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Munday swarms Wellington; advances to state championship

By RYAN MILLS

CHILDRESS — The Munday Moguls put together an impressive offensive show Friday at Fair Park Stadium bashing the undefeated Wellington Skyrockets 62-22 in a Class 1A Division II Semifinal at Fair Park Stadium.

The Moguls improved to 13-2 on the season and advance to meet Tenaha Thursday at 4 p.m. in the Class 1A Division II State Championship Game at Cowboy Stadium in Arlington. Wellington ended their season at 13-1 after their first semifinal appearance in school history.

Wellington scored first taking an 8-0 first quarter lead but it seemed all that did was anger the Moguls.

The Moguls responded with a dizzying offensive output. By the end of the first quarter Munday led 14-8 and that was just the appetizer.

Over the second and third quarters the Moguls scored 48 points from everywhere on the field and emphatically ended any hopes of Wellington advancing to their first appearance in a state championship game. It will be the fourth state cham-

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Munday defenders swarm Wellington running back Charles Warren in Friday's Class 1A Division II Semifinal game in Childress. The Moguls won 62-22 and held a powerful Wellington rushing attack to 105 yards. The Moguls play Tenaha today at 4 p.m. in the Class 1A Division II State Championship at Cowboy Stadium.

Photo by Lukas Wilbur

'New' Knox County Fire Rescue Vehicle

By Sherry Reid

For a Fire Department that's never had a Fire Rescue Vehicle, there were happy and excited firemen last week when the shiny red, black and silver truck rounded the corner from its trip all the way from Highland, Utah, the culmination of time and effort spent

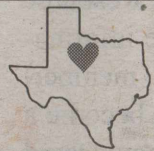
by many people to make this purchase a reality. The six year old Fire Rescue Vehicle appeared in mint condition and as seen in the accompanying photos, it truly "stands out in a crowd" with the high intensity reflecting stripes down each side and across the back. Generous contributors who voluntarily sent

in funds, combined with the fundraisers planned and held by several firemen's wives on a regular basis, \$20,000 from the fire department, plus \$20,000 from the city, and the purchase became possible. A major effort was made to find

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Benjamin ISD receives award

"Recognized 2011" accountability rating plaque was presented to Superintendent Olivia Del Hierro Gloria for Benjamin Independent School District at the Superintendent's meeting on Wednesday, December 7, 2011 at Wichita Falls Region 9 Education Service Center. As the state increases higher academic accountability for student performance, Benjamin ISD again maintains their recognized rating.

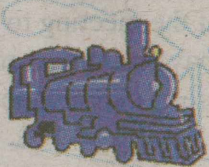


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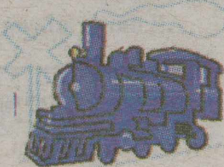
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The Texas Midwest Guide includes community information, attractions, recreation, lodging, regional calendar of events,

unique shopping and dining opportunities and much more information about the Texas Midwest region. Distribution of 70,000 copies goes to Texas Travel Information Centers along the State's borders, chambers of commerce, CVBs, hotels & motels and advertisers throughout the region.

An online turn-the-page version of the guide is at texasmidwestguide.org. All websites on community pages and ad spaces have hot links from the online version.

For more information about Texas Midwest Community Network, visit the website www.texasmidwest.org

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Christmas in November Winners

The following is the list of winners for the Knox City Christmas in November drawing for Santa Dollars. All names drawn won \$100 worth of Santa Dollars: Susie Ray, Tina Silva, Kaylee Ainsworth and Kerry Pyland. Congratulations to all and have fun with your shopping.

Blood Drive

The Knox County Hospital District, in conjunction with Meek Blood Center will hold a Blood Drive on Tuesday, December 27 from 1pm to 6pm in front of the hospital. Please consider giving the Gift of Life this Holiday Season.

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iPhones and iPads to assist farmers in effective management

LUBBOCK — The Texas AgriLife Extension Service is conducting a new project to develop and teach agricultural applications for iPhones and iPads to farmers.

Five hands-on workshops, all with the same curriculum, are scheduled from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in January.

Dates and locations are:

- Jan. 9, Lamesa, Forrest Park Community Center, South 10th and Houston.
- Jan. 23, Lubbock, Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center, 1102 East Farm to Market 1294.

- Jan. 27, Plainview, South Plains College, 1920, West 24th Street.

- Jan. 30, Amarillo, Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center, 6500 Amarillo Boulevard.

- Jan. 31, Dumas, location to be announced.

"Our AgriLife Extension team will train producers to use these apps to more effectively manage risks in their business and improve their financial bottomline," said Dr. Jackie Smith, AgriLife Extension economist

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Open Water Meeting

Monday, December 19, 2011

6:30 pm at five Star Service Barn Building

1006 E. Main St.

Knox City, TX

By Brittany Sheedy

Knox County Rural Water Supply will be having another open meeting and encourage all to come. Mark Pearson with Community Resource Group from Austin, TX will be there to give tips and provide information to us to form our WSC. A WSC is essentially a non-profit, member-owned cooperative to provide water service. This will help us become a "Corporation", so that we may apply for loans and grant money. David Kuehler with North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority will also be attending to help answer any questions and help provide knowledgeable information. Handouts will be given at the meeting to better inform you on what will take place. You may also pay your meter money and are encouraged to do so before the amount increases tremendously. Hope to see you there!

Southwest Beef Symposium

By Steve Byrns

ROSWELL, N.M. – Texas and New Mexico Extension agencies will conduct their annual Southwest Beef Symposium on Jan. 17-18 in the Roswell Convention Center in Roswell, N.M. This is the seventh year the two agencies have collaborated on the annual event, which alternates yearly between locations in West Texas and eastern New Mexico, said Dr. Manny Encinias, New Mexico State University Extension livestock specialist at Clayton. He said the symposium will center around three educational sessions and a trade show.

Dr. Bruce Carpenter, Texas AgriLife Extension Service beef cattle specialist at Fort Stockton, said those in the beef industry must be proactive in telling their story.

"The U.S. beef industry is a key player in feeding the world," he said. "We also strive to ensure and protect global food security. In doing so, we face some huge challenges, but we are up to that challenge. Our first symposium session, the current issues session, will address some of the major issues we now face." Carpenter said the session will feature talks on beef-related global demographics, resources and technology by Dr. Douglas Southgate of The Ohio State University and a discussion by Paul Coleman, CEO for Frontera Cattle Company, on beef-cattle marketing. Speakers from both state agencies will complete the session with a market and industry outlook. An open discussion anchored by a rancher panel will complete the day's activities prior to the evening steak dinner.

Carpenter said topics on Jan. 18 will include a disaster recovery session with ranchers and agency personnel with firsthand experience providing

tips on how and who to work with in times of widespread drought and wildfire, as was experienced this summer.

The symposium is set to conclude with an afternoon range nutrition session by Kent Mills with Hi-Pro Feeds. Mills will share his observations on data he's collected in more than 20 years of rangeland forage sampling across West Texas and New Mexico. Other speakers will deal with specifics on beef nutrition, drought and grazing behavior of cattle and elk during and following a drought.

For planning purposes, organizers said preregistration by Jan. 5 would be appreciated. Individual preregistration is \$50. The fee includes a steak dinner, lunch, refreshments and a printed proceedings.

For more information and to preregister, call Carpenter at 432-336-8585 or Encinias at 575-374-2566.

A schedule of events, speaker information, registration materials and lodging information is available at <http://swbs.nmsu.edu>.

Thank you

We would like to express our gratitude for all the cards, flowers, food, prayers and words of kindness, which were given in honor of Pauletta Faye Moore. We would like to give a special thank you to Munday Nursing Center, Knox County Hospital, Pastor Gary Schnable and

the Foursquare Church, Pastor Gene Ward and Liberty COGIC, Pastor Tex Cox and Amy Schnable. Even though she will be missed here on earth, we know Heaven gained a new angel. We love and miss you, Nana!

Pauletta Moore Family

Trooper Cody Pack promoted

Effective Jan. 1, 2012, Trooper Cody Pack will be working out of the Abilene District of the Department of Public Safety office in the Criminal Investigator's Division (CID).

A gathering in his honor will take place Dec. 22, 2011, at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall from 2 pm to 4pm. Everyone is encouraged to stop by and wish him well.

Pre-construction meeting for sidewalk project

On Dec. 15th, there will be a Pre-Construction Meeting to discuss the SH 222 project consisting of resurfacing, curb and gutter, sidewalks and concrete paving. The meeting will be at the Knox City, City Hall at 11 am on Dec. 15th. Any business owner or concerned citizen

is invited to attend. RK Hall Construction and TxDOT employees will be available for questions or concerns. If you are unable to attend the meeting and you have questions or concerns please contact, Gary Mizer, P.E. at 940-422-4115 or Barbara Seal at 940-937-7288.

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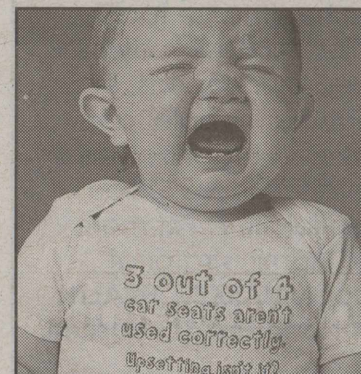
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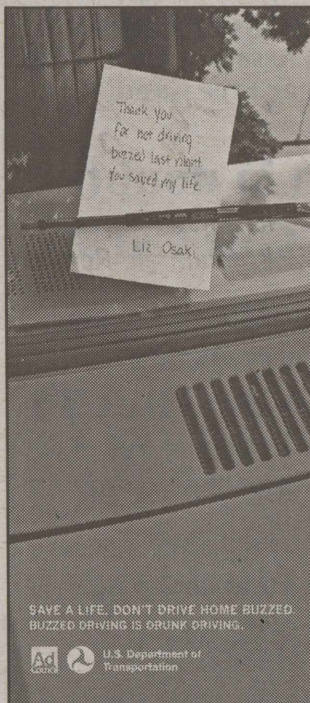
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By Tex Cox-Pastor

Abundant Life Church

In Deuteronomy Chapter 30 the Lord lays out our choice in life. We can choose life - - - or we can choose death. We can choose blessings - - - or we can choose curses.

The Lord makes it very clear that it is up to US to make the choice. I love what He says in verse 20, (NLT) "You can make this choice by loving the Lord your God, obeying Him, and committing yourself firmly to Him. This is the key to your life...."

Wow!

First of all, I hope we are all smart enough to choose LIFE and BLESSINGS. Most of you receiveing this email have already chosen ETERNAL life, the most important choice of all - - - well, guess what? Eternal life BEGINS the moment you made that choice!

Have you ever noticed that for a lot of Christians, there life does not seem blessed,

peaceful, abundant, joyful, and complete? They are still struggling with the same old problems they had before they got born again. Why aren't they partaking in everything their eternal life has to offer?

Ephesians 1:3 says, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in the heavenly places with Christ."

If you've been born again, then you are one blessed person! Woohoo!

If you aren't walking in blessing, you need to grab a hold of your key and open the door!!

1. Love God
2. Obey Him
3. Commit yourself firmly to Him

The key to walking in the abundant life that Jesus died to give us is to spend time with God (loving Him) - - - LISTEN to Him (that means close your mouth and mind and let HIM speak to you) -

- - - obey what you hear Him saying and commit yourself to Him.

Here is where most of us miss it: we "hear" that still small voice, but we don't trust that WE heard right. Then, when we do hear and trust that we heard, we QUESTION why, what, when, where, how....

We question, because we have not yet FULLY committed ourselves to the Lord, KNOWING that HE is our source.

When I think on this, I always remember Abraham taking his son up the mountain. He HEARD God because he loved God and spent time with Him and knew His voice.

He OBEYED God and took his son up the mountain.

He was COMMITTED to God to very point of completing the act of sacrifice because he KNEW God and knew that God was His source - - - God will provide - - - and God DID provide!

When God opens a door for you in your life (especially in an area you have been praying and seeking God for) do you walk through, trusting that He will provide.....or do you QUESTION, weigh options, think it though, etc., etc.? I'm not saying that there isn't wisdom in making sure you heard correctly, but once you have heard from the Lord, COMMIT YOURSELF TO HIS WAYS! He's got your back! He is your source!

God had plans to prosper you, not to harm you - - - plans of peace for you! Make the decision today to grab a hold of the key to life and CHOOSE LIFE!

Remember - - - YOU ARE BLESSED!!!!



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2011 Weekly Weather Report

| Date | Temperature (F) | | Rainfall inches |
|-------|-----------------|------|-----------------|
| | Low | High | |
| 12/05 | 28 | 37 | 0.24 |
| 12/06 | 23 | 35 | |
| 12/07 | 19 | 51 | 0.01 |
| 12/08 | 26 | 58 | |
| 12/09 | 30 | 48 | |
| 12/10 | 32 | 39 | |
| 12/11 | 38 | 44 | 0.37 |

Total Rainfall for month .62
2011 Rainfall (ytd) 7.26

Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

It's cold, misty and just plain miserable out but inside it's warm and pleasant. We're getting mighty close to Christmas. Are you ready? I'm not but hopefully by the time it gets here, I will be.

Dickie and Laura McCannies are proud grandparents! Cooper Reed McCannies was born on Friday, Dec. 9. No statistics available this week. Just that he's here and doing fine. His mom is Gina McCannies.

Also Sadie Benson had her little boy on Friday as well. And again, I don't have all the details on him but by next week I hope to have all that news gathered up.

REGARDING OUR ILL

Jan Carver is doing fine following heart surgery last Tuesday. Has the tubes out and hopes to be home by the last of the week. That is great news.

Our friend and former Benjamin resident James Klutts, now of Knox City, had some heart problems last week. Spent a couple of days in Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene and had to have a stint. He's

feeling better and hopefully will continue to improve health wise.

Charles Griffith continues to make progress since his recent surgeries. He's gaining strength every day and says he feels fine. That's sure good news as he had some pretty serious surgeries.

BABY SHOWER

A baby shower for Samijo Russell was held on Monday nite, Dec. 12 in the home of Gladene Green. Refreshments of sandwiches, chips & dip, homemade candy, cookies and cake served with either cold punch or hot spiced tea was enjoyed by a large number of guests.

The expected little boy will be "decked out" in all sorts of clothes and shoes with plenty of blankets to keep him warm.

Hostesses for the shower were Jane Gideon, Lorene Powers, Linda Griffith, San Juana Gallegos, Romaine Stubbs and Gladene Green.

HERE 'N THERE

Debbie and Mike Moorhouse and Dillon Keys were in Dallas Thursday for Dillon to see his kidney doctor.

He got a good report for which we are all very thankful. On Sunday, Debbie & Mike were in Seymour for Christmas with his family.

Patti & Bob Tavernia of Frederick, Maryland were here several days last week to visit her mom, Earlene Meinzer and her brothers Rick & Wyman & their families. Earlene didn't know they were coming and so was pleasantly surprised when they walked in. Said they bought her a new flat screen TV while they were here.

Cody Propps, student at Tarlton State in Stephenville and Mitchell Welch and Raquel Acevedo, students at West Texas College in Snyder are among Cothose home for the Christmas holidays.

Randolph Barnett, president of the Benjamin Ex Students Ass'n. called to say the refrigerator at the Ex Student Bldg. has gone out. Funds are limited for the Ass'n. since the only income is from donations

and occasional fund raisers and to help one would put a strain on the Ass'n so he asked me to mention this & see if anyone has a refrigerator they might donate to the cause. It would certainly be appreciated. If you do and can help out in any way, give him a call, and we all thank you in advance.

Bud Conner, Kim Moore and Shelby, Judy & Randolph Barnett, Philomae Roberson & Corrine Parrish were in Slaton Sat. nite for a dinner & reception honoring Jim Bob & Jenny Beth Conner. The couple married Dec. 3rd in Las Vegas.

And finally, last but certainly not least, way to go Munday! You Moguls are definitely a source of "entertainment" for your fans. We all love to win and on Thurs. in the much talked about "Jones facility" we all hope you take it all! We are counting on you to bring home another victory! Good luck in cowboy Stadium.

Knox County Aging Services

Menus For Dec. 12 To Dec. 16

Monday, Dec. 12

Beef Stroganoff
Noodles
Mixed Vegetables
Whole Wheat Rolls
Winter Fruit Cup

Tuesday, Dec. 13

Ham & Beans
Spinach
Seasoned Corn
Cornbread
Orange/Pineapple Cup
Country Apple Crisp

Wednesday, Dec. 14

Breaded Chicken Tenders
Baked Potato/Sour Cream
Peas/Carrots
Strawberries/Topping

Thursday, Dec. 15

Macaroni/Beef/Toma-

toes

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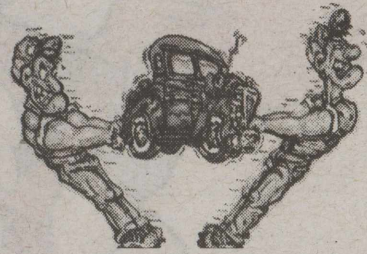
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pionship appearance for the Moguls who are looking for their third state title.

Munday got 138 yards on just nine carries from quarterback Dee Paul including touchdown runs of 40, 15 and 18 yards. He also completed 3-4 passes for 106 yards and returned an interception 92 yards for a touchdown for good measure as the third quarter expired. Roddrick Taylor added 123 yards on 11 carries with three touchdowns while Tyrone Neskorik came just 13 yards short of the Moguls having three 100-yard rushers. He finished with 87 yards on nine carries and scored twice.

Sophomore quarterback Klark Ashmore led Wellington completing 14-28 passes for 214 yards and two touchdowns. However the Moguls picked him off twice. The Moguls held the powerful Wellington rushing attack to just 105 yards most of which came in the fourth quarter long after things were decided. Munday 62, Wellington 22

MHS 14 28 20 0 - 62
WHS 8 0 0 14 - 22

W—Jesse Culpepper 11 pass from Klark Ashmore (Dustin Castillo pass from Ashmore)

M—Dee Paul 40 run (run failed)

M—Tyrone Neskorik 49 run (Roddrick Taylor run)

M—Taylor 79 run (kick failed)

M—Neskorik 2 run (Jaron Blake pass from A.J. Serrato)

M—Taylor 8 run (Dewayne Castorena kick)

M—Paul 15 run (Castorena kick)

M—Paul 18 run (Castorena kick)

M—Taylor 1 run (kick failed)

M—Paul 92 interception return (Castorena kick)

W—Dustin Castillo 4 pass from Ashmore (pass failed)

W—Castillo 7 run (Ashmore run)

| | MHS | WHS |
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| First downs | 16 | 15 |
| Rushing | 359 | 105 |
| Passing | 106 | 214 |
| Total yards | 465 | 319 |
| C-A-I | 3-4-0 | 14-28-2 |
| Punts | 2-38 | 3-28 |
| Fumbles-lost | 1-1 | 3-2 |
| Penalties | 14-110 | 4-30 |

Individual statistics

Rushing — Munday: Dee Paul 9-138, Roddrick Taylor 11-123, Tyrone Neskorik 9-87, Garrett Weaver 3-7, Jake Myers 1-3, Trey Stinnett 2-3, Dewayne Castorena 2-(-2). Wellington: Klark Ashmore 9-39, Francisco Cruz 10-37, Charles Warren 9-17, Dustin Castillo 2-13, Brodie Klink 2-(-)1.

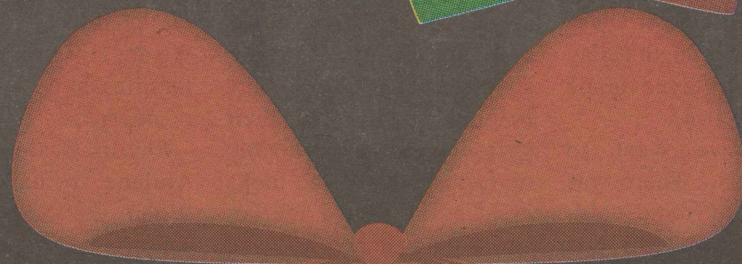
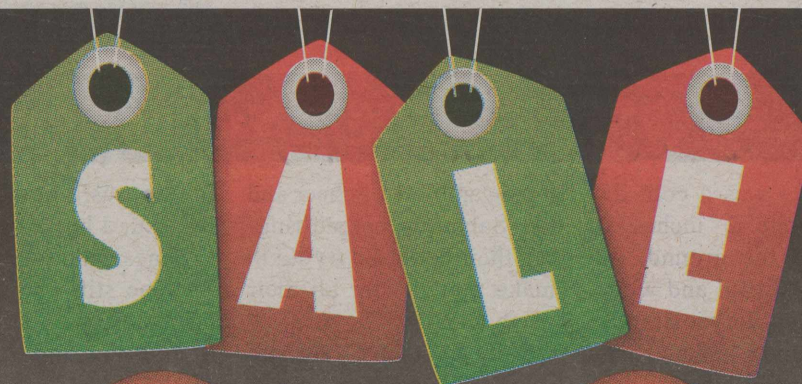
Passing — Munday: Paul 3-4-0—106. Wellington: Ashmore 14-28-2—214.

Receiving — Munday: Weaver 1-45, Neskorik 1-33, Myers 1-28. Wellington: Jesse Culpepper 6-81, Castillo 4-52, Klink 3-58, Chris Rodriguez 1-13.



Dee Paul is shown carrying the ball last Friday in the state semi final game against the Wellington Skyrockets. The Moguls defeated the Rockets 62-22 and will advance to state. They will play tonight at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington Texas.

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SAMMIE'S CORNER & FINAL THOUGHTS

Monday was a cold day with about 2 inches of snow on the ground, but it was beautiful and white. We needed the moisture in our ground. Thank you, God, we will take it every way we can. So that day meant that I stayed home and stayed warm.

Tuesday we went to Wichita Falls. There was snow there too, and colder. There were still lots of holiday shoppers and, of course, everything else that goes on. Christmas

music and lots of cheer and our Salvation people ringing their bells and trying to make a penny for all their needy people.

Talked to Kim Clonts and asked about Martel Tankersly and believe it or not, she is back working and helping Jimmy and their stripping guy, and probably more than that. She looks great every time I see her and Kim just laughed and said you know my grandma. She is going to be right there for every need she needs to fill. I don't think any of us could keep up with her. God, thank you for people or grandmas like her. She's awesome.

The Baty family had Lyndon air lifted this week to the hospital in Abilene. Hope he is doing better and recovering. That child is some special child! He's still, as I understand it, waiting for another kidney,

but he was doing good the last time I heard.

James Knotts is also in Abilene still having a few problems and doing tests to find out why he's having a hard time recovering. We are still praying that all families have a wonderful recovery.

Phyllis Gaston is also in Abilene to have surgery. When she had openheart surgery her bone connecting the ribs together came undone, so hopefully the surgery will be a great success and she will do so much better.

Charles Casillas has had some tests done but nothing serious was found. Hopefully with medication it will all be taken care of. Charles, we are praying for all of ya'll. Take care and we're here if you need anything.

Diana and Gilbert Casillas' grandson, Brandon,

had an emergency appendectomy. His appendix had ruptured, but everything went well and he is in Hendrix Hospital recovering. Gilbert and Diana rushed back from South Carolina where they were at a farmer's cotton convention. I will keep you updated on his progress.

Diana's mother, Dominga Ramirez from Munday has finally been moved to the Brazos Valley Care Home and is doing great and making progress. This family is really having a double dose of problems, but they are all in God's hands.

Linsey Villi Abila is doing great. She has been taken off of the tubes, but is still in ICU until they have a room for her. The family is so thankful for all your prayers and support, calls and cards.

In the meantime Alfredo Abila is doing good and was scheduled for some lip repair, but the weather was bad Tuesday for the trip to Lubbock, so they cancelled it and rescheduled it for

later, but they are doing great.

As I visited with Laura Stovall, I learned that Chad Tolson is doing good a little bit at a time. Her son, Stan, has returned home after he lost his best friend. They were in school together in Minnesota. He was 24 and his body was returned to Snyder for the service. Our deepest condolences to Sean and his friend's family. Sean has now moved to San Angelo with his sister, Nacole, to continue his education and work. Keep them in your prayers.

Thursday, the Ladies Golf Association had their Christmas party at Kathy and Jack's. It was very nice and a great get together the girls. They exchanged gifts and had a great visit. Some of the ladies couldn't make it because of the weather. Some were a little under the weather.

I had not had a chance to talk or visit with Estell Skiles since she had fallen and had such a hard time. So I pray that all things are going good and she will

recover soon. I know hard falls take a long time to get over.

Our Sunday church is going good. Lots of our attendants were not there Sunday. Some were out of town and some were sick with a bug like me today. Today is Monday and I'm still at home in bed hoping it will go away. Let me tell you there are times when you think you're down for the count, because it is a long process to get well. I'm just staying on liquids, staying comfortable, and waiting it out. So far I haven't heard how everyone else is doing. Maybe by Christmas everyone will be back to normal. I finally gave in and saw a doctor.

Well, I know Samijo's baby shower was this week at Gladene's home in Benjamin and I know it went well.

I got to turn in for today. Hope to catch up next week. See ya'll soon.

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Craig Wilde and Debbie Wilde of Knox City, Texas are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Tiffany Wilde, to Gilbert Saucedo, son of Ruben and Janie Saucedo of Rochester, Texas. Tiffany is a 2007 graduate of Knox City High School and currently attending Texas Tech in the Masters of Occupational Therapy program and will graduate May 2012. Gilbert is a 2004 graduate of Rochester High School and 2008 graduate of McMurry University with a BS in Biology. He is currently a surgical technologist employed at UMC in Lubbock. A March wedding is planned.



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FEWER COWS AND CALVES WILL LEAD TO STRONG CATTLE MARKET

By Blair Fannin

BRYAN – A classic case of supply and demand is predicted for the cattle market in 2012, according to a Texas AgriLife Extension Service economist.

Declining cow numbers due to drought will lead to fewer calves, causing tighter supplies across the U.S., said Dr. David Anderson, AgriLife Extension livestock economist.

"I think we will continue to maintain historically high prices," Anderson said recently at the Brock Faulkner-Brazos Valley Fall Cattleman's Clinic in Bryan.

Anderson said his 2012 target prices for 600 pound steers are \$131-\$138 per hundredweight during the first quarter, \$136-\$144 in the second quarter, \$137-\$147 in the third quarter and \$133-\$143 in the fourth quarter.

The historic drought this year marked the biggest one-year decline in Texas cow numbers ever with more than 600,000 sold by cattle producers, Anderson said.

"What does this mean? We've got fewer cows and calves, which means higher prices," Anderson said. Cattle on feed numbers are high, which is consistent with a drought, Anderson said. Feedlots have been "staying current," he said, selling animals to packing operations at a steady clip.

Meanwhile, slaughter steer prices hit a high of \$125 per hundredweight in April and a low of \$105 in June, Anderson said.

"They went back up to \$119 per hundredweight in October," he said. That's likely the result of buyers making sure enough beef is in grocery stores to satisfy first-of-the-month specials, Anderson said. "Prices shoot forward, then back off as grocery outlets buy what they need,

then pull back due to the economy."

Nationally, a 12 percent decline in 2011 in beef cow inventory is the second largest decline in history since 1934-1935 (18 percent), as 550,000 head of cows were sold off during that time. In 1996, a decline of approximately 400,000 cows was recorded during that drought year, Anderson said.

"In 2012, beef production is predicted to be down 4 percent," he said. The choice-select spread has choice beef selling for "huge amounts" more than select because exports are booming, Anderson said.

"We have growing demand for choice beef," he said. Wal-Mart, the largest grocery retail outlet in the U.S., is also selling more choice beef, Anderson added.

Trends of consumer buying patterns indicate during the beginning of the recession in 2008 consumers were trying to "stretch their dollar by buying more hamburger," he said. "As a result, hamburger, chuck and rounds have reached record prices."

However, there's been growing demand for steaks, Anderson said, so "perhaps the economy is not as bad as some might think since there is some willingness to buy more steaks."

Editor's note: The following can be used in a breakout box:

- Tight supplies of calves will lead to higher prices in 2012.

- The Texas drought has led to a reduction of more than 600,000 cows in the state (12 percent), the second largest decline in history since 1934-1935 (18 percent).

- The economic recession in 2008 caused consumers to stretch their dollar by purchasing more ground hamburger.

Source: Texas AgriLife Extension Service.

iPHONES AND iPADS TO ASSIST FARMERS IN EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT

LUBBOCK – The Texas AgriLife Extension Service is conducting a new project to develop and teach agricultural applications for iPhones and iPads to farmers.

Five hands-on workshops, all with the same curriculum, are scheduled from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in January.

Dates and locations are:

- Jan. 9, Lamesa, Forrester Park Community Center, South 10th and Houston.

- Jan. 23, Lubbock, Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center, 1102 East Farm to Market 1294.

- Jan. 27, Plainview, South Plains College, 1920, West 24th Street.

- Jan. 30, Amarillo, Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center, 6500 Amarillo Boulevard.

- Jan. 31, Dumas, location to be announced.

"Our AgriLife Extension team will train producers to use these apps to more effectively manage risks in their business and improve their financial bottomline," said Dr. Jackie Smith, AgriLife Extension economist at Lubbock.

"They'll learn to access market data to help evaluate relevant pricing strategies. They'll also improve their knowledge of costs and breakevens by using the Cost of Production app the team developed."

Smith said other apps will relate to crop insurance, marketing plans, optimum irrigation water allocation and various time-saving calculators and other tools.

Each workshop participant will have access to iPads with apps already installed, Smith said. They'll use case studies to

improve their price and production risk management skills.

Each workshop will be restricted to 30 participants. Husband-and-wife participation will only require one registration fee.

Registration is \$50 to be paid at the door by check.

For more details on each workshop, go to <http://SouthPlainsprofit.tamu.edu> and click on iPhone/iPad Workshops.

To reserve a spot in any of the workshops call the Lubbock center at 806-746-6101 and ask for Viki.

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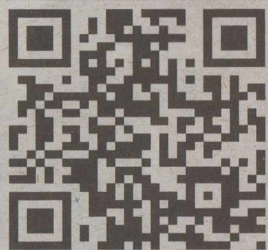
you've got a killer original recipe, you can earn up to \$1 million in sales royalties in Dave's Gourmet Recipe Challenge." That, by the way, starts with a \$2,000 advance right off the bat. "I'm so serious about finding a great new recipe, we'll not only accept sauces, dips, salsas, or spreads – from barbecue to tapenade, but if you have something incredible that doesn't quite meet the definition, drop us a note and we might consider it." To enter Dave's Gourmet Recipe Challenge, submit your original recipe by Dec. 31 at www.davesgourmet.com. You have to have turned 18 by Oct. 15, 2011 and you must be a legal U.S. resident at the time of the finals. Here's how it

works: From Jan. 1-4, 2012, Dave's team will test the recipes and choose semifinalists. Sauces will be judged in five categories: taste, appearance, creativity, consumer appeal and the recipe's ability to be mass-produced. (If Dave has to hand-cut bay leaves from trees found only on the southernmost tip of Italy in order to make your sauce, it might be hard to mass-produce.) The semifinalists will be taste-tested by a panel from Dave's Gourmet and finalists will be chosen and their owners notified Jan. 12-14. Jan. 15 to 17, hundreds of food professionals attending the Fancy Foods Show in San Francisco will sample the finalists and vote for their favorites. On Jan. 18, the

winner or winners will be announced and notified. Within two weeks of being notified, winners must sign some paperwork and collect their advance of \$2,000. The sauce will be produced for Dave's Gourmet's retailers and may have the winner's name on the label. The winner will receive royalties for six years, up to \$1 million. Dave Hirschkop graduated from Boston University back in the 1980s and opened a mom-and-pop restaurant called Burrito Madness. It was there he began experimenting with hot sauces and later moved into pasta sauces. He started Dave's Gourmet 18 years ago, and has products in major retailers including Safeway, Williams-Sonoma, Whole Foods and Costco.

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Phone 'app' for stranded motorists added to disaster, emergency website



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By Paul Schattenberg

A new free phone application for Texans and others stranded on the road during snow and ice storms has

been added to the Texas Extension Disaster Education Network, or Texas EDEN website, said Texas AgriLife Extension Service experts.

The Winter Survival Kit app is now one of many disaster- and emergency-related materials available through the Texas EDEN website, <http://texashelp.tamu.edu>. It is a smartphone application provided by the North Dakota State University Extension Service and is available at no cost for use with iPhone and Android, according to its developers. The app was developed as a means of helping motorists stuck in winter weather.

"With the amount of snow

and ice during winter in the Panhandle and North Texas, plus the possibility of unusual cold weather occurrences elsewhere in the state, we felt it would be helpful to many Texans to make this app accessible through the website," said Dr. Joyce Cavanagh, Texas AgriLife Extension Service specialist in family economics and resource management and a member of the national Extension Disaster Education Network.

Cavanagh said the app also would be of use to Texans who plan to drive to states which typically have more ice and snow during the winter — and are unfamiliar with the roadways they will be traveling.

"The Winter Survival Kit app can be as critical as a physical winter survival kit if you find yourself stuck or stranded in severe winter weather conditions," said Bob Bertsch, North Dakota State University Agriculture Communication web technology specialist who led the team that developed the app.

Bertsch said the app will help users find their current location, call 911, notify friends and family and calculate how long it is possible to run a vehicle's engine to keep warm before running out of fuel.

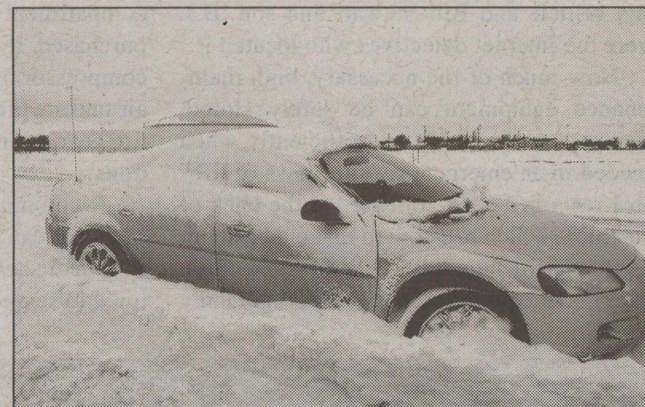
"You can use the Winter

Survival Kit app to store important phone and policy numbers for insurance or roadside assistance," he said. "You can also designate emergency contacts you want to alert when you become stranded."

The app also alerts the user every 30 minutes as a reminder to turn off the vehicle's engine and check the exhaust pipe for snow buildup, which is critical to avoiding potentially deadly carbon monoxide poisoning. Additionally, it provides information on putting together a physical winter survival kit, preparing a vehicle for winter driving and staying safe when stranded in an ice storm or stuck in snow.

"We're always searching for information and applications for the Texas EDEN site that will be of use during disaster or emergency situations," said Dr. Andy Vestal, AgriLife Extension director of homeland security and emergency management in College Station. "The site is a repository of useful information we have made available and want people to be aware of and access in their time of need."

"Being stranded in a vehicle in winter weather can be a challenging, not to mention potentially fatal, situation and this app may literally become a lifesaver for someone."

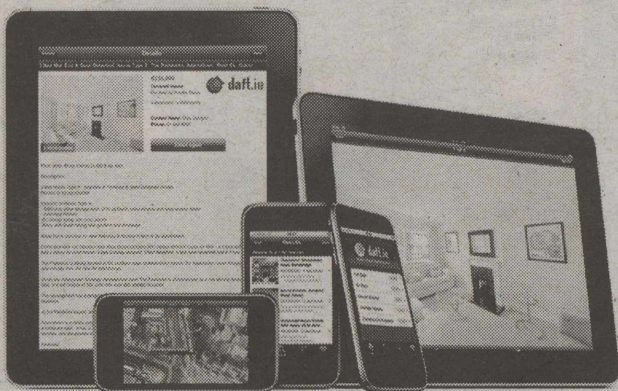


A free application for iPhone and Android that will help motorists stranded in snow and ice is now available through the Texas EDEN website.

Texas AgriLife Extension Service photo by Kay Ledbetter

To access the application through the Texas Eden website, click on the Hot Topics tab at <http://texashelp.tamu.edu>. For other website materials relating to winter weather, click the Disaster Information tab on the home page and go to Winter Storm Resources.

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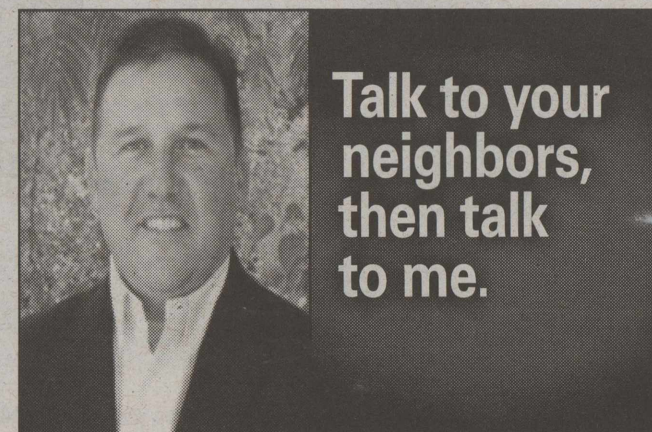
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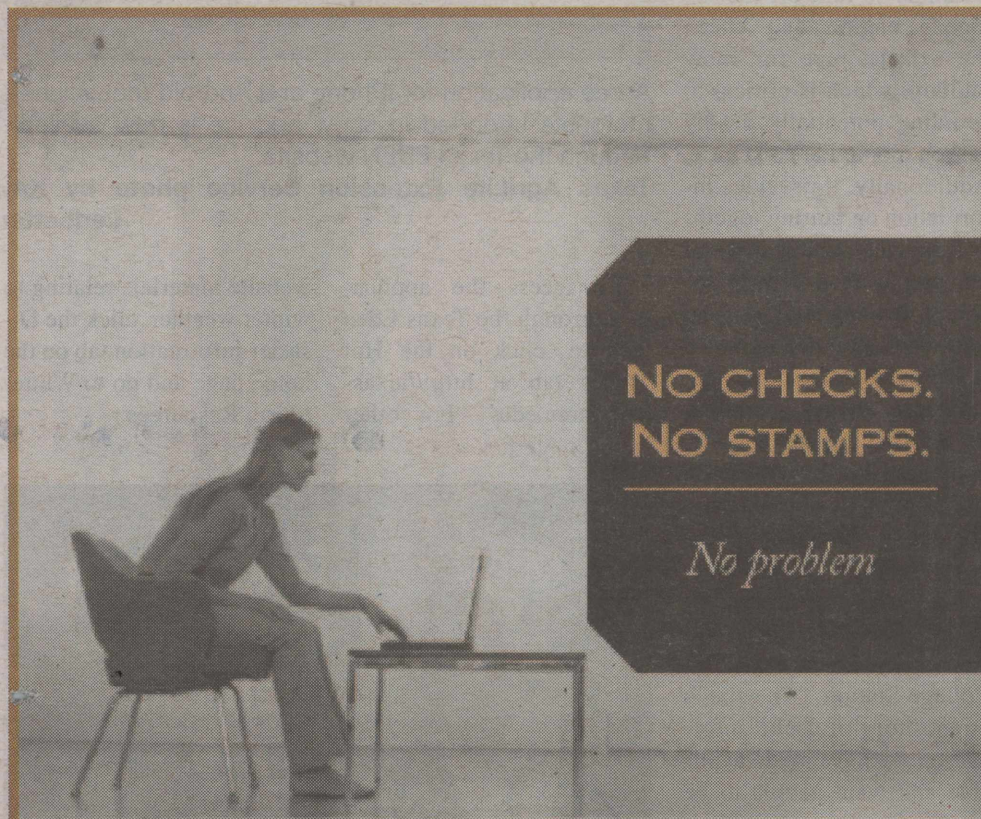
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SIGN UP DATE CHANGE to be included on the democratic ballot is Nov. 28 with the cutoff date of Dec. 15 instead of Dec. 16.

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