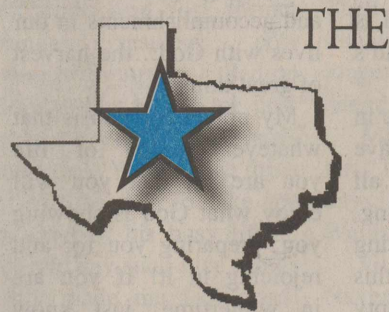


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Knox City Church of Christ welcomes the preachings of Jim Hatcher



Jim and Sherri Hatcher

Photo by Tamara Smart

Tamara Smart

If one is interested in

fishing, and has the spare time to go and spend an

afternoon sitting on a fishing dock at Miller Creek, they

might just have the pleasure of the company of Jim

Hatcher- although they won't have any luck at the task of fishing, as Jim tends to get all the good ones.

Jim and his wife, Sherri, are Knox City locals, having lived here for four years. God recently handed this couple a new adventure in life that will help these self proclaimed "gypsies" stay closer to their own back yard.

Jim is the new preacher at the Knox City Church of Christ. Before this position opened up, Jim and Sherri had been traveling to St. Joe every Sunday to do God's work there.

Yet, Jim has not always been a preacher. It wasn't until 1972 when Jim was working at the M&M/Mars candy company as a sales representative that he felt the call. He wanted to do something bigger with his life- something more

productive. So he left the sales representative business and went to Bible School in Dallas, ultimately getting his degree in Bible and Speech Communication.

Sherry always wanted to be a missionary, yet that opportunity never presented itself in her life. Rather, Sherry, an alumnus of Tarleton State, is now a retired 4th grade teacher who taught for many years in the Glenrose and Dallas area.

Jim has been preaching at Knox City for 3 months now, and loves it. He and Sherri sped their time when not a Church traveling in their RV, reading, fixing up their house and gardening. They are the proud parents of four successful boys (one of which just sent them on a two week European vacation),

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Commissioners Court of Knox County

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 13th day of September, 2010, there was conducted a REGULAR Meeting of the Honorable Commissioners' Court of Knox County, Texas, at the Courthouse thereof, in the City of Benjamin, Texas, for the purpose of transacting any and all business that may lawfully be brought before the same.

Knox County Judge Travis Floyd, called the Regular Meeting to order at 1:38 P.M. Commissioners Johnny Birkenfeld, Jimmy Urbanczyk, Dan Godsey, and Johnny McCown were present. Also attending were County Attorney Megan Suarez, County Clerk Annette Offutt, County Sheriff Dean Homstad,

County Treasurer Rosie Ake, County Tax Assessor and Chief Appraiser Mitzi Welch, 911 Director Pam Reed, County Court Coordinator Michelle Esquivel, Glen Morris, Kara Dawn Ham and Ron Jaramillo were on hand representing Windstream Communications. The Court considered the following matters as posted and filed for Record in the office of the County Clerk

September 7, 2010 and Addendums filed September 8, 2010

There were no Public Comments.

Commissioner McCown made the motion seconded by Commissioner Godsey to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held August 8, 2010
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Calling All 4-Her's and FFA members for the quality counts program

To all 4-Her's and FFA members, there will be a Quality Counts Program that will be held on Saturday, October 30, 2010 at the Munday Events Center (Young Farmers Barn) in Munday, TX. The program will begin at 9:00 a.m. and should conclude around 1:00 p.m. In 2012 the Quality Counts Program will be mandatory state wide for all stock show participants to have completed and all Knox County participants are encouraged to begin now.

The Quality Counts Program is a curriculum in which enhances the character education for Texas youth participating in 4-H and FFA livestock project work. It also ensures

that all 4-H and FFA livestock projects meet all food quality standards. Along with knowledge of livestock projects, the Quality Counts Program helps to promote a positive image and development of character by practicing certain behaviors of the six pillars of character. 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.

Future PBR Rider in Knox City



Lane Hicks.

Courtesy Photo

Lane Hicks is 4 years old. He is named after Lane Frost, a famous bull rider that was killed while participating in his sport.

At 2 months old, Lane had his first pair of boots. At 8 months, Lane received his first cowboy hat. Lane's second Christmas, Santa brought him a bouncing bull that he still rides.

Lane is a PBR fanatic, loving to attend PBR events, or watch it on TV. He wears his chaps and bull riding vest

almost all the time. He has a DVD about his namesake that he watches at least once a day.

In this picture, Lane is seen doing what he loves best. Although the bull is the mechanical variety, Lane hangs on for 8 seconds- surely practicing for an exciting career ahead of him.

Earlier this year, Lane joined the Knox City community when his grandparents relocated here from Weatherford.

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Remember to place your order with Angel Food Ministries by Wednesday, October 20. For menu and order information, contact the 1st United Methodist Church of Knox City at 658-3517, Foursquare Church at 658-6645, Lighthouse Graphics at 658-5559 or online: HYPERLINK "http://www.Angelfood" www.Angelfood

ministries.com

KNOX COUNTY VETERANS DAY-Knox County veterans will be honored Thursday, November 11, 2010 with the tenth annual Veterans Day program sponsored by the Knox County Historical Commission (KCHC) and Friends of KCHC. The Knox County Veterans Memorial will be the site for the 11:00 A.M. program. The Memorial is located across the street east of the Knox County Courthouse in Benjamin. The names on the Memorial were gathered by committees in every Knox County Community. The mission of Friends of KCHC is to have an accurate and complete listing of all of the Knox County men and women who have served in the U. S. military. All donations to the Veterans Memorial are used to add new names and keep the Memorial up to date. Additional information about Knox County veterans is located in the files at the Wichita Brazos Museum.

Knox City Fire Department vs. Law enforcement football game to take place on October 14

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Seasons of Life

"To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven..."
 Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (NKJV)
 Fall is my most favorite time of the year. If we were to venture north in these coming weeks we would see the celebration of God's creation expressing themselves in the colorful leaves of the trees! This is their final expression of beauty before they go into the dormant season of winter in preparation for greater growth in the next season.

We too have seasons of growth throughout our lives. There is much talk of the seasons of life being a baby into a toddler to the tween's followed by the teen years to young adult into adulthood. We even classify the seasons of adulthood from youthful vibrancy into the golden years of senior living. Still we talk of the seasons of the year chronologically going from the dormancy of Winter to the new birth of Spring, entering into the fullness of growth in the Summer to the glorious beauty of Fall. Ah, the beauty of the various seasons of our lives!

We too have seasons in our personal lives that we grow through! For each of us we can be in polar opposite seasons then even our spouse or closest friends. Yes, these are the seasons we as Believers go through in our growth to maturity. At times, these seasons are extended

because God is preparing us for the greater things in life that lie ahead.

Let's start where we all begin. Before we come to a saving relationship with God, we walk in a proverbial desert (or a winter season), grasping for any pleasure to satisfy our barren souls. Once we enter a personal relationship with God (Through a personal God encounter), we begin experiencing a newness of joy, purpose and fulfillment of life (or a Spring Season). Everything seems brand new to us and it is! *"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?"* Isaiah 43:19

Something not talked about much is what happens after the newness wears off, when we begin the growing process in our relationship with Christ. It usually begins with a winter season, when it seems like God is so very far away. Our prayers seemingly hit the ceiling, days drag on with longings for the former days of bright joy and celebration. We cry out, "Where are you God?"

Winter is a season that God is doing so much in your life! You just do not see it because it is underground; it is not visible yet to us. Yet, God is up to something in your life & it is a time that God is trying to draw you in closer to Him!

Then it happens! The spring season of life hits

and we begin to see small samplings of new growth and we gain a new excitement of what God is doing in our lives. It is a time similar to the birth of a new baby when parents dream, having so much expectation and have great hope for what God is going to do in their child's life...great expectations!

This season is the same in our spiritual walk! We have great expectations from all of the things God is teaching, preparing, and cultivating in our lives during this seemingly barren and empty time! It is a season of new excitement, needing plenty of nurturing in prayer, His Word & fellowship so these new areas of growth are not squashed by the elements of life. This leads to the season of full maturing of the fruit of God's plantings in our lives.

The summer season is filled with a greater favor and blessings with God and man because of what the Holy Spirit has done in us to mature us in those areas! It is like realizing the "wax on wax off" of maturing to live beyond any expectations we ever had of ourselves, but God knew we had it in us all along. He had a plan and it is the time where living for God becomes easier because He prepared us for it and we did not give up!

The final season of this time of growth in us is Fall! It is a time like the 4th of July when great displays of colorful fireworks fill the evening

sky! We too, celebrate like the October landscape filled with the beautiful hues of brilliant colors! Our lives are filled with the amazing moves of God's presence in these times. It is a time of celebrating great victories and accomplishments in our lives with God...the harvest of great things!

My prayer for you is that whatever season of life you are in, that you will enjoy what God is showing you, preparing you for and rejoicing in it! If you are in wintertime, just know God is getting ready to do something amazing in your life you just cannot see it yet...it is something new and exciting! It could be in your marriage, job, family, or church family! **Be patient**, if you run to and with God your life will explode with amazing things just like the beauty of the trees of Fall!

October is also "Pastor Appreciation" month. I want to give a shout out to my pastoral friends/colleagues (doubly to our bi-vocational pastors) in the Knox City area who spend sleepless hours praying for (With big hearts), preparing messages for (like a good meal from scratch), weeping over, laying their lives down for and serving many times thanklessly while nobody was watching. They do it because they love God with a strong passion and love each of you in the community without reservation! God Bless you Pastors!

Obituary



George Espinosa
 Corpus Christi, Texas- George Martinez Espinosa, 44, went to be with our Lord on Monday, October 4 2010. He was born on April 25, 1966 in Knox City Texas to Pete and Tomasa Martinez Espinosa. He was a store manager for Times Market and will be missed by all of his family and friends.

He leaves to cherish his memories his wife, Adelmira Gaitan Espinosa, his son George Nicolas Espinosa of Corpus Christi, Texas.; his parents, Pete and Tomasa Espinosa; his brother Teddy (Melissa) Espinosa of Knox City. He will be missed by numerous other relatives and friends.

A Prayer Service will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 5, 2010 at Ramon Funeral Home Chapel in Robstown, Texas. The funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, October 6, 2010 at Primera Internment Baulista in Edroy, Texas. Interment will follow at Edroy Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Henry Longoria, Joe Salinas, Raul Gaitan, Zachary Bulger, Arturo Martinez, Antonio Martinez. Honorary will be Leonel O'Balle and Gabriel Longoria. A special thanks to Mr. Leonel O'Balle and all the staff at Fresenius Dialysis and H-E-B Pharmacy.

H.D. Hord

H.D. "Derrell" Hord, age 92, of Truscott, TX, died Saturday, October 2, 2010, in Truscott, TX.

Graveside serves will be held October 5, 2010 at 2:00 PM at Truscott Cemetery. Officiating will be Rev. Mark Brockett. Interment under the direction of Womack - Manard

Funeral Home, Crowell, TX.

H.D. was born March 15, 1918 in Eastland County, TX.

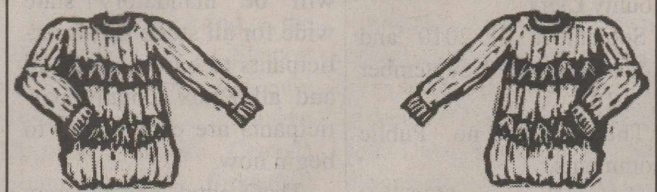
He was the son of the late W.M. Hord and the late Vera Stella Traweek Hord. He married Vula Campbell on February 25, 1939 in Truscott, TX. She preceded him in death on April 20, 2004. He was a framer & rancher. He was of Baptist.

He is survived by two sons Jimmy Hord, Truscott, TX. and Randell Hord, Truscott, TX; one brother Marion Hord, Vernon, TX and two grand children Five Great-Grand Children.

Preceded in death by grandson Tracy Hord July 18, 1986.

Memorials can be made to favorite charity.

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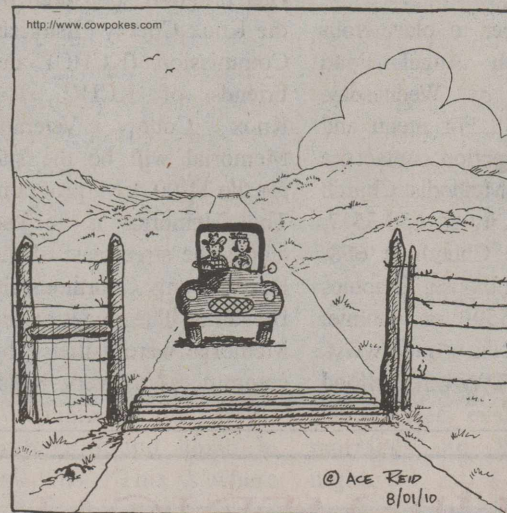
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The 501

by Hanaba Munn Welch

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

Fat is a nice straightforward word. I can't say the same for "overweight," but a word like fat deserves a euphemism, and that's probably why somebody invented overweight.

But obese? It's the kind of word that makes fat sound good.

To me "obese" describes a body that's O-shaped dead-on and B-shaped in profile. I see a Sumo wrestler.

So how is it that obese is suddenly a household adjective for a third of the U.S. population? Are we that fat?

Blame the body mass index people, a.k.a., the body police. They figured out how to measure flab to get a handle on obese. So, when you add all the fat people to all the flabby people, not necessarily mutually exclusive groups, a third of us are obese.

Moreover, "obese" has an "ity" version, which makes it the next best thing to a disease. You can't do that with "fat." Fatity. Sorry. Couldn't help myself.

Incidentally, if you disagree with the lack or use of quotation marks around some of these words, change them. You're probably right.

"Obese," quotes or not, is a big-time word. When such a term comes into vogue, somebody's got an angle. Let's follow the money.

It's easier to sell diet pills, diet food, diet plans and diet books to people who've suddenly discovered they're not just fat. They're obese.

Of course, if you're into politics, obesity makes a nice cause. Take childhood obesity. It's a great thing

to be against. Not to make light of the crisis, but it's easier to make a big deal out of kids getting fat by using the technical term instead of just saying too many kids are fat.

As for economics and politics, are we genuinely concerned about the health of young people, or are we just worried about how much they're going to weigh down our national health care system? Maybe both.

Meanwhile, I've decided not to think of myself as fat — or, Heaven forbid, obese — but rather as petite.

Here's how it works: Petite is the French word for small, but the clothing industry uses the word as a size for short people. Take it from me. I'm not small. I am short. I buy petite stuff all the time.

I'd not be surprised to run into petite sizes in the women's plus-size section. Maybe it's already happening.

Yep, petite is just another word for my kind of fat. If I were taller, I wouldn't be petite or fat. Instead, I'm both. No telling how tall I'd have to shoot up to meet the lofty standards of the body mass index people. They haven't caught me yet.

Petite, by the way, is a feminine adjective, off-limits to you guys, not that you care. You wear Levi's with the size posted on a visible rear label. You shop in stores called "Big and Tall." Your idea of a euphemism is "husky."

And you think women are hard to understand? OK, maybe we are. Just don't call us obese.

'If it's not your money - it's a crime!'

It's Everyone's Business Campaign Takes Aim at Financial Exploitation

Adult Protective Services (APS), a division of the Department of Family and Protective Services, is urging all Texans to make it their business to protect the elderly and people with disabilities from financial exploitation.

The agency identified 1,836 victims of financial exploitation in Texas last year, although there are likely many more that went unrecognized and unreported.

That is why, across Texas, APS is holding conferences, passing out brochures, and meeting with banks and other organizations that could intervene to protect exploitation victims. APS is also delivering exploitation information directly to its clients and, in some areas, holding events at community centers that combine fun activities like Bingo with presentations on exploitation.

"It is sad but sometimes

the elderly are victimized by their own adult children," says Beth Engelking, DFPS assistant commissioner for Adult Protective Services. "Other times the exploiter is a paid caregiver or other family member. It is critical that everyone understands that if it's not your money, it's financial exploitation, and that's a crime."

Financial exploitation is the illegal or improper use of another person's money or property for personal profit or gain. Signs of financial exploitation include:

- Sudden changes in bank accounts or banking practices.
- Unexplained or unexpected withdrawal of large sums of money.
- Adding names to an elderly or disabled person's bank signature card.
- Unfamiliar people accompanying bank customers to withdraw large sums.
- Unauthorized withdrawal of funds using ATM card or sudden transfers of assets.
- Sudden changes in

financial documents.

- Unpaid bills despite having enough money.
- Previously uninvolved relatives who suddenly claim rights to a person's affairs and possessions.
- Abuse of power of attorney.

Engelking urges all Texans who know someone with a disability or who is elderly to be on the lookout for signs of financial exploitation. If you suspect exploitation, call 1-800-252-5400 and file a report so APS and law enforcement can investigate. Or you can report online at TxAbuseHotline.org.

Stopping financial exploitation is one of the main themes of APS' **Everyone's Business** campaign, which also educates Texans on other forms of adult abuse and neglect.

Find out more at EveryonesBusiness.org, including tips on how Texans can protect themselves from financial exploitation.

Facts and Figures

- Texas has more than

2.4 million residents 65 or older. Another two million younger adults have a disability.

Last year, APS investigations confirmed that 50,936 Texans living at home and 1,329 Texans living in institutions were victim of abuse, neglect, or exploitation. (52,265)

About half of abuse, neglect, and exploitation victims were elderly and about half were younger adults with disabilities.

Last year, APS investigations found that 1700 adults living at home and 136 adults living in institutions were victims of financial exploitation. (1,836)

Last year, APS referred more than 8,000 allegations of financial exploitation to law enforcement.

The mission of APS is to protect the elderly and adults with disabilities from abuse, neglect, and exploitation by investigating, and providing or arranging for services to alleviate or prevent further maltreatment.

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TDA announces statewide county challenge on feral hogs

With as many as 2 million feral hogs causing millions of dollars in urban and rural property damage across the Lone Star State each year, the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) is challenging all 254 Texas counties to step up efforts to curb the ongoing problem and decrease the state's feral hog population.

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples read a proclamation declaring October "Hog Out Month - Get the Hog Outta Texas!"

"Wild, feral hogs are causing tremendous damage across the landscape of Texas," Commissioner Staples said. Commissioner Staples kicked off a county challenge to reduce the number of hogs by legal means. The challenge, which has recruited nearly 60 counties so far, will run through Oct. 31. A grant will be given to the counties with the most hogs removed. More details about the county challenge for Hog Out Month - Get the Hog Outta Texas! Can be found at www.TexasAgriculture.gov under Most Popular Links.

"Not only are feral hogs a costly nuisance to agricultural operations and wildlife habitats, but they are increasingly finding their way into urban areas and destroying residents' yards, public parks and golf courses," Commissioner Staples said. "On my ranch in East Texas, I have eliminated a number of hogs and I am asking Texans around the state to step up and join the county challenge to learn about feral hogs and how best to legally hunt and trap them in their area. These hogs, which number in the millions and are capable of breeding twice a year, wreak havoc on property and also can pose a health threat to humans through disease and automobile accidents."

TDA works with the Texas

AgriLife Extension Service to reduce the number of feral hogs in Texas, and in turn, save Texas landowners millions of dollars. Participants in educational programs on feral hog management reported a savings of \$1.7 million in the past year. Additionally, feral hog management efforts in just five months in 2010 resulted in further savings of \$1.58 million in damages averted, reflecting a conservative estimated return of \$20 in savings for every \$1 invested.

Texas Feral Hog Facts (Source: Texas AgriLife Extension Service)

• Feral hogs cause an estimated \$400 million in damages annually

• Feral hogs are predators of lambs, kid goats, baby calves, newborn fawns, ground nesting birds, and compete for food and space with many native species of wildlife

• Feral hogs commonly destroy urban yards, parks and golf courses, as well as rangeland, pastures, crops, streams, ponds, and watersheds

• Vehicle collisions with feral hogs cause an estimated \$1,200 in damage per collision, and create safety hazards for those involved

According to Billy Higginbotham, Texas AgriLife Extension Wildlife Specialist, feral hog damage can be successfully managed and significantly reduced. Through vigilance and by working together, both urban and rural landowners can initiate efforts at first signs of feral hog damage, thereby making a noticeable difference. The Texas AgriLife Extension Service provides landowners information on the best feral hog management practices available. For questions regarding your local county's See HOGS on page 6

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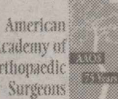
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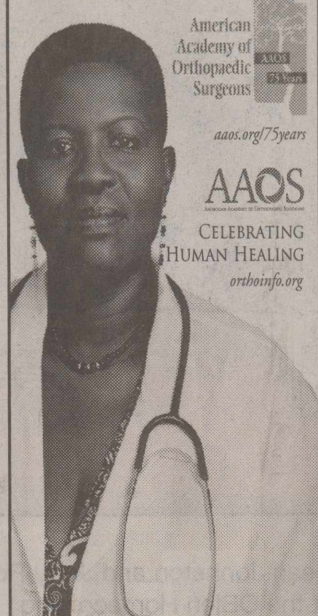
Today, Dr. Claudius-Cole is fully recovered, and back at her vital healing practice in West Africa. Her story truly brings new meaning to the term "pro-Bono." We share it here because it sends two of the most contagious messages we know. Don't give up, and remember to give back.



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2009 Weekly Weather Report

Date	Temperature (F) Low / High	Rainfall inches	Snow inches
9/27	48/78		
9/28	55/89		
9/29	55/90		
9/30	57/87		
10/01	56/82		
10/02	58/84		
10/03	52/66		

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O'Brien Homecoming

This past weekend, the town of O'Brien grew in population for two days. As exes from the past revisited their alma mater, O'Brien school was abuzz from Friday

night until Sunday. There were over 150 exes in the crowd, with the oldest O'Brien alumni being Beatrice Reed Ellis, who graduated in the early 1930's, to the

youngest graduate, Vicki Hewitt Daniel, who was in the last graduating class in 1976. The current and former residents convened for days worth of eating,

fellowship, showing off their talents, games and much more. The next O'Brien Homecoming will be the second weekend of 2012.



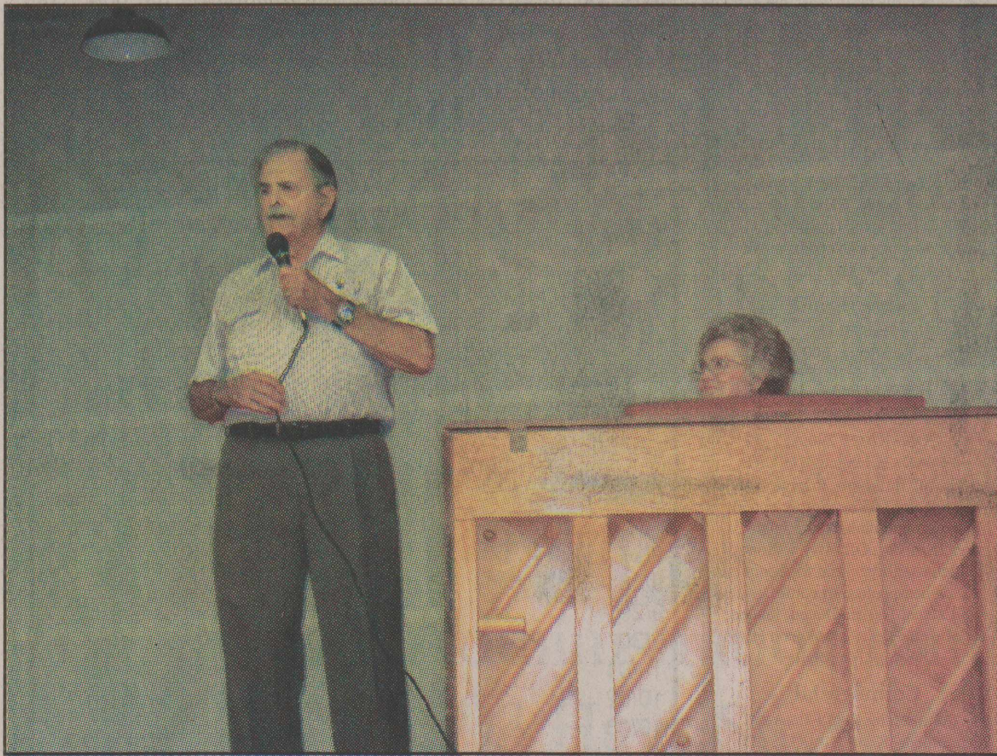
June Tankersley and sister Faye Reed won the talent show at the OBrien homecoming on Saturday night



O'Brien Homecoming Registration table.



Ex O'Brien coach, Jerry Johnston, stands with several of his ex-players



Alton and LaUna Hestor at the Bulldogs have Talent night celebration at the OBrien Homecoming



Dean Johnston and Jerry Rowan join La Una on the statge for Bulldogs have talent at the OBien Homecoming

Rochester Homecoming

Rochester has a Homecoming celebration every four years, and this last weekend, Rochester locals, exes, graduates, and families gathered for the reunion. Other than the delightful

food, dancing and fellowship, the highlight of the weekend was a program honoring the veterans that once called (or still call) Rochester home. The program was complete with a

flag folding ceremony, an 10 gun salute, a horse riding- flag wielding show and fireworks. The festivities will take place again in another 4 years.



Photos by Jason Smart

South Texas Farm and Ranch Show **Just Jeff**

The South Texas Farm and Ranch Show is scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 27-28 to be held in Victoria, TX at the Community Center, 2905 E. North St.

Besides the more than 125 booths of ag-related equipment, 14 hours of TDA pesticide CEU's will be offered over the two days, including 5 hours in laws and regulations, 6 hours in IPM, and 3 hours in general. For crop producers and consultants, 19.5 hours of CCA hours will be offered.

Of course you can't attend all programs, as some are concurrent sessions, but there is a lot to choose from. And if you are looking to become a private applicator of pesticides on your property, Pesticide License Training and Testing will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 27. Programs start each day at 7 a.m. with free breakfast at 6:30 a.m. for the first 300.

Featured on Wednesday will be programs at the Cattlemen's College, plus programs on pesticide misuse, regulation of pesticide discharges into water, IPM concepts, tractor restoration, Rio Grande Wild Turkey Management and Wildlife Enterprises.

On Thursday, programs start with either the Cattlemen's College or Farming Issues followed by programs on either Estate Planning for Farmers & Ranchers or Citrus Pests and Citrus Greening. After lunch, attendees can learn about retirement planning for farmers & ranchers.

Wednesday's, Oct. 27, luncheon speaker features nationally renown, Betty Wolanyk, Chief Operating Officer, Ag Literacy Works, Barker, NY. Betty will talk about "Speaking Out For Agriculture: Why?"

On Thursday, Oct. 28,

the luncheon speaker is Dr. Don Renchie, Extension Program Leader for Ag & Environmental Safety at College Station. Don's topic is "The Watch Aint Over: We Still Need to Be Vigilant".

Besides the great array of programs, there will be a significant showing of farm and ranch equipment and related hardware and booths.

Plan on attending any program as no reservations are required but your lunch tickets (\$10 Wed.- rib-eye steak; \$7 Thur.) must be purchased by Monday, October 25 from the Victoria County Extension office, 442 Foster Field Dr., Victoria, TX (next to the Victoria airport).

A few booth spaces are still available. For information about reserving a booth at the show to promote your products, contact Vikki at the Victoria County Extension office, phone at (361) 575-4581.

Homecoming was a great time at the Stanfield House. We had the Chenhall's from Haskell Oklahoma come in for a visit. Hillary, Haleigh and Billy came back home to Knox City for a visit. Haleigh and Hillary both went to school here until High School then they moved to Oklahoma. Haleigh is a mother of 3 beautiful kids and great mom, Hillary is a student at OSU studying finance and business. It was a great time having the Chenhall's at the lodge.

We also had a visit from Cameron Hutchinson and his wife Tasha. Cameron has not changed a bit; it was just like going back in time 7 years. Cameron is working for Great White drilling and is a deep well stimulator and is doing very well for himself. I am really proud of that boy. I figure if he would have stayed here through high school I would have spent some serious coin for bail money for him and Andy, and Mr. Tucker would have relocated.

Michelle and I had the privilege of eating dinner with Gary and Amy Schnable on Thursday night at Barro's in Vernon. I understand Gary is a Yankee, but he does not like Mexican food. Now I ask you, who does not like Mexican food? I mean good gosh, that is crazy. I am really wondering about Ol' Gary. I like Gary, but he has some weird food tendencies. For example Payne spent the

night with Sam on Friday I go back and take some clothes by on Saturday morning and the Schnable's being great host invites me in for breakfast and BAM Gary strikes again he ask if I would like some Turkey Bacon??? Go figure, He is a Yankee, and well... he is a Yankee. He tells me, "Oh Jeff, it tastes just like ham." Well, why not eat ham, Gary? I am glad Amy and Gary moved to Knox City.

Speaking of preachers Tex Cox has always enjoyed taking a bite out of my kid's food, no matter what or where. I have seen him many times just snatch up Andy's hamburger take a bite and walk away. Well, Corbin Cox got payback at the football game this Friday. I walk up and grab 2 cheese sticks take a big bite and put them back. He looked at me like I stole his bike. Corbin, your dad is still ahead of me by 38 cheeseburgers and 4 Mexican dinners- So Beware!

I have to give a great job to our School system. Mr. Beatty and the School board, you hit a home run on Coach Cosby and Coach Lawson. Both have really contributed to our school in such positive ways. It is nice to have the extra people who really care. Lawson is a paramedic and helps with injuries and Cosby helps with Jr High practice after school. Thanks guys for being a positive influence to the kids.

Ryan Faulks a guide of

mine who is from Ohio flew down this week to watch Zach play football. He was in the airport in Cleveland at bought a " Petersons Hunting" and in the middle of the magazine was a ad of west Texas pictures and lo and behold there where 3 pictures of Knox City in it. It was of the mini mall, Billy Young and the Texas tractor.

It was a sad day for me on Friday, 1st I remember when Zach was starting school in Mrs. Bowens class, On Friday night him, Zack York and Brandon Bradley stood on the 40 for the football hero. Where did the time go? It was just a few years ago the 3 of them where in Pre-K. If you have young kids it will go by too fast. Thanks for all the great times guys and congrats to Zork for Football Hero.

My citizen of the week is Alex Ledesma and Dusty Bradley for all they did to give us a great football field. The field was painted, the end zone had white checkered with blue and red paw prints. Great Job, your boys should be proud of all the work you did. I understand they were not the only parents who worked to make our town look great. Thanks to all of you and to the merchants who let us decorate downtown and Alsups and Penmans. Greyhound spirit is alive and it shows.

God Bless
Jeff Stanfield

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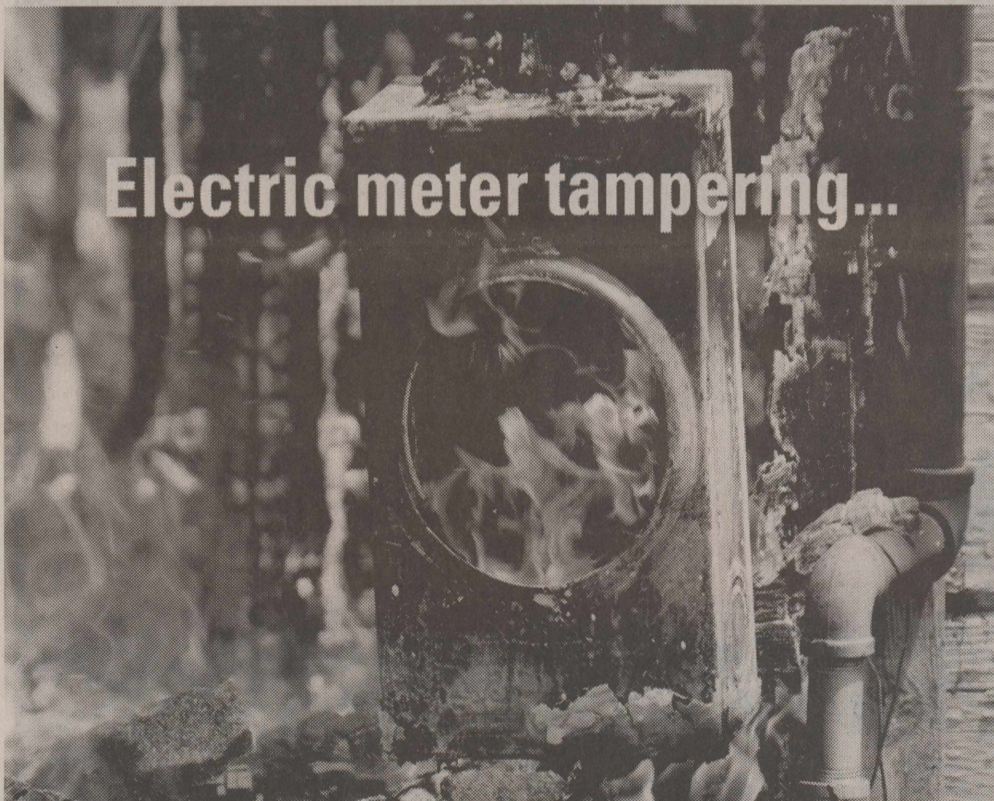
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Deficit causes concern for Texans

AMARILLO - Recent announcements regarding the \$18 billion deficit has caused concern for many Texans, including senior citizens. They want to know which state agencies and services will be affected.

Addressing the current outlook for Texas and issues for seniors will be State Rep. John Smithee and Alan Abraham, Texas Silver Hair Legislator, at the Oct. 14 Senior Seminar. The hour-long program will begin at 1:30 p.m. at the Texas AgriLife Research

and Extension Center, 6500 Amarillo Blvd. W., Amarillo.

Although designed for senior citizens, this program will be of interest to most residents of the Panhandle, according to Sue Church, AgriLife Extension family and consumer sciences agent for Potter County. The general public is invited to attend this free seminar.

Refreshments, provided by the Senior Advantage Program of the Northwest Texas Healthcare System,

will follow the program and provide the opportunity for further presenter-participant interaction. Door prizes will be donated by Scott's Flowers.

For more information about the upcoming seminar, contact the AgriLife Extension office in Potter County at 373-0713.

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Pumpkin Seed-spitting Contest	Munday \$\$ prizes
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OPINION



The Paperboy

Baseless accusations

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

What if your neighbor decided they had it out for you and started making accusations in an attempt to discredit you or damage your reputation?

Let's say your neighbor went around accusing you of beating your children. Of course your only defense is to deny it and tell said neighbor to "prove it."

Then the neighbor hits you with this: "Prove you don't beat your children."

It's an ugly predicament is it not? Trying to prove something is not true often makes one look guilty in the process.

Since President Obama took office, he and his staff have had their sights set on the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Things really got ugly when the Chamber came out against health care reform.

Key Democrats renewed their attacks against the Chamber when they accused the organization of using foreign money to influence the midterm races despite the Obama administration's acknowledgment that it had no evidence that the charge was true.

White House advisor David Axelrod, appearing on CBS' "Face the Nation," defended the administration's attacks, along with a Democratic National Committee ad that began airing Sunday, by saying the answer can't be known because of campaign-finance laws and First Amendment and privacy issues.

"I don't know," Axelrod said when asked whether the

Chamber was using dues from foreign countries to finance attack ads, as the president implied twice last week.

"Is that the best you can do?" host Bob Schieffer asked.

Axelrod then implied that the chamber's claims about being in compliance with campaign-finance law may not be true, though he also offered no specific cause for suspicion.

"No one knows, Bob. The point is ... I can assert anything I want, but you have, as a good journalist, you would ask me, 'Well, how do we know that's true? Do you have documentation to prove that?'" Mr. Axelrod said.

Schieffer noted that accepting dues money from foreign affiliates does not distinguish the chamber from any number of conservative or liberal-leaning groups and that the dues amount to \$100,000 toward the general fund of a group with a \$200 million budget.

In other words, of the percentage of foreign money the Chamber takes in is around .0005 percent of what the group takes in annually.

"But this part about foreign money, that appears to be peanuts, Mr. Axelrod. I mean, do you have any evidence that it's anything other than peanuts?" Schieffer asked.

Mr. Axelrod replied, "Well, do you have any evidence that it's not, Bob?"

The DNC has begun airing a TV ad again accusing the Chamber of Commerce of taking "secret foreign money" and attacking it as a threat to democracy.

"The U.S. Chamber of Commerce, they're skills for big business, and they're stealing our democracy, spend-

ing millions from secret donors to elect Republicans to do their bidding in Congress," the narrator says. "It appears they've even taken secret, foreign money to influence our elections. It's incredible. Republicans benefiting from secret, foreign money."

The ad ran despite the White House's acknowledgment Friday that it had no evidence that any undisclosed money used to finance chamber-sponsored ads was indeed foreign. Taking such money for advertising would be illegal.

So, Chicago politics rules the day. Scorched Earth remains the favorite card for the White House to use when they're looking for votes whether it's the midterm elections or trying to get a Senator to play ball on health care reform.

Will it be effective? Perhaps not this time. The Chamber can afford to get their name clean. But the fact that hit jobs are done like this is pitiful.

Perhaps Democrats and Republicans will one day learn people are upset about spending and politics as usual. The sooner they learn that lesson, the better off we'll all be. The longer it takes, the more turnover we'll have in Washington D.C.

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Other Opinions

ObamaCare Waivers

By ADAM BITELY

Want out of the new ObamaCare regulations? All you have to do is be a big business that offers mini med-plans and apply for a waiver from the Health and Human Services Department. Just simply indicate that it costs your business too much money and they will grant you an exemption. Click here for the rules.

Wouldn't it be nice if all Americans could back out of ObamaCare so easily?

Over the past few weeks, headlines have been made nationwide regarding large companies amending their health care plans or announcing plans to discontinue their plans altogether in light of new ObamaCare regulations. These companies range from McDonald's to 3M.

3M is dropping coverage for its retirees,

achieving exactly what the Obama administration intended when they designed the Health Care bill. The government has created an incentive for companies to save money by dumping their Health Care coverage for their employees and retirees, which in turn dumps them into the government system.

McDonald's is currently providing mini-med plans for nearly 30,000 employees. With increases mandated by ObamaCare on the annual limits of such plans, McDonald's indicated that it was too expensive to offer the plans with the increases. That's why McDonald's applied for a waiver to be exempt from the annual limits increase on the mini-med health care plans. So in 2014, when the exemptions are no longer granted, McDonald's will most likely cancel the plans altogether dumping more people into the government system.

Just look at how the annual limits increase over the course of the next two years, according to HHS:

- For plan or policy years beginning on or after September 23, 2010 but before September 23, 2011, \$750,000;
- For plan or policy years beginning on or after September 23, 2011 but before September 23, 2012, \$1.25 million; and
- For plan or policy years beginning on or after September 23, 2012 but before January 1, 2014, \$2 million.

The effect ObamaCare is having on individual Americans becomes clearer with each passing day. As the government hands down more regulations to put ObamaCare into effect, we will see a continued reduction in the number of people on employer health care plans. And this is all further evidence that the current health care plans Americans en-

joy will continue to decrease as ObamaCare takes effect, standing in direct contrast to Obama's promise that most people would be able to keep their current Health Care plan.

In fact, the U.S. Department of Labor admitted as much in a recent regulation where they estimated that up to 69 percent of private health plans will lose their grandfathered status by the end of 2013 — forcing their customers to change providers whether they want to or not.

While government bureaucrats sift through 1,500 requests from businesses to receive waivers on annual limits increases, many Americans are in fear that they will soon be without the health care coverage they currently have. One thing is for sure though, it sure would be nice if all of America could apply for a waiver to escape the impending doom of ObamaCare.

Other Views

The Futility of Printing Money

By BILL WILSON

With sideways economic growth and persistently high unemployment, the Federal Reserve and other Keynesian economists have been obsessed with 1930's-style "deflation." Since the end of 2008, and in the wake of the financial crisis, the nation's central bank has been engaged in so-called "quantitative easing" (QE) to allegedly prevent a second Great Depression.

In lay terms, the Fed has been printing money and injecting it into the financial system and government coffers.

First, the Fed reduced the federal funds rate to near-zero in December 2008, where it has kept it ever since. Then, it announced it would purchase some \$1.25 trillion in mortgage-backed securities (MBS) plus \$175 billion of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac debt. It also said it would buy \$300 billion of U.S. treasuries.

Where did they get the money? They printed it. That was in March 2009. Keeping its word, the Fed went ahead and made the purchases, raising its share of treasuries from \$474 billion to \$776 billion by the end of March 2010. Still not satisfied, however, in August of this year, it announced that it would then be selling its MBS holdings, and then use the money to buy yet more treasuries.

Now, the central bank owns over \$808 billion in treasuries. And it still has over \$1.086 trillion of MBS in its portfolio left to sell. Since the middle of August, the Fed has been buying about \$4.35 billion of treasuries a week, a pace that will add another \$226 billion to the Fed's share of the national debt, bringing it up to over \$1 trillion by August 2011.

That would be more than either China or Japan hold, and make the Fed the top holder of the national debt in the whole world.

It is in this context that there is now widespread advocacy for the Fed to once again step in and buy even more treasuries. How much more? Nobody knows for certain, but it has already been dubbed "QE2," and Wall Street is all but certain it will happen. Investor's Business Daily speculates that it could be as much as another \$1 trillion.

Why might the Fed do this?

The Fed says that "measures of underlying inflation are currently at levels somewhat below those the Committee

judges most consistent, over the longer run, with its mandate to promote maximum employment and price stability." This represents a strong signal they may actually be preparing to go through with it. The Fed says it "is prepared to provide additional accommodation if needed to support the economic recovery."

Inflation is too low, they say, and unemployment too high. Some more monopoly money should do the trick, they say.

But we're the ones who will pay. Apparently, \$85 for a barrel of oil and \$1,300 for an ounce of gold is not high enough for the central bankers. As noted by Investor's Business Daily, since March 2009, "gold has surged 46 percent and oil is up even more, by 73 percent." Who knows what 2011 will hold?

Ostensibly, the justification for printing more money is to help the economy. But what if that was not the real reason? What if "QE2" was just a front, an excuse for the Fed to buy the national debt?

According to Strategas Research Partners' Jason Desena Trennett: "\$5.2 trillion of U.S. debt comes due in the next three years..." In addition, the White House Office of Management and Budget projects that in the next three fiscal years, the national debt will grow by \$3.6 trillion to \$17.453 trillion.

That means in the next three years, the Treasury will have to sell \$8.8 trillion more treasuries: \$5.2 trillion to roll over the existing debt, and another \$3.6 trillion for budget deficits and interest owed on the debt. That means each year it will have to sell \$2.93 trillion of more debt.

So, what if the reason for "QE2" had nothing to do with helping the economy? According to Bloomberg News, IHS Global Insight, Moody's Analytics, and Macroeconomic Advisers say it won't help that much anyway. "The firms estimate that the unemployment rate will remain around 9 percent or higher next year whether the Fed buys \$500 billion or \$2 trillion of U.S. Treasuries in a second round of unconventional stimulus," Bloomberg reports.

It will only add 0.1 percent to growth and do nothing to create jobs. Therefore, what if the real reason to print the money was because the Treasury didn't think it could sell that much debt without the Fed helping? Fiscal Year 2010 was already a record year for expanding the debt, when the Treasury sold

\$2.3 trillion worth of treasuries.

What if the Fed is buying the national debt because we're broke? Because principal on the debt can no longer be paid on the debt by simply rolling it over? Because the only way to pay the principal due is to simply pull a Weimar Republic and print it?

Assuming the actual demand for treasuries remains consistent from 2010, there will be about a \$630 billion shortfall to pay the debt every year for the next three years. With China slowly declining its share of the national debt, the only way to pay the bills will either be for the Treasury to find new buyers, or for the Federal Reserve to print another \$630 billion every year (or conversely speed up its sales of the MBS).

The Treasury had better hope it can either find new buyers of the debt, or that Congress balances the budget next year. The alternative is that the Fed will run up its share of the debt to \$1.6 trillion in 2011, more than \$2 trillion in 2012, and perhaps as much as \$3 trillion in 2013.

That's assuming there would not be a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad impact on the demand for those treasuries on account of us papering over the debt. Who will want to be paid back with monopoly money? Will foreign owners of the debt even accept payment in dollars any more?

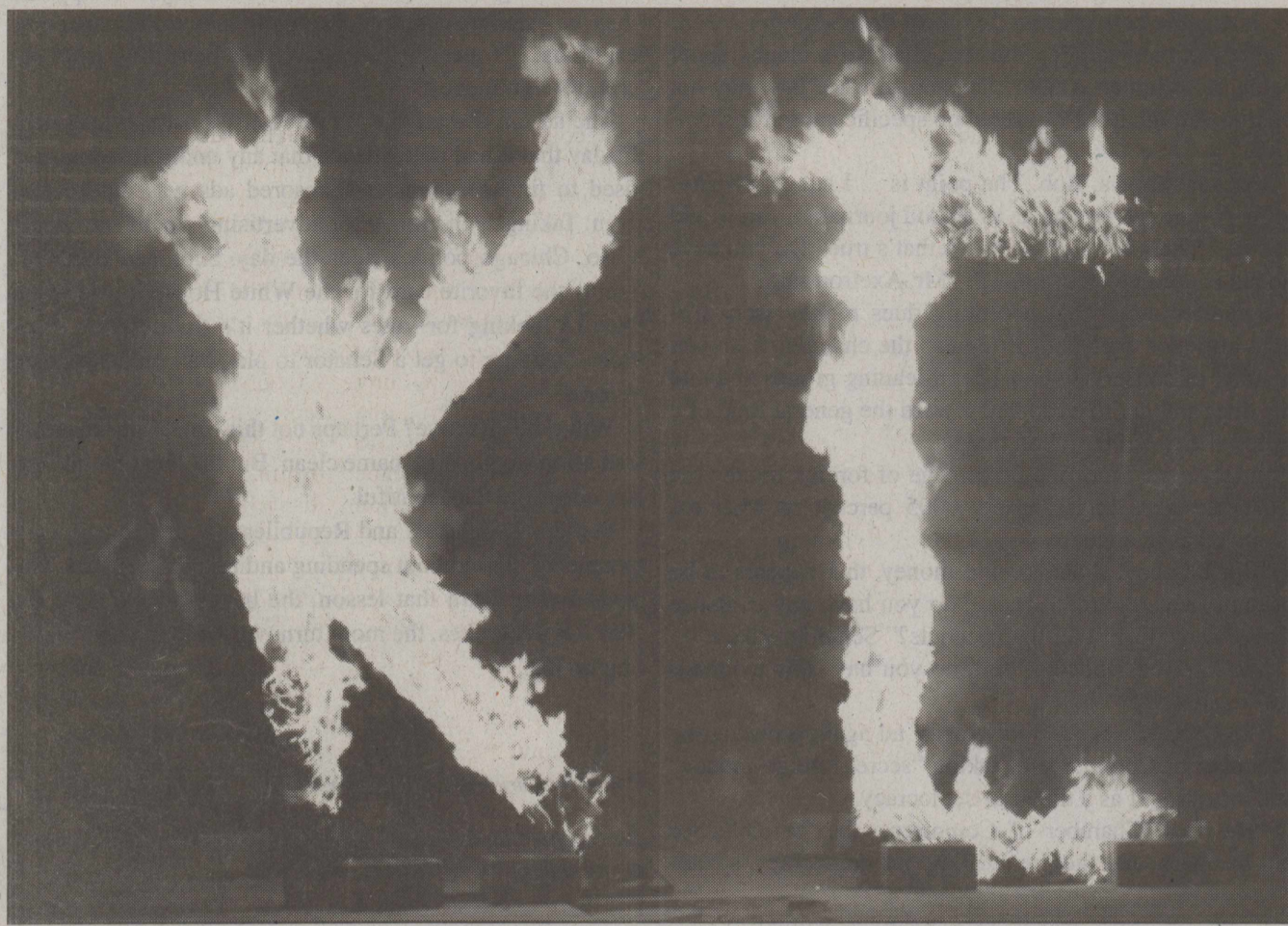
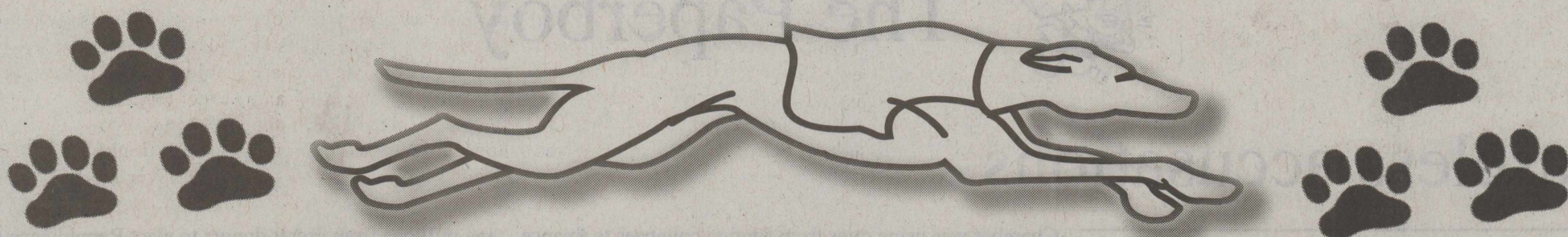
France and Britain ultimately rejected the Weimar Republic's attempts to pay its war debts with printed money after World War I. The result was hyperinflation in Germany and double-digit unemployment, which eventually spread throughout the continent and helped cause the first Great Depression.

Meanwhile, China is the primary beneficiary of these developments. Every year, it takes the trade deficit and converts it into treasuries and earns a modest return. But it is also using the money to stockpile gold, buy real assets like ports in Greece and factories in Brazil, modernize its navy and other armed forces, and build real infrastructure in its mainland.

In short, the American people are paying the Chinese an exorbitant tax, with which they are buying the world. They are sucking us dry. This is equivalent of Dutch traders buying Manhattan for beads, blankets, and seashells, except this time it is cheap furniture, plastic toys, and electronics we really don't need.

This is worse than the Great Depression.

KNOX CITY SPORTS



The blazing KC is the annual marker for the beginning of Homecoming at the High School.

Photo by Daveine Clark

Varsity Football 2010

Greyhound Football is alive and well. Finally, it looks like we have turned the corner on this 6-man stuff. The last 2 weeks have been blowouts, the week before that we take it on the chin to Spur. Spur this week gets beat by #2 Ira 8-0. I know, I know that comparing scores is not very accurate, but I am telling you that the Hounds are a legitimate top 15 team.

This week the Homecoming was an offensive show piece. The hounds blistered the Northside Indians 62-8 at Greyhound field. The offensive players of the game were a trio of Ryan Ledesma, Marcell Lewis and Zach Shaver. Ryan and Marcell led the team in rushing and Zach had a bunch of blocks to lead the Hounds. On defense, it was Brandon Bradley and Jarek Wilde taking the honors. Brandon had a pick for a Td that was nullified by a block in the

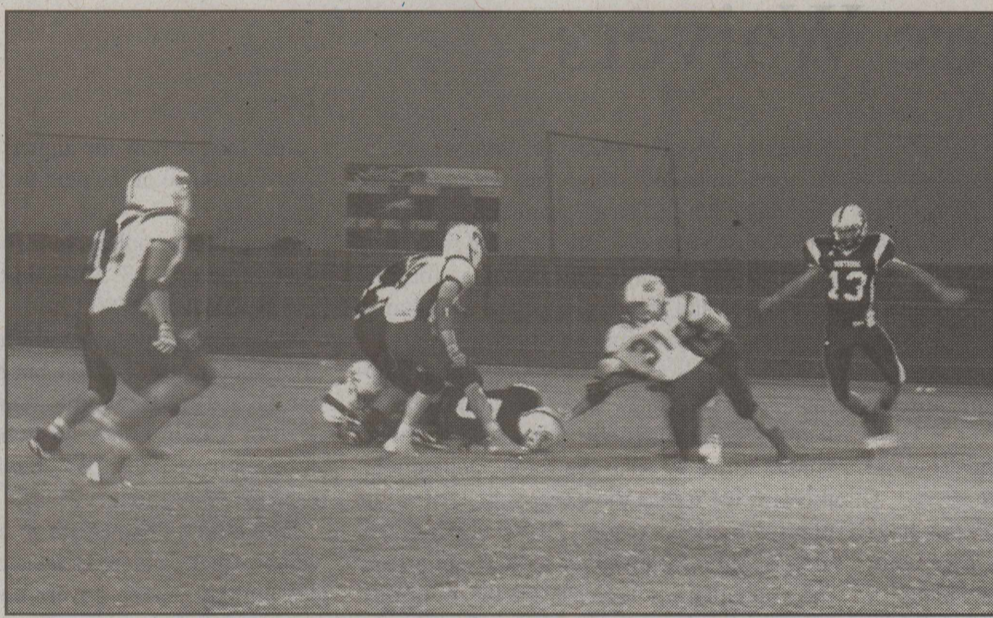
back, and Jarek was wreaking havoc on the Indians all night.

The special teams player of the game goes to Chago Espinal for excellent coverage on the kickoffs and the Big Hit goes to Josh Schnable. The Hounds played a great game again this week. The players have really stepped up the intensity the last couple of weeks. The Hounds will be off this week but have a huge game at Gordon the following week. The Gordon game will most likely be a playoff spot for the winner. Last week Gordon was beat by 40 points by the Woodson boys, who the Hounds beat by 45 the week before.

Each week we have the players of the games but sometimes the most important players do not get much press. Santos Espinal, Riley Rodriguez and Austin Vallimont do not get to score much, or carry the ball or even catch it. But these 3 Lineman play a huge role for the Hounds. Riley did have a TD this week so hats off too him.

Bye week award goes to the coaches. It seems like we have about 100 kids on the Jr High team, although I think it is very close to 25. The coaches each week get every kid in and they seem to contribute some sort of way. The Jr High kids have a great attitude and the program has improved a ton since last season. With only have four 8th graders things look great for the future. Good Job coaches on getting all those new young guys game time.

As a parting shot, I have had a volleyball mom ask me why I do not write the Volleyball report. I really know nothing about volleyball and I get real busy this time of year. I write the football (sports) because I have sons who play. I also attend all the football games and I get lots of help. The coaches e-mail me the stats, Augie Rodriguez gets the Jr High stats after he watches the film. Good Luck To all Hounds and Houndettes!



The Greyhounds tackle an Indian during the Hmecoing game on Friday night. The game only lasted until halftime, when the Hounds "45-ed" the Northside Indians.

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Bud Reynolds is turning 80!

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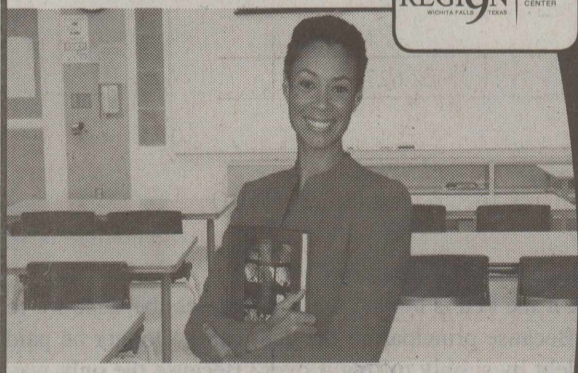
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BENJAMIN NEWS

By Gladene Green

May I begin with a great big thank you to a couple of friends. Ron Yost, former Munday resident, now living in Colorado, called on Monday just to tell me how much he enjoys this news each week. What a nice thing for him to do- To take the time out of his busy life to call and say such nice things really made me feel good! We had a nice conversation about folks we both know. And on Friday, former Knox City residents, Alton and LaUna Hester, now residing at Panhandle had lots of nice things to say about my weekly writing. They were in the area for the O'Brien homecoming. I appreciate these folks and everyone who enjoys reading and finding out what's going on over here in Benjamin.

Regarding Our Ill

Lorene Powers is getting stronger each day and says she is feeling better all the time. That's sure good news. David Milson is reported to having some problems the last few days. He had to have some fluid taken off his lungs and after that, I think he began to feel better. His mom, Bo, is in Cedar Hill with him and his family. David's wife, Val, teaches school, so his mom can "take care" of him during the day. Isn't that what moms always do? It's good for them that she is able to be there during this time.

Ned Jones' brother, Tim, who lives near Ft. Davis, was injured last week. The injury is a result of a "run in" with a bull. Somehow Tim was on the ground and the bull stepped on him but fortunately he had no serious injuries. Just bruised and I bet he's pretty sore. But he's going to be o.k. Ned put it this way: "It will take more that a bull to get him down".

Cody Propps is having therapy on his leg which was injured in a football game a couple of weeks ago. He's supposed to take it pretty easy but he's ready to get back to work and other routine business. This is not good for anyone, but for an active senior in high school, it's really aggravating.

Jim Cox underwent cataract surgery on Tuesday in Abilene and sees much better now. He got that over with before some back surgery he will be having on Oct. 20 also in Abilene. He will likely be restricted on what he can do after that, but to be free of pain will be worth the change he will have to deal with for a while.

Donnie Ryder is doing well since his knee surgery last Monday. He's back in Knox City hospital now undergoing therapy and everyday seems a little more improved. That's the kind of report we like to get.

Jack and Mary Young and daughter, Debbie Neill, got back home Sunday after several weeks in Houston for Jack to have treatments at M.D. Anderson. He was tired, of course, after the trip, even though they stayed overnight in Saginaw (to break up the trip). According to reports, he's mighty glad to be home and I'm sure after a little rest, they would be glad to have friends drop by and visit. As always, I ask for your prayers for all these friends.

Sympathy to Teddy Espinosa and family and Pete and Tommie Espinosa of Knox City this week. Their son and brother, George, passed away last week after several years of failing health. He resided in Corpus Christi and his funeral was there on Sunday.

Here N There

Oscar and Shannon Gideon and family left Wednesday for their home in

Gilbert, Arizona after a few days visit with his parents. Their daughter, Ariel, remained until Sunday for a longer visit with relatives and friends.

Mike Gideon of Bryan left Thursday after a few days visit with his dad, Weldon, and other relatives.

Gilbert and Bertha Navenez and children have moved back to Benjamin. They had lived in Vera a few months, after not being able to find housing but are now living in the mobile home where Pat Benson lived. They are glad to be back and we are glad to have them back in town.

Casey Conner and his wife and little son, Laci and Carson of Midland visited his granddad, Bud, on Saturday. They had come to Rule for the weekend to help some family members celebrate their birthdays.

Nancy Beavens of Wichita Falls and Margaret Silva and family of San Angelo were weekend guests of their mom, Tina Siemens and sister Mary Ham and family. Jakey returned to Wichita Falls with Nancy where he will make his home. He will enroll in M.U. in January.

Charles and Linda Griffith were in Dallas a couple of days last week to attend the State Fair. Said it had be 30 years since they had been so thought it was time to see how much things had changed. The week before they attended a Rangers game in Arlington.

Betty Bohannon and her friend, Bobbie Goodwin of Earth are in Nebraska for a few days to visit Betty's daughter Bonnie Howell and family and (I think) help her do some canning and freezing vegetables. They are combining pleasure and work, but they will have fun.

Sybil Simmons called one day last week. She's doing well and always asks about her friends here. Having worked at school so many years, she's well acquainted here and still misses seeing everyone. She's in the Nursing Center in Crowell.

The Mustangs had to miss their football game on Friday night due to too many injuries. Hopefully, everyone will be up and ready this week when ball game night comes around.

'Preparing for the unexpected' awareness of disasters

Disasters can strike at any time or place in Texas. In the past decade we have become much more aware of the devastation that can be caused by unexpected disasters. These disasters can be caused by natural hazards such as drought, fire, floods, hurricanes, tornados, ice storms, and less commonly, disease epidemics. Then there are those accidental disasters that are caused by explosions, equipment failure, hazardous material incidents, and nuclear power emergencies. Unfortunately, there is the last form of disaster which is terrorism. Terrorist attacks can include bombing, assassinations, cyber attacks, hijacking, kidnapping, and the use of biological or nuclear weapons. To reduce the threats to Texans, many different entities, such as the Governors Division of Emergency Management, Texas Homeland Security, Texas Cooperative Extension, and the Texas Department of State Health Services along with many other local and national agencies are working

diligently to better prepare our state for possible disasters.

These agencies are doing their best, but each and every individual, family, and community can take their own steps to better prepare themselves for a possible disaster. There are many different resources and guides to assist people on getting information on topics dealing with natural disasters and suggestions for protective measures. One useful site is the Texas Extension Disaster Education Network (EDEN) site that provides information on Preparing for the Unexpected and other sources of additional information.

When disaster strikes, your response agencies, law enforcement agencies, and public health departments will manage the crisis, but it is up to the public to monitor the T.V., radio, or on-line reporting systems to follow instructions and react accordingly. An important part of disaster preparedness is becoming involved with your community and

staying informed. There are many different ways in which you can better prepare and protect your family for when disaster strikes. You can prepare a family disaster plan and family disaster kit for the household. When preparing your kits you need to be able to take care of yourselves without outside help for at least 3 days. In this kit be sure to pack basic supply items such as bottle water, canned food, hand operated can opener, extra complete change of clothing/shoes, first aid kit, battery powered radio and flashlight, protection masks with filters, and other essential toiletries. Be sure to maintain your kit about every 6 months to make sure everything is operable. On the family plan be sure to include all possible escape routes, communication plans with other family members and emergency personnel. Occasionally during a disaster, utility disconnections should be addressed to prevent fires from electrical components and natural gas leaks. Furthermore, you need to

make photocopies of all important documents and secure them in a safe place away from your home just in case you are not able to reach them in an emergency.

Sometimes people always think that a disaster will never happen to them where they are living, but you never know what can come about. It is always a good idea to better prepare yourself and your family for the unexpected. The month of September is usually designated as a National Preparedness Month; however, you should always be prepared every month of the year. 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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PUBLIC NOTICE

On September 17, 2010, Atmos Pipeline - Texas, a division of Atmos Energy Corporation ("APT" or the "Company"), filed a Statement of Intent to change its natural gas transportation rates for firm and interruptible customers and implement a new schedule of rates and riders applicable to all transportation customers receiving service under existing Rate Schedules CGS and Rate Schedule PT. The proposed effective date of the requested rate changes is October 22, 2010. If approved, the proposed changes will affect approximately 4 firm transportation customers and 63 interruptible transportation customers. APT's Other Revenue customer class is not affected by this filing.

If approved, the proposed rates will increase the Company's annual revenues by \$38.9 million. The proposed change in rates constitutes a "major change" as that term is defined by Section 104.101 of the Texas Utilities Code. In addition, the Company seeks to recover all rate case expenses as allowed by law. The exact amount of rate case expenses will not be known until the case is completed.

Based on the proposed rate design, the meter charge will be eliminated, and the capacity charge and usage rate applicable for each of the customer classes affected by this filing will increase by the amount shown in the table below:

Customer Class	Current Meter Charge	Proposed Meter Charge	Difference
CGS - Mid-Tex	\$4,356.69	\$0.00	(\$4,356.69)
CGS-CoServ	\$4,356.69	\$0.00	(\$4,356.69)
CGS - Other	\$2,425.17	\$0.00	(\$2,425.17)
PT	\$6,124.34	\$0.00	(\$6,124.34)

Customer Class	Current Capacity Charge	Proposed Capacity Charge**	Difference
CGS - Mid-Tex	\$0.9988	\$4.8444	\$3.8456
CGS-CoServ	\$0.8507	\$3.9815	\$3.1308
CGS - Other	\$0.9988	\$3.9815	\$2.9827
PT	\$0.0000	\$2.6276	\$2.6276

**The customer charge reflected on the bill for each customer class is calculated as follows: customer charge = MDQ (Maximum Daily Quantity) * capacity charge (customer charge will vary by customer based on the customer's MDQ).

Customer Class	Current Usage Charge	Proposed Usage Charge	Difference
CGS-Mid-Tex	\$0.2103	\$0.0276	(\$0.1827)
CGS-CoServ	\$0.1778	\$0.0276	(\$0.1502)
CGS-Other	\$0.2103	\$0.0276	(\$0.1827)
PT-1st Tier	\$0.1739	\$0.0163	(\$0.1576)
PT-2nd Tier	\$0.1579	\$0.0163	(\$0.1416)

In addition to rate revisions, APT seeks to adopt a Rate Schedule CGS - Mid-Tex to be applicable solely to Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Tex Division. This Rate Schedule will, consistent with the Commission's Final Order Nunc Pro Tunc in GUD No. 9869, include recovery of ad valorem taxes related to Mid-Tex's working gas in storage, as well as the return and related taxes on Mid-Tex's working gas in storage, the Accumulated Deferred Income Tax for UNICAP Section 263A and the WACOG to FIFO change related to the Mid-Tex working gas in storage. A second Rate Schedule CGS - Other is proposed for all other city gate customers that is identical to the proposed Rate Schedule CGS - Mid-Tex with the exception of the requested changes related to Mid-Tex's working gas in storage. Other proposed tariff changes include a new Rider REV, a new Rider WGIS, and minor wording changes in the other existing Riders applicable to service provided by APT. Specifically, APT seeks to adopt a new, revenue tracking mechanism (Rider REV) that will adjust Rate CGS and Rate PT annually for changes in the level of revenue received from APT's "Other Revenue" customer class in the prior year. APT also proposes to adopt a new Rider WGIS to establish a twelve (12) month surcharge to be applicable to Atmos Energy Corp, Mid-Tex Division to recover the regulatory asset balance in Account 182.3 - Other Regulatory Assets that has accumulated since the entry of the Commission's Final Order Nunc Pro Tunc in GUD No. 9869. APT proposes to adopt minor wording changes to all of its existing Riders, including a change in the title of Rider FF to Rider MF. Additional minor changes to APT's other Riders are proposed that will, for example, delete unnecessary definitions.

Persons with specific questions or desiring additional information about this filing may contact Atmos Energy Corporation at 1-214-206-2809. Complete copies of the filed Statement of Intent, including all proposed rates and schedule changes, are available for inspection at Atmos' offices located at 5420 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1600, Dallas, Texas 75240. In addition, any affected person may file in writing comments, a request for intervention or a protest concerning the proposed change in rates with the Docket Services Section of the Office of General Counsel, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, at any time within 30 days following the date on which the change would or has become effective. Please reference GUD Docket No. 10000.

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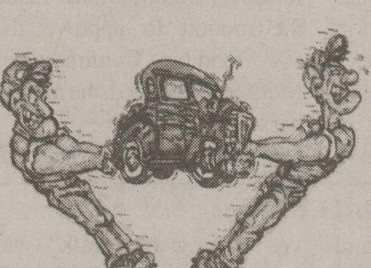
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Red Ribbon Week Proclamation

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WHEREAS, The National Red Ribbon Campaign offers citizens the opportunity to demonstrate their commitment to healthy, drug-free lifestyles (no use of illegal drugs, no illegal use of legal drugs); and

WHEREAS, The National Red Ribbon Campaign will be celebrated in every community in America during Red Ribbon Week; and

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WHEREAS, All the communities of Knox County further commits its resources to ensure the success of the Red Ribbon Campaign;

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9 and the Special Meeting to Adopt the Budget held Aug. 26. The motion passed five to zero.

Annell Welch, John Myers and Bobby D. Burnett were there representing nine landowners on a Petition to Close Alleyways located in Block No.II of the Original Town of Rhineland. After reviewing the Petition posted July 20, 2010 and hearing the evidence presented on behalf of the landowners Commissioner Urbanczyk made the motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Godsey.

The motion passed five to zero.

Upon considering the Resolution in Support of Community Center System-Helen Farabee Regional MHMR Centers; Commissioner Birkenfeld made the motion seconded by Commissioner McCown to pass the Resolution. All agreed.

Commissioner Urbanczyk made the motion to add a policy to the Knox County Employee Personnel Manual banning texting while driving any County Vehicle, Commissioner Godsey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

After considering revising the Personnel Policy Manual to add break time for nursing mothers required by the Fair Labor Standards Act Amended March 23, 2010; Commissioner McCown made the motion seconded by Commissioner Birkenfeld, the motion passed five to zero.

Commissioner Birkenfeld

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

made the motion to approve an Investment Policy for Knox County, Commissioner Godsey seconded, all agreed.

The Court discussed the issue of insurance for the Community Development Director. Commissioner Godsey made the motion seconded by Judge Floyd to approve, the motion failed two to three.

Commissioner Urbanczyk made the motion to table the issue of insurance until further legal advice concerning the matter, Commissioner McCown seconded; the motion passed three to one with one abstaining.

Commissioner McCown made the motion seconded by Commissioner Godsey to accept the Engagement Letter from Davis, Kinard, & Co. for the annual audit, all agreed.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner McCown seconded by Commissioner Godsey the Court voted unanimously to accept the bid of \$500.00 made by Jessie Rios for Parcel # 8772, Block 16, Lot 10, Davis Addition City of Knox City.

Commissioner Urbanczyk made the motion to approve the Election Judges and the 2010 General Election in November; Commissioner Birkenfeld seconded the motion it passed five to zero.

The Court discussed the issue of the TCDRS funding for 2011; Commissioner made the motion to approve the 6% funding Commissioner McCown seconded, the motion passed five to zero.

Commissioner Urbanczyk

made the motion seconded by Commissioner McCown to proclaim the week of October 10th thru 16th Texas Extension Education Association Week in Knox County, all agreed.

After reviewing the Interlocal Agreement made between Dickens County regarding the Caprock Regional Public Defender Office (the "CRPDO"), Commissioner Birkenfeld made the motion that Knox County enter the Interlocal Agreement also, Commissioner McCown seconded, and the motion passed five to zero.

The Extension Activity Report, Aging Services Report, 911 Report, and Road and Bridge Report required no activity.

Commissioner Birkenfeld made the motion to approve Financials, Budget and pay the bills for August, 2010; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Godsey, the motion passed five to zero.

Glenn Morris, Karra Dawn Ham and Ron Jaramillo were on hand for Windstream Communications to give a presentation and proposal to provide phone and internet service to the Knox County Courthouse.

There being no further business to come before the Court Commissioner Godsey made the motion to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Urbanczyk, all agreed. The meeting of the Court was ADJOURNED.

APPROVED this the 11th of October, 2010

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