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Looking Ahead

•BENJAMIN PTO FALL FESTIVAL OCTOBER 25

Benjamin PTO Fall Festival Saturday, October 25th Benjamin School Gym * Carnival * 5:30pm - 7:15pm * Coronation * 7:30pm * Program * Following the Coronation * BINGO *After the

•REVIVAL

Liberty Church of God in Christ is having a revival October 23, 24, 25 at 7;00 p.m. with Jerry Jordan pastor of Faith Deliverance Church in Abilene speak-

•SINGLES AND SINGLES AGAIN

Singles and Singles Again will meet at the Knox City Aging Center and car pool to the Old Glory Musical on Saturday October 25 at 5:00p.m.

•MESSAGE FROM **AFRICA**

Amanda Duke will be giving a presentation on her mission trip to Africa at Knox City UMC on October 26th at 6:30p.m. and at Benjamin UMC on Saturday November 8th at 6:00p.m. Everyone is invited to attend!

•KNOX COUNTY RETIRED

SCHOOL PERSONNEL The October meeting of the Knox County Retired School Personnel will at 2:30 on Tuesday the 28th at the O'Brien First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Jane Rowan, Haskell County Extension Agent, will present a program entitled 'Master of Memory'. Hostess for the meeting will be Billie Walker. Members and guests are encouraged to attend this meeting

•KNOX COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Knox County Sheriff's office will be handing out trick-or-treat bags and glow-in-the-dark necklaces for the first 100 kids. They want to promote a safe

and happy Halloween. •STAMFORD MEMORIAL HOSPITAL HEALTH FAIR

Stamford Memorial Hospital will be hosting a Health Fair at the hospital October 30th from 2-6. Among the things offered will be flu shots, health screenings, teddy bear checkups and chances to get to know your local doctors. This is your opportunity to make Stamford your medical home!

•MEDICARE 2009 AND BEYOND

On Monday, Oct. 27th at noon a representative from the area agency on aging will give at program at KC Aging called Medicare 2009 and Beyond. Everyone is invited to attend and any questions you have regarding medicare will be answered at the meeting.

SPORTS

Thursday, October 23rd, O'Brien Bulldogs vs. Crowell Here @ 5:30pm Knox City JV Greyhounds vs. Crowell Here @ 7pm

Friday, October 24th, Benjamin Jr. High Mustangs vs. Harrold There @ 5:30pm Benjamin Mustangs vs. Harrold There @ 7:30pm Knox City Greyhounds vs. Crowell There @ 7:30pm

Saturday, October 25th, Knox City Houdettes vs. Munday There @ 2pm

Tuesday, October 28th, Benjamin Lady 'Stangs vs. Munday

There @ 6:30pm Wednesday, October 29th, Benjamin Jr. High & High School District Cross-Country Meet

@ Spur Football Field

Knox City Pride Band Scores Straight 1's At U.I.L.



Amanda Sandusky

On Saturday October, 18 the Greyhound PRIDE Band of Knox City headed to Memorial Stadium in Wichita Falls for the Region 2 marching contest.

The bands 38 members marched out on the field with hopes of receiving that superior rating. Under the field direction of Samantha Esquivel and Jordan Carter they proudly played Magnificent Seven, How the West Was Won, and Silverado. The

band made their way to the stands to sit and wait patiently while the rest of the competitors performed their shows. As tension built, anxiety intensified everyone waited. The announcer finally began to state the results. Soon everyone knew the Greyhound PRIDE Band had

been preparing for contest since August 4th. When school started Knox City residents could hear the said that "they were awesome."

tunes of the band in the early morning at the practice field and in the evenings at the Greyhound Stadium. The hard work and dedication shown by the students and Mr. Tucker paid off with the fourth year in a row of superior ratings.

The High Schools competing in marched their way to a superior rat- the contest were, Petrolia, Seymour, Archer City, Windthorst, Munday, The Greyhound Pride Band has Baird Albany, Quanah, Knox City, Hamlin and Throckmorton. When asked about the band Mr. Tucker

Knox City To Hold It's First Great Pumpkin Shootout October 25th

Tamara Smart

With the summer months winding to a close and the cold weather settling in, many of us find ourselves asking "what is there to do?" As a lot of locals have probably noticed, there has been much construction in the vacant lot behind the Basic Energy Service concrete site. Coming next Saturday, October 25, will be the first annual "Great Pumpkin Shootout", an all day event beginning at 9:00am, featuring Go Kart races, lawn mower races and all kinds of other fun, food

and festivities. There will be nine races in all, starting with the Go Kart races for the kids who will be driving special chasy, quarter-midget sprint cars. The line up consists of the "Young Gun" race, featuring children 4-6 years of age, then the "Red Plate Animal" race for kids 7-9 years old. That will be followed by the Gold Plate Animal (8-10 year olds), Stock Animal (10-14 year olds) and Limited Animal (11-16 year olds)

The Stock Animal race will be particularly exciting since Marley Barker, Leighten Pepper, and Kassadi Whittier, the first through third place winners of last years Seymour circuit races will head off once again... but this time in Leighton Pepper's hometown.

After the kids races, the adults hit the track. Opening out with a "Run what you Brung" race, then to the "Stock Intek", and for the final two races, Lawn Mowin' machines will finally make an appearance in the "Stock Mower" race, which qualifiers must have a deck and no modifications on their mower. The day will concludes with the "Modified Mower" showdown, where anything goes.

Exact specifications on engine regulations and class rules are available on the Seymour speedway website at www.seymorespeedway.com. Kart Entry Fee is \$15 and a Pit Pass

is \$5. The Gates will open at 9:00 am, Hot Laps begin at 11:00am and Heat Races begin at 2:00pm.

This race has been a long dream of some native Knox City residents. Jarred and Terry Pepper have been dreaming of bringing these type of races to Knox City for a while. They have been participants in the Seymour Circuit Races and their daughter, Leighton Pepper, holds the second place title for the Stock Animal class in that circuit.

To help this dream come to fruition, the community of Knox County has come together and many have donated their time and energy to make the "Great Pumpkin Shootout" a reality. Riley Carver cleaned up the area where the track is now located, Winford McQueen dug up the ground and J. Bob Eaton and Jeremy Eaton Dozer Service built the track with dirt donated from Glen Lewis and A Team Construction. The county paid for the equipment used to move dirt to make the track/fair

This will be a fun day for everyone, even those not interested in lawn mowers or go karts. During the lull between the racings, there are many activities for the crowd. Children 10 and under can bring their bikes and enter in an intermission race, or you can show up wearing your most creative Halloween costume and enter a Best Costume Contest. There are trophies for all the races (including the bicycle race at intermission) and the costume

If this turns out to be a successful event, Knox Citizens can get used to these kinds of festivities as the Seymour Circuit Go Kart and Mower Races will add the Knox City Track to their schedules and this may become a monthly or even a bimonthly event.

If you're still wound up after seeing such exciting races, don't worry there is more to do on Saturday October 25. The K. C. V. F. D. is having a haunted house the same

Bobby O'Neal, C. H. Underwood, James Manning, Jimmy Johnston, Roy Don Henry, Mark Lippard, Bill Duncan, Donnie Johnston, Jackie Cate, and Sonny Correll. The 1972 football players present were Coach C.H. Underwood, Players Arly Watson, Danny Del Hierro, Eulalio Garcia, Bert Gutierrez, Tony Alsides and Charles CassillasCoach Thorn and Coach Underwood were each given a crystal trophy stating "your energy, spirit and leadership will remain with us forever" by their team players that were present. In 1975 the last football team at O'Brien High were District Runner-Up. The class of 1948 celebrated their 60th Anniversary. 8 out of the 10 that graduated attended. They were Daniel (Babe) Banner, Jean Oliver Banner, Margaret Ann Waldrip Hill, Edith Poe Broach, Glen Dale Beauchamp, Dean Dozier Johnston, Vondell Reed Reynolds and Ramona

Clark Horne. A big hit this time was playing O'Brien Trivia. Many stories were shared and each trivia winner was given a bulldog pin.

On Friday night everyone enjoyed a meal hotdogs, chips and cookies and winning Bingo prizes.

Saturday many reconnected with their classmates and teachers some for the first time in many years. Pictures from the good ole days were viewed throughout the day.

Thank you to the O'Brien Exes who made such an effort to attend--you made this Homecoming a great success. Many of you attended for the first time since you attended school there. We hope next time the same people come and bring a classmate or two who have never attended before too. Remember the Homecoming is held every other year on the second weekend in October so mark your calendars-next Homecoming will be on October 8-10, 2010.

O'Brien Homecoming 2008



Coach C.H. Underwood, Arly Watson, Danny Del Hierro, Eulalio Garcia, Bert Gutierrez, Tony Alsides and **Charles Cassillas**

Amanda Sandusky

O'Brien Homecoming a Coast to Coast Affair was held October 10-12 at the O'Brien School. Over 200 exes attended some came from as far away as California and Tennessee to reunite with their friends. The oldest ex that attended was Avis Walsworth Johnston who is 91 years old. The last year she attended school in O'Brien was 1932. The main focus

1940 coached by Jimmy Wyatt. In 1960 Charles Thorn began coaching football at O'Brien. He holds a 5 year Football Regional Champions. They were both undefeated and back then Regional was as far as teams could go in the play-offs. It is likely that

was football played at O'Brien High. gone to and won state each year. The earliest football team was in In 1970 C. H Underwood began coaching football. His 4 year record stands at 40 wins and 3 losses. In 1972 Coach Underwood's team record of 45 wins and 5 losses. In were the First State Champions in 1962 & 1964 his teams were 6-Man Texas 6-Man Football. They were the third undefeated team in O'Brien history with a record of 12 wins and no losses. 1962 and 1964 football players present at Homecoming their undefeated teams could have were Coach Charles Thorn, Players

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TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION **State Capital** HIGHLIGHTS



By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - With clogged credit markets and stocks zooming up and down, Gov. Rick Perry on Oct. 15 asked state agencies to limit travel and cut discretionary spending before the slowdown in the national economy hits Texas.

On the same day, Perry sent out a news release quoting an Oct. 10 Forbes magazine story rating cities across the nation.

The story says "the economic storm sweeping the country has left Americans with few places to hide. But those looking to hunker down Report: Texas Cities Among Nation's Best In Bang For Buck might want to head to Texas,

where they can get the best value for their dollar." According to the Forbes

story, Austin and San Antonio top the list of places where money goes farthest.

"Residents of (Austin and San Antonio) enjoy affordable housing and promising prospects for job growth in coming years. Houston and Dallas also land in the top 10, at Nos. 4 and 7, respectively."

Forbes quoted economist Andrew Gledhill of Moody's Economy.com who said military bases in San Antonio are a draw that spurs widespread job growth.

"Texas, as a whole, is one of the few economies that's performing extremely well because of the energy and technology sectors," Gledhill told Forbes.

U.S. Department of Labor statistics show the jobless rate in the Lone Star State is at 5 percent, or 1 percent lower than the national unemployment rate.

Youth Commission Gets New Chief

Gov. Perry on Oct. 14 named Cherie Townsend of Austin as executive commissioner of the Texas Youth Commission and removed the agency from conservatorship.

The TYC was placed in conservatorship in March 2007 after state officials received allegations of various forms of abuse and reports of failures and wrong-doing by staff.

The agency's stated mission is to provide for the care, custody, rehabilitation and reestablishment of Texas' most chronically delinquent and serious juvenile offenders, ages 10 to 19.

Townsend succeeds Richard Nedelkoff, who Perry

named conservator and acting executive director of the TYC in December 2007. Nedelkoff succeeded Ed Owens who for six months served as conservator and acting executive director of the agency.

Ag Calls For Tougher Laws

The Texas attorney general's fugitive unit on Oct. 9 tracked down and arrested a Dallas man wanted for failing to register as a sex offender.

The man, a convicted sex predator, was caught operating a sexually oriented Web site.

After the arrest, Attorney General Greg Abbott said the case indicates that tougher laws are needed to ensure law enforcement can properly monitor known sexual predators.

Abbott recommended that registered sex offenders be required to supplement existing registration data by also providing the Texas Department of Public Safety with their e-mail addresses and online identities, mobile telephone numbers, social networking aliases and other electronic identification information.

State Money Web Site Wins Award

The Center for Digital Government on Oct. 14 presented the Office of the Texas Comptroller with two 2008 Best of Texas awards.

An award for Best Technology Solution Serving the Public went to the agency for Where the Money Goes, a virtual check register providing details on state agency expenditures.

The Visionary Award was presented to Victor Gonzalez, director of innovation and chief technology officer for the comptroller's office, for "a vision of government made more accessible, more efficient, more open and more account-

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able through the use of technology."

The Center for Digital Government is a national research and advisory institute focusing on information technology policies and best practices in state and local govern-

Early Voting Begins Across Texas

Early voting takes place from Oct. 20-31 in all of Texas' 254 counties.

Texas Secretary of State Hope Andrade on Oct. 17 suggested that Texans vote early in the Nov. 4 general election.

"I encourage voters to take advantage of the convenience afforded by the early voting

"We anticipate a la rge voter turnout for the general election. By voting early you can avoid the long lines we expect to see on Election Day," Andrade said.

By Ace Reid

According to a new study set to appear in the American Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry, surfing the Web could be beneficial for the brain. The study was made at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Volunteers carried out different tasks on the computer including Web searches and book-reading while undergoing functional magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) brain scans. During the MRI, they were given search tasks such as finding out how to choose a car etc.

"The bottom line is, when older people read a simulated book page, we see areas of the brain activated that you'd expect, the visual cortex, and areas that control language and reading," Small said. "When they search on the Internet, they use the same areas, but there was much greater activation particularly in the front part, which controls decision-making and complex reasoning. But it was only for the people who had previous experience with the internet.

Scientists and researchers now say "mental workouts" can improve concentration and help prevent dementia and memory loss. As a child of an Alzheimer's victim, I'll be exercising my brain until I no longer can. I would suggest you encourage your parents or grandparents to exercise their brains as well. Puzzles, books, the Internet, etc. could be one way to staving off a horrible disease,

Sex offenders in Maryland will not be giving candy to trick-or-treaters. They are receiving paper signs in the mail that read "No candy at this residence," which they are required to post on their front doors or possibly face a parole violation.

The signs began arriving last week and were accompanied by a letter explaining they must stay at home, turn off outside lights and not answer the

door on Halloween. "Halloween provides a rare opportunity for you to demonstrate to your neighbors that you are making a sincere effort to change the direction of your life," the letter to sex offenders reads.

Maryland is also distributing pamphlets statewide to warn families to stay away from 1,200 homes with the pumpkin signs.

Maryland began the program in

If your wife is overweight, it could be your fault.

A study analyzing the female weight cycle found that happiness or the lack thereof - greatly affects the woman's waistline, London's Daily Mail reported this week.

The report found that females gained and lost weight in stages.

Stage one resulted in an average loss of five pounds when the relationship begins.

When the woman gets comfortable with their partner, they start to gain weight.

Wedding plans also send the scales down as women tend to lose weight before their big day.

The arrival of a baby then reverses the weight loss, followed by diet plans to lose weight gained when pregnant.

The study, done by the U.K. weight management form www.slendex.com, involved 3,000 women and found weight varied an average of 28 pounds during the mentioned stages.

So, who is to blame for my weight gain? Certainly not me. How about Little Debbie!

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Knox County Grand Jury Indictments

Jermane Dockins - Theft over \$1,500 but less then \$20,000

Lawrence Collier - Credit Card Abuse

William Dodson - Unauthorized use of motor vehicle

Bobby Dockins - Possession of a controlled substance, namely cocaine,

four grams or more but less than 200 grams

Rachael Oden - Unauthorized use of motor vehicle Eriberto Cardenas - Injury to a child

Joshua Dockins - Sexual assault of a child

Buddy Dockins - Credit Card Abuse Whitney Sanders - Credit Card Abuse

Catrina Davis – Theft over \$20,000 or more but less than \$100,000 Cierra Hands - Theft over \$20,000 or more but less than \$100,000

Alfred Carroll - Theft over \$20,000 or more but less than \$100,000

William Hunter - Theft

Stephen Ford - Burglary of a building Stephen Ford - Burglary of a building

Oscar Cumba - Assault with Bodily Injury (family violence) Enhanced

Vanessa Blaylock - Theft over \$1,500 but less then \$20,000

Vanessa Blaylock – Theft Against Elderly Individual

Vanessa Blaylock - Theft Against Elderly Individual Rodney Hodges - Evading Arrest

Rodney Hodges - Burglary of a Building Andrew Masias - Aggravated Assault

United States Department of Agriculture

Natural Resources Conservation Service James E. "Bud" Smith Plant Materials Center Knox City, TX

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"Maw, I said you could have a new dress this month if we made ends meet, but these bills have headed your end plumb off!"

@ ACE REID

10/21/08

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by Charley & Guy Orbison

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Halloween Proclamation

WHEREAS, Halloween is a holiday commonly observed by young children through an evening activity know as "Trick or Treat" and should have every protection in pursuit of this enjoyment; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of establishing an added degree of uniformity regarding the date on which Halloween is observed in the City of

Knox City, Texas; and WHEREAS. It is observed in Knox City, for this year of 2008 on November 1 (Saturday);

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jeff Stanfield, Mayor of the City of Knox City, Texas, do hereby proclaim Saturday, November 1, 2008, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., as the date observation of HALLOWEEN "TRICK OR TREAT"

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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

VEGAN DISCRIMINATION

We were having friends over for a BBQ last August. As we planned the menu, my wife said, "Oh, Mike's daughter is a vegetarian! We'll need to make her a separate meal!

"Just make her a turkey sandwich," I suggested.

"No, I'm serious, she said, "We've got to make her something special."

I wonder if a family of vegans would worry that much about a future carnivorous daughter-in-law's first supper with the new family?

"Hi, Mom. This is Priscilla. She eats meat. But don't go to any extra trouble. Maybe some country style spareribs or beef tongue. Oh, and she's sensitive to bean sprouts and tofu. Make sure it doesn't touch her plate!

When I was a lad growing up on the border, our school lunch program always had cheese enchiladas on Friday. Even the Baptists were forced to eat a meatless meal. I always thought the least they could do was let us gentiles scatter a little shredded beef or goat meat on the enchilada, but alas, it was not to be.

Then one day the Catholic church put a McDonald's franchise in the Vatican and rescinded Meatless Friday!

Lately restaurants have been flaunting their meat; Chicken nuggets, the Flatiron steak, BBQ sauce, Atlantic salmon and sushi. It wouldn't surprise me if restaurants started asking vegans to sit in a segregated area, maybe with the smokers. In a glassed-in space where the cooking odors of broccoli, ramps and boiled cabbage could be trapped away from the meat eaters. Nationally carnivores might proclaim a NO VEG-**ETABLES WEEK!**

Then again, it could backfire on the purveyors of pork, poultry, beef, lamb and fish. The vegans would retaliate with CARROT MONTH!, BEANS FOR A DAY! Or ZUCCINI...IT'S WHAT'S FOR DINNER!

The vegans would sue for discrimination, have themselves declared an official minority, file a class-action suit against meat-only restaurants. They could base it on the premise that vegans are either nutritionally disabled or an endangered species. Make it a hate crime to call someone a Vegaholic, Lettuce Head, or Beet Freak. The politically correct term would be Vegan-American, or RHD, Rumen-Deprived-Herbivore.

But as Rodney King said, "Why can't we just get along," meat somewhere in the middle like baloney on whole wheat toast. Well, all this talk about food is makin' me hungry. I think I'll fix me a nutritious meal that consists of all the food groups; animal, vegetable and mineral...a bratwurst on white bread with Miracle Whip. And, maybe a Styrofoam cup for

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The Continuation Of The History Of O'Brien

Courtesy of the Munday Courier

Like many towns on the western plains O'Brien, Texas grew up after the establishment of the railroads.

It was May 3, 1902 when the Panhandle and Gulf Railroad Company purchased a strip of land one hundred feet wide and the length of his estate from Tom Carney. The total purchase was for a sum of \$1.00. However, the railroad was not constructed at this time.

In 1903 Mr. Carney again sold land to the railroad but his time it was a more sizeable tract which he sold for \$3,000.00. The Orient Land Company of Mississippi secured the land for the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railroad. The railroad grade was completed later that year.

By December 9, 1905 the railroad was running through Sagerton. Through out 1906 the tracks slowly expanded north through Rule, Rochester and O'Brien. On July 4, 1906 the line reached Knox City.

By December 30, 1905 Milnor P. Paret, a civil engineer, had completed the plotting of blocks, streets and alleys of the little town called Carney. The town began to grow somewhere around the year 1905. It bore the time and became known as O'Brien in 1906. The name change would be made to honor Nick J. O'Brien, Texas Manager of the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railroad.

Rapid growth took place around this same time frame and nine stores were moved to O'Brien from Cliff in 1905. Cliff was located approximately 4 miles east of O'Brien. The Carney family lived in a hotel which had approximately forty rooms, 8 of which were used by the family. There was also a store located on the bottom floor of the hotel and a dry goods store in the back of the same hotel.

build a Baptist College in O'Brien Citizens State Bank, which it still of O'Brien.

with the movement being headed up by Brother James. The project was dropped after Brother James passed

The small town supported a hardware stores, a Carney Bottling Works, a printing office, a gin, a blacksmith shop, a livery stable, a general store, a confectionery, 2 lumber yards, dry goods and grocery stores, a telephone office and more. Eventually there were 3 lumber yards, 2 blacksmith shops, more than one hotel, and perhaps fifteen

On Saturday "Booger Red" would bring his traveling rodeo to town. The rodeo was held east of the stores that were present at that time. People from all around the area would bring wagons and form a circle, creating a rodeo arena. A favorite past time of the children involved shaving ice and pouring a flavored syrup over it. Adults enjoyed finding out who had the strongest horse by placing a sack filled with sand and tied with a 100 foot rope to the collar of the horse. The horse that moved the sack the furthest was the strongest.

No accurate date has been fixed name of Carney only for a short for the opening of a private bank established in O'Brien but it was around 1916 when L. H. Nicks (a cashier) organized this private bank as a State Bank. Mr. Nicks operated the newly formed State Bank until April 1, 1918 when T.E. Robbins bought Nicks' interest and became

In 1918 there were five directors: J. Pickerell, P. R. Bettes, Ed Couch, Ab Benedict, and T.E. Robbins. From 1918 until 1922 the capital stock of this bank was around \$12,500 and the surplus was \$5,000. The bank sold on November 1922 to Guaranty State Bank which meant a move from O'Brien to Knox City. In 1906 there was an attempt to The name was changed in 1925 to the final installment of the History

bears today.

In 1906 the Trustees of Carney Independent School District purchased eight lots from the Trustees of Orient Land Company at the low price of \$1.00. Soon the first school building was under construction which would hold ten grades upon completion. The green 2-story building held four rooms and four teachers. Students sat two to a desk. Mr. Eliot was the first superintendent of the newly founded school district.

By 1908 there were approximately 120 students with about thirty attending classes in each room. Alvis Eugene Caldwell took over the job os Superintendent in 1915.

Mrs. Dave Vannoy remembered participating in a senior class play and using the money charged for entry to purchase basketball goals for the coutdoor court and a "nice, new dictionary for the school."

The girls at Carney school began playing basketball in about 191 on a dirt court. The court was located west and slightly south of the Methodist Church. Later another court was added near the Johnny Reid home. The girls uniforms consisted of long skirts, blouses and high top shoes.

It was around the year of 1916 that a square, two story, brick building replaced the original wood building. There was an auditorium and two rooms upstairs. The Auditorium also served as a study hall. Another auditorium was later added.

In 1925 the boys began playing basketball at Carney. They journeyed all the way to Foster to participate in the sport.

Foster was southeast of Rochester. Tom Moore was the coach at that time and unfortunately the first "away" game ended in defeat for the boys from O'Brien.

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a freelance writer for Blackburn Media Group, divides her time mostly between Abilene and the family farm north of Vernon.

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But even if we're not on a first name basis, they must know much about me. " ... you have provided us with some personal information about yourself," they said.

I did? When? What did I say? I looked again at the subject line of the email: "Notice of Change to P&G Global Privacy Statement."

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think of it. But I'm not quite ready to be so international. In fact, the thought of a relationship right now with Procter & Gamble, global or domestic, just doesn't appeal to me. Maybe later.

So I opted to unsubscribe from the P&G emailing list.

- one that takes the sting out of the harsh old phrase "cancel my subscription," most often seen in indignant letters to magazine and newspaper editors. Even so, I'm still a little bit concerned about hurting their feelings. Will P&G think I don't trust them or that I don't like Tide and Crest? Or that I still believe that malicious e-rumor that circulated a few years ago about them being the beast in the book of Revelation or whatever it was? So I worry a little.

Yep, how we handle such e-situations evokes feelings rooted in earlier phases of our lives, namely third grade, when we first learned the art of managing relationships with others through written communication - passing notes in

Procter & Gamble was being straight with me, and what did I do? I spurned them. The words to a George Strait song come to mind:

be my friend?

"Unsubscribe" is a good word And if you do, well then don't be afraid to take me by the hand, if you want to. I think this is how love goes. Check yes or no. Yep. That's close to a perfect fit.

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WESTERN MUSIC CAMP TO BE HELD AT SKY CAMP RESORT LOCATED ON BEAUTIFUL POSSUM KINGDOM LAKE.

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J. W. Sollis, coordinator of the Music Camp, stated other instructors will include Neal Butler a proven musician with a keen knowledge as a guitar player. Kalli Harbin from Lubbock, Texas and a veteran fiddle instructor will work with Bobby Boatright as a fiddle instructor. Additional well known instructors will be announced at a later date if

is a perfect fit as the lead Fiddle Instructor as his love for education is almost as strong as his love for Western Swing Music. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Mathematics, and two Master degrees-one in Mathematics and one in Physics. His music career has spanned more than 50 years, beginning in the Fifties at the age of 14 when he played with Bill Mack's band on radio and television show and for dances and stage shows through out Texas and on "Austin City Limits", and the "Texas Connections", and has appeared on stage with Bob Wills, contact J. W. Sollis P. O. Box 370, Light Crust Doughboys, George Strait, Willie Nelson, Red Steagall, Mel Tillis, Marty Robbins, Tex lis@yahoo.com.

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Ritter, Janie Frickie, Floyd Tilman, Bob Boatright, according to Sollis, Smiley Burnett, Sheb Wooley, and a host of others.

Tommy Allsup started his career in 1949. In 1958 he met Buddy Holly and played lead guitar. He continued playing with Buddy Holly until the fatal plane crash that took Buddy Holly's life along with the "Big Bopper", and Ritchie Valens. It was Tommy Allsup who flipped the coin with Ritchie Valens for a seat on the ill-fated plane. Tommy Allsup became as well known for his producing as he did for his guitar ability. Oklahoma. Boatright has appeared He has produced many well known

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CAUSE NO. 2475

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

KNOX COUNTY, TEXAS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Independent Administration for the Estate of Rita Ann Curd, Deceased, were issued on August 18, 2008, in Cause No. 2475, pending in the County Court, Knox County, Texas, to: William Jackson Curd.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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Born July 31, 1922 in St. Louis, Mexico, Jack was a son of Martin and Sara (Alvarado) Pineda. He was an U.S. Army Veteran of WWII and married Ruby Escobedo. She preceded him in death in 1995. Jack worked for many years as a professional painter and was a faithful member of Saint Michael's Catholic Church.

He served as first President of Saint Michael's Parish Council and a Cursillo member. He later married Pauline Everett May 23, 1998 and moved to Knox

He was preceded in death by his first wife (Ruby Pineda) and four sis-

Survivors include son, Daril Pineda and wife, Arlene of Big Springs; two daughters, Lupe Moreno and husband, Eddie of Lubbock and Josie Pineda of Anson; three sisters,

Delia Galvan, Gracie Galvan and Sally Nunez all of Anson; 9 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren; step children, Margaret Saliceda, George Casillas, Gloria Vasquez, Gilbert Casillas, Edmond Casillas, Nita Casillas, Tony Casillas, Phyllis Molina, Janie Perkins and Maxine Hasten.

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It is also wonderful to receive "spiritual" rain. "Spiritual Rain" would be our blessings, and instruction from God. These are the times that God speaks directly to us; softly, but direct. We may find ourselves living in the storms of life, believing the skies will never clear, or we may feel continually overcast; believing that this is just the way it will always be. Occasionally the storms threaten and the thunder claps, the winds may roar, but in conclusion the gentle rain removes all fear. God works this way as well; [2Timothy 1: 12] "for God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline." It is

in these times of spiritual infilling of God's gentleness, kindness, and love that we fill the power of His gentle rains. This is His "spiritual rain" that calms and soothes the heart and removes the worries and stress. Look for God to bless you this week with gentle rain that will wash you clean and make you feel fresh and new, ready to nurture others and see yourself grow. I pray you experience the love of God in every way ever day.



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Benjamin Jr. High 49 Patton Springs 0

On Thursday, October 16th, the Benjamin Jr. High Mustangs took on the Patton Springs Rangers. After the lengthy trip, the young Mustangs were prepared to, "bring it!". The Jr. High Mustangs were able to take over the Rangers' field and dominated throughout the entire game. The youthful group of players opened the two game night with a very successful outcome. Benjamin Jr. High beat Patton Springs 49 to 0. Matt Acree threw two touchdown passes and had one rushing touchdown of 38 yards. Bryston Pierce caught one touchdown pass for 37 yards by Acree and gained one rushing touchdown of eight yards. Kellen Loftiss caught Acree's other touchdown pass for 33 yards. Jonathan Rodriquez accomplished two rushing touchdowns one of 38 yards and the other was 14 yards. Cody Potter had one rushing touchdown for 28 yards. Together, the team played an outstanding game. The young Mustangs hold a 2-3 overall record and 1-1 in district play. Coach Loftiss said, "Jr High Mustang defense held the Ranger spread offense leaving the Rangers score-

Benjamin 76 Patton Springs

Varsity Mustangs continued the winning streak at Patton Springs on Thursday, October 16th. During the first portion of play, the Mustangs gave Patton Springs no hope in overpowering the training that they had endured the previous weeks of practice.

The Mustang team had the skills and determination to follow through to a victory. However, after halftime, the Rangers came out on the field with a vengeance. Patton Springs tried to use their intense strength to keep the Benjamin guys in line.

The Mustangs rallied together and worked beyond the hard hits and flag

flying circumstances to leave the Rangers in the dust. The Cheerleaders, Giddy Up, and fans kept the team confident with the chants, applause and yells. Coach Lotiss ended his night with a complete sense of accomplishment. Although the Mustangs are currently 1-1 in district, they have only just begun.

Benjamin: 14, 16, 22, 24= 76 Patton Springs: 6, 6, 20, 6= 38 1st Downs (B-12, PS-9) Total Offense (B-581, PS-456) Rushing (B- 35 for 370, PS- 47 for

Passing (B- 11/15/211, PS- 3/12/73)

Fumbles/Lost (B- 1/1, PS- 6/4) Gilbert Nevarez- rushing 9/95 2TD, passing 7/7/89 2TD, receiving 1/18; Dillon Loftiss- passing 1/1/18, receiving 2/30 2TD; Derrick Northrup-rushing 11/147 3TD, passing 3/5/104 1TD, receiving 2/23; Mitchell Ham- receiving 1/18; Dylan Benson- 14/120 3TD, receiving 5/122 1TD

Benjamin Mustangs will be traveling to Harrold on Friday, October 24th kick-off will begin at 7:30pm.

The coaches, team and cheerleaders would appreciate it if all of the Mustang Fans could come out and support 'em.

The Lady Stangs Stand Victorious over the Undefeated Rotan Benjamin Lady 'Stangs lead the battle of the Brazos for a second time on

Tuesday, October 14th in Knox City. The Ladies took on the Houndettes and defeated them three out of four games. Although the Houndettes gave the Stangs a run for their money in the second match, Benjamin had only began to warm up. The Lady 'Stangs prevailed over the Houndettes performance and sounds of the crowd with grace, strength, and determination. Devon Jones: 4 Aces, 11 Assists; Teri Miller: 13 Kills; Jessica Vanderpol: 2 Aces, 3 Kills, 8 Assists; Brittany Coop: 6 Kills; Tabby Golden: 11 Kills Benjamin 25, 21, 25, 25

Knox City 19, 25, 14, 13

On Saturday, October 18th, Benjamin faced the district's undefeated Rotan Yellow Hammers. The team had competed against Rotan once before and lost. The Ladies spent numerous hours practicing their skills in order to prepare themselves for this particular match. The Lady 'Stangs knew that they had the perfect opportunity to gain the victory and become tied for first place in district. Though Benjamin won the first match with a breeze, Rotan forced the Ladies to compete with all their might to succeed in the final two games of play. Devon Jones: 6 Aces, 2 Kills, 5 Assists; Teri Miller: 10 Kills; Jessica Vanderpol: 1 Kill, 8 Assists; Tabby Golden: 8 Kills; Raquel Acevedo: 8 Aces... The Benjamin Lady Mustangs hold a 6-1 record in district play and an overall record of 14-11. Benjamin 25, 27, 25

Rotan 15, 25, 23

Lady 'Stangs will have their final district game (unless the need for a tie breaker) in Munday on Tuesday, October 28th at 6:30pm. The Ladies need as much support as possible in order to keep them encouraged and focused.



Shelby Russell

Grade: 10th Age: 15 Parent: Kim Moore Siblings: Sami Jo (18) School Involvements: Athletics, U.I.L., Fall Fest Program

My claim to fame is: Cheering people up. If I could be anyone for a day I would be: Stephenie Meyer, I would love to know friendly. where she gets all her ideas from, and The last book I read was: Great Gasby what she is writing next.

My "American Idol" is: My Mom, Kim



Raquel Acevedo

Grade: 11th Age: 16 Nickname: Kelli Sue Parents: Emilia & Panch Acevedo Enrique (22), Maria (22), Tomas (21), Julia (18), Judith (18), Roberto (16) School Involvements: Golf, Basketball

My favorite subject is: Geometry.

BENJAMIN By Gladene Green

These Monday mornings seem to come around pretty often. I no sooner get one column ready til it's time for another! So here I am- again.

There's not a whole lot of news this week. But will fill you in on what I do know.

Regarding Our Ill

Weldon Gideon was seriously injured in an automobile accident last Monday night west of Benjamin. He was taken to Knox County Hospital and later transferred to Wichita Falls where he has been at United Regional every since.. His condition is still very serious and no mention is being made as to when he may be released. His daughter, Lana Mendoza of Seymour and Sue Terry of Dallas have been with him in Wichita Falls.

Deann Lamb had back surgery last Wednesday in Wichita Falls. It was about a 2 hour procedure and she only had to stay in the hospital over night. She is much better and free of much of the pain she has had so long.

Little Rowdy Bradley was injured in a rodeo accident at Post Saturday night. He was in the Shetland Pony race and at the end of the race hit the fence bruising him pretty badly and he also got a cut under his chin which required 9 stitches. That sudden stop shook him up a lot. He spent Saturday night in ICU in a Lubbock Hospital. Was released Sunday but still pretty sore today. Rowdy is the 7 year old son of Blaine Conner Bradley Neal and Ray Bradley.

Candace Hudgins spent one night last week in the Seymour Hospital. Candace suffers from asthma and certain things bring these attacks on. She is the 11/2 year old daughter of Chance and

Please remember all these friends in your prayers.

Sports

Last week was a good week for Benjamin sports. In football, Jr. High and High School traveled to Patton Springs Thursday night and both teams won. The volleyball girls were also victorious in both their endeavors last week defeating Knox City Tuesday night and Rotan on Saturday. The boys play Harrold there Friday night and the girls host Childress Tuesday.

Going Away Party

Toby Whisenhunt will be honored with a farewell party Saturday, November 25 at the Museum here in Benjamin.

Toby has been employed by the Historical Commission for almost 11 years but is retiring and moving to Lubbock. The party will be at 2 p.m. and the public is invited to attend to help honor Toby. She has worked hard and many hours helping with all the hard work that has gone into that project. I hope to see you there.

Here 'N There

Steve and Maggie Power of Midland visited his mom Lorene Powers last weekend.

Rayburn Layton is back home after suffering a stroke and spending several days in a Wichita Falls Hospital and rehab. Reports are that he is feeling pretty well most of the time and that is great news.

Jack and Mary Young and their son and his wife, Jack Jr. and Cindy of Round Rock spent last week on a fishing trip to Corpus Christi. They had some good luck. Mary caught a 25 inch Redfish while surf fishing. They also caught several trout and other kinds as well and reported a good tie.

Clint and Missy Jones who live on the Triangle Ranch between Crowell and Paducha visited relatives and friends in Benjamin last weekend. They have a new baby girl born on October 7. Sierra Saige was born in a Lubbock Hospital. She weighed 5 lbs. plus was 19 inches long. Her siblings, Levi, Colby and Abbi are very proud of their new playmate.

Our friend, Sequoia Reynolds of Knox City has been quite ill in an Abilene Hospital. Reports Sunday were that she seemed better on Saturday.

They were hoping for a diagnosis of her condition today. She was being tested for several things. We certainly wish her well and ask for your prayers for her as well as all who are having problems.

Special thanks to Donnie Ricks and Joyce Offutt for their kind words regarding my news. Donnie said her mom, Wretha Fitzgerald enjoys reading all about Benjamin weekly and Joyce said she reads it faithfully as well. Appreciate it, yall!

The PTO fall festival is Saturday night in the gym. All kinds of booths, cake walk, bingo, dunking tank, and many more attractions lend a carnival air to an evening of fun. The evening will end with the coronation of the Harvest Royalty. Doors open about 5:30 p.m.

BY BRITTANY COOP

With a week to go until the annual Fall Festival, school activities are in full swing. Every class is busy selling raffle tickets to benefit their classes. The high school students are also working hard to write and perform a play for the autumn celebration. Of the progress so far, Producer Leah Vanderpol, senior, says, "All of the classes are really pulling together and we are confident in our ability to create something great".

On Tuesday, the girl's volleyball team traveled to Knox City and de-Siblings: Carmen (26), Sandra (24), feated the Houndettes for the second time in district play. On Thursday, the Mustangs were in Patton Springs for the high school football game. They "cooked up a victory" which was the theme for Thursday's pep rally. Some people don't know that I: Can be Saturday, the Rotan Yellowhammers came to Benjamin and were defeated by the Lady Stangs. This tied Rotan and Benjamin for first place as each team now has one loss in district play. The week was challenging but rewarding for Benjamin High School students.



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Grade: 9th

Jessica Alba

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Nickname: Pedro

Age: 14

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School Involvements: All Sports except:

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My claim to fame is: A KNOW it ALL.

At a fantasy dinner I would invite: the

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Parents: James & Stacia Propps

Grade: 10th

Nickname: Pompy

Siblings: Chance (21)

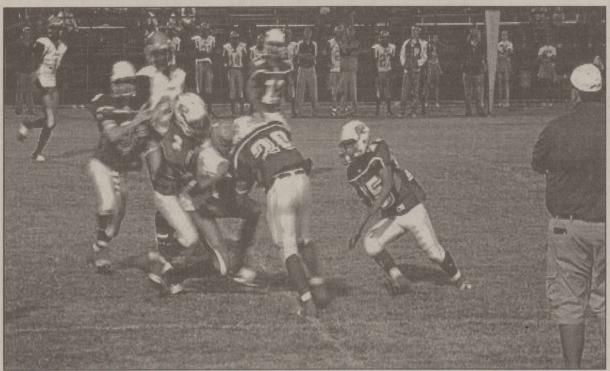
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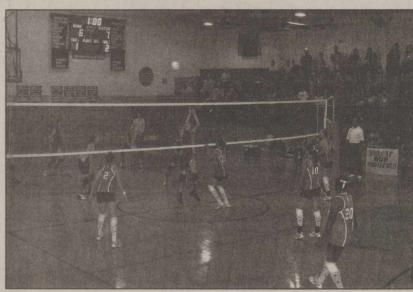
The Paducah Dragons were in for a Friday night fight when they came to town to take on the Knox City Greyhounds in the second game of the District 5-Division 1 race. The Greyhounds came out throwing knock out punches early but could not hold off the Dragons come from behind victory. Coach Steele said, "We came out and played great football for most of the first half. We scored with 4:20 left in the first half to take the lead 22-16 and then we let them run the ensuwe fumbled and they scored on their an interception and they return it for a touchdown. You cannot let a team like Paducah have any momentum. We did and it just snowballed on us. I am really proud of the way the guys came out and started the game. We just have to finish like we started.'

Offensively the Greyhounds struggled to move the ball on the ground due to the speed and quickness of the Dragons. The Hounds carried the ball 29 times and averaged 3.1 yards per carry on the ground. Leading rushers for the Hounds were MJ Abila with 37 yards, 1 TD and Ryan Ledesma with 27 yards. Abila was the leading passer with 12 completions on 20 attempts for 140 yards, 2 les each all thought we played pretty TD's and 3 INT's. Jordan Carter was the leading receiver with 6 catches for 77 yards and 1 TD. Ledesma had a ing kick off back. The next possession touchdown catch of 27 yards. Coach us. We told the guys that the only way first offensive play. Then we throw offense in the second half as we were early in the game. We got ourselves in some predictable situations with long yardage on 2nd and 3rd downs. Our passing game was probably our brightest spot of the night. Skyler Eades and Shane Strickland performed well from their offensive line spots."

The Hound defense held the Dragons in check for most of the first half. The Dragons took advantage of the Greyhounds miscues by scoring 32 points off of turnovers and special teams. Jordan Carter and Ryan Ledesma were the leading tacklers for the Hounds with 5 tackles each. Marcell Lewis, Bandy Moeller and Zach Shaver all had 4 tacksolid on the defensive side of the ball. They capitalized on our mistakes. They never did just drive it down the field on them to have big plays and that is what happened. I thought Ryan Ledesma and Zach Shaver both had a good game defensively." Coach Steele added.

The Greyhounds next game is October 25th in Crowell. Make the 40 mile drive north on Highway 6 and support your Hounds. GO HOUNDS!!!!!!!!!!!!

Knox City Volleyball Falls Short Of Victory Over Benjamin



K C Volleyball Stats

Katelin Reed was lead server with 12 followed by Brittney Gonzales with 9. Katelin Reed was lead digger with 30 digs Lacey Perce and Whitney Collins followed with 23.

Big Spike went to Katelin Reed and Whitney Collins and the Jv Big Spike went to Cassidy Carter.

"We weren't 100% because we were battling the stomach bug, but still put up a good bight. We just had trouble staying focused and we weren't able to give our all."

Season Record 14-5

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Early Injuries Keep The Bulldogs From Victory Over The Lizards

The Paducah Lizards beat the O'Brien Bulldogs Thursday night in Paducah. This sends the Bulldogs record to 0-2 in district with Crowell on the schedule for this week. "We didn't come out in the 1st half at all." said Coach Maxwell. There were a couple early injuries that the team had to work through and make personnel adjustments. "Blayne Bradley came in and stepped up for us. With Carter getting hurt early, Bradley managed the game well and didn't make any mistakes." added Coach Webb. The lone Bulldog score was a pass from Jose Espinal to Tylynne Eaton. Zack Rodriguez had a couple good runs from the fullback position and Garret Fox caught a pass. "Overall we had a couple players who played well the whole game." Coach Howeth. On the defensive side of the ball the Bulldogs played well late, but like the offense did not start the game well. "Our kids need to mature through the rest of this year and start steeping up earlier in the game. We see a little adversity and it takes us too long to respond. Second half was a vast improvement, but you can't spot a team that many points." said Coach Steele.

By Rachel Ellis

The football boys faced Paducah Friday night. They played with heart and determination but fell short of a victory. They will face off with Crowell this week. The game will be held in Crowell and will began at 7:30 p.m. Come on out and support your Hounds as they continue their district play. The pep rally will be at 3:05 p.m. This week's spirit day will be tie day. So wear your ties in support of the Hounds.

The Volleyball girls played Aspermont on Tuesday Night. They will face off with Munday this Saturday. The game will be held in Munday and will begin at 2:00

The Junior Class raffled off two cakes at the football game Friday Night. The winners were Mitzi Goodion and Rachel Ellis. The Junior Class will host their Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday November 13, 2008. See any member of the Junior Class to buy a

The band performed at the Wichtia Falls Marching Contest this Saturday at Memorial Stadium. They received the highest rating of a 1 from all three judges.

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ADDITIONAL NOTICE. TCEQ's Executive Director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. After technical review of the application is complete, the Executive Director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the application. Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the county-wide mailing list and to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the deadline for submitting public comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting on this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

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by Ryan Mills

Pasta salad always looked so good to me when I was a kid. I distinctly remember "Suddenly Salad" in the store and begging my mom for a box.

The only problem was even though they looked very tantalizing to me, when I actually ate them I wasn't very impressed. My tastes as a child didn't include many vegetables, which make up a large part of salads. But boy did they look good on the box. I learned marketing lesson No. 1 I guess you could say.

Years passed and my tastes changed and I grew to like pasta salad. I liked it so much that I made up my own.

This recipe, which I call Pepperoni Salad, can be served as a salad or eaten as the meal. We've done it both ways at my house and it works either as a light lunch or dinner or as one course of a larger

meal.

This is a very colorful dish and once you see the finished product, the first thought you are likely to have will be that of the flag of Italy. Of course, if you aren't familiar with Italy's flag then it won't mean anything to you. In case you don't know Italy's flag is a three-stripe green, white and red.

It is very easy to make and it

makes quite a bit so if you are only cooking for a couple, such as yourself and significant other, then you might want to halve the recipe. Of course as with all Italian food, the longer it sits in the fridge the better it gets so making the big batch would be fine. It saves for seven to 10 days. Actually, my wife just threw some out that I know had been in the fridge at least a month and it still smelled fine. I didn't try it and I wouldn't recommend it, but nothing was visibly growing on it.

A few tips before the recipe — I will include the black olives in the recipe but neither my wife nor mother-in-law are black olive fans so I usually leave them out when I make it at home or at the in-laws. It's good either way, just a question of whether or not you like olives. Also, as with the Loaded Spaghetti recipe a couple weeks ago, I prefer to use the cubed pepperoni. The cubed pepperoni was the basis and idea behind the entire recipe as a matter of fact, but I've had trouble getting it locally of late. Regular pepperoni slices that you dice yourself work fine. I also wouldn't advise cooking the pasta "al dente," which is firm but not hard and what the box always tells you to do. I'd go ahead and cook it until it's almost

overcooked. It's going to spend most of it's time in the fridge so the pasta will firm up later. I don't care how many Italian chefs say to cook pasta al dente, I simply don't like my pasta that hard and chewy. Feel free if you're an al dente kind of person.

Pepperoni Salad Ingredients

1 16 oz. box of Barilla Rotini

1 pinch of salt
1 red bell pepper

1 green bell pepper

1 2.25 oz can of black olives,

1 8 oz. bag of cubed pepperoni

1 large bottle Italian dressing1 bag italian blend shredded

cheese

Directions

In a large pot, cook the pasta with a pinch of salt. While stirring the pasta occasionally, chop the bell peppers. Drain the pasta and rinse in cool water. Mix together pasta, peppers, pepperoni, olives, salad dressing and cheese. Refrigerate and serve.

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