

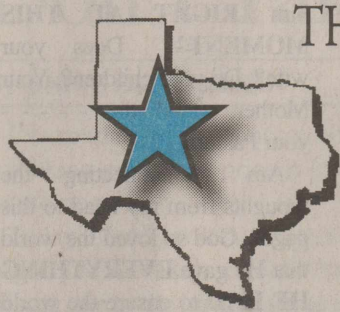


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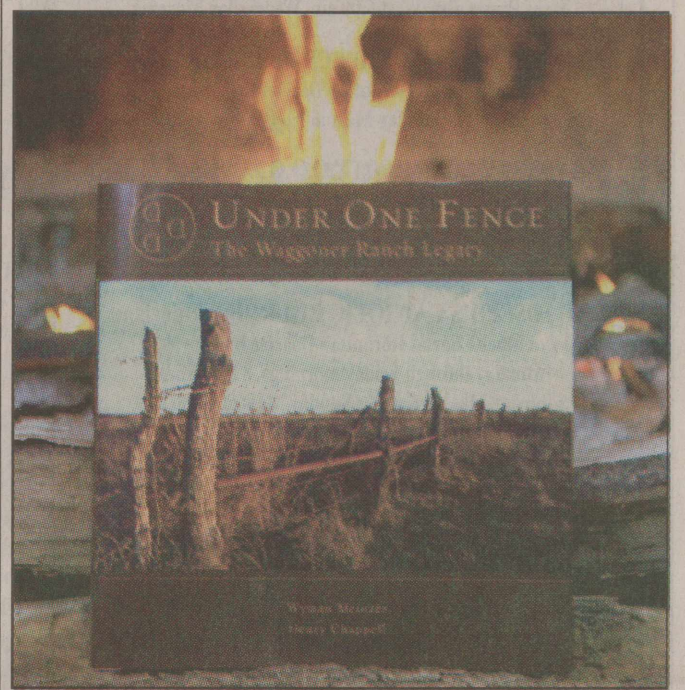
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The Hounds of Knox City won the famed Battle of Hwy 6 against Rule last Friday. For game highlights see Greyhound sports page.

Photo by Sid Smart

Meinzer to publish Under One Fence, The Waggoner Ranch Legacy



Courtesy Photo

Tamara Smart

Imagine it, 70 years ago, living in a house with no tv, no radio, no roof. Living a simple life of hard work, story-telling entertainment, and knowing the land with your hands your feet and your soul. That is the image embraced in Wyman Meinzer's new book, "Under one Fence, The Waggoner Ranch Legacy".

Wyman is known widely for his photography, and did all the photographs for this book, but Wyman is also known for his passion and his ability to see a story when it comes upon him.

The Waggoner Ranch inspired Meinzer and his writer, Henry Chappell (with whom he has worked on several books) because of many reasons. In this day and age, many of the old ranches have been fragmented and made into smaller ranches; but the Waggoner ranch has stayed as a single entity, all under one fence, expanding through parts of 6 counties. "You can drive all day and still be on the ranch," expresses Meinzer. To begin the project, Meinzer few over the ranch to try and get a perspective of the roadways and layout, but was

overwhelmed by the expanse of the terrain. "We are talking about a 525,000 acre ranch," Meinzer conveyed about his overcome emotions on the ranch.

Over the next year and a half, Meinzer and chapel spent countless hours walking the ranch, talking with old-timers and finding lost artifacts like cemeteries, old fence, red silk country and grasslands buried deep in the ranch perimeter. The men even got to witness is a rock called "Cowboy Rock" hidden in the scenery into which cowboys through the last 60-70 years have etched their names.

This is not a book that talks about today's cowboy lifestyle, or how the Ranch works on a daily basis, but rather, it celebrates the beauty of the history of the Waggoner Ranch, whose Western border only lies only 10 miles from Benjamin.

To pre order your own copy of the newest in the Wyman Meinzer/Henry Chappell collection, go by Santa Fe on the Brazos in Benjamin, or go to <http://www.santafeonthebrazos.com/unonefenceofw.html>. All copies are signed.

Bloodmobile to come on Sept 23



Photo by Tamara Smart

The Meek Blood Center Bloodmobile will be at the Knox County Hospital on Thursday, September 23 from 1 pm until 6 pm. Donors of all types are needed at this time.

"Blood donations dropped dramatically this summer,"

said Francis Baker, donor recruiter. "The blood supply is critically low and all blood types are needed. The need for blood is always there. There are many patients who depend on volunteer blood donors to save or sustain their lives while they

receive treatment for cancer, illnesses, surgeries and injuries. Many lives would be lost needlessly unless blood is available when it is needed, Baker continued.

Donors must be at least 17 years old (16 with parental consent), weigh a

minimum of 120 pounds and be in general good health. All donors must present a photo ID. Those who have eligibility questions may call the Meek Blood Center at 320-670-2798 or visit the website at www.meekbloodcenter.org.

WIC NO Longer Offering Immunizations

Effective Oct. 1, the Outreach Health Serves WIC Program will no longer provide immunizations. We may discontinue before Sept. 30 if

vaccinations are depleted. We will continue offering WIC services, nutrition education and counseling and breastfeeding support. WIC staff will also

screen immunization records and refer as needed. The hours of operation in Knox City are Tuesdays from 8:30-4:30 and closed for lunch from 12-1.

LOOKING AHEAD

O'Brien Homecoming is on the Horizon. Starting on October 8 through the 10, O'Brien graduates and all O'Brien exes are invited for food, fun, and much more. A further planning meeting to be held next Tuesday, Sept 14, at Kathy and Jacks at 6:00, and will meet weekly until

Homecoming takes place- we want and need your input.

The Lions club will host a Broom and Mop sale Sept 16 at the post office. All proceeds go toward the Blind helping the Blind.

St George Catholic Church

in Haskell will hold their annual fundraiser on Sept 19th. Come out for games, food and fun.

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

Children's Christmas Musical

Monette Vincent

They had so much fun at the "His Kids" summer program, First Baptist Church of Knox City is asking the entire community to come together again and to prepare a Children's Christmas Musical presentation. It is entitled "Star of Wonder" and is an easy-to-learn, easy-to-sing musical.

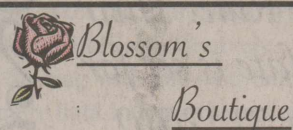
All kids in the community, Pre-K and up are invited to come together on Wednesday nights for 6:30-7:30, beginning Sept. 15, in the First Baptist Church Sanctuary.

After meeting together on Sept. 7 to finalize plans for this upcoming event, Amy Schnable of Foursquare Church, Amanda Duke of First United Methodist Church, Brandi Manning, Melissa Espinosa and Monette Vincent

of the First Baptist Church of Knox City are very excited about working together as a community along with Melisha Cox of abundant Life Christian Fellowship who was unable to attend the meeting. Others in the area churches are encouraged to also participate in production of this musical.

Tentative plans to present the "Star of Wonder" to the public are on Sunday night, Dec. 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Knox City. It is not too early to ark your calendar now for this exciting event.

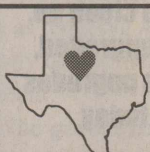
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 No Sunday Evening Service

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God's Promises

By **TEX COX**

Abundant Life Christian Church

Loving With Abandon
 John 3:16 has been on my mind a lot today. Now, you guys know I could preach this verse 100 different ways from a 100 different angles, but today..... the words "with abandon" have been on my mind. God loved us "with abandon."

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His One and Only Begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Talk about abandon! No strings! No take-backs! **Simply believe!**

Take a second and just **THINK** about **WHO** God loves!

HE LOVES US ALL!!!!!! All the WHOSOEVERS!

He even loves the ones that

don't love Him. How do I know that? Because He sent His Son to die for **THEM** too! Even though they may never partake of the benefits of His Son's death.....those who refuse Him are **still loved!**

So, Tex, what's your point? My point is more of a question: Are **YOU** ready to love with abandon?

Driving home from a week in Plano today, I passed the site where just last week one of my Dad's best friends was killed in a car accident. A hundred miles or so further down the road, I came upon the scene of another accident that had only just happened. Needless to say, another man lost his life in that particular accident.

I looked over at my wife sitting next to me, and my two year old son in the back seat, and thought to myself, "Do they have any idea at this

EXACT moment how much I love them?"

What I am trying to get at is this: when we love with abandon (irregardless of actions --- the same as Jesus --- with the love of Christ) --- those around us will **ALWAYS** have a firm grasp of our love for them.

In today's world, things happen fast. I have watched marriages limp along over some of the most absurd and ridiculous arguments or "rights".....I have watched friends tear at one another and ruin years of love --- family members send each other out the door with a harsh word, or something they wish they could take back --- all because of some supposed (or fleshly rightful) hurt the other person caused at the moment.....

What if.....what if we decided to **LOVE WITH**

ABANDON???? What if we decided to love our wives, our husbands, our children, friends, co-workers, etc., etc., **WITH ABANDON????**

Does **YOUR** husband know how much you love him **RIGHT AT THIS MOMENT?** Does your wife? Do your children? Your Mother, your Father - - - - your Pastor?

Am I connecting the thoughts from my head to this page? God so loved the world that He gave **EVERYTHING HE HAD** to ensure the world would **KNOW** the love He had for them.....**HE WITHHELD NOTHING.**

What are **YOU** withholding today?

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

(And.....**I LOVE YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**)

Obituaries

John Averitt, former Knox County resident, passed away unexpectedly at the age of 63 on September 5 in Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, Mexico.

John was born on December 14, 1946 in Knox City, TX to Richard Gerald and Ruth (Harrell) Averitt. He graduated from Knox City High School in 1965. He attended college briefly before joining the Navy. He was a Veteran of the Vietnam War.

John considered himself to be a jack-of-all-trades. He loved to rodeo in his younger days. He spent many years in the oil field, both offshore and on. He was Bexar County deputy sheriff for nearly 10 years. He owned and operated a variety of businesses before he retired. After retirement, he spent much of his time recording and editing home movies to share on Youtube and blogging as "mejicojohn" on Xanga, where he had friends all over the world. He was a member of the Villa Hidalgo chapter of the Manosos Riders motorcycle club.

John will be remembered for his sense of humor and his easy-going, fun loving nature as well as his generosity- he opened up his home to many

people in need over the years and was always quick to offer anything he had. He was a devoted father and loved his family.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents; his mother, Ruth, a stepson, Alan Prado; and sister-in-law, Nellie Averitt.

John is survived by his father and step mother, Gerald and Tomi May Averitt of Rule; wife, Irma of Nuevo Laredo, Meico; daughters, Paula Haynie and her husband, Jay; Rhonda Molina and her husband, Joseph, all of Munday; daughter, Lisa Torres and her husband, Andres, sons, John Averitt and William Averitt; step daughter, Karla Gonzalez; and Stepson, Beto Prado all of Mexico; a brother, Richard Averitt of Amarillo; and a sister colleen Fisk and her husband, Dan of Borger, eleven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews and many, many friends and acquaintances who will miss him very much.

Funeral Services took place in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico on Sunday, September 6, 2010. Plans for a memorial service to be held locally have not been finalized.

Private Applicators License Training

For those of you who are interested in receiving a Private Applicators License, a training will be held in Knox County on October 14, 2010. The training will be conducted at the Perry Patton Community Center in Munday beginning at 9:00 a.m. A Texas Department of Agriculture Representative will be present to administer the test. The cost for the license will be \$60.00 when you send in your application form in the mail. A study handbook can be picked up in the extension office for \$25.00 prior to the training.

A private applicators license allows individuals to purchase and use any kind of Restricted Use, State Limited Use Pesticide, and/or Regulated Herbicides. The Private Applicators license lasts for five years and will expire on the fifth anniversary date on which it was issued or renewed.

During this time the licensee is required to receive 15 Continuing Education Units (CEU's).

Persons seeking to acquire a license, please R.S.V.P. to the Knox County or Throckmorton Extension Offices at (940) 459-2651 or (940) 849-3220 so we can get a head count for the test. A complete list of all regularly scheduled TDA Pesticide Applicator Exam dates can be found on the TDA Website at www.TexasAgriculture.gov. Educational programs of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin. Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service or accommodation in order to participate in a meeting or program are encouraged to contact the Knox County AgriLife Extension office at (940) 459-2651.

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Robert and Sandy Espinosa of Knox City proudly announce the engagement of their daughter Ashley Espinosa to Private Nicholas Johnson, son of Michael and April Johnson of Rule. Their wedding date is set for December 31, 2010.

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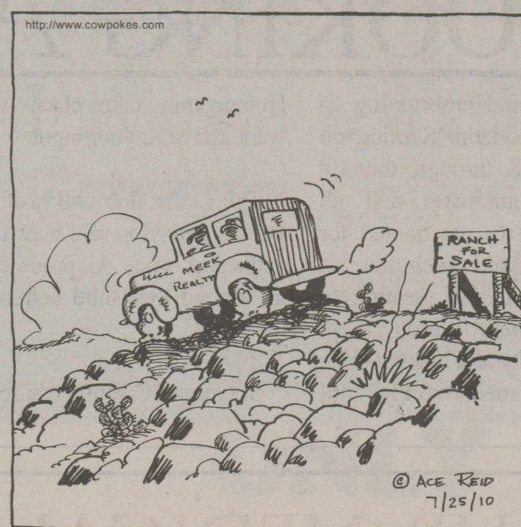
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By Ace Reid



"They said God ain't makin' anymore land! Wul, if he messed up on the rest of it like He did this, I don't blame Him!"

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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.

There's nothing like seeing a dream come true to take the romance out of the whole scenario. But I'd still like to float on a barge across Europe.

Maybe "barge" is not the right word. Or maybe it is. They're the little cousins of the big ones that ply the Mississippi. People live on them, and they carry cargo from place to place on the canals that link many cities in Europe. You can even go from country to country. Or so I've heard.

Once, probably somewhere in France, I saw a small canal barge up close. It was docked in a town. Strung on the deck was a clothesline. When I saw the laundry hung out to dry, it struck me that people lived on the little vessel. How nice.

Wouldn't it be fun to take up residency for a summer sojourn on just such a barge? My husband doesn't think so.

If I were a novelist, it's where I'd want to write my next book. He wouldn't have to accompany me. We'd just rendezvous at some point along the way. But I'm not a novelist.

I'd still like to think there's a barge in my future. Maybe a French one.

I see myself on deck in a comfortable chair in morning light, drinking strong coffee with milk and reading a local newspaper. I'd try to work the crossword puzzle.

Shore excursions would be opportunities to see if particular regions measured up to their various reputations, culinary and otherwise. If we didn't dock anywhere, I'd just watch the

world drift slowly by. That's the nice thing about canals. Everything's close at hand, even if you don't get to stop and explore.

I'd take my little three-speed folding bicycle along. Canals run through level environs nice for lazy cycling. Roads run alongside. Who knows? Maybe I could travel as fast as the barge and pedal the route for a day? Maybe I could invent barge trips for other cyclists of my ilk. Each day you could decide whether to ride your bicycle or simply stay on the barge.

Enough. It's time I checked the all-knowing Internet to see if those little barges still ply the canals of Europe and if any of them take passengers.

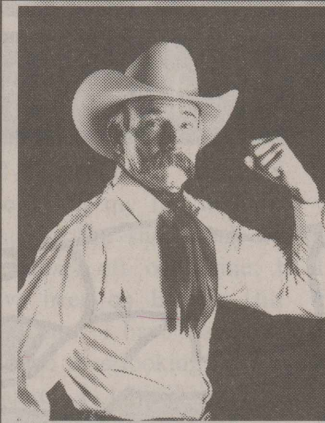
INTERNET PAUSE
Well, I was both right and wrong. It was a long time ago I saw what I thought was a barge with a clothesline. Maybe it was just somebody's little houseboat. Maybe they caught fish for a living. Who knows?

None of the barges I saw on the Internet had clotheslines. The commercial ones are hefty. The passenger barges are spiffy. Passage is pricey. The pictures make the food and accommodations look superb.

As for cycling and barges, they do mix. It's a mode of travel called "bike and barge." On some tours they'll carry you around in a van if you're too tired to pedal when you're ashore. Nice.

But where's the romance? The gypsy life?

Gone the way of the clothesline. Pity.



ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

by Baxter Black, DVM

MALIBOO

I was sitting on the beach reading the Malibu newspaper to acquaint myself with their local concerns. There were the usual stories; real estate, recession, anti-motorcycle rants, the Interior Secretary's visit to the park, and the anti-rodenticide brigade.

The second page had a story complete with photos of a very sick bobcat. One of the Valley Wildlife Care group diagnosed him as having "active rodenticide poisoning." I called their number. The answering machine said they were too busy to handle "information calls" since they were deluged with people bringing in injured birds, mostly baby birds that had fallen from their nests. They require so much care. They reported that in order to save the anemic bobcat, a healthy bobcat donor had arrived from almost 200 miles away to administer a blood transfusion. The prognosis was "poor."

As a kid I can remember trying to feed baby birds with an eyedropper and taping splints on varmint's broken legs. I don't think I saved many. Now rocket forward fifty years and veterinary medicine is now capable of performing almost any procedure that can be done in humans! The question then arises, is there any limit on how much one can reasonably

spend to save a dying bobcat? How much would Gandhi spend?

But this is America where discretionary income means you are allowed to spend money any way you want to, whether it is to fund an orphanage in Mazatlan, a missionary in Kenya, drive an SUV, take the family skiing, own season tickets to the Detroit Lions, or subscribe to Architectural Digest.

I make a living entertaining. I have a few cows. To run the cows I have horses. I have to buy hay for my horses, have two stock trailers and a four-wheel drive one-ton that takes diesel at \$2.91 per gallon. I think of my 'cow business' as my bass boat!

Common sense has nothing to do with discretionary spending. If there are animal lovers who gain personal satisfaction from funding the rescue of baby birds, rodents and injured bobcats, critics who might be cynical should be careful not to cast first stones from their own glass Lexuses, or Lexii?

In the same paper one of the contributors told her personal story of stepping on a snail; "...it broke my heart...four feet away came a baby snail...I ruined a family...it was my fault...I wanted to tell her but I don't speak snail...it buckled me down to my knees."

After other examples
See BAXTER on page 6

KNOX COUNTY AGING SERVICES MENUS FOR SEPT. 20TH TO SEPT. 24TH

Monday Sept. 20th
Steak Fingers/Gravy
Buttered Potatoes
Mixed Vegetables
Hot Rolls
Pudding

Thursday, Sept. 23rd
Chef Salad
Baked Potato
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Tuesday Sept. 21st
Baked Chicken
Fried Green Beans
Salad
Garlic Toast
Cobbler

Friday, Sept. 24th
German Sausage/Sauerkraut
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Emergency Medical Technician-Basic Course being offered

Seymour Volunteer Fire Department is currently seeking grant and application request through the Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) in conjunction/ corporation with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for an Emergency Medical Technician-Basic (EMT-B) course. This course is one of a series of courses making up a National EMS training program for pre-hospital care. The curriculum, Emergency Medical Technician-Basic : National Standard Curriculum is the cornerstone of EMS pre-hospital training. In addition, the new curriculum parallels the recommendations of the National EMS Education and Practice Blueprint.

The EMT-B curriculum is a core curriculum of minimum required information, to be presented within a 208 hour training program. It is recognized that there is additional specific education that will be required of EMT-Basics who operate in field, i.e. ambulance driving training, heavy and light rescue, basic extrication, special needs and so on. It is recognized that the information might differ from locality to locality, and that each training program or system should identify and provide special

training requirements. This curriculum is intended to prepare medical competent EMT-Basics to operate in the field.

TxDOT along with TEEX are committed to improving pre-hospital care and emergency medical response in rural and frontier areas of Texas by improving the accessibility to training and EMS involvement. Through this program TEEX can assist agencies and departments with initial ES training, refresher training, continued education, and /or instructor training. Funding for this invaluable program comes from TxDOT Safety Division. Courses are offered to minimize the time away from work and to keep volunteers in the community. Class size and length is based on the type of course requested, and based on the minimum Texas Department of State Health Services (DHS) guidelines. This course being offered will be opened to the public. For more information, and for anyone interested in becoming an EMT-Basic, contact Bud Vickers with the Seymour Fire Department or phone 940-636-1981. Anticipated start date of course will be October 2010, pending final approval by Texas Department of State Health Services.

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Public Notice

Notice Of Public Meeting
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Public Notice

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Public Notice

City of Knox City is giving notice of the city's intent to submit a Communit Development Fund application for the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program. The grant application requested is \$275,000.00 for water and wastewater system improvements in the City of Knox City. The application is available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.

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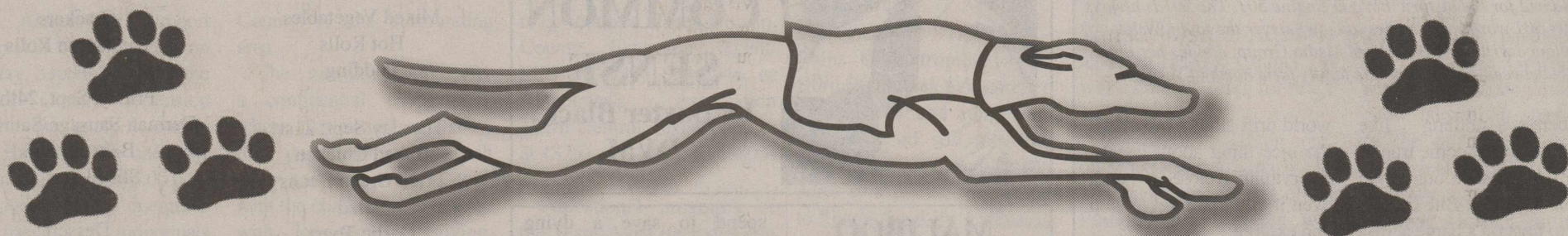
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Total Rainfall for month		2.54	
2010 Rainfall (ytd)		31.05	6.6

KNOX CITY SPORTS



Houndettes take third in Childress Tournament

Tamara Smart

Last Thursday, the Houndettes visited the court of Childress to begin their Pool Play in the ever looked forward to Childress Tournament. At this tourney, the Houndettes had the opportunity to play, or were able to watch many of the competitors that they will meet during playoffs.

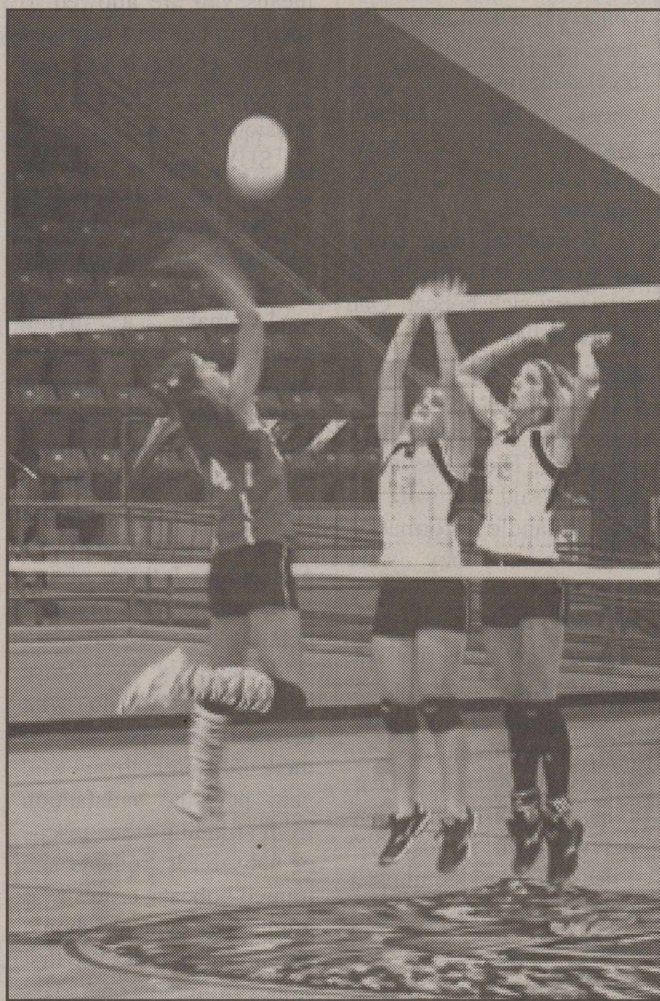
On Thursday The Houndettes beat Aspermont, 15-10, 15-12; tied with Olton 10-15, 15-12; and beat Childress JV 15-7, 15-11. The left their pool on Thursday evening as the #1

seed.

On Saturday, the tournament continued, beginning with the Houndettes meeting Memphis on the court. The girls were victorious in this first game, beating them 25-23, 25-20; yet fell during their next game (the semi finals) to Munday 13-25, 18-25.

They then played for third place versus Childress, winning that game 25-23, 25-17.

Lacey Piece was claimed MVP for the Houndettes through the tourney.



Cassidy Carter spikes one over the net as two defenders stand-by.

Photo by Daveine Clark



Whitney Collins serves one up at the tournament this weekend. The Houndettes took a fanning 3rd place tourney-wide.

Photo by Daveine Clark

Hounds beat Rule in Battle of Hwy 6



The Batte of Hwy 6 didn't last too long, as the Hounds made use of the 45 point Rule right after the half, ending the game 52-6.

Photo by Michelle Stanfield

Jeff Stanfield

Well it was all Hounds as the Rule Bobcats visited on Friday night. The Hounds started out 1st play of the game Zachary York to Zach Shaver on a 50 yd td pass. Rules 1st possession led to an interception by Marcell Lewis, but a jarring tackle by a Bobcat coughed the ball up and the Bobcat's retained possession. Hounds then get the ball back after a punt and, a couple of plays later, Shaver goes in from 7 yds. The Hounds lead 16-0. After a fumble by Rule hounds strike again on a 24 yd run by Ryan Ledesma. After a TJ Moore extra point 24-0 hounds.

This was a game of quick strikes the Bobcats got on the board on a long pass to make it 24-6. On the next series it was York to Marcell Lewis for a 48 yd Td pass. This made the score 32-6 Knox City. Ledesma chipped in 2

more runs and Shaver scored 1 more as the hounds Rolled over the Bobcats 52-6.

The coaches quote: "I am very happy with the way we played as a team. We executed extremely well on offense and defense. Our coaching staff had a chance to evaluate different people at their positions. We stayed focused as a team and took care of the little things better."

The players of the game Offensive Players Zakery York and Zach Shaver, Defensive Player of the game Ryan Ledesma. Big Hit of the week Austin "Stumpy" Valimont and the special team player of the week is TJ Moore. The Hounds where lead in rushing by Ledesma with 9 - 151 3 TD's , York 3-3 103 yd passing 2 Td's , Shaver 1 -50 rec Td,

Lewis 1 48 yd TD. TJ Moore is now 13-14 ex points this season.

Stanfields Standouts

My fan of the week brought back a special memory, Marilyn " cookie monster" Benson who is famous for knocking down a half dozen chocolate chips during the 1st quarter and always claims to have had just two was involved in a incident which involved a poor innocent child 4 years ago at a football game in Rule.

It was a cold overcast cloudy night, a full moon was

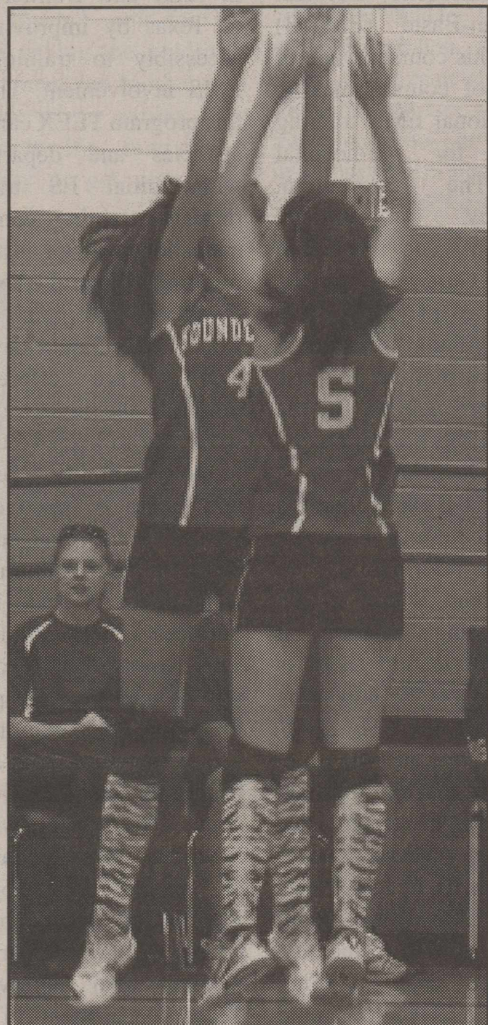
at harvest mode and there was a strange calm in the stands. The Greyhounds where in the verge of an ugly defeat when the crowd erupted as the Hounds scored a TD. As the tradition unfolded the cheerleaders tossed T-shirts into the stands. One poor little fellow who was about 7 had tears running down his face when the cheerleaders went back to cheer. See, it was his dream to have a Hound See **STANDOUTS** on page 6

JV Game Jr High Scores

Knox City 46 Jayton 0
The Hounds where led by Josh Schnable with 2 tds, in a rout over the Jaybirds in Jayton on Thursday night. Heath Ham scored on both sides of the ball one of them a defensive td to end the game. Tylyne Eaton , Ty Baker and Austin King chipped in scores in the win. Brandon York , Zach Carter and Tyler Clark all had catches and Jose Espinal had another great game leading the offense and making great decisions finding open receivers and scrambling.

O'brien 34 Rule 19
Israel Rodriguez scored 3 td's to lead the hounds past the Kittens of Rule. The Bulldogs played a great game in there 1st outing of the season. Jacoby Thomas a 6th grader scored, and Alfredo Martinez chipped in a score on a pass from Anthony Estrada one of two on the night from the 6th grader. The defense was led by Adrian Silva, Aj Rodriguez , Alfredo Martinez and Israel Rodriguez.

The Hounds and Bulldogs will take on Newcastle next week. The combined record of all three team is 6-1. Go O'Brien Bulldogs.



Cassidy Carter and Reagan Clark high five after winning 3rd place at the Childress Tournament this weekend.

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BENJAMIN NEWS

By Gladene Green

We had a little shower Sunday afternoon and a lot of thunder. Surely did cool things off and made for a pretty pleasant evening. Forecasters say more maybe on the way and that would be o.k. with me. Will make my yard need mowing again but I won't complain about that. Moisture is always good.

About Our ill

Jack Young had his biopsy Wednesday and doctors in Houston found about what those our here had said. And the last report, they were trying to get a treatment schedule set up closer to home- Maybe in Abilene or Wichita Falls. If all goes as planned, I think they will be back in Benjamin by the weekend. At last report, he was feeling pretty well considering what he's been through; the tests, scan, etc. We'll all be glad to see him back home

Lorene Powers is in the Haskell Hospital being admitted on Friday afternoon. She's having some breathing problem and also some problems with medication and hopefully this will make her feel better after a few days treatment. We surely hope so. Everyone else is about the same, no real changes in their situations.

Here 'N There

The revival began Sunday morning at the Baptist Church. By the time you read this it will be over (for most) as it goes through Wednesday night. We have a pretty good crowd, both Sunday morning and night, and hope it continues to be that way.

Visited Shannon Propps a days ago. She was telling me what a busy late-August she had had. She and her daughter, Shaylee, had been to her mom's who lives in

Longview for a few days. The on Aug. 28, had what she termed a "big ole party at her home honoring her and her two children, Shaylee and Trey, the occasions being their birthdays. They are all in August! She said lots of friends and family was on hand to help them celebrate.

Teresa Washington of Flomont spent Tuesday night with Mike and Debbie Moorhouse.

Cathy Tomlinson of Denton was a Labor Day weekend guest of her mom, Gloria West. On Sunday they and Lorene Powers had lunch and visited with Gloria's other daughter, Betty Parker and family, in Aspermont.

Shelby and Scott Keys and family visited her grandmother, Lorene Powers, on Thursday night. They were enroute back from Branson, Mo. After living a few months in San Angelo.

Amelia Acevedo told me her girls, Judit and Raquel, are attending college at Snyder, Shaylee Propps is back at West Texas state in Canyon.

Butch and Letha Young of Saginaw was a Benjamin visitor on Saturday. He did some work around his brother, Jack's, home; readying it for Jack and Mary's return from Houston.

Roger and Betty Bohannon have been in Nebraska for about two weeks visiting their daughter, Bonnie and family. They are due to be home tonight (Monday)

Donnie Ryder has some surgery on Wednesday. He had a growth removed from his vocal chords. As far as I know, he hasn't gotten the report back yet, but he is feeling o.k. Just hoarse and that aggravates him, but that will take care of itself in time.

Alzheimer's hosts monthly support group

The Alzheimer's Association- North Central Texas Chapter is hosting a monthly Caregiver Support Group at Lakeridge Place, the group meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Lakeridge Place is located at 2649 Plaza Parkway, Wichita Falls, TX.

The Support Group is FREE and open to caregivers, family members and friends of individuals with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. Our Support Groups are a safe haven of understanding, companionship and encouragement for those who are often lost in the maze of

this complicated, mysterious disease.

We offer monthly gatherings where members share experiences, knowledge and provide emotional support as well as coping skills in matters relating to caregiving. The groups also provide a forum for learning, with education topics discussed concerning dementia related issues.

For further information, please call our Alzheimer's Association- North Central Texas Chapter at 940-767-8800 or 1-800-272-3900.

Just Jeff

I have been fortunate enough in my life to have watched the surf break on the coast off of Maine. I have been on Bunker Hill in Boston. I have stayed in a suite overlooking Times Square. I looked up my great-grandfathers name on the wall on Ellis Island. I have been on both coast in Mexico, and spent the night in Alaska looking at Mt. McKinley. But my favorite sight in the world is coming into Knox City from the west on 222. Old Glory flying high and over looking our little town. Next time you come in from that way about 1 hour before sunset, take a gander and tell me that isn't a beautiful sight.

What part of pay attention do you not understand? I always wonder what in the world happened to common sense or just listening. James Earl Stafford and me were discussing kids this week at the Jr. High game. Kids today do not listen, or respect their elders. What has happened? I think there are too many kids with no Dads. I also think if you have kids, it is your responsibility to raise them and teach them right from wrong. NOT THE SCHOOL'S!!! A guy once told me "Shoot, I take care of my kids" Hey, you're

supposed to.

Why does everyone think we owe him or her a lifestyle. I would love to stay at the Four Seasons in Hawaii but it's not happening. How about owning a summer home in Maine? Nope, not happening. See those are things are wants not needs. Maybe our country would be a lot better off if people would stop depending on the government for there wants.

What are the odds we see a different candidate for President this next election? I am still calling for Hillary to be the Democratic front-runner in 2012. What a mess we are suing Arizona, sticking healthcare to us, and we are in debt to the Chinese. When the biggest gain in employment is the federal government you have serious problems. Let the private sector be private and use the free enterprise system. The average pay for a federal employee is \$120 k a year, a private sector job is 60 k, No wonder nobody ever retires from a federal job.

This Past week our President had a Ramadan dinner for the Muslims. Thats a shocker. We did not have a Christmas tree this year at the Whitehouse, but an "Holiday" tree. Obama has also spoken out against the

"Whacko Minister" in Florida who is burning the kurans, which I find disrespectful. But he never has spoken out for Christians. He did not speak up for stopping the Mosque at ground zero. Why does this man bow down to the Muslims and talk down to Christians? If you know please e-mail me!

Amazing this week the University of Tennessee head football coach Eric Dooley had a seminar for his team, to learn the proper techniques of showering... What??? Yes, you read this right to learn the proper use of a wash cloth and soaping. I could not believe this imagine how embarrassed the old coach must have been. That must have been a lot of stink. Imagine the talk in the coach's office. It must've gone something like this:

"Hey Eric what's the deal with your lineman?"

"What do you mean?"

"They smell like Swamp Butt."

"What?"

"They stink, you gotta do something. Hey what about a film and hiring a washcloth specialist?"

"Good idea."

On a serious note how good do we have it, I had a call from the Make A Wish

Foundation on a hunt for an 11-year-old boy. It makes you really think about what problems we think we have. My heart goes out to these children and their families. Tonight when you say good night to your kids, or tell them goodbye tell them you love them and thank god for all you have.

Coach Steele and Augie Rodriguez have volunteered to do a wrestling match for charity, they will do a crispy crème and syrup match. The money for this will be for Booster club. If can get 10 people to give a \$200 they will do this. This match will be during halftime of the fireman and police game. To win this match the first one to stick 1/2 dozen

Doughnuts on the others ones back will win.

My citizen of the week is Joe Rodriguez. There is not a harder workingman than Joe. He is our public works director for the City. He always has a smile and never calls in sick. If the rest of the world had Joe's work ethic we would all live in a better world.

I love any feedback you can give so give me a shout istanfield@windstream.net

I am proud to be a Christian, God Bless you All.

Rains associated with tropical storm Hermine present driving hazards

TxDOT urges caution, reminds drivers "Turn Around, Don't Drown"

As rain from the remnants of Tropical Storm Hermine passes through the state, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is urging drivers to use extreme caution. Large rain events can create hazardous driving conditions on roads and bridges. Traffic signals, road signage and travel lanes may be damaged. Travel during heavy wind and rain is strongly discouraged due to the risk of flooding, debris and down power lines.

Motorists should never cross flooded roadways. Flash flooding is the leading cause of weather-related deaths in Texas. As little as six inches of water can float some vehicles. If drivers encounter a flooded road, Turn Around, Don't Drown.

- Never try to walk, swim or drive through swift water.
- Stay informed about weather conditions when you are driving.
- If your vehicle stalls in deep water, leave it and move to higher ground if you can do so safely.
- Don't move, tamper with or drive around barriers blocking a low-water crossing. Penalties range from \$200 to \$1,000 and/or two years in jail.
- For more information: www.srh.noaa.gov/tadd.

TxDOT district personnel and equipment are standing by to respond to potentially heavy rains and flooding due to Tropical Storm Hermine in Texas. Roads will be repaired, cleared and reopened as quickly as possible. Drivers should be on the lookout for TxDOT employees and other recovery personnel along

roadways affected by the storm.

Drivers are encouraged to monitor weather and travel updates from local safety officials. Information on road conditions is available from the Texas Road Condition and Travel Information Line (800.452.9292) and on TxDOT's website (www.txdot.gov). Road conditions are also available from TxDOT via twitter - for a list of local feeds, visit www.txdot.gov/news/twitter_feeds.htm.

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County or the surrounding area.

The meetings will offer a confidential environment where participants can share their concerns, support each other, and learn ways to cope with the challenges associated with long-term caregiving. The support group will meet the 4th Monday of every month from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For more information you

may contact Jane Rowan, County Extension Agent/FCS at (940) 864-2546 or Alzheimer's Association North Central Texas Chapter at (325) 672-2907 or 1-800-272-3900.

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of her previous travesties against fireflies, chipmunks, salamanders and spiders, she concluded about rodenticides, "...maybe everybody will just stop using it."

Malibu is a city crowded cheek to cheek along a 50-mile stretch of ocean. One hundred years ago mountain lions, coyotes, bobcats and bears ruled. Today people are duking it out with coyotes, pack rats, birds, assorted vermin and bugs with gunpowder and poison. So I guess trying to save one poor bobcat will help assuage our "snail lovers" guilt for her part in paving the wildlife's environment and forcing then to adapt or go extinct. But it's a trade off ... fund a snail sanctuary or get your head examined.

STANDOUTS

t-shirt, as one of the young ladies noticed the stricken child who was shirtless on the fence with tears and the look of a sad puppy.

But wait there was hope! The cheerleader went and got another shirt and was making her way to the fence. The boys eyes lit up like it was Christmas time, finally after a whole year of being ignored like the fat girl at the prom, it was his turn. The cheerleader gracefully walks about 5 yds away and tosses the young lad a shirt, his own greyhound shirt. He would wear it so proud, he would be a hound someday. As the shirt goes air bound you could feel the tension as a commotion shook the stands, yes it came alive It was Marilyn and by God she wanted that shirt and no-one not a man in a wheelchair, a small child or even a nun would keep her from getting a shirt fit for a child. She

did her best Matrix moves it was slow motion as she spun once to the left, did a moonwalk right past Bud Reynolds, knocked Dusty Bradley down and stole his watch. Yes, she was moving faster than the speed of smell. She hit the t small boy with the force of a uppercut from Mike Tyson, as she forced him against the fence by crushing him with her bosom- he turned blue. That was the exact moment she did the unforgivable she took the boys shirt, yes it will only fit a small child but she snatched it away without any regret or remorse.

As the poor child walked back towards his parent's car, he only said a few words. Was that Chuck Norris? Marilyn Benson is the fan of the week, whether it is band, football, or baseball she is always there supporting the Hounds. Go Marilyn!!!

Legal Notice

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

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

COLLEGE STATION -- Rains from tropical storm Hermine a week ago greened up pastures and rangeland, and provided soil moisture for fall planting through many parts of the state, according to Texas AgriLife Extension Service personnel.

However, in South Texas and the Coastal Bend, AgriLife Extension agents reported that the cotton harvest was put on hold, and in some cases damaged by wind and rain.

But most areas welcomed the rain and milder temperatures. For example, many AgriLife Extension agents in North Texas and Central Texas said the rain was a godsend.

"Six inches of rain last week turned the county green," said Roger Skipper, AgriLife Extension agent in Fannin County. "Hopes are this will provide another cut of hay to help with short supplies."

"We got 8 to 12 inches of rainfall this past week, with no severe flooding except in the river bottoms," said Lyle Zoeller, AgriLife Extension agent in Coryell County, west of Waco. "Some small grains were planted. All (water) tanks are full. The water supply will be good going into winter."

"The rainfall amounts ranged from about 5 inches up to 10 inches across the county," said Rick Maxwell, AgriLife Extension agent in Collin County, north of Dallas. "The rain was very much needed for pastures and cropland. The rains came a little too late for the grain crops, but will help by providing soil moisture for the planting of winter annual pastures and small grains."

The rains weren't welcome everywhere, however. For some Texas Blacklands cotton and corn growers, the heavy rains couldn't have come at a worse time, said Shane McLellan, AgriLife Extension agent for McLennan County, Waco.

"Many producers are scratching their heads in disbelief. Especially cotton producers, many of whom sprayed a defoliant or desiccant onto their cotton fields early last week in preparation for harvest later that week," he said.

McLellan said McLennan County cotton producers would have to wait for flooded cotton fields to dry out before they can get back into the fields.

"As usual it is either feast or famine, dust or mud for Central Texas Blackland producers," McLellan said.

One county to the north of McLennan County, it was a different story.

"We got from 4 to 11 inches of rainfall this week due to the tropical storm," said David

Winkler, AgriLife Extension agent in Bosque County. "It was a great blessing for range and pasture land."

In most of the cotton areas of the state, particularly the South Plains and Rolling Plains regions, cotton was doing very well, and the rain -- which mostly consisted of light showers -- was welcomed. In the Rolling Plains, dryland cotton remained behind irrigated cotton, AgriLife Extension agents reported.

AgriLife Extension district reporters compiled the following summaries:

CENTRAL: Many growers and ranchers were cleaning up from the floodwaters brought by Hermine's heavy rains. As soon as the fields dry out, many producers were planning to sow wheat and oats. Livestock were in good condition. Farmers were spraying for armyworms. Coastal Bermuda grass fields were greening back up and beginning to grow again. What corn remained in the field was either damaged by the storm or expected to have further increases in aflatoxin.

EAST: Scattered rains helped parts of the region by improving pasture conditions. Some counties received as much as 3 inches of rain. Hay supplies remained short, but producers in a few areas looked to make one more cutting. Winter-pasture preparations began in parts of the region. Reports of armyworms and grasshoppers continued to come in. Feral hogs were active. Livestock were in fair to good condition.

NORTH: Soil moisture ranged from short to surplus. In some areas, tropical storm Hermine brought as much as 10 inches of rain. Soils were saturated to a depth of 10 to 12 inches in some counties, while in others there was little to no rain. The rain came a little too late for most of the corn and grain sorghum, as both crops had been harvested. However, the rain was a big help for pastures, and the extra soil moisture will aid the planting of winter annual pastures and small grains. The rain also improved water supplies for livestock. The rains have caused some harvest operations to be delayed.

Because of the rains, a late-season hay cutting was expected, which will help offset the short supplies produced this summer. The planting of winter wheat has begun. Feral hogs continued to be a major problem and armyworms were showing up in the pastures.

PANHANDLE: Conditions were hot and dry. Soil-moisture levels varied from very short to adequate with most reporting short. Corn neared being ready for harvest. Cotton was mostly fair to good. Growers were planting winter wheat. Rangeland and pastures were mostly fair. Cattle were in good condition.

ROLLING PLAINS: After recent showers, farmers were planning to plow and sow wheat for grazing. The rain was already making a

difference in pastures and hay meadows. Grasses and forages were beginning to show signs of stress due to the hot, dry weather a few weeks back, but now growers were expecting to take another cutting of hay. Cotton producers were optimistic about the crop's progress. Dryland cotton was a little behind irrigated, but overall the crop was in good to excellent shape with some plants beginning to open bolls. Peanuts looked good across the district. Livestock were generally in good condition. Stock-water tank levels were higher; some tanks were full. The pecan crop was beginning to mature.

SOUTH: Hermine brought in about 2 to 5 inches of rain and milder temperatures, improving topsoil moisture, rangeland and pastures but adversely affecting cotton. Cotton harvesting was put on hold in Frio County, and approximately 500 acres of cotton remained un-harvested in Jim Wells County. Of the un-harvested crop remaining in the Jim Wells County area, producers will be losing a third to a half of the remaining crop due to the damage from wind and rain. Most of the cotton fields were averaging 750 pounds of lint per acre prior to the storm, but the value of the cotton crop has now substantially reduced. This figure is based on the current market of 85 cents per pound. Counties in the western parts of the region also received rain, mostly in the Webb County area where 3 to 4 inches of rain improved rangeland and pasture conditions, and filled stock-water tanks. Producers were planning to begin seedbed preparations for oats, spinach and onion fields within a week. In the southern part of the region, sugarcane planting, hay baling and preparations for fall planting were ongoing. Livestock were in good condition, with no supplemental feeding yet reported.

SOUTH PLAINS: Temperatures were in the low to mid 90s. Scattered rains, with accumulations from a trace to 1 inch, came about midweek. Soil moisture was short to adequate. The corn harvest was in full swing with lines of trucks circling the elevators. Cotton was in fair to good condition, with bolls opening. Growers will begin defoliating soon. The grain sorghum harvest began. Pastures and rangeland were in fair to good condition. Livestock were in mostly good condition. Hay was being harvested with good to excellent yields reported where fields were spared earlier flooding.

SOUTHEAST: Rain from Hermine greatly improved warm-season grasses in some counties, raising yield potential for the fall cutting. In other counties, pasture conditions were deteriorating from lack of moisture. Chambers County had harvested 90 percent of the first rice crop. The ratoon crop (second sprouting from first cutting) was showing promise.



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OPINION



The Paperboy

Don't Take Us For Granted!

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

I've roamed from county to county and I think the cotton is looking great. The price is looking good as well. That is awesome news!

Today's land owners are something else. They are very bright and have tremendous business savvy. It's not surprising due to the business-like nature of large farming operations.

A friend of mine, whose family has farmed the same land for generations, lets me pick his brain about the operation. I think it's fascinating and challenging.

For instance, we were discussing tractors using the guidance of Global Positioning Satellites to be more efficient. That's just cool!

The large farm operations in this area are organized and maximized. The families operating them are clothing and feeding the masses.

We know cotton is still king, but did you know when you eat Lay's Potato Chips, there's a chance those potatoes were grown right here in our own back yard?

Perhaps you like wine. There is a burgeoning wine grape industry happening in several area counties.

Peanuts, pumpkins, sunflowers, corn - within a short drive, you can find a multitude of crops being produced. Today's farmers know what will grow where and are not afraid to rotate new crops in and see if there's a benefit. That's smart business.

It's also common to see these operations with pasture land used for cattle. Using large tracts for hunting is very prevalent.

Some land owners are fortunate enough to have windmills, oil, natural gas or a combination of those. I'm a little jealous of those particular land owners, but I'm sure thankful for the natural resources and the impact to the local tax base.

Our friends in the city like to think they run the world. It's true they run companies and what they do is important. But those in Washington, D.C., Austin, Texas, and Oklahoma City, Okla., need to understand that the basic necessities of the American way of life begin in the country.

There aren't any cotton farms in the city and don't even

think about owning a cow. Leave those things to the professionals.

It is important that rural Americans work together to make sure our collective voice is heard. From where I stand, I'm not seeing a lot in common with Washington and Harmon County, Okla., or Knox County, Texas. In fact, I wonder how many in Congress have ever stepped foot on a farm?

We may not have the population concentration of the northeast, southern California or the Metroplex, but there are 80 million rural Americans. If organized, we would have a mighty powerful voice.

Our land owners are the reason Americans are eating, wearing clothes and mobile. Those are pretty important things to us all and deserve recognition and respect.

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UN Overstepping Bounds On Capping Carbon Emissions

By ROBERT ROMANO

Last week, an exclusive report by FOX-News.com's George Russell uncovered a startling series of background papers that were distributed at United Nations (UN) Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon's retreat in Alpbach, Austria over Labor Day weekend.

The papers reveal an agenda to direct global affairs, including the implementation of restrictive caps on carbon emissions that will devastate economies across the planet. The UN has also begun to openly question whether the treaty-making process is sufficient to achieve its ends.

"The international community needs to go beyond political solutions," the first paper startlingly declares, on "the climate change issue." What is that supposed to mean? This language used is extremely provocative.

By implication, it suggests that either economic or military means would be necessary in order for the Greens to save the world from the alleged dangers of climate change.

In the least, if agreement cannot be reached amongst nations, the papers appear to suggest that other means would be employed. For example, by recruiting citizens in member states through the "clever use of technologies to enhance civil society's interaction with multilateral bodies." Infiltration may be a better word here. But, basically, the means would include attempting to persuade citizens one by one to accept submission to the radical environmentalist agenda.

The paper laments the "disappointing" progress that has been made implementing carbon caps. It cited that since the Copenhagen Summit, there is an "overarching sense of pes-

simism on the part of all actors that solutions, especially political ones, are elusive. Yet emissions continue to rise..."

The biggest impediment? Sovereignty. The first paper states, "A lack of commitment on behalf of governments is certainly an enormous obstacle." You think?

The second paper, "Latest Trends in International Negotiations and Processes: The Climate Change's Challenge," openly questions, "Is the global governance structure, still dominated by national sovereignty, capable of responding with the coherence and speed needed?"

The paper answers that it is not. Because "[n]ational sovereignty remains supreme."

The Climate Change Support Team, which prepared the second paper, cannot appear to come to grips with the lack of support for reducing energy consumption — which powers economies. "[T]he scientific and economic case for action has never been stronger," the paper declares.

Of course, the UN explicitly ignores the recent Climategate scandal that has greatly called into question that science. Also, simply pronouncing the strength of the economic case for energy use restrictions hardly makes it so.

Consider the group's description of the so-called 50-50-50 problem: "By 2050, when global population growth is expected to crest, an estimated 9 billion people will inhabit our planet... How will the world provide clean water, food, shelter, energy, and other resources needed by up to fifty percent more people, while simultaneously reducing global emissions by at least fifty percent?"

It's a very good question.

The rise of the world's population has large-

ly been fueled by the increased production of food, infrastructure, transportation, medical advances, and robust trade brought on by the Industrial Revolution — which was powered by fossil fuels.

Thus, removing the energy needed to continue those activities can only have one impact: A significant reduction in the world's population. To answer the question: We cannot expect to meet the needs of a growing population with 50 percent less energy. People would die from starvation, from malnutrition, from disease, and from wars over restricted resources.

The UN does not appear to consider these potential negative downsides. It simply remains single-mindedly focused on achieving its goals.

The paper asks, "do we need to push the 'reset' button and rethink global governance to meet the '50-50-50 challenge'?"

The "reset" button? "Rethink global governance"? What's that supposed to mean? A new international body with more power than the UN? A world government, perhaps, to impose the radical environmentalist agenda? This is alarming to most Americans.

The first paper suggests a wider goal than simply saving the planet from "harmful" emissions when it calls for going "beyond political solutions." It suggests that "Even if implemented, currently negotiated sanctions and green house gas emissions cuts will not guarantee the solution to the problem."

That's quite an admission. Why won't the sanctions and emissions cuts on their own work to "solve" the problem? Because emissions are not the true problem identified by the UN.

What is? "The real challenge comes from

the exponential growth of the global consumerist society driven by ever higher aspirations of the upper and middle layers in rich countries as well as expanding demand of emerging middle-class in developing countries."

Alarming, the paper states, "Our true ambition should be therefore creating incentives for the profound transformation of attitudes and consumption styles." In other words, a complete transformation of the entire global economy, the way societies are structured, and even the way people think and what they aspire to achieve.

Those are very dangerous ambitions. Not only do they threaten population sustainability worldwide this century if energy resources are restricted, they hint at a wider context for the implementation of this agenda. George Russell, in his story, writes that one of the goals is to "make global redistribution of wealth the real basis of [the] climate agenda".

While wealth redistribution may be a part of the wider context, and certainly is problematic enough, overall these sound like totalitarian goals. Besides total government control over everything and everyone, plus aggressive use of state-sanctioned propaganda, how else to halt the way free markets operate, transform "consumption styles," and even change how individuals think and attempt to better their lives?

The talking points used by the UN Secretary General at a seemingly innocuous "retreat" over Labor Day weekend should be cause for grave concern by Americans who want to keep their liberty and defend their nation's independence. They give good reason for the people to question just what is being planned at Turtle Bay.

The Lights Go Out On 200 More U.S. Jobs

By REBECAH RAST

Thomas Edison would be disappointed to know that the last major plant manufacturing the incandescent light bulb in the U.S. is closing this month. His 1870's invention has taken on a new name and shape.

The 200 workers at the plant in Winchester, Virginia, are soon to be unemployed because government regulations passed by Congress in 2007 cleared the way for a more energy-efficient light bulb — the fluorescent light.

Any hope for these Americans to find work at another light bulb manufacturing plant is dim. Manufacturing of fluorescent lights takes place in China, where they are produced more efficiently and cost-effectively.

Starting with 100-watt bulbs in 2012, the government will require light-bulb purchasers to buy fluorescent lights. The regulations then trickle down to affect purchasers of 40-watt bulbs by 2014.

These fluorescent bulbs have a longer lifespan than the incandescent, but they are more expensive.

Many households have already made the switch to fluorescent bulbs due to the convincing evidence that they are more energy efficient. How energy efficient are the bulbs? The government's Energy Star website states, "If every American home replaced just one light with a light that's earned the ENERGY STAR, we would save enough energy to light 3 million homes for a year, save about \$600 million in annual energy costs, and prevent 9 billion pounds of greenhouse gas emissions per year, equivalent to those from about 800,000 cars."

That sounds like a lot of savings. But compared to the nation's average energy usage and greenhouse gas emissions, what does that saving look like?

In a National Journal article, studies found this savings, "... would be the equivalent of removing three cars out of every 1,000 and reducing energy spending by about five-ten-thousandths. Similarly, advocates who tout the incandescent phase out as reducing America's energy bills by up to \$18 billion annually do not mention that the reduction amounts to less than 2 percent."

The government is continuing its push towards energy efficiency by regulating the light bulbs in peoples' homes. Though some might notice that fluorescent lights take a few more sec-

onds to reach their full lighting capability, or that they don't provide enough light or cost too much, these seemingly small inconveniences will likely fade over time.

It seems as if the government has found a fairly solid, albeit small, solution to a more energy efficient America.

But every plan has its flaws. Sam Kazman of the Competitive Enterprise Institute (CEI) sites a story about a small town in Iowa where the government's hope of energy efficiency backfired. The Great Light Bulb Exchange took place in the 1980s in Traer, Iowa, where about half the town traded in their incandescent lights for free fluorescent lights. The result: electricity consumption rose by about 8 percent. Since the cost of electricity went down due to a more energy efficient bulb, demand increased as people used their light bulbs more frequently.

As the Great Light Bulb Exchange approaches its national deadline, it is important to consider the unknowns. It is unforeseen what electric energy costs will be in the future and whether Americans will keep their lights on into the wee hours of the night, will what happened in this town in Iowa happen on a much larger scale?

Despite these questions, fluorescent lights have another issue.

Remember the old thermometers your mother used to take your temperature when you were sick? They were labeled dangerous and refurbished because they contained the toxic chemical mercury. Guess what fluorescent bulbs contain? That's right, mercury.

Maybe the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is okay with mercury in light bulbs because you aren't sticking them under your tongue, but light bulbs are used and disposed of far more frequently than a thermometer.

Without thinking, most American families unscrew their light bulbs when they burn out, throw them in the trash and screw in a new one.

In a two-page instructional guide, the EPA, in great details, takes you through the steps of how to dispose of fluorescent light bulbs or what to do if one breaks. Once you have a canning jar ready to go, you can begin reading the instructions.

To summarize the EPA guide, if a Compact Fluorescent Light (CFL) breaks, it is important to air out the room where it broke. If it fell and broke on a hard surface, you can carefully scoop up the broken pieces and place them in your canning jar or a zip-

tight plastic bag. You can also use a damp cloth or sticky tape to pick up the remaining pieces and powder (mercury) that has escaped the bulb. The cloth and/or tape also need to be placed in the jar or bag with the broken glass. Do not, however, sweep or vacuum the area.

If the bulb breaks over a rugged or carpeted area, then you can vacuum the area once you have all the visible pieces of glass and powder picked up and sealed in either a jar or plastic bag. But, according to the guide, you then need to wipe clean your vacuum's canister or remove the vacuum bag and place it inside another plastic bag. If you do have to vacuum, there are more instructions on how to set your vacuum on the proper settings as well.

If a CFL does break, you will want to be sure it does so under one of these first two scenarios. If the bulb breaks on your clothing or bedding, the EPA recommends throwing them out. Washing them will only wreak havoc on your washing machine or contaminate sewage. In this case, not only did you spend \$5 on a light bulb, but you also eat the cost of your clothing or bedding.

Sounds simple and safe enough, right?

Remember, before throwing your canning jar or plastic bag directly into the trash when you are finished with the clean up or after the light bulb has burned out, you need to check with your local or state government to find out the proper protocol for throwing it away, the EPA guide reminds readers. Some governments allow you to throw them in the trash, while others want them recycled.

Assuming that the 100-year-old habit of just simply tossing a burned-out bulb into the trash continues, America's landfills will be filled with broken glass and mercury. That doesn't seem to be a concern for now though. The EPA is too busy worrying about possible sewage contamination by using a washing machine to clean up a bulb's mess.

The federal government must think that the less-than-2-percent savings on electric energy costs the country might see is worth poisoning U.S. landfills and eliminating American jobs.

It is doubtful the 200 people about to be unemployed feel the same way.

If only Thomas Edison could have been more progressive and energy conscious in his creating the light bulb, then those 200 workers might still have a job.

Race results

The Last points race of the 2010 year at the Knox City Racetrack. More races to come in the upcoming months. (Photos by Sammie Offield)



Young Guns

1.	00 Peyton Hammond	1180
2.	8 Payton Sullivan	1020
3.	5 Corey Mize	703
4.	4 Cassidy Mize	522
5.	b00 Corban Cox	243
6.	7 Braden Copeland	172
7.	22r Nathan Robbins	120
8.	B00 Hayden Ehlers	102
9.	8k Karson Kinney	90
10.	95 Dillon Skaggs	85
11.	03 Ethan Gwinn	80

Black Plate Animal / Blue Plate Clone

1.	26 Charlie Hammond	1472
2.	K11 Kadee Witter	899
3.	5 Brayden Sullivan	754
4.	22r Nathan Robbins	182
5.	b00 Hayden Ehlers	102
6.	9 Jesse Skaggs	91

Intek / Clone

1.	74 Maddison Jones	959
2.	88 Collin Gann	359
3.	4 Ayden Fields	294
4.	18 Austin Fields	273
5.	14 Noah Key	235
6.	48 Damon Bell	165
7.	20 Blake Andrus	162
8.	k11 Jayce Hudson	120
9.	31	103
10.	11 Brian Sehon	93
11.	14 Courtland Teague	90
12.	8 Braxton Ray	81
13.	5 Kelly Gunn	78
14.	1 Kassi Gunn	59

Gold Plate Animal

1.	01 Ranger Donnell	1255
2.	21 Sidney Tucker	1116
3.	45 Will Harper	872
4.	16 Evan Donnell	735
5.	33 Wesley Engle	242
6.	3a Austin Gruenzer	81

Stock Animal

1.	74 Landon Haney	1220
2.	77 Jayce Hudson	1082
3.	k11 Kassidi Witter	933
4.	15 Cade Holden	787
5.	7 Brayden Winn	636
6.	17 Patrick Knight	475
7.	11 Grayson Robinson	278
8.	20 Devin Costello	186
9.	22c Chance Pierce	152
10.	1x Dalton Gann	149
11.	3 Trevor McIntire	103
12.	33 Wesley Engle	102
13.	01 Ranger Donnell	94
14.	73 Ben Saye	93
15.	21 Sidney Tucker	92
16.	88r Grant Rustin	79
17.	88 Tristen Adams	76
18.	16 Evan Donnell	72
19.	8 Kolton Kinney	67

Modified

1.	98 Leighton Pepper	1004
2.	77 Jayce Hudson	538
3.	88 Ashleigh Downs	414
4.	21d Dalyn Droke	388
5.	007 JR Vaughn	267
6.	18p Payton Pierce	213
7.	20 Jennifer Overfield	176
8.	10 Trevor Williams	174
9.	9 Charlie Thieme	70
10.	73 Ben Saye	7

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