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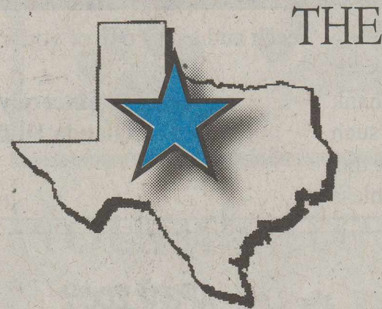
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## Knox City Livestock Show Results

By TAMARA SMART

The Knox City show barn was abuzz with activity on Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup> as the yearly local stock show was held in the afternoon hours. With kids and the animals they have painstakingly worked with, groomed and feed for months in preparation for the show, the winners were announced after hours of showing on the main floor.

The results are as follows:

In the goat category, Bandy Moeller won for his lightweight goat, followed by Weldon Fritsgerald who won 2<sup>nd</sup> and Skylin Ledesma with her 3<sup>rd</sup> place goat. In the Heavy weight goats, Tanna Moeller won first place, Mason Shipp won 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Peyton Shipp won third place. Overall in the goat category, Tanna Moeller's goat was announced "Best", while Bandy Moeller won "Reserve Champion Goat".

Rebecca Rodriguez won "Overall Champion" in the rabbit group. Rachel Rodriguez won Reserve Champion.

The swine were very prevalent through the competition, as usual. In Market Swine, class 1 (Berkshires), Preston Lynn won for his Champion Berkshire and Landon Lynn won Reserve Champion Berkshire.

For class 2 Market Swine (Chester White), Christian

Abila won Champion Chester.

Class 3 (light weight Duroc), Payne Stanfield won first place, Brittney Gonzales won second, Zach Shaver won third, Jaylon Roberson received fourth place and Laquita Roberson got 5<sup>th</sup>.

In Class 4 (heavy weight Duroc), Alexia Jimenez won 1<sup>st</sup> place with her pig. Chance Baty won 2<sup>nd</sup> followed by Kate Baker, Matthew Jimenez and Raylee Ledesma who won 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> respectively.

Alexia won Champion Duroc and Payne Stanfield won Reserve Champion Duroc.

Class five was for Light Weight Hampshire breed swine. Bandy Moeller won first place in this class. Toni Brown was the 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner, Austin Valimont won 3<sup>rd</sup> and Jarek Wilde received 4<sup>th</sup> place.

Class 6 contained the Heavy weight counterpart to the Class 5 Hampshire pigs. Sierra Boyd won first place in that grouping, Jaylon Roberson won 2<sup>nd</sup>. M.J. Abila won 3<sup>rd</sup> and Laquita Roberson's swine got 4<sup>th</sup>.

The Overall Champion Hampshire went to Bandy Moeller for his lightweight, and Sierra Boyd's heavy weight received the Reserve Champion Hampshire ribbon.

Class 7 in the Swine group was for Poland Breed swine.

Laura Mayberry won Breed Champion, and Shelton Baty



A Parade of Pigs took the mainstage in the Knox City Show Barn for a final judging. (photo courtesy Kristi Moeller)

won Reserve Champion.

Class 8, Spot Swine, for light weights, Lyndon Baty won first place, Kate Baker got 2<sup>nd</sup> and Melissa Rogers won 3<sup>rd</sup> place. In Heavy weight spots, Conner Whitaker not only won first place for the category, his heavy weight won Champion Spot for the entire Class 8 group. Skylin Ledesma Took second place in the heavy

weight category and also won Reserve Champion spot with his pig. Whitney Collins won 3<sup>rd</sup> with her heavy weight Spot and Brittney Gonzales received third place.

Ty Baker won 1<sup>st</sup> place in Class 10 for his Champion York.

Class 11 was the Cross Swine cluster, and Laquita Roberson won first place for the lightweight

Cross type pigs. Also for lightweights, Sage Turner won 2<sup>ns</sup> and Cheyenne Roberson won third. MJ Abila won Champion Cross for his heavy weight pig, and Christian Abila was Reserve Champion in the Cross sector with his animal. Tanna Moeller won 3<sup>rd</sup> in heavy weights and Reagan Clark's pig got 4<sup>th</sup> place.

After all the many

varieties of swine were judged, the Overall Grand Champion Swine of the show went to Bandy Moeller with his Light Weight Hampshire. Conner Whitaker went home as Reserve Grand Champion with his Heavy Weight Spot.

Next Saturday will be the County Stock show in Munday at the Munday show barn.

## 2010 Knox City Little Dribblers

The Knox City Little Dribblers League has started sign-ups for the 2010 season. Letters were sent home with every child in Pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade in the Knox City-O'Brien school district this past Monday.

The Knox City coaching staff will be in charge of directing the league again this year.

The teams will be coached by the high school students that have volunteered to help our youth learn the game of basketball.

The league is designed to give the kids of Knox City the chance to play basketball in a controlled and structured

setting with a positive environment.

There were a total of 113 kids that signed up to play last year. Coach Steele said, "We were very pleased with the number of kids that played little dribblers last year. We had a bunch of positive feedback from parents on the structure and participation".

There will be four divisions for the different grade levels. The divisions are PK-K, 1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>.

The entry fee to play is \$10.00 per child and the deadline is Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>.

We are currently looking for sponsors for the t-shirts. We are asking for \$75.00 from each sponsor which will put your business name

on the back of every t-shirt. Last year we purchased over 120 shirts.

Coach Steele said, "We would like to thank the community for their support of Knox City Little Dribblers. Without the support of the community, some of the things we do for our youth would not be possible".

The first playing date will be January 30<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00 AM. A schedule of times and dates will be sent home with the children after sign-ups and the teams have been determined.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me for further information. My contact information is charles.steele@esc9.net, 940-657-3115.

## Farm Program Meeting

In cooperation with the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), Farm Service Agency (FSA), and Texas AgriLife Extension Service will host a farm program public information meeting. The meeting will be held at the new USDA Service Center building on Thursday,

January 21 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The USDA Service Center is located north of Knox City on FM 1292 approximately 3 miles off of Highway 6.

Speakers at the meeting will include Stan Bevers, Economist with Texas AgriLife, Gary Rea, NRCS

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## Knox County Junior Livestock Show Is Upon Us

Many months of hard work and preparation will be seen this weekend when the youth of Knox County 4-H and F.F.A. programs will exhibit their livestock projects. The annual Knox County Junior Livestock Show is set for Friday, January 15 and Saturday, January 16 at the Brazos Valley Young Farmers Barn. The public is invited and encouraged to come support the youth of Knox County as they show case their animals for every one to see. The livestock program strives to teach individuals responsibility, character, record keeping, financing, and over all supervision of an animal. A concession stand with be available, so come and enjoy the show.

Friday, January 15

8:00 a.m. - Begin Weighing Lambs, Goats,

and Swine  
 4:00 p.m. - Begin Weighing Broilers and Rabbits

5:00 p.m. - Market Broiler Show followed by Rabbit Show

6:00 p.m. - Market Lamb Show followed by Market Goat Show

Saturday, January 16

8:00 a.m. - Market Swine Show

10:00 a.m. - Steers in Place

12:00 p.m. - Market Steer Show

Premium Auction will take place one hour after steer show

Broiler/Rabbit Judge - Ed Blankenship  
 Lamb/Goat/Swine/Steer Judge - David Farquhar

## Social Services Outreach Effort

The Wichita Falls Area Food Bank's Social Services Outreach Program will be in Knox City Texas at Lawrence IGA store to raise public awareness and to provide application assistance for several different state-funded social and health services such as Food Stamps, Medicaid, Women's Healthcare Program, CHIP, and TANF.

The Food Bank's Social Services Outreach Coordinator, Dianne Richardson, will be setting up Application Completion Center at Lawrence IGA grocery store on Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.. The Center will offer hassle-

free sign-up which includes assistance in filling out the application, and delivering the completed application to the correct Health and Human Services Office.

The Wichita Falls Area Food Bank's Social Services Outreach Program does not determine an individual's eligibility. However, it does make sure the applicants have information on the assistance programs available to them, assures necessary paperwork is completed thoroughly and correctly, and turns the applications in to the correct office.

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# OPINION



## The Paperboy

By Christopher Blackburn

### Harry Reid is a Sad Joke

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid said President Obama is a "light-skinned" African-American "with no Negro dialect, unless he wanted to have one."

Why aren't people up in arms? Why aren't his fellow Democrats demanding he resign his position as Senate Majority Leader?

There is a clear case of a double standard concerning Reid.

Republican Sen. Trent Lott cheered the 1948 presidential campaign of Strom Thurmond - a segregationist Democrat opposing President Harry Truman - during a 100th birthday tribute to Thurmond, by then a longtime Republican senator. Lott apologized but resigned nearly two weeks later after a growing number of Republicans questioned his effectiveness.

You can't have it both ways. Democrats, when they can least afford it reputation-wise, should have held Reid accountable.

Someone should have asked him exactly what he meant by the statement, "Negro dialect." I would love to hear Sen. Reid's answer to that question. Then again, I think Reid is a lying bully and is ignoring the vast majority of his constituents and the American people.

Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi and her Democrat colleagues (cronies) in the House had a nice trip to Copenhagen for the global change summit last month.

Pelosi decided who should go and how they would travel.

The 20 Democrats, who are supposedly passionate about "saving" the planet, managed to get to Denmark on three military jets: two 737's and a Gulfstream Five - up to 64 passengers - traveling in luxurious comfort.

The finest hotels, limos, the best food, rock star treatment ...

Why are we sending our employees on trips like this. What? You mean you are surprised to learn that elected officials use our money for these excursions? I've got news for you: WE FUND EVERYTHING WASHINGTON DOES!

America the dumb.

Slowly but surely, people are awakening to the fact that our government currently does not have our best interests at heart.

If they did, they'd listen and do the people's business instead of the business of special interest groups, political action committees and self gratification.

I know of a way we could get out of the recession and pay down the national debt, but it will never happen.

The United States has a lot of oil. Enough oil to sustain us (without having to import) for decades.

Think of the money. Think of the jobs. Think of the boom it would create.

The gulf of Mexico, Colorado, California and Alaska - enough oil to solve all of our problems.

Too bad we can't use it because it is "protected."

When the Chinese take us over because of our insurmountable debt, I bet they will use it.

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## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I wanted to express my feelings of appreciation toward the people of Knox County; for their kindness & thoughtfulness during the

loss of my son, Larry Don Day. For your flowers, your cards, your prayers, I thank you. Living in a county such as this makes the pain of this loss lessen. May God bless

each and every one of you.

Sincerely,  
Glenda Huff



## What to do with The UnderBomber

By William Fisher

Well, the underpants bomber has now pleaded "not guilty" to a bunch of charges stemming from his unsuccessful efforts to blow up a Detroit-bound airliner on Christmas day.

The not guilty stuff is a legal formality he will use to try to negotiate some kind of plea deal. If he's not successful, he'll be tried, found guilty and, in light of the charges against him, sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Just like the 'shoe bomber' - Richard Reid.

But let me be permitted to wonder aloud whether this is our wisest course. And to ask readers to tell me what they think.

This notion isn't likely to win me any popularity contests, but there might just be a better way for us to handle Mr. Abdulmutallab. A win-win way.

I know there are lots of folks who would just like to put Abdulmutallab away forever. Lock him up and throw away the key. Then we'd never have to think about him again. That's certainly the conventional way we handle his kinds of crimes.

But, just for a minute, let's take a step back and consider: We don't yet know

much about this guy. We know he's 23 years old. And we know that, based on the sound of some of his Internet writings, he has been lonely, isolated, depressed. We know he is a deeply religious Muslim, but we don't yet know why he set out to kill us. We don't yet know what motivated him to become a jihadi.

But we probably can assume that once he gets a prison sentence that contains the words 'without possibility of parole,' he'll be an even scarier jihadi with each passing year. And attempt to turn his fellow inmates into jihadis as well.

But what would happen if we tried to give him an incentive to not be a jihadi? What if we sentenced him to, say, 20 years to life with the possibility of parole? And what if we were able to marshal the resources to really work with this guy in the slammer? Teaching him about our people, our country, our values. Could we get him to give up on jihad? Could we turn him? Could he end up like us?

Well, the prospects are probably razor-thin. The re-education of Mr. Abdulmutallab would take a considerable time. And our Bureau of Prisons would have to do a lot of outside-the-box thinking to come up with and

execute a plan. But do we have a lot to lose? Wouldn't seem so.

After all, we as a people are supposed to believe in redemption, resurrection, rehabilitation. Our prison system is always saying they too believe in these values, but they do next to nothing to make them a reality. American prisons and Corrections don't belong in the same sentence.

I wouldn't even venture a guess about the odds, but there's always a chance that Mr. Abdulmutallab might just end up as a poster child for civilized behavior.

And that tantalizing possibility might just present us with a rare opportunity. Hey, you never know!

What are your thoughts, readers?

<http://billfisher.blogspot.com>

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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.*

The wind is blowing strong and cold. To me, it's as if the blast is straight from frigid Minnesota, like two of my ancestors. No wonder they left.

Sure, when you read these words, North Texas will be basking in the 40s or 50s. But right now it's really cold. I can't limber up my keyboard fingers enough to write about anything else.

Yep, I'm on the farm, babysitting cows, keeping an eye on their watering troughs, mentally preparing to break ice every morning. It's what I do. I'm not in charge of hay. Hay might be easier.

Newspersons are offering tips on how to deal with this bitter cold, advising folks to bring pets indoors and check on elderly neighbors. So far, nobody's checked.

I'm glad cows aren't pets, even if some of them are. On the other hand, I guess I might stay warmer if I invited some cows in. I'd want my select bunch to include Gran Mamou, the really old cow, except her horns would knock stuff in all directions, and she'd want me to hand-feed her all my cereal. Better to think Mamou and the rest of her ilk are all hunkered down somewhere as usual, surviving. I don't like sharing cereal.

Me, I'm staying close to a little electric heater, breaking the three-foot rule. That's how far you're supposed to keep flammable stuff away from it. I haven't melted any holes in my socks yet. That happened to my socks once, ankle level, at a campfire. I didn't even get burned. I should have...

The three-foot heater rule applies specifically to furniture and clothes and presumably to pets (good luck enforcing that rule if you let them in) and pretty much everything else that's not made out of asbestos. What is? Brake shoes? How about asbestos shingles, like the ones blowing off the house as we speak? Or maybe it just sounds like they are.

Like I said, it's cold. Atelevisionnewsperson listed four cold weather concerns, including pets, all starting with the letter "P," except she said "faucet" when she meant to say "pipes." The other two? Plants and pots. Or did she say pot? Surely not.

Anyway, pots are the least of my worries. (So is pot.) Maybe the reason not to leave a plant pot outside is that water might collect in it and cause the pot to crack when the water, or wet potting soil, freezes and expands? The newswoman didn't elaborate. Outdoor pot protection could be the subject of a news story all its own if January gets really dull. Or not.

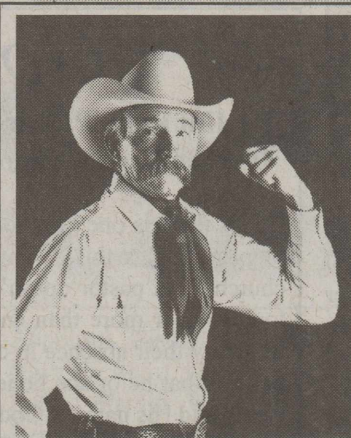
As for my favorite clay pot, it's in the kitchen, upside down over a lighted stove burner, radiating heat and maybe toxic fumes. So far, so good.

Disclaimer:  
Don't try any of this at home.

Exception:  
Cows might work.

The first time I ever skied was at a small resort in snowy Austria with cows in one wing and plenty of milk for breakfast.

I had cereal.



## ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

by Baxter Black, DVM

### A GLIMMER OF HOPE FOR THE WILD HORSES

It's been a long time since I've felt anything but sadness for the wild horses.

I was a veterinarian in the Idaho-Nevada-Oregon sagebrush country the year that Wild Horse Annie managed to make wild horses a government dependent. Virtually all the dire predictions of the outcome have come true.

Lack of common sense and lack of good management have led to overpopulation, resulting in an excess of wild horses (30,000 head) now being held under fence and cared for like domestic livestock or zoo animals. Despite dogged efforts to sell, auction, or give away these apparently unwanted equine, they continue to propagate profusely.

I don't hold those well-intentioned/misguided instigators like Wild Horse Annie responsible. We let them do it! They were ignorant of the consequences and never intended to take responsibility for the chaos they created anyway! Nor do I place blame on the BLM. They have been forced to care for land maintain many thousands of unmanageable horses we dump in their lap. They are plant people, for cryin' out loud, not the Fish & Game!

The saddest result of this decades-long tragedy is that it has diminished and demeaned the majestic equine species. Today the mustangs are now just another category of the whole Abandoned Horse problem that is the result of these same well-intentioned misguided, take-no-responsibility horse lovers who have temporarily shut down the horse slaughter plants in the U.S.

But my heart is lighter today. I recently watched a competition of the Extreme Mustang Makeover during the Heber City, Utah Cowboy Poetry Gathering. Thirty trainers were each given a 4-5 year old, unbroken, solid color, sound horse from the BLM's stockpile of wild horses. They were allowed 100 days to train their animal and then invited to compete against each other.

As each trainer rode into the arena and began the obstacle course, every horse person in the grandstands seemed to be riding with them. We watched, leaned, tensed and sighed as they were snorting at the box of roosters, balking at the water crossing, tiptoeing to the steers, dancing, shying, sniffing, testing and finally, in the end, trusting the rider on their back, who had been their constant companion, feeder, teacher and friend for the last 100 days.

The judges, well-known trainers themselves, were asked to choose the winners. It was more akin to judging Olympic ice skating than a horserace. Money was won. It made the trainers, the BLM, the Mustang Heritage Foundation and Heber City all look good. But the biggest winners were the horses. Not because they were mustangs, but because they were horses just like the ones you work your cows with, or rope off, or trail ride on, or race or show. And...just like the good ones the cowboys used to catch and train when they really were wild horses and they really were free.

### KNOX COUNTY AGING SERVICES MENUS FOR JAN. 18<sup>TH</sup> TO JAN. 22<sup>ND</sup>

<b>Monday Jan. 18th</b> Chopped Bbq Potato Salad Cole Slaw Sliced Bread Fruit Crunch	Potato Chips Pork & Beans Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles & Onions Cobbler
<b>Tuesday Jan. 19th</b> Rice/German Sausage Pinto Beans Salad Cornbread Cobbler	<b>Friday, Jan. 22nd</b> Chicken Fried Steak/Gravy Buttered Potatoes Green Beans Hot Rolls Dessert

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## Museum News

Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years, the holiday season is past. It has felt like January ever since November, with all the snow, ice, and arctic air crashing into Knox County. But take heart, it really is January now, and after January's shivers comes the Wichita Brazos Museum's barbecue, on the first Sunday in February. February 7<sup>th</sup> this year.

"SOOOO ARE YOU READY FOR SOME BARBECUE!" (That call was stolen from another event which takes place later the same day, THE SUPERBOWL.) For the past twelve years Knox County folks and friends have poured into the Benjamin Ex-Students Center for this event to enjoy the food, and the warmhearted spirit which fills the gathering, and the excitement of the silent auction, and your name being called for a door prize. Door prizes will be delivered, if you are not present.

We have pulled out the big notebook filled with notes about past museum barbecues, showing how much to buy and who is in charge of what. As usual the menu will be featuring brisket, sausage, baked turkey, potato salad, coleslaw, special recipe pinto beans, fresh baked bread, deviled eggs, iced tea, or coffee, and pies as far as the eye can see.

You can eat at the center, or get a take-out serving to take home or share with football fans.

Anyone wishing to give time, food, a silent auction item, or a door prize to help with this event, is welcome to call the Wichita Brazos Museum at 459-2229 between 10-5 or contact any member of the museum board. Board members include:

- Benjamin - Mary and Jackie Young; Lorene Powers; Benny Grill; Kenneth and Jessie Roberts; Charles and Linda Griffith.
- Goree - Bob and Peggy Presnall;
- Knox City - Doris Crownover; W.R. Baker; Faye Railsback;
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# Obituaries



## Larry Don Day

Larry Don Day, 50 years old, born March 21, 1959, in Knox City, Texas, passed away December 30, 2009 in Irving, Texas. He is survived by his loving wife of 27 years, Reana of Irving; daughter, Christi of Arlington; son, Dennis of Irving; mother, Glenda Huff of Knox City; sister, Sandra Stone of Knox City; numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

## Mary Ann Harbour

After a long illness, Mrs. Mary Ann (Brown) Harbour, 67, passed away Friday, January 8, 2010 at the Circle of Light Hospice in Springdale, Arkansas.

Pastor Bill Parker of Trinity Baptist Church of Sand Springs, Oklahoma will officiate at private services at Woodlawn Cemetery in Sand Springs, Oklahoma, which will be under the direction of the Wesson Funeral Home of Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Pall Bearers will be Bill Brown, Rick Harbour, Larry Mason, Kenny Dugan, David Berry and Gary Harbour.

The family and friends will gather at 1:30 p.m. at the Trinity Baptist Church in Sand Springs to honor Mary Harbour and the memories she has left them with a memorial service.

Mrs. Harbour was born at Quanah, Texas on March 15, 1942 to J.R. and Vivian (Winstead) Brown of Truscott, Texas. She was a descendant of early Texas families, including her mother's Ham and Bowen lines, which arrived in Texas before it became a republic, and the Browns, who not long afterward, entered North

Texas, later moving from Clay county to Knox County in the 1890s.

Mrs. Harbour graduated from Crowell High School. She and McCater Alexander "Mac" Harbour married on April 6, 1968. They lived in Wichita Falls for a time, and in Germany while he was in the service, but lived in Oklahoma most of their life together, with Owaso, Oklahoma City, and Sand Springs being their homes at different times.

In Oklahoma, Mary was in banking for years while Mac managed paint stores.

The Harbours were married 36 years before he passed away in 1998. At the time of his death, they owned and both worked for their paint stores in Tulsa and Amarillo. After his death, Mary moved to Arkansas.

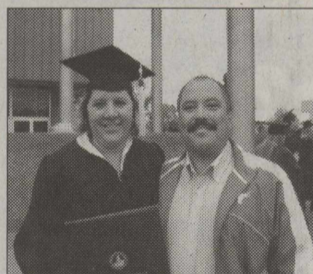
Other family members who preceded her in death included her parents; a daughter, Dianna Lynn; a brother, Wayne Dolan Brown; and her grandparents, W.A. and Mary (Luckey) Brown of Truscott and Dr. L.A. and Annie Cherokee (Ham) Winstead of Jack County, Texas.

Mary is survived by one daughter, Kimberly Ann Fry; one grandson, Andrew Fry, both of Siloam Springs, Arkansas; two brothers, Jack Winstead Brown of Truscott and Donald Joe Brown of Scarsdale, New York; several nieces and nephews including Bob Brown of Crowell, Mrs. Ruth Mescall of Baytown, Texas; Mrs. Jacquelyn Richey of Houston, Bill Brown of Whiteface, Texas and Jonathon Brown of New York City.

In recognition and appreciation of the loving care given to Mary Harbour and her family by the professionals and staff of the Circle of Light Hospice during Mary's time there, the family has requested that in lieu of flowers that those wishing to honor Mary Ann (Brown) Harbour will make memorial gifts to Circle of Light Hospice at 901 Jones Road, Springdale, Arkansas, 72762

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## Melissa Espinosa gets her B.S. from MSU



By TAMARA SMART

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# God's Promises

By Jim Reid, Pastor  
O'Brien Baptist Church



If there is one question that is typically on the mind of pastors it is this, "Why don't more people come to church?" A pastor doesn't have to be in ministry very long to hear more than enough excuses that people use to justify their absence in church. Yet, most people truly believe that he or she believes that there is one Supreme Being and His name is God. In fact, if you ask people, "Do you believe in God", you can't find hardly anyone who will say no! So, why don't you come to church? Typically people who don't come to church will have at least one of three reasons:

1. **I'm not going to be a hypocrite like so many people that I know in that church!** You might possibly be right. There may be some hypocrites in church. The word "hypocrite" simply means, "one who puts on an act". When you understand this definition then you can find hypocrites everywhere; at work, at school, in your clubs or organizations, but you will attend those places without any difficulty.
2. **I don't have time for church!** This is also a popular reason for not attending church, but the very things that you're doing are other activities that you have allotted the time. It's usually not a matter of schedule, but a decision of priority.
3. **I have to work, we need the money or the work can't wait!** Now this reason is seen as paramount to any logical or practical explanation for feeling the need to attend church. Truly you may have a work schedule, or emergent situation or a time necessary that you do need the extra hours. But can't we ask ourselves, "Does it have to be every Sunday?"

I never intend for this article to sound like I'm preaching. I have the opportunity to do that three or more times a week. I always want this article to be encouraging to each and everyone who takes the time and interest to read it. I am confident that your being in church on Sunday will bring the most encouragement of the week into your life and the life of your family. There are three reasons why:

1. Attending church is like other places; you're sitting with people just like you.
2. Attending church is simply a matter of scheduling the time.
3. Attending church is never a waste of money.

God's Word always brings encouragement: *Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; and let us consider, how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more, as you see the day drawing near.* (Hebrews 10: 23-25 NASB)

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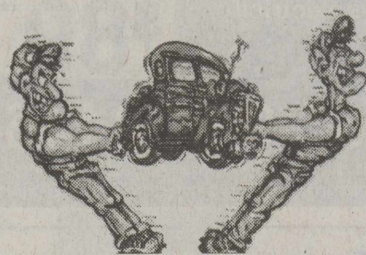
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9110 Knox County Appraisal District v. Jerry R. Robinson a/k/a Jerry Johnson a/k/a J. Johnson  
Lot 3, Block 50, Original Townsite of Goree

9173 Knox County Appraisal District v. Robert P. Espinosa and Sandra Espinosa  
The North 27' of Lot 1, and all of Lot 2, Block 7, Warren Addition, City of Knox City

9191 Knox County Appraisal District v. Ida K. Brown, Larry Browning, Gerald Taylor, Donny Edward Browning a/k/a Don Browning and Charlie Lee Browning a/k/a Charlie Browning  
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12/29	25/36		
12/30	34/60		
12/31	31/56		.13
1/1	23/54		
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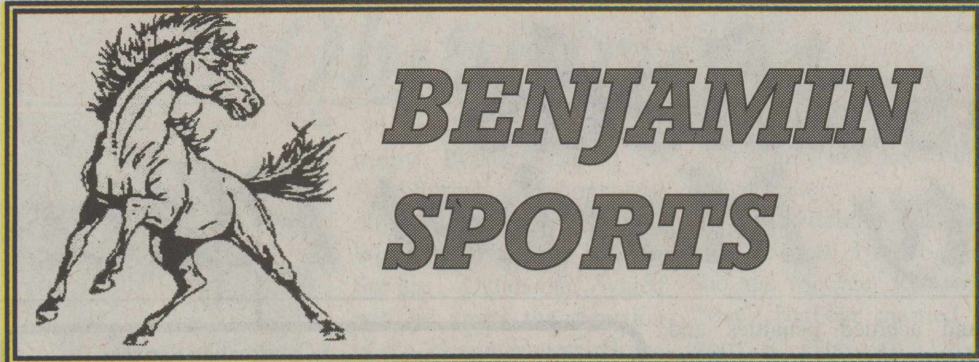
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The Mustang men practice is paying off, they are undefeated as of thusfar in district play. (Photo by Tamara Smart)

## Lady Stangs Beat Harrold in District Play 57-17

The Lady Stangs are 15-2 overall and 2-0 in district play. The girls played a great game Friday @ Harrold. We executed our offense really well and played good defense. We were led offensively by Becky Baldwin with 26 points, and Terri Miller crashing the boards with 13 and adding another 14 points. We played as a team and everyone contributed. We have Chillicothe on Tuesday and Knox City Thursday, both @ home.

- Becky Baldwin- 26 pts.
- Terri Miller- 26pts, 13 rebs.
- Jesse Vanderpol- 6 pts.
- Chloe Baty- 4pts
- Julia Rudowicz- 3 pts.
- Raquel Acevedo- 2 pts.
- Shelby Russell- 2 pts.
- Mustangs-50 v. Harrold-49
- The Mustangs squeaked by with a win

over Harrold. This puts the boys @ 7-7 overall and 2-0 in district play. We were not ready to play Friday when Harrold took the lead 24-15 at the half, but we came out on fire in the third scoring 26 and holding Harrold to 12. I was really proud of the boys the way they came out and didn't give up. We also have Chillicothe and Knox City @ home this week.

- Derrick Northrup- 18pts, 8 rebs, 4 assist
- Cody Propps- 10pts, 11rebs, 3 steals
- Dylan Benson- 10pts, 6 rebs, 4 steals, 2 assist
- Mitchell Welch- 4pts
- Dusty Stevens- 2pts, 7rebs
- Eddie Rivera- 2pts
- Mathew Acree- 2pts, 4 steals

# BENJAMIN NEWS

By Gladene Green

Well, we survived another cold spell!! This is getting a little old but guess we'll take what comes. I was fortunate- No frozen water lines or broken pipes, tho some did have some problems of that kind. But most of them are resolved now & things are getting back to normal.

Good to report that again we have no illnesses to report. Several have on going problems but none of any serious nature.

### Sports

School got back in swing last week after the holidays and basketball is on again. Our teams went to Harrold Fri. nite and both boys and girls won. This week's games are both at home - Chillicothe on Tues. nite and Knox City on Thursday nite. This coming weekend is county stock show time & no school on Fri. so the ball game is moved to Thurs.

### Here N There

Sunday night found lots of locals at the Church of Christ annex for a free deer chili supper- chili; cornbread, crackers, dessert & tea made for a very good meal & was enjoyed by a pretty good

crowd. The Church of Christ has started a food pantry & several attending the meal Sun. nite brought items for the pantry. If you know of anyone who may need a little help- regardless of the reason- contact someone in the Church & they will see to their needs. Everyone falls on bad ties at some point & this is a good way to give these families a boost.

Imagean Young was in Wichita Falls Thurs to see her dr. She will be having hip replacement surgery on Mon, 18<sup>th</sup>. Says she is looking forward to the surgery & being relieved of the pain she has had for so long but dreads the rehabilitation that will follow. She just doesn't want to be away from home so long, but we assure her we'll take care of Dutch while she is "out of commission"- Of course, we wish her well & hope she will be back home very soon.

The after Christmas lull has cut down on local happenings. Call in your news- I've always said, "everyone is interested in what everyone else is doing!"

### FARM

Plant Materials Manager, John Rector, FSA County Executive Director, Charles Schur, NRCS District Conservationist, and Andy Spencer, NRCS Zone Agronomist. The topics of discussion will be on the economic effects of No-Till/Strip-Till planting, EQIP and C&T Program incentives for No-Till/Strip-Till, FSA Farm Programs, and Plant Materials Programs.

Continuing Education Units (CEU) will be offered for those needing them towards their private applicators licenses. If you have any questions over the meeting feel free to contact either the FSA or NRCS Office at 940-658-3537 or the Extension Office at 940-459-2651.

### Legal Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City Council of the City of Knox City will hold a public hearing on the 28th day of January 2010, at City Hall, 902 E. Main, Knox City, Texas 79529 at 7:00 o'clock p.m. It is the intention of the City Council to call a special election to be held on May 9, 2010, to present to the voters propositions to determine whether the Knox City 4A Economic Development Corporation should be authorized to undertake projects or categories of projects which are authorized by Chapter 505 of the Texas Local Government Code for Type B Corporations. The purpose of the hearing is to receive input from the public and to provide information regarding the potential cost and impact of the following projects or categories of projects.

1. Projects for the promotion of professional and amateur athletics and sports, including children's sports, including stadiums, ball parks and related stores, restaurant, concession, and automobile parking facilities and related roads, streets, and water and sewer facilities and other related improvements and also including future maintenance and operating cost.
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3. Projects for the construction of public parks, park facilities and events and open space improvements and related stores, restaurant, concession, and automobile parking facilities and related roads, streets, and water and sewer facilities and other related improvements and also including future maintenance and operating cost.
4. Projects for the establishment of museums and exhibition facilities and related stores, restaurant, concession, and automobile parking facilities and related roads, streets, and water and sewer facilities and other related improvements and also including future maintenance and operating cost.
5. Projects related to the development and expansion of affordable housing as described by 42 U.S.C. 12745 and related roads, streets, and water and sewer facilities and other related improvements.

## Eat This!

By RYAN MILLS

I have printed my recipe for stuffed jalapenos here before. It's always popular and of course very good.

I ran a marinara sauce from an old friend, Duane Snell, a few weeks ago and in talking with him mentioned the jalapenos. Duane said he had a different take on them and supplied me with his recipe.

I won't mention what he calls them but it has to do with a buffalo and his excrement.

Actually you get two recipes for the price of one today. He also includes his rub recipe.

With the temperature in the teens, these should do the trick in warming you up.

- Ingredients
- Filling
- 1 brick of cream cheese, softened
  - 8 oz. shredded cheese
  - 2 tbs. of favorite BBQ rub (recipe below)
  - 1 package of bacon
  - 1 package of Lil Smokies
  - 16 jalapeno peppers
- Rub
- 8 tbs. paprika
  - 6 tbs. garlic powder
  - 6 tbs. salt
  - 5 tbs. pepper
  - 3 tbs. cayenne
  - 3 tbs. onion powder
  - 2 tbs. dried oregano
  - 2 tbs. dried thyme

- Directions
- Mix the rub, cream cheese and shredded cheese together. Cut tops off jalapenos and split down the middle. Remove the seeds and white membrane.
- Fill each jalapeno with the cream cheese mixture then place a smokie on top of cream cheese. Wrap with a piece of bacon and secure with a toothpick.
- Sprinkle with more BBQ rub and cook at 300 until cream cheese slightly browns. Watch closely in order to not burn the bacon.

Ryan Mills is the editor of The Childress Index and a Chief Operating Officer for Blackburn Media Group. For comments, suggestions or to submit a recipe contact him at [index@chipshot.net](mailto:index@chipshot.net).

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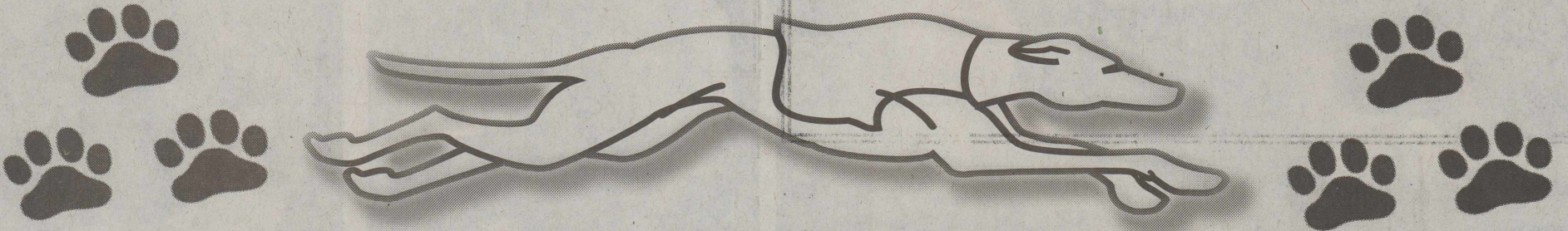
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# KNOX CITY SPORTS



## Houndettes 1 & 0 in District

By Tamara Smart

Last Friday, the Houndettes scored their first victory in district play, conquering Vernon Northside with a final score of 51 to 31. Their district record is now 1 & 0.

The top scoring Houndette in this game was tied between Brittney Gonzales and Chastity Tolson, who both were responsible for 13 points being put on the scoreboard. Reagan Clark, who had been the high scorer in the previous game against Woodson, scored 11 points and Gabriella Moya earned 10 of the 51 total points. Cassidy Carter and Lacey Peirce both put up two points each.

Just a few days before, the Houndettes had their last pre-district game against

Woodson, winning that game 53 to 44. As previously stated, Reagan Clark was the high scorer in that game with 13 points, followed closely by teammate Laura Vasquez who scored 11 points; Chastity Tolson who earned 8 points; Brittney Baker with 7 points; Brittney Gonzalez with 6 points; and Lacey Peirce and Gabriela Moya who both earned 4 points during that game. Overall this season, the Houndettes are 7 & 12.

The next game that the girls will play will be on Tuesday afternoon against Crowell. Thursday evening, though, will be the first rivalry showdown in the district, when the Houndettes meet the Lady Stangs in the Benjamin gym.



The Houndettes started District play in the game versus Vernon Northside. Beginning right from the first jump ball, the Houndettes paved the path for victory over Northside 51 to 31. (Photo by Daveine Clark)



The Hounds jump a ball into the hoop during their game versus Vernon Northside on Friday. (Photo courtesy Daveine Clark)

## O'Brien Bulldogs play Chillicothe Eagles

On Monday, January 11, the O'Brien Jr. High basketball teams met up with the Chillicothe Eagles on O'Brien turf. The Stats for the boys are as follows:

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
O'Brien	4	2	4	8	18
Chillicothe	7	5	7	8	27

Scorers: Tylynne Eaton- 6; Tyler Sanders- 2, Zach Rodriguez- 4, Stran Jackson- 6  
Coaches Quote:

"Tonight we had a lot of kids step up that have not been contributing much, it is always nice to see those kids step up and make shots in pressure situations. It shows a lot of maturity on their part which is exciting to us as a coaching staff."

The next Jr High game is scheduled for next Friday the 22nd. The Junior High kids will play prior to the varsity games vs. Harrold. This is a unique situation and gives our kids the opportunity to play at the big gym in Knox City.

## O'Brien Bulldog Boys Barely Lose to Vernon Northside

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final
O'Brien	2	10	14	20
Northside	2	9	13	23

Scorers: Zach Carter- 2, Francisco Valencia- 2, Tylynne Eaton- 8, Tyler Sanders- 6, Austin King- 2  
Coaches Quote:

This is the second time we have

played Northside and our team has come a million miles since the first meeting. We were in this game until the very last seconds, literally. If it were for 2 late three pointers down the stretch by Northside we would have won this game. Our coaching staff is proud of the strides this group of boys is making.



Lady Bulldogs run one to the hoop to score 2 points on the Chillicothe Lady Eagles on Monday night. (photo by Kristi Moeller)

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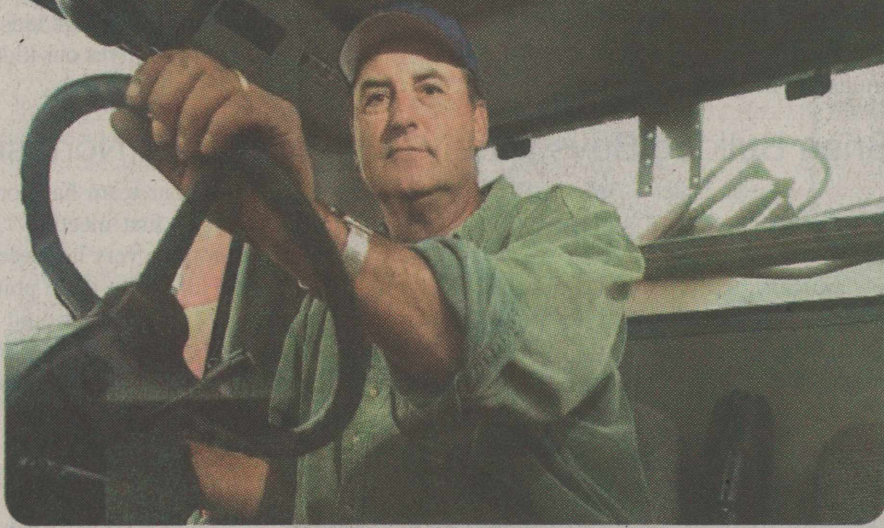


Bandy Moeller with his Best in Show Overall Grand Champion Light weight Hampton pig. (Photo courtesy Kristi Moeller)



Tanna Moeller With her Overall Champion Goat and her blue ribbon.

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We salute the youth who will be participating in the Knox County Jr. Livestock this Friday and Saturday.

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