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Knox City senior signs volleyball scholarship

By Tamara Smart

When the 2010 collegian volleyball season starts at Cisco Community College, one of their freshman members will bring with her 4 years f knowledge from playing on the Knox City Court.

On February 1, 2010, all the Knox City High School students congregated in the Knox City gym to witness one of their own peers, Brittney Gonzales, signing the papers to accept her scholarship to play for Cisco Junior College as a "Defensive Specialist" next year.

Brittney received the notice that she had been selected for the 2010 team and for a partial scholarship to help pay for her post-high school studies several weeks ago.

This only came after Gonzales attended an opentryout at CJC and impressed her future coach, Coach Moore. CJC plays several schools

around Texas throughout their season, including the Abilene Christian University J.V. team, Lubbock Christian J.V., and various other Junior College teams. Brittney is the daughter of long time Knox County residents, Rick and Tammie Gonzales. She has worked with Knox City Coaching staff for years, most recently playing under the coaching supervision of Arnold Perales. Currently, Brittney is one of the stars of the Knox City Houndette basketball team.

Brittney Gonzales signs the paperwork for her partical sports scholarship to Cisco Junior College, as Knox City Girls Coach Arnold Peralez; Brittney's mother, Tammy Gonzales; Brittney's father, Rick Gonzales (standing); and Volleyball Coach Moore loo



Barn fire continues to raise questions

ly last Monday morning in Benjamin:

This Morning (Tuesday) Cassidy Butler went outside to check on her dogs, and heard something in the stall of the barn, which burned last Monday. Pat Butler had already started replacing the stalls in the barn. Cassidy went to the corner of the stall from where the noise came, and found it smoldering again. Cassidy began to shovel horse manure on to the smoldering pile and, rather than put out the smoke, the horse manure began sparking. Naturally, Cassidy became terrified because "it is happening again".

Suddenly, while trying to handle the smoldering and sparking manure, Cassidy hears something else. She hears yelping. To her surprise, down in a hole that Pat had dug to replace the cross ties that had burned

Follow-up on the mysterious barn fire ear- last week, Cassidy then finds five puppies. Although she had not noticed it at upon first entering the barn (she had been preoccupied with the re-smoldering corner stall), Cassidy then realizes that someone had left a plastic drawer in the barn, next to where the puppies were found.

Pat, Cassidy, and many other friends who were there long before the first fire started have no idea how the barn could have caught fire in the first place. The idea that someone was in the barn that was no supposed to be has crossed all the their minds. But now, with the puppies and the plastic drawer, they know that someone was in the barn without their permission or knowledge.

If anyone has seen anything or anyone at or around Pat and Cassidy's house or barn please contact him or her immediately.

Primary vote on March 3rd (Early voting starts Feb 16th - 26th at Knox County Courthouse)

Local Election nominees

Justice of the Peace: Democrat- Vonnie Ivie*

County Treasurer: Democrat-Rosie Ake*

County Clerk: Democrat- Annette Offutt*

County Commissioner Pct. 2:

Democrat- Charles Griffith Republican- Dan Godsey*

County Commissioner Pct. 4:

Democrat- Johnny Birkenfeld* **Democrat-Gary Tidwell**

County Attorney: Democrat- Meagan Suarez*

County Judge: Republican- Travis Floyd*

(* Denotes Incumbent)

Cub scouts badger for badges, hold pine wood derby

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The Cub Scout Troop, Pack troop get their badges. Some 76 out of Munday is working members are also working on for badges to become the most communications badge learn-"badged up bunch" of Cub ing to write letters, emails, Scouts as possible. Recently, etc.; one requirement in orthe Troop held a derby race der to receive this badge is to help some members of the to write article to local paper. The following was submitted by Cub Scout Troop, Pack

> **Pine Wood Derby** By Webelos from Pack

Cub Scouts Pack 76 had a pinewood derby. There were 19 kids in the pinewood derby. Races were run, food was served, fun was had by all. The results were:

Tiger cubs 1.Gabriel Ruiz

2. Jonah Hernandez 3. Jacob Gonzalez

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2.Braydon Durham

3. Aaron Espinosa

1. Nathan Williams 2. Josh Hernandez 3. Kobe Ramirez

Webelos 1.Brady Finley 2.Kade Sanders 3. Daniel Jackson

Over all fastest car for the See DERBY on Page 10

inter weather

What's being billed in the Panhandle as the worst winter storm in 10 years might have been bad for drivers, but it was nothing but good news for wheat growers, according to a Texas AgriLife Extension Service expert.

"Our wheat crop was getting very dry; we've been dry for about the last three

months," said Dr. Brent Bean, AgriLife Extension agronomist based at Amarillo.

The blizzard brought from 10 to 12 inches of snow in some areas, Bean said, which translates to about 2 inches of moisture. Some parts of the Panhandle didn't get as much

See WEATHER on Page 10

Anyone interested in acquiring their GED, NOW IS YOUR **OPPORTUNITY!!!**

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Knox City High School, leaving your name and phone number. Region IV will set the orientation date and the school will contact you of this date.

Please make contact with the school by February 4th before 3:30 at 940-

DON"T FORGET TO VOTE! Mark your calendars for the upcoming March 2nd Election!

The Wichita Brazos Museum is having their annual fundraising BBQ dinner on Sunday, Feb 7th at the Exstudents building. Brisket, Turkey,

Sausage, Beans, Deviled Eggs, Coleslaw, Potato Salad and desert are on the menu. Takeouts available. \$8 for adults, \$4-children under 12. Door Prizes, silent auction and raffle for the "Dresden Plate" quilt will be drawn.

Monday February 8th, KCHS will be hosting a Financial Aid Night. Senior's, Juniors, parents and anyone else wanting to know more about getting financial aid for further education is invited.

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God's Promises

By Jim Reid, Pastor O'Brien Baptist Church

What is it today that we can't seem to decide what truth is? The media, the government, politicians, everyone seems to have so many different ideas of truth? How do we, though we truly have very little insight into the real scenarios that we hear so much about, ever come to understand truth?

Everyone is concerned and alarmed about so many events in our nation today. The economy, the bail-out, bankruptcy, banks failing, jobs lost, futures and retirements gone! We may not like the truth, but we would all like to know what the truth is.

named Pilate asked Jesus this question:

said to Him, "So You are a every day.

king?" Jesus answered, "You say correctly that I am king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice."

If you want to know truth, forget about precepts or laws, philosophy, or creeds. Do not assume that you can have your truth and I can have my truth. This does not establish truth; only opinions. Truth is

Word of God; truth is a person not a concept. Truth is Jesus Christ. When we deny Jesus Christ, we deny truth. His truth is abso-

lute, not opinion. Jesus said, "But whoever

shall deny Me before men, What is truth? A man My Father who is in heaven. Matthew 10:33.

I pray that you experience John 18:37 Pilate therefore the love of God in every way



I will also deny him before Cub Scout Troop pack 76 has members from the Munday and Knox City. The boys are working hard on collecting badges. (Courtesy Photo)

Kohl's accepting nominations for Kids Who Care scholarship

Wis., Feb. 2, 2009 - Marking the tenth anniversary of its Kohl's Kids Who Care® Scholarship Program, Kohl's Department Stores (NYSE: KSS) will award more than \$410,000 in scholarships and prizes, ranging from \$50 Kohl's gift cards to ten \$10,000 scholarships, recognizing youths who make a difference by volunteering in their communities. Nominations for kids ages six to 18 will be accepted Feb. 1 - March 15 at kohlskids.com. Kohl's continues its scholarship program and will double national scholarship amounts to \$10,000 each during a time when rising tuition costs, tightening credit and less, financial aid availability makes footing the average \$60,000 bill for a four-year degree increasingly difficult.*

"Over the past ten years of the Kohl's Kids Who Care Scholarship Program, we've been truly encouraged and touched by the selfless and inspirational acts of thousands of kids who have touched countless lives," said Julie Gardner, Kohl's executive vice president and chief marketing officer. "We're honored to be celebrating a decade of recognizing the volunteer initiatives of stand-up kids across the country. Whether organizing a local food drive, helping a younger child to read or cleaning up a community park, every contribution makes a difference, and we encourage parents, teachnominate outstanding young volunteers in their community at kohlskids.com."

To nominate young volunteers ages six to 18 for a Kohl's Kids Who Care scholarship, visit www.kohlskids. com. Nominations are accepted Feb. 1 through March 21 years or older.

Two nominees from each of Kohl's 1,059 stores nationwide will win a \$50 Kohl's gift card, and more than 190 of them will win regional scholarships worth \$1,000 toward post-secondary education. This year, Kohl's is increasing the national winner scholarships where ten national winners will each receive \$10,000 in scholarships, and Kohl's will donate \$1,000 to a nonprofit organization on each winner's behalf.

Through the Kohl's Kids Who Care Scholarship Program, Kohl's aims to recognize deserving kids who have invested in their communities by giving them a jump start on investing in their own futures. Since the program began in 2001, Kohl's has awarded nearly 11,000 youth volunteers with more than \$2.2 million in scholarships and prizes.

Last year's Kohl's Kids Who Care scholarship winners included 8-year-old Hannah Turner who collected 100,000 clothing items for homeless people, 12-year-old Rocco Fiorentino who contributed to advocacy efforts that led

MENOMONEE FALLS, ers, neighbors and friends to to legislature dedicating \$1.2 million to Braille education and services in New Jersey and 17-year-old Dallas Jessup who raised nearly \$1 million and founded a community service project empowering girls to fight back against abduction and assault.

The Kohl's Kids Who Care 15, and nominators must be Scholarship Program is part of Kohl's Cares for Kidsâ, Kohl's philanthropic program focused on improving the lives of children.

Kohl's Cares for Kids benefits children's health and education initiatives nationwide through its merchandise program, featuring special books and plush toys where 100 percent of net profit benefits children's initiatives, fundraising gift cards and the A-Team associate volunteer program.

For more information or a list of past Kohl's Kids Who Care winners, visit www.kohlskids.com.

Knox County Aging Services Menus for Feb. 8th to Feb 12th

Monday, Feb. 8th Meatballs and Macaroni Pickled Beets Black eyed Peas Sliced Bread Pudding

> Tuesday Feb 9th Pepperoni Pizza Salad French Fries Cookies

Wednesday Feb 10th Fish/Tartar Sauce Cole Slaw Great Northern Beans Cornbread Cobbler

Thursday Feb 11th Sliced Ham Potato Salad Spinach Hot Rolls Jello/Fruit

Fruit, Feb 12th German Sausage/Pinto Beans Spanish Rice Salad Cornbread Dessert

Alternate desserts for Diabetics Please call in your orders by 10:00 a.m. to 657-3618

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CHURCH OF CHRIST - Benjamin Bible Study at 9 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 10 a.m.

THE BELIEVERS' CHAPEL - Highway 222 W.O. Smith, Pastor Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. - Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.

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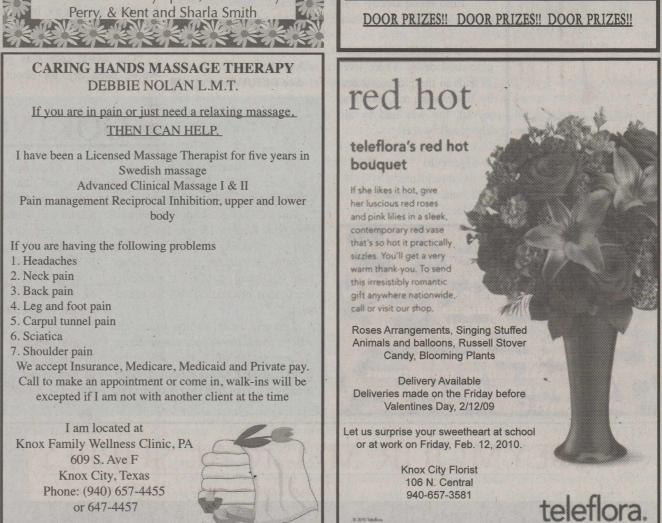
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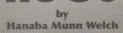
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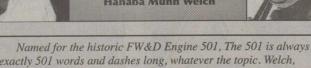




The 501



a freelance writer for Blackburn Media Group, divides her time



mostly between Abilene and the family farm north of Vernon. Nice flowing cursive penmanship has gone the way of the fountain pen -

not extinct but endangered.

Cursive writing and I never got along that well anyway. Printing, especially uppercase, was my first love and still is. But when I was in the second grade, cursive writing had the edge. It smacked of adulthood. Learning cursive was a rite of passage. We called it longhand.

The word "cursive" didn't come my way until years after I'd learned how to write cursively. I'm still not certain it's a noun. It doesn't sound like one.

DICTIONARY PAUSE. Well, it's a noun, verb and adverb. A sentence comes to mind:

"The boy learned to write cursive cursive cursively."

The root word is currere Latin for "run," because the letters all run together. Hmmm. Makes me think of some languages I know, not to mention poison darts in the jungle.

Anyway, if you're concerned about kids nowadays not spending enough time practicing their longhand, here's something else to worry about:

Today's generation may be losing the ability even to read cursive script, writing skills aside.

If you think not, you should have seen my intelligent, degreed, literate and fairly articulate stepson, Ryan, age 26, trying to read a handwritten note from my 87-year-old cousin Gene in Massachusetts. Despite his age, Gene writes a steady hand, but Ryan knitted his brow, hesitating in a couple of places, as if he were eading an unfamiliar para graph in the Declaration of Independence. Ryan told me that he just doesn't do cursive. Why should he? A cell phone keyboard is never more than ten feet distant from his body. If he has to write something with pen or pencil, he prints. It's more like texting, the main way he writes his friends and the way they write him back.

Ryan's difficulty with Gene's longhand reminded me of times I myself had trouble reading my grandmother's writing because she wrote the letter "t" differently when it came at the end of a word, with an upstroke instead of a cross stroke - probably an 1890s technique for avoiding pen drips. My theory.

Back to Ryan. There's another reason he's stuck in a non-cursive world -- the same reason his printing isn't much like first grade stuff. It's not that good Ryan developed his distinctive style in high school by learning to write like his lefty friend Beau, who apparently learned to deal with difficulties inherent in lefthanded cursive writing by printing instead. Once Ryan mastered Beau's style, the two were somehow able to divvy up ag class busywork. Don't ask me how. But it explains why Ryan prints like he does - like nobody but Bo.

The moral:

Sometimes there's more to a writing style than meets the eye. You just never know. Meanwhile, if you're still worried about cursive writing disappearing, live long enough and somebody will ask you to decipher a stack of old handwritten love letters. Name your price. Once you're ranked as an endangered species you'll be worth it.



ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE by Baxter Black,

DVM

THE RUNAWAY STAGE

If ever there was a suspicious story, thought the insurance

Walter (an alias) loved his new truck. It was a bright red, half-ton rig. When he drove it down to the Sikeston rodeo grounds, he made a point to park it at the far end of the arena away from the general parking area. Might not even get dusty, he thought.

All during the rodeo he snuck glances at his shiny new truck just visible outside the edge of the arena. When the bull riding began he was daydreaming of the 'new-car-smell' and faux leather seats. The roar of the crowd drew his attention back to the present. A big rangy Brahma bull with massive horns, a firm hump and bad attitude threw his rider off like he was skipping rocks and thundered around the arena!

The pickup man brought him halfway back, but the bull circled again and eyed the back fence. He ran to it like an Olympic high jumper! Over he went, taking out 2 by 10 boards, a cable, three colored pennants and landed smashdown on the cab of Walter's new red truck! You could hear the air bags pop as the windows blew out, the horn honked and the blinker lights came on as the roof caved in!

The insurance adjuster listened skeptically. interviewed several eyewitnesses and discreetly asked if there was a history of bootlegging white lightning in Walter's family. But eventually he approved the repair.

Back at the fairgrounds three months later for the horse show, Walter was more careful where he parked his newly rebuilt red pickup. This time he parked it a car's width away from the arena fence on the gate-end side.

The featured spectacular item of the show was a beautiful handcrafted stagecoach with a four horse hitch. No one really remembers what spooked the horses and caused the driver to leap for safety, but they all agreed when the horses thundered through the gate and bore hard to the right, it was as if they were attracted to the color RED!

The horses shot between the fence and Walter's shiny new pickup! Unfortunately they hit it at an angle, so the horses got through but the stagecoach peeled off the left side of the pickup, shredding fiberglass, chrome, steel and glass in its wake! It looked like somebody had cut an alligator skull lengthwise with a circular saw!

Walter stared into the doorless cab thinking how hard it had been to convince the insurance adjuster that a bull had smashed his new vehicle the first time, and now...well, this new twist might catapult himself into the Insurance Adjuster Whopper's Hall of Fame!

Truscott News

it feels like we've had winter since just after Thanksgiving. The Groundhog back East has predicted 6 more weeks of winter. People on these Texas Rolling Plains may not be able to take much more cold weather, freezing fog, ice and snow. Already there's lots of sunshine. No one really complains about going into Spring with water in the dirt tanks, however.

Jack Horne of Gilliland Saturday away at Wichita Falls. His grandfather, J.G. Horne brought his family to Knox County over a hundred years

The first Horne to see Knox County was J.G.'s son, Elmer, who came through in 1901 as a cowboy helping drive a herd of cattle to the Slaughter ranch at Clovis, New Mexico.

The family story in "Between the Wichitas" says he told his dad that he liked the Knox County country and was coming back to it.

Horne to settle in this county He was working on a New Mexico ranch in 1902 when J.G. Horne and four of his six Children moved to northern Knox County, between the forks of the Wichita River. Mrs. Horne had died in 1896, so J.G. loaded his younger children, horses and household goods alone to set out for a home in Knox

He rode in a boxcar with the horses and household goods while Dan, Pearl, Maude and Arthur rode in a passenger car.

After arriving, the story does not tell where they got off the train; they found land

February is starting, but and lived in a dugout and a small house. They had to grub the mesquites before they could farm the land. J.G. sent for Elmer to come home and help and Elmer arrived later in 1902. Jack, another son, came later and worked on a ranch west of Benjamin.

> Elmer later married Ida Lee Dockery, whose family were also Knox County Pioneers. Their children were James Ira, Leola Laquey, Paul, Ruby Meyers, and Jack, who lived in Wichita Falls for 27 years before moving back to his farm at Gilliland, where he was living with his wife,

> His Children, Tim Horn and Charlotte Welch still live at Gilliland. Another daughter, Elaine, lives at Vernon.

> friends Many relatives attended the services at the Seymour Church of Christ and the Gilliland Cemetery and met after at the Gilliland Center.

One hundred eight years, Elmer was not the first, or nearly so, have passed since the Horne's came to Knox County, and Horne's are still farming between the rivers, on the Wichita

March 14 is going to be a special day at Gilliland. The 100th anniversary of the Gilliland Baptist Church will be celebrated. Lola Baty says that invitations will be sent to former church members and former residents, but everybody who is interested is invited as the congregation may not have addresses for all who might be interested. Pictures, news clippings and other historical items are being sought for an anniversary display.

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Public Notice

The Council in Knox City will meet in regular session on February 9, 2010 at which time to declare the Order of election for Saturday, May 8, 2010, for the purpose of a general election for three council seats for a term of two years and a special election for the EDC Type A Corporation to undertake projects which are authorized by Chapter 505 of the Texas Local Government Code for Type B Corporations.

The first official day to file an application for a place on the election ballot is February 6, 2010, and the last day being March 8, 2010, at the City Hall, 902 E. Main, From 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. First day to

February 8, 2010. Early Voting in person will Knox County Sheriff's Office begin on April 26, 2010 and will end on May 4, 2010 at he City Hall, 902 E Main Street er position. Applicants must

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Knox City, TX

2009 Weekly Weather Report

Temperature (F)

Low / High

22/56

25/64

48/64

32/57

25/33 23/41

22/43

Total Rainfall for month

2010 Rainfall (ytd)

Monday through Friday. ers and good people skills. Twelve hour early voting will be available on (Monday) April 26 and (Tuesday) May 4, 2010 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The May 8th election will be held at the Knox County Aging Center at 107 NE Ave E from 7:00 a/m/ to 7:00 opportunity employer

Help Wanted

an open position for a water/ wastewater operator. Applicants must be a high school graduate (or GED), this position requires schooling for license to operate the sewer plant and water lines. Must be willing to relocate. Applications taken until February 8, 2010. Call (940)658-3313 or come to City Hall 902 E. file in Knox City is Monday, Main Street. EOE (5-01-28)

is now accepting applications for a full time dispatcher/jailfrom 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., be willing to work shift work including weekends and holidays. Must have the ability to maintain satisfactory attendance and punctuality standards and perform other duties as assigned. Must have a high school diploma or GED. For further job description and other information call Knox County Sheriff's Office at (940)459-2211. Position will remain open until filled. (5-TFN)

Temporary Employee Need-

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Another cold "snap' has come & finally gone! It was very uncomfortable for a few days but the sun came out today and things began to look (& feel) better. The rain was nice & welcome but now a few days to dry out a little sounds pretty nice.

Imagean Young is progressing nicely since her hip replacement surgery 2 weeks ago. Is undergoing therapy & responding well so maybe she will be able to return home soon. She's in the Knox Co. Hospital.

Sympathy to the family of Jackie Horne today. Jack passed away Fri. in Hospice care in Wichita Falls. His funeral was today (Mon) in Seymour with burial following at Gilliland. His passing leaves a void in many lives & he will be greatly missed.

Also, sympathy to Cynthia White whose mother passed away last week. She

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was been in failing health for quite some time.

Ball News

On Tues of last week, our boys & girls went to Crowell to meet the Wildcats n the basketball court- Both Benjamin teams lost- The girls suffered their first defeat of the year but lost by 6 points. On Sat. (after postponing Fri due to the weather) our teams went to Chillicothe & won both games. This week we play Northside here on Tues. And if anyone wants to make & Knox City at K.C. on Fri pies or deviled eggs for the

Here N There

In both county papers last week, Jane Rutledge Draper's name was misspelled. One had Jeane & one had Mary- So to anyone else who noticed it, I hope this clears it up & I apologize.

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Plans are just about complete & everything's in place for the museum benefit lunch & silent auction on Sun, Feb 7. Hopefully, the weather will be good & lots of folks will be here for the annual event. meal & was not contacted to do so, feel free to make your

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City Bid Notice

City of Knox City will be taking Sealed bids to purchase the property located in the Betty G. Davis Addition, Block 4, parts of lots 7, 8, & 9, this being on the corner of Main and NE Ave G. This is a quitclaim deed. Bids will be taken until 5:00 pm on Friday, February 5, 2010. For more information call City Hall, 940-658-3133. Council reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. Bids will be opened on February 9, 2010 at 7:00 pm at the regular council meeting.

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choice and take it on up to the Memorial Bldg. If everything isn't used, it will be sold, so it will benefit the cause. We'll see you there.

We have learned that Juanita Welch Killian of Lubbock has suffered a stroke & is in ICU in one of the hospitals in Lubbock where she resides with her husband, Bob. Juanita is the daughter of the former Munday, Knox City, & Gilliland resident, Grace Welch (who also lives in Lubbock now-) Juanita is a 1958 graduate of Munday High & Bob is a native of Munday. Earlier in the month of Jan., their daughter-in-law was killed in an automobile accident in Lubbock. She leaves her husband, Kerry and a small son. I ask you to pray for these friends of mine (& many others) during this difficult time.



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The Mustang Men defend their hoop preventing the Hornets from scoring.

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Boys Record- 9-10

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Stats Teri Miller- 25 Becky Baldwin- 6 Raqel Acevedo- 6 Chloe Baty- 3 Jesse Vanderpol- 2

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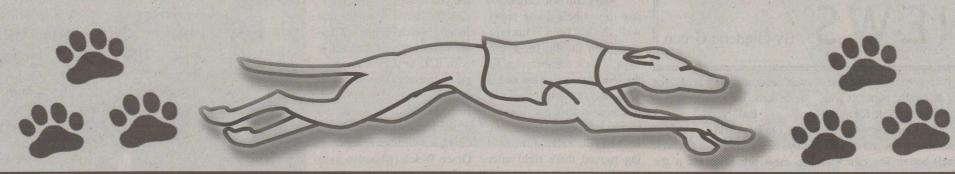
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Reagan Clark was the high scorer for the game, earning 14 points for Knox City. Brittney Gonzales scored 13 points, Lacey piece put 11 points on the scoreboard. Cassidy Carter and Brianna Thomas both scored 4 points in this battle with Northside and Laura Vasquez earned 2.

Friday night, the Houndettes met Crowell in the KC Gym. Although this was a high scoring game, this too was a loss for the Knox City girls, losing 76 (Crowell) to 43 (K.C.).

Reagan Clark again showed her amazof the game belonged to Vernon Northside, ing ability on the basketball court during this challenging game, once more leading the Houndettes in scoring. Clark, who plays under the #12 jersey, earned 13 points in Friday nights' game. Chastiy Tolson and Lacey Pierce both earned 9 points each. Brittney Gonzales (who recently signed with Cisco Junior College to play volleyball for her college career) netted 6 points, and Gabriela Moya scored 2.

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The Paperboy

By Christopher Blackburn

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Since so many have taken an interest in my wife and how she is recovering, here's an update:

She has improved tremendously. At times she is weak and does not feel well, but she continues to progress. She is scheduled for another procedure in June and from there, she should be good to go for

Sharon is resilient and mentally tough. We joke about how hard it is to get our minds around what has happened and how we are like an elderly couple at times compared to a relatively young couple with small children.

We've always thought of ourselves as strong, but have since realized we are only as strong as those special people around us lifting us up.

Sharon is brave. She has risen to the challenge and is working to make her clothing store better and

more unique than ever.

Each day she's up well before dawn getting our boys ready for their day and then it's busy messing with insurance, her store, civic duties, family and on and on.

Without bragging too much, I don't have far to look for inspiration and I thank God that she is still

willing and ready to face challenges I can't even begin to fathom.

Thanks so much for your continued prayers and interest in her well-being. It means more than words

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Input sought at community conservation meeting

Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Wichita-Brazos Soil and Water Conservation District invite the public and any agencies with an interest in conservation issues to participate in a Local Work Group meeting to be held at Knox County USDA Service Center at 3950 FM 1292, Knox City. This meeting will be on Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2010 at 1:00 PM.

The purpose of this meeting is to receive input from a broad range of local agencies, organizations, businessan interest in natural resource conditions and needs in Knox

Input received will allow the Local Work Group to make recommendations about resource concerns to be addressed for county-based funding. recommendations will be used while implementing the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and other conservation programs offered by NRCS.

The 2008 Farm Bill stipugrams must continue to be

Natural es, and individuals that have locally led. Through stakeholder meetings, the public is given an opportunity to help local conservation leaders set program priorities. These meetings are open to the public.

For more information, call the NRCS office in Knox City at (940)658-3526 Ext. 3. These service center locations and conservation program information can be found on the NRCS Texas Web site at www.tx.nrcs. usda.gov for the public.

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By US Senator John Cornyn

If ever there were a year that we might want to forget, it would likely be 2009. Our country saw the worst economic conditions since the Great Depression. The housing industry all but collapsed, and thousands of Texans faced foreclosure. The automobile industry laid off thousands and turned to Washington for billions in bailouts. Wall Street buckled. Giant corporations made giant layoffs, and small businesses went under.

In Washington, leadthese crises by haphazardly throwing trillions of dollars at America's problems. Record-setting spending bills were thrown together, including a \$1.1 trillion stimulus package, a \$2.5 trillion health care overhaul bill, and proposals that increased government spending by more than 10 percent. We were told the stimulus would jumpstart the economy immediately, create jobs double digits, and roughly 4 million jobs were lost in

Clearly 2010 must truly be a year of change. At the top of the agenda must be job creation. For every proposal considered in Washington, tion: will this create jobs?

cap-and-trade bill, which rights they have not earned. would be a devastating jobenergy and agriculture industries.

Today's weakened economy calls for meaningful tax relief and incentives that translate into jobs and monexpire this year. These measures should be extended, or better yet, made permanent. and the Taliban. I'm confident Texans will do spending or saving their money as they see fit.

security, we must redouble our efforts in homeland seyear, and the terror plot that immigration reform. and keep unemployment be- came too close to completion vigilance against this enemy cannot be underestimated. While some are determined to treat terrorists as common criminals, we cannot allow this mindset to drive our policymaking. Instead, we must

we must first ask the ques- afford our intelligence community the tools they need to High on the "2010 to-do secure our nation, instead of list" for some is passing the affording would-be-terrorists

Just as important, we must killer for Texas and our na- stand united behind our men tion. The proposed language and women in uniform as they will raise taxes, kill up to defend our freedoms abroad. 400,000 jobs in Texas alone, I recently had the privilege and be catastrophic for our of visiting Afghanistan and meeting with several of our Texas troops serving there, in addition to the senior U.S. commander there, General Stanley McChrystal. The President's surge strategy in ey in the pockets of every- Afghanistan was the right day Americans. A number of decision, and we must proimportant tax cuts, includ- vide our troops and generals ing capital gains, are set to on the ground with every resource they need as they hunt down members of al Qaeda

Here at home, a concerted a better job than Washington effort to secure our borders and reform our flawed immigration system is long In addition to economic overdue. I stand ready and willing to roll up my sleeves and work with the President curity. As we saw in the trag- and Congress to tackle real, ic attack on Fort Hood last meaningful, comprehensive

On health reform, there low 8 percent. Yet today, un- on Christmas Day, terrorists is still time to get it right. employment remains in the continue to target innocent. While we were promised a Americans. The need for transparent and post-partisan debate on health care reform, we saw exactly the opposite. Health care proposals were crafted largely behind closed doors and layered with billions in sweetheart deals.

Fortunately, with the recentelection in Massachusetts of Scott Brown to the U.S. Senate, all elected representatives and the American people must finally be given a seat at the table for this historic debate. I'm hopeful we can finally collaborate in a transparent and bipartisan way to enact real reforms that accomplish the goals of lowering costs and covering more Texans.

Although 2009 was a tough year, it is not too late to turn last year's unmet promises into this year's reality. The strength of our nation in the years to come will depend on the level of security we ensure across the board - from the economy and energy, to health care and our borders. I look forward to continuing to hear from the Texans I represent and working to make Texas more prosperous and secure in 2010.

Sen. Cornyn serves on Finance, Judiciary, Agriculture, and Budget Committees. He as the top Republican on the Judiciary Committee's Immigration, Refugees and Border Security subcommittee. He served previously as Texas Attorney General, Texas Supreme Court Justice, and Bexar County District

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Morelos, Angel 1/8/10 Panhandling (M-C)

Preston, Michael 1/8/10 TBC (M-B) Foard Cnty

Holder, Larry 1/11/10 Deadly Conduct (M-A) Haskell Cnty warrant Jones, Cindy 1/11/10 MTR/DWI (M-B) Baylor Aguilar, Patty 1/13/10 FTA/DWI (M-B) Baylor

FTA/Criminal Mischief (M-B) Knox Cnty

Dickie, Kelly 1/13/10 Theft (SJF) Foard Cnty

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Collins, David 1/15/10 Surety off Bond/Robbery (F-2)

Spangler, Jerry 1/16/10 DWI w/ child under 15 in vehicle (SJF) Foard Cnty

Walton, Omard 1/18/10 MTR/ Possess CS in Correctional facility (F-3)

Alvarez, Patricio G. 1/18/10 City Fines (M-C)

Macias, Joe Angel 1/21/10 MTR/ Child Support (SJF)

Moore, Zacquory 1/21/10 Theft (M-B) arrested in Greyson Cnty

George, Robert 1/22/10 MTR/ Buglary of Bldg (SJF) Herron, Brandi H. 1/29/10 TBC x 3 (F) New

Mexico warrants

Strickland, Amy 2/1/10 MTR/DWI 1st (M-B) arrested in Taylor Cnty

Larue, Terry Delivery of controlled substance (F-)

Carroll, Alford 2/2/10

Theft (F-3)

Hunter William 2/2/10 Theft (F-3)

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McCrae Allen Carver McCormick, is pictured above holding his winnings from the Floyd

County Stock Show, he garnered: Breed Champion York Barrow, Breed Champion Hamp Barrow, Reserve Breed Champion Major Breed with his York Gilt and Reserve Grand Champion B

WEATHER

snow, but got some rain beforehand.

But moisture in any form this time of the year is a good thing, he said.

"The moisture should really help the wheat crop get going," Bean said. "It's going to be

breaking dormancy in about a month." Bean noted that in a few weeks, the immature head of the wheat will start developing, and the moisture at that time is critical for fu-

ture development. Also, the snow and rain will raise soil moisture levels, which will be needed when spring

planting starts around the first of April.

"We always like a good snow," Bean said. The low temperatures and wet conditions stressed livestock, but having been given ample warning of the impending storm, most producers had stocked up on feed, and losses were minimal, according to AgriLife Extension reports.

"Roads, schools and most scheduled ents were canceled and basically shut everything down for two days during what weather forecasters are calling the worst winter storm in 10 years," said J.D. Ragland, AgriLife Extension agent in Randall County, south of Amarillo. "In some cases electricity was off for several hours with cattle escaping electric fencing and scattering for several miles. Some cattle death losses took place also but not to any significant numbers."

The following summaries were compiled

by AgriLife Extension district reporters: CENTRAL: Most areas received significant rainfall with some experiencing freezing temperatures, freezing rain and some snow. Producers continued to provide supplemental feed to livestock. Sunshine and warmer temperatures were needed for small-grain growth. Some farmers were not able to get in and prepare fields for spring planting due to

wet conditions. COASTAL BEND: Warmer temperatures and some sunshine encouraged growth of cool-season grasses. Wheat, oats and winter rye were doing well. However, a cold front at the end of the reporting period brought rain, further delaying row-crop planting. Farmers began to aerially apply weed herbicides. Volunteer clover and vetch were also doing well. The condition of some cattle was dropping due to low-quality hay and lack of supplemental feed, while others were doing well. Vineyard managers were pruning vines.

EAST: Parts of the region received as much as 2.5 inches of rain. Cold, rainy conditions were the rule. Winter forages were hit hard by the freezing temperatures and made slow progress. Soggy pastures prevented producers from applying fertilizer. Producers were still feeding existing hay stocks but were looking to purchase new supplies too. Calving season began. Livestock were in fair to good condition with producers providing supplemental feed. Feral hogs continued to cause damage.

FAR WEST: Wind and mild temperatures were followed by up to 1 inch of rain and as much as 3 inches of snow. Some winds were in excess of 50 mph. The much needed moisture was expected to aid wheat, oats, barley and pastures. However, rangeland conditions continued to decline.

NORTH: Soil moisture was adequate to surplus. Conditions remained too wet for farmers to prepare fields for planting. Pastures were saturated and flooded by excessive rain. Small grains and winter pastures greened up, but the cold weather took its toll on cattle. Livestock producers continued to supply large amounts of supplemental feed, while

they worried about dropping hay stocks. Some producers were able to get calves out of the pastures and ready to sell despite the muddy conditions. Dairy cows were suffering from the wet conditions.

PANHANDLE: The region received from 8 inches to 12 inches of snow. Some areas received freezing rain first, followed by snow. Highways were closed for most of Thursday and part of Friday. Early reports indicated that the moisture from snow and ice was equivalent to 1 inch to 2 inches of rain. Producers hoped the moisture will improve wheat and rangeland. Few cattle deaths were reported at this time, but thanks to weather forecasts, most producers were able to stock up on cattle feed.

SOUTH: Warm temperatures and lots of sunshine were followed by cool temperatures and spotty showers. Most of the region still had adequate soil moisture except for western parts where soil moisture conditions were 100 percent short. Potato planting continued in the northern part of the region throughout the week. In the eastern part of the region, early planted wheat and oats were in fair to good condition. Some sunflower and corn producers were planning to start planting soon. Dryland wheat and oat fields benefited from the light showers, but needed more rain. Growers resumed cabbage harvesting as soon as fields dried out enough. Spinach, carrots and onions were doing well following irrigation. Because of the cold and wet weather, beef producers were supplying large amounts of supplemental feed. Also, cattle's nutritional demands were high as it was the calving season. Rangeland and pastures were in good to fair condition.

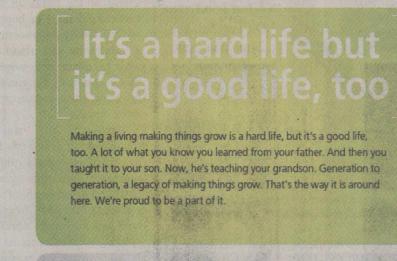
SOUTH PLAINS: Another winter storm came, bringing from 0.5 inch to 1.5 inches of rain, followed by approximately 3 inches of snow. High winds and ice caused a great amount of damage to trees and shrubs. Soil moisture was short to adequate. The rain and snow put a stop to field work. Wheat was in fair to good condition. Pastures and rangeland were in fair to good condition. Extremely cold temperatures along with wet conditions and high winds stressed livestock, and in response, producers increased supplemental

SOUTHEAST: Cold weather stopped the growth of winter annual grasses. Clover needed warmer weather to grow. Livestock were consuming large amounts of hay, and producers were searching for more. What clover and other cool-season grasses were present were grazed down except where producers used proper pasture rotation and stocking rates.

SOUTHWEST: Twice the long-term average rainfall in January further improved the agricultural outlook. The cold weather was expected to reduce insect pressure, conserve moisture and make early spring planting possible. Wheat, oats and winter vegetables were making excellent progress, and the harvesting of spinach, cabbage, carrots and lettuce continued. Planting of potatoes was ongoing. Ranchers were busy as it was the calving, lambing and kidding season.

WEST CENTRAL: A mix of rain, sleet and some snow returned. Soil moisture was good, but there was only limited field activity due to wet conditions. Wheat and oat crops were doing well. Rangeland and pastures improved thanks to the added moisture.

Beef producers continued to increase supplemental feeding of livestock. They were also actively shipping cattle and culling herds.





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