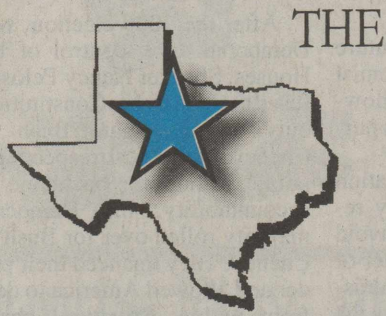


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"Christmas in November" Festivities kick off the Holiday Season in Knox

BY TAMARA SMART

Every year, kids begin to see the "visions of sugar plums" in the movies that play nightly on the inside of their eyelids soon after Turkey feasts. Some may begin to dream of Santa's sleigh and elves making toys just for them while their bellies are still aching from Halloween sweets.

In Knox, the season was kicked off for local merchants and residents at the annual Christmas In November in downtown Knox City. For three hours on Saturday night following Thanksgiving, friends, family and visitors to Knox walked up and down Central Avenue window shopping, meeting up with old acquaintances, taking turns sitting on Santa's lap, and enjoying the many spreads offered to "pursuers" of the neighborhood wares.

The night began with a band featuring Tracy Carter (vocals), Steve Pepper (bass), Ron Stanfield (drums), Delbert Lloyd (sax), and Sherry Reed (keyboard) playing a selection of Christmas songs. The band played throughout the three-hour festival without ever taking a break or missing a beat. Santa & Mrs. Claus showed up at 5:30 on a "sled" with sirens and lights announcing their arrival to the awaiting crowd.

The night was exciting for more than just the children who got to whisper their Christmas wants and wishes to Santa, as Westmark

Realtors celebrated their Grand Opening of the new office on Central Avenue. The Knox County News office opened their doors for people to come in and enjoy back issues which they may have missed and drop off donations to the Angels & Wise Men Drive. People got to sample the delicacies offered at Pepper's Dry Goods from a buffet table full of cookies, pepper jelly, snacks and treats while seeing all the new trinkets that the store has to offer. Kids of all ages were seen pressing their noses and fingertips to the outside windows of the Art Stall as a toy train circled a miniature town in one of the picture windows of the shop. Look-i-loos peered into the window of the building being renovated on the northern most side of the street to see its transformation as Jason Smart constructs the long-time vacant building into "MJ Harley's", a dream of his and his wife's, which will become a future place for the hungry to dine on a juicy steak, enjoy a gourmet burger, and listen to the jazzy sounds of the many talented folks who may float through the area (the steakhouse is complete with stage and all).

At the end of the night, there was a drawing for Santa Dollars, where Mrs. Claus drew names of people who had turned in the raffle tickets they had received for spending money at local shops over the past few weeks.

This is one of the Chamber of Commerce's big annual events; and this year, much like every year before, was a huge success. If the



rest of the Holiday season remains as festive and fun (and profitable) as the Christmas in November proved to be, the year will end with a majority of Knox citizens smiling into 2010.

Ways to Give In Knox County

By TAMARA SMART

The Christmas season is full of Christmas parties, brightly lit and decorated trees, miles of twinkling lights adorning the outside of residences and businesses, presents wrapped in shining paper and tied with satin bows, and food galore. Yet, not everyone is lucky enough to know this reality this year. With the devastation of the country's economic situation, the oil field production decline mid-year and the mass amount of people who find themselves laid off or without income Christmastime becomes just another stress on their mind, rather than a time of laughter and cheer.

The financially burdened and weary people this Christmas may have more of the Christmas feeling than they realize. Going back to the first Christmas, and the reason for the holiday in the first place, one finds a family of people who are so destitute and broken down that they cannot even afford a room to stay in while going through the laborious task of giving birth to a new child. Yet, while they could have suffered the cold of the night, they did not; rather, it was the heart of giving

that allowed a manager of an Inn to let the "poor people" stay in the inn's manger, at least to give them some sanctuary from the harsh elements. Soon after giving birth to the man who would serve as the Savior for all mankind (not to mention God's only son), three men showed up at this "poor" couple's doorstep with gifts of silver, gold, and precious oil.

It's in this spirit that many charities that take place during the Christmas season were started. Knox County is abundant with ways to help the less monetarily fortunate. Some philanthropies are very prominent and seek out donors, while philanthropies donors have to seek out themselves. Some folks may want to give, but prefer seeing their donation go toward children or a family's food supplies or other specific needs.

So, as a guide for those who wish to help out their financially stressed brethren during this holiday season, the following is just a FEW of the resources through which to give and feel safe that the donation will go toward those who really need it and appreciate it.

At Citizen's Bank in Knox City, there stands a tree with unique decorations of 44 angels. Each angel has a number on it which is assigned to one child. This is the "Angel Tree" and a service provided by Knox County Child Welfare Services. In order to participate in this philanthropy, one picks an angel off the tree and either goes and buys a present for that child then returns the present and the angel to the bank, or donates money to the "Angel Tree project" with the bank officials or to a Child Welfare Board member. The Child Welfare Board works in conjunction with the Department of Human Services and seeks out those children who are in need; be it because of a family situation, because they are foster children, or any other reason which may leave a child ailing. The Knox County Child Welfare Board is a yearlong board which helps families at their darkest financial hours. Board members in Knox City are Sheri Baty, Sherry Hacker, Joanna Delgado, & Kathy Albus. Benjamin's representative is Pam Duke. There are year round ways to give to the Child Welfare service, including denying payment for

jury service when called.

Also, as some may have noticed the bags at our local market, the Ministerial Alliance in conjunction with Lawrence Brothers is doing a food drive. Through this charity, every Wednesday in December, the bags are delivered to a family in need. According to Methodist Preacher, Tim Trimble, this is a way to "try and share the love of Jesus with those in need in our community." Each bag of food contains about \$15 worth of food and can be purchased for \$10 at Lawrence Brothers IGA in Knox City. The bags currently have canned goods, Peanut Butter, jelly, ketchup, crackers, mac-n-cheese, and apple juice. The hope is that the bags will soon

also have flour, sugar, beans and/or rice. Also, there is work to make this philanthropy a permanent deal and start a food pantry in Knox City.

The Duckwall-Alco stores are sponsoring a canned food drive until December 6th. There are trashcans set in several merchants/ business offices throughout Knox. Anywhere where there is a green "community food drive" sign on a door, that merchant is collecting canned goods. Those goods collected will then be matched by Alco stores up to 50 tons of food and then be distributed to designated food banks.

The 2nd Annual Angels and Wise Men Everything Drive is open to make a family have

a nice all around Christmas. Last year, 6 families saw an entire Christmas show up at their doorsteps few days before Christmas. Toys wrapped in Christmas paper, food (canned goods, rice, noodles, & boxes of mixes and such), new clothes, and gift cards were all part of the packages because of the selfless donations of the community. Angels and Wisemen will be collecting any and all types of donations in order to provide a Christmas smile to one or (hopefully) several families. That collection will be held at the Knox County News Office and will be open for donations until December 22nd.

There will also be a blood drive at the Knox County

Hospital on Tuesday, December 8th from 1 pm until 6 pm. All the blood donated will be used for patient care at the Knox County Hospital.

There are other opportunities all to donate; remember Christmas is not the only time that people need help surviving the curveballs of life. Brothers and sisters can "love their neighbor" 365 days a year. There is always needs to be met for some while others may be experiencing a surplus.

For more information on any drives in Knox County feel free to call the Knox County News during business hours at 940-657-3142.

Knox County Cleaners Re-opens Under New Owners/Management

By TAMARA SMART

It has been talked about for a while. The need for a cleaners in Knox County is a topic of discussion in many a circle. The Visioning Committee has spoken about it on several occasions, and it is a subject that no-doubt has surfaced in many a home when wine was spilt on linens or a old wrinkled suit was pulled from the back of a closet.

The frustration behind the unmet need was that the facility for these services was sitting fully equipped and operable on the north end of Knox City... vacant.

That is until Monday, November 30, 2009, when the cleaners held their Grand Re-opening. Jim & Tammie Dillon had been considering buying the cleaners since last April, seeing the need for the service in the

community and recognizing the ability to help the economy of Knox County by supplying 3 more jobs to hard-working people in the neighborhood. The couple, who many know because of the Dillon Greenhouse, or because they have had the great pleasure of learning how to operate a computer in Tammie's class at Knox City High School, or perhaps sat through one (or more) of Jim's classes during his

many years of teaching, finally bought the Cleaners in October.

The Knox County Cleaners will be open Monday through Friday all day and on Saturday mornings (for drop-offs only). They have drop off sites set up in Munday and in Aspermont. In Knox City, the cleaners offers delivery services.

As of now, the Cleaners employ's three people who work hard and efficiently with one another. Their goal is to eventually have 24 hour turn-around service (drop off at 8am on Monday, pick up by 8am on Tuesday). There will be weekly specials offered, as advertised (the special for the week of December 9-13, get 3 shirts cleaned, they'll clean the fourth for free).

The Dillons are excited for this new business and have gotten extremely excellent feedback and help from past owners and operators of the Knox County Cleaners, which is located at 323 N. Central Avenue in Knox City (on the way to Benjamin). For more information, call the Knox County Cleaners at 940-657-3641.



Pictured: New owners of the Knox County Cleaners, Jim & Tammie Dillon; Bradyn Durham, Denia Rios, & Lou Rios. (not pictured: Tiffany Trevino) (Photo by Tamara Smart)

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The Paperboy

By Christopher Blackburn

TOPICLESS

Column writing can be a tricky endeavor. If I don't have a particular topic, should I go ahead and write one?

I could write about politics. But really, most of you have probably had it with political opinions. Don't get me wrong, I rather enjoy politics. It's my favorite non-contact sport. However, most of you know where I stand on the issues before this nation. Guess I'm not in the mood to beat a dead horse.

You are aware of what my family has been through this Fall. There's not much change there.

I could write again on the economy, but what good would that do when those in charge of it probably don't even balance their own check book. Incidentally, I did some research on Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi and if she's ever worked in the private sector, I could not find it. In seventy years of her life she's never had a real job. I find that amazing that she is in the position to make major decisions for our businesses. Then again, our president really hasn't either, but he's still young.

I could write about sports, but with the hot topic being Tiger Woods I don't want to speculate so I don't have an opinion on the matter. Deep down I hope he has been faithful to his wife and the rumors aren't true.

With Christmas coming up our children are inundated with toy commercials. It's good to remember that on the very first Christmas no one was worried about getting to a store by five a.m.. My wife always does a good job of reminding our children of what we are celebrating.

This weekend we discussed whether or not to put lights up on the outside of our house and what color. I'm still up in the air about doing it. Let me rephrase that, I won't be doing it our roof is much too steep.

We did get our inside Christmas decorations up. I really enjoy this time of year and the change in decor. It took us a little longer this year to get our decorations up. Three days in fact. I blame my wife and her inability to stand up for long periods of time. Perhaps it was a lack of trust in her husband's taste.

The highlight of my Thanksgiving weekend was the quiet time spent with our boys and watching them build forts out of card tables and blankets. I liked doing that myself when I was a child and still think it is pretty neat.

So there it is, a column with no real topic, just some random thoughts. Perhaps next week my passion for politics, the economy and other things will reemerge.

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How Cheney Uses Media For Protection

By Linda Milazzo

On January 29, 2001, just nine days after taking office, Dick Cheney created The National Energy Policy Development Group, commonly known as the Cheney Energy Task Force. The task force was charged with the critically important task of designing America's national energy policy. Although the group's efforts would directly impact the entire nation, the new Vice President refused to divulge the names of its members or their specific activities, claiming the Executive Branch's right to confidentiality.

To challenge Cheney's claims of privacy and acquire the names and activities of the task force members, the Sierra Club and Judicial Watch filed Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuits, but the courts denied their initial requests and subsequent appeals. On July 18, 2007, the Washington Post revealed the names of members of the task force, which included executives of major conglomerates Enron, Exxon, ConocoPhillips, Chevron, the National Mining Association, and more.

Cheney's refusal to divulge the identities of the members of his task force was the earliest indication of the absolute power America's 46th Vice President presumed. His refusal demonstrated the covert nature of his Vice Presidency and his belief that transparency was not a requirement of the Executive Branch. The policies and practices predicated upon Cheney's presumption of confidentiality remained constant for the full eight years of his Vice Presidency. They ushered in the era of the Bush/Cheney Imperial Presidency that exercised sweeping authority, bypassed established law, and caused widespread concern amongst scholars and average citizens for the future

of our democracy.

On August 27, 2004, future Nobel Prize winning economist Paul Krugman wrote the following criticism of Mr. Cheney's pursuit of privacy and power:

"Mr. Cheney's determination to keep his secrets probably reflects more than an effort to avoid bad publicity. It's also a matter of principle, based on the administration's deep belief that it has the right to act as it pleases, and that the public has no right to know what it's doing.

As Linda Greenhouse recently pointed out in The New York Times, the legal arguments the administration is making for the secrecy of the energy task force are "strikingly similar" to those it makes for its right to detain, without trial, anyone it deems an enemy combatant. In both cases, as Ms. Greenhouse puts it, the administration has put forward "a vision of presidential power . . . as far-reaching as any the court has seen."

From January of 2001 right through today, Dick Cheney has committed unconstrained, and as yet unprosecuted offenses, that include circumventing the Constitution, sanctioning unlawful torture, contributing to the outing of a CIA agent, concealing information from Congress, and lying the nation into war. The tragedy of Cheney's unrestrained lawlessness is further compounded by his unprecedented authority to preside over economic and foreign policies so calamitous that they drove this nation financially, militarily and morally into the ground. Despite his constant international and domestic catastrophes, for his first six years in office Cheney's crimes were supported by an ideological Republican legislative majority and a weak Democratic minority, both of whom succumbed to Bush and Cheney's Unitary Executive.

After the 2006 election, when Democrats took control of both Houses, Speaker Nancy Pelosi refused to abide by her Constitutional duty to investigate Bush and Cheney's crimes. Irrespective of public clamor for backbone and accountability, the Democratic majority rolled over for Bush and Cheney. They financed their plunder and allowed America to decay from within. Structural chasms in bridges, roadways, pipelines, and schools were matched by ideological chasms over religion, economics, politics and war. As Americans battled each other, Bush and Cheney bombed and tortured on, comforted by knowing there would be no repercussion. For a full eight years, they wreaked havoc on America and the world, and today, post administration, both men remain free.

Bush and Cheney understand that they're vulnerable to prosecution. Bush, for the most part, has stayed out of the limelight, though he's recently become more visible, perhaps inspired by Cheney's success at using THE BIG TOOL - the media - for protection. Since the beginning of the Obama presidency, Cheney has used the media full on. He's commandeered its major outlets, newspapers, cable and network TV, and the most caustic outlet of all, talk radio, to attack the very sources he knows could bring him down - the President and Attorney General. Cheney's best defense is his mass media offense and he knows exactly how to use it.

Dick Cheney has used the complicit American media, his most powerful anti-prosecution tool, to near Machiavellian perfection. He understands implicitly that American media employs no ethical standards that would prevent it from promoting him despite the atrocities he has caused. Regardless of his catastrophic failures, the shameless complicit media freely provides Cheney the platform to attack the President and Attorney General and advance his standing as their fiercest political critic. Because of this granted visibility to pummel Obama and Holder, Cheney is more able to establish himself as a victim of partisanship should Obama and Holder try to charge him for his crimes. Through widely broadcast speeches, like the one below of Cheney bashing Obama on Afghanistan, the complicit media is helping to immunize Cheney - and it's doing so knowingly.

Cheney's transparent media offensive places him squarely, frequently and loudly in the public eye attacking Obama and Holder, and setting the stage for an adversarial relationship from which he can claim that he's their target. He's banking on the theory of American exceptionalism to keep his contrived "adversaries" from taking him down. American exceptionalism implies that America as a nation is superior to the rest of the world. In lesser nations, political rivals are targeted and imprisoned. Exceptionalism presumes that superior America, with its highly evolved democracy, would never do the same. Exceptionalism presumes that political targeting only happens in undeveloped and undemocratic nations led by unsavory leaders; Mugabe of Zimbabwe, Museveni of Uganda, Nkrumah of Ghana, Putin of Russia, have all imprisoned their opponents. Cheney's calculus has determined that American exceptionalism would prevent America's leaders from publicly engaging in tactics they condemn - like imprisoning political opponents.

Last week, Cheney's Machiavellian strategy reached a whole new level when his daughter Liz raised his status from political adversary to political opponent by floating the prospect of candidate Cheney in 2012. Brilliant! Behold Dick's calculating progeny doing his bidding on Fox TV:

What better protection from legal worries than planting the notion of a presidential run, elevating Cheney from harsh critic to political rival. It's the epitome of legal immunity in exceptionalist USA. Of course, there's little probability that Cheney would actually run. His approval ratings are dismal and he battles for breath whenever he speaks. But this is media manipulation - not political reality. Truth rarely imposes itself on TV.

Then there's the blogosphere, and the Keep America Safe website, created by scions Liz Cheney and Bill Kristol to propagandize for Cheney. The Cheney cabal is in full media combat when it comes to protecting Dick Cheney.

Notice the front page attack on Attorney General Holder - though Cheney's attacked Holder for a while.

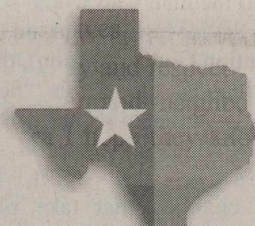
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The 501

by Hanaba Munn Welch

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

Americans are people of faith when it comes to food. In expiration dates we trust.

My husband, Hugh, is more devout than I. He goes through the pantry, reads dates on cans and throws them out accordingly. Me, I leave cans alone unless they've started to bulge with Botulism.

Both of us take serious note of dates on refrigerated items. I exempt buttermilk and plain yogurt from the "good until" rule. Hugh exempts buttermilk and plain yogurt from what's fit for human consumption. His loss.

Regarding milk, Hugh and I are both more likely to go by smell and taste than the printed expiration date. We both know the word "blinky" - a folk adjective for milk that's about to go bad. My computer dictionary doesn't have the word, but I found it on the Internet. In my search, I ran across this question posted by someone concerned about milk spoilage:

I am interested in knowing about how to scientifically detect spoilage of milk in a non-laboratory setting. Specifically, what bacteria causes

Pasteurized, packaged milk to spoil (the type you buy from a grocery store) and what are fast ways to detect them?

Believe it or not, someone gave that poor soul several paragraphs of information before offering advice that's as obvious as the nose on your face:

Smell it.

Really! How could anyone not know that the quickest way to tell if milk is blinky or beyond is to take a sniff? Or better yet,

a taste? I always do both. If that makes me a pioneer woman, so be it. The holidays always put me in that spirit anyway.

That brings us to pecans. Talk about faith. Buying pecans puts mine to the test. For someone who doesn't always check dates, I get really uptight about the freshness of packaged pecans. Can I really trust the package date? I worry they'll taste old.

OK. Go ahead and compare me to that person concerned about milk spoilage detection. I deserve it. I'm that way about pecans. I even like to know the tree.

This week, after a time squeezed to buy grocery store pecans for a Christmas fruitcake, I welcomed a chance to gather some homegrown pecans from our back yard for a pie. Grandson Cutter, age 3, helped. It was my chance to indoctrinate him into my pecan beliefs.

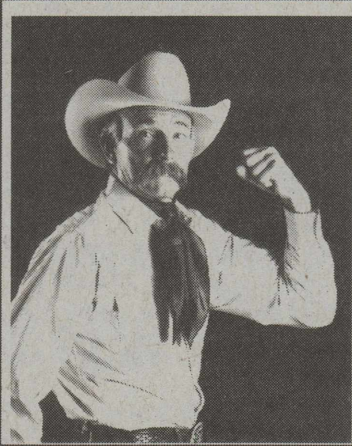
Cutter liked the cracker - a substantial device with a lever that allowed him to crack the shells. He quickly learned that some pecans were good and some were bad - really bad. We ate a few of the good ones. We really got to know those pecans. It was a lofty shared experience, at least for me.

Then I baked the pie. I burned it.

At our Thanksgiving meal I told Cutter that most pecan pies are good, but - just like pecans - sometimes they can be bad. I showed him the ruined pie.

"Next year we'll make a good one," he said.

Hope has no expiration date. I'm glad.



ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

by Baxter Black, DVM

THANKSGIVING IN THE 2009 RECESSION

This Thanksgiving I am thankful for many things large and small. For instance, on the world stage I am thankful that Saddam Hussein finally got what he had coming. But I'm also thankful for more personal things like the fact that there are still airports and convenience stores that have pay phones! They are as rare as a kind word for a legislator, but they are essential to us Verizaphobics!

I'm thankful that we have not had a terrorist act in our country since 9-11, due to the strength and dedication of our troops who are still stationed around the world in harm's way. On a small note it is comforting that I can still find a restaurant that is not a chain store. One where the chef is really a chef and not a reheater!

I'm thankful to see roads being built and repaired as part of our economic stimulus plan. It's long overdue and it is creating jobs. Less world-shaking, I'm thankful I have friends and family who care enough to remind me of an anniversary, birthday, or obscure paid bank holiday that I probably would have forgotten.

I think it stems from being part of the agrarian community where every day's a holiday, or a work day, depending on your point of view. The livestock need fed rain or shine, Sunday or Monday, July 4th or April 15th.

This year I am particularly thankful to the pharmaceutical companies and university research scientists who have given us the miracles of modern medicine. Everywhere I turn our countrymen are living longer, healthier lives. I have loved ones who have been victims of heart attacks, Parkinson's, or cancer that a generation ago was a death sentence, but today I can call them on the phone and talk about something else!

I'm thankful for the abundant, safe food supply that is brought to us by modern agriculture and taken completely for granted. Nobody goes hungry because there isn't enough food produced. Repeat after me, "God is great and God is good, and we thank Him for this food."

I've always been aware that I didn't have to worry about my weight. I am thankful for that. Oh, sure, I wish I had a full head of hair, that I didn't have hay fever, or I could sing but, ya know, ya can't have everything, so I'm thankful for what I do have.

And finally this Thanksgiving I'm grateful that I have God in my life. It would be bleak if our existence on Earth had no purpose, no meaning. There wouldn't be much point in having a Thanksgiving Day and that would hurt. Because this Thursday I'll be sitting at the table with my family, including Mother, who is ninety. I count my blessings and thank God every time she smiles at me.

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Thursday, Dec. 10th
Chicken Fried Steak/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Salad
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Tuesday Dec. 8th
Salmon Croquettes
Macaroni & Cheese
Cucumber/Onion Salad
Hush Puppies
Cake

Friday, Dec. 11th
Chili/Beans
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Crackers
Dessert

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There is no substitute for human blood. The blood donated on December 7 could give someone another Christmas or New Year with family and friends.

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Santa listened to the wishes and desires of Knox kids at the Christmas in November Festivities last Saturday evening. This picture shows Santa and Justus Smart meeting for the first time. (Photo by Jason Smart)



Truscott-Gilliland News

By Clara Brown

Thanksgiving day was pleasant. No "weather" until Sunday when Truscott got some small showers, Gilliland got some short, heavier showers, and Crowell got more than either, but not much.

Wind farm news is quiet, although the wind test towers are still standing and being checked.

Several meetings in December are being set in this area about possible transmission lines. If those are approved, that may lead to more activity for establishing area wind farms. Dec. 10 is the date for the meeting at Crowell. We apparently have productive winds, but don't have enough transmission lines to carry our wind powered electricity to the electricity hungry more populated areas. Maybe our wind farm promoters tried to lay eggs before they got hens.

June Looney ate Thanksgiving dinner with her daughter Kal at Vernon. Son-in-law, Mike Alderage and granddaughter Kay were there also.

Lula Baty reports all their children came by at some time during the Thanksgiving weekend.

Kenneth and Sharon Carroll enjoyed the day at Crowell at a Carroll family gathering at Charles and Kay Carroll's home.

Don Daniel said Grandson Neal Daniel visited and his new bride stayed with him Saturday night. They had visited her family at Fort Worth and were on their way back to El Dorado, Kansas where Neal is managing a ranch.

Ronnie and Sherry Simmons had 5 of their 6 children for the holiday plus his mother, Sybil Simmons.

Mary Welch had lots of company dropping in off and on last Wednesday, then Thursday she had some Thanksgiving dinner at the home of her daughter, Linda Oustad in Munday.

Edmund, Geraldine and Michael Tomanek had

a family dinner in Lubbock on Thanksgiving Day where the engagement of their granddaughter and niece, Sarah Tomanek, was announced. Sarah and her fiancé, Dane Norman, will exchange wedding vows July 9, 2010 in Lubbock. She is the daughter of Joe and Kay Tomanek of Boyd.

Thanksgiving dinner was held at the Jones Ranch for Joyce and Q.D. Williams of Floydada; Sonseahray, Paul, and Kaitlyn Cline of San Angelo; Bill, Staci, Brisa and Brandel Brown of Whiteface; Ruth, Rachel, Thomas and Grace Mescall of Baytown and Jack and Clara Brown of Truscott.

God's Promises

By Jim Reid, Pastor
O'Brien Baptist

It is so enjoyable to give to our children. They have great imaginations and the desire to have so much fun. As parents we take pleasure in seeing them happy when we give them gifts and agree

to do the things that make them happy. Sometimes the things they ask are not for their good or their safety. We make tough love decisions to deny their requests because we love them. As they grow and mature they begin to realize that our decisions were right. They mature to respect our disciplines as their parents.

Our Father in heaven desires to give us joy as well. Unspeaking joy that is so great it is beyond words. He is careful to protect us and provide for us in every way. He desires that we would receive all that He has in store for us; much more than we could ever begin to imagine. Listen to His Word, "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it shall be done for you (John 15: 7). Does God really mean what He says? Of course He does! Do we really understand what He is saying?

The word "abide" literally means 'a dwelling place', to live within and to allow Him to live within us, simply saying to give Him total control. When we are children living with our parents we give them total control. We trust them because they love us. God's love is for us, our trust is to Him. When we give Him total control of our lives, He gives us everything we desire that is good for us and everything He desires that is good for us.

We give much in this time of giving and sharing. Christmas is the time to give and let others know that we love them. In the above verse God challenges our belief and our commitment to Him. He gave us His greatest gift, His only Son, Jesus Christ. Let us give Him our greatest gift; ourselves.

I pray the Lord bless you and your family this Christmas.



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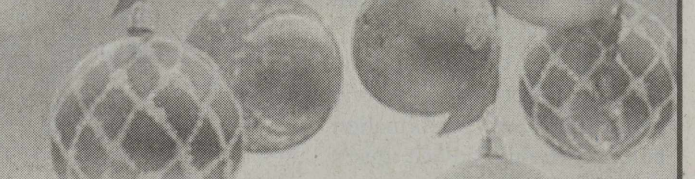
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11/24	28	58	
11/18	24	63	
11/19	26	68	
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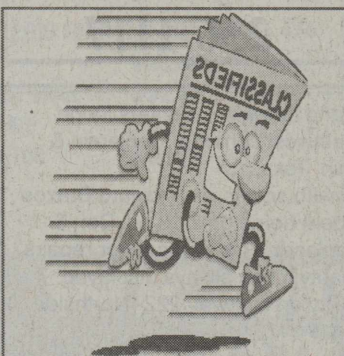
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Lady Stangs beat Paint Creek 51-39

By Tamara Smart

Friday night the gym at Paint Creek was rockin' as the Lady Stangs rocked the Paint Creek girls basketball team. The final score showed the damage, as the Lady Stangs finished off the game with a 12 point difference: Lady Stangs, 51 - Paint Creek, 39.

Becky Baldwin proved to be a Lady to be reckoned with as she controlled the basket-

ball for 28 points, had 1 assist, and stole the ball 6 times. Teri Miller earned 11 points, had an amazing 24 rebounds, 1 assist, 3 steals, & 3 blocks. Jessica Vanderpol scored 5 points, 9 rebounds, 3 assist, & had 1 steal. Raquel Acevedo scored 4 points, had 2 assists, & 1 block. Chloe Baty scored 3 points, had 5 assists, & 4 steals.

The Lady 'Stangs remain undefeated with a season aver-

age of 3-0. Coach McCollough had this to say about the season thus far: "They played a good game Friday. We had a few too many turnovers and only shot 33% from the field, but our aggressiveness on defense carried us. Becky Baldwin had a great offensive game while Teri Miller helped crash the boards. We will host Paint Creek tonight [Tuesday]."

Mustangs Look to next Match-up with Paint Creek

By Tamara Smart

On Friday November 24, when the Mustangs visited rival Paint Creek, the boys played a great game, losing the match (as they have twice this season) by only 4 points. The final score of the game: Mustangs, 48 - Paint Creek, 52.

It was a harrowing battle, lead by Derrick Northrup, who scored 19 points, got 6 assist, and stole the ball from the opposition

2 times. The rest of the team pulled their part too. Mathew Acree scored 11 points, got 4 rebounds & 1 steal. Other scores and stats for the Mustang men were: Cody Propps with 7 points, 6 assist, 2 steals; Dylan Benson with 5 points, 4 rebounds, 5 steals; Dusty Stevens with 2 points, & 2 rebounds; Mitchell Welch who scored 2 points, 5 rebounds, & had 1 steal; and, finally, Eddie Rivera scoring 2

points, 3 rebounds, & 1 assist. According to Coach Doug McCollough, "I am proud of the boys because they battled to get back in the game and had a chance to win it after being down by as many as 13 at one point. We didn't give up and got better as the game went. We will have a chance to take one at home now. We play Paint Creek at home [Tuesday]."

BENJAMIN NEWS

By Gladene Green

It's been a busy, busy week leading up to Thanksgiving & the really busy time is just now here. From now til after the beginning of the New Year, there will be no slowing down. But it's been a fun time for everyone. The excitement of Christmas tends to bring out the child in a lot of us! There's lots of decorating already taking place. Many houses and most businesses over here are brightly lit and the wonderland figures from Dub & Jo Cartwright's collection. So many years we enjoyed and appreciated their efforts as they carefully placed each piece in their yard. Now, we continue to enjoy them as they all stand on the east side of the courthouse, bringing back lots of memories.

Injured in an Accident
Mary Rainwater, former Benjamin resident, now living in Nocona was seriously injured Sun. morning as she was leaving work. Mary is a nurse & apparently had worked 11 pm-7 am shift when she was involved in an automobile accident. Extent of her injuries is not clear but she is in Harris Hospital in Ft. Worth. We surely do wish Mary well.

Sports
Tues. nite the local ball teams went to Paint Creek for games with the pirates. The girls won, but the boys lost after playing a good game. Tues nite Paint Creek comes here for a return match, then the weekend we go to Woodson for a tournament. Good practice before district play begins Jan 8 when they meet Harrold at Harrold.

And congratulations Moguls- you represented your school, town & the county & district well in your playoff game- winning & to keep going would have been nice, but you

did well- Everyone s proud of you & commend you and your coaches!

Here N There
Lots of visiting took place during last week. No way to have it all but do have some to report on.

Anthony and Jessica Lamb were here for the day Thurs. with his mom, Deann. Best part of it was they brought the lunch already prepared. Can't beat a deal like that!

Dutch and Imagean Young & Jack & Mary Young spent Thanksgiving week at their deer lease near Winters. No deer, but had a good time.

Shane & Mitzi Welch & sons, Jack Sheedy, Ray & Mary Hamm & family & John Turner of Knoz City spent Thanksgiving with Clint & Misty Jones & family near Crowell.

On Fri. the "girls" arose early to go to Lubbock for the Black Fri. shopping spree.

Debbie Clower had a houseful of company Thanksgiving weekend. Enjoying the time together were Michael & Megan Clower of Halton City, David Clower, student at Texas Tech, Sara Clower, Betty Parker & Chelsea of Aspermont, Sabra & Samuel Turner who live in Kansas & Lorene Powers & Gloria West of Benjamin.

Thanksgiving guests of Jane Gideon & Weldon Gideon were their kids, Sue & Dave Terry & family of Dallas & Lana Mendoza & family of Benjamin.

James and Stacia Propps & Shannon Propps hosted their family dinner on Saturday. Those attending were Don & Barbara Ryder & her grandchildren of Munday, Herb & Dickie Propps of Seymour, & Trey Propps who lives here. Some of Trey's

friends also joined them.

Linda and Charles Griffith had Thanksgiving with their daughters, Amy Tyson & Lori LaShomb & their families in Lubbock. Amy's son, Drew, who attends college in Oregon and his girlfriend were also there for the weekend. On Wed. nite, Charles & Linda had dinner with their local daughter, Becky Jones & family as the Jones' son, Blake, who attends school in Knox City was "resting up" for the Fantasy of Lights basketball tournament during the weekend in Wichita Falls. Charles and Linda also made it back & on to Wichita Falls to watch the games.

The Conner family had Thanksgiving at the home of Blaine & Gary Neal in Seymour. Attending were Keith & Pam Conner & Casey & Lacy Conner & Carson of Midland, Gary & Janet Reed of Guthrie & Bud Conner, Clay Conner, Hazel Stockton, Jimmy & Michele Barrientez & family, Kim Moore, Shelby and Samijo Russell all of Benjamin.

It was a full Thanksgiving Day that lasted into the weekend for Jan & Fred Carver. Those having lunch on Thursday were Dorothy Carver of Knox City, John & Patti Carver of Taft, Josh, Jonny & Elizabeth Sneed of Canton, Laura Ann Carver of Huntsville, Gary, Stacia, Ryan, & Ryder Antilley of Wingate, Kallie Antilley & Justin Laird of Winters, Mike, Tammy & Cassie Lyles of Benjamin, Cody Wainscott of Knox City & Jacey Collins, Jera Gray, Talon & Lexie of Munday.

Visiting later in the day were Stella Carver & Riley, Stephanie, Carson & Rileigh Paige Carver of Knox City, Barbara & a friend Gary of Lubbock & Tyler Collins of Seymour.

Jan said most of the family went to Wichita Falls Friday night to a hockey game. Cassie is a cheerleader for the Wichita Falls Wildcats.

I spent Thanksgiving Day with Jimmie & Jane Klutts & their family in nox City. My family had our dinner on Sat at Debbie and Mike Moorhouse's. On hand for a full day of food and fun were Diane Evans & family & Bukie Keys & family of Childress, Cody Taylor & family of Amarillo, Jessica Moorhouse of Abilene, & Liz Herring & family of Munday.

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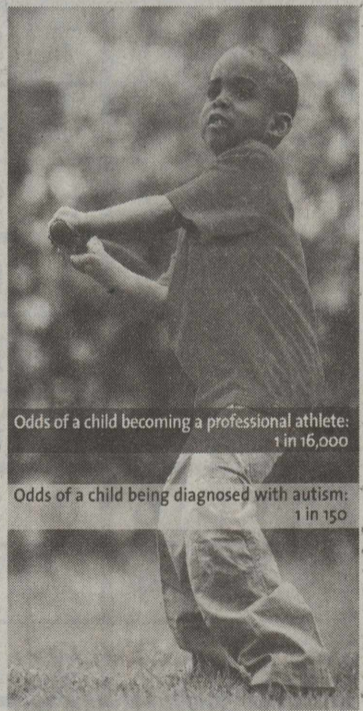
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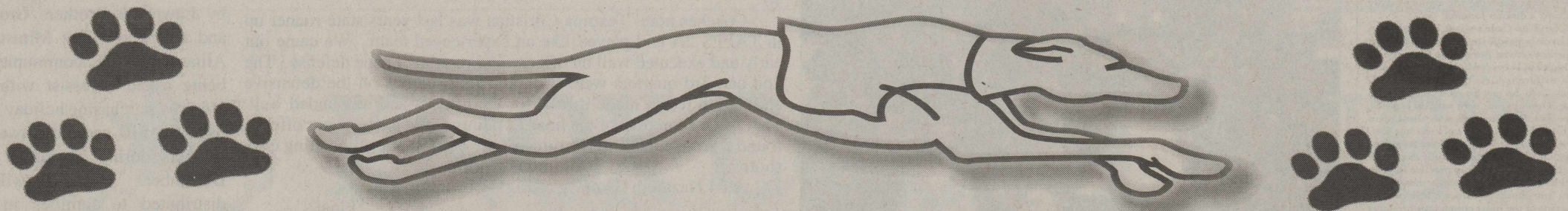
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KNOX CITY SPORTS



Hounds Play at Fantasy Of Lights Over Break

Knox City Boys Basketball results for the Fantasy of Lights Tournament which they participated in on November 27 in Wichita Falls:

KC vs. Notre Dame	(Fantasy of Lights Tournament)				Final
	1	2	3	4	
KC	17	15	11	10	53
Notre Dame	7	8	9	12	35

High scorers-MJ Abila-18, Derrick Coleman 12

Coaches note- We opened up the tournament well and played a consistent game. We had guys come off the bench and execute what we were trying to do and let our starters rest for the following games. Scored mainly by fast break points and shot a decent amount of free throws.

See HOUNDS page 8

Houndettes Win One, Lose Two at Fantasy of Lights

By Tamara Smart

With bellies still full of turkey and dressing, the Houndettes joined their male counterparts in Wichita Falls for the Fantasy of Lights Tournament on Friday, November 27.

The Tournament lasted two days and started off strong for the Houndette team. The first game was against City View, who the Houndettes pounded with a final score of 65 (Knox City) to 14 (City View).

Gabriela Moya was the high scorer in this game with 12 points, 3 rebounds, 3 assists and 1 steal. Laura Vasquez scored 10 points, 3 rebounds, had 1 assist and 1 steal. Brittney Gonzales scored 9 points, 3 rebounds and stole the ball from the opposition 4 times.

Chastity Tolson and Regan Clark both scored 8 points in this game. Chastity had 3 steals and Reagan had 4 rebounds. Brittany Baker and Holly McCrary both earned 6 points during the match, both had 2 rebounds. Lacey Peirce, Camille Ward and Cassidy Carter all scored 2 points each. Cassidy Carter blocked the ball from opposing passes 3 times. The girls shot 42.9% of their attempts into the hoop.

Yet, the next two game against Nazareth and Midway were not so profitable in stats. When the Houndettes took on Nazareth, they were beat 66 to 23. Lacey Pierce made 6 of those points, Brittany Baker, Reagan Clark and Holly McCrary all scored 4 points each. The team percentage of "n the hole" baskets during free throw shots was 53.8%, and 21.6 % of field goal attempts were made.

During the Midway game, the Houndettes lost 46 to 35. Gabriela Moya and Reagan Clark both scored 9 points during this game; Reagan rebounding the ball 5 times, Gabriela rebounded 4 times and had 3 steals. Lacey Pierce scored 6 points, 5 rebounds, 2 assists and 2 steals. As a team the girls shot 17.9% from the field and scored on 65.2% of their free throw attempts.

This weekend, the Houndettes will play in the Patton Springs Tournament which will host 8 teams including Vernon Northside who is in the Knox City District. They will begin this tourney by taking on Aspermont at noon on Saturday.



The Greyhounds jump ball to start a game in the Fantasy of Lights Tournament in Wichita Falls over Thanksgiving weekend. (Photo by Daveine Clark)

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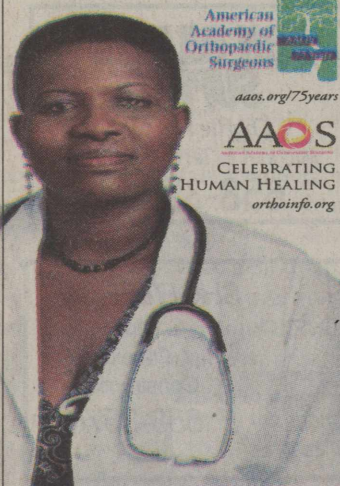
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"The Christmas scene at the Knox City Florist during Christmas in November festivities." (photo by Tamara Smart)

HOUNDS

KC vs. Texoma Christian (Fantasy of Lights Tournament)

	1	2	3	4	Final
KC	16	8	6	12	44
Texoma Christian	12	8	5	7	32

High scorers-MJ Abila-18, Bandy Moeller-12, Derrick Coleman 10

Coaches note- Texoma Christian was last years state runner up in TAPPS 2A and played like an experienced team. We came out early and executed well on offense and running a zone defense. The 2nd and 3rd quarters were back and forth battles on the defensive end. Both teams made it hard for the offense and rebounded well. M.J. Abila scored 10 of the final 12 points of the game as our offense found a groove late and ran time off the clock while still getting easy shots.

KC vs.#4 Nazareth (Fantasy of Lights Tournament)

	1	2	3	4	Final
KC	16	2	7	9	35
Naz	9	16	23	4	52

High scorers- Derrick Coleman 14, M.J Abila-12

Coaches note- This is the type of opponent we want to play early on in the season. "Nazareth is ranked #4 in the state and we knew that it was going to be a difficult game. Playing tougher teams from around the state is the reason we entered this tournament" Coach Webb. We came out early and played excellent defense and got some early shots to fall. In the second qtr we got a little impatient on the offensive end and gave up some 3pters to let them take the lead. In the 3rd is where they pulled away from us. We turned the ball over and four straight trips that led to a 10-0 run for them. I always tell my boys that in close games the person who wins the third is going to win the game. We made a push in the fourth but it was too late. Nazareth won the tournament and had three all tournament selections.

KC vs. #3 Leggett (Fantasy of Lights Tournament)

	1	2	3	4	Final
KC	5	12	6	18	41
Leggett	26	14	22	19	81

High scorers- Derrick Coleman 11, M.J Abila, Zakery York, Bandy Moeller 9

Coaches note- Again we played a top 5 team in the state but this time we played probably our worst game of the year. We played like it was our 4th game in two days and were sloppy all night. Turnovers and bad defense led to a lopsided score. I don't want to take anything from Leggett, the #3 team in the state, because they are by far the superior team and they shot the ball like they had been in the gym since August. Hitting 16 3pters in the game Leggett came out on fire and never took their foot of the gas. They played aggressive defense and anyone on the floor could shoot the three for them. Their all state guard Joe Johnson took over early and we didn't have an answer for him. We had no legs left and you could tell because of the lack of execution on both ends of the floor. We got down mentally early but I believe our boys responded well and still played the game and trying to improve.

Overall Tourney- Again we like playing higher caliber teams because it lets us know where we are going to have to be if we want to make a deep run in the state playoffs. Seeing these types of teams early on only makes us better and everyone and a while taking one on the chin can help keep you grounded. Overall it was a good experience and I believe my boys enjoyed it for the most part. Now we have to get back to practice and head to the patton springs tournament this weekend.

LOOKING

6 p.m.

There will be a community food drive from now to the end of December sponsored by Lawrence Brothers Grocery and the Knox City Ministerial Alliance. The community is being asked to assist with the effort by purchasing holiday food bags for \$10 each at Lawrence brothers during November and December. The bags will be distributed to families in the community needing assistance by the Ministerial Alliance and church volunteers each Wednesday evening from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Knox City First United Methodist Church starting Wednesday, December 2, 2009. For more information contact Pastor Tim Trimble at First United Methodist Church at 406 SE 2nd, 658-3517.

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

CHENEY

On August 30th on Fox News, Cheney characterized AG Holder's decision to conduct a review of CIA interrogations as 'politically motivated,' laying the groundwork for Cheney's future claim of partisan targeting should the AG investigate him. Recognizing that Cheney and his "BFF" Donald Rumsfeld are thought to have instigated and sanctioned the interrogations, there is strong indication that CIA investigations would lead the AG directly to Dick Cheney. Here's Cheney's politicization of Holder's decision, broadcast on Fox TV:

The saddest and perhaps most despicable irony in this symbiotic relationship between Cheney and the all encompassing media is the manner in which the media permits itself to be the tool to thwart justice. I recognize that in this article I've reproduced the messages Dick Cheney wants to send. But I've done so in the context of revealing Cheney's manipulation. It's my sincere hope that all media stop providing Cheney the wherewithal to immunize himself from prosecution. But sadly that won't happen. American media thrives on the point-counterpoint model, and Cheney has fashioned his offense perfectly to fit it.

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