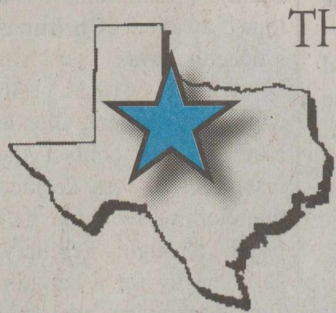


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## Knox City softball field construction underway

**By Tamara Smart**  
 After many, many months of discussion, decisions, negotiations, donations and planning, the new girls softball field in Knox City is finally being built. With land donated by KC/O'Brien CISD and funds provided in part by the Knox City EDC (Economic Development Committee), the Knox City Girls Softball Association will have a new field soon.  
 When the field is finished, Knox City will be the proud home of a regulation softball field, complete with bleachers, dugouts, bathrooms and a concession stand. The Girls in the ASA softball association will no longer have to travel to Wichita or Abilene to play all their games (although they will still be playing "away" games in those venues), but now be able to host games on home turf as well.  
 This benefits not only the girls playing the games, but all the businesses in Knox as well. When other teams visit,

that means revenue for local businesses. Gas purchased at local gas stations, groceries at local stores, lunches and dinners at local diners, perhaps even some extra nights stay at the local Motel.  
 Yet, as any new community development project, while building the field is underway; there is much to be done. Volunteers are needed NOW to help with painting, putting up chain link, cleaning, etc. To volunteer your time and talents to this project, you can contact local officers of the Girls softball Association: Nick Jimenez (president), Jared Pepper, or Cody Manning.  
 Signups for girls softball will be in the coming months. Four teams will be created featuring one team for girls 8 to 9 years old, one team of 10 and 11 year olds, one team of 12 and 13-year-old girls, and finally a team of 13 and 14 year olds.  
 The field is planned to be finished by the end of February.



The new girls softball field is located due east of the Knox City baseball field. (photo by Tamara Smart)

## Department of labor distributes \$101 million

The U.S. Department of Labor today released \$101 million to help states provide career training, job search and relocation assistance to U.S. workers who lose their jobs for trade-related reasons. Texas will receive \$9,522,294.  
 "A revitalized Trade Adjustment Assistance program is an important element

of our nation's economic recovery," said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis.  
 Provided to 41 states, this money is the balance of the fiscal year (FY) 2009 Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) base allocations that were announced in October 2008. The Labor Department previously had provided \$88 million for TAA activities under the federal government's continuing resolution. For those qualifying states that experience large, unexpected layoffs during the year, the department maintains a reserve fund.  
 The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) includes a major expansion and reform of the TAA program to ensure that all U.S. workers negatively affected by trade have the skills, resources and support to become re-employed.  
 Mandated reforms to the TAA program will take effect May 18. Among these, the Recovery Act raises the annual cap on TAA training funds from \$220 million to \$575 million. The department soon will announce additional TAA training allocations to all states, based on the increased funding authorization to support implementation of the enhanced program.

## Structure Fire Flares Monday in Benjamin

**By Tamara Smart**  
 Benjamin Volunteer Fire Fighters got an unexpected wake-up call on Monday morning.  
 At 5:45 a.m., a structure fire was reported in Benjamin. Structure fires "always get the adrenaline pumping," according to Dickie McCanlies, Chief of the Benjamin Volunteer Fire Department. Knox City VFD was called in too, because the fire was reported as a structure fire. When the Fire units got to the scene of the blaze

(3 units from Benjamin, 2 units out of Knox City rolled to the scene), they were "relieved that it wasn't a home" but rather a hay barn housing 40- 60 small bales of hay, horse stalls, lumber and railroad ties. Between the two fire departments, the blaze was contained and extinguished within an hour.  
 Rarely do "Structure Fires" get called in, but when they do, little time is wasted. According to Chief McCanlies, "Benjamin is lucky" not to have seen many of these fires in the past few

years, and BVFD is very grateful to KCVFD for their assistance.  
 By mid-afternoon Monday, the occupants of the house and the barn had already gotten a huge part of the devastation caused by the fire cleaned up. By Tuesday afternoon, there was no sign of a fire at all.  
 The House and Barn are owned by Misty and Clint Jones, but are occupied by Pat Butler & family. The Fire Departments are still unsure of what started the blaze.

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## Correction: Livestock Show Results

- In the Knox County Jr. Livestock show results story from last week, The results for the Goat Show was left out!
- So, for those who were left wondering who showed goats at the Munday Showbarn on January 15<sup>th</sup>, and who won in the show, the results are as follows:
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| <b>Jr. Livestock show results</b>        | <b>Med. Weight Market Goats</b>          |
| 1. Brogan White (Grand Champion)         | 1. Brogan White (Grand Champion)         |
| 2. Brylee White                          | 2. Brylee White                          |
| 3. Bandy Moeller (Sr. Showmanship)       | 3. Bandy Moeller (Sr. Showmanship)       |
| 4. Justin Rainwater                      | 4. Justin Rainwater                      |
| 5. Heath Welch                           | 5. Heath Welch                           |
| <b>Lt. Hvy. Weight Market Goats</b>      | <b>Lt. Hvy. Weight Market Goats</b>      |
| 1. Brogan White (Reserve Grand Champion) | 1. Brogan White (Reserve Grand Champion) |
| 2. Finley Parker                         | 2. Finley Parker                         |
| 3. Tanna Moeller (Jr. Showmanship)       | 3. Tanna Moeller (Jr. Showmanship)       |
| 4. Holly Wilson                          | 4. Holly Wilson                          |
| 5. Peyton Byers                          | 5. Peyton Byers                          |
| 6. Skylin Ledesma                        | 6. Skylin Ledesma                        |
| <b>Hvy. Weight Market Goats</b>          | <b>Hvy. Weight Market Goats</b>          |
| 1. Heath Welch                           | 1. Heath Welch                           |
| 2. Parker Finley                         | 2. Parker Finley                         |
| 3. Mason Shipp                           | 3. Mason Shipp                           |
| 4. Lane Byers                            | 4. Lane Byers                            |



Brogan White with her Grand-Champion Goat. (photo by Konnie Kuehler)

## CORRECTION

Correction from last week's story on the New Fire Chief in Knox City: Domingo Garcia was the Assistant Chief of the Knox City Volunteer Fire Department last year, not a captain as the story about him last week reported. Also, the Annual Women's Auxiliary Golf Tournament will be held in May, not March.

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# Obituaries



**Alma Ruth Smith  
Rule, Texas**

Alma Ruth Smith, 79, of Rule, passed away on Thursday, Jan 14, 2010 in Stamford. Funeral services were at 2:00 p.m. Sunday at the First Baptist Church in Rule with Rev. Russell Stanley officiating. Burial followed in the Rule Cemetery under the direction of Tankersley Funeral Home of Stamford. Alma was born February 23, 1930 in Rule, Texas to W. V. and Hazel Almond. She was a lifetime resident of Rule. She married Donald

Kent "Speedy" Smith on January 23, 1949. She was a homemaker, a member of the First Baptist Church and loved china painting with the ladies of Rule.

Alma is survived by 2 daughters, Beverly Speck and husband David of Knox City, Kay Perry and husband Bill of Haskell, 1 son, Kent Smith and wife Sharla of Rule, 6 grandchildren, Shana Marin of Knox City, Matt Perry of Beaumont, Melanie Grindstaff and husband Sam of Rule, McKenna Smith of Rochester, Dwayne Chaney and wife Keri of Abilene, Amanda Johnson and husband Brice of Abilene, and 7 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband of 59 years, 2 brothers, Wesley Almond and Weldon Almond, and 1 sister, Betty Almond.

Online condolences may be viewed at tankersleyfuneralhome.com

# God's Promises

**Jim Reid, Pastor  
O'Brien Baptist Church**

**What to do when you feel discouraged:** It is so wonderful to realize that as a child of God we are equipped to resolve any circumstance. In the book of Philippians, in the New Testament, chapter 4, verses 6-8 God speaks:

*"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!*

*Let your forbearing spirit be known to all men. The Lord is near.*

*Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.*

*And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

*Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right,*

*whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, let your mind dwell on these things."*

So many times in our discouragement we truly feel beat down and beat up, but God's Word opens the door to the Truth and His name is Jesus Christ. He never wants nor intends for us to be discouraged or disheartened.

He encourages us to think upon the good things in our life. The experiences that time after time have caused us to rejoice in life. Those very special moments spent with our families and children that we treasure deep in our hearts.

If this is a time or a day that you're experiencing depression or discouragement reflect upon these scriptures from God's Word. Remember, God begins speaking, "don't worry, instead pray and praise God and He will give you His peace. May the love of God be known in your heart.

# Pink Ladies News

Pink Ladies met January 20, 2010 at the thrift shop with eleven in attendance. It was announced that the front ceiling fan had been repaired so that it could be turned off at very reasonable price. Thanks Danny Compton. The long awaited Christmas luncheon was set for February 2, 2010 at 11:30 a.m. The president, Glenda Huff, was to contact the restaurant. It was decided that clothing would be half price through February, so come by for a bargain. June Tankersley suggested that the auxiliary honor the president with a memorial gift for her deceased son. All agreed. As always, we appreciate your donations that benefit our hospital.

Submitted by: Billie Walker, Reporter

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## Breaking down beauty barriers for cancer patients

Cancer Services Network will present an educational program entitled, **Breaking Down Beauty Barriers for Cancer Patients**, at 6:00 p.m. Monday, February 8, 2009 at the Arrangement located at 357 Walnut, Abilene, Texas. This project is a collaborative effort between Cancer Services Network (CSN), *Absolute Perfection Day Spa*, and *Jennifer Dawn Salon*.

Angela Childress, licensed clinical aesthetician and owner of *Absolute Perfection Day Spa* and her sister, Jennifer

Dawn, owner of *Jennifer Dawn Salon* will present a participatory educational session for women undergoing cancer treatment by teaching techniques to help them cope with appearance related consequences of cancer treatment. Each participant will receive instruction on skin, nutrition, massage, mani/pedi, and hair including use of scarves and hats. Angela's interest in working with women going through chemotherapy or radiation therapy peaked when her

mother-in-law was diagnosed with cancer.

"Cancer patients are increasingly turning to complementary therapies to improve quality of life and boost their ability to cope with stress," said Nancy Estes, Executive Director of CSN. "We began to brainstorm with Angela about a way for cancer patients to focus on a positive self image." "Our goal is to share information and techniques to improve cancer patients' appearance and self-confidence." said

Angela Childress.

The Texas Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas provide a portion of the funding for this event. There is no cost to attend but reservations are requested. You may call CSN office at (325) 672-0040 or send an email [adodson@cancerservicesnetwork.org](mailto:adodson@cancerservicesnetwork.org). CSN provides emotional support to cancer patients and their families in a 19-county service area. CSN also has a financial program to serve underserved cancer patients.

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Sunday School at 10 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 11 a.m.

## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - Benjamin

Timothy Trimble, Pastor  
Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m. • Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.

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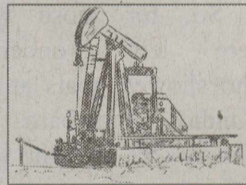
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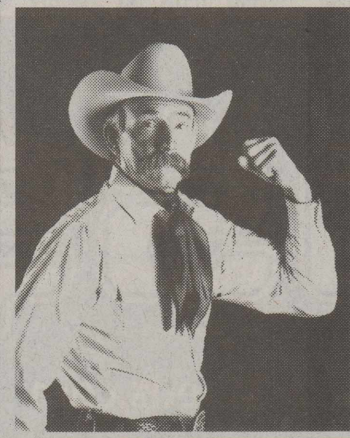
*Named for the historic FW&D Engine 501, The 501 is always exactly 501 words and dashes long, whatever the topic. Welch, a freelance writer for Blackburn Media Group, divides her time mostly between Abilene and the family farm north of Vernon.*

If your life is dull, you probably don't live anywhere near rats. If you live in the country, your life is not dull. Sure, country living isn't dull for many reasons, rats being just one, except there's never just one. At our farm, they're packrats. We could do worse. Judging from my stints in Vienna-on-the-Danube and New Orleans-on-the-Mississippi, city rats are ugly, not that I've ever seen one up close by day. Urban rats skitter around nocturnally in the periphery of human vision. Did I really see a rat? Or was it a small dog? My favorite New Orleans rat story: I worked in a small office store in New Orleans' original business district, the oldest part of town next to the French Quarter, geographically and comparatively. Our pre-Thanksgiving window display featured squaw corn, pumpkins, calculators and other office stuff -- a tasteful fall mélange. Our resident rat thought so. He ate the corn. Kitty, the store manager, was mortified and surprised when, arriving at work, she glanced in the window and saw the naked corn cob. Kitty was from one of the city's best families. I was just mortified. Eventually, so was the rat, if you go back to the Latin root of the word. Might as well. Rats have been around that long too. In case you're wondering, I didn't mortify the rat, despite my farm-girl background. Handymen L. B. and Andy handled that task. Fine with me. I deigned not even to view the corpse, preferring to keep city rat

images in the periphery of my imagination. I just know they're dark and have pointy noses and beady, close-set eyes. If only my images of packrats could be equally vague. But I keep encountering the critters face-to-face every time I disturb one of their so-called "nests." Picture a beaver lodge on land. Or sometimes they just add their own touches to things like stacks of old tires. Packrats do look better than their city counterparts. Their eyes aren't as beady, their noses are less pointy, and their fur is silvery.

Behavior-wise, packrats are noted for shenanigans. Long story short, a packrat chewed up my Sunday shoes. Packrats and I have similar tastes. Woe is me. In fact, the black-sequined espadrille-inspired shoes were just one of four identical pairs I'd bought over a two-year time span at Wal-Mart. Naturally, the rat got the newest pair. Sequins went everywhere. It's no consolation to me that packrats and I like the same stuff. But sometimes it explains things, like the time I was under the house investigating a plumbing leak and found my colorful long-missing reading glasses.

If any packrat story consoles me, it's one I heard about a golf course packrat. Items were missing from golf carts -- caps, balls, score pads. Management considered calling the law. Then someone found all the loot packed in a nest under the seat of an abandoned cart. There you have it. Call a place a country club, and you get a better class of rats.



**ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE**  
by Baxter Black, DVM

**HARK THE HERALD ANGEL MOMENTS**

There is a frequently told story by cowmen and veterinarians since herdsman discovered fire. As I listened to a Georgia farmer recount his own personal version, I found myself imagining how the cow would feel?

"I was grazing down by the creek. Something I do every day, I think? My short term memory is going. I know I have calves. I'm not sure how many, but who keeps count. I guess they grow inside me. Maybe I eat something, or an insect bites me or it has something to do with the moon? Anyway...where was I?"

*The event down by the creek.*

"Oh, yeah, I was grazing down by the creek. Ya know I do have a childhood memory. It was very dark and snug. I was in my sleeping bag. It was squeezing me! I don't know how long it lasted. I don't know how long is long?"

"Then a hand gripped me! I remember a shiny bracelet which came tight, nearly pulled my front legs out of their socket! And then I burst into the light! I never thought about eyes...or seeing. Maybe I thought I was a star-nosed mole or a potato? But the light was overwhelming! I had one of those "Hark the Herald Angel" moments!"

*Back to the creek.*

"What creek?"

*Where you had the event.*

"What event?"

*The one down by the creek.*

"Oh, that one. Well, I was grazing and began to feel a little acid reflux...then I realized cows can't get acid reflux, they wouldn't know it the way they regurgitate all those cuds all the time.

Anyway...where was I?"

*Down by the creek.*

"Yes. I had terrible stomach pains, a shortness of breath, then I slipped on the bank and went down! Next thing I remember the two-leg-ged, ball-faced upright giant frog walkers who come and disturb us now and then, were manhandling me! One had a big rubber tube and he was forcing it down my throat! It was dark. I felt dizzy. I couldn't see! I thought I was back in my sleeping bag!"

"I couldn't understand their frog talk but one was bawling and hollering and suddenly the other one's five-fingers front leg caught on fire! There was a terrible explosion! I imagined I was a dragon or an F-16 or an industrial strength weed burner! The sky lit up!

"And that's all I remember, my second Hark the Herald Angels moment. That, and the bawling frog walker baptizing himself in the creek!"

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**Truscott News**

Black clouds filled the shies from time to time on Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, but most of them went North or east of here, about half an inch of rain fell, enough to muddy country roads, but also help the wheat.

As of this writing, Jack Horne was still at Wichita Fall, as he has been for several days after becoming ill.

The Annual museum Barbeque will be this coming Sunday, Feb 7<sup>th</sup>, at Benjamin. The Museum will be open for those who want to visit before or after the meal at the Benjamin Ex-Students Center.

Our local reported is trying to get back to writing after being out of business since the Sunday after Thanksgiving. An aching back is just beginning to feel better.

You wouldn't think that getting words on paper is very strenuous, but thinking of those words for was hard a while, just as (I can't believe this) the thought of getting in the car and driving was not pleasant, so it's been stay-at-home-time through December and January.

For years I've heard of people complain about back problems, but never really understood their problem until being struck by the same complaint. My sympathy and understanding grew considerably during December and January.

Now, the aches have decreased and mobility is returning including driving to church for the first time in too long. So far, however, the dryer is still doing all our ironing. If it really needs ironing, that piece of clothing just doesn't get picked for wearing!

Will try to make the calls for next week, so be expecting a call if you live in Gilliland or Truscott!

One last note- Jack Brown often says if he's known he was going to live so long, he would have been more careful on those horses, my regret is that if I'd known, that deciding to dislike milk because one spring our cows milk tasted weedy would come back to bite me in the years later. I would have gulped milk and calcium then, instead of waiting until after growing up!

**Brush Management Meeting**

Texas AgriLife Extension Service will be hosting a Brush Management Meeting at the Perry Patton Community Center in Munday, TX on February 8, 2010 with registration beginning at 10:00 a.m. Ralph Porter with Dow Agro Sciences will be there to discuss products to be used on invasive brush species in our area. CEU's will be offered along with a meal. If you are interested in attending this meeting please contact the Knox County Extension Office by calling 940-459-2651 before Wednesday, February 4, 2010 so we can get a head count for lunch. Educational programs of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin. Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service or accommodation in order to participate in a meeting or program are encouraged to contact the Knox County AgriLife Extension office at (940) 459-2651.

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By Gladene Green

Here we go again- Another work week has begun with a cool Mon. morning. And promises of even cooler days ahead. Sat. brought in a variety of weather in just a few short minutes. The sun was shining for a few minutes then suddenly the rain began (again for a brief time) some hail fell (very little) & thunder could be heard over head- Then before we knew it, the sun was out again! As we have always heard, if you don't like the weather here, stick around a few minutes- It'll change!!  
About Our ill  
Imagean Young came

back to Knox Co. Hospital on Friday after hip replacement surgery on Mon. She's progressing as Drs thin she should, & will probably be in the hospital from 2 to 4 weeks. Then hopefully will be home tho I'm sure she will have therapy for a while. It's good to know she's doing as well as she is.

**Basketball**  
In sports last week, the Mustangs & Lady Stangs split a couple games. On Tues, they traveled to Northside and were both victorious in their efforts, but on Friday night, the Crowell teams were

the victors on their home court. This weeks' games are with Harrold, here on Tues & Chillicothe, there on Fri. The remainder of the regular season schedule is Feb 2, Northside, here; Feb 5, Knox City at Knox City & Crowell, here, on Feb 9- All games begin at 6:00 p.m.  
Here 'N There

There was some excitement over here in our "village" early today (Mon). Fire sirens sounded about 5:40 a.m. & it was reported that there was a structure fire- And it was- the home barn behind the house next door to me. The place is owned by Clint & Misty Jones, who live near Crowell & the house is occupied by Pat and Cassidy Bulter. Main concern, aside from the actual fire, was that sparks might get away & cause fire to the houses nearby. But the firemen got everything under control & barring no further problems, everything should be o.k. Just a word of thanks to everyone who called to check and see if this was my house & if I was alright. When folks saw the fire trucks come this way, they began to wonder & it makes me feel good to know people care.  
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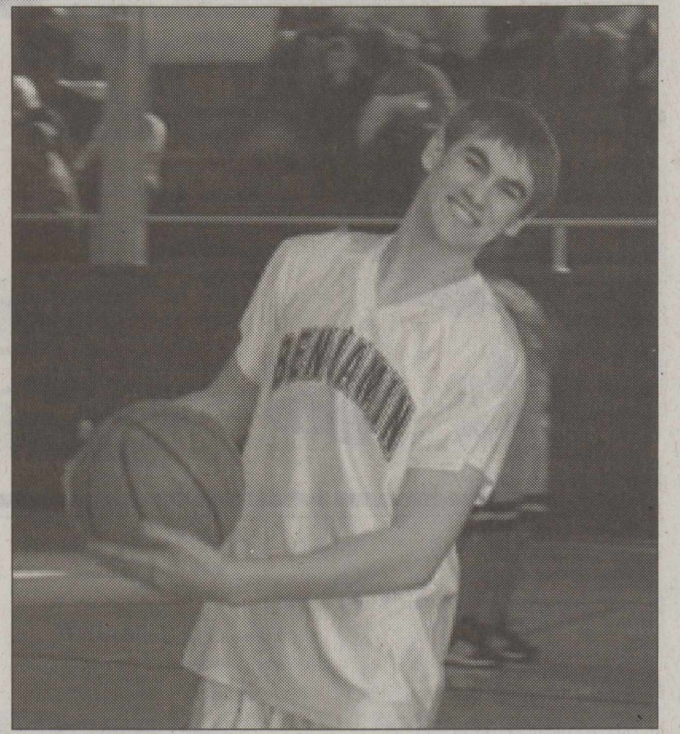
last week of the death of Mary Rutledge Draper of Lubbock. Jane lived here in her younger days, & attended school here. Folks who have lived here a long time (as I have) will remember her & her family. Helen Green of Guthrie passed this news on to me & also reported on her brother, James Coppedge. He's had a few more problems, but keeps going & I'm hoping he will be able to be in Crosbyton this coming weekend for a family gathering at the home of their brother, Loyd & Judy.

Beckie Keys & children, Dillon & Randi of Childress had supper with me on Tues. night.

Randy & Judy Barnett were in Slaton & Lubbock Fri nite & Sat to visit with her sons, Jeff & Jim Bob Conner & their families- Sunday afternoon, Jeff and his children, Cheyenne & Cayden came by for a brief visit with the Barnetts.

The playoffs are over, and now we know- It's the Saints and the Colts on Super Bowl Sunday. May the best team win- (who ever that is).

Don't forget the museum barbeque Feb 7th. You will be contacted for food donations (deviled eggs or pies) sometime very soon so be thinking which you would prefer providing. It takes us all to make these projects successful.



Cody Propps takes a minute from warming up for a recent game to smile at Knox County News Reporter, Tamara Smart.

## Stangs Lose to Crowell

The Lady 'Stangs fell to Crowell at Crowell this past weekend. Losing by only 6 points, the final score was 44-38. The Ladies are 4-1 in district play and 17-3 overall. The Crowell Lady Cats played a good game and according to Coach McCollough, the Lady 'Stangs didn't shoot very well. The Lady Stangs are looking forward to the second half of district and especially facing Crowell again, this time in the Benjamin gym for the last game of the District season.

The Mustang Men also fell to Crowell; 51-46. Getting in early foul trouble in the first part of the game, then making a few mistakes later, Crowell was able to capitalize on these deficiencies.

The Mustangs next game is Tuesday against Harrold in the Benjamin Gym. The Mustang Men are now 2-3 in district play and 7-10 overall.

## Bulldogs beat Harrold

O'Brien	9	2	7	11	29
Harrold	2	4	4	7	17

Scorers: Zach Carter- 9, Tylynne Eaton- 14, Tyler Sanders- 2, Zach Rodriguez- 2, Stran Jackson- 4.  
Coaches Quote:

"The boys keep on improving, we are able to do things now that we were not capable of earlier in the season. Full Court press is an example of that; we really gave Harrold problems tonight with our press. I am proud of how the boys are progressing."

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# KNOX CITY SPORTS

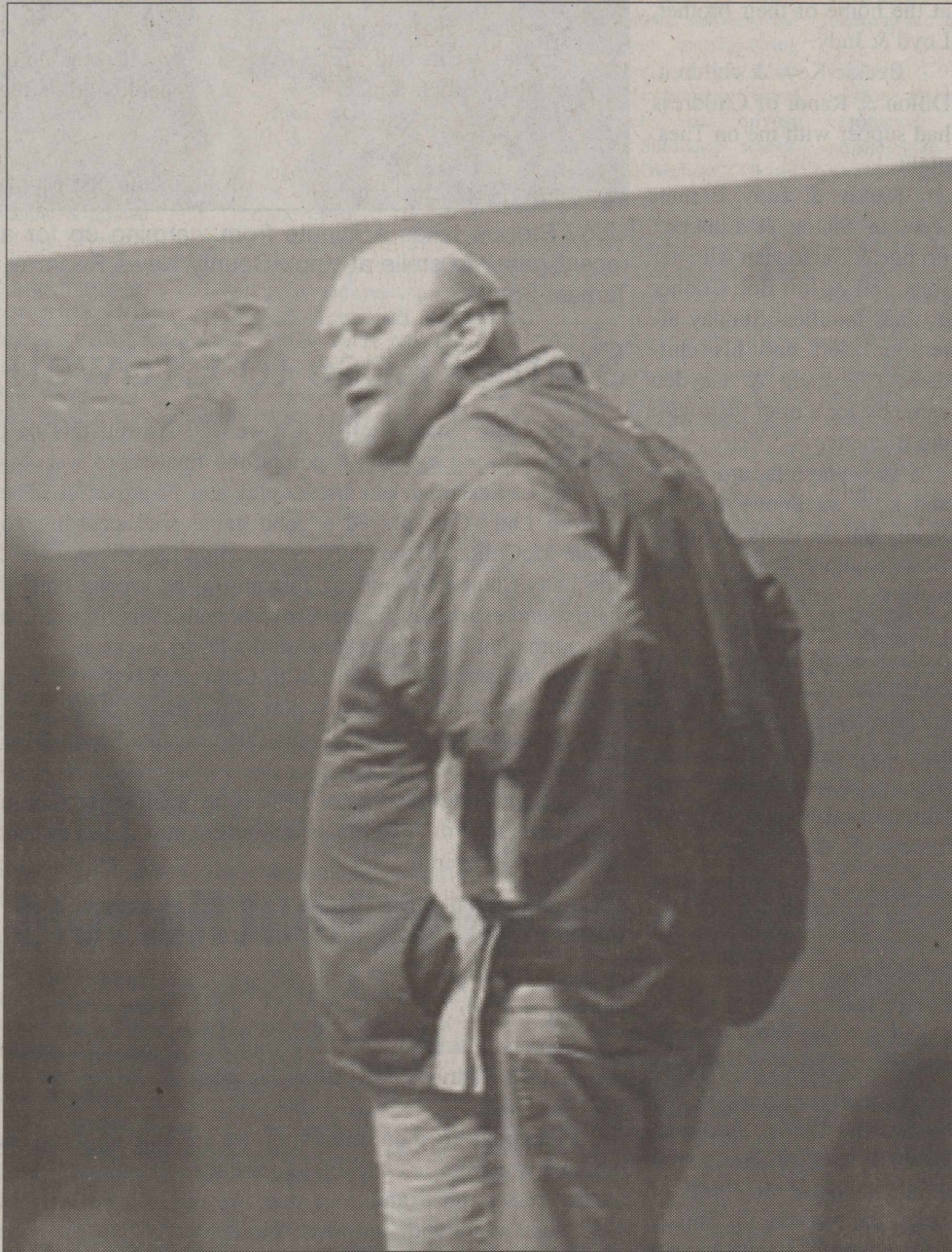
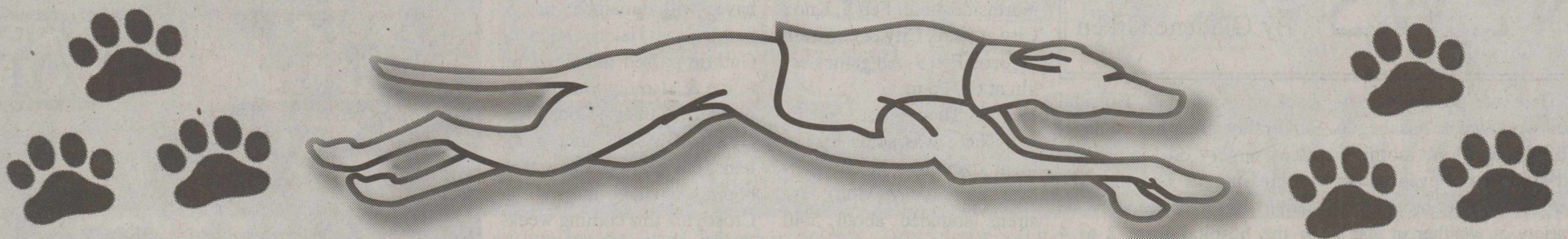


Photo by Tamara Smart

Knox City/ O'Brien CISD Athletic Director recently got caught teaching a lesson in sportsmanship through his actions. See the Letter to The Editor.



Photo by Tamara Smart

Sophomore Houndette, Cassidy Carter, tries to block an opponent from getting the ball to another member of the opposition.

## Knox Greyhounds 4-1 in District Play

(stats Courtesy of Coach Josh Webb)

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
KC	23	10	18	14	65
Chillicothe	8	15	16	13	52

Knox City Scorers- Abila 15, Coleman 16, Moeller 23, Jones 8

Other Stats- Coleman 9 rebounds; Jones- 8 rebounds; York- 6 rebounds; Jones/Coleman 5 steals each

Coaches note: This was an good offensive game for us. We came out early with some quick scoring off the press. We got into a nice rhythm and played well all game. Our younger guys struggled scoring when they were in and gave up a few baskets in the 2nd qtr that allowed them to cut the lead before half. I was proud of how my seniors responded and executed on both ends of the floor to build the lead back. Jarek Wilde played good man defense on their best player; allowing him only two baskets while he was guarding him.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Harrold	10	10	14	5	39
KC	18	22	14	18	72

Knox City Scorers- Coleman 19, Abila 24, Moeller 15, York 9

Other Stats- York 8 rebounds; Jones/Coleman/Abila 6 rebounds; York 5 steals; Coleman/Abila- 7steals

Coaches note: It was throwback night for the Greyhounds and we had good energy coming out of the locker room to begin the game. My guys know that we are letting them have a fun night but to take it just as serious as any other game. It allows them to relax a little and take some pressure off during district play. We played a good first half, taking a 20 pt lead into halftime. Our zone press allowed for some easy buckets and helped us get that big lead. We struggle in the third allowing Harrold to play even with us. We got lazy and defense and try to make too much happen on offense. After some encouragement they responded well in the fourth and shut them down on defense. Zakery York probably played his best game of the season on both ends of the floor. He helped shut down their big guy and was always in the right spot on offense.

Overall record for the Knox City Greyhounds 17-5, 4-1 in district

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# OPINION



## Click or Ticket campaign underway

Most of us don't spend much time thinking about safety belts. For me, buckling up is such a habit that I don't even notice doing it. But one morning earlier this year, I couldn't help but notice being buckled up. That's because I was on the side of the road, hanging upside down in my truck, held in place by nothing but my safety belt.

I was driving me and my friend Trey to the Bell County Youth Fair and Livestock Show early that morning to show our hogs. Out of nowhere, there was a loud pop, and the truck went out of control, spun end over end and landed upside down, broken in half. I reached for Trey, who was also held upside down by his safety belt, too. We were both scared to death, but alive. Looking back, I know we probably would have been thrown out of the truck and probably ended up dead if we hadn't been buckled up.

I always felt safe driving my pickup because it's so big, but after it happened,

someone told me that pickup trucks are twice as likely as cars to roll over in a serious crash. I learned that most people who aren't buckled up when they're in a roll-over pickup truck crash end up dead. I'm in high school and Trey's in junior high, and I know that lots of kids our age don't buckle up. What happened to us could happen to anyone, so Trey and I have been trying to make sure everyone we know buckles up every time, no matter how far they're going.

That's why we're helping to make sure people know about TxDOT's Click It or Ticket campaign. From May 18 to May 31, troopers, sheriff's deputies and police officers are going to work long hours giving tickets to people who aren't wearing their safety belts. You can get a ticket whether you're in the front seat or if your kids aren't buckled up, and you might have to pay up to \$200, plus the cost of going to court.

Trey and I are proud to

help TxDOT get Texans to buckle up, especially people our age. Our crashed truck has been part of special Click It or Ticket events at high schools, and thousands of kids and teachers have seen it. When people see how messed up the truck is, they can't believe we're still alive. We did get a little beat up—I had a sprained ankle, Trey had some cuts on his head, a sprained wrist and a torn-up shoulder. But the next day we were still able to go back to the Bell County Livestock Show and show our own animals. We even won Grand Reserve in our class.

We hope that our story and Click It or Ticket will remind more people to buckle up every single time they go anywhere. More than 1.7 million Texans who are 17 and younger aren't buckling up, so you probably know someone who needs to hear our story. Pass it on and buckle up, Texas. It really could save your life.

**Ethan Mitchell - Junior in High School**

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

On the night on January 11, 2010 my son was playing a junior high basketball game at the O'Brien gym. We are from Chillicothe, Texas, a small town located on Hwy. 287 between Vernon and Quanah. During the third quarter of the game my son fell and hurt his ankle. It was decided that he needed medical attention and to go to the closest hospital, which I found out was at Knox City.

The purpose of this letter is to let the citizens of Knox County know that they are blessed with some very kind, thoughtful and caring people. When my son was injured, one of the coaches from Knox City not only helped carry him to the car, but also offered to lead the way to the hospital. This coaches' name was Coach Steele. Not only did he do these things, but he also stayed with us at the ER. I wanted to let him know how much myself, as well as my family, appreciate how he took the time to help us when we were in

need. The students of Knox City/O'Brien are lucky to have him as a coach and person.

Also, to all the employees at Knox City hospital ER, I want to say "Thank you" for the professionalism and the thoughtfulness in caring for my son. He was in very good hands thanks to you. The people of Knox City and surrounding areas are lucky to have such a nice facility with capable and caring employees working there.

Again, I want to say a big "THANK YOU" for all of the above mentioned people and let them know how much we appreciate everything. My son, Connor, who broke his ankle in two places, is doing well after surgery at Wichita Falls.

Sincerely,  
Susan Pautsky  
4799 Evans Rd  
Chillicothe, Tx 79225

## NWS lists top 10 events of the decade

**#10: June 22, 2006. A Haboob caused by a thunderstorm outflow moves through Lynn County - causing a serious traffic accident.**

During the afternoon on June 22nd, a cluster of thunderstorms developed across the central South Plains. As storm updrafts collapsed and interacted with each other, a large outflow boundary developed and moved southwest across the central and western portions of the South Plains - producing strong winds and areas of blowing dust. The blowing dust lowered visibilities to near zero along U.S. Highway 82 in northeast Terry County, and contributed to multiple car accidents, resulting in a fatality and several injuries.

**#9a (Tie): The Drought of 2003**

A long-term drought developed in 2003 as most of the region received far below average precipitation. Water supplies from area lakes dropped extremely low and conservation capacities of Lake Meredith, Mackenzie Lake, and White River Lake were near record low levels. The Lubbock International Airport received 8.83 inches of rain during 2003 making it the 2nd driest year on record in the Lubbock area since records began in 1911. This precipitation amount was 47 percent of the normal average annual rainfall for the area. Other locations that received notably low precipitation during 2003 included 7.82 inches in Morton (43 percent of nor-

mal), 7.91 inches in Muleshoe (48 percent of normal), 9.00 inches in Plainview (45 percent of normal), and 9.29 inches in Levelland (47 percent of normal).

Crop damage estimates from across the South Plains, extreme southern Texas Panhandle, and Rolling Plains indicate that an estimated 800,000 bales of cotton were lost due to the drought in 2003. Most of this damage occurred to dry land crops during July and August.

**#9b (Tie): The late 2005-early 2006 record dry spell at Lubbock International Airport**

No measurable precipitation fell at the Lubbock Airport between October 28, 2005 and February 2, 2006. This stretch of 98 days was the longest such dry spell recorded since records began in 1911.

**#8: The South Plains and Ralls tornadoes of May 5th 2005**

An outbreak of severe thunderstorms produced eight reported tornadoes on May 5th. The most damaging tornadoes occurred near the small communities of South Plains (an F2) and Ralls (an F3), in Floyd and Crosby Counties, respectively.

**#7: The Childress Macroburst of June 15th, 2008**

Sunday evening the 15th, an intense thunderstorm moved out of the southeast Texas Panhandle and across Childress county, bringing a wide swath of damage from strong winds and wind-driven

hail. The storm also was responsible for six minor injuries.

**#6: New Year's Day High Wind and Wildfire Outbreak 2006**

Very strong winds swept across the Texas South Plains and northern Rolling Plains New Year's day as an intense upper level storm system moved across the Texas Panhandle. Wind gusts in excess of 60 mph were common on the Caprock. Large fires were reported near the Lubbock Airport, near Levelland, and near Claytonville (in Swisher County).

**#5: The Childress Tornado of May 9th, 2006**

On Tuesday May 9, 2006, thunderstorms developed along and just to the east of the Caprock escarpment and quickly became severe with damaging hail and high winds. As the storms moved east, a supercell produced a tornado which impacted the city of Childress with extensive damage to trees and significant damage to area structures-including the high school. The tornado was rated a F-2.

**#4: The Clovis Highway Storm of May 30th, 2001**

This long-lived severe thunderstorm developed in northeast New Mexico during the afternoon of the 30th. It then moved southeast through the South Plains roughly paralleling highway 84 all the way into the eastern Hockley and western Lubbock Counties, causing wind and hail damage all along its path. A 104 mph wind gust was reported at Reese Center. Hail piled up in streets and against fences and houses. The wind-driven hail also stripped leaves off trees. Damage was estimated at over \$100 million to property and \$70 million to crops in Lubbock and surrounding counties to the west and south.

**#3: F2 Tornado hits the town of Happy on May 5th, 2002**

There were two tornadoes in northern Swisher County on the evening of May 5th. The first developed at 6:30 pm about 5 miles west of Happy. This tornado dissipated just west of Happy around 644 pm, after causing damage to power poles and fence post. A second tornado developed shortly after the first tornado dissipated. This tornado tore a 150-yard wide path across the southern part of the town of Happy. This tornado moved east and dissipated about 6 miles east of Happy. The second tornado resulted in 2 deaths and 4 injuries. The two fatalities occurred in a mobile home on the southeast side of town; the mobile home was rolled about 50 yards and destroyed. Four injuries also occurred in mobile homes that were in the same area.

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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 4<sup>th</sup> before 3:30 at 940-657-3565.

**DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!** Mark your calendars for the upcoming March 2<sup>nd</sup> Election!

The Wichita Brazos Museum is having their annual fundraising BBQ dinner on Sunday, Feb 7<sup>th</sup> at the Ex-students 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 8<sup>th</sup>, 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. Just show up at 6:00 in KCHS library ready to get informed!

## USDA seeks applications for household water well grants

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced the availability of funding for applications from non-profit organizations for funds to help rural homeowners construct or upgrade household water well systems.

The funding is provided through USDA Rural Development's Household Water Well System grant program.

USDA plans to award up to four grants to non-profit groups that will use the funds to establish loan program for homeowners. Loans may not exceed \$11,000 and will carry a term up to 20 years at a one percent annual interest rate.

"Because many rural residents do not live in areas where a centralized water system is feasible, it is essential that their wells are safe and working properly," said Vilsack.

The Household Water Well Grant program complements President Obama's environmental initiatives and provides support for rural residents.

USDA Rural Development plans to award

up to \$993,000 in grants. Non-profit groups must contribute at least 10 percent of the grant request. Individuals are not eligible for grants but may be eligible for loans if their annual household income does not exceed 100 percent of their state or territory's median non-metropolitan income. Loans may not be provided for home sewer or septic system projects.

The grants to be awarded under this notice are part of USDA Rural Development's annual budget and are not funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

This Notice follows the November 20, 2008, release of a Notice of Solicitation of Applications that opened the application filing window. Applications are due by the close of business May 31. The application guide for this grant program can be found at <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/HWWSP.htm>.

## NWS ...

### See #2: The Olton and Tulia Tornadoes of April 21st, 2007

During the afternoon and evening of Saturday, April 21st, the South Plains and Panhandle of West Texas were hit by an outbreak of severe thunderstorms. Between the hours of 5 and 6 pm, several thunderstorms developed across the western South Plains. One thunderstorm intensified and began to rotate as it moved northeast across Lamb County. Around 7 pm, this storm produced a tornado which touched down around Fieldton (southwest of Olton) and then moved just south and east of Olton, doing damage to several structures and equipment. The thunderstorm continued to move northeast across northeast Lamb, northwest Hale, southeast Castro and southwest Swisher Counties, producing a long-lived F2 tornado (along with hail up to the size of tennis balls) which caused major damage in the town of Tulia.

### #1: The Record-setting Rainfall of September 11th, 2008

From late on September 10th, to early on the 12th, numerous rain showers moved across the South Plains region. The coverage and intensity of the showers peaked on the 11th across the central South Plains. The area from Lubbock and Lynn Counties northeast to Hall and Childress counties were hit hardest as lines of heavy showers repeated tracked across this area.

Lubbock received its highest ever 24 hour rainfall - 7.80 inches. Interestingly, the previous 24-hour record (5.82 inches) was set back in October of 1983 when the area was impacted by the remnants of Pacific Hurricane Tico.

In Lubbock, the rainfall inundated the playa lakes, parks and streets across the city, and resulted in a number of flooded homes and flooded out vehicles.

## Russell Graves Outdoors New Years Resolution - Get Outside this Year - Part 1



By Russell A. Graves

I'm not much of a resolution maker - never have been. However, after taking a month off from writing the column, I decided it was time to resolve to make a list of reasons to get outside.

Now, I've been to the places mentioned and will probably go again but before this year ends, we should all try to get outside and do one of the following:

### 1) Surf Sand at Monahans

Curiously juxtaposed amid an expanse of creosote bushes, the Monahans sand dunes are something you have to see to believe. A virtual island in a Permian Basin sea, the narrow strip of sand dunes runs for 200 miles from just south of Monahans north into New Mexico and creates a unique habitat that's home to a variety of wildlife and supports one of the world's largest oak forests — albeit the oaks themselves are of the diminutive shinoak variety. Once inside the state park, rent a sand saucer and head to the back of the park where you'll find huge 30-foot-tall sand dunes reminiscent of the Sahara Desert. My kids had a blast surfing the big dunes and climbing the sand hills.

### 2) Hike the South Prong Canyon

On an expedition to discover a trade route from San Antonio to Santa Fe, Spanish explorer José Mares first discovered this canyon and named it Sangre de Cristo (Blood of Christ). Over 200 years later, it's still easy to see how he came up with the name. In the South Prong Canyon of the Little Red River in Caprock Canyons State Park, you'll be treated to the sight of deep red canyon walls stippled with veins of white gypsum rock. This long, narrow canyon sports a hiking trail that leads to a primitive campsite that's a mile from the parking area. For the adventurous, walk past the primitive campsite and continue on the 8-mile canyon loop trail. Along the way you're bound to see native wildlife like mule deer and armadillos and geologic wonders like giant sandstone spires that jut from the canyon floor.

### 3) See a Palo Duro Sunrise

When the sunlight spills over the eastern rim of Palo Duro Canyon, the chasm comes alive. Deep red and yellow canyon walls almost glow in technicolor brilliance as the sun warms the 250-million-year-old canyon. This wide-open country is an inspiration to artists and is equally inspiring to casual visitors. For a leisurely morning stroll, walk the short distance to Capitol Peak and photograph the big canyon wall lit with the brilliance of a new sun. For the more adventurous, start out at least an hour before sunrise and hike all the way to Palo Duro's most famous spire — The Lighthouse.

Check back next week as I'll have a few more suggestions.

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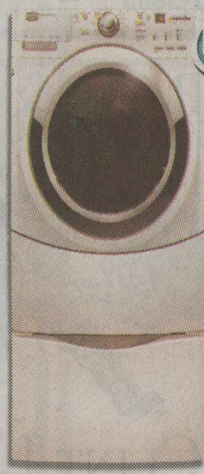
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