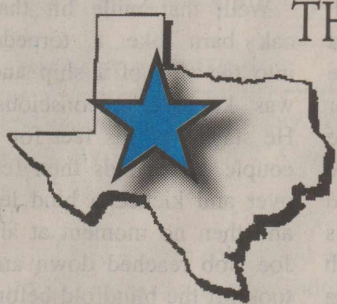


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Munday student receives nursing scholarship

Campell Massie

Columbia- Mo- Tori Hicks, Munday, Texas received the Cynthia Fischer Russell PhD, RN Endowment Scholarship to continue her graduate education at the University of Missouri.

The Cynthia Fischer Russell, PhD, RN Endowment Scholarship is intended to further the career of an outstanding nursing student. The scholarship is named for assistant professor of nursing at MU Cynthia Russell.

"I am blessed by the generosity of this foundation upon receiving this scholarship," Hicks said.

Hicks, who graduated from Graham High School in 1979, is the daughter of H.B. and Jo Graves. Hicks is an active member of the Texoma Cowboy Church and serves on the medical team for rodeo events.

MU is the largest and oldest public university west of the Mississippi River and is the flagship university for the state of Missouri.



Tori Hicks

Courtesy Photo

Knox County Visioning Committee gets New Community Development Director

Tamara Smart

The Knox County Visioning Committee is one of those non-profit entities that always seems to be doing something. Moving this way, or shaking that way. Until a few months ago, Remelle Ferrar was the face of that very committee, constantly going for more grants, securing funding for programs like the "Yes, You Can" program, which helped local companies employ youth for the summer. As of Sept. 15, though, the face of the Visioning committee has changed.

Jimi Copelen, a Aspermont native and graduate of South west Texas State University, officially began her job last Wednesday in her new position as the Knox County Visioning Committee Community Development Director. Previously, Jimi had served Aspermont as their Economic Development Director. This new position and her old one are very similar, yet different in many ways. Although building the community up was the essential desire of both positions, Jimi has never worked for a non-profit like the KC Visioning Committee Community Director.

As she opens this new chapter in not only her life, but of Knox County's life, Jimi goes into the job with an open mind. Jimi says



Knox County's new Visioning Development Director, Jimi Copelen

Photo by Tamara Smart

"[I] don't have a particular project in mind, I just want to continue doing what they have been doing and enhancing where needs to be enhanced."

Jimi is ideal for this position for her expansive work in grant writing and community development. In Aspermont, Jimi secured and oversaw a USDA Rural business Enterprise Grant that

was revolving loan for local businesses.

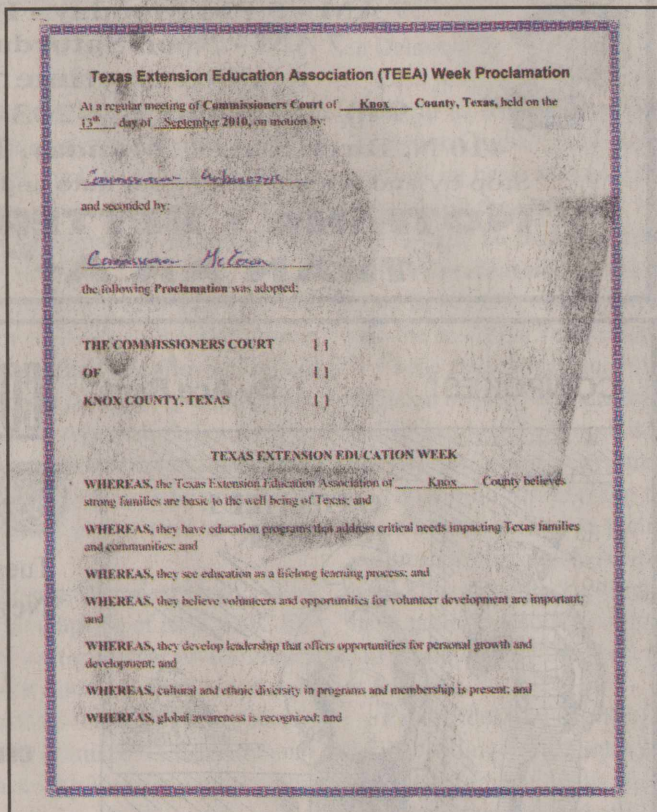
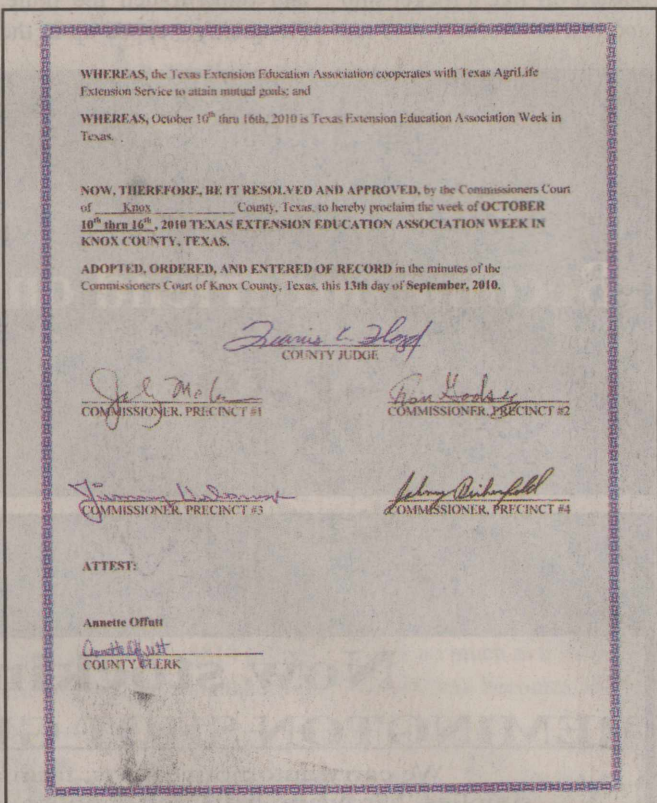
Jimi is the wife of agricultural "jack-of all trades", Jerry Copelen and the mother of 2, a second grader and a fourth grader. If the family is able to find a house in the area before swine validation time for 4H, they will be moving to Benjamin (or surrounding areas) and her children will go to BISD for schooling.

Extention Education Association Week announced

In the Commissioners Court meeting held on Sept. 13, the commissioners unanimously agreed to proclaim October 10 through 16 Texas Extension Education Association Week in Knox County, Texas.

This week is designed to celebrate the mutual goals of Texas AgriLife and Extension service in their commitment to a lifelong education process, developing leadership skills which offer continued personal growth and development, cultural and ethnic diversity in programs and membership, global awareness, and educational programs that address the critical needs of Texas communities, as well as much much more.

To know more about the Knox County Extension Education week, contact Knox County Extension service at 940-459-2651.



LOOKING AHEAD

Foursquare Church is hosting the Prophetic and teaching ministry of Bill and Ida Ford on Sept. 26-29.

O'Brien Homecoming is on the Horizon. Starting on Oct. 8 through the 10, O'Brien graduates and all O'Brien exes are invited for food, fun, and much more.

Rule Homecoming 8 and 9 2010 will be a conglomeration of old friends and family getting together for the traditional Homecoming activities.

On Oct. 8, and 9 the Rochester Homecoming will also be held in Rochester.

Next week's local games:

Thursday night (Sept 23): O'Brien Vs. Spur @

O'Brien, Knox City JV vs Spur @ O'Brien

Friday Night (Sept. 24): Benjamin vs. Lubbock @ Benjamin, Knox City vs. Spur @ Knox City

Saturday day (Sept. 25): Knox City Volleyball vs. Rotan

HEALTH, WELLNESS, AND SAFETY 2010; Date: Saturday, Oct. 9 Time: 9 a.m. until 12 p.m., Place: Knox County Hospital, 701 South 5th Street, Knox City, TX 79529

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Health Walk-Come walk with us. 5 miles, 3 miles, 1 mile. Whatever you are comfortable with. Or don't walk at all-run, crawl, jog, bike, skip, hop it's up to you. Oct. 9 at the Knox County Hospital. Registration will start at 7:30 a.m. and the walk will begin at 8 a.m. To pre-register or for more information please call the Knox City Clinic at 940-657-3906. \$5 Donation Requested for Breast Cancer Awareness To Be Donated to The American Cancer Society. All participants will receive a free T-Shirt.

Meek Blood Center will be at the Knox County Hospital on Thursday, Sept. 23 hosting a blood drive. It will be held from 1-6 p.m.. We encourage everyone to attend.

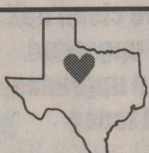
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Joe Bob Mules

When you think about someone who you feel has real wisdom, you must ask yourself, how did they get so smart? There are many answers you might find depending on who you ask. Some people tell you wisdom comes with age. Job 32:7 refers to a man gaining wisdom by living a long time or having gray hair. One could conclude that wisdom is measured by how old someone is. This would hold true until you meet an old man that is dumb as a stump, and that would put that theory lacking.

The next type of wisdom is what I call the Joe Bob Mule wisdom. It seems that back in the 1960’s, my dad gave me a western periodical magazine that had the best story I had ever read. Keep in mind that at that time I didn’t like to read, and this story kept me hooked to the end. This story gives a very logical approach to gaining wisdom and now I feel I have to pass this it on. Humans seem to adopt this method without even knowing they are being given this Joe Bob Mule wisdom. The story goes something like this:

A man up north somewhere was searching for a team of mules to pull a wagon in parades in the cities. Knowing how things can go wrong and run aways can happen; the team he was searching for must be controllable under all conditions. Word of his search spread far and wide and an unknown person told of mules trained by Joe Bob that would stop on a dime and give you some change no matter what was going on. It could be a crying baby, car horns, sirens blowing or a nuclear attack and his mules would stop and stand when you hollered “whoa!”

After hearing this tall-tale, he just had to find out if it was true and if so he was going to own a pair of these fine

God’s Promises

mules at any cost. He learned through the grapevine that Joe Bob could be found in a little town down below the Mason Dixon line and off he went to find him. When he arrived in a sleepy little town down south it only took one inquiry to find out the location of Joe Bob and his pen of mules for sale.

When he arrived at the pens where these fine mules were located he spotted a beautiful pair standing hip shot along the fence. They were all of 16 hands and must have weighed at least 1500 pounds each. Their sorrel coats were shining like new money in the late evening sun. As he was taken by their size and looks a rumbling old pickup truck came puffing around the corner and screeched to a stop. A long, tall drink of water stepped out and flashed a big grin at the stranger and said, “That is one good looking team if I do say so myself.”

The man from the city quickly agreed and asked if they were the legendary Joe Bob Mules. The man in the pickup raised one eyebrow and turned to spit tobacco juice on a bug on the ground and said, “yep.”

The city man asked, “How much for the pair?” He was quoted a high price of the day of \$3200.

The city man said, “that’s a lot for a team, but if they are as good as I have heard they would be worth it to me. Could you show me how good of a stop they have?”

Joe Bob said “sure”, as a young man came walking down the street. He called out to him to get him to ride a mule for him. The boy said he would, then paused with an inquiry, “Are them Joe Bob mules? If they are that’ll cost you ten dollars.”

They agreed and the youngster caught one of the mules and rode off down the dirt street. Joe Bob yelled at him to run the mule back to where they were. The boy blasted off like a rocket ship and just before he got to the

city man, Joe Bob hollered “whoa” and the mule stopped and the boy came flying off over his head.

Now the city man was impressed, but there was anything scaring the mule or noises blasting and he told Joe Bob the same. “Well, let’s just try that again and see what might happen.” He and the boy agreed on another ride, but it cost a little more for another Joe Bob ride. He rode off down the street and came running back like his hair was on fire and Joe Bob unloaded his heeler dog from the truck. Just as he hollered whoa, he sicked that heeler dog on that mule. The mule slid to a stop, the boy went flying off over his head and the dog was biting the mule on the hocks with no effect other than shaking all over until the heeler was called off and loaded back into the pickup.

The city man was convinced that these were just what he was looking for and would by them at the quoted price with one proviso. Joe Bob asked what that was, and he said I want to see how you put such a stop on a mule. Joe Bob was reluctant, but needed the money and agreed to show him the following morning. He told the city man to meet him at sunrise there at the pens.

The following morning just as planned the city man was met by Joe Bob and told to get in the truck. They headed out in the country and bounced down winding dirt roads for several miles before coming to a huge oak barn with an arena attached. Joe Bob stepped out and told the city man to sit tight he would be right back.

A short time later Joe Bob stepped around the barn leading a young mule under saddle. He stepped up and rode around the arena for a few minutes and stopped at the far end of the arena and stepped off. Joe Bob pulled a bandana out of his hip pocket and blind folded the mule. He quietly stepped up in the

saddle and turned the young mule in a couple of circles and then went to whipping and spurring the mule headed to the barn. Just before he hit the solid oak barn wall he hollered whoa and stepped off.

Well, that mule hit that oak barn like a torpedo into the side of a ship and was knocked unconscious. He stayed on his feet for a couple of seconds then fell over and kicked a hind leg and then no moment at all. Joe Bob reached down and took off the blindfold before the mule could even think about coming to. Ole Joe Bob shuffled over to the fence and with a sheepish grin looked at the city man and said, “Now that’s how you put a whoa on a Joe Bob mule.”

How many times does God have to say whoa before we learn to stop? Psalms 111:10 says that fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. When you hit that barn wall right after the “whoa”, do you at some point begin to fear the voice hollering “whoa”? If you do that is the beginning of wisdom. I hit that barn wall for a long time myself and still do from time to time. I have learned through the Word that wisdom can be acquired from God through a much easier method.

In Deuteronomy 34:9 the word says he was filled with the spirit of wisdom because Moses laid hands on him. 1 Kings 3:9 says that Solomon asked for wisdom and in 1 Kings 4:29, we learn that God gave Solomon wisdom. If we follow the word of God then we now know that true wisdom begins with the fear of the Lord. We also know that you can be laid hands on and prayed for to be given wisdom. The last would be to simply ask God for His divine wisdom so we don’t have to keep going to Joe Bob’s barn for continuing training.

God bless and keep you all and don’t forget to listen for God hollerin’ “Whoa”.

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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.

"You hold the pipe wrench; I'll turn the stove."

You don't hear that everyday. Call it creative plumbing. Anyway, it worked.

The setting? My friend Terri and I were fixing up our extra farmhouse to make it habitable. She's already living in it, but habitable is the goal. She's in a witness protection program, so it's the perfect place. Her friend Rick was alternately helping us and observing from a safe distance. He's a cautious guy. My equally cautious husband, Hugh, was at a safer distance, reachable by phone if we needed him. We didn't.

Rick was supposed to be on the tractor. A hydraulic leak cast him in the plumbers' helper role instead. Actually, we all took turns taking orders. Terri emerged as the natural leader. You could liken the dynamics to what happens on shows like "Survivor," but they don't do plumbing, do they?

Anyway, our chief goal was to get the water heater working. Terri and I already had installed the thing, albeit with a coffee can integral to the venting system. Vented is vented.

My used appliance friend Raymond had sold me the water heater cheap long ago. He'd assured me then it was practically new. The previous owner had fallen out of sorts with his propane supplier and switched to an electric model instead. The handsome cast-off looked as good as Raymond's story sounded, but looks can deceive, and so can used appliance dealers, but not Raymond.

That said, the water heater had languished for years, including time in a shed. Would it light? Or had dirt daubers

or other gremlins invaded critical places and rendered it inoperable?

Optimistic, I bought kitchen matches. For lighting a water heater, nothing beats an adequate supply of sturdy lucifers.

By the way, don't try this at home.

Anyway, Terri, Rick and I were in town for the second time to buy stuff to upgrade our gas connections when my husband called with disappointing news. Only days before, a Salvation Army harvest gold toilet had been for sale in Abilene for ten dollars. In hindsight I should have bought it myself. Although not accustomed to dealing in used porcelain, Hugh acknowledged that the period toilet with its sizable tank was a bargain. But when he went to pick it up, someone else had already snatched it up. Alas.

So, before returning to the country, we three would-be plumbers went cruising for a toilet to replace the one that got away. At a wholesale plumbing concern, customers gave us leads on toilets — two near the cemetery and one close to an Allsup's store. You gotta love folks who keep an eye out for used toilets.

Space doesn't permit me to describe the ensuing adventures, especially the scenario at the cemetery. Maybe another time.

The water heater? Many spent matches lay on the floor when the pilot light finally caught nicely close to midnight. On cue, the big burner whooshed on too. Yes!

Thanks, Raymond. I always wanted to believe that story.

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New serving time is 12 noon (in Knox City only). Alternate desserts for diabetics.

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Student News

Ebraheim declared member of MSU Presidents Honor Roll

Midwestern State University through an achievement of 4.0 GPA Nafeesa Katrine Ebraheim is hereby declared a distinguished member of the Presidents Honor Roll for the Spring of 2010. Nafessa is the daughter of Debra Ebraheim, and granddaughter of Katrine Pagel, for whom Nafeesa is named after. Nafeesa graduated from Benjamin High School in 2007, and is currently a junior at Midwestern State.

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Knox County Market Place

Help Wanted

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Public Notice

City of Knox City will be taking selected Bids to purchase selected City property. Bids will be taken until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 8, 2010. Information at City Hall. Council reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. Bids will be opened at the regular monthly meeting.

The City of O'Brien will hold a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, September 20, 2010 at City Hall in regard to the submission of an application (or applications) to the Texas Department of Rural Affairs for Texas Community Block Grant (TxCDBG) Program funds. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens the opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TxCDBG funds available, all eligible TxCDBG activities, and the use of past TxCDBG funds. All citizens are encouraged to participate in the development of this application (or applications) and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to City Hall during regular office hours. Persons with disabilities wishing to attend this meeting should contact City Hall to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

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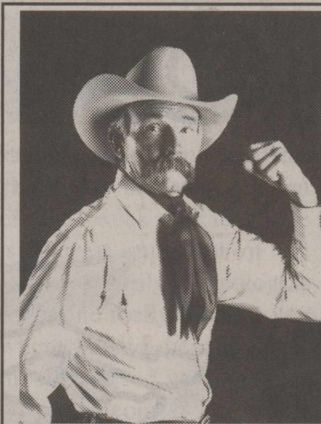
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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

by Baxter Black, DVM

THE HORSE SALE

There was a horse sold this summer down in Missouri. Probably the most famous horse in the world...Trigger. RFD-TV paid a lot of money to own the mounted figure of this celebrity equine, Roy Rogers' Paramount Palomino. They also purchased his dog Bullet. They did it for the sentimental value, but also to recognize an era when kids had good heroes to look up to.

I like horses. I like pretty horses, but like most cowboys, I like good horses. Even the roughest, no-nonsense workin' cowboy could look at Roy Rogers and say, "Well...he rode good horses."

I am of the age that can remember when Roy Rogers was King of the Hollywood cowboys. To my misfortune, I thought at the time, we didn't have a television and didn't go to the movies! But we did have radio and through it, Roy and Dale, Pat Brady and Nellybelle, Gabby, Trigger, Buttercup and Bullet became part of my idiom.

Think about it. When you can still recognize somebody's voice in speech or song that you became acquainted with in grade school, that's a pretty deep impression.

RFD-TV buying Trigger and Bullet kinda makes me feel good. It means there's still a place, outside of my mind, that I can go and be in the company of such fine animals. Animals and their keepers, who represented the kind of people we could aspire to be.

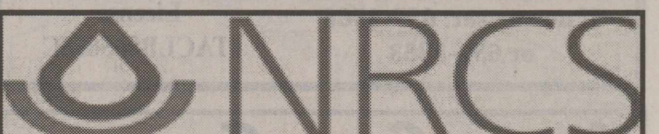
In my mind I can't separate the animals from the humans. I can't think of Roy without thinking 'bout Trigger. It's hard to explain to teens today that being a good person pays off. Instant technology and instant answers to almost any question can be found on the internet. The one question that the internet can't answer is "What's the right thing to do?"

That's what Roy taught us. He and Hoppy, Rex, Gene, Cisco, Lone, Sky, Bobby Benson and the B bar B Riders and their great sidekicks. In their simple parables they showed us the difference between good and bad, between right and wrong. They led us to believe that the Code of the West boils down to "doin' the right thing." That it was real, had value and was worth living and dying for.

I mentioned Roy's voice. If he called me on the phone tonight I'd recognize him immediately. If he asked me what was goin' on I'd tell him about the great honor that we have paid his horse and his dog. And that we still think about him, that kids are still watchin' his old movies, because there's still a market for heroes in our kids and grandkids. I'd also mention that many of us appreciate that in his private life he lived up to the image of his movie character. A decent man. That's not a bad way to be remembered.

Of course, speakin' of bein' remembered, there's the horse sale Haythorn's horse Profit sold for \$50,000, I took a paint gelding in trade for a speakin' job, and RFD-TV paid \$266,600 for Trigger. They also bought Bullet for \$35,000. You'd have thought at that price they'd have throwed Bullet in for free!

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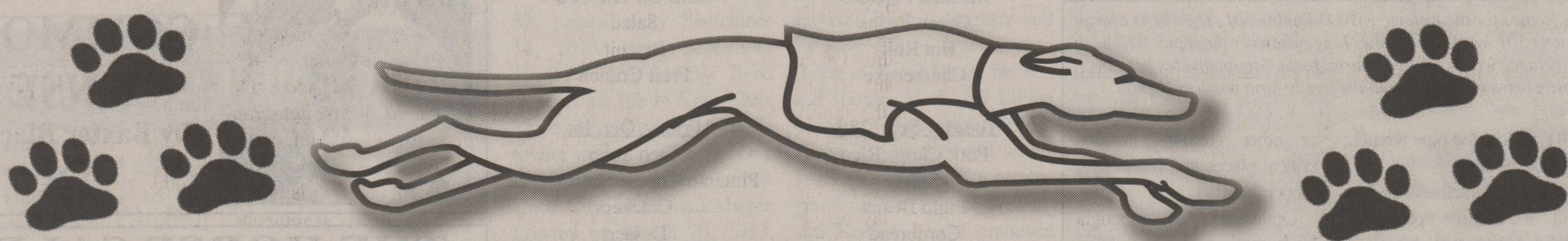
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A before game prayer brings the Greyhounds hearts and minds together for the pending game.

Photo by Michelle Stanfield

Hounds JV thumps Bobcats

Jeff Stanfield

Oh it was ugly game for the Newcastle fans on this Thursday night JV game. It was all about the Hounds as they thumped the Bobcats 48-0 ending early in the 4th. It was "Schnable time" as Josh made the Bobcats look sloooooow in this game. The Junior scored from 46 yds and 37 yds the first 2 times

he touched the ball. Then just to spice it up a little he intercepts the ball in the end zone and takes it 83 yards to paydirt. Not to be outdone Heath Ham goes in from 10 yds for a defensive score his second in 2 weeks.

Jose Espinal hit Brandon York on a 2yd pass and then a 48 yd pass for a couple of scores, Then Kyle Harrington

got in on the action as he runs in from 37 yds to end the game. The Hounds JV is undefeated on the season and could be sitting up a possible showdown with Throckmorton for a whale of a game in November.

Defensive standouts where Harrington, Ham, Tylynne Eaton and Brandon York, On offensive side it was the speedy Schnable, Espinal and Ty Baker. When you win like the Hounds did you know the line had a great game Zach Carter and Austin King and Tyler Clark all had great games blocking. Ty Baker was laying the wood on defense and chipped in a couple of big runs as well with a 54 yd scamper.

The JV will take on Spur at O'Brien on Thursday. The JV has really stepped it up this season and this what makes for a great Varsity, lots of practice and playing time.

*Good Luck
Hounds and
Houndettes*

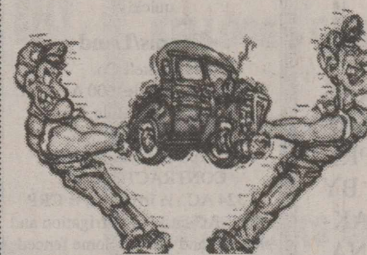
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Hounds beat Newcastle

Jeff Stanfield

Knox City put up a great defensive stand in preserving a nail biting victory over the Newcastle Bobcats. The Hounds where the first on the scoreboard with a 27 yd pass from Ryan Ledesma to Santos Espinal. TJ Moore tacked on the extra point to make it 8-0, Hounds. The next series it was Jarek Wilde catching a 7 yd pass from Ledesma, and Moore tacked on the extra point for a 16-0 lead.

Finally, after a couple of punts Newcastle put some points on the board with a Michael Moreno 3 yd run. After a couple of missed opportunities, Newcastle made a game of it with a 8 yd pass for a td with 1:03 left in the half. A missed extra point made it 16-14, Hounds at the break. The highlight of the 1st half was a heads up play and hustle by Austin Valimont. The junior stayed with the play and tipped the ball out of a Newcastle running back as he was going in for a score on a long td run. The Newcastle RB was getting a little flashy and decided to strut in for the score when the hustling Valimont swiped at the ball

and then recovered the fumble.

The second half was back and forth as Ledesma scored on 2 runs and Newcastle scored once more. The Hounds had to hold on with a last minute stop to secure the win and move to 3-1 on the season. The Hounds where led by Ledesma with 89 yds on 22 carries. Marcell Lewis chipped in 51 yds on 9 carries. Zach York was 6-15 with 105 yds passing and Brandon Bradley had 3 catches for 42 yds.

Jarek Wilde scored another TD- it seems the Junior Running Back scores every time he touches the ball. The defense really stepped up when it counted. Next week, the Hounds travel to Spur to take on the Bulldogs. Should be a great game with both teams ranked in the top 15.

Offensive Players of the week Marcell Lewis and Santos Espinal, the defensive Player is Zach Shaver and the Big Play is Austin Valimont. Coach Steele has done a great job rebuilding a program we are 9-1 at all levels of Football, weights and an off season program will do that. Good Job to the



The O'Brien Bulldogs met Newcastle at Newcastle this past week, beating them 38-32.

Photo by Michelle Stanfield

Houndettes slam Bryson

Tamara Smart

It only took three games for the fearless Houndettes to send Bryson home during the game last Tuesday in the Knox City Gym. In the first game, lead by Lacey Peirce, who scored 5 points and 1 ace, and helped by Toni Brown's 4 points and 1 ace, the Houndettes defeated the Bryson girls 25-13. The next game, the Houndettes changed their playing style, which the Bryson girls were able to keep up with, leaving that game still a Houndette victory, but the final score being 27-25. In that second

game, Whitney Collins was the top scorer with 5 points.

The final game, the Houndettes went back to their game plan they had used in the first game. After Reagan Clark's 8 points (5 of which were aces), the Hounds secured the series victory over Bryson with a final scoreboard reading 25-9.

Next Saturday, the Houndettes will host their district opener against Rotan at 10 a.m.

The Houndettes are 16 and 4 in this season thusfar.

Jr. High football

Jeff Stanfield

What a game as the Bulldogs go to 2-0 on the young season. They beat the Newcastle Bobcats in Newcastle on Thursday. The Bulldogs where led by LZ Rodriguez with 225 yds rushing and 3 touchdowns of 60, 35 and 10 yds. LZ was just too much for the Bobcats with his speed. Nick Short and AJ "Little Augie" Rodruquez led the defense with AJ getting 2 fumble recoveries and chipping in a catch and 3 tackles. Nick had 36 yds rushing and 2 td runs 10 and 27 yds and 4 tackles. Big Freddy Martinez had 5 tackles and 1 fumble recovery and kicked an extra point.

The 6th graders contributed again with a td run my Christian Abila of 30 yds, and Anthony Estrada with 20 yds passing on 3 of 6 attempts. Zach Overmyer also had a big defensive stop for the 2-0 bulldogs. I would like to recognize the coaching staff for both the Bulldogs and Bobcats for letting the 6th graders play the last 6 minutes of the 4th quarter. It means a lot for the younger guys to get some playing time. The final score was 38-32 Bulldogs. Next week O'Brien takes on Spur at O'Brien.

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BENJAMIN NEWS

By Gladene Green

Well we are heading downhill to the last of Sept. The first of Oct. will be here before we know it, then the busy, busy holiday season won't be far behind. Seems only yesterday I put my Christmas tree up from last year. Before long, I'll have to haul it out again.

About Our ill

Lorene Powers is in HMC in Abilene being taken there on Thursday after several days in Haskell Hospital. She has had some pretty rough days but according to family, she was some better on Sunday night. Her problem is her heart and I understand she may be getting a pace maker which hopefully will be what she needs for better health. We certainly hope so.

Jonnyne Williams continues to have good and not so good days, but she's hanging in there. Still has a good appetite and has good help with her all the time, so she feels prtty well taken care of.

Jack and Mary Young were here for the weekend after several weeks in Houston. They returned to Houston today and will be there fro (probably) about a month as he will start radiation therapy and also physical therapy this week. They thought at one time they may do this treatment closer to home, but after much consideration, decided to continue with doctors there, because a change would mean many of the same tests and procedures he has had (we all know doctors like to do their own testing), and we

know MD Anderson is the best place in his situation. I continue to ask for prayers for all these friends.

Here N There

We had a good revival at the Baptist Church last Sunday through Wednesday night. Following the service, we had a Homemade Ice Cream "party" with several freezers of all flavors of ice cream, plus homemade cakes and cookies. Everyone enjoyed the food and lots of visiting before going their separate ways.

The Mustangs had a week off last week from football season, but we congratulate Knox City and Munday as they emerged as victors as they both played at home.

Corrine Parrish says she believes she's better. She's had several weeks of back and hip pain, but thankfully things are improving for her.

Cathy Tomlinson and her daughter, Penny, who both live in Denton, and Sammy and Jennifer Tomlinson of Denison are visiting their mother and grandmother, Gloria West for a day or two. They were all in Abilene on Sunday to visit Lorene Powers, who is their Aunt (Cathy, Sam and Penny)

Barry Neil of Boca Raton, Florida was here for the weekend to visit Jack and Mary Young and spend some time with his wife, Debbie (the Young's daughter). Debbie has been with her parents since Jack got sick and says she will be with them as long as she is needed. They are so blessed that she can be here with them.

Just Jeff

How do you judge someone's life? Do you go by what they have accumulated like money and land? Or do you go by how many friends they have or just the family they had. This past week we lost a great man Joe Murray Clonts. Knox City is not big enough to lose many people like Mr. Clonts, he will be deeply missed. He was very active in our community, was a great volunteer and just a good all around guy.

We have Homecoming in a few weeks, I think small town Homecomings are a lot more special than in a big city. Most of the ex-students coming back will either know one of the players or will at least know family members. In the big city; it is catch up with some old friends, watch the game, and go home.

I get a sad and shallow feeling every time we have the raising of the flag before the football game. We have two great Americans saluting the stars and stripes each Friday night. Marvin Jones and Max Bradley, I always feel sad not seeing Sammy B. White down there also. You see all 3 men served our country and are great men. They all have strong character and lead a good example of what a man should be. The world is a better place because of that generation.

That generation freed Europe from the Germans, they kept the west coast safe from Japanese, they sacrificed as much as anyone has. Imagine walking across France fighting for a country that will not stand up for themselves. No calling home, getting letters months after they were written; countless children born to Dad's that were across the pond fighting for freedom without knowing when there child was born, or whether they had a son or a daughter.

Yes, this is what these men stand for. War is hell for whoever is involved. I

wish some of these younger people would realize what saluting the flag is all about. It is about blood shed, death, freedom and countless nights of crying wanting to go home, or wanting someone to come home. If you do not think that is the truth, ask some of our young kids whose dads are in the desert today so that we can play football on Friday or go shopping, or just the ability to vote or speak out against the government, or whatever else we tale for granted. Ask their spouse, mother, father or friends if they miss them. This is not about football Friday or anything other than freedom. Remember that when you witness the salute of men like Marvin and Max.

Fred "Big Head" Ledesma told me a story that I thought I would share. You see Fred had a robe that he was partial too. But somehow Tonya had misplaced this special robe. (It is always the wife's fault). So Tonya was doing a little house cleaning and came across Fred's robe that he had misplaced in a dresser. So after she washes it and hangs it up for Fred he puts it on after his bath. When he comes out of the bathroom, Chase comes around the corner and is confused seeing Dad in a robe. He asks, "Dad, why are you wearing that?" Fred answers, "Because mom told me to." Chase then goes down the hall and asks Tonya, "Momma, why did you make dad wear that dress?"

On a personal note, I write about a lot of things, I jack with people when I write, I write about my opinions, and I write about things that I truly feel passionate about. Last week when I wrote about Marilyn, it was just a tale nothing more. Marilyn did not take Dusty's watch, nor did she moonwalk, or

steal a t-shirt from a shirtless child. But she was my fan of the week because she is a great supporter of the Hounds. Marilyn, I apologize if anyone really thought you were a bad person, or a moonwalker. I will not write about someone if it is bad, I will not write about someone who has had countless run-ins with the law. Or gets in a fight or cheats on a spouse, etc. Heck, we live in a small town we all know and hear all the gossip. If I write about someone, messing with them that is all- it is just humor. I take shots at myself. Heck, if I can be in the hunting business and have a guide that wears pink shoes, you should know that I have thick skin. When I make fun of Mario Abila and his ugly golf swing... well, that is true. My point is I am going bald, I am overweight, my dogs do not even like me anymore but I write this column each week hoping to make fun of life and what it dishes each of us. Heck if you want to feel sorry for somebody look at AJ Rodriguez- poor kid, looks just like his daddy,

My citizen of the week is Amy Schnable, she is a very nice lady. She always has a smile on her face. With raising 3 boys and a daughter, that by itself is an amazing thing. If you ever are having a bad day all you need to do is speak to Amy and it will give you a smile. It is nice to be around someone who is always in a good mood, smiling and a Christian. Gary I think you won the lottery when you married Amy. God Bless Ya'll

Happy Birthday week for my clan, Andy, Jessy, Zach and Kristen I wish you all Happy B-days and long healthy lives. God Blessed us by making us Americans so make him proud.

Healthy weight? Don't rule out the possibility of obesity

HOUSTON – Beware: the numbers on the scale don't tell the full story. It's possible to be obese even if you're at a healthy weight, said an expert at Baylor College of Medicine (www.bcm.edu).

"Obesity is measured by excess body fat, not necessarily weight, so it is possible to have a normal weight and still be obese," said Dr. John Foreyt (http://www.bcm.edu/medicine/athero/index.cfm?pmid=5158), director of the behavioral medicine research center (http://www.bcm.edu/medicine/athero/index.cfm?PMID=6809) at BCM.

The average male should have about 15 percent body fat or less, and anything over 25 percent is considered obese. The average female should have about 25 percent body fat or less, and anything over 35 percent is considered obese, said Foreyt, also a professor of medicine (http://www.bcm.edu/medicine/) at BCM.

"It's important to not only be lean, but also to have lower body fat," said Foreyt.

It is possible for someone to be overweight and fit, but those who are normal weight and unfit have a higher risk for cardiovascular mortality. Health concerns such as diabetes, high cholesterol and high blood pressure can still be an issue for those at a healthy weight.

To determine percent body fat, use a scale that measures bioelectrical impedance, said Foreyt.

Those who are lean need to have a well balanced eating and exercise plan that includes balance, variety and moderation. A balanced

See OBESITY on page 6

Pink Ladies News

Pink Ladies met Sept. 15 to install new officers. Steven Kuehler requested \$16,000 for a new defibrillator for the emergency room. The request was granted. Without you donors and customers, we could not have made this purchase. An upcoming expense next year will be to help to replace one of the ambulances. The hospital

will need \$30,000 from the Pink Ladies to go toward the ambulance.

The hospital will honor the members of Pink Ladies Hospital Auxiliary with a banquet on Oct. 18.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear editor,

After almost 11 years of dedicated service to the residents of Knox, Haskell and surrounding counties, I regret to inform you that I am no longer employed by Haskell Communication Connection, your Verizon Wireless Premium Retailer.

Dear Editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to personally say Thank You to the businesses in Knox City that agreed to sponsor an ad space for our 2011 Munday Police Department calendar. This is the second such calendar I have undertaken here with Munday, and I cannot tell you how honored I was this time as we more than doubled the ad subscriptions this year.

I am sure some of you may have wondered why we were there asking for your support being from Munday, and the simple fact is, that we also assist the Knox City Police as well as the Knox County Sheriff's Office and Constable. We unlock vehicles there, and never have a problem helping out when asked because your agencies never hesitate to help us when asked.

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Thanks again,
Diana Casillas
Knox City

of raising some always much needed funds that allows us to provide things we normally could not support on our department budget. We have purchased new badges, and will be purchasing hand out materials for the up coming Health Fair at the Knox County Hospital.

I just want you to know how much Officer Hunt and I personally appreciate your kindness and support, and if by chance we missed you, and you are interested in obtaining an ad space on this calendar, you still have time, so please call me here at the P.D. or City Hall, and I will get your information and have my representative contact you personally.

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-The Knox Lions Club

Dear Editor,

Thank you to all those who participated in the broom and mop sale on Thursday, Sept.

Classifieds get results!

Obituaries

Joe Murray Clonts

Joe Murray Clonts, age 82, passed away September 14, 2010. Born September 1, 1928, Joe Murray lived most of his life in Knoxville, Texas, devoting himself to his loving wife and children. One week after the tornado struck Knoxville, he married Margie Lowrey on March 20, 1953, and enjoyed 55 wonderful years of marriage.

Nicknamed "Mr. Methodist," he was an active member of the First United Methodist Church. The church called on him for tasks great and small from chairing the Administrative Board to teaching Sunday School; serving on the Finance Committee or capturing an errant bat in the building. Joe was Knoxville's resident "Pie Man," providing buttermilk and pecan pies for church dinners, families in need and prison ministry.

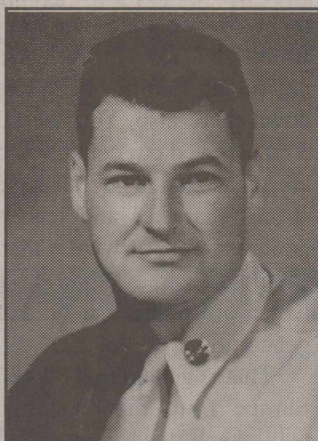
An Eagle Scout, Scoutmaster, and Silver Beaver Award recipient, his Boy Scout involvement provided him principles he followed throughout his life. Active in his community, Joe was a longtime member of the Freemasons and the Lions Club. He served for many years as the President of the North Central Municipal Water Authority.

A 1949 engineering graduate of Texas A&M University, he proudly wore his smooth Aggie ring. After graduation, he continued his fathers business- Clonts Hardware and Furniture- until his retirement in 1990. His popularity as a gunsmith brought people from all over the Big Country to the store. After his retirement, he delivered mail for Knoxville City.

He loved his wife Margie and his children Diane and Mark and their families, his truck, and his dog, Luke. Joe is preceded in death by his loving wife, Margie, his parents, Eugene and Dovie

Clonts, and his sister, Doris Elaine Clonts Gunn. He is survived by his daughter and spouse, Diane and Burton Balch of Katy, Texas; his son and spouse, Mark and Lillian Clonts of Dripping Springs, Texas; his brother and sister-in-law, Ken and Pat Clonts; his grandson and spouse William and Kristen Balch; grandson Martin Balch; sister-in-law Wynell Wadzeck; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law Buster and Dottie Lowry, Sammy and June Tankersley, Charles and Faye Reed; along with many nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

The family received relatives and friends from 5 to 6 at Smith Funeral Home in Knoxville, Thursday evening. A funeral service was held Friday, September 17, at the First United Methodist Church in Knoxville City at 2:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the First United Methodist Church of Knoxville City, Texas at Box 575, Knoxville City.



William Jesse Cerveny

Funeral service for MSG (Ret) William Jesse Cerveny, 96, Lawton was held 1:30 p.m. September 11, 2010.

Sergeant Cerveny died September 9, 2010.

Burial with full military honors was at Sunset Memorial Gardens under the direction of the Becker Funeral Home & Cremation Service.

Sergeant Cerveny was born July 24, 1914 in Vontress, Texas to Joseph and Minnie (Coufal) Cerveny. He joined the Army in 1936 and served for twenty four years. He was stationed in the Marianas Islands at the close of World War II, and served in the Korean Conflict. Because of his expertise he spent most of his military career as the chief Gunnery Instructor at Fort Sill, where he instructed all ranks from highest to lowest. He was extremely proud of his Czech heritage. He loved to listen to Czech music. William was a 32nd Degree Mason and a member of Lawton Heights United Methodist Church. He married Emma Lee Richter in Lawton on November 19, 1941.

Survivors include his wife of the home; four children and spouses, Tony and Lynn Cerveny of Georgetown, Texas, Melvin Cerveny of Lawton, Nancy Cerveny Zinno and Anthony of Lawton, and Lynda Cerveny McFerren and David of Norman; four grandchildren, Jesse and wife Miquela Yoder, Stephanie Yoder, Mitchell McFerren and Taylor McFerren; two great grandchildren, Jeslyn Yoder and Champ Yoder; a step great grandson, Adonis Anderson; a sister, Lillian Hicks of Rochester, Texas; a sister in law, Julie Cerveny of Vernon; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins; and a dear family friend, Pauline Patterson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Leonard and Bert Cerveny, and a sister, Rosie Reidenbach.

Memorial contributions may be made to the veteran's association of the donor's choice.

An online guest book and sympathy cards are available at www.beckerfuneral.com

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diet means that less than 30 percent of calories come from fat, about 20 percent of calories come from protein and more than 50 percent come from carbohydrates. These carbohydrates should mostly be complex carbohydrates, which include fruits, vegetables, breads and cereals. Also be sure to increase fiber intake.

An exercise plan should include 30 to 60 minutes of brisk walking on most days of the week. Be sure to check with a physician before starting an exercise plan.

Be careful of falling into bad habits, said Foreyt. Although metabolism may prevent someone from gaining weight as a teen or young adult, metabolic rates begin to drop with age. It's important to start eating healthy and exercising at a young age, since bad habits are hard to break.

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OPINION



The Paperboy

Random thoughts...

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

Did you ever watch “Saturday Night Live” and those “Deep Thoughts By Jack Handey?” Consider these thoughts not so deep...

During last week’s column on agriculture I left wheat off my list of crops. Maybe you noticed, maybe you didn’t, but wheat is a pretty good crop and certainly deserved to be mentioned. My apologies.

The hardest thing about losing a parent or grandparent is the lack of advice.

I would dearly love to be able to draw on the experiences of my parents or the wisdom of my grandfather. I often wonder how they would handle certain situations.

My grandfather, the late Morris Higley, left me with this gem: If you get yourself into an unpleasant situation, you can think your way out of it.”

His dad gave him that tidbit following an undisclosed incident. He said it meant to always use your head.

WARNING: The following contains something unpleasant which children do on occasion (Meant for a friend in Memphis who got on me for writing about this before).

I coached my first flag football game Saturday (first-third graders). We got slaughtered.

The opposing team scored touchdowns on three of their first four plays. Needless to say, we’ll be working on grab-

bing flags this week.

I was proud of the way my son played. He fell out of a tree before the game then threw up. He managed to get it together.

I actually had two guys throw up and five cry. It made for an interesting hour of football.

We did a better job in the second half allowing only one score.

I thought Bush’s tax cuts were only for the rich? Many on the left now want all of the Bush tax cuts left alone, especially those for the poorest Americans and the middle class.

Well how can that be? If the tax cuts were just for the rich, how come Democrats want them left alone?

Maybe it’s because Bush cut taxes for all Americans paying them.

I think it’s funny when the facts get out and people are either forced to admit the truth or look foolish by denying it.

I have a pair of flip-flops which may end up being the death of me.

I’ve slipped twice on wet concrete during the past few weeks and you think I would have learned my lesson.

Oh no! I’ll just be more careful when I wear them, right? Wrong!

Friday, I’m coming out of the garage with a rug and an eight-foot ladder. I step on a rake which flies up and hits me in the side causing my left flip-flop to get snagged on a step. Down I went on top of the ladder. Humpty Dumpty didn’t

have anything on my great fall!

After sitting there for a few minutes, I realized that I was lucky. Didn’t do a lot of damage and there were no witnesses. Guess the witness part really doesn’t matter since I’m writing about it now...

Want to know what kind of sympathy I received? I didn’t. I received anti-sympathy.

There was no, “Oh Honey, are you okay?”

Instead, I received, “Chris Blackburn, you are six foot four and were trying to walk through a door with a ladder and a rug, what did you think would happen?”

I actually thought I’d make it, but realized I didn’t once I was looking up at the pecan tree.

Speaking of Jack Handey’s Deep Thoughts, here’s a few:

“If trees could scream, would we be so cavalier about cutting them down? We might, if they screamed all the time, for no good reason.”

“The crows seemed to be calling his name, thought Caw.”

“Whether they ever find life there or not, I think Jupiter should be considered an enemy planet.”

Check out deephoughtsbyjackhandey.com if you’re interested.

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The SEIU Takes On Sodexo At George Mason University

By ADAM BITELY

Earlier this month, the SEIU launched a “strike” against Sodexo on the campus of George Mason University, a public university in Northern Virginia. Oddly, Sodexo does not recognize the SEIU Local 32BJ that organized the “strike”. Sodexo is a private food services provider that was contracted by George Mason University to provide cafeteria and food services for students. The SEIU has been trying to draw attention to tough anti-union laws and attempted to use George Mason University as a pawn in their fight to overturn collective bargaining laws.

Virginia has some of the toughest public-sector union collective bargaining laws in the nation. So strong are the laws in Virginia that it is a crime for a public official to enter in to a collective bargaining agreement with a union. Thus, unions are extremely weak in Virginia.

There are several issues regarding the “strike” that broke out at GMU. First, the “strike” resulted in several university food operations being shut down affecting services that students had paid for up front at the beginning of the fall semester. The SEIU proved that they cared less about the money that students had spent for these services and instead sparked near revolution on campus through chants such as “No justice, no peace!”

Second, the SEIU organizers admitted that they had bussed in strikers from other universities around the country. mpus from Ohio State, Georgia Tech and other various universities according to an organizer.

Third, and by far the most troubling, was the support that was lent to the event by State Senator Dave Marsden, a Democrat whose district is in Northern Virginia. Marsden went so far as to attend a “speakout” held on campus by the SEIU on the second day of the strike.

We contacted Marsden for comment but he did not return our call.

For years, the SEIU has been funneling millions of dollars in legislative races to overturn the tough collective bargaining laws. Marsden is one such official in Virginia that the SEIU has been attempting to persuade through donations. Clearly, those investments have paid off as Marsden has sided with the unions when he endorsed their “strike” at GMU, and it is likely that the SEIU will be able to count upon Marsden to aid and abet any SEIU operations when they try to overturn those laws.

According to an interested parent, “If Dave Marsden had one ounce of honor he would return the SEIU money and defend the students and their parents against the ruthless power grabs by the union.” Several people affected by the situation expressed concerns about the “strike” and the meaning of the protests. The SEIU thugs that were allowed to roam around

campus posed a danger to students — as they have an extensive track record of violence.

Just as troubling, the SEIU may have illegally used public-sector property at Mason to attempt to organize inside of Sodexo. Which begs the question, why did Mason allow the SEIU to run wild across the campus for the better part of a week? If any other group were to come on campus to recruit folks they would need explicit permission from the university. We have been unable to ascertain the reasons that the SEIU was allowed this privilege.

The SEIU appears to have packed up and moved on from their “strike” theatrics at Mason for the time being. But they are pulling these antics in other states attempting to influence the government officials that keep the union out of the public sector. The SEIU might just be coming to a university near you. So be on the lookout for the purple shirt brigade.

Democrats Jumping Off Pelosi’s Ship

By ROBERT ROMANO

Tennessee congressional nominee Bret Carter wants Nancy Pelosi to step aside as House Speaker because, he says, “She has become a lightning rod who is keeping us from getting our message out.”

In other words, the San Francisco Democrat has been a toxic distraction that could make it impossible for Democrats to get reelected in November, let alone pick up any new seats.

Carter described Pelosi as a “baseball bat” that Republicans are using to beat over heads of Democrat candidates.

It’s no wonder. Since Pelosi took control of the House, the national debt has risen by over \$4.49 trillion. Unemployment has risen from 4.6 percent to 9.6 percent.

Pelosi’s House foisted the \$700 billion Troubled Asset Relief Program bailouts on the American people, the \$814 billion “stimulus,” the \$2.5 trillion ObamaCare, the sweeping takeover

of the financial sector in the Dodd-Frank bill, and even passed the destructive Waxman-Markey cap and tax on carbon emissions. Unemployment benefits have been extended to 99 weeks repeatedly.

Bankrupt states like New York and California have received federal bailouts to balance their budgets. In short, on Pelosi’s watch over the people’s House, the economy has collapsed, millions of jobs have been lost, and all the while government spending has exploded. And, argues Carter, it is killing Democrats on the campaign trail.

Blue Dog Democrat Congressman Bobby Bright joked openly about Pelosi dying to avoid answering a question about whether he would vote for her as Speaker. Kathy Dahlkemper too declined to comment publicly if she would support Pelosi. John Spratt and Dina Titus both dodged the question, too.

Not so much as a single lukewarm endorsement.

As Pelosi becomes more politically toxic, and more Demo-

crats jump ship, her hold on power will weaken. Already 31 House Democrats have asked that all of the Bush tax cuts be extended. If all 177 House Republicans voted to extend those tax cuts, they would only be 9 votes short right now.

An up or down vote on extending all of the tax cuts would be politically very tough to deny in the current economic climate. Unemployed Americans want jobs, and those employed want to keep their jobs, and everyone knows that raising taxes on job creators now will just mean that more jobs will be lost.

Nancy Pelosi could very likely lose control of the House on the eve of the November elections if she loses that vote. Could her Speaker’s chair really be far behind?

When candidates on the campaign trail are forced to denounce one of their own party leaders, it signals the end of Pelosi’s power over future Democrat caucuses, regardless of the political outcome in November.

Official Washington Screams at ODonnell Victory

By RICK MANNING

It wasn’t until Christine O’Donnell beat official Washington’s choice Mike Castle in a Delaware primary election for the Republican nomination to seek the U.S. Senate seat that it happened.

The Washington, DC insiders have finally gone completely nuts.

Democrats were declaring victory in a race that they had previously conceded, and the know-it-alls in the Republican Party who created a political environment that allowed Barack Obama to become president, became completely unhinged.

How could the actual Republican voters in Delaware give up a “sure thing” Republican takeover in order to nominate a candidate who actually is in alignment with their principles? Don’t they understand the potential power they are giving away? Unsophisticated rubes.

Karl Rove, who gained his fame as President Bush’s campaign guru, became the official mouthpiece of insider DC Republican “intelligentsia” when he castigated the voters’ choice of O’Donnell on the Sean Hannity show on FOX News, and again the next day, providing political fodder for Harry Reid’s “pet” candidate, Democratic Party nominee — Chris Coons.

A reasonable person would ask why Rove and those of his ilk freaked out.

They are scared, and cannot afford to have O’Donnell win the general election. An O’Donnell victory forever destroys their capacity to choose the “safe” nominee because he/she has the best chance to win. An O’Donnell victory in November would strip the power of this argument from them.

Of course the irony of the “vote for the electable candidate” selection process is that it produces candidates who are virtually indistinguishable from one another as was the case

in Delaware.

Last year, New Jersey broke this mold by electing a Republican as its governor who promised to cut government. Governor Chris Christie has turned the establishment of the state on its head with his plain spoken imposition of budget cuts to pull the state back from the brink of bankruptcy. No one thought he could be elected, yet he was.

In Massachusetts, no one thought that a Republican named Scott Brown who touted himself as a fiscal conservative could win the so-called Ted Kennedy Senate seat — yet he did.

These two cataclysmic events in late 2009 and early 2010 signaled brightly that the political world has changed and the politicians better get on board or they are going to get to find out that the people really aren’t messing around.

Those who are flocking to the tea party banners have for years been told to sit in their corners and trust the big money political professionals to give them the candidate that can win. This year, the “silent majority” of the Republican Party have gotten up collectively and screamed in their best Howard Beale voice, “I’m mad as Hell and I’m not going to take it anymore.”

Record deficits, the decline of the American standard of living, failing public schools, high unemployment, taxpayer bailouts of failing banks, the housing crisis, and a general disgust that many elected officials seem to be more interested in feathering their own nests rather than serving the public interest, these have all fueled an electoral revolt among citizens who have never felt they needed to get involved before.

The politicians in both parties have let them down, and the tea party movement is rapidly remaking the face of the Republican Party to represent their values, and the insiders better shut up and listen. In 1852, there were two political parties in America, the Whigs and the Democrats. The vacil-

lating Whigs wanted to be in the middle and not take on the most pressing issue of the day — slavery. In 1854, the Republican Party was born, and by 1860, the Whig Party ceased to exist, and Abraham Lincoln was our first Republican Party president.

A political party that stands for nothing serves no purpose and is destined to disappear from the political landscape. The basic debate in American politics today is about whether larger government is the answer or the problem. The tea party movement is in the process of taking the Republican Party back from those who have forgotten the basic credo that the best government is the least government, and the establishment deal makers don’t like it.

The great part about America is that we get to vote for our elected representatives. Perhaps the political intelligentsia will learn a valuable lesson from the 2010 election cycle — a candidate has to be electable in the primary election, and if not, they never get to run in the general election. All the wringing of hands by the power brokers about lost opportunities are merely the dying gasps of those who are seeing their fortunes built on political connections being shattered by an electorate determined to fix Washington, and save their country.

America’s leaders, both Democrat and Republican, have lost the trust of the people, and now those people will not be ignored, just ask Arlen Specter, Bob Bennett, Lisa Murkowski, and now Mike Castle.

It sure will be interesting when the Capitol Building is filled with idealistic tea partiers who believe in constitutionally limited government rather than angling for a spot on some obscure committee that only matters to people in DC. If you think the insiders are screaming now, just wait until January 3, 2011.

Special education Child Find Screening Dates set

Attention parents: If you are a resident of any of the following school districts: Benjamin ISD, Knox City-O'Brien CISD, Munday CISD, Paint Creek ISD or Rule ISD; Haskell-Knox Shared Service Arrangement in cooperation with the school districts it represents (see above listed schools) are holding screenings for children 3-5 years of age whose parents have concerns of the developmental level(s) where their child functions. These screenings will be October 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8.

In the Spirit of the Individuals with Disabilities Improvement Act (IDEA, 2004) and No Child Left Behind (NCLB), we will focus on keeping children in their most natural instructional settings whenever possible, while focusing in on supports in areas of delays.

If you have concern with your child who is 3 or older, and not yet in kindergarten in the area of: mental, learning, speech, motor and/or emotional skills then please call HKSSA to set up an appointment. The number is 658-3587. Once an appointment time is set, you will be asked to bring your child's birth certificate, social security card and immunization record with you and the child on the day of the appointment.

If you have a child turning 3 years old later on in the 2010-2011 school year, and have any concerns with their development, then you are encouraged to contact your local school's principal's office or HKSSA (940) 658-3587 to obtain more information about Preschool Programs for children with disabilities (PPCD).

Deadline for Swine Tag Orders

The major stock show season is just around the corner. Which means it is time to decide how many swine projects you will be raising for the upcoming show season. The deadline for ordering 2010-2011 Major Swine Validation tags will be October 1, 2010. The cost for each tag will be \$10.00 and checks can be made payable to Knox 4-H Ag Club. We only need the amount of pigs you will be purchasing; you do not need to have the pigs already. Tag orders can be made by coming to

the extension office located on the second floor in the county courthouse in Benjamin or calling 940-459-2651. Educational programs of the Texas AgriLife Extension 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.

F. Marie Hall Institute for Rural and Community Health names director of the West Texas HIT Center

The Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) F. Marie Hall Institute for Rural and Community Health has chosen John Delaney to direct and develop the West Texas Health Information Technology Regional Extension Center (West Texas HIT Center).

One of 60 Regional Extension Centers throughout the country, and one of four in Texas, the West Texas HIT Center offers primary care providers in the 108 western-most counties in Texas technical assistance, guidance and information to help them adopt, purchase, install and use a certified electronic health record systems. These systems, which will be mandatory by federal law in 2015, promise better efficiency and improved patient outcomes through electronic prescribing and quality reporting.

Billy Philips, Ph.D., vice president and director of the F. Marie

Hall Institute for Rural and Community Health, said Delaney emerged as the top candidate in a competitive search process because of his more than two decades of progressive responsibility from staff nurse to the director of Clinical Informatics and Information Technology Outreach at University Medical Center Hospital. Delaney was the lead nursing implementation officer for electronic health record adoption, implementation strategies, coordination of meaningful use and incentive plans, as well as outreach and education activities to partnering physicians in Lubbock.

"Mr. Delaney has vast knowledge and holds multiple certifications in the HIT field," Philips said. "He has been a key team member from the beginning of our quest for this designation and instrumental in many of the innovative aspects

that made our application successful, so we were delighted that he has accepted the challenge of leading the center."

Delaney said his goal is for the West Texas HIT REC to be the definitive resource for health care providers on the South Plains during their transition to electronic health records.

"The West Texas Health Information Technology Regional Extension Center is an exciting development for the providers of medical care across West Texas.

Adopting electronic health record technology is a challenging endeavor for providers," Delaney said. "Our target is to assist 1,133 priority primary care providers in West Texas. The West Texas HIT REC will be equipped to assist providers by offering expert advice while assisting them in the selection, implementation and meaningful use of an electronic health record."

Delaney earned his

bachelor's in Nursing in 1986 at West Texas State University and is seeking his master's in Nursing at TTUHSC School of Nursing. He holds certification by the Texas Board of Nurses in Nursing Informatics and is certified in related fields including Professional Health Information Management Systems, Health Information Exchange, Health Information Technology and Electronic Health Records.

He is a member of the American Nursing Association, the Texas Nurses Association and the Texas Health Information Exchange Coalition. Delaney and his wife Terry are raising four sons: Dylan, 16, Davis, 15, Dawson, 11, and Dustin, 8. Delaney is the deacon of youth activities at Greenlawn Church of Christ, president of Lubbock Christian School's Booster Club, and a youth baseball coach for Frerenship Independent School District.

Last chance for Texans to enter hybrid car giveaway

(Austin, TX) – The deadline is just around the corner for entering the state's Drive Clean Across Texas online sweepstakes to win a 2010 Ford Fusion Hybrid. Texas drivers have until midnight this Sunday, September 26, to sign up to win the low-emission vehicle, which was donated by the Dallas Cowboys.

The contest, which kicked off on June 15, is part of the state's annual campaign to encourage drivers to take simple steps to improve air quality. Texas drivers who are at least 18 years old can sign up for a chance to win the car by visiting the campaign's website at www.drivecleanacrosstexas.org. There, drivers can also pledge to do their part to reduce air pollution.

Besides saving money on gas, drivers who choose a low-emission vehicle, like a hybrid, are taking a big step to reduce tailpipe emissions that contribute to unhealthy air. Campaign officials with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality encourage motorists to make

cost-saving, no-cost, and low-cost changes in their driving and vehicle maintenance behaviors to reduce air pollution.

"Each of us is part of the solution to continue to improve air quality in our state. Doing simple things like getting a tune-up and replacing dirty air filters improves gas mileage

and reduces vehicle emissions," says Dianna Noble, TxDOT's Environmental Affairs Division Director.

The lucky grand-prize winner in this year's Drive Clean sweepstakes will be given the keys to the brand-new hybrid car at the Dallas Cowboys' Valley Ranch

headquarters in a ceremony later this fall. Second and third place winners will receive tickets to a Dallas Cowboys home game. To get more tips on how to drive clean and to enter the Ford Fusion Hybrid sweepstakes, visit www.drivecleanacrosstexas.org.

Legal Notice

DATED September 2, 2010, and issued pursuant to a judgment decree of the District Court of Knox County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court, I have on September 2, 2010, seized, levied upon, and will on the first Tuesday in October, 2010, the same being the 5th day of October, 2010, at the courthouse door of said County, in the Cit of Benjamin, between the hours of 10:00 o'clock a.m. and 4:00 o'clock p.m. on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Knox and the State of Texas, to-wit:

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8821	Knox County Appraisal District v. Agueda Espinosa a/k/a Agueda Espinosa and Billy Lerma a/k/a Billy Ray Lerma Lot 8, Block 53, Original Town site of City of Knox City Lot 7, and the West ½ of Lot 8, Block 59, Original Townsite of Knox City
8959	Knox County Appraisal District v. Leon W. Ward a/k/a Leon Ward and Gene L. Ward a/k/a Gene Ward Lot 4, Block 10, Original Townsite to the City of Knox City
8976	County Appraisal District v. Mollie Collins a/k/a Mollie Roderick Lots 10, 11 & 12, Block 133, Original Townsite to the Town of Benjamin
8985	Knox County Appraisal District v. Alex Espinosa and Office of General Attorney (In Rem Only) All Lots of Block 10, Chapman Addition to the City of Knox City, corner of North 3 rd and Ave H
9176	Knox County Appraisal District v. Pedro Castillo, Juanita Castillo, Antonio Diaz and M.M. Booe Lienholder (In Rem Only) Lot 1, Block 51, Lee Addition, City of Munday Lots 2 and 3, Block 51, Lee Addition, City of Munday Lot 12, Block 55, Lee Addition, City of Munday The west 120' of the South 100' of Block 41, R.P. Munday Addition, City of Munday
9204	Knox County Appraisal District v. Donnie Hise, Melissa Wilson, Jason Paul Ramirez, Danny Lynn Ramirez, Randy Abernathy (In Rem) and Joe Abernathy (In Rem) A 56' x 200' tract of land, more or mess, out of the South ½ or the North ½ of the East ½ of Block 36, j.t. lee Addition, City of Munday
9217	Knox County Appraisal District v. Jimmy Earl Dockins A 132' x 200' tract of land, more or less, out of Block 2, Reeves and Musser Addition, City of Munday
9228	Knox County Appraisal District v. G.W. Halford Lots 1 and 2, Block 5, Original Townsite of the Town of Vera
9229	Knox County Appraisal District v. Hugh H. Jones, Mary Adelaide Bush, LP Jones Jr., John Ed Jones and Gertrude Curtis Jones The North ½ of Lot 4, Block 5, Original Townsite of the Town of Benjamin
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9231	Knox County Appraisal District v. George C. Gray The East ½ of Lot 5 and the East ½ of Lot 6, Block 125, Reeves and Musser Addition, City of Munday

Or upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion thereof to satisfy said judgment for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interest and costs of suit and sale; subject, however, to the right of redemption, the defendants or any person having interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, within the period of time and in the manner provided by law, and subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interest therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interest rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest thereon and costs of suit and sale, and the proceeds of said sale to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

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