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## Free color, major discounts for December!

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We appreciate our advertisers and readers and are looking forward to displaying products as services at the most affordable prices we've ever had!

## Moguls finally clear Windthorst hurdle

By RYAN MILLS

WICHITA FALLS — In two seasons the Munday Moguls and Windthorst Trojans have met four times.

Going into Friday's Quarterfinal game, the Trojans were 3-0 against the Moguls which included a 56-34 win a little over a month ago during district play. In those games, the Trojans held an 11-2 advantage in turnovers.

Friday, on a cold, drizzly night in Wichita Falls, the Moguls exorcised those demons with a 35-28 win advancing to the Class 1A Division II Semifinals. The Moguls will meet Region I champion Wellington at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Childress' Fair Park Stadium. The

Moguls improved to 12-2 on the season while the Trojans ended their season at 11-2.

Unbelievable is how most in the press box described Friday's chain of events ... especially those in the fourth quarter.

It took just 12 seconds for the Moguls to draw first blood when Dee Paul returned the game's opening kick 86 yards for a touchdown. Windthorst blocked the extra point and the Moguls led 6-0 with 11:48 to play in the first quarter.

That set the stage for what most in attendance believed was about to be a shootout. However, Munday took that 6-0 lead to the

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Photos by Sherry Reid

Monday morning we awoke to a beautiful snow covered scene throughout the Big Country. Due to the "wetness" of the snow, streets were not a problem in Knox City or the surrounding area, and the beautiful white stuff was easily swept from car windows.

## Looking Ahead

CITIZENS BANK OPEN HOUSE, Thursday, Dec. 8, 2011. Join them for refreshments throughout the day.

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# SAMMIE'S KNOX CITY CORNER AND FINAL THOUGHTS

Monday all was going great after the wonderful weekend of Christmas in November in the downtown area. It was all lit up and the stores were open and things went very well. The customers had lots of fun and, of course, Santa was there for a quick stop.

The merchants will have lots of your favorite needs and since some of you can't pass up a bargain, better get shopping.

Hey, look around town. There are lots of Christmas decorations. They really look pretty. Eddie and I are working on ours and, hope-

fully, they'll be up before Christmas Eve, I hope.

It's still good to shop in Knox City, especially if you are a senior citizen. You get 10% off Mondays at Hometown Variety.

Please remember that the holiday gift bags are on sale at Lawrence Bros. Just ask

any employee and they will help you and all it takes is \$10.00. That will provide someone a very good holiday. You can't believe the blessings you will receive for the blessing that you have shared.

Mrs. Estrada's last chemo treatments were unsuccessful, so April talked to me and said this week they will start a whole new chemo treatment. Keep them in your prayers. She's fighting with all her heart and love to God cause she knows he is her biggest doctor and her savior. May God bless her and she will return home with a wonderful smile and a loving touch. I know her family and all her community of KC and anyone she has ever touched with just a smile is wishing her well and praying for her.

Paulette Moore went to be with God and now has peace and no pain. Kim, we know you will miss her very much and so will we. She was one hard working woman and never had a day when she wasn't smiling. Our prayers remain with all of you as always. Sometimes we need to realize that praying and praising God is a 24/7 need and just to be able to get up the next day and know you're drawing another breath, you'll start the day with "Good morning, God, and thank you for another day". We love ya'll. God bless you always.

Thank you to the Four Square Church for hosting and helping with all the preparations for the Moore family meal. I know Kim

was grateful for everything and I was also, because I was out of town and unable to help. Thank you ladies for stepping in for me. God bless you.

Genie Holcomb had a small accident this week, but I had no details, so I'm praying she is fine. Genie, hope you're doing good.

This is probably in the "wrong" order, but my coffee guys are all doing good. Still fussing at each other or just giving each other a hard time. They are just like me. If one isn't there, they start asking questions about where they are. Thank God for friends. I love you guys.

Mrs. Kerri Urbanczyk from Munday passed away Friday and condolences and prayers go out to those families. She was a wonderful, hard working lady from all the wonderful stories told of her. She will be deeply missed.

Linsy Villa, the daughter of Mario and Linda Abila had an accident in Abilene early Saturday morning and is in Hendrix Hospital in the ICU. I talked to her mother, Linda, and she said Linsy was responding and will be there for a few more days. I am keeping in touch with them, so I'll know how she is progressing. We are praying daily for the family and for Linsy.

The chopper came to our hospital Saturday and I have no idea who they picked up, but like usual I drop what I'm doing and start praying because I'm sure the family is terrified of what could happen. If

you know who it was, please pray for them and for God's blessing.

My mom is doing very well, but prayers are still needed for lots of reasons. Please pray and may God give his blessings.

Diana Casillas' mother is still having some health problems. Diana had been traveling to Abilene to check on her, but she is still at a very delicate stage and has problem walking. With God's blessing, hopefully she will get better.

Our daughter in Guam is pregnant and having some small problems, but today she called and said everything is going good. Thank you God for your blessing.

Our kids are doing great this passed six weeks. They work so hard I have to tell them how wonderful they are doing. We all told my grandson that we were so proud of him and he just smiled and said he worked hard to get his work done.

We have a granddaughter in Munday, Aubri Garcia, and she is a very good student. I know her parents, Ruben and Patty, are very proud of her, also.

Okay kids, how many Santa letters have you written? You know there are a lot of great new games and toys this year. We love all of you, from little to all the way to college students. May God bless you all. Don't forget our Angel Tree at the bank for Christmas, and the gifts for the Brazos Care Home on display at our Hometown Variety store. Time is slipping by and soon the gifts will be picked up to be made ready for delivery.

Good Bless our Troops and each of us.

**Sammie**

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Bobby Flores is a multi-instrumentalist, vocalist, arranger, producer, composer and first call session musician. Bobby has played with artists such as: Conway Twitty, George Strait, Tanya

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Kinney Hart says the doors will open at 7:00 p.m. and the dance will start at 8:00 p.m. Come and join us for an evening of good entertainment and dancing that will help raise needed funds for the Rehab which has treated over 200 patients from our area for 2010.

Tommy Riley says tickets will be \$15 per person and they will be available at the door. Tables will be provided on first come, first served

basis.

The West Texas Rehab Center is a private, non-profit, 501 (c) (3) organization founded in 1953 in Abilene, Texas. Today, the Center is a nationally respected organization with approximately 200 full-time staff in three facilities providing out-patient rehabilitation care each year to more than 25,000 children and adults.

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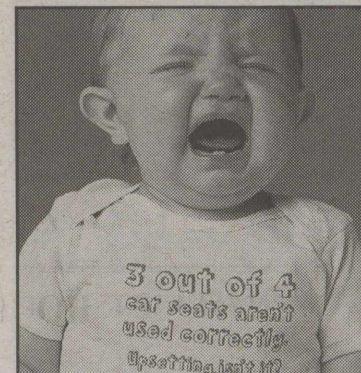
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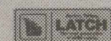
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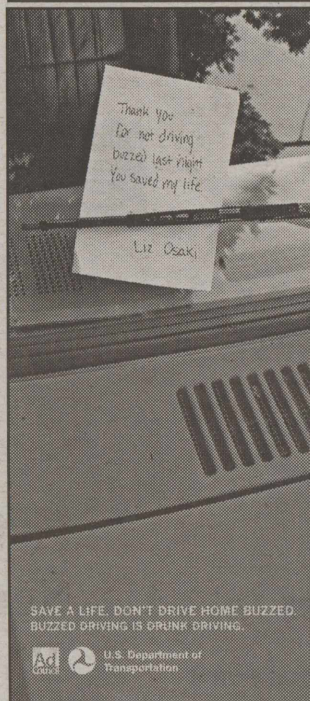
### Legal Notice

The City of Knox City will be accepting sealed bids for the purchase of selected city owned property & lots within the city limits of Knox City. A property listing & bid sheet may be obtained at City Hall, 902 E Main. All sealed Bids will be taken until 5:00 PM on Tuesday, December 20, 2011. Bids will then be opened at the regular Council meeting on Tuesday, December 20th at 5:30 p.m. The City Council reserves the right to refuse any and all bids.

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## Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

First things first! In my column last week, my congratulatory remarks concerning the Greyhounds and their successful season, going to the playoffs but losing to Throckmorton, were omitted and I'm sorry for that. I'm always interested in all our schools in the area and am a proud fan of them all. So to the football team, their coaches and all the other fans, I say you have done well. Now, good luck with basketball. And to the Moguls, I wish you well as your trek continues. Good luck Friday against Wellington. **NOTE FROM EDITOR:** I apologize for this unintentional omission and include it here along with additional paragraphs left out of the Dec. 1 edition that refers to Thanksgiving Holiday news. They are as follows:

Jan and Fred Carver had the following as their holiday guests: Johnny and Patti Carver of Taft, Laura Ann Carver of Austin, Jenny Snead of Canton, Tyler Collins of Lubbock, Kelly Peterson of Crowell, Jacy and Jara Collins and family of Munday, Cassie Wainscott of Temple, Dorothy Carver of Knox City, and Tammy and Mike Lyles of Benjamin. Jan said the girls did most of the meal preparation for which she is most thankful.

Sara Clower, student at Hardin Simmons was here for the weekend with her mom, Debbie. Sara got Debbie's Christmas lights up and they add a glow to their street.

I didn't make it to either town Saturday, but am told that the activities ushering in the Christmas season were well attended despite the unpleasant weather conditions. The high wind and cold temperatures could have kept a lot of folks home, but many did get out and enjoyed the "goings on".

And again I say congratulations to the Moguls and wish them well as they encounter Windthorst on Friday and to the Knox City Greyhounds- I say job well done. It would have been nice to have won on Saturday but you have nothing to be ashamed of. Our

community, school and all of us are proud of you and salute you and your coaches for a great football year and now, it's good luck to you as basketball gets underway.

**CONTINUING WITH THIS WEEK'S NEWS:** Now on to the weather. Snow and cold has been the order of the day today. I'm not a "snow person", but will have to admit, I have never seen it so pretty out (after a snow) as it is today. It looked exactly like a scene from a Christmas card. But by the end of the day, a major part of it has melted. It was wet though, so should do the earth some good.

My sincere sympathy to the family of Kerri Urbanczyk today. Kerri passed away Saturday morning after a few months illness. Loved by so many, her death leaves a void in everyone's life who knew her. Her funeral was today (Mon.) in Munday.

### REGARDING OUR ILL

Jan Carver is to have heart by-pass surgery tomorrow in Abilene. She's anxious to get it over with, hoping by Christmas, she will be up and about.

Reyes Barrientez underwent gall bladder surgery today in Abilene. No word on how she's doing tonight but feel things are going ok for her.

A belated expression of sympathy to the family of Pauletta Moore. Pauletta passed away the first of last week in the Munday Nursing Center. She was the official "greeter" over there and was always "upbeat" when you saw her. Her funeral was Thursday.

Also sympathy to Wes and Erika Holmes who both lost grandfathers last week. Wes' granddad, Randolph Wilson, died on Saturday, November 26. He was a Haskell resident. Erika's granddad, Jimmy Hodges, died about mid-week in Lubbock where he resided.

News is in short supply this week. Maybe next week there will be more to report.

Remember - call in your news.

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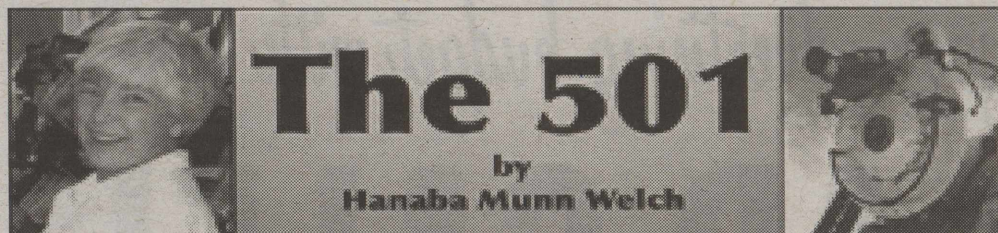


#### SAFETY BELTS

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Still not sure which safety seat is right for your child? Contact Safe Riders at 1-800-252-8255 for more information.





# The 501

by  
Hanaba Munn Welch

When you awake at daybreak to something that sounds like a distant fleet of helicopters coming in low across the river bottom, poised to skim the tops of mesquite trees, you don't expect the dream-to-reality scenario to end with a bang-up good plan for Christmas giving. But when the yuletide season sets in, stuff happens.

Anyway, there I was, miles from nowhere – more precisely, half a mile from somewhere – hearing helicopters. Indeed, the river is not far away, and bottomland called “the flat” stretches from the edge of our farm in that direction.

But helicopters flying through early morning mist? That part of my dream dissolved when I arose and peered out the window to see a red Honda four-wheeler parked just a few feet from my nose, motor running, no rider. I donned clothes over my pajamas and went outside to investigate.

Soon I spied the driver. He was dressed like a hunter who didn't want to get shot. Lime green and fluorescent orange were counterpoint to winter camouflage attire. Slung over his shoulder was a black case, and in his gloved hand was something wand-like. I surmised he was installing equipment to enable the rural electric cooperative to read our meter remotely. I'd already heard a modernization was in the offing.

My second thought was that he was disconnecting the current. Only the day before I'd paid online, but – having overlooked the bill – my payment was daringly late.

My first guess turned out to be closer to right.

But instead of installing anything, he was pinpointing the location of our electric meter with a global positioning device.

“How close can you get?” I asked.

He told me he could get within millimeters.

Wow.

Then I told him that my major Christmas gift this year is going to be the costly GPS device I gave my architect husband two years ago. It gets only within a meter or two – not close enough to meet the standards of a man who has no tolerance for imprecision in all things precise.

Hearing my story, the GPS man told me he gave his wife a shotgun one Christmas and got it back the next.

At that moment a broad plan began to form in my mind for how everyone can decide what to give friends and family at Christmas. Here's the deal:

For all those dear to you, refer to your own personal wish list and pick something. With any luck, you'll get it back. You may have to hint. I did. Hints are allowed.

Be lavish. You deserve it, and Wall Street doesn't want to see a Christmas slow-down.

As I pondered these thoughts in their formative stages, my visitor sprang onto his Christmas red Honda, said farewell, and away he flew like the down of a thistle, eschewing the road and taking a route across uncharted pasture toward the neighbor's electric meter a half-mile away, right on course.

I hadn't even asked his name. Who knows? It might have been Nick.

## FROM THE OFFICE OF THE KNOX COUNTY SHERIFF

Speed limits, wow. Who wants to be told that they cannot drive as fast as they want to. After all, everyone drives safely, right?? Well, in the last session of changes, the Texas transportation commission has decided to do away with most if not all of the night time 65 PH driving signs that everyone has seen over the past few years. Most, if not all, the lower truck speed limit signs, both day and night, are gone as well. Now, everyone can safely drive the same speed of 70 MPH on major highways such as Hwy 6, Hwy 82, and Hwy 277. But wait, you can also drive 70 MPH on FM 266 and 267, farm market roads with limited clearance between meeting vehicles and with no improved shoulder. Sounds alright until a large transport truck is trying to push you off the narrow roads and you

have no shoulder to move over to let him by when, because of your familiarity with the area, you chose to drive slower because of cattle, hogs and deer roaming around. I'm not saying all trucks drive like that, but just one instance can

cause a wreck or give the slower motorist a heart attack.

Because of the increased night time speed limit from 65 to 70, now everyone should be happy to drive 70, right? Guess what? Now that it is okay to travel at 70 at night, many of the motorists are now driving 75 or 80+ because its “okay” to drive a little over the speed limit, or at least it's assumed it is okay.

The Texas Transportation Commission indicated that the 70 MPH is safe, and could not increase the speed limit over 75, except in certain instances, but then says further in the section that it may increase the speed 80 in some cases. Then goes on in the same section that it may increase the speed limit not to exceed 85 MPH if the speed limit is safe for that part of the highway system. That just means that in that area most will be driving 90-100. Wow. Just make it wide open and do away with all the speed limits.

School buses are limited to 60 MPH if the vehicle is a school bus that has passed a commercial motor vehicle in-

spection and is on a highway numbered by the U.S. or this State, including FM Roads, or 50 MPH if it has not passed a commercial motor vehicle inspection or is traveling on a highway not numbered by the U.S. or this State, probably a county dirt road. Oddly enough, to complicate issues more, this does not apply to a school activity bus, as the speed limits are the same as for a passenger car at the time and location.

Well, it appears that the speed limit for dirt county roads is 60 MPH. Our paved roads in the county is 70 MPH for most, except for the incorporated cities, and with common sense taking over if the conditions indicate that the need to slow down is present. That could be anything from rain, snow, blowing dust, livestock or any kind or anything else that could be unsafe. It doesn't say that a person can drive 80-90 because of some lame excuse that you thought up as the red and blue lights started flashing. Use just a little caution, just a little. Thanks.

**Sheriff Dean W. Homstad**  
Knox County Sheriff

## FROM THE OFFICE OF THE KNOX COUNTY SHERIFF

Pursuant to your open records request, below is a list of those arrested within the indicated time and processed through the Knox County jail:

November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 through December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011

1. McCown, Darrell, 11/20/11, DUI layout 4 days (M-B) Knox County
2. Berg, Roy Justin, 11/24/11, Terroristic Threat, (M-A) Baylor County
3. Coleman, Derrick, 11/25/11, Assault/Bodily Injury (M-A) Knox County
4. Flye, Jaimie Catherine, 12/1/11, Assault/Bodily Injury, (M-A) Knox County
5. McCrary, Tiffany C., 12/2/11, Assault/Bodily Injury, (M-A) Knox County
6. Thomas, Brianna Jo, 12/3/11, Assault/Bodily Injury, (M-A) Knox County
7. Beauchamp, Jonathan, 12/3/11, TBC (M-B) Knox County-Arrested in Stonewall County
8. Carter, Kyle M., 12/6/11, Criminal Mischief (M-B) Knox County

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## TxDOT Targets Holiday Revelers with Anti-Drunk Driving Blitz

AUSTIN, TX - With the holiday season upon us, the Texas Department of Transportation is pulling out all of the stops to remind motorists not to get behind the wheel if they've been drinking and to find a sober ride home or call a cab.

Throughout the month of December, convenience stores, bars and restaurants, gas stations - even movie theaters - in major Texas markets will carry TxDOT's campaign messages, urging Texans to celebrate responsibly.

Santa's reindeer will adorn bar coasters, pint glasses, bathroom mirror decals, digital signs over bathroom urinals, street posters, and gas pump nozzles. The reindeer's message will read, "Don't drive if you're tipsy, buzzed or Blitzen. Call a cab or get a sober ride home."

Santa himself is getting in on the action this year, with a brand new interactive "31 Days of Holiday Cheer" calendar. Each day unlocks games, recipes, tips, and videos to make the season merry and bright, all with the reminder to keep the holidays happy and plan a sober ride. Facebook users can engage with the new content at [www.facebook.com/SantaInTexas](http://www.facebook.com/SantaInTexas).

"The holidays can mean many things to Texans, including family dinners, office Christmas parties and New Year's Eve festivities. As we celebrate the season, we're encouraging motor-

ists to keep the holidays merry and to plan a sober ride home," said Carol Rawson, TxDOT Traffic Operations Director. "That's why, throughout the month of December, 'don't drink and drive' reminders will be popping up online as well as at locations where alcohol is served or purchased."

This year's campaign is supported by new Driver Awareness and Attitudes survey results, which indicate that fewer Texas motorists are drinking and driving. Indeed, according to the Texas Transportation Institute (TTI) survey conducted this summer, motorists are now more likely to designate a sober driver, call a friend or family member, stay put, or to take a taxi or public transportation than to drive while impaired.

Approximately 75 percent of the survey respondents reported they had been exposed to an impaired driv-

ing message within the past 30 days.

TxDOT, which commissioned the TTI survey in partnership with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, has good reason to celebrate these findings.

"After years of working to educate the public on the importance of planning ahead instead of driving while impaired, these survey results highlight that our public advocacy campaigns are working," added Carol Rawson, TxDOT Traffic Operations Director. "We're thrilled that Texas motorists are retaining the message that alcohol and driving don't mix and that drunk driving will not be tolerated on our roads."

Far from resting on its laurels, however, TxDOT will be working with police departments and sheriff's offices across the Lone Star State to reduce impaired driving throughout the holiday season. Law enforcement statewide will be working overtime to find and arrest impaired driv-

ers from now through New Year's Day.

The Texas Restaurant Association, the Texas Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association, the Texas Package Store Association, the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission and the Texas Municipal Police Association are all working with TxDOT to help distribute holiday impaired driving prevention messages.

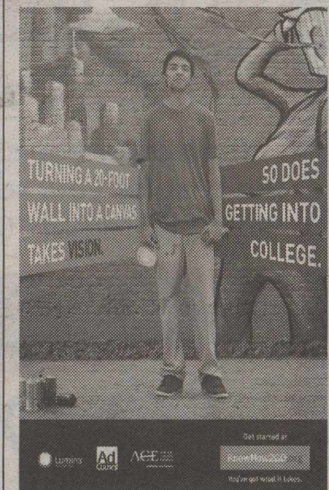
**Convicted first-time DWI offenders face a fine of up to \$2,000, loss of their driver's license for up to a year, and up to 180 days in jail. Safety officials say other costs associated with an impaired driving arrest and conviction can add up to more than \$17,000 for bail, legal fees, court appearances, court-ordered classes, vehicle insurance increases, and other expenses.**

**In 2010 there were 3,024 fatalities on Texas roads, 1,102 were the result of alcohol-related crashes. This makes alcohol a factor in 36.4 percent of the traffic fatalities in Texas.**

## INTERESTING NEW STATS ON IDENTITY THEFT!

The US Department of Justice released a report today with statistics on identity theft crimes reported by households from 2005 to 2010.

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“We are so excited to give shoppers the opportunity to preview the fitting room of the future at some of the most innovative shopping malls in Texas,” said Tanya Shaw, President and CEO of Me-Ality™. “Right now we are in the preview phase of our launch, which means we’re able to match people with a range of

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Me-Ality™ kiosks are expanding across the country this year with additional locations in the Atlanta area, followed by kiosk openings in major malls in cities such as Dallas, Phoenix, Chicago, New Jersey, New York, Boston and Southern California. Over the next two-plus years, Me-Ality™ kiosks will be in over 300 malls across the United States.

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locker room at halftime as the teams combined on the next nine first half possessions for turnovers on downs, punts and a fumble. Neither team converted a 3rd down until the fourth quarter.

Windthorst received the kick to open the second half and got a big return of 48 yards. However, on the first play of the drive, Tyler Berardi fumbled and Blanford Paul recovered for the Moguls.

The turnover was short-lived, though, as Munday quarterback Dee Paul fumbled on the very next play and Berardi made up for his mistake by recovering it.

The Trojans were able to capitalize when they put together a 7-play, 47-yard drive capped by a 18-yard pass from Joe Hoegger to Berardi. The big play came right before the touchdown when the Moguls appeared to have stopped the Trojans when Chase Schreiber was stopped for a 1-yard loss on 3rd-and-1 leaving the Trojans with a 4th-and-2. However, the Moguls were penal-

ized for being offsidess and two plays later the Trojans scored.

The 7-6 Trojan lead was short-lived however. On the ensuing kick, Munday's Garrett Weaver returned the kick 80 yards for a touchdown. Dee Paul ran in for the 2-point conversion and a 14-7 Mogul lead.

The Moguls forced a punt on the following Trojan possession and took over at the Windthorst 47-yard line. The Moguls put together a 7-play, 53-yard drive. The Moguls had moved down to the Trojan 25-yard line where they faced 4th-and-1. Electing to go for it, Dee Paul ran for eight yards for the first down and on the following play scored on a 17-yard run. Dewayne Castorena's kick was good and the Moguls led 21-7 with 4:04 to play in the third.

The next Windthorst possession ended with a D.J. Castorena interception and the fourth quarter followed.

That's when things got really interesting.

In the fourth quarter, the two teams combined for five touchdowns and four turnovers. Three of the turnovers occurred on consecutive plays.

The Moguls fumbled on their first drive of the fourth and Hoegger recovered for the Trojans. On the following play, Hoegger gave the ball right back to the Moguls with a fumble of his own. On the very next play,

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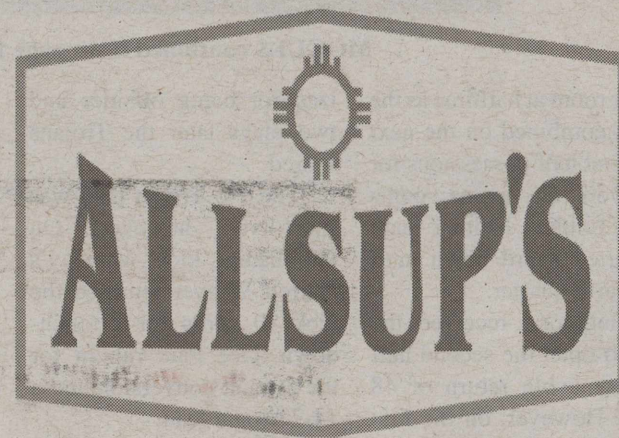
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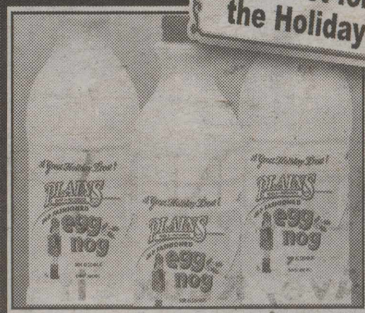


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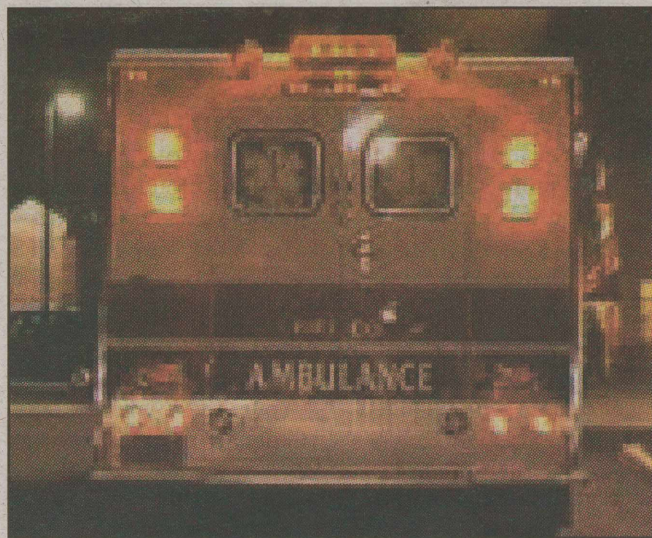
The 5 Simple Doctor Recommendations for Surviving The Holiday Heart Attack Season

Temperatures are dropping and the holidays have arrived. Danger – We have officially entered what is often referred to as “The Heart Attack Season.” “In addition to the cold weather restricting our blood circulation, most of us do things during the holidays that are very hazardous to our health, especially if we’re in poor shape to begin with,” says Dr. Debra Braverman, a specialist in rehabilitative medicine in the cardiology department at The Albert Einstein Medical Center.

Dr. Braverman says that heavy meals, excess alcohol and lack of exercise all can contribute to problems with our heart health. Combine the stresses of holiday travel, visits from in-laws and a disrupted medication schedule, and it’s not surprising that heart-related deaths increase by 5 percent at this time of the year, according to studies. Dr. Braverman provides five recommendations for protecting heart health during this winter’s heart attack season:

**Beware of fatty foods and large portions** – Stay away from foods high in sugar, fat, cholesterol and salt, and make sure your holiday dinner table consists of lots of veggies, fruits, lean protein and whole grains.

**Exercise** – Try 30 minutes of light exercise per day to help strengthen the heart by



delivering more oxygen to the body. Exercise also lowers blood pressure and helps decrease cholesterol levels.

**Stop smoking** – Replace your smoking routine with a 30-minute exercise session, which will help distract you and get your mind off smoking. Exercise is also a great way to combat stress, which can often trigger nicotine cravings.

**Avoid those obvious holiday heart attack triggers** – Excess physical exertion (i.e. shoveling snow), overeating, lack of sleep, emotional stress, cold temperatures, illegal drugs and alcohol

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#### About Debra Braverman, MD

Dr. Braverman is a graduate of Cornell University Medical College (now known as the Weill Medical College of Cornell University) and is board-certified by the American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. She was recently appointed Director of EECF in the Division of Cardiology at the Albert Einstein Medical Center in Philadelphia, PA. She is the founder of Braverman Heart Centers and the author of “Heal Your Heart with EECF.”

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# God's Promises

## The Joy & Peace of Christmas

By Gary Schnable

*"Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress...<sup>2</sup> The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned....<sup>6</sup> For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.<sup>7</sup> Of the greatness of His government and peace there will be no end" -- Isaiah 9:1-2, 6-7 (NIV)*

There was a story of a man who worked in a de-

partment store. It was the Christmas season with all the beauty of decorated homes, town squares and the shopping outlets.

The man came home from a long day at work looking forward to a delicious hot meal he knew his wife would have waiting for him and some rest, away from the crowds of Christmas shoppers.

In trying to make casual conversation over dinner she asked him how his day was at the store. He thought a moment and then responded by voicing his displeasure in the Christmas season. He said, "Christmas is supposed to

be a happy joy filled time, but I find people just downright rude and obnoxious. I think this season brings out the worst in people. I cannot wait for this season to be over!"

His wife asked no more questions because she could tell that he was very annoyed by his tone of voice and his words. Instead they sat quietly while finishing their meal.

The next year when Christmas season arrived, her husband began coming home from the same job, but there was a very noticeable difference in his behavior. He came home with an excitement about Christmas, sharing the events of his day without even asking him a question. Life at home and work were filled with holiday cheer unlike the previous years.

One night after the shopping season had begun he said to his wife, "You know, I believe that people have

the real joy of Christmas this year. I'm finding them so much more enjoyable to be around this year!"

The man's wife looked at him and said to him, "Maybe it is not the other people. "Huh?" He replied. She said, "Maybe it is not the other people who changed, but maybe it is you that has changed?" He thought for a moment and said, "Honey, you are probably right!" He grinned from ear to ear thinking about the previous year.

You see this man had gone to church over the years, but during the previous year he had an encounter with God and had given his life to Jesus Christ. He started enjoying life, people and the blessings God had put all around him. He began to treat people the way that Jesus would treat them...even people he previously hated to see coming into his store, the undesirables in the neigh-

borhood, those from the other side of the tracks, even the loud annoying ones and ones with unruly kids. Now he welcomed everyone, as though they were his friends! These folks came to feel like they WERE his friends.

You see, what really happened from the year prior was that he had experienced Christmas in his heart and life year round! He had experienced a new birth...a new start in life by accepting Jesus Christ as the King of his life!

All those years of going to church, trying to enjoy Christmas as a religious holiday (another day off from work), and going through the motions to be accepted by God, left him empty and joyless. Now life had suddenly become more exciting because he was living God's way. There was no more drudgery or gloom about life! You see, he came to know personally the one the Bible calls.... "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace"

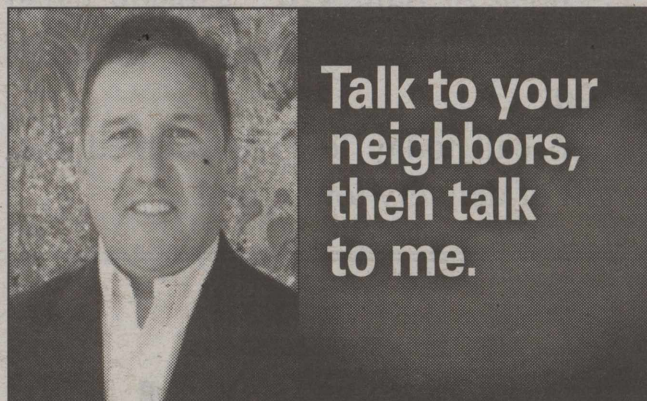
He began to call on his Wonderful Counselor in times of needing answers for himself and others. He

found out that his God was mighty to change his life and lives around him... even the ones he found annoying before. He experienced the love of his Father for the first time, his Heavenly Father. He found the peace he had looked for all his life in accepting the Prince of Peace into his life.

Now this man went out of his way to make known the same joys of Christmas he now knew to all those who came into the store and everywhere! He found the joy of sharing the love of Christ through a welcome, a hug, a handshake or a smile that reflected his Savior's love to everyone he encountered. His life was finally filled with joy and peace of Christmas!!!

May those of us who know Christ, reveal the true joy of Christmas by reflecting the amazing, loving, relationship we have with Christ that is like no other! And if you want what this man found in Jesus Christ, just ask Him to make Himself real to you. You will never look at church, people, or Christmas the same ever again!

Merry Christmas everyone!



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## Pre-construction meeting for sidewalk project

On Dec. 15th, there will be a Pre—Construction Meeting to discuss the SH 222 project consisting of resurfacing, curb and gutter, sidewalks and concrete paving. The meeting will be at the Knox

City, City Hall at 11 am on Dec. 15th. Any business owner or concerned citizen is invited to attend. RK Hall Construction and TxDPOT employees will be available for questions or concerns. If

you are unable to attend the meeting and you have questions or concerns please contact, Gary Mizer, P.E. at 940-422-4115 or Barbara Seal at 940-937-7288.

## Caprock Canyons to stock Lake Theo with Rainbow Trout

Lake Theo at Caprock Canyons State Park and Trailway will be the new home of over 2,000 Rainbow Trout in mid December.

Thanks to a joint effort between Caprock Partners Foundation and Texas Parks and Wildlife, Caprock Canyons State Park will be able

to provide a great fishing opportunity for visitors this winter.

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## Frost convicted in district court

On Friday, Nov. 18, one plea took place which resulted in the conviction of Marc Anthony Frost.

Luke Inman, the District Attorney for the 100th Judicial District, assisted by Greg Buckley, prosecuted the case for the State of Texas with Judge Stuart Messer presiding.

Marc Anthony Frost pleaded true to allegations listed in the

State's Motion to Adjudicate Guilt of Defendant and was convicted and sentenced to 14 months in the State Jail Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

On March 16, 2010, Frost, 20, of Childress, originally pleaded guilty to the state jail felony offense of possession of a controlled substance that occurred on Feb. 9, 2010, in Chil-

dress County.

The State filed the motion to adjudicate on Nov. 10, alleging nine violations of community supervision. Frost is also required to pay \$376 in court costs to Childress County, a \$2,000 fine, and \$140 restitution.


## David's Fishing Report

Miller Creek  
12/3/11

Water Clarity: Stained  
Water Temperature: 49 degrees

Due to cold fronts and rain, fishing was very slow. I got a late start so I never got a bite but talking to a few members of the Seymour Bass Club, a few fish were caught on crankbaits before 10:00 a.m. I don't have pictures this week, and hope to have better luck next week.

God Bless & Good Fishin'



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2011 Weekly Weather Report

Date	Temperature (F)		Rainfall inches
	Low	High	
11/28	24	64	
11/29	26	57	
11/30	23	64	
12/01	28	61	
12/02	37	41	0.1
12/03	38	61	0.61
12/04	36	46	0.01
Total Rainfall for month			.72
2011 Rainfall (ytd)			6.64

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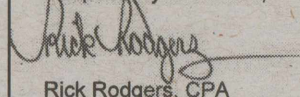
Mr. Louis Baty, Superintendent  
Knox City-O'Brien Consolidated Independent School District  
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Knox City, Texas 79529

Dear Mr. Baty:

Pursuant to the Texas Education Agency requirements, the board president of the board of trustees is to submit a copy of financial information to a newspaper published within the boundaries of the District. I have enclosed a Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance that can be used as a statement for publication in the local newspaper as required by those provisions. The publication is to be made within 150 days after the close of the fiscal year (August 31, 2011) or January 28, 2012.

If I can be of further assistance concerning this matter, please contact me at your convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

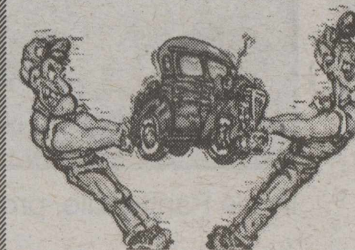


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## Rains help, but most of state still under severe to exceptional drought

COLLEGE STATION — Cold fronts brought rain, from a trace to 2 inches or more, to much of the state during the last week, according to Texas AgriLife Extension Service personnel.

As usual, when it comes to weather, there were winners and losers. East Texas, North Texas, Central Texas and the Rolling Plains were the main beneficiaries, with the Coastal Bend, South Texas and Far West Texas regions being largely passed over, while the Panhandle and South Plains regions fell in between these extremes, according to weekly reports by AgriLife Extension county agents.

Where rain fell, cool-season grasses and winter wheat benefited, though the consensus, even where 2 inches or more fell, was that much more rain was needed to keep winter forages going.

In the western part of the Panhandle, the situation was pretty much representative for the region, according to Rick Aukerman, AgriLife Extension agent for Deaf Smith County, west of Amarillo.

Deaf Smith got about a half inch of rain in many areas, with more rain and snow forecast for Dec. 1-2, but it's a mixed blessing, Aukerman said.

"Typically, what's been happening here lately is that we haven't got very much moisture, and it just puts a halt to what's left to harvest," he said. "We still

have a lot of people who are baling corn stalks and grain sorghum stalks, and anything else they can bale up for feed for the dairies and area feed yards, and they're wanting to get it

Aukerman said Deaf Smith producers are about 80 percent finished with the cotton harvest, and yields were down. The dryland cotton was nonexistent, and most irrigated

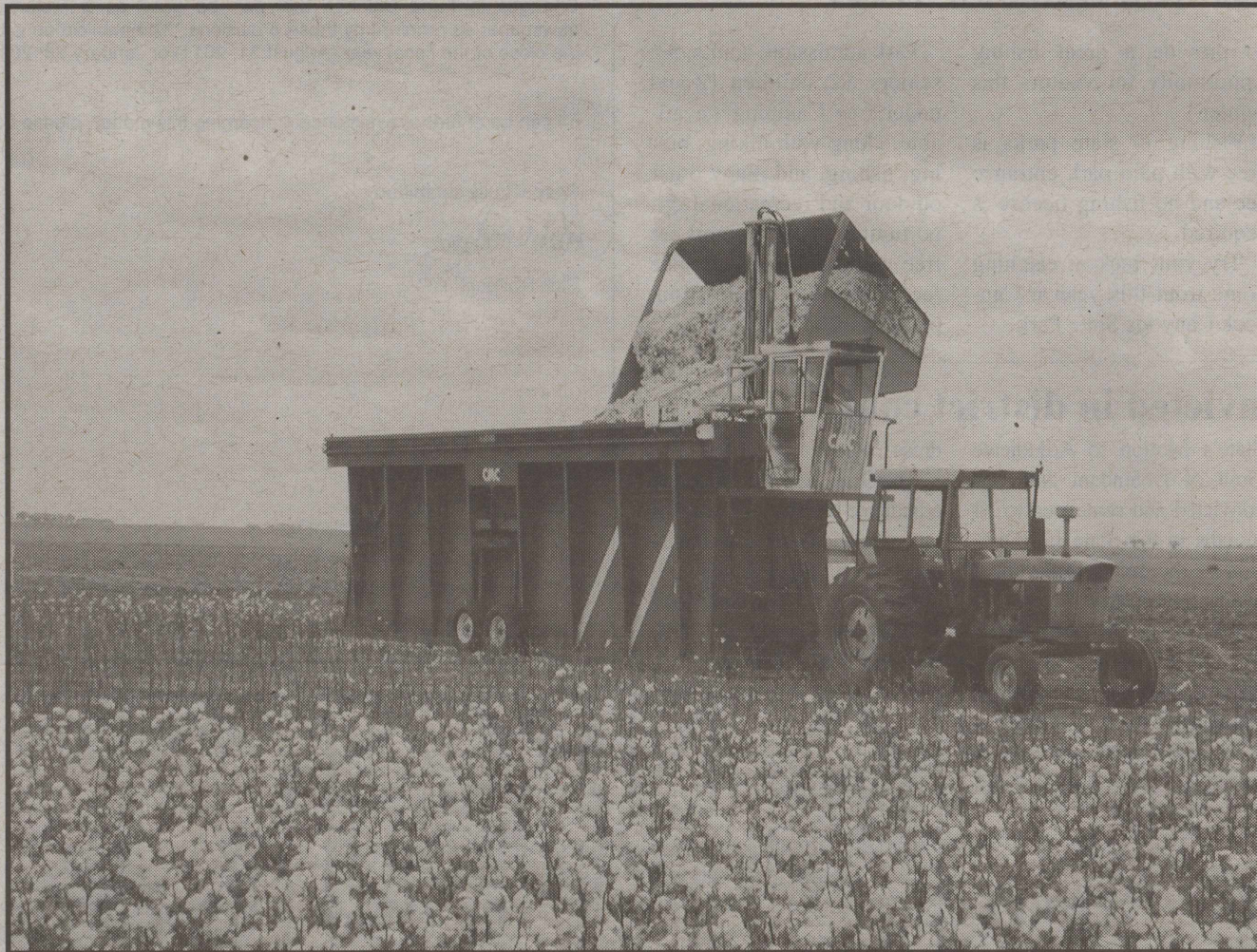
said. But the crop was still struggling as of Nov. 29, and some producers were running center-pivot irrigation early in hopes of producing forage for the stocker cattle.

least amount of rain for the year," he said.

More information on the current Texas drought and wildfire alerts can be found on the AgriLife Extension Agricultural Drought Task

ing from a trace to as much as 1.5 inches in isolated areas. Temperatures were near normal most of the week, but by the end of the week, days were cold and very windy. Soil-moisture levels continued to be mostly very short. The cotton harvest was ongoing, and wheat growers continued planting. What winter wheat was already planted was struggling, and producers were irrigating in hopes of producing forage. Some irrigated wheat looked good. Rangeland and pastures were in very poor to fair condition, with most counties reporting very poor. Livestock producers continued supplemental feeding of cattle.

Rolling Plains: Parts of the region received rain, from a trace to more than 2.5 inches, which helped winter wheat. However, the moisture was followed by high winds that blew some wheat fields out. Producers were debating whether to replant or leave partially blown-out fields as they were. With pastures and rangeland in poor condition, earlier-planted wheat was already being grazed. Livestock were in poor to fair condition, with producers providing supplemental feed daily. Winter pasture was trying to grow but generally needed more rain to do so. The cotton harvest was in full swing, but yields were poor. The non-irrigated pecan crop was poor in most orchards, fair where irrigated.



In the Panhandle, producers were working around rain to get cotton stripped and into modules. Texas AgriLife Extension Service photo

out of the way. The cotton — what's left out there — they at least want to get it off the stalk and into the modules."

Baled corn stalks were selling for \$80 to \$100 per ton in the field, according to Aukerman.

cotton yielded 650 to 750 pounds per acre, with isolated instances of 2.5 to three bales per acre where more water was available to pump.

The rain helped wheat in Deaf Smith County, as it did in many areas, he

Aukerman also noted that Deaf Smith County had only received 6.5 inches to date this year. The record for the least amount of rain for a year is 7.5 inches.

"At this rate, unfortunately, we will probably set a new record for the

Force website at <http://agrilife.tamu.edu/drought/>

AgriLife Extension district reporters compiled the following summaries:

Panhandle: Rain fell over parts of the region, with accumulations rang-





# The Paperboy

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

## Time in the game

What's in a 20-year career?

Twenty years ago I came to Childress to join my grandfather fresh out of college with the world to conquer.

I was getting paid \$163 a week, but I had free room and board from Poppy, my best friend-boss-grandfather. His wife passed in 1983 so it was just us two bachelors.

The man threw me to the wolves making me editor of The Childress Index. Suddenly, I was a boss with employees several years older. One class they don't have in college is "boss" class so the thought of telling older people what to do was unpleasant. What made it worse was the fact I didn't have a clue what I was doing.

I lost my grandfather in 1995, but the three-plus years I was with him were very special. Words cannot describe my feelings for the man that I aspired to be. He was hard, old

school, and perhaps the coolest person I've ever known.

Over the years the newspaper business has changed a great deal. Color monitors, color pages, digital editions ... there's been a constant evolution.

If I had to pick a most memorable day, it was 9-11. Back then, The Index was three days a week and we were members of the Associated Press. I got a bulletin that a plane had crashed into the World Trade Center.

My first thought was small plane was in fog or the pilot had a heart attack. Obviously, as more information came through the wire, fears I had never had were realized and you know the rest of the story.

A few years ago, I decided to purchase more newspapers. I selected the papers because I liked the communities and thought the counties involved provided a good opportunity.

Harmon County, Okla., Hall County, Collingsworth County, Floyd County, Garza County, Knox County along with Childress County have good people. They have hard-working, fair people and I feel very fortunate to be affiliated with these wonderful places.

Of course, as you readers know, the publication is only as good as the team behind it. Frankly, at times, some of our publications have been pitiful. A couple have been very hard to read because of errors. When that's the case, it hurts. It hurts me inside, it angers readers, and it causes advertisers to reconsider.

When I've had strong employees involved, the publications have reflected that as well. They build community pride and we are able to do the respective readership justice.

After 20 years in this business, I'm very much a work

in progress as are the publications. We're making strides to improve and it takes dedicated people to accomplish this.

It varies from town to town, but I honestly think we have formed a formidable team for the most part. In the areas we remain weak in, we are working to reverse that.

Don't get me wrong, I've yet to produce a perfect issue. You might think I'd find it comforting that I've yet to see a perfect news publication anywhere by anyone. It does not.

For 20 years I've made some great hires and I've also made some poor ones. I've found the perfect fit at times and blown it other times.

I've had to fire some of the best people I've ever known. You might ask yourself how or why I could do such a thing and my response is: "because it was business."

That's the thing about being

the boss. At work, it's business, not personal. That's the hardest lesson to learn and if you don't learn it, you're doomed to fail as a business person. And at the end of the day, you are the one that has to live with the fact that you've had a negative impact on someone's life.

The second toughest thing I've had to handle is criticism. In this business, you're going to receive a lot of it so you better develop some thick skin.

I've been called every name in the book on more than one occasion. You know what? I probably deserved it.

All in all, it has been a rewarding career. I've tried, failed, rebuilt, succeeded and have even fallen right on my face on many occasions. There have been times when I was ready to call it a day and get out of the business. There have been other times where I've felt invigorated and ready to take

on the world.

I don't know how long I will be in this business. I'm still young enough to change course, but this is all I know. So, I'll keep working. I'll place demands on my employees and share the knowledge I've gained with them. I'll continue to write what's on my mind and do right by my family.

I encourage you to interact with your publication. You want to see something or have an idea, let us know. If you have a beef, write a letter to the editor. If you know of a story that needs to be told, please pass it along because we are certainly not the first to know in many cases.

Thank you to those of you who've provided inspiration and encouragement. You've made all of the difference. I don't know what tomorrow will bring, but I know to be prepared for anything. And perhaps that is the key to a long career.

### MOGULS continued from page 9

Paul's fumble was recovered by Dylan Stallcup. On the following play, the 6-7 Stallcup made the Moguls pay when he hauled in a 19-yard touchdown pass from Hoegger. Jordy Cruz was good on the kick and the Trojans had pulled to within 21-14 with 6:20 to play.

Windthorst lined up for the kick, and you guessed it, Weaver amazingly returned the third Windthorst kick for a touchdown. This one was 94 yards and after the kick gave the Moguls a 28-14 lead.

At that point, Windthorst had 260 yards of offense while the Moguls had 260 yards in return yardage alone.

Windthorst took the kick and went right to work. The Trojans put together a 13-play, 73-yard drive. Twice the Trojans converted 4th downs with the big one coming on 4th and 9 from the 19 when Hoegger found

Schreiber for a 13-yard gain. On the following play Schreiber scored from six yards out leaving the score 28-21 in favor of the Moguls.

This time the Moguls did not return the kick as Windthorst attempted an onside kick. The Moguls recovered and on the first play of the drive Paul raced 53 yards for the touchdown and a 35-21 lead with 2:48 to play.

Windthorst drew closer after the Paul touchdown with a 9-play, 63-yard drive capped by a 8-yard Hoegger run leaving the Moguls ahead 35-28 with 57 seconds to play.

After recovering the onside attempt, all the Moguls needed to do was run out the clock. However, nothing on this night was that easy. Munday fumbled the snap and Windthorst got the ball back with 48 seconds to play looking to tie the game.

However the Mogul defense held on downs and the Moguls were in the Semifinals.

Paul led all rushers on the night with 141 yards on 22 carries with two touchdowns and another score on the game's opening kick. Hoegger completed 14-30 passes for 189 yards and two touchdowns. However, the Moguls constantly harassed him into two interceptions and sacked him seven times. Stallcup led all receivers with four receptions for 92 yards and a touchdown.

Munday 35, Windthorst 28  
MHS 6 0 15 14 — 35  
WHS 0 0 7 21 — 28

Munday — Dee Paul 86 kick return (kick blocked)

Windthorst — Tyler Berardi 18 pass from Joe Hoegger (Jordy Cruz kick)

Munday — Garrett Weaver 80 kick return

(Paul run)

Munday — Paul 17 run (Dewayne Castorena kick)

Windthorst — Dylan Stallcup 19 pass from Hoegger (Cruz kick)

Munday — Weaver 94 kick return (Castorena kick)

Windthorst — Chase Schreiber 6 run (Cruz kick)

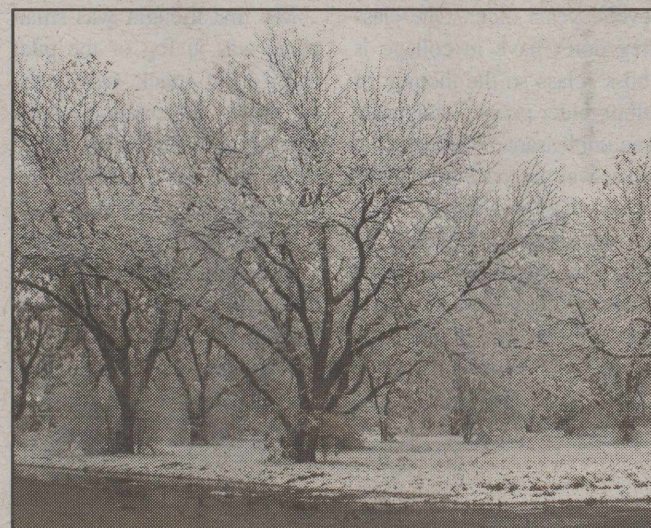
Munday — Paul 53 run (Castorena kick)

Windthorst — Hoegger 7 run (Cruz kick)

	MHS	WHS
First Downs	9	25
Yards Rushing	156	175
Yards Passing	15	189
Total Yards	171	364
C/A/I	1-5-0	14-30-2
Punts/Avg	5-37	4-36
Fumbles/Lost	4-4	3-2
Penalties/Yards	7-68	4-30



# Winter Wonderland in Knox City



Photos by Sherry Reid

According to Brandon Carr at the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Knox City, we received 1 1/2" to 2" of snow with approximately 1/4" of moisture. Snow remains in many places around Knox City and the area as of today, Tuesday, December 6, 2011.



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