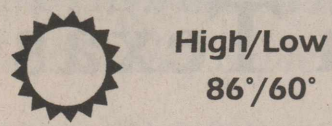


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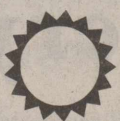
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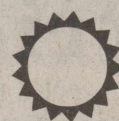
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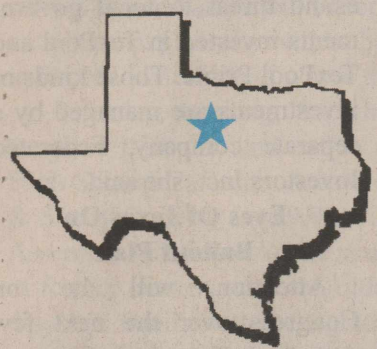
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## Looking Ahead

### KCVFD FOOTBALL

Knox City Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting a Football game on Thursday September 25 at 7:30 against the local law enforcement

### ENCHILADA FUNDRAISER DINNER

For Santa Rosa Catholic Church Sunday 28 starting at 11:00 a.m. at Isabel Hall

### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GOLF TOURNAMENT

1st annual Knox City Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament Saturday, September 27th at 1:30 p.m. at the Knox City Country Club. 3 Person Scramble. \$40 per person or \$120 per team. Cash and Prizes awarded. Please contact the Knox City Chamber of Commerce to register.

### YOUTH MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER

Kerry Girling, will be speaking to Benjamin I.S.D. Students at the Memorial Building in Benjamin on Wednesday, October 8th at 1 p.m. Parents and the Public are invited to join

### O'BRIEN HOMECOMING

Mark your calendar and check your mail--the O'Brien Homecoming is scheduled for October 10-12, 2008.

If you are an O'Brien Ex-Student or O'Brien Ex-Teacher please share your email and postal address with us. We want to keep you informed about the Homecoming this year.

Email: derobe@srcaccess.net Or O'Brien Homecoming Committee

P. O. Box 11 O'Brien, TX 79539

## SPORTS

Thursday, September 25th:

\* O'Brien Bulldogs vs. Benjamin Jr. High Mustangs @ 5:30pm in Benjamin

Saturday, September 27th:

\* Benjamin Mustangs vs. Paint Rock @ 11am in Trent  
\* Benjamin Lady Stangs vs. Rotan @ 4pm in Rotan  
\* Knox City Houndettes vs. Munday @ 2pm in Knox City

Tuesday, September 30th:

\* Benjamin Lady Stangs vs. Abilene Christian High in a dual @ 5pm in Abilene  
\* Knox City Houndettes vs. Aspermont @ 5pm in Aspermont

## Knox City Hounds Take The Homecoming Victory With A 70-33 Win



Five Hounds move in on a Bryson Cowboy at Knox City's Homecoming game Friday night. The Knox City won the hard-fought game 70 to 33

Greyhounds earned their third victory of the year in grand fashion beating the Bryson Cowboys 70-33. It was a tale of two halves. After the first quarter, both teams were on pace to score over one hundred points a piece with the Hounds leading 32-27. The Cowboys took the lead 33-32 with 7:32 left in the second quarter. That would be the score at the half.

The Hounds did not allow the Cowboys to score another point. They outscored the Cowboys 38-0 in the second half to make the score 70-33. "I am extremely proud of the guys. Homecoming is always a hard game to play because of all the distractions you have throughout the week. Coach Steele said. "This was a game where there was a bunch of adversity early in the game with penalties and mental mistakes. We refocused and settled into our game

plan and took care of business".

The Greyhounds offense covered a lot of ground Friday night barely missing the 500 yard mark with 313 yards on the ground and 170 yards thru the air. MJ Abila was the leading rusher with 208 yards on 31 carries with four touchdowns. Ryan Ledesma, Zach Shaver and Marcell Lewis also shared duties in the backfield for the Hounds with Shaver scoring on a 40 yard run. Abila was the leading passer with 11 completions in 14 attempts for 163 yards and three touchdowns.

Abila's passes were spread out among five different teammates. Bandy Moeller had five receptions with one touchdown. Ledesma had two receptions with one touchdown and Jordan Carter was the recipient of the third touchdown pass. Others catching passes were Shane Strickland and Zach Shaver.

"Our offense is starting to hit on all cylinders. We have a very explosive offense with several different weapons. Whenever your offense has that many yards, there are people doing their job blocking, running good routes and making good decisions." Steele said.

Defensively, the Hounds did an equally good job. The Cowboys were held to 179 yards rushing and 126 yards passing. The Greyhounds defense took the ball away from the Cowboys seven times. Four of the turnovers were fumbles and three were interceptions. Bandy Moeller had two of the fumble recoveries and Marcell Lewis had two, one of which was a touchdown. Jordan Carter had a career night for the Hounds with three interceptions from his safety position. Leaders on the defensive side of the ball were Lewis with fourteen tackles, Ryan Ledesma with

thirteen tackles and Bandy Moeller with ten tackles. "We gave up some points early in the game due to some big plays.

We finally settled down and started playing solid defense and shut them down for three quarters. Our defense is getting better and better every week. This was a big win for us." Coach Steele added.

The Greyhounds have an off week this week. Next week they will travel to play Lueders-Avoca on the new turf field in Trent at 7:30PM. Trent is located 15 miles west of Abilene on Highway 20. "This will be a very exciting game for us.

Getting to play on a field like Trent's is a great experience for these young men. It will be a play-off type atmosphere for us." Steele said. Make the trip and help the Greyhounds bring home their fourth victory of the year. There were activities all week long that lead up to the game that the classes participated in. There was everything from pajama day, inside out day to jersey day.

Miss. Firelighter nominees: Mea Abila, Samantha Esquivel & Britteny Gonzales; Samantha Esquivel was

crowned Wednesday night at the bonfire.

Events started off Friday after noon with the pep-rally. The classes decorated wagons to show what the hounds were going to do to the Bryson Cowboys.

The classes also got to paint and decorate their end of the hallway to show their class spirit and support for the hounds. The Junior class won.

Pre game activities began at 6:45 with the announcing of the nominees for the honors. Band Sweetheart candidates were Samantha Esquivel, Mea Abila, Rachel Ellis. The crown was given to Mea Abila.

Band Beu nominees included: Jordan Carter, Jaadon Jackson, and Chris Taylor. The honor was awarded to Jordan Carter.

Football Sweetheart nominees included Samantha Esquivel, Britteny Gonzales, Mea Abila. Britteny Gonzales was crowned as Sweetheart.

Football Hero candidates were Jordan Carter, Shane Strickland, and M.J. Abila. The honor went to Jordan Carter.

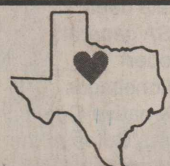


All smiles Wednesday night against a background of bonfire flames, Samantha Esquivel, Miss Firelighter, wears the Knox City Homecoming crown. Other members of the homecoming court are Football Sweetheart Britteny Gonzales, left, and Band Sweetheart Mea Abila, right.

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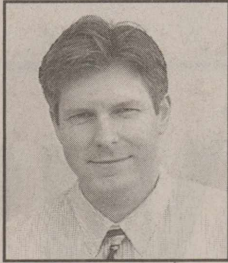
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State Capital HIGHLIGHTS



By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - Hurricane Ike augered through the state Sept. 13-14, battering Galveston and other communities along its path.

Gov. Rick Perry pledged to residents of stricken areas that the state would see them through the restoration process.

Perry's office reported that as of Sept. 18, 211 shelters were open throughout Texas housing more than 21,941 evacuees; more than 1,360 truckloads of water and 1,201 truckloads of ice have been distributed

# Hurricane Ike Recovery Begins In Texas

throughout storm-affected areas.

Nearly 10,000 utility workers, many from out of state, set about the task of restoring power. As of Sept. 20, about one third of the estimated 3 million people were still without power.

Reopened businesses and many more signs of recovery from the hurricane are popping up, but there is much unresolved for thousands of people. The governor urged displaced Texans "to remain patient and stay where they are until local officials deem their neighborhoods are safe enough for their return."

For those displaced by the hurricane, Perry ordered that hotel and motel taxes be waived through Oct. 14 and FEMA set up transitional housing help.

Evacuees may phone 2-1-1 from any Texas landline or Texas cell phone to get infor-

mation on how and where to apply for food stamps and other assistance.

Insurance companies have been extra busy. For example, Farmers Insurance said that as of Sept. 16, the company had received more than 50,000 Ike-related claims.

Farmers sent claims buses to sites in Houston, Beaumont, Humble Pasadena, Pearland and Sugar Land to help customers file on-the-spot claims.

And what about beloved pets and livestock left behind in the storm?

The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals reported it was working with the Texas State Animal Resource Team and other credentialed animal care agencies to assist and provide resources.

**Ag Provides Info-Aid To Evacuees**

Attorney General Greg Abbott and his office have had

a big role in the return to normalcy after Hurricane Ike.

On Sept. 15, Abbott launched a hotline to help custodial parents get child support payments.

Also on Sept. 15, he announced that more than 3,300 evacuees had been screened in an effort to identify registered sex offenders staying in shelters.

On Sept. 16, Abbott reminded Texans to report price gougers. Also on Sept. 16, he detailed the rights of evacuees when they stay in hotels.

On Sept. 17, he offered tips on ways to avoid disaster-related scams and that same day he also said emergency shelters had called in 5,555 evacuee names for his office staff to compare with the Department of Public Safety's sex offender registry.

As of Sept. 18, Abbott's office identified 18 people residing in emergency shelters as ex-

offenders and 36 more people as possible matches with the sex offender database.

And on Sept. 19, Abbott said, "When disaster strikes, many Texans want to make generous donations to charitable organizations. Before reaching for their wallets, Texans should ask questions and check the facts to make sure they are not about to hand their money over to a scam artist posing as a charitable cause."

**Combs Parts With Lehman Bros.**

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs on Sept. 17 severed the state's contract with Lehman Brothers Inc. to provide marketing and client services to TexPool and TexPool Prime, investment pools used by local governmental bodies.

Lehman Brothers Inc. is owned by Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc., which filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protec-

tion on Sept. 15.

Combs assured investors that the bankruptcy filing poses no threat to local governments invested in TexPool and TexPool Prime. Those kinds of investments are managed by a separate company, Federated Investors Inc., she said.

**Eyes Of Texas On Bailout Plan**

Attention will be on Congress over the next few days, to see how lawmakers react to the Bush administration's proposed \$700 billion bailout of Wall Street financial institutions that are suffering the cascading effect of failed home mortgages. Texans will have a big stake in the outcome.

**Big Dates In Upcoming Election**

Monday, Oct. 6, is the last day for Texas residents to register to vote in the Nov. 4 general election. Early voting begins Oct. 20 and ends Oct. 31.

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By Ace Reid



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**The Paperboy**  
By CHRISTOPHER BLACKBURN

Newspapers should be the single largest tool a rural sheriff's department or police department uses to convey what is happening or solicit information from the public.

Sometimes administrators may forget this or someone with inexperience may think keeping information from residents is in the public's best interest. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Rural law enforcement can take tremendous advantage of the fact that newspapers are here, in part, to inform the public of crime or matters which affect them.

In addition, the public can aid local departments by being another set of eyes and ears.

When a relationship is working as it should, the department and the newspaper can partner up to do a lot of good. I see it first-hand all of the time and the departments which use newspaper to their full advantage, have success due to the relationship.

When law enforcement decides it's better not to release names or keep vital information from the public altogether, it appears like either there is something to hide, or the department is not on top of things. Eventually, the public's trust of the department begins to wane.

Building a relationship with law enforcement is vital and is in the best interest of the department, the newspaper and the public.

There are many entities which use public funds to function. The governing boards of these tax-supported entities

owe it to the public to disclose information, regardless of how painful it may be.

Being involved in several small towns, you see hospital boards, county commissioners, city councils and school boards elected to hopefully, govern these entities to the best of their ability.

Part of that is letting the public know where and how their tax dollars are being spent. A transparent government is one which has the public's best interest at heart.

Most of the entities we deal with are very forthcoming with information. And it is the job of the newspaper to get the reader that information in a timely matter.

As with law enforcement, the better the relationship between a newspaper and a taxing entity, the better it is for all concerned.

It's been my understanding that a transparent government works the best. The public understands when things are not going well, they just don't like to be shocked.

Small-town residents want the biggest bang for their buck. They want their elected officials to communicate what is going on and how and where their money is spent.

When elected officials abide by these simple principals, it makes all of the difference in the world.

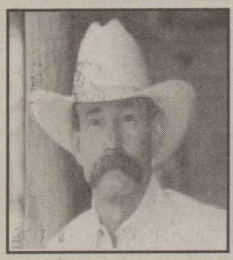
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# BAXTER BLACK

ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

## BUCKLE UP

The news has coincided recently with protesters demanding to be able to purchase raw milk, the AMA warning that home births are not safe, and desperate cancer victims reserving the right to buy alternative "cures" not approved by the F.D.A.

My father was born in 1918 in his mother's bedroom, drank raw milk and was raised in a family that used a variety of homemade or traveling medicine man's potions to cure what ails you. Farmers plowed with teams, had no indoor plumbing, chewed tobacco and worked like dogs in the field. The average life span of a man born in 1918 was 52 years. Significantly, among the causes of death were physical injury, infectious diseases and childbirth, for both the mother and the baby.

In the ensuing years, science, medicine, an easier lifestyle, air conditioning, pasteurization, preservatives and laws to ensure that drug companies prove their product does what they claim, have changed our lives and almost doubled our lifespan.

But, does the government have the right to insist you have your baby in the hospital, drink pasteurized milk and prevent you from taking unapproved natural supplements to treat your cancer?

The answer is no. Just like they

have no right to stop you from smoking, riding your motorcycle or your bull, or playing football without a helmet. In the beginning of the last century, 'caveat emptor' ruled. 'Buyer Beware' was the code of business. Consumers were not protected from salesmen. Over time, as we increased our knowledge of disease and human health, the government began to intervene...pasteurized milk to prevent tuberculosis, licensing of medical personnel, doctors, nurses, and midwives, establishing the F.D.A. to protect the public, O.S.H.A. to safeguard employees, warning labels on cigarettes and alternative medicines, inspecting meat, automobiles, and soil testing sewage drain fields before construction.

Sometime these interventions were designed to protect you from your neighbor. But the government does not, in my mind, have the right to protect you from yourself.

However, I do think that there ought to be some mechanism to protect children, maybe even animals from those who prefer to live their lives as if it were still 1918. Just because you don't want to wear your seatbelt, doesn't mean your little kids shouldn't buckle up!

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## Important Dates for County and Major Stock Shows

If you plan to show a livestock project in the 2008-2009 County or Major Livestock Shows then you must purchase tags by contacting the County Extension Office at (940) 459-2651 or your local Agriculture Teacher. Late ordered lamb and goat tags cost \$20.00 each and can no longer be ordered after October 23. Swine tags cost \$7.00 each and must be turned in by September 24. Late tag orders for swine are \$10.00 each. If you want to show chickens or rabbits contact either the County Extension Office or your Agriculture Teacher by October 1, 2008. Please try to turn in your tag orders as soon as possible. SEQ CHAPTER \h r 1

### Congratulations

From Bill Stewart Ins.

## Knox City Lions Club Holds Annual Mop & Broom Sale



Often enough, Lion's Club is not given the credit deserved for the many non-profit organizations they sponsor. On Thursday, September 18th, Lion's Club had a Broom and Mop sale at the Knox City Post Office. The clubs have been participating in this sale since the 1940's or 50's. Local members, Carol Felts, has been affiliated with the Knox County Lion's Club since 1979. The merchandise sold in the Broom and Mop sale is quality blind made products. Mr. Felts informed the Knox County News staff, that the sale made over \$2,900 dollars. Some of the money collected was generous donations given at the sale. The Club in return, will donate as much as \$800 dollars to the Camp for Crippled Children. The Broom and Mop sale occurs on a yearly basis. Normally, the Lion's Club schedules the sale on a Thursday in September. Pictured above is Lucky a 14-year old African Gray parrot sitting on Bob Richardson, Joe Clonts in the middle and Carol Felts

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Section 30.04 of the Texas Penal Code states that a person commits this offense if without the effective consent of the owner, he/she breaks into or enters a vehicle or any part of a vehicle with the intent to commit any felony or theft.

# OBITUARIES

## Anna Mae Redwine

Anna Mae Redwine November 6, 1911-September 5, 2008

Anna Mae Redwine (Nannie). 96 of Savoy graduated from this life to be with the Lord on Friday, September 5, 2008, in Sherman, Tx. She was born in Stamford, Tx on November 6, 1911 to John and Mary Frances Stubbs.

Anna Mae was a beloved mother and grandmother who enjoyed quilting, sewing, cooking, spending time with family, and watching her favorite TV programs.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Savoy where she taught Sunday School for several years.

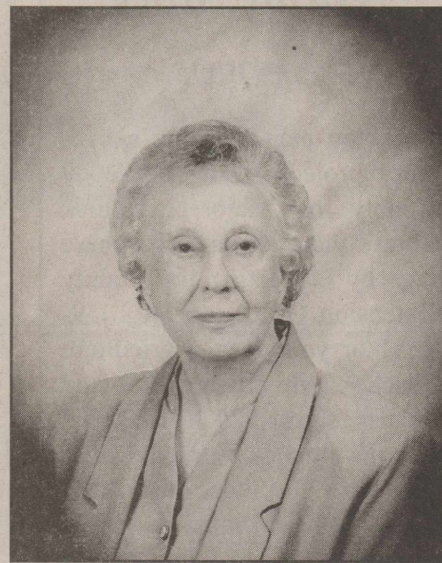
Funeral services will be held on Sunday, September 7th, at 3:00 p.m. at Mullican-Little Funeral Home. Family visitation will be from 2:00-3:00 prior to the service. Bro. James Seigler, Bro. Larry Blain, and Bro. Bill Sessom will be in charge of the service.

Graveside services will be held at Benjamin Cemetery in Benjamin, Tx on Monday, September 8th, at 1:00 p.m., officiated by Bill Crenshaw and Fred Lewis.

Anna Mae was preceded in death by her husbands, J.D. Redwine and Billy Crenshaw, her parents, two sisters and three brothers.

She is survived by one daughter, Judy Steedman, and husband, Bill, of Savoy and one son, James Redwine, and wife, Nelda, of Savoy; Deana Taylor and husband, George, of Savoy; Joyce Lewis of Henderson; Jimmy Redwine and wife, Linda, of Piney, WY; Rhonda Weixeldorfer and husband, Bob, of Houston; Jason Redwine and wife, Jenni, of Munday; and Buster Redwine and wife, Angie, of Abernathy. Anna Mae has twenty-one great grandchildren and thirteen great-great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Honorary Pallbearers are Bill Crenshaw, Bud Giles, Vernon Brown, Gerald Snody, Johnny Snody, and Charles Snody.



# God's Promises

By Jim Reid, Pastor  
O'Brien Baptist Church



Are you frustrated because it seems you just can't reach your child? Many parents find themselves searching for the way, or a way, and frankly sometimes any way to communicate to their children. Their children may tune them out or turn them off; sometimes children simply refuse to answer. Unfortunately there may be times that we as parents simply shut down out of frustration. But we can't just give up. We must always maintain a positive attitude and live with the hope that we can find a way to reach our children. We want them to respond to us, because we know that we're not only raising children, but we're actually raising adults.

The Word of God has great insight into teaching children and living in a right relationship with our children. The more that we study God's Word, the more we realize that Jesus considered the children to be the insight to the Kingdom of God. **Luke 18: 16 "But Jesus called for them, saying, "Permit the children to come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these."**

The book of Proverbs in the Old Testament contains a wealth of insight into teaching and training our children. One specific verse really keys in on the most prevalent interruption in communication; **Proverbs 23: 7 "For as he thinks within himself, so he is."**

When children sinfully express themselves by disobeying, throwing temper tantrums, talking back, lying, etc., they are drawing from what is in their hearts. We as parents need to realize the importance of reaching past the outward behavior and pulling out the issues of the heart. The heart of the problem is the problem of the heart. The heart is the well from which all of the responses to life gush forth. **"Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life" (Proverbs 4: 23)** The behavior a child exhibits is an expression of the child's heart. To put it simply...the heart determines behavior. With God's help and diligently studying His word we all can be parents who will resolve issues with the heart, and our children will love us for it.

I believe that you will pray and know that the Lord will strengthen you and give you His wisdom in all that you do this week. May you also experience His love in every way every day.

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09/17	48/81	
09/18	55/82	
09/19	53/83	
09/20	58/85	
09/21	60/85	
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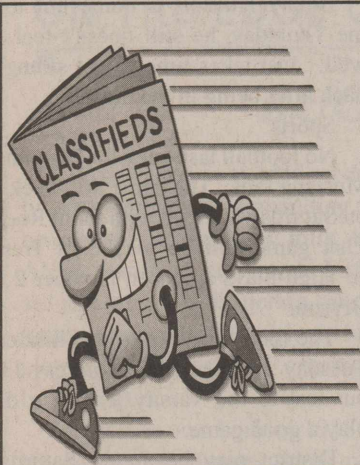
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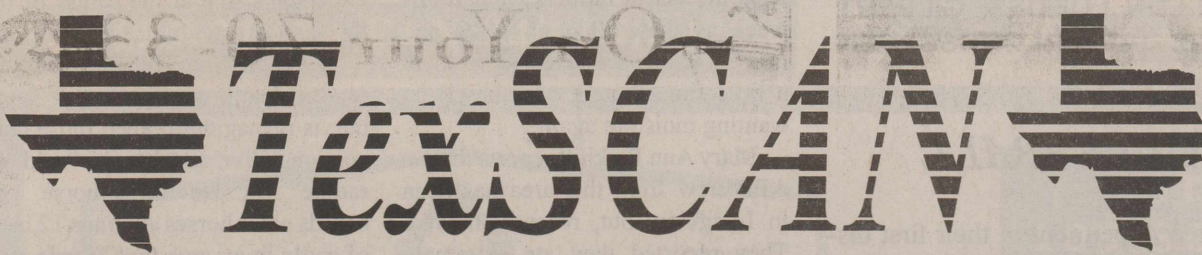
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# BENJAMIN SPORTS

## BENJAMIN NEWS

By Gladene Green

I start out this week with a correction regarding the Class reunions of 1954. Several of the names of those attending were misspelled so I'm listing all the names of those who were there. They were, Joan Sokora Blake and husband Tommy, of Friendswood, Lois Michels Smith and husband, Wayne who live in California, Peggy Cure Ritchie and husband, Guindel of Wichita Falls, C.T. and (Naomi) Davis of Haltom City, Bill (and Patsy) Henson of Weatherford, Parker (and Janice) Davis new of Pipe Creek, Jack (and Katy) new of Liberty Hill, Jimmy (and Wanda) Morgan of Waco, Jerry Bob (and Becky) Goodwin of Megargel, Bob (and Juanita) Killian of Lubbock, Betty Stodghill LeMaster of Houston, Bera Span Boyd Johnson of Abilene, and Gladene Yeager Green of Benjamin. Also Larry Don Lain (and Betty) of Buchanan Dam, Roy Lee Voyles of Lubbock and John King of Houston. Also joining us in the afternoon for visiting and dinner Saturday night were Sue Haynie and Gaye Yost of Munday. They are the wives of Classmates Gene Haynie and Charles Yost, who passed away several years ago. It was good to have them with us.

Scott of Dallas take turns staying with him. He's always glad for anyone to stop by the hospital to see him. Bobby Hudson is home but told me Thursday, he still doesn't feel to well. Just takes time to get strength back after being in the hospital.

**Sports**  
No football last week for Benjamin Mustang fans. The game this week is on Saturday at 11:00 with Paint Rock. That game will be played in Trent, Jr. High plays again on October 2 at Bryson.

The Lady Stangs played Childress Tuesday and beat the Childress J.V. but lost to the Varsity team tho did play a good game.

District play began on Saturday when the Lady Stangs traveled to Aspermont and brought home a Victory!! Tonight's game (Tuesday) is with Knox City here.

Here N' There Taylor Herring of Munday spent the weekend with her grandparents, Debbie and Mike Moorhouse.

Also spending the week end with her parents was Jessica Moorhouse of Tarlton State.

Brett Glenn of Lubbock visited his uncle don Hertal in Knox County Hospital last Thursday.

Lucas Cartwright student at South Plains College in Levelland was home for the weekend as was Tina Siemens who also goes to South Plains. Tina was involved in a accident Thursday en-route to school. Neither she nor the occupants of the other car were injured but her car was totaled. That's bad but everyone was so thankful there were no serious injuries.

David Clover and a friend who are attending Texas Tech were also home for the weekend.

Anthony and Jessica Lamb of Wichita Falls spent Tuesday with his mom, Deann Lamb

## Benjamin Mustang Football



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## BENJAMIN PLAYER

## HIGHLIGHTS



Brittany Coop

Lady Stang Volleyball  
Grade: 12th  
Age: 17  
Nickname: Veggie  
Parents: Lorrie & Curt Coop  
School Involvements: 4H, Sports, OAP, U.I.L.  
My claim to fame is: having a really cute fat pug dog.  
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Devon Jones

Lady Stang Volleyball  
Grade: 12th  
Age: 17  
Nickname: BB  
Parents: Kemp & Becky Jones  
Siblings: Blake (14), Brooke (8), Kamryn (almost 2)  
School Involvements: Sports, U.I.L., OAP, 4H  
Behind my back people say: I drink too much Dr. Pepper.  
One embarrassing moment for me was when I: ripped my shorts jumping a fence.  
My "American Idol" is: Michael Phelps

## LADY STANG VOLLEYBALL

Benjamin Lady Mustangs defeated Aspermont in their first district volleyball game. Saturday, September 20th, the ladies won three out of four matches. On Saturday, September 27th, the Lady Stangs will play Rotan in their third district match. On Tuesday, September 30th the ladies will travel to Abilene to take on Abilene Christian High School in a dual.

Devon Jones: 5 Kills, 14 Assists; Leah Vanderpol: 7 Kills, 13 Service Points; Tabby Golden: 9 Kills; Terri Miller 9 Kills.  
Benjamin/Aspermont: 25/ 16; 25/21; 23/25; 25/18



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## Truscott News

By Clara Brown

Clear, sunny weather was just what the wheat farmers wanted this week as they tilled up drills and headed across the fields. Give them a little time though and they'll be wanting moisture again.

Mary Ann Parkhill reports that an AEP crew from this area has been in Longview but, recently moved. They reported they ate extremely well in Longview as the local crews were cleaning out their freezers and bringing food to grill where they were camped and sharing it.

The amazing Ike still has Texas from south to north without electricity. Ike just forgot hurricanes aren't suppose to last forever.

Baytown daughter, Ruth Mescall, is still building a tire in the grill when they want to eat. The trees are still hanging wires over her house, but they have other utilities including gas for hot water but, no electricity for running the washer.

She has to go to Austin for a two or three day training session this week and plans to take laundry with her. Surely, Austin will have an open Laundromat.

Visiting reports this week mainly were about visitors expected next week.

Lula and Louis Baty will enjoy having three grandsons next weekend and June Looney is expecting her sister-in-law, Lillian Hickman of Paris, Texas, and a cousin from Houston.

June also reported her granddaughter, Allison, Nancy's daughter has a son, Cole.

Trenna Carlson is back home from helping with evacuees from Ike and gave a report on her trip to Sweden to see son, Jason Patterson and family. The name of the Patterson's new son is Joe Bengt Rynn Patterson.

The middle names are for his Swedish and American grandparents.

Trenna stayed about 16 days on this trip to Sweden. Besides enjoying her grandsons she was able

to see lots of pretty crystal as the Patterson's live at the center of the Swedish Crystal Industry.

Jason has moved far from his roots in cattle and horses in Texas but, is managing to keep those connections alive and hasn't, "sold his saddle" yet. He has a horse, and boards other horses and runs 12 head of cattle in an area that Trenna says looked like a forest to her.

Need to correct an error made last week. The garage sale at Truscott will be Saturday, October 11th, not October 4th.

Sarah Brown, this writer's New York sister-in-law, recently sent some information titled, "Things I've Learned Living in Texas."

Now Sarah has never actually lived in Texas but, her visits have been long enough to recognize the truth in the articles words.

See if you recognize anybody (maybe you?!) in this list.

Once and twiced are words, fix-into is one word. Djeet is actually a phrase meaning, "Did you eat?"

Will have to argue with the spelling of Djeet?, on the Rolling Plains of Texas it is more commonly pronounced: Jeeet?.

Also, "iced tea" may appear on some menu's but, just as often it appears that "tea" and "ice" is properly pronounced, "ahs", with none of the letters used in writing the word as "ahs tea".

A carbonated drink isn't a soda, cola or pop. It's a Coke, regardless the blend of flavor. Example: "what kind of Coke do you want?"

And of course, as previously pointed out in this column, dinner is the mid-day meal and then there is supper.

My favorite: In Texas, if you install security lights on your house and garage, you then leave both unlocked.

There's more but, you probably already know them. Like spices, the four spices of Texas are: Salt, Pepper, Ketchup and Rotel.

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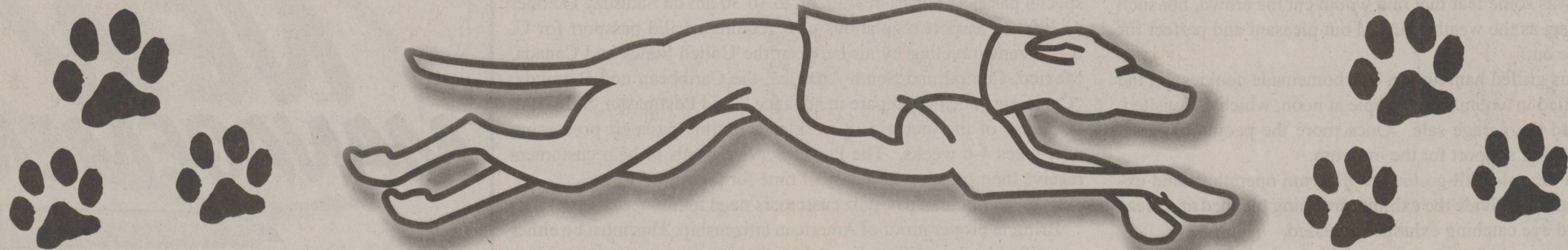
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# KNOX CITY SPORTS



## Knox City JV 35 Bryson JV 14

The Greyhound Junior Varsity football team traveled to Bryson Thursday to take on the Cowboys. The Hounds came away with a 35-14 win. Looking at the difference in the two teams before the game, the average person may have picked Bryson to win because of their size. The Cowboys found out that dynamite comes in small packages and Thursday night it was wearing a white uniform with Knox City across the chest. The Greyhound offense ran around, over and thru the Cowboy defense. TJ Moore led the offense with two touchdowns. Other offensive standouts for the Hounds were Brandon Bradley, Jarek Wilde, Ivan Garcia, Brandon York and Josh Schnable. The Cowboy offense could not get much going thanks to the tough Greyhound defense. Brandon Bradley led the defense with two interceptions. Stopping the Cowboys running game were Austin Valimont, Mike Wilburn, Ivan Garcia, Jarek Wild, TJ Moore and Ty Baker. Coach Steele commented, "These guys are improving every week. They are busting their tails in practice against the varsity and they are a big part of the varsity being 3-1 right now. This group has a bunch of wins in their future."

## Knox City Greyhound Varsity Football



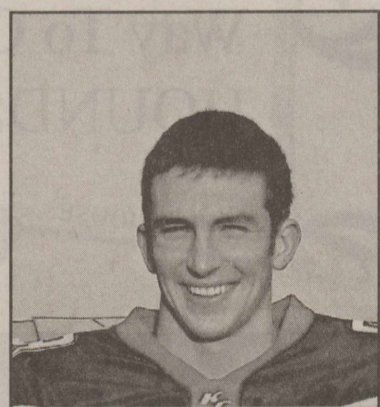
FRONT ROW: KYLE HARRINGTON, TY BAKER; SECOND ROW: JOSH SCHNABLE, MARCELL LEWIS, ZACH SHAVER, RYAN LEDESMA, BRANDON BRADLEY, JAREK WILDE; THIRD ROW: MICHAEL WILBURN, CALEB SCHNABLE, AUSTIN VALIMONT, ZAKERY YORK, JORDAN CARTER, BANDY MOELLER, SHANE STRICKLAND; BACK ROW: CHAGO ESPINAL, TJ MOORE, SKYLER EADES, MJ ABILA, LANDON LYNN, BRANDON YORK  
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### Houndette Volleyball

Houndettes fall short during their match against Rotan. However, the varsity girls didn't go down without a fight. The Houndettes ended up playing all five games during Saturday's brawl. The JV on the other hand, lost both games. Coach Reed believes that the defeat was not due to the fact that the other team was a better team. She feels that the Houndettes both young and old could not get it together collectively to play the game. Coach said, "the girls have worked hard at practice this week and are ready to redeem themselves in our next district game". Coach Reed is inspired by the teams' determination and claims that their willpower is what will help them to become more successful. Coach stated, "Once we came alive and got our focus back, we played much better. I was proud that they did not give up and worked together as a team to pull it back together!" Brittney Gonzales was lead scorer with 15 points. Tiffany McCrary led the team with kills. Lacey Pierce managed the game with the most amount of digs. The scores were as follows: 18-25; 16-25; 25-23; 25-23; 14-16

The Houndettes will be hosting Munday, which is new to the district, on Saturday, September 27th the competition will begin at 2pm. On Tuesday, September 30th the Houndettes will be going to Aspermont to compete in their fourth district match. Come and support the Houndettes.

## KNOX CITY PLAYER HIGHLIGHTS



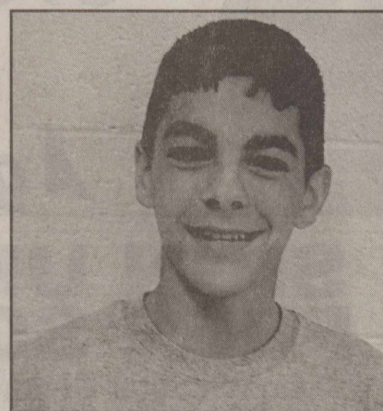
Jordan Carter

Hound Varsity Football  
Grade: 12th  
Age: 17  
Nickname: JC  
Parents: Tracy & Paula Carter  
Siblings: Cassidy (14), Zach (12)  
School Involvements: Football, Basketball, T  
At a fantasy dinner I would invite: Charles Steele and Co.  
Behind my back people say: Hey, turn around so I can talk to you!  
One embarrassing moment for me was when I: misunderstood my Spanish teacher.



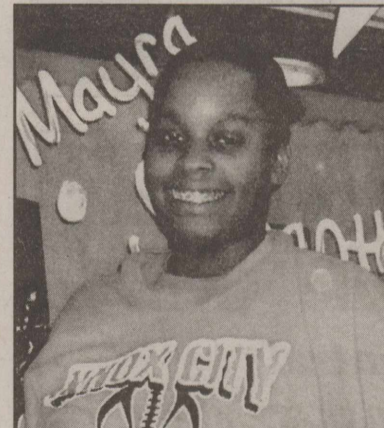
Regan Clark

Houndette Volleyball  
Grade: 9th  
Age: 14  
Nickname: Roo  
Parents: Darren and Daveine Clark  
Siblings: Evan (21), Clay (16)  
School Involvements: Volleyball, Basketball, Band, Tennis, Golf and FFA  
Some people don't know that I: want to work with the ASPCA when I grow up.  
At a fantasy dinner I would invite: Ian Kinsler and the Jonas Brothers.  
The last book I read was: The Pearl



Brandon Bradley

Hound JV Football  
Grade: 10th  
Age: 15  
Nickname: Bub  
Parents: Dusty & Julie Bradley  
Siblings: Blayne (13)  
School Involvements: FFA & Football  
My favorite subject is: Lunch.  
The last book I read was: the Bible.  
Behind my back people say: I am cool.



Tiffany McCrary

Houndette Volleyball  
Grade: 12th  
Age: 18  
Nickname: T-Mac  
Parents: Roxie McCrary  
Siblings: Rico (19)  
School Involvements: Volleyball & Basketball  
If I could be anyone for a day I would be: Fantasia.  
The last book I read was: my English book.  
My "American Idol" is: my Mom.

## TEEN NEWS

By Rachel Ellis

The Volleyball girls played Rotan for their first district game. They played 5 sets, but fell short and lost to Rotan. Tuesday they played the Benjamin Mustangs in Benjamin. Saturday evening they will play Munday in Munday. Their record is now 12-3.

Prior to the game Friday the homecoming activities were held. Each class decorated their end of the hall all week. On Friday the judges came and looked at the hallways. They voted the Junior Class to win this contest. Friday evening the announcements of Band sweetheart and beau, Football sweetheart and hero, and miss firelighter were made. Band sweetheart and beau went to Mea Abila and Jordan Carter. Football sweetheart and hero went to Brittney Gonzales and Jordan Carter. Miss firelighter went to Samantha Esquivel. The football boys faced the Bryson Cowboys in their homecoming game this weekend. The boys played with all their hearts and came out on top with a score of 70-33. They now stand with a record of 3-1.

The Knox City FFA chapter would like to thank everyone who helped with the concession stands at the Chillicothe and Bryson football games. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated.

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# Museum News

The Wichita Brazos Museum's garage sale at Munday, on Saturday, Sept. 13, brought in about twice as much as it usually does. Customers came early and then steadily throughout the day.

With Hurricane Ike on everybody's mind and a cloudy start for the day, there was some fear that rain would cut the crowd, but such was not the case, as the weather turned out pleasant and perfect for drawing people out.

The delicious grilled hamburgers and homemade cookies, on the front porch pulled in a number of people at noon, which ate, visited, and then visited the garage sale. Once more the people of Knox County proved their support for the museum.

Profits from the sale will go toward museum operations and exhibit plans. Panels to divide the exhibits are being planned and ideas for exciting and eye catching exhibits discussed.

A second garage sale for the museum will also be held at Truscott, Saturday, October 11th, by three museum supporters who were unable to get all their donations to the Munday sale. Sonseeahray Cline, of San Angelo, Joyce Williams, of Floydada, and Clara Brown, of Truscott, will be offering furniture, large and small trunks, and other items at Sonseeahray's house in Truscott. More details about this sale will be announced later.

## Region 14 Education Service Center's Alternative Certification Program Special Education Math And Science

Applications for the Region 14 Education Service Center's 2009-2010 Alternative Certification Program for Special Education, Math and Science teachers will be accepted October 1, 2008, thru December 5, 2008.

The Program allows college graduates wanting to be teachers to earn certification as they train and teach full time, serving as interns with mentor teachers in area school districts. Participants complete training in the spring and summer prior to entering the classroom. During the internship year, training is continued.

Applicants are selected from those meeting the following admission requirement:

Received bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education.

For additional admission requirements, contact Region 14 ESC Alternative Certification Program.

Financial reimbursement available if grant requirements are met. This program is made possible by a 1.4 million dollar federal Transition to Teaching anywhere in Texas. Reciprocity is available in some other states.

For more information, contact: Gay Ann Walts: Special Education: (325) 675-7017 Charlotte Taggart: Science: (325) 675-8684 Sandra Carter: Math: (325) 675-7006

John Stevens Associate Director

## Seymour Post Office To Hold Passport Fair On October 4

SEYMOUR — To assist customers planning a trip out of the country, the Seymour Post Office at 210 N Washington Street is holding a special passport fair from 8:30 am to 10:30 am on Saturday October 4, 2008. Passport regulations now require a valid passport for U. S. Citizens traveling by air between the United States and Canada, Mexico, Central and South America, the Caribbean and Bermuda. "Customers need to prepare in advance," said Postmaster, Sid Winn. "Because of the increase in workload, routine passport processing now takes 4-6 weeks. The Postal Service wants to help customers receive their passport in plenty of time for their trip."

To obtain a passport customers need to: Bring in proper proof of American citizenship. This must be either a certified birth certificate issued by the city, county or state; a previous U.S. passport; a certificate of citizenship; or a naturalization certificate. (Please note: a hospital-issued birth certificate alone is not acceptable.)

Bring in proof of identity. This must be either: a recently issued U.S. passport; a recently issued naturalization certificate; a recently issued certificate of citizenship; or a current valid driver's license, government ID or military photo ID.

The passport application requires two recent identical passport photographs of you (2" x 2" in size), which the Seymour Post Office will provide for \$15.

To save time, customers may download a passport application at HYPERLINK "http://www.usps.com/passport" www.usps.com/passport to complete beforehand.

All applicants must appear in person (including minors). Minors under the age of 14 must appear with both parents. If one parent is not available, a notarized authorization from the absent parent is required.

Each passport for an adult must be accompanied by a check or money order for \$75 made payable to the U.S. State Department and a \$25 execution fee made payable to Postmaster. Fees for children under 16 are \$65 and \$25.

"It is important for customers to complete this process well before their trip," said Winn. Customers traveling in less than 10 weeks can request Expedite Service and receive their passport in 1-2 weeks. Expedite Service costs an additional \$60 plus mail charges to the passport processing center and for return of the new passport.

Customers can call 940-889-3550 if they have questions about the Seymour Passport Fair.

Customers can also call 800-ASK-USPS to get the location of other nearby passport Post Offices and their passport customer service hours, or they can visit the State Department's web site at www.travel.state.gov.

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### Rule High School Homecoming To Be Held Friday September 26th

Activities for Rule High School Homecoming will begin on Friday, September 26th, with a Pep Rally at 2:30 p.m. in the gymnasium with each class represented by a float in a parade in the gymnasium. Former classes will be recognized. Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. a downtown pep rally will be held to be followed by a Snake Dance to the old football field where the Bon Fire will be lit.

Saturday morning, September 27th, registration (\$1.00) will begin at 9:30 a.m. and coffee and doughnuts will be served in the High School Cafeteria. A catered lunch served by Pit & Grill (D.L. & Shelly Cooper) for \$9.00 will be served beginning at 11:30 a.m. Assembly will follow in the auditorium at 1:30 p.m. with recognition of former classes, teachers, oldest student, one traveling the longest distance, family with most graduates and etc.

At 1:30 p.m. Rule Bobcats will host Newcastle. Halftime will have the crowning of the Homecoming Queen, selected by the vote of the student body, grades 9 thru 12. Escorted by their fathers, the candidates are: Senior-Molly Dudensing, Junior-Lorena Diza, Sophomore-Allison Petty and Freshman-Dennise Salas.

### West Texas Fair Livestock Show Results

Knox County 4-H members participated in the West Texas Fair and Rodeo Livestock Show with entries in the Market Lamb, Meat Goat, and the Open Jackpot Swine Shows. Kristen Kuehler showed lambs in both the morning and evening shows and placed third in the light weight fine wool class. Brittany Coop did a good job showing both of her goats in the Meat Goat Show. Knox 4-H was a little more successful in the swine show. Sarah Reeves' Yorkshire was showed by her brother Shannon and it placed Champion Yorkshire Pig. Cody Propps placed third with his Yorkshire. In the heavy weight Hampshire show, Shannon Reeves placed first and Cody Propps placed second. Kendall Thompson also did a great job of showing her Cross. This show turned out real well for these 4-H'ers and was a good start for the upcoming show season. The next major stock show will be at Dallas at the State Fair, September 29 thru October 3. SEQ CHAPTER 1 of 1 Educational programs of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin. Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service or accommodation in order to participate in a meeting or program are encouraged to contact the Knox County Extension office at (940)459-2651.

### Seymour News

The Seymour Creative Writers' Group met on Saturday, September 20, at 2:00 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center. Eighteen people were present, including visitors from Wichita Falls and Haskell. Participants shared how they became interested in creative writing, with several people remembering encouragement given in years past by Mrs. Kessler at Seymour High School.

Tom Johnson discussed a newly published book that contains a forward written by him. Members also discussed their articles recently published in the Baylor County Banner. Everyone was encouraged to turn in short stories or poems to the Banner. Imogene Stewart read a poem she had written about her sister.

The group is considering publishing a book of poetry or short memoirs. There will be more information about this project at future meetings.

In October there will be a writing workshop immediately after the regular meeting to learn more about writing from various viewpoints and the impact viewpoint makes on a story.

Anyone in Seymour or the surrounding area who is interested in writing and learning more about creative writing techniques is invited to attend the Creative Writers' Group meetings. These are held the third Saturday of each month at 2:00 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center, 500 E. Belknap St. in Seymour.

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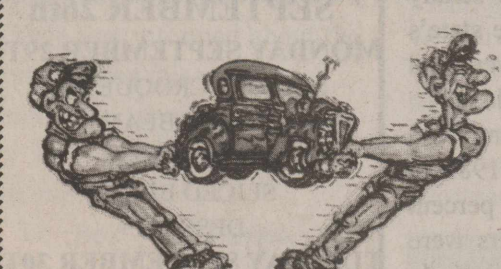


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## The 501



by Hanaba Munn Welch

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

Do you have problems with issues? Or issues with problems? Don't answer. Just ponder this thought:

Nobody nowadays has problems - just issues.

Credit my friend Bill with noticing this cultural sea change. Since he has neither problem nor issue with me pursuing the thought, we'll take it to new levels -- lower ones. Here goes.

What's behind the great shift from one word to the other? Baggage.

The word "problem" has baggage. In fact, problems and baggage are somewhat synonymous, if there are degrees of synonymy. Problems are burdens. They have to be carried. They drag you down.

But "issue" rhymes with "tissue." What a light and airy word for this new millennium! Who wouldn't rather have an issue than a problem? Issues don't have to be carried. Issues are clouds that hover over and around the edges of things. That's their nature.

Who ever would have thought that issues could displace problems? But it's happened, and we are reaping the benefits.

Compare today with 1929, when the stock market had a problem. It crashed. That problem translated itself into the Great Depression. Soon nearly everybody had problems - problems finding work, problems paying mortgages, problems paying for food, clothing and shelter. Society had problems when it could have had issues. Ah, hindsight.

If my grandparents had simply had an issue with the bank they might not have lost their house in town and been forced back to the farm. As for the tenant family they displaced, that family wouldn't have had a problem finding another place to live. They would have had an issue.

Doesn't that make their plight sound more like a challenge than a plight? And, for that matter, aren't we in love with challenges these days? Who needs troubles, plights and difficulties when challenges will do?

As for today's gyrating stock market, it has enough issues to give the word "issue" a bad name. You heard it first right here. That's how it is with words. Just when you think you've found a nice one,

it starts collecting its own set of baggage.

To get our minds off the economy, consider the word "asylum." It's a word that illustrates the baggage-gathering phenomenon. Shouldn't "asylum" connote feelings of security and conjure up an image of a haven? But to think of an asylum without thinking "insane asylum," at least for a fleeting moment, is like listening to Rossini's "William Tell Overture" without seeing the Lone Ranger at full gallop. "Asylum" is forever weighed down with its euphemistic oxymoronic use as a term for a mental hospital, nothing against mental hospitals. For that matter, the word "mental" can mean "crazy," as in "go mental," meaning roughly the same thing as "go postal." There you have it. I'm just glad I'm not trying to learn the English language from scratch.

Even the word "baggage" now has baggage. I remember when "baggage" just meant baggage, as in Samsonite or American Tourister.

Who'd have thought "baggage" would ever need a euphemism. It happens.

## Knox County Sheriff's Report

1. **Inglad, Nacona Zoe**  
9/3/08 TBC (M-B) arrested in Taylor County (Knox county)
2. **Holden, Kayla Marie**  
9/5/08 Burglary of Habitation (F-2) Baylor County
3. **Puebla, Arturu**  
9/7/08 DWI 1st (M-B) Knox County
4. **Casillas, Stephanie**  
9/8/08 Theft (M-B) Knox County
5. **Strickland, Amy Lynne**  
9/10/08 DWI 2nd (M-B) Knox County
6. **Masias, Adrew Sr.**  
9/11/08 Assault causing Bodily Injury (F-3) Terroristic threat (M-A) Knox County
7. **Jones, Cornelius**  
1/13/08 Assault on Public Servant (F-3) Arrested in Wichita Falls, Tx.
8. **Ramirez, David Brian**  
9/14/08 MTR: Criminal Trespass (M-A) arrested in Dallas County (Knox County)



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# Eat This!

by Ryan Mills

Italian food is one of my favorite things to eat as well as prepare.

I came up with this recipe after I saw a similar one in a cook book that called for bacon in spaghetti instead of the traditional ground meat or meatballs. I'm a big bacon fan, peppered bacon to be exact, and I don't think you can go wrong with bacon in just about anything. Heck, I even put it in my chili. But that's another recipe for colder weather.

The recipe that gave me the idea had only a few ingredients. As you will see, I've loaded it down.

Over the years, I've tweaked this recipe into a very hearty meal that tends to please those eating it. I've added this here and that there and the following recipe is the final product of a few trials and errors.

I don't really have a name for it except for "My Spaghetti" but I guess you could call it whatever you like. I'll call it "Loaded Spaghetti" for today's column because it is loaded with goodness.

A few tips before the recipe — I prefer to use Hormel diced pepperoni but lately I have had trouble getting that locally. The last time I made this dish, I simply used regular pepperoni and

just stacked the pepperoni up and quartered it myself. I wasn't happy that I couldn't find the pepperoni I normally used, but it turned out just as good. Also, I always use Angel Hair for this recipe but any pasta would probably do. As with all Italian dishes, this one is better after it sits overnight. If you make the sauce the day before you plan to eat it and refrigerate it, the next day it is all the better. Any kind of sauce works, I've used plenty. The one I prefer is in the recipe.

- Loaded Spaghetti**  
**Ingredients**  
 3/4 lb. peppered bacon  
 1 8 oz. bag pepperoni  
 1 large onion, diced  
 3 cloves garlic diced  
 1 container fresh, sliced mushrooms  
 1/2 cup white wine (white cooking wine works fine if you aren't a wine drinker and don't have wine on hand)  
 1 26 oz. jar spaghetti sauce (I usually use Ragù Roasted Red Pepper and Onion but your favorite should be fine)  
 2 8 oz. cans of Hunt's Roasted Garlic tomato sauce  
 1 14.5 oz can Hunt's Basil, Garlic and Oregano Diced Tomatoes  
 Angel Hair pasta  
**Directions**

Chop the onion as chunky or fine as you like, chop the garlic and chop the pepperoni if you were not able to find them already diced. Dice the bacon into just larger than bite-size pieces.

In a large sauce pan (think chili pot) over medium to medium high heat, start browning the bacon with the garlic. Once it starts rendering a lot of fat, drain the bacon and add the onions in and brown with bacon until the onions begin to soften. You should drain again here.

To the bacon, garlic and onion mixture, add the white wine, pepperoni and mushrooms and cook until mushrooms change to a darker color.

Lower heat to simmer and add the spaghetti sauce, tomato sauce and diced tomatoes and simmer for at least an hour stirring occasionally.

Here you can either serve or let cool and refrigerate for the next day.

Cook the angel hair according to directions and serve sauce over the pasta.

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## No-Till Practices Show Extended Benefits On Wheat And Forage

With more than 3 million acres of wheat in north Texas, 50 percent or more of which is grazed by 1 to 2 million head of cattle, it is important to look at tillage practices and their effect on forage production. Dr. John Sij, AgriLife Research agronomist at Vernon, has been studying nitrogen response and forage production in relation to tillage practices at the nearby Smith-Walker research farm, where grazing research is conducted under commercial conditions. "When talking about tillage, we have to look at environmental conditions," Sij said, "including frequent droughts, high winds and temperatures, highly erodible soils, low yields, low production inputs, low returns and intense rainfalls."

Conventional tillage can sometimes be excessive and cause moisture loss as well as lower organic matter, he said. Severe wind and water erosion can also occur under conventional tillage, resulting in dust storms and low visibility.

"It is also expensive and time consuming," Sij said. "What you end up with is top soil filling the drainage ditches and the taxpayer has to pay for that to be cleaned out." The alternative is no-till or reduced tillage, both of which are still being questioned about how

well they work, he said. "There's concern about soil compaction from equipment and grazing, but the soil seems to 'relax' as the year goes on," Sij said.

No-till farming has been termed as more expensive because of less-effective chemical weed-control measures, but that is not true, he said.

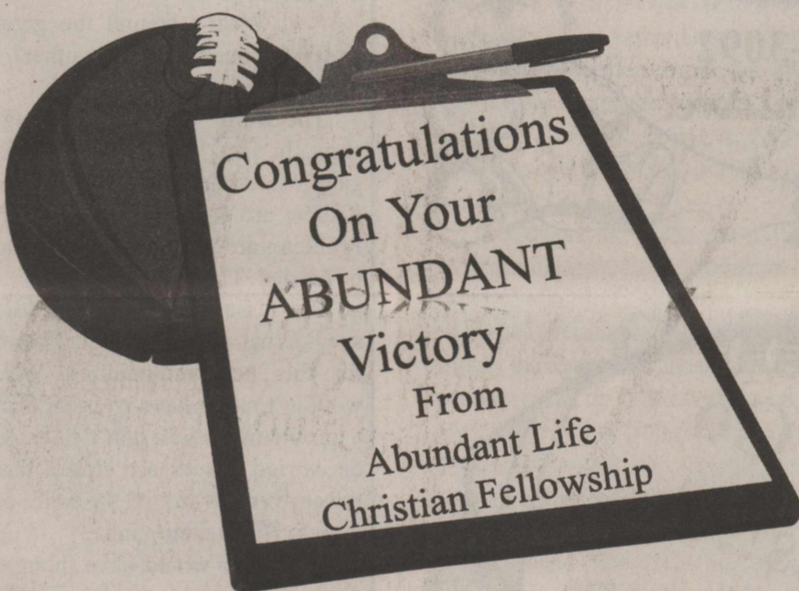
"The problem is there is a lack of proper equipment and research to show whether it works," Sij said. Some other concerns Sij said he has been questioned about are: the need for tillage to kill bugs and reduce disease, compaction and the probability that the roots cannot penetrate the untilled soil, and possible yield decreases.

Producers can actually get earlier grazing under no-till conditions in some years, he said. "Some of the best stands I saw this year were in no-till because of dry conditions. No-till conserved soil moisture," Sij said.

Overall, he said the benefits of conservation tillage include reduced fuel and labor costs, improved rainfall capture and improved infiltration. And when figuring the economic difference between conventional tillage and no-till farming in grain-only production systems, the bottom line in the planned returns for 2007-2008 was \$63.22 per acre under conventional tillage compared

with \$79.38 per acre under no-till, Sij said. This represents a \$16 advantage for no-till. "2008-2009 could be different," he said. "It might only be about a \$4 advantage to no-till because glyphosate prices went up."

Sij studied no-till and conventional tillage under a free-range stocker-cattle situation. "We didn't have good forage every year," Sij said. "This past year we had little or no forage." In the study, data were collected on forage production, nitrogen fertilizer effects, grain yield, grain quality and compaction, he said. In dual-use wheat, the plants are clipped monthly to determine yields. Pre-plant nitrogen rates show almost a linear increase to forage and wheat grain yields, he said. "But you have to be careful — does it pay for itself?" Sij said. "You need some for forage, but there is a fine line. It looks like we need some pre-plant nitrogen for forage production and then apply top-dress fertilizer later to enhance grain yield." He said producers first need to test for soil nitrate levels within the upper two feet, because it doesn't always get used, especially in a poor crop year. "Don't assume it is all gone," Sij said. "Take a soil sample and see what is left so you don't have to put on as much expensive nitrogen."



## Texas Safety Belt Use Tops 90% for Third Straight Year

Millions of Motorists Continue to Buckle Up

Nine of ten Texas motorists are continuing to buckle up, thanks to almost a decade of annual campaigns conducted by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) urging drivers and passengers to fasten their safety belts.

A new survey completed by the Texas Transportation Institute (TTI) indicates that 91.2 percent of drivers and front seat passengers in Texas are abiding by state law to buckle up. It is the third year in a row that the Texas safety belt use rate has topped 90 percent.

"We are extremely pleased that Texas is one of only 11 states in the nation where more than 90 percent of motorists have gotten the message to buckle up," said Terry Pence, director of TxDOT's Traffic Safety Section. "Our ongoing challenge is to reach the drivers and passengers who still aren't in the habit of using safety belts, particularly those who drive or ride in pickups."

TTI's survey found that drivers and passengers of pickup trucks are the least likely to buckle up. While an estimated 88 percent of pickup drivers comply with state law, pickup passengers are lagging behind. Observers found that only 78 percent of passengers in pickups use safety belts, even though required by law. Researchers

say the state has made steady progress to convince the state's 15 million licensed drivers and their passengers to buckle up.

"When we first conducted a safety belt survey in 1985 in 12 Texas cities, only 14 percent of drivers and passengers were using safety belts," said Katie Womack, a senior research scientist with TTI's Center for Transportation Safety. "After the safety belt law was enacted in 1985, the usage rate jumped to 65 percent, and it's continued to go up, hitting the 90% mark for the first time in 2006."

TxDOT attributes the steady rise in safety belt use in recent years to the annual Click It or Ticket campaign, which combines extensive public service announcements with stepped-up law enforcement efforts each May. As a result of the surge in safety belt use news

Texas Department of Transportation in Texas since 2001, federal officials at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) estimate that 1,600 lives have been saved, 37,000 injuries have been prevented and economic savings have reached \$6.6 billion.

According to NHTSA, safety belt use doubles the chances of surviving a serious crash. It also can prevent motorists from receiving a fine of up to \$200.

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