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2011 Homecoming KCHS Football Sweetheart and Football Hero Crowned



A large crowd turned out for the KCHS 2011 Homecoming activities and game against the Spur Bulldogs last Friday evening and to see Allison Lynn crowned as Homecoming Sweetheart and Ryan Ledesma chosen as KCHS Football Hero. Allison was also chosen as Miss Firelight during ceremonies Thursday evening at the JV game in O'Brien, Texas.

Photo courtesy of Faby Vasquez

2011 Band Sweetheart and Band Beau named



Congratulations to homecoming royalty crowned during festivities Friday evening, September 23, 2011. Cassidy Carter was chosen Band Sweetheart, and Jarek Wilde was elected Band Beau.

Courtesy Photo

LOOKING AHEAD

DON'T FORGET to join the students in the KC High School gym for the Pep Rally, Friday, Sept. 30th, 3:05 p.m. The Varsity game is in Woodson, Texas at 7:30 p.m.

COLLEGE STATION – Wildlife management with special emphasis on feral hog control will be one of the featured topics at Ranch Management University Oct 10-14 at Texas A&M University in College Station. "The ongoing

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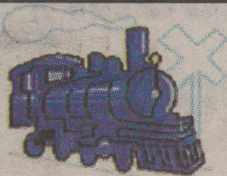


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God's Promises

Time To Forgive!

Many times over the years as a Pastor, people have come to me with the following question:

Some time ago I was deeply hurt by another Christian. Everyone

keeps telling me I need to forgive them, but I still feel the same way. I know as a Christian I am supposed to forgive, but how do I do it? Will I ever really be able to forgive?"

Yes! Yes! **You can and you shall!!!** And don't worry about "forgiveness will come with time" - - - you can forgive **today!**

Jesus tells us in Mark 11:22-25 that we are to for-

give. As a matter of fact, He said, "...when you stand praying, forgive...." Not "try to forgive", or "think about forgiving", or "start the process of forgiving" - - - He said **FORGIVE!!!**

That is a command! Not a suggestion!

Think about that for a second - - - would Jesus command you to do something that you did not have the power to do? No!

So why is it so hard, Tex? I don't feel like forgiving. I mean, I want to forgive....I just don't feel it.

Hey - - - forgiveness doesn't have a thing to do with feelings. Who told you that you had to feel it? You are called to **forgive by faith!** Just the same as you would receive your healing, or salvation, or the Baptism of the Holy Spirit....you can forgive by faith! Then pray that the feeling part comes behind it! Ask God to bring forth the love He has for those who have sinned against you into your heart - - - and believe me, when you ask, He will provide! Amen?

You need to take these steps to forgive:

First of all, you have to **decide** to forgive! Make up your mind that you are

going to do what God's Word says to do - - no matter what. **YOU ARE GOING TO FORGIVE.**

Next, **SPEAK** and **ACT** according to that decision! Quit saying negative things about that person. Quit thinking about whatever they did to hurt you. Instead, look for opportunities to **bless** or **pray for** that person.

Yep, you heard me right! Bless and pray for them!

Finally, **don't be moved by what you feel.** Forgiveness is an act of the will, not emotions or feelings. When your mind starts to get you all wound up again, you just stand in faith and say, "Thank You, Jesus that I have forgiven that person by an act of my will. In the Name of Jesus, I will not be moved by these feelings. I have forgiven them and my feelings will just have to get in line with the Word of God."

Boy, Tex, that sounds like a load of hogwash to me!

So how's the way **YOU'VE** been doing it working for you? Amen? You may not "feel" it right away, but if you keep standing in faith, it **WILL** happen....the love of God will

overcome you and your feelings will begin to line up with your faith.

In Abundant Life Christian Fellowship church, I give my members a little three-part test to determine whether or not they have truly forgiven someone. Most people can handle number one and number two, but often stop short of number three - - - that's ok - - - you just decide to forgive on faith, and number three will come.

You have truly forgiven when you can answer "Yes" to all three questions:

1. Can you pray and ask God to send someone to tell that person about Jesus Christ in hopes that they will become "born again"?
2. Can you pray and ask God to send someone to **BLESS** that person?
3. Can you pray and ask God to use **YOU** to tell that person about Jesus Christ **AND** use **YOU** to be the one to **BLESS** them?

I pray that if you are harboring unforgiveness in your heart today, that you will cast that unforgiveness out!!! **There is not a moment to lose!!!**

Remember - - - - **YOU ARE BLESSED!**

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- o Local Newspaper Notification
 - o Distribution of Child Find Brochures
 - o Participation with Child Find Activities in Wichita Falls, ESC Region IX and Abilene, ESC Region XIV
 - o Radio and Television-Media
- For additional information you may call the Director of Special Education at (940)658-3587 or write to Haskell-Knox SSA, P.O. Box 159, Knox City, Texas 79529.

Haskell-Knox SSA serves the Member Districts in Benjamin, Knox City-O'Brien, Munday, Rule and Paint Creek.

HALLAZGO de NINO (CHILD FIND)

El Haskell-Knox Compartio el Arreglo del Servicio entra en actividades

progresivas localizar, identificar y evaluar a todos niños que residen en los Distritos de Miembro que puede tener una incapacidad cubrio por los Individuos con el Acto de la Mejora de la Educacion de Incapacidades de 2004 (la IDEA)y, a causa de la incapacidad, necesita la educacion especial y los servicios relacionados. Estas actividades Le son llamadas a Nino el Hallazgo (Child Find). Las actividades del Hallazgo de nino aplican a no solo estudiantes en la escuela publica, pero a estudiantes en el colegio privado, inclusive escuelas religiosas y parroquiales y a estudiantes que son educados en la casa (home schooled). El Haskell-Knox SSA toma actualmente las acciones siguientes para localizar, identificar y evaluar a todos niños que residen dentro de los Distritos de Miembro que puede necesitar la educacion especial y los servicios relacionados:

- o La Notificacion Periodistica Local
- o La Distribucion de Folletos de Hallazgo de Nino
- o la Participacion con Nino Encuentra las Actividades en Caidas de Wichita, la Region de ESC IX y Abilene, la Region de ESC XIV
- o Medios de Radio y Television

Para informacion adicional usted puede llamar al Director de la Educacion Especial en (940)658-3587 o escribir al Haskell-Knox SSA, el Apartado de correos 159, la Ciudad de Knox, Tejas 79529

Haskell-Knox SSA sirve los Distritos de Miembro en Benjamin, Knox City-O'Brien, Munday, Rule y Paint Creek.

Knox County Aging Services

Menus For October 3rd To October 7th

Monday October 3rd

Swedish meatballs
Parsley noodles
Mixed vegetables
Whole wheat roll
Angel food cake/strawberries

Tuesday October 4th

Lasagna
Brussels sprouts
Garlic bread
Pears

Wednesday October 5th

Roast pork
Sweet potatoes
Succotash
Whole wheat roll
Banana pudding

Thursday, October 6th

Breaded chicken tenders
Baked potato/sour cream
Peas & carrots
Strawberries/topping

Friday, October 7th

Shaved turkey sandwich
Lettuce, tomato & pickle
Broccoli/raisin salad
Pineapple angel delight
New serving time is 12 noon (in Knox city only)
Alternate desserts for diabetics
Please call in your orders by 10 a.M. To 657-3618
Orders cant be taken after 10 a.M. And need to be Picked up after 11 a.M.

Pink Ladies News

Members gathered at the Pink Ladies' Thrift Store, September 21st for their monthly meeting.

Three ladies were assigned from each work day to serve at the Health Fair at the Knox County Hospital, October 15th. Friday's crew will register visitors and serve punch

and cookies from 9-10 a.m. Monday's crew will relieve them and serve 10-11 a.m., followed by Wednesday's crew, 11-12.

Be sure to join us and get your flu shot at the Health Fair and, as always, we thank our donors and customers.

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Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 10:55 a.m.
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Timothy Trimble, Pastor
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No Sunday Evening Service

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Timothy Trimble, Pastor

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Matt Harrington, Pastor

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Sunday Evening Worship at 6 p.m. • Mid-Week, Wed. at 6 p.m.

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Sunday Mornings on KVRP 97.1 at 9:05 a.m.

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SAMMIE'S KNOX CITY CORNER AND FINAL THOUGHTS

Mandy and I have returned from my Walk and we are back to business. Eddie and I spent our time on the road a lot with doctor and dentist visits, but I think we are all caught up for this year. I've never been so tired of driving.

Benny Bradford has spent several days at the hospital in Wichita Falls and was treated and returned home Friday evening. The doctor informed his family that they've done all they can and the rest is in God's hands. Give them your support and keep them in your prayers.

He is also battling cancer.

Alfredo Abila is having a wonderful recovery, but still has a way to go with therapy. And of course his wife and girls and all of us are encouraging him to just take it one step at a time. His mother, Stella from Ranger Linda and Wesley Espinoza, Maria Abila and family, Alma Archer and family, Teresa Abila and family, and of course, all of us here in Knox City thank everyone for your prayers and support from every corner of Texas. Isn't that awesome?

Chad Tolson has been

coming along great with the therapy. Recovery for him is also slow. He still has a long journey ahead and I know all his friends and family have been in prayer and are providing for him also. May God bless them all.

Dionisa Estrado is doing good. I had a visit with her and some of her family. There are jars out at different locations for contributions to help with her travel expenses and her treatment. She is so strong and has put herself in God's hands to lead her on this journey. I've always admired her for her devotion to

God Almighty and her family and friends. She has just started her treatments, so I ask you to please help her and keep her in your prayers.

I visited with Norman and Sue Tolson from Knox City. He is doing great and is waiting on results from his last test. May we pray that it is all gone and that God will see him through this. It's so great how all these families along with each one of us, has something in common and that is our heavenly Father through whom all things are possible.

Mrs. Pat Grimsley is also

doing great. Remember she had fallen a while back and says her knee is still bruised, but she is doing good and is still smiling. She's going to the football games and that is awesome.

As we went to the homecoming football game and the flag was raised, I'm sure everyone felt like me and really missed Sammy B. White

helping Marvin Jones. But Max Bradley, you are doing great. Thank you.

The Knox City School class of 1961 was out enjoying the homecoming. They haven't changed much. Just like us, a little more grey hair and a very few wrinkles. Ha! Guys, I hope you had
See SAMMIE on page 11

Knox County Market Place

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2 bedroom, 1 bathroom. 2 acres, fenced. Hardwood floors. 2 car garage. Shop in back. About 1 mile east of the Rhineland/Gilliland turn-off on hwy 82. \$32,000. Call 940-256-2070 and ask for Ronnie Hale.

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Brazos Valley Care Home is now seeing an Activity Director. Certification required. Please apply in person at 605 S. Ave. F Knox City.

Volunteer

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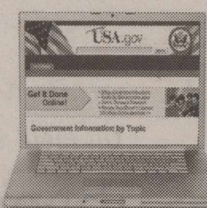
Equipment is located at Precinct Barn in Munday, Texas across from Dairy Queen.

Sealed bids must be received before 12:00 P.M. on Monday, October 10, 2011 in the office of the County Judge, P.O. Box 77, 100 West Cedar, Benjamin, Knox County, Texas. Bids will be opened at a meeting of the Commissioners Court of Knox County on Monday, October 10, 2011 at 1:30 PM.

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2011 Weekly Weather Report

Date	Temperature (F) Low / High	Rainfall inches
09/19	57/89	
09/20	54/96	
09/21	68/97	
09/22	56/72	0.01
09/23	49/89	0.2
09/24	55/102	
09/25	64/88	
Total Rainfall for month		.30
2011 Rainfall (ytd)		2.52

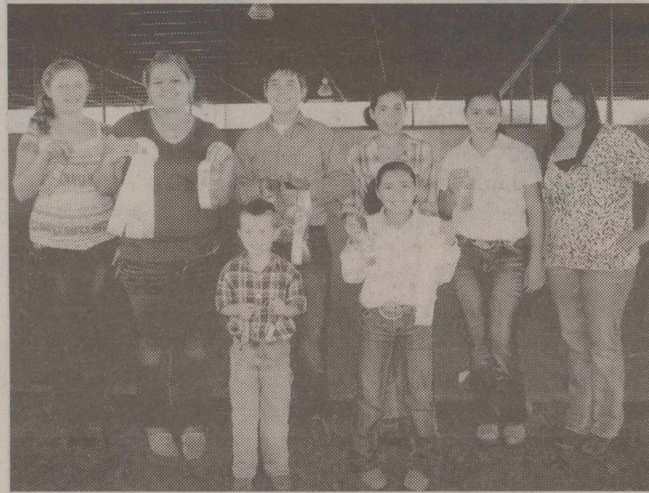
2011 WEST TEXAS FAIR & RODEO SHOW RESULTS

Once again the second and third weekends at the Expo Center in Abilene were roaring with excitement as stock showers took to the grounds exhibiting their animals in their respected classes. Again this year Knox County was well represented for the livestock portion of the events.

On Saturday September 10th the lamb shows took pace with Show A beginning in the morning and Show B immediately following in the afternoon. Each show consisted of four classifications of lambs which included Fine Wool, Fine Wool Cross, Medium Wool, and Southdown classes. Kristen Kuehler from Munday had a successful weekend with her three lambs. In Show A Kuehler received a 5th & 6th place with her Fine Wool Crosses and an 11th place with her Medium Wool. In Show B Kuehler received a 1st and 3rd place with her Fine Wool Crosses in which she also received Reserve Breed Champion Honors. In the Medium Wool Class she received a 4th place.

Swine took to the arena the following weekend beginning with the showmanship classes in which all exhibitors competed and did well. The swine show consisted of classes that included Black OPB, White OPB, Duroc, Hampshire, Yorkshire, and Crosses. Competing in the light weight Black OPB class were Katelyn Brown and John Cross Utley. Brown received a 1st place and Reserve Breed Champion with her Berkshire

barrow and Utley received a 2nd place with his Berkshire Gilt. In the Duroc division Christian Abila and Reylee Ledesma their light and heavy weight Durocs, Abila won his class and received Breed Champion Duroc. Ledesma also took top honors in her class and came in behind Abila receiving Reserve Breed Champion Duroc. Competing in the Hampshire division were Kolbey Brown, Christian Abila, Kelsey Vasquez, and John Cross Utley. Placing in the light weight Hampshire class were Brown with a 2nd place and Vasquez with a 7th place. In the light medium weight Hampshire class Abila had a 2nd place and Utley came in with a 5th place. Finishing out the day were the Cross classes. Placing in the light weight Cross class was Katelyn Brown with a 3rd place. In the medium weight Cross class Skylin Ledesma came in 4th place. In the light heavy weight Cross class Alexia Jimenez had a 5th place. All of these exhibitors did a fantastic job showing their animals to prepare them for the upcoming State Fair of Texas show. 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.



Back row, left to right, Kolbey Brown, Katelyn Brown, Christian Abila, Skylin Ledesma, Alexia Jimenez, Kelsey Vasquez, John Cross Utley and Reylee Ledesma.

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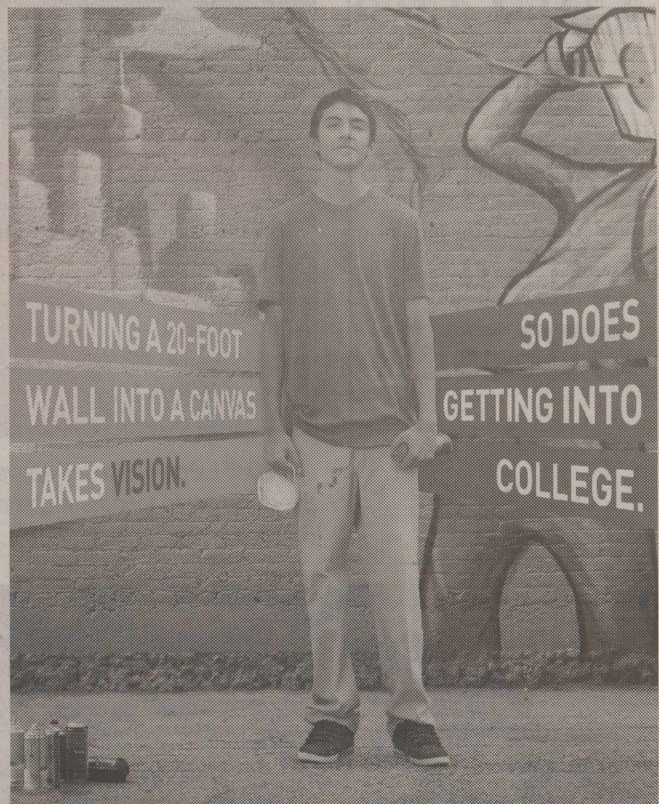


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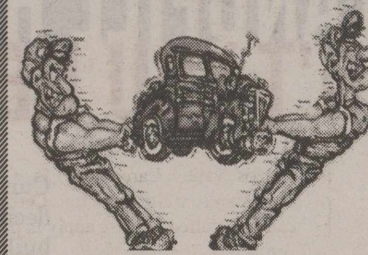
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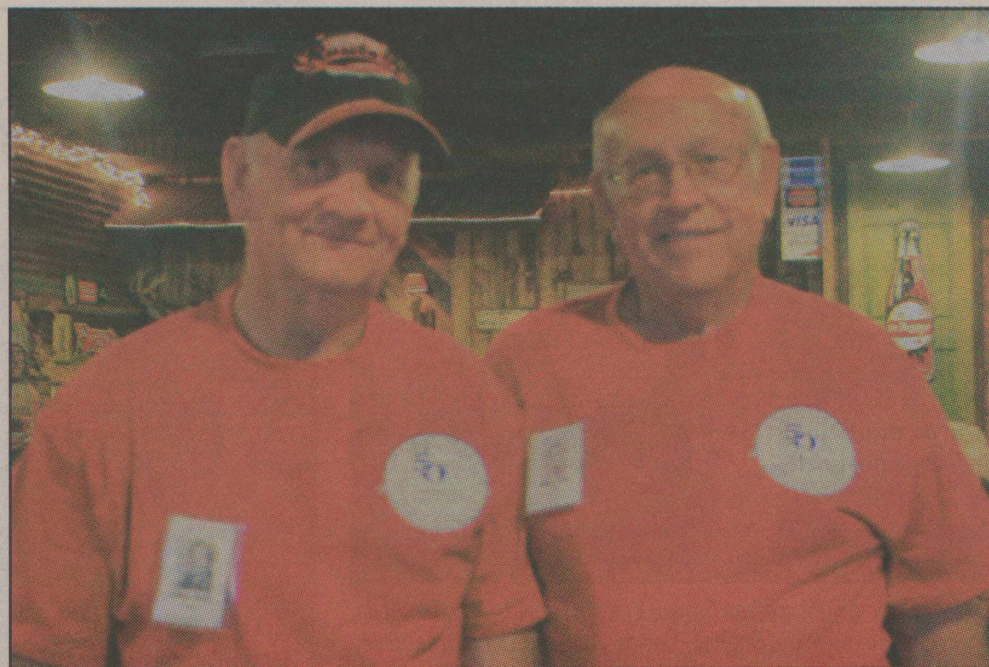
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Glen Dale Large on the left above, hosted the 50th Homecoming Reunion in his '57 Museum last week. Everyone got to tour the museum, eat and visit in the facilities. Glen Dale is pictured with his brother, Billy Joe Large.



A NEW LANDFILL HAS BEEN APPROVED OR HADN'T YOU HEARD?

Currently your government officials publish their plans and decisions in the newspaper – including where they intend to build facilities you might not want down the street.

That could change in the future because they want to bury their public notices somewhere online, on a little seen, rarely visited government website – out of sight, out of mind.

Don't let government keep you in the dark.

**If it is not in the newspaper,
you won't know about it.**



THE KNOX COUNTY NEWS

POSTAL SERVICE TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS FOR ROCHESTER AND O'BRIEN

According to the United States Postal Service, public meetings will be held to discuss its proposal to make possible changes in the way postal services are provided to Rochester and O'Brien, Texas. These community meetings will take place October 1, 2011, at the following times and places: O'Brien, October 1, 2011, 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the O'Brien Middle School located at 711 9th St. In Rochester, October 1, 2011, 3:30 p.m. at the Rochester Fire Hall located at 302 Carothers Ave.

As more customers choose to conduct their postal business online, on their smart phones and at their favorite shopping destinations, the need for the U.S. Postal Service to maintain its nearly 32,000 retail offices, the largest retail network in the country, diminishes. To that end, the U.S. Postal Service announced July 26 that it will be taking the next step in right-sizing its expansive retail network by conducting studies of approximately 3,700 retail offices to determine customer needs.

"Today, more than 35 percent of the Postal Service's retail revenue comes from expanded access locations such as grocery stores, drug stores, office supply stores, retail chains, self-service kiosks, ATMs and usps.com, open 24/7,"

said Postmaster General Patrick Donahoe. "Our customer's habits have made it clear that they no longer require a physical post office to conduct most of their postal business.

For communities currently without a postal retail office and for communities affected by these retail optimization efforts, the Postal Service introduced the Village Post Office as a potential replacement option. Village Post Offices would be operated by local businesses, such as pharmacies, grocery stores and other appropriate retailers, and would offer popular postal products and services such as stamps and flat-rate packaging.

"By working with third-party retailers, we're creating easier, more convenient access to our products and services when and where our customers want them," Donahoe said. "The Village Post Office will offer another way for us to meet our customers' needs." The Postal Service of the future will be smaller, leaner and more competitive and it will continue to drive commerce, serve communities and deliver value," Donahoe added.

The Postal Service receives no tax dollars for operating expenses, and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations.

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Special enforcement effort gets drunk drivers off roads

Texas Department of Public Safety troopers arrested 2,033 intoxicated drivers during a special Labor Day holiday enforcement program from Aug. 19 through Sept. 6.

Of the 2,033 arrests, 550 were made by Troopers whose patrols were funded by a special Texas Department of Transportation grant. Troopers focused on looking for intoxicated drivers in high-risk locations during the times when alcohol-related crashes occur most often.

During the last four special enforcement periods,

1,947 intoxicated drivers were arrested by Troopers working on overtime paid for by the TxDOT grants.

"By keeping our Troopers on the roadways longer, we were able to get additional drunk drivers off the road and in doing so saved lives or prevented serious crashes," said Chief Luis Gonzalez, Assistant Director/Chief of the Highway Patrol Division.

The next special impaired driving mobilization is set for the Christmas/New Year holiday period, as the program enters its second year.

Thornberry Leads Texas Panhandle Veterans on tour of U.S. Capitol

WASHINGTON, D.C.— U.S. Congressman Mac Thornberry (R-Clarendon), the Vice Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, recently welcomed veterans with the Texas Panhandle Honor Flight to the U.S. Capitol. Thornberry led the guests on a tour of the House floor, as well as the Capitol Rotunda and Statuary Hall.

"We are able to stand on the floor of the U.S. House and do the people's business because men and women like these veterans fought to defend our freedom to do so," said Thornberry. "There will never be a way to truly repay them for their service to our country, but

we can certainly honor and celebrate them whenever



and wherever we can," he continued.

The group was visiting Washington, D.C., through the Honor Flight Network (HFN), which brings veter-

ans to the nation's capital to visit memorials that honor

their service to the country. Among the Texas Panhandle group are the Short brothers—Cecil, James, Johnny, Wendell, and Dexter—who all served in the

military. They are the largest group of brothers to fly to Washington on an Honor Flight. The idea for an Honor Flight program can be traced to Earl Morse, a physician assistant and Retired Air Force Captain who wanted to honor the veterans he had taken care of during his career. In 2005, the program's first year, HFN safely transported 137 veterans to see their memorials, at no cost to the veterans. In 2010, HFN safely transported 22,149 veterans.

The Texas Panhandle Honor Flight plans on bringing another group of veterans to Washington from October 5-7, 2011.

Flu vaccine protects from all viruses currently circulating in the Southern Hemisphere

HOUSTON — With the influenza virus already circulating in the Southern Hemisphere, experts are tracking the trends to know what to expect for this year's flu season in the Northern Hemisphere. According to a flu expert at Baylor College of Medicine (www.bcm.edu), the three viruses currently circulating in the Southern Hemisphere are all covered in this year's flu vaccine.

"Currently, influenza B, H1N1 and H3N2 are circulating in the Southern Hemisphere," said Dr. Paul Glezen, professor of molecular virology and microbiology (<http://www.bcm.edu/molvir/>) and pediatrics (<http://www.bcm.edu/pediatrics/>) at BCM.

Although the vaccine is the same as last year, immunity does not persist and everyone over the age of 6 months needs to get the vaccine again this year, Glezen emphasized. Children under the age of

9 who got the vaccine last year only need one dose this year, but children who have never gotten the vaccine before need two doses of the vaccine, said Glezen.

The live, attenuated vaccine, available as a nasal spray, has been shown to be more effective in children. Healthy individuals between the age of 2 and 49 can get the nasal spray vaccine.

Because everyone is at risk of getting complications from the virus or spreading the virus to someone who could have serious complications from the virus, universal flu vaccinations are recommended.

"Unless you have a severe anaphylactic reaction to eggs or a previous reaction to the vaccine, you should get immunized," said Glezen.

Because babies younger than 6 months of age cannot be vaccinated, family

members and friends who are around them should be sure to get vaccinated to prevent them from getting the virus.

Glezen also points out that studies are increasingly showing the benefits of the flu vaccine for pregnant women, and they should get the vaccine as soon as possible. Having influenza virus infection in the early months of pregnancy can have serious consequences for the fetus, and having the virus in the final months of pregnancy can have serious consequences for the mother.

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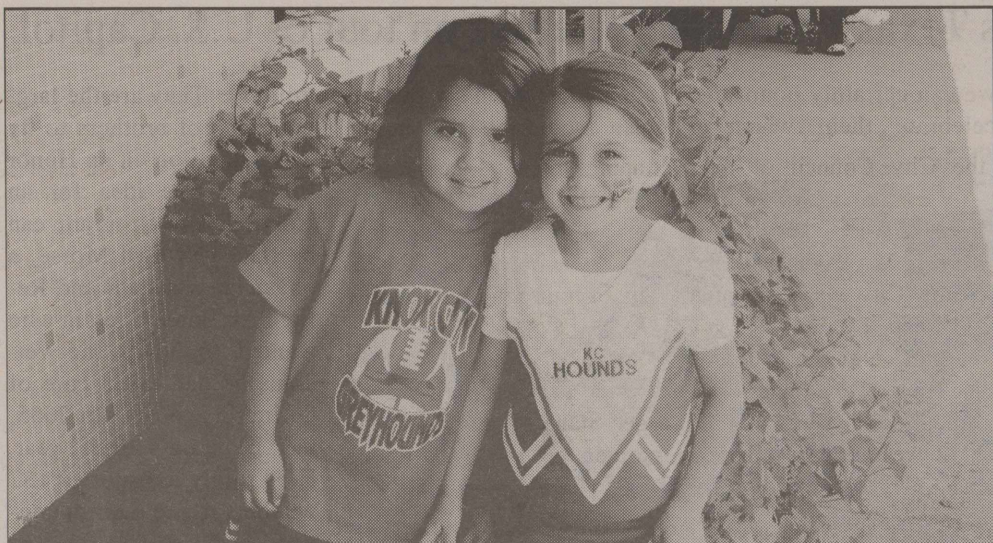
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Future cheerleaders Addysen Ladesma, left, and Kinlee Eaton in downtown Knoxville, ready for homecoming activities last Thursday, September 22, 2011.



Allison Lynn chosen Miss Firelighter during homecoming activities, after Knoxville JV Greyhound win over Spur Bulldogs, Thursday, September 22, 2011, in O'Brien, Texas.

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Benjamin News By Gladene Green

Seems we are returning to summertime again with the warm temps we have had the last day or so. But to be only in the 90's is a welcome relief from the horribly scorching hot days of a month ago. Maybe fall is finally here.

Still encouraging news on our ill. Chad Tolson is showing signs of improvement according to the daily reports we get from Dallas. He recognizes pictures and is more alert to things around him. He's out of ICU, and though not actually in a private room, is in a room that sounds like it may be sort of a progression room. He's off the respirator and that's good news. Just keep praying things keep going as well as they are.

Charles Griffith is still in UMC in Lubbock following surgery on Friday, Sept. 16. He's out of ICU and doing well. He is still on clear liquids, but doctors say he may get some solid food on Thursday of this week to see how he can tolerate it. I talked to Linda today (Mon) and

she said the doctors said he may be dismissed on Friday or Saturday (according to how things are by then). But so far, so good for him. The best news from them was the report that the tumor was not malignant. Prayers were answered.

Jr. High School traveled to O'Brien Thursday for a football game with the Jr. High team there and came home with a victory. Not sure of the score, but saw several of the kids after the game and they were so excited to have won. I congratulate them.

The High School volleyball team also won on Tuesday.

Here 'N There

DeeAnn Lamb had a birthday on Saturday, and on Sunday she was honored with a family party in the home of her parents, Dutch and Imagean Young. Enjoying the evening with her and helping her celebrate were Anthony and Jessica Lamb of Seymour, Sadie Benson of Wichita Falls, and Wendy and Bubba Benson, Chastity

and Lily, Jane Gideon, Mary Young, and the hosts, Dutch and Imagean.

Misty Jones and children who live between Paducah and Crowell were here Friday night for the Knox City-Spur game. Her brother, Heath Ham is a Greyhound. The game didn't end like they would have liked but that happens. I asked about her husband, Clint, and she said he was fighting fire. They had been fighting it since Wednesday. She said several thousand acres have already burned. She said it was started by lightning. It was good to see her.

Revival Schedule

There will be a revival at the First Baptist Church here in Benjamin beginning on Sunday morning, October 2nd and going through Wednesday night, October 5th. Services nightly begin at 7p.m. and we invite everyone to come acny or all nights and worship with us. Brother Jerry Vincent, Jr., Pastor of First Baptist Church in Roby will be holding the services.

WATERING RESTRICTIONS NOW IN EFFECT

By Sherry Reid

On September 19, 2011, the City Council of Knox City met to review a letter from the North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority (Knox City water supplier) in which was stated, "In light of the continuing drought and forecasts for more of the same, possibly lingering into 2012, we are asking all of our customers to implement their water conservation plans". According to City Administrator, Chad Roberts, "We are losing a lot of water

through evaporation from extreme drought and heat at approximately one foot per month at Miller Creek Reservoir". Due to this high rate of loss and the unpredictability of future rainfall, the City Council passed the Stage 1 Drought Contingency Plan which is now in effect. Under Stage 1, (a) Water customers are requested to voluntarily limit the irrigation of landscaped areas to Sundays and Thursdays for customers with a street address ending in an even number (0, 2, 4,

6, 8), and Saturdays and Wednesdays for water customers with a street address ending in an odd number (1, 3, 5, 7, or 9), and to irrigate landscapes only between the hours of midnight and 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. to midnight on designated watering days. (c) Water customers are requested to practice water conservation and to minimize or discontinue water use for non-essential purposes.

For any questions, please call City Hall at 658-3313.

Drought takes its toll on Texas pumpkin patch



By STEVE BURNS

LUBBOCK — Linus of "Peanuts" comic strip fame might be a little disappointed if he waits for the "Great Pumpkin" in a Texas pumpkin patch this year, said a Texas AgriLife Extension Service expert.

Pumpkins ready for harvest (Texas AgriLife Extension Service photo by Dr. Russ Wallace)

Dr. Russ Wallace, AgriLife Extension vegetable specialist at Lubbock, said pumpkins, like all Texas vegetables in 2011, had a hard time struggling through the record-setting high temperatures, low humidity and drought conditions.

"With limited rainfall, the quality of the pumpkin fruit itself should be excellent, but I

expect the overall production will be much less than normal," Wallace said. "I visited with Mark Carroll, AgriLife Extension agent in Floyd County, which is normally our leading pumpkin producing county in Texas. He told me he estimates the actual size of the pumpkins along with the yields this year will be roughly half what they normally are."

So what does this mean for the annual trek to the pumpkin patch for Halloween? Wallace said the shortage in West Texas, coupled with reduced yields from pumpkin growers in the Northeast due to flooding from Hurricane Irene, will likely result in fewer pumpkins, higher demand and higher prices.

Each year, Wallace grows

up to 40 pumpkin varieties in replicated trials at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center in Lubbock. This year, he had 25 varieties and said each of them struggled to make a decent crop.

"Our small pie and mini-pumpkins don't appear to have suffered much, but the mid- to large-sized varieties grew vines at a slow pace during the high temperatures and really struggled to set fruit," he said.

"About the only good news for the High Plains pumpkin crop this year was that the low humidity reduced the incidents of disease, especially powdery mildew, which infects pumpkin leaves and reduces yield and quality," he said.

"Severe powdery mildew infections can lead to mushy stems or infected fruit, so when shopping for melons, check out the 'handle.' If it's soft, it may be infected and not last until Halloween. If it's a High Plains Texas pumpkin though, that shouldn't be a problem this year."

For more information on pumpkins and other crops, contact Wallace at 806-746-6101, rwallace@ag.tamu.edu or visit his website at: <http://lubbock.tamu.edu/horticulture/>.

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Alzheimer's Association Hosts Community Presentation

"Healthy Brain Aging" is open to the public at no charge. There are a lot of things you can do to help keep your brain healthier as you age. The Healthy Brain Aging workshop includes healthy ideas for your brain, body, and person. The Alzheimer's Association-North Central Texas Chapter is presenting "Healthy Brain Aging" on Thursday, September 29, 2011 at 2: 00 P.M. at Westside Baptist Church located at 1914 Buchanan Street, Wichita Falls, Texas.

This free presentation will cover general health information for staying healthy and maintaining brain health.

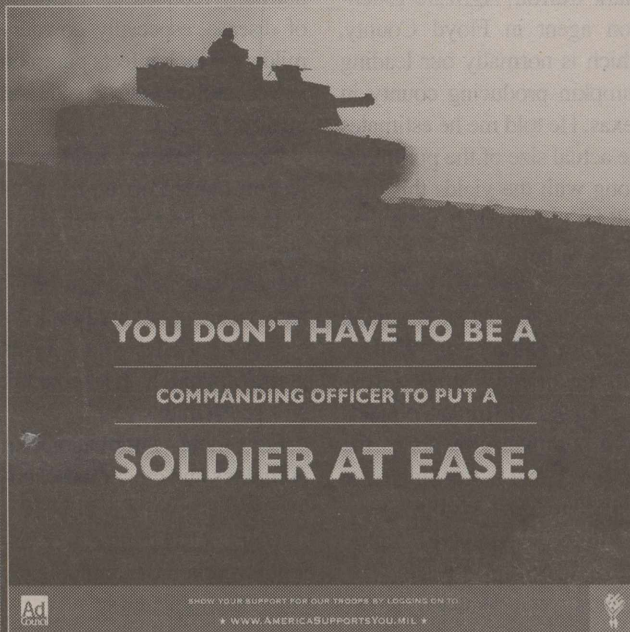
The mission of the Alzheimer's Association is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health.

For more information call Patty Taylor at 940-767-8800 or 800-272-3900.

A Sincere Thank You

Words cannot express the love and support that was given to our family in remembrance of Roy Dwain Day. Our special thanks to the Smith Family Funeral Home for their professional and caring service. Our thanks to the Class of 1954 who contributed so much by their presence. Thanks for the meal provided by the Knox City Church of Christ. Thanks to all for memorials given in his behalf such as flowers, cards, telephone calls, visits, hugs and tears, sweet wishes and food. Every act of kindness was extended to our family. Thanks to Chad McGee for the video so we have lasting memories. Knox City is a wonderful place to call home. "We will make the past better, not bitter". May God bless each and every one of you. We love you all.

The families of the late Roy Dwain Day

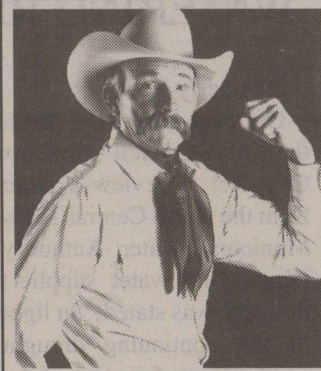


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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE by Baxter Black, DVM

The scars to prove it

I never claimed to be a cowman and I've got the scars to prove it! Frostbit fingers, baler twine blisters, and an odd scrape in the side of my head where the hair won't grow back from when my good ol' horse slipped down on an ice slick on the calving lot. I went out off the front quarter, hung my left spur on the canvas medicine bag that was looped over the horn with parachute chord and lost a chunk of my year when he drug me, unconscious, over the rusty metal feeder by the gate. It, my ear, now looks like a chew toy!

I never claimed to be a horse shoer and I've got the scars to prove it! A permanent stoop, calluses and a slice across the inside of my thigh. I'd driven a #5 city head into the second hole in the size #1 shoe and through the hoof wall on a skittish sorrel gelding when, just before I twisted the protruding nail, a disoriented fruit bat soared down out of the rafters and tangled in the horse's forelock! He went bumfangled and jerked his foot out of my grip between my knees! The wound has crudely healed, my girlfriend made a pair of cut-offs from my jeans, and we made a pair of coasters out of the scraps left from my shoeing chaps!

I've never claimed to be a dairyman and I've got the scars to prove it. Narcolepsy, deafness, a Dutch accent and one thumb missing from the time I was inspecting the automatic grain feeder belt, thinking some of the buckets were loose. My cover-all sleeve hung up in the teeth and began dragging me across the milking stanchions, pulling me through electrical wire, hydraulic hoses, pressure lines, heavy steel pipe and pieces of angle iron all to a chorus of bawling, Holstein cursing, and a mass exodus of the milking parlor! My sleeve finally tore off, taking my thumb as we were drug through the hole in the cinder block wall of the grain room. I spent half a day in the hospital and when they questioned the hired milker on duty, he'd said he'd been listening to Led Zeppelin on his iPod and hadn't heard a thing!

I've never claimed to be a small animal veterinarian and I've got the scars to prove it! Not a decent tie to my name, at least 50 mongrel dogs named after me, and twenty parallel scars up and down my left arm that occurred when I was trying to pluck a grass awn from the ear of an unbroken barn cat. I had gotten him into a big rubber boot to help restrain him but the sole of the boot was rotten. It tore off and the cat fell through into a small half-full molasses tub! I desperately clung to the cat's scruff to keep him out of the molasses as he mauled my arm like I was picking blackberries in a bob wire patch! The awn fell out by itself, I no longer make house calls, and the scratch wounds actually obliterated the tattoo of my ex-fiancée's name who eventually married the dentist.

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The 501

by
Hanaba Munn Welch

What makes a fine day? Much depends on what you call fine. Me, I just had a two-fine day.

One fine was for no taillights; the other for unsafe backing. Guilty. Guilty.

Sounds like I got caught backing without taillights. Not so. I backed into the lady in broad daylight.

The taillight offense happened elsewhere at night.

When the small-town deputy stopped me and said I had no lights, I was truly surprised. I thought I had one.

He was nice. I was nice. Nice was my only choice. It's not like I had long eyelashes to bat. Actually, they are fairly long, but he wouldn't have been able to see them with just his flashlight.

Amazing, isn't it, the feeling you get when you first see the red and blue flashing lights in the rear-view mirror. The adrenaline flows, but to what end? You can neither fight nor flee. All that adrenaline for naught. Oh well.

So the deputy and I tried in vain to figure out why I had no lights. In the process, the fresh bumper damage came into view.

"What happened here?" he asked.

In this age of correctness, I was surprised he would ask me about any of my dents. Dredging up the story of the bumper dent in particular wasn't going to help my case. I wanted to say, "Objection. Irrelevant."

Turns out he wasn't prying per se. He thought the

dent might be related to my lack of lights – like maybe they'd been jarred into not working.

If only I could have kicked the car and jarred them back on. Instead, I got a ticket and advice not to hit any mule deer for the next 45 miles. He'd just seen a six-point buck himself, and that was in town.

As for the other incident, what can I say? I backed up to give a really big truck room to turn off the street into a parking lot entrance. The truck driver was waving at me frantically. He could see I was going to hit the other car. I was concentrating on the blind spot in my rear-view mirror.

The woman behind me blew her horn the moment I hit her. It added to the drama.

She told me she was a widow, as if that were a pitiable situation. I told her to be glad she didn't have to go home to explain the accident to a husband. I don't think I cheered her any. But life really is all about how you take it.

When I went to the disparate courts on my two-fine day, I was somewhat tense, but both experiences left me smiling. The small town justice of the peace treated me kindly because I'd fixed my lights. And as it turned out, the big-city municipal court clerk spoke French! Quelle surprise! I love to speak French. And for some reason, I was in rare form -- practically fluent. Must have been the adrenaline.

It really was a fine day.

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a wonderful reunion and return home safe until net time. Great to see all of you.

Yolanda and Chuck Robert were visiting Mrs. Bradford and Benny this weekend. Hope their trip is safe going home.

Steve Reyes also had some of his daughters visiting this weekend and they were just laughing and enjoying seeing everyone they could, but especially Daddy. He's doing great. Take care, guys.

Our Chamber of Commerce hosted the annual golf tournament and had about 13 teams. There was lots of fun, food and drinks. I give our girls and Cody Manning an A+. They did a great job and I'm sure every year will be great. Our winners were, 1st place, Johnny Fuentes, Mario Abila and Cody Manning. 2nd place, Jessie Rios, Felix Flores and Jerry Don Garcia. 3rd place, Eddie Offield, Doug Sorrells and Ramiro Baiza. Ladies Longest Drive was Cathy Williams. Closest to the Pin was Mario Abila. The Wild Card drawing was M.J. Abila, Marci Maloney and Bob Maloney. They had great door prizes and it was just great all around.

I got to visit with Joe Huff whom I had not seen in a long time and also Nefro Gonzales was here visiting his mom and daughter, Niki. He is doing good also. It's always great to see some of the students come home or a weekend and to get caught up on their lives.

Our visit with Billy Joe Large was good, but also he is battling cancer. May God touch his body and when he returns for his test, that they

find it all gone. If you haven't had a chance to come down to Abundant Life Church and visit with David Duell, you have missed something. He is a spiritual healer. You will be surprised as to what can happen. All they need is your open heart and an open mind and let his spirit touch you. This will be going on for four nights.

Nelle Mae and her children from O'Brien are in great need of you keeping them in your prayers. Kathy is improving just fine at home and Phillips is in Hendrix hospital I believe, and Tim is having some good days and some bad.

Dawn Wilson has been having a great weekend with her daughter, Tabby. She has come home for four days before she goes on her tour of duty. Our prayers will be with her all the time and to return home soon to Mom and her baby girl. We thank you Tabby from the bottom of our hearts 'cause you are doing what some of us can't and we love you for it.

My visit this week was with Virginia Bernal and her husband. He is in the service and Virginia does missionary work. She is still as beautiful as ever and very proud to come back and see so many family members and friends.

Richard Magona was in from Wichita Falls visiting with his parents Chuco and Vallia Magana. They went to Abilene to visit with Chuco's father, Max. They had a wonderful visit and returned home on Sunday so Derrick could return to Wichita Falls.

Sandra Chamber's stepmother, Mozell Barton,

has been in the hospital in Haskell getting over an infection. More details on her progress as days go by.

Our services were great Sunday in church as we had lots of our visitors. The Pepper Young ladies joined us and all the Watson family from O'Brien. In the meantime, Leon and Eloise were in Dallas for doctor follow-up on Leon. Look forward to George and Ila Kay back from their trip.

If you were at our homecoming ball game Friday night, you got to see our Miss Firelight, Allison Lynn along with Football Sweetheart, Allison Lynn and Football Hero, Ryan Ledesma. They all looked so beautiful.

Estell Skiles is home recovering from a fall. We will keep her in our prayers as she recovers and may God bless her with His healing touch. If I can do anything for you all or anyone else on our prayer list, please feel free to call me.

Gilbert and Daina Casillas spent the weekend in Abilene at the wedding of their son, Justin and Selena. Their children and grandkids along with her mother were there. I know they had a lot of fun. Her mother is staying with her daughter Sylvia in Abilene for a while, recovering from her strokes.

As for my mom, Sandy Rodriguez, she has her good days and her bad days, but she is looking good and doing great, thanks to God.

This is my story for this week. If you have any news for next week, please call me.

God Bless our Troops and each one of us.

Texas Rabies -- Dogs and cats

People are much more likely to have their dogs vaccinated against rabies than they are to assure that their cats are vaccinated. If one considers that a rabies vaccination for a pet is as much to protect the health of the owner as it is to protect the pet, then vaccinating any animal that lives in (or near, in the case of "barn cats") the household is very important health insurance for the owner.

Why? Because if an animal is infected with rabies and begins to have symptoms of the disease, there is a very strong possibility that the humans in the household will have some sort of close contact with the animal and will end up having to undergo the rabies post-exposure shot series.

But "barn cats" rarely come up to the house. They just hang around the barn and are not even seen every day by the owners. That may be true. However, remember that rabid animals often exhibit changes in their personality and behavior. One change might be that the cat will suddenly develop a real interest

in interacting with other pets and people on the place.

Add that fact to the realization that every year in the US, there are more rabid cats than rabid dogs. Usually rabid cats outnumber rabid dogs by about 3 to 1. In fact, a look at a map of dog and cat rabies in Texas in 2011 underscores this sobering message. See the map below.

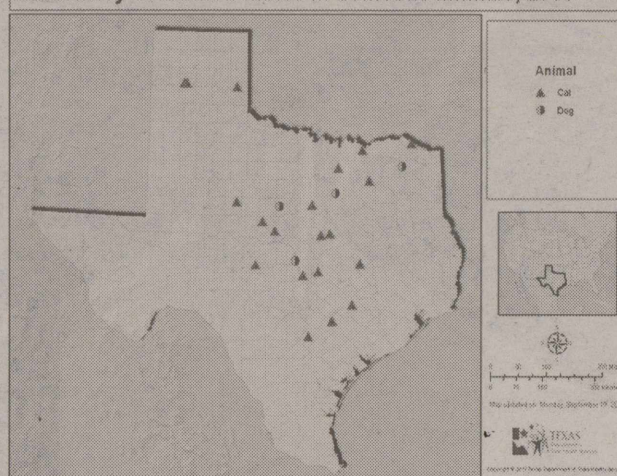
Cat owners are doing themselves a big favor if they ob-

tain rabies vaccinations for their cats. Please encourage your citizens, friends, clients, students, and other folks with whom you interact to have all their animals (including horses and show stock) vaccinated against rabies.

Information from Zoonosis Control, Department of State Health Services

Connie Lindley, DVM, PhD, MPH, Critter Care Vet Clinic, Childress, TX

Laboratory-confirmed rabies in domestic animals, 2011



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ing drought is forcing a lot of feral hogs to travel to new areas on ranches throughout Texas." said Dr. Jim Cathey, Texas AgriLife Extension Service wildlife specialist. "We will be discussing trapping methods, design, placement and other methods pertaining to the feral hog along with other aspects of wildlife management on the ranch. THE TEXAS RETIRED TEACHER'S ASSOCIATION is hosting a Retirement Seminar for ALL school employees to be held at the Region 9 Education Service Center on Saturday, November 12, 2011. Registration is scheduled from 9:30 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. with the seminar beginning at 10:00 a.m. Lunch will be provided by the Wichita Falls Teachers Federal Credit Union. Please register at www.esc9.net, where you will click on the Professional Development button, login and use 43.8652 as your workshop number.

Information will be provided by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas concerning updated options from the latest Legislature as well steps needed to actually prepare for the retirement process. Admission is free to all school personnel

in the Region 9 service area. Educators are encouraged to attend even if it will be several years before retirement. Region 9 Education Service Center is located at 301 Loop 11 in Wichita Falls.

THE ANGEL FOOD MINISTERIES will not have a distribution of food in September. Call Emily at Chamber of Commerce if you have questions, 658-3442.

GOREE JESUS JAM will be Sat., Oct. 22. It is a joyous celebration unto the LORD! Any bands or individuals interested in performing contact us on facebook.

COME EXPERIENCE the exciting ministry of Dave Duell! Monday - Thursday, September 26-29 at 7:00 p.m. each night at Abundant Life Christian Fellowship Church Knox City, Texas. Food & Fellowship to follow each service. For more information contact Tex Cox @ 657-4146

REVIVAL IN BENJAMIN Jerry Vincent Jr., Pastor of First Baptist Church in Roby, Texas, welcomes everyone to join them in Revival, Oct. 2nd through Oct. 5th in Benjamin, Texas.

The Monarch Butterfly

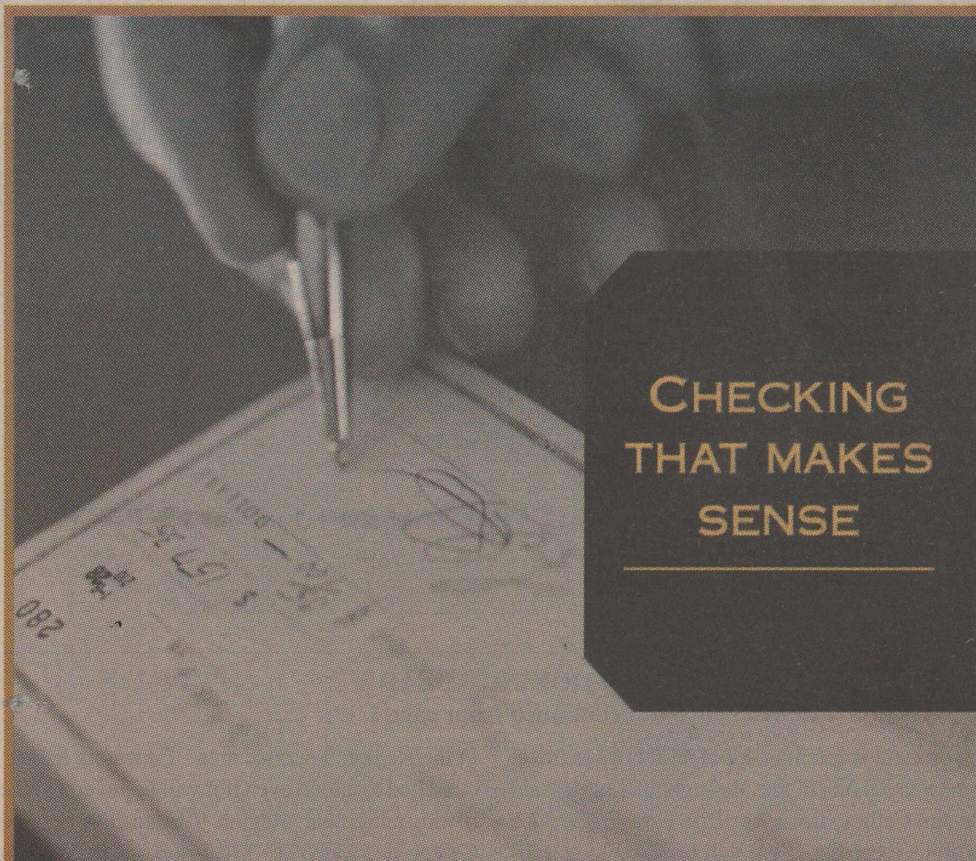


No, this is not a mistake! Just a futile effort to photograph a monarch butterfly. If you have a magnifying glass, you will see a perfect specimen in flight. Ever sat and watched them? I've never seen one "land" for more than 1 or 2 seconds, but several Knox City citizens called the newspaper office to let it be known that the monarch's were passing through. And indeed they were beautiful. Many thanks to those who called in.

CLASS OF 1961 50TH REUNION



Top row, left to right, Robbie Robertson, Garry Johnson, Jimmy Joe Reid, Richard Herring, Glen De Large. Second row from top, left to right, Buddy Moon, Lyndol Cypert, Wynette Graham Burns, Billy Jr Large, Horace Wheeler. Third row from top, left to right, Jane Smith Scoonmaker, Anna Rose Rodrigue Flores, Jeannette Colson Hess, Betty Jackson Coppedge, Jerald Cypert, Donna Gayle Fitzgerald Rick. Front row, left to right, Jimmy Hollis, Linda Caddell Rogers, Joan Lain Ludtke, Bobby Robinson, Juc Smith Leaverton, Lou Denton Vail, Sammy Bolin.



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Engagement Announcemnt



Sheri and Nati Escobedo and Michael and Jeanne Wilson are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Sean Wilson of Benjamin, Texas to Crikrit Richardson of Bakersfield, California, daughter of Mel and Ginger Richardson and Melinda and Michael Plume. The couple will be married October 8, 2011 at 304 Cooper, Benjamin Texas, at 7 p.m.

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