process for the ladies.

Their first game of the sea- age as a team was 31%. son versus Aspermont left the Houndettes with their first loss.

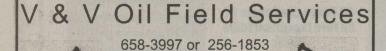
The 31 points the Houndettes After a successful volley- racked up didn't compare to ball season draws to a close, the Aspermont's 47 final points. Houndettes set their sites on bas- Brittany Baker was the high ketball for the duration of this scorer in that game, bringing in year and into 2010 as well. Yet, 9 points. Lacey pierce scored 6 their season has not taken off, but points, Reagan Clark earned 5 rather has been a gradual "warm points and Gabriela Moya got 4 points. Their free throw percent-

The next Tuesday, The

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grateful for my family because they help me with stuff and I really love them and my family is special. I am also grateful for my dog because it helps me my siblings and my parents. They when I need help and I love her very much. Another thing that I am grateful for is my birthday I'm Thankful For..... because it is a special day of the month and I like my birthday very much. I am grateful for all my things because they are I thought about three main things. I special and they really love me and they can help me.

I, Naomi Ruiz, am grateful for God because he helps many people and he wil also be with me always and never leave me. I am also grateful for church because it is a place where people go to pray for God and where they read the bible. Another thing that I am grateful for is family because they will always be there for me and when I need help they are there to help. I am stuff. She also loves me. She buys thankful for all this because they are important people and without those things we won't be able to pray to God or to go to church. We also couldn't learn the stories about God. But without family we won't have anyone to help

I, Mason Shipp, am grateful for Weldon Fitzerald God because if we didn't have God we would not be here on Earth today. I am also grateful for my family because if I did not have my family I would not be at school or have the stuff that that I am grateful for is America because America is a free country. and we can do whatever we want because we are free. I am grateful for all these things because if not then I would not be here

Knox City 4th Grade I Am Thankful For..... By Brooke Jones

Do you have something you are thankful for? I am thankful for my

parents and my siblings. I am so glad I have my parents! They feed me wonderful food. My dad cooks yummy steaks, and my mom makes delicious fried chicken. My parents also care for me. They. take good care of me when I am hurt. One time I got bit by a dog, and my people are thankful for God. mom took care of me. Another thing my parents do for me is give me shelter. I love my house. When it He has given me food, water, and storms, I feel safe.

and my two sisters. They love me, everybody in this world. I believe

I am thankful for all of these they do?!? My brother always plays us. things because they give me a football with me, and my older sister and I do each other's makeup. My little sister and I really do not play a I, Melissa Ann Rogers, am whole lot together. They care about me. My sisters do, but I am not real sure about my brother. I am sure he does though.

As you can see, I am thankful for are my world.

By Kailyn Martin Have you ever wondered why we are thankful for so many things?

picked two to write about. I am so thankful for Jesus. He came to Earth. He came to help people who sinned. Good thing he forgives. I am so happy he forgives so when I get older and do something wrong, I will know he has forgiven me. He also died for us. When I remember how he died for us, I am cousins are really fun. They always thankful to know that he went back to heaven.

I'm so grateful I have a mom like mine to take care of me. My mom takes care of me by buying me great me great food like chicken wraps from Peppers and chicken strips from Kathy and Jacks. She makes dessert. glad I have cousins like I do. There I love her stuffed strawberries. She also makes peanut butter cookies.

As you can see, I'd be crazy to not appreciate Jesus or my mom. What are you thankful for?

I've written a few things that I am thankful for. Sit back and listen.

God and Jesus are an important part of my life. God was the first think on earth. I do not know how he came, but he did. God created other kids have. Another thing everything. God even created earth. Jesus died for our sins on the cross. I'm so thankful for these two people.

> I am really thankful for my mom and brothers. My mom always feeds us soup when we are sick. My mom loves us so much. She loves us so much that when we feel sick she takes us to the doctor. I am also thankful for my brothers. Without them, it would not be the same. Did my story get your mind going? Do you have a list of things you are thankful for?

Thankful for Parents and God By: Lane Tibbets

What are you thankful for? Many am thankful for God. I am really thankful for all God has given me. shelter. God is Jesus Christ's Dad. I am also thankful for my brother He made this world. He also made

My dad is Wes Tibbets. My mom's name is Shawna Holt. My dad lives in Knox City. My mom lives in Anson. I am really thankful for the food and clothes they buy me. As you can see, God and my parents

Parents Divided By Cousins = Reasons to Be Thankful By MacKenzie Williams

thankful for what they do for me.

Are you thankful? As you read, vou'll see I have two important things I am thankful for.

I am so thankful for my parents. They give me a house for shelter. My parents took so much time searching for the perfect house for me. My parents also provide me with outfits Just recently, they bought me school clothes. They let me ride the bus to school. That is a privilege.

My cousins are the best! My play with me. They play games with me like hide-in-seek, tag, Hallo 3 on the xbox, and sometimes games outside. They always want to play with me. My little cousins Tanner and Ross never bully. It is good they have no clue how to bully.

My parents are awesome. I am are so many things to be thankful

Parents +Brothers=Blessings By Alexia Jimenez

Hello ladies and gentlemen! My name is Alexia. I am going to share some information with you on what I am thankful for on Thanksgiving. Just sit back and relax!

My parents do so much for ask? Well, they care for me in many different ways. They give me food I love when they make homemade pizza. After taking so many vacations over the past years, my favorite one was camping at Quartz Mountains. I am thankful my parents are able to give me opportunities like these that others may not get.

Little brothers are worth having! My brother is nice. He is so nice that he lets me change the channel when he is watching T.V. He also plays with me. When I ask him if he would always says YES! He is a very good much. person to talk to also even if he does not listen sometimes.

I do not know what my life would be like without my parents or brother. They give me many reasons to be thankful for them. I hope you have enjoyed this information.

My Thanks Speech By: Dustin Tuckness Welcome ladies and gentlemen,

fundraising meal. I'm Tuckness, and I'll be sharing with you why Parents X Sisters = Thankful aunt cathy, uncle john, and cousin Makayle mean so much to me. I'm thankful for my Aunt Cathy an Uncle John. They are so loving. I never have to worry about them are important in my life, I am leaving me. They also care for me. They care about what I have to say. Every time I go down there I get fed. They always cook me good food. I am also thankful for my cousin Makayle. She helps me with my writing. She helps me read. She

> with me. Again thanks for comin out. Remember to give thanks to something or someone in your life.

is really nice. She never hurts me.

We do fun things. She will paly cars

Thankful

By: Brittney Gibson

Hello boys and girls. I am Thanksful Turkey. I'm here to share with you why I enjoy this season. Listen up!

I am so thankful for my sister. We love to play Football. It is fun because my sister is good. My sister helps me clean also. I get so excited when she cleans my room. My sister even sleeps with me when she gets scared. I feel special when she comes to my bed.

My mom means a lot to me, she feeds us. I always have an after school snack. When my mom gets paid, she gets new clothes for us. She bought me a new blue jacket. Every time I get bad grades on my papers, she signs them. I can always depend on her.

there is something for everyone to be thankful for. I shared my two They care for me. How, you things with you. Now will you share yours?

I'm Thankful For.....

By: Peyton Shipp Thanksgiving is fun! You get to I am thankful for a couple of very also! special people

I am very thankful for my parents. Thankful They are very loving. They make me smile when they hug me. I'm thankful they feed me. If they did not buy me food and prepare it, I would starve. That is why they make jump on the trampoline with me, he sure I am safe. They care for me so

My brothers are one of a kind. I have four brothers. They play with me a lot. We play cars, and sometime we play hide-in- seek. I feel like they are helping me all the time. They help me on my homework. I help them on theirs also. They show it kind of weird though. They make me laugh so much.

My parents and brothers are so ial to me. I am truly thankful for

By Abby Manning

Dear Thanksgiving Diary. I can't think of who I am thankful for the most. My list is too long. I hope I can think of someone soon.

I'm so thankful for my parents! They love me a lot. They cannot stop loving me. They wash my clothes. They also help me clean my room. They do so much for me every day.

My sisters are one of a kind. They are sometimes nice to me. When we play, they are nice to me. Sometimes we play house or babies. They love me so much. I do not know what I would do without them loving me.

I hope everyone can find something they are thankful for . My parents and sisters are one of a kind.

Thankful By: Carmen Garcia

Did you know that I am really thankful for my family and food? Every year around Thanksgiving, I start thinking about all that I have to be thankful for.

I am thankful for my family because they like me, my sister, and my brother. My family is very important to me because they take care of us. They buy us all clothes. My family makes sure all of our clothes match. My family helps us clean our rooms. I love when my family decorates for holidays. My family buys me shoes to match all of my clothes. I have a lot of shoes.

My family likes tamales. We do not have to buy them. My family can make them. My family will take As you boys and girls can see, us out to eat sometimes too. The tamales we eat are spicy and good. When it is Thanksgiving, we eat turkey. My family always buys food for us. We eat a lot. When we go to the food store, we get to get anything cousins and God! we want.

As you can see, my family and Thankful Times food mean a lot to me. I hope you By: Jordan spend time with family and friends. find something to be thankful for

By: Drew Mc nulty

"Hey Grand, have I told you lately how much you mean to me?" Hello Dad, what has been going on in Tyler? I am really thankful for you!" I cannot wait to tell the two messy. My mom usually shows love

thankful I am for them. The first person is my grandmother. She loves me so much. She hugs me which makes me feel so good. She also cares for me by cleaning my room for me. She makes everything possible for me. She makes great food also. She makes beef tips with pasta which is my favorite. She makes food for us every day, and she is a hard worker!

works so hard so I can have a life. My dad is special because he loves me so very much. My dad rewards my good deeds with neat things. My dad just sent me and my old man some BB Guns.

Everyone needs a grand and dad like mine. What do you think?

Thankful For Others By: Andrew Magania

Do you have anybody you are thankful for? When I started thinking my list was long. I decided on two main people.

I am so thankful for God. I am thankful for God making me. I am so cheerful for my God. He also made my family. I love God for many things. He is so powerful in many ways. I like God for making the world have food and water.

I am so delighted for my family. I like my family for giving me what I need. I like being with my family on vacations. I like even being in Hawaii with my family.

God and family rock my world. I'm so glad I have an awesome God and family.

Thankful By: Laura

My cousins are the best cousin in the world. I hope you have the best cousins in the world too.

I like to play house with them all the time. They are so silly. They are a little bit crazy.

God is the leader of the world. The leader is the best thing ever, God is the ruler of this world. God makes me feel special. He makes me feel good all the time. He made a mom that loves me very much. He also made a brother that plays with me sometimes

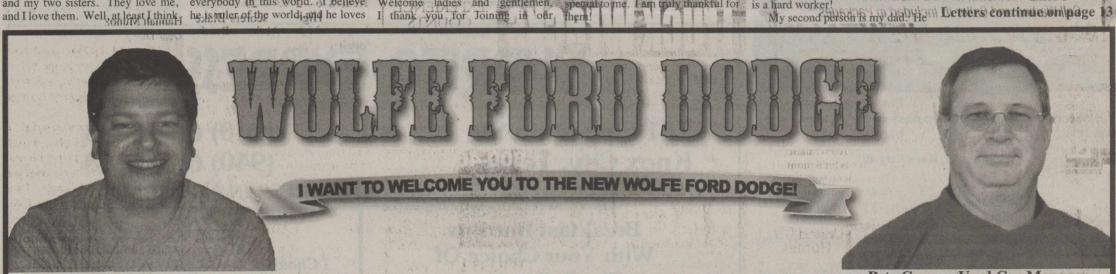
I am so thankful that I have

Are you thankful for your parents and friends? I have good parents and friends.

I am really glad I have my parents. My parents make fajitas My mom makes very good rice. When my mom makes my bed, she usually makes my bed in the mornings. When I get home, it is not people that mean the most to me how to me on my birthday because she sometimes has a surprise birthday party for me.

I am glad I have friends. I would not have someone to play with if it were not for my friends. Everyone is my friend because I am nice to them. When there is a hard word to spell, they help me out.

I am really thankful for my parents and friends. They mean so much to me!



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He says, "You don't have to be from a big city to make your mark on the world." Meinzer should know. After all, he grew up on a ranch outside of Benjamin, where he and his friends referred to the kids from Benjamin as "townbirds". Yet, it was this small town raising that taught Meinzer early to be a person who accepts mistakes. He openly says that he was not a great student, but has been able to achieve much. It's all about "what you do with your education," according to Meinzer, "what you achieve with the education you have"

Meinzer also warns today's youthaboutlegacy..."Everything you do when you come of age off accountability establishes your legacy" is his advise (sage advise from a man whose legacy is written on the history pages of one of the most prestigious, prominent and well regarded Universities in the country.

Meinzer earned a bachelor's degree in wildlife management from Texas Tech in 1974. He is married to Sylinda Meinzer and has four children: Pate, Hunter, Sara and Maggie. They live in Benjamin, where Sylinda owns Santa Fe on the Brazos and serves as Mayor. Wyman continues to write (he is currently working on a project about the Waggoner Ranch) and is a faculty member of Texas Tech.

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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

MADNESS

Senate fell under GOP control in 1994, shocking Democrats who had assumed that such a turnover was impossible. The next six years were marked mostly by President Clinton clinging to the White House while under relentless attack.

During Campaign 2000, the Right's mean-spirited humor - which by then pervaded the mainstream news media, too made fun of the all-too-serious Al Gore. Meanwhile, the overaged-frat-boy George W. Bush was mostly fawned over as a fresh face with a down-home Foursquare church will host a style. [See Consortiumnews. satellite presentation of Rick com's "Al Gore v. The Media"

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which - if done fairly - would have put Gore in the White House, the Right rose up in rebellion against such a prospect (most famously with the Brooks Brothers riot to stop the Miami-Dade recount).

On the other side, Gore and Alliance. The community is the Democrats pursued a vote recount through the courts. And effort by purchasing holiday food much of the activist Left insisted bags for \$10 each at Lawrence that the outcome didn't much matter because Green Party can-December. The bags will be didate Ralph Nader had declared distributed to families in the that there wasn't "a dime's worth of difference" between Gore and

After Bush snaked away with the presidency, he made it clear p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Knox City that he didn't give a hoot about First United Methodist Church bipartisan moderation. With the federal budget surprisingly 2, 2009. For more information in balance, Bush pressed for contact Pastor Tim Trimble at Reagan-style tax cuts tilted to-First United Methodist Church at ward the rich. Soon, the federal government was sliding back into an ocean of red ink.

After the 9/11 attacks, the American people also wanted simplistic moral judgments. So Bush told them that the problem wasn't that al-Qaeda reflected am extreme form of Islamic anger over Western intervention in the Middle East and especially the long-term Israeli occupation of Palestinian territories. No, according to Bush, it was that they

'hate our freedoms.' Bush soon extended the blackwhite dichotomy to the "axis of evil," three countries with almost nothing in common: Iraq, Iran and North Korea. With the neocons again pulling the strings - at the CIA's analytical division and with the Washington press corps -- the American people were guided to the conclusion that the neocons wanted, an in-

vasion of Iraq. Reason Rebounds

Only gradually - especially after the Iraq War turned into a figurative quagmire and New Orleans into a real-life one when Hurricane Katrina hit - did independent-minded Americans and the Left fully wake up to the danger of tolerating Bush's fantasy world. They began to aggressively challenge the lies.

This resurgence of rationality proved powerful in Election 2006, when the Democrats regained control of the Congress. Then, in Election 2008, Obama presented himself as not only a brilliant orator but as a rational

human being who respected empirical evidence. Beyond an expression of hope, his victory was a recognition by the American people that reality mattered.

But Obama was also faced with the wreckage that Bush had left behind, including a cratered economy, a staggering federal debt, two wars, and tattered international relations with both allies and adversaries. Obama had to sort out what his priorities were, what needed emergency bandaging and what could wait.

Like Clinton before him, Obama also chose to turn his back on demands that the prior Republican administration be held accountable for its crimes. By looking "forward, not backward" in the name of bipartisanship, Obama presumably thought the Republicans might reciprocate, but - as with Clinton - that wasn't going to happen.

As Obama stumbled, Reaganstyle irrationality began to take hold again. After all, it's not much fun to act responsibly and

deal with hard problems. Soon, millions of Americans were counting themselves as followers of Glenn Beck, the clownishly divorced-from-reality host of a popular Fox program. Other Americans tied teabags to their hats and marched on Washington to defend Reagan's chief legacy, hatred of government.

Republican lawmakers trotted out their old cure-all for the economy, more tax cuts. And the neocons were back, questioning Obama's toughness and egging him on to give his militarist commanders in Afghanistan all the fresh troops they want.

Next came Sarah Palin's bus tour on behalf of her memoir, Going Rogue, with crowds lining up by the thousands to buy Iraq the book and get a glimpse of their heroine. For two days, cable news shows, including MSNBC, anchored programs from malls where Palin was appearing.

As soon as the mainstream news correspondents sensed that the tide was turning again, they smoothly readjusted to the resurgence of know-nothing-ism. Palin's recitation of right-wing talking points was treated with deference and respect, except by the likes of Jon Stewart, host of Comedy Central's "Daily

On his Nov. 18 program, Stewart showed a clip of Palin

EXPERIENCE

responding to a question about team average on free throws was what she'd do about unemployment if she were President.

"I'd start cutting taxes and allowing our small businesses to keep more of what they're earning," Palin responded. "Not punishing them by forcing health care 'reform' down their throats, by forcing an energy policy down their throats that ultimately will tax them more and cost them more to stay in business."

That's what I don't like about her right there - it's the nothing, Stewart said. "If you peel back the pretty, shooty layers of the Palin onion, there's no onion. It's just a conservative boiler-plate mad-lib, 'freedom is good and taxes are - ooh, I need an adjective - how 'bout, I don't know,

silly."

"And the worst part is that it is a mad-lib delivered as though it were the hard-earned wisdom of a life well lived. "The glee, boasting about you're straight-shootin' when you're not straight-shootin'. You're just a talking-point machine." [For part of Stewart's show, see below.]

come to embody a willful, almost joyous contempt for reason and facts, a kind of juvenile rebellion Things I'm Thankful For against those boring folks who try to figure out reality and act responsibly.

And the Right may be onto something: it's so much more fun and a lot easier politically to let things I am thankful for are my the crazy times roll.

Robert Parry broke many of the Iran-Contra stories in the 1980s for the Associated Press and Newsweek. His latest book, Secrecy & Privilege: Rise of the Bush Dynasty from Watergate to

BRAZOS

God Bless each and every one of you.

Scripture to ponder on: Titus 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

HOUNDS

the free-throw line too much. Knox City 67, Trent 29 KC 14 16 23 15 - 67 Trent 8 6 2 13 - 29

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Coaches note-Everyone played well on both ends of the ball. We are still a little sloppy when we try to push the tempo don't trust our post but did better than on Tuesday night trying to feed them the ball. For our year to be successful we are going to have to run our offense through them, which also will open up the outside shots.

LADIES

Houndettes went to Lorenzo High. The final score in that game was a Lorenzo win 27 to 79. Lacey Peirce scored 8 points, Cassidy Carter scored 7 and Gabriela Moya earned 4, as did Holly McCrary. As a team, their free throw percentage improved to 43%

Finally, on Friday, the gals played Trent HS on Houndette This time, the territory. Houndettes left the gym on top as they beat the Gorillas 39-26. Again, Lacey Pierce was the high scorer with 11 points; Gabriela Moya earned 10 points, Brittany Baker won 7 points and Chastity Tolsen scored 6. The Houndettes

33% at that game.

On the Friday after Thanksgiving, the Houndettes will go with their Hound counterparts to the Festival of Lights Tournament in Wichita Falls.

LETTERS

My Love for God and Pets **Jackson Meadors**

Did you know Thanksgiving is so fun? It is a time to be thankful. I am thankful for God and my cat.

Cats are so precious because they do not scratch me or do anything mean to me. Cats like to be petted on the head, tail, chin, and body. My cat sleeps with me when I go to sleep. It just climbs on the bed with me. I am so glad I

God is my savior. He gets me through each day. No harm comes right at me. God makes me feel a lot better. God is so friendly to hug and he even saves me.

There are many things to be thankful for. I cannot imagine what Palin - like Reagan - has each day would be like without my pet or God.

By: Carson Lewis

Do you have anything to be thankful for? Many people have things to be thankful for. Some parents and God.

I am really thankful for my parents. I am thankful that my parents feed me. The food is usually delicious. I am pretty sure my parents love me. When I get to see my family, it makes me happy. My parents also help me. For example, when I am trying to train our puppy, they help.

I am extremely thankful for God. One reason I am thankful for God is because he created me. If he did not create me, there would be nothing to be thankful for. I am thankful that God forgives us. God is the most forgiving person there is. God is also a good friend. When you pray, you should just talk to him like he is your friend.

As you can see, God and my parents are important in my life. What would life be like without such a loving God and parents?

scorers Blake Hannah Munoz Dear Diary,

> I started thinking about how good my parents are to me today. I also thought about my freedom. I am so thankful to have both of

> My parents are wonderful. I love how they are playful. I love how Dad and mom play with me. My mom and dad always cook for me. Their food is delicious. I am thankful I have parents like I do. My parents also take me places. I love going to different places around the country.

> I can't imagine life without freedom. I love buying in the US where we have choices. My family can choose to move whenever they want to wherever. We have choices. I am glad we do not live where we could get whipped. Getting whipped on the back would hurt.

> Freedom and parents are what every child should be thankful for. I sure know I am.

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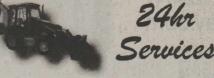
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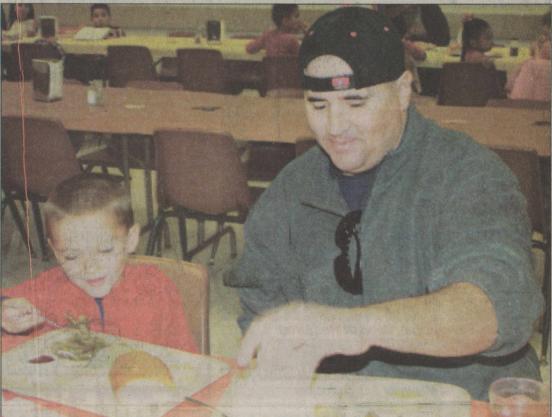


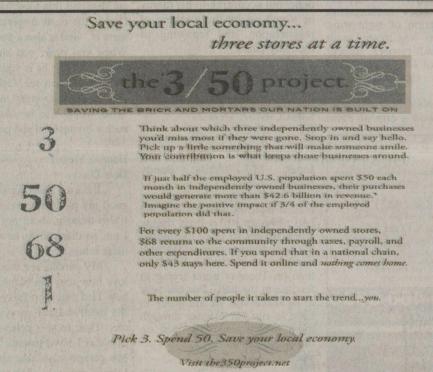
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