

KC Greyhounds to face Aspermont on Friday

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Potential shift in cotton acres could occur as grain prices soar

High grain prices as a result of continuous drought in the Midwest could cause a potential shift in some Texas cotton acreage looking ahead to the 2013 crop year, according to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service economists.

Dr. John Robinson, AgriLife Extension cotton economist in College Station, said you would

have to look back six years to when the Lone Star State last saw a significant change in cotton acres.

"The last time we had a major reduction was over 20 percent in 2006-2007 as a result of higher grain prices," he said. "Even though we don't grow a lot of soybeans, I hear stories of high sorghum prices that will tempt

a lot of growers. I wouldn't be surprised to see our acreage drop down 20 percent to about 5 million cotton acres."

"There is the possibility, but it is limited," said Dr. Mark Welch, AgriLife Extension economist in College Station. "Grain sorghum in the High Plains is secondary if they have a failed cotton crop. Overall, cotton farmers are cot-

ton farmers."

The outcome of the 2013 wheat crop is the biggest question, Welch said, as prices continue an upward trend over the past three months.

"If we get a bunch of rain, this could lead to a lot of opportunity," he said.

Texas plants approximately 6 See COTTON on Page 6

Lions to hold mop, broom sale on Oct. 11

Need a little help cleaning up around the house? If so, the Knox City Lions Club has a deal for you.

The KC Lions Club will be holding its annual Mop and Broom Sale on Oct. 11. The sale will begin at 8 a.m.

All mops and brooms sold at the sale are fully guaranteed, and are made my vision impaired residents of

the U.S.

Among the items that will be offered for sale will be mops, brushes and various other items, including cleaning aids for home, businesses or commercial properties.

For more information contact a member of the Knox City Lions Club or see the ad on Page 2 of this edition of the KC News.

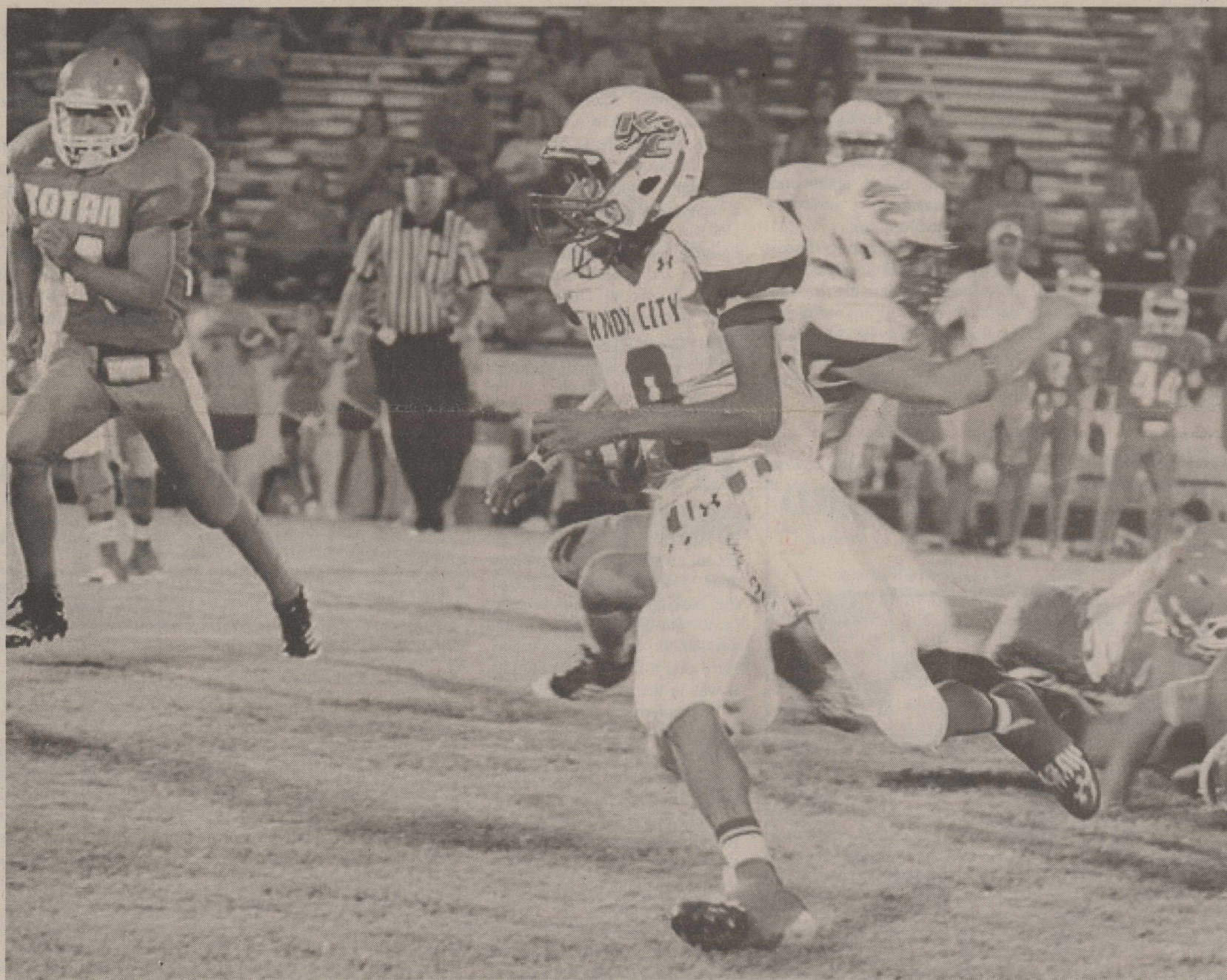
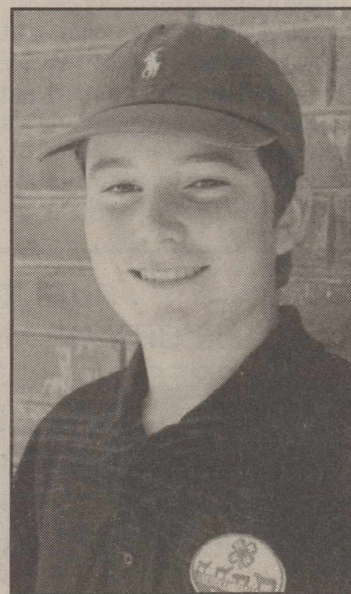


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Home cooking ...

Jose Espinal and the Knox City Greyhounds will make their home debut this Friday when they face off against rival Aspermont in a non-district game. The contest is scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m. at Greyhound Stadium.



Shannon Reeves ... 4-H Ambassador

Knox Co. youth chosen 4-H ambassador

Knox County 4-H member Shannon Reeves has been selected as a Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador after attending the Texas Tech Livestock Ambassador Workshop in Lubbock.

In addition to attending the short course, Reeves also scored well on the required 150 question exam that followed.

What is a livestock ambassador, you might ask? In 2007, the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program began developing the next generation of advocates for agriculture, and more specifically, the livestock industry. Through the creation of the Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador Program, a new generation of knowledgeable, educated and well-spoken youth have emerged in Texas to teach other youth and adults the skills of being good stewards, producers and exhibitors of beef cattle, sheep, goats, and swine.

These young people fill a void left vacant by a lack of adult volunteers. They serve as educators to younger youth and for adult volunteers, and speak about the importance of the animal industry to elected officials, industry See REEVES on Page 2

City to present proposed budget on Sept. 18

The residents of Knox City will get a chance to see their 2012-13 proposed operating city budget next week when the Knox Council City Council meets.

The council is due to unveil the proposed budget at its Sept. 18 meeting.

The city council meeting, which is open to the public, begins at 5:30 p.m. in the chamber meeting room.

High winds could increase odds of wildfire

A cold front is expected to push through South Central Texas this Saturday, creating high winds, little to no rain and an increased chance for wildfire activity, according to the National Weather Service's Austin office.

A fire weather watch has been issued through Saturday evening for several Texas counties. According to the watch, wind gusts could increase to 35 mph, which will increase fire danger.

Critically dry fuels exist in parts of North Texas, Northeast Texas, the Western Pineywoods and the Hill Country - and Texas A&M Forest Service officials are cautioning residents to be careful this weekend when doing any-

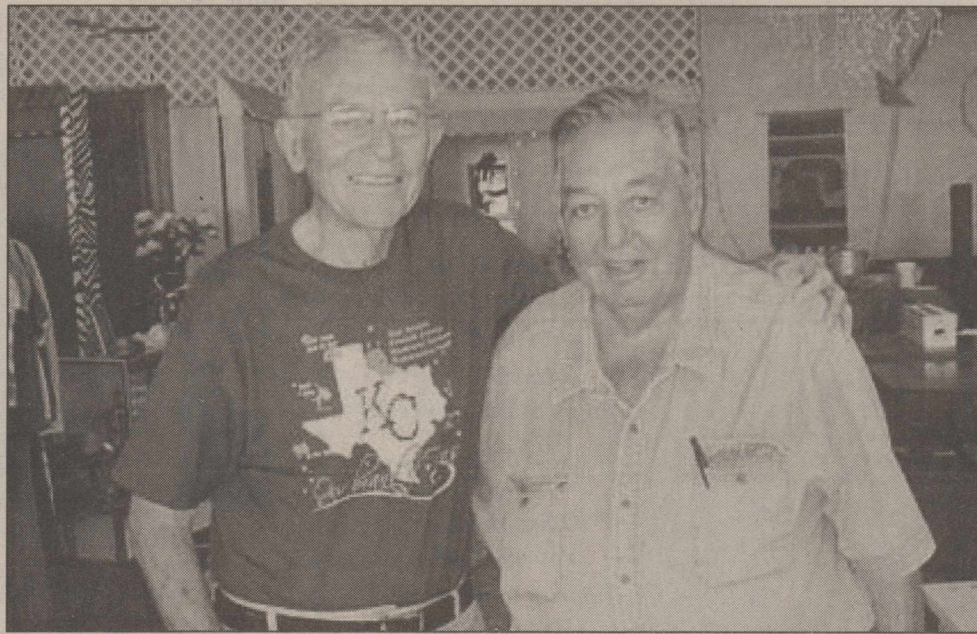
thing outdoors that could create a spark.

"There will be widespread risk on Saturday for increased wildfire activity," said Texas A&M Forest Service Fire Behavior Analyst Brad Smith.

Due to the high winds Saturday, wildfire could spread rapidly, making ignitions in dry areas difficult to contain, Smith explained. Conditions are expected to improve later in the weekend, Smith added.

"Lower wind speeds will significantly reduce the potential for fire activity on Sunday," he said.

You can monitor current wildfire activity through the Texas A&M Forest Service website.



Pride of KC ...

Former Knox City resident Hardy Day, shown above with Bill Baker during a visit home in July 2009, died last week in California. He will be buried in Knox City. Details are not settled at this time. Some will remember Day left home on his own in about 1945 with the goal of going to Nashville and be on the Grand Ol' Opry. He did that and much more.

News office to be open later

The Knox County News office will be open later, beginning immediately, according to KC publisher Tommy

Wells. The office hours will be from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Monday through Thursday. The office is closed on Friday.

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Hamburger helper ...

Hamburgers were being served on the porch of the Perry Patton Community Center in Munday this past weekend during the Wichita Brazos Museum's fund raiser. The museum, which is located in Benjamin, held its annual garage sale and hamburger lunch on Saturday, Sept. 8.

Vernon College launches online Career Search tool

Vernon College is pleased to announce that it has launched Career Coach, a free online tool that allows students and community members to explore potential careers.

Career Coach can be accessed by visiting Vernon College's website at www.vernoncollege.edu, on the bottom left hand side of the homepage.

Through a simple keyword search, students and any visitor to the College's website can learn about the employment prospects of careers they want to research. The real-time information is customized to the College's geo-

graphic region and includes detailed wage estimates and up-to-date job postings associated with any career. Users are directed to the College's programs when

searching for specific jobs.

For more information on Career Coach contact the Student Services Department at Vernon College at (940) 552-6291.

Knox County Aging Services

The following lunch menus have been listed for the week of Sept. 10-14 for the Knox County Aging Services

All meals are served with Wheat Bread, Margarine and 1 percent milk.

Monday, Sept. 10 - Swedish meatballs, parsley noodles, mixed vegetables, whole wheat

roll, Angel food cake.

Tuesday, Sept. 11 - BBQ chicken, mashed potatoes, carrot/raisin salad, cornbread, baked apples.

Wednesday, Sept. 12 - Sloppy Joe on a bun, country potato salad, carrots/zucchini, creamy fruit square.

Thursday, Sept. 13 - Taco/ corn chip salad, seasoned corn, fruit medley, peach cobbler.

Friday, Sept. 14 - Breaded chicken, baked potato/sour cream, peas/carrots, strawberries/whipped topping.

NOTE: New serving time is noon (in Knox City only). Alternate desserts available for diabetics. Please call in your orders by 10 a.m. to (940) 657-3618. Orders cannot be taken after 10 a.m. and need to be picked up after 11 a.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE
THE CITY OF KNOX CITY WILL BE PRESENTING THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013 AT THE REGULAR KNOX CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON TUESDAY SEPT. 18, 2012, AT 5:30 PM, AT CITY HALL.

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1 Fort Worth hall: "Manana"

5 actor Alda of "The Aviator" about TX Howard Hughes

6 "he _____ a yarn"

7 a plural of "cow"

8 TXism: "blister _____" (handle)

9 TX Nolan threw '90 no-hitter against the _____ A's

16 TX Orbison's early band: "The Kings"

18 TX Dixie Chicks album "Little _____"

21 init. of singer in 16-across

22 Scotland's "Ness Monster"

23 this Sandra was "Tammy" & "Gidget" song "The _____ of the Alamo"

30 private compartment on a ship

34 this TX Dobie sang "The In Crowd" (init.)

35 TXism: "it ain't nothing to _____ at"

36 honky tonk brawl

37 TX-filmed "The _____ of Heaven"

39 near Corpus: _____

43 ex-TX company known for its '01 accounting fraud

44 TX actress Katherine

45 TX Shelley Duvall's "Popeye" role (init.)

46 in Bowie Co. near 67

47 TXism: "book _____ and horse smart"

49 custard apple trees

52 TX Paula Prentiss film: "Where the Boys _____"

53 UT opponent in annual Dallas game

54 Austin colonists area: "The _____ of Texas"

55 jobless? (2 wds.)

58 TXism: "your boots" (dance)

59 chills & fever

60 TX Reynolds film: "The Singing _____"

61 explosive

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1 TXism: "buryn' box"

2 home of Sul Ross State University

3 James _____ Penn founded the "Laredo Times"

4 TX Gwynne in '48 film "Panhandle"

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10 TX V.T. Hamlin's comic strip

11 San Antonio AM

12 TXism: "touched in the head"

13 TXism: "_____ passel" (a lot)

14 this Green moved the Stars to Dallas (init.)

15 TX Strait's "When _____ You Stop Loving Me"

17 TX-bred "Assault" usually did _____

19 "casa rojo" south of the border

20 TXism: "he's a _____ in his own mind"

24 A&M degree

25 Gov. Richards

26 TX Orbison ballad

27 TXism: "did my _____ best!"

28 "Big Thicket" shrub

29 Corpus college

31 this Carney was in "Roadie" with TX Meat Loaf

32 _____ Chi Chuan

33 Austin has the tallest _____ Christmas tree

38 fishin' net

40 saddle

41 cable network

42 TXism for a worthless person

48 TX Willie sang _____ with Waylon & Cash

50 TX Logan play "South Pacific"

51 Victoria Principal role on "Dallas"

56 TXism: "so broke _____ pay attention"

57 unarmed (2 wds.)

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Texans played roles in national party conventions

AUSTIN — Focus on a just-launched school year and fall sports turned east to the Republican National Convention in Tampa, Fla., Aug. 28-30, and to the Democratic National Convention in Charlotte, N.C., Sept. 4-6.

Texans took prominent roles at both conventions, in which the Republican Party nominated former Massachusetts governor Mitt Romney and the Democratic Party nominated incumbent President Barack Obama.

San Antonio mayor Julián Castro delivered the keynote address to the Democrats and U.S. Senate nominee and former state solicitor general Ted Cruz spoke to the Republicans. Cruz and former state Rep. Paul Sadler, D-Henderson, are competing to succeed U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison of Dallas, who chose not to seek reelection.

Also speaking at the Democratic convention were U.S. Reps. Charlie Gonzalez of San Antonio and Al Green of Houston; actress and Obama campaign co-chair Eva Longoria of Corpus Christi and San Antonio; Cecile Richards of Austin, president of Planned Parenthood Federation of America; and Benita Veliz of San Antonio who stumped for the DREAM Act, a path to citizenship for certain undocumented U.S. residents. DREAM stands for Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors.

Republican U.S. Reps. Francisco "Quico" Canseco of San Antonio and Pete Sessions of Dallas spoke at the GOP convention. Canseco's opponent in the race for Congressional District 23 spanning from San Antonio to Del Rio to El Paso, is state Rep. Pete Gallego, D-Alpine. Actress, rancher and Republican activist Janine Turner of Dallas spoke. Two prominent Texas Republicans, both of them former 2012 presidential candidates, were not given speaking roles at the convention: U.S. Rep. Ron Paul



of Lake Jackson and Gov. Rick Perry.

Texas, with 36 electoral votes, is likely to go Republican again on Nov. 6, as indicated by a consensus of published analyses, and is considered a must-win state for Romney. At the Democratic convention, however, Mayor Castro said the 2012 general election is possibly the last general election for Texas to be labeled a "red state" because of its rapidly growing minority population that tends to favor Democratic Party candidates.

TEA to ask for waiver

The Texas Education Agency on Sept. 6 announced plans to submit a request to the U.S. Department of Education, asking it to waive certain provisions of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, also known as the "No Child Left Behind Act" — a federal law that the administration of then-President George W. Bush considered a key achievement.

In seeking the request, Education Commissioner Michael Williams said the U.S. Department of Education's slowness to reauthorize No Child Left Behind, plus troubles associated with local education administrators having to meet and function within two different assessment and accountability systems "takes valuable resources and time away from the

intent and focus of improving student achievement and school accountability."

Voting site gets attention
Secretary of State Hope Andrade announced last week that VoteTexas.gov, the official online source for voting information in Texas, is enjoying the spotlight on Texas.gov, the state's official online portal.

The last day to register to vote for the November election is Oct. 9.

Word out on pertussis

Mosquito-borne West Nile Virus looms large as a threat to public health, but last week, the word about highly contagious whooping cough went out.

On Sept. 6, Texas Department of State Health Services cited six deaths and more than 1,000 confirmed cases of pertussis, widely known as whooping cough, so far this year in Texas.

The health department and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend that pregnant women get a pertussis vaccine "any time after 20 weeks gestation and others who will be around infants should also get a shot: fathers, older siblings, other caregivers and health care professionals like doctors and nurses who care for babies."

"Patients who have pertussis should not go back to work or school until they've had five days of antibiotic treatment," according to the health department.

Where the worst traffic is

The Texas Department of Transportation on Aug. 31 released its annual list of the state's 100 Most Congested Roadways.

Stretches of roadway in Harris, Dallas, Tarrant and Travis counties took the top 30 most-congested spots. A stretch of Interstate 35 in Bexar County is ranked 31st.

The complete list is available to Internet users at www.dot.state.tx.us.

Having a talk with the dog

I was talking to Okie. He's the Farm Dog. He doesn't care to go out on the range with the cow dogs. His job is mostly guarding, barking and putting up a big front. He does it well. I found him under one of the trucks. He'd dug a little bed in the dirt. It was in the shade. He seemed to be pondering.

"So," I asked, "what are ya thinking?"

"School," he said, "maybe goin' to college."

This was a new one for me. He never seemed to be the studious kind.

"What would you major in?"

"Bones, I guess."

"An anatomy student?" I questioned, "Archeologist? Musician? Witch doctor? Osteopath?"

"No, I was thinking about becoming a chef. Specialize in bones. You know, like Colonel Sanders specialized in chicken, Wilford Brimley specialized in Oatmeal, and Eve specialized in apples."

"Have you ever cooked anything?" I asked.

"No, but I've eaten a lot of bones," he said.

"That's for sure," I said remembering the thousands of times a wide variety of carcass



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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

remnants were left tortured and mangled on the porch. "What kind of menu would you have? I mean, a bone is a bone, right?"

"Oh, you plebian hominid," he waxed eloquently, "Not to a bone connoisseur. That's like saying a rope is a rope to a cowboy, or a dress is a dress to a bride, or all road kill is the same to a buzzard. When the only caviar you have ever eaten is that Powerball fluorescent fish bait, you have a very limited sense of the bountiful taste sensations that await you!"

"I guess you're right," I conceded, chastened by the breadth of his vision. "Do you actually have to cook the bone...?"

"Not just COOK the bone!" he said, looking down his nose at me. "It can be marinated, served au slime rosado, sliced into bone dollars, as ground bone burgers, served bone tartare with or without gristle and ligaments, as bone stew flavored by pieces of offal, hair and toenails, or simply wrapped in a tortilla á la bone

burrito."

"Wow!" said I, "I had no idea..."

"Not only that, the menu could offer organic bones from wild animals who've never been vaccinated for distemper, treated for tapeworms, or eaten canned dog food. Ethnic restaurants draw big crowds, too. Look at Burger King."

"That's not ethnic," I said.

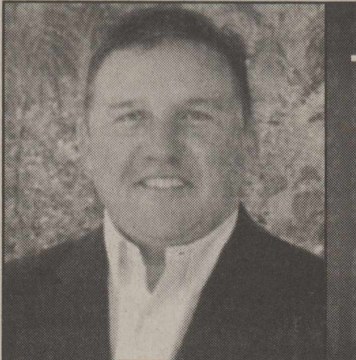
"King?" said Okie. "Like the King of England. There're no kings in America. I'm guessing they dig up old kings in England and make burgers out of them. I could serve up King Henry the 8th Clavicle with au jus of Ann Boleyn."

"And, when in Rome, do as the Roman dog chefs do. You've heard of Caesar Salad, why not Caesar Vertebræ?"

"Sounds interesting," I said, "but where you gonna get a regular source of bones?"

"I've got a cousin in Miles City named Badger. His owner misspelled Badger on his birth certificate."

He said they've dug up thousands of dinosaur skeletons up there. He said they were just like sheep, covered the country." I looked at Okie. I knew he'd never make it to Montana. He won't even go to the mailbox with me unless I drive him. But, I thought to myself, it's nice to know that even good ol' farm dogs dream big. Kinda like good ol' farmers.



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Swine validation tags are available

If you are a 4-H member planning on showing pigs at a major livestock show this year, it is time to order your validation tags. The tags are \$10 each and orders are due, with payment, to the Texas A&M Agrilife Extension office by Friday, Sept. 21.

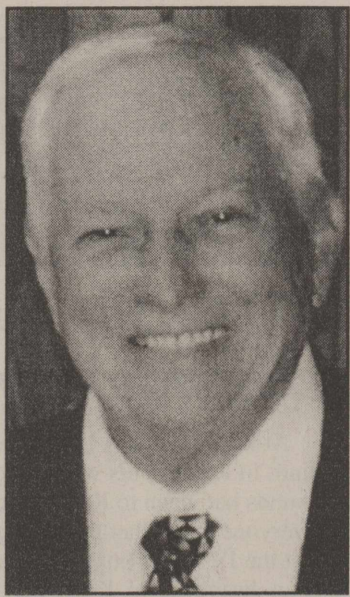
If you have any questions contact Jerry Coplen at (940) 459-2651.

Obituaries

Cecil Dale Turner

Cecil Dale Turner, 74, of Iowa Park and former Knox City resident, passed away Saturday, Sept. 8, 2012 in Wichita Falls. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2012 at the First Baptist Church in Knox City with Elders Larry Webb, Travis Brown, and Hugh Montgomery officiating. Visitation is planned for Monday evening, Sept. 10 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the funeral home in Knox City. Arrangements have been made under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes.

He was born Nov. 22, 1927 in Kermit, Texas to William and Kathleen (Jackson) Turner. He married Janice LaRue Bingham on Oct. 5, 1957. He and Janice were a true testament of becoming one flesh for 55 years. He became a faithful member of the Primitive Baptist Church and ordained as a deacon in 1992. A faithful husband and loving father to three children, Dale Turner, Jr., and wife, Gail, of Knox City, Marsha Turner Durham and husband, Curtis, of Lampasas, Texas, and Karla Turner New and husband, Jerry, of Jarrell, Texas. He was a wonderful Pawpaw to nine grandkids and Big Pops to 11 great-grandkids. He served eight years in the United States Air Force as an aircraft sheet metal repairman and 22 years in the Civil Service



Cecil Dale Turner

retiring at Shepherd Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, Texas. After retirement, he continued his trade in aircraft mechanics for 12 years.

He never met a stranger and fulfilled the bible verse, "If a man would have friends, let him show himself friendly."

Dale was preceded in death by his parents, and one brother.

If desired, memorials can be given in Dale's name to Primitive Baptist Church in Rule or Rathgeber Hospitality House, 1615 12th ST., Wichita Falls, TX 76301.

Leonard E. Burns

Leonard E. Burns, 82, of Goree, Texas passed away Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2012 in Munday Nursing Center.

Leonard was born March 3, 1930 to William and Addie Burns in Stephens Co. Oklahoma. Leonard married Ruby Merrifield, July 15, 1950.

Leonard is survived by his wife of 62 years, Ruby Burns of Goree, Texas. Two sons; Lonnie and wife Renee Burns of Wichita Falls, Texas and William Elston (Bill) Burns of Crescent, Oklahoma. Five daughters; Rena and husband Glenn Boozee of

Thomas, Oklahoma; Rickie and husband Rocky Myers of Knox City, Texas; Mickie and husband Nathan Asmus of Neosho, Missouri; Vickie and husband Glenn Huffman of Goree, Texas; Neva Jewel (Joni) and husband Willie Smith of Erick, Oklahoma. Also, 20 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

There will be no visitation or funeral services.

In lieu of flowers contributions can be made to Scottish Rite Hospital for Children of an organization of your choice.

'A Matter of Balance' classes meeting at KC Aging Center

"A Matter of Balance" is an 8-part series designed to reduce the fear of falling and increase the activity levels of older adults who have concerns about falling is being held through Sept. 27 at the Knox City Aging Center. Participants will learn to view falls and fear of falling as controllable; set realistic goals for increasing activity; change their environment to reduce fall risk factors; and promote exercise to increase strength and balance.

Participants must be at least 60 years old to participate and must pre-register for the series of classes.

The "Matter of Balance" series classes will meet each Tuesday and Thursday from 1-3 p.m. for four weeks (8 total classes).

The program series is free of charge but enrollment is limited. To register for the course or for more information contact: Lorrie Coop, County Extension Agent/FCS, at 940-459-2651.

I start off by saying that news is very scarce this week. Guess everyone has settled into the regular school routine, and aside from ballgames, not much else is happening. The high school volleyball girls played Woodson here on Saturday and split the wins with their visitors, but Benjamin won the match, 3 games out of 5. It's a great effort by our girls as we are so short in number that it takes them all to make a team, and they have to play all the time. Whatever they do, win or lose, it's an accomplishment for them.

The wind and sand blew Friday, and we sat anxiously waiting for that promised rain that never got here. It did bring much cooler temperatures, which we are sure enjoying. As they say, "We can stand a lot of this!"

REGARDING OUR ILL

Jane Gideon came home on Wednesday night after a few days' stay in United Regional in Wichita Falls. She's still not sure of what caused her problem but was assured it was not a heart attack, which it was thought to be in the beginning. She sees her doctor again on Wednesday.

Letter to the Editor

Not so friendly skies

Dear Editor,

On Sunday morning, at 9:15 a.m., Cedar Ridge Aviation flew a helicopter directly over my house. I contacted Dustin Johnson, the owner, I told him there was no need to fly directly over my house when he could fly a half mile either direction of my house. The discussion got heated and Dustin told me I was the fourth person in three days to contact him. Dustin told me that if I, or anyone else, had a problem to contact the FAA. So, for anyone else that has an issue with Cedar Ridge Aviation here is the person you need to contact with the FAA: Mark McDougal, 806-740-3826.

You will need the identification number on the helicopters. (Red with white stripe- N4537J) (Silver with yellow stripe - N925SH) (Silver with yellow stripe - N827SH).

Tony Stanfield
Knox City

Have a News Tip for the KC News? CALL 940-329-1540

Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

Hazel Stockton will be in Abilene Wednesday to see a doctor at the wound clinic. She has a place on her leg that is not healing as it should, so local doctors think a trip to see the Abilene doctors might be what she needs.

Imagean Young is doing well from her cataract surgery she had a week or so ago. I think she sees her doctor Wednesday also.

And then there are those who are bothered by fall allergies and all the "foreign" stuff in the air. After that wind Friday night, lots of us were headachy and "stuffed up."

SYMPATHY EXTENDED

My sincere sympathy to the family of Dale Turner, Sr. today. Dale passed away Saturday after suffering a stroke early last week. He was the father of Dale, Jr., of Knox City. His funeral is Tuesday in Knox City.

Also sympathy to the family of Hardy Day, who died late last week in San Diego, California, where he had resided many years. Among his local relatives is a sister, Romain Stubbs. At last report his services were pending, but they will be in Knox City.

I have learned today of the death of Christy Phillips (I don't know her married name). Christy died this weekend. She's a former Benjamin resident, the daughter of Chris and Penny Phillips, and a graduate of Benjamin High School. My heartfelt sympathy to her family.

HERE 'N THERE

I talked to Mitzi Welch Thursday, and she said her husband, Shane, is doing pretty well. He's been released to go back to work as he can tolerate it. He's not to overdo it, but to take it slow for a while longer.

Debi and Mike Moorhouse and Dillon Keys were in Abilene Thursday for Dillon to see his doctor and get more pre-op work done. His foot surgery is Wednesday, and if all goes well, he will not have to stay in the hospital, but can recuperate at home. He's thankful for that.

My friend, Wilma Hogan, is having some pretty rough days now, and I ask you to remember her and Bud and the rest of their family in your prayers. They are Munday residents but are well-known throughout the area.

And it's congratulations to the Moguls and the Grey-

hounds, who did their home towns proud by winning their ballgames Friday night. Keep up the good work!

Finally, the annual PTO picnic and meeting will be Monday, September 17, beginning at 6 pm. Bring a covered dish, enjoy a good meal, and learn about what's going on at school. It's always fun!

Happy Birthday, Mom



We love and miss you dearly!

All your family

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Sunday Evening Worship at 6 p.m. • Mid-Week, Wed. at 6:30 p.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast 6:00 am. Wednesday Morning

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As an Ambassador, Reeves is charged with assisting the County Extension Agent with the junior livestock program in Knox County for a minimum of 30 hours. He will be assisting with project visits, state animal validations, livestock project clinics, speaking to civic groups about 4-H Livestock Projects and animal agriculture.

Reeves will also assist with the county livestock show and the annual agriculture awareness day as well as mentoring youth new to livestock projects.

Soil workshop set for Sept. 26

Conservation Agronomists Ray Archuleta and Willie Durham of the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) will be holding a Soil Health Workshops.

The clinics begin on Sept. 26 at the Chillicothe Research Station in Chillicothe.

Sports

KC upends Hammers, 48-32

TOMMY WELLS
The Knox County News

ROTAN - The only thing going faster than the win Friday night was the Knox City High School Greyhound offense.

Knox City, sparked by a pair of touchdown passes by Jose Espinal and two touchdown runs from Heath Welch, scored almost at will and posted a wild 48-32 come-from-behind win over the Rotan Yellowhammers.

With the win, Knox City evened its season record at 1-1. Rotan slipped to an 0-2 start in their debut as a six-man football program.

As a team, the Greyhounds amassed almost 300 total yards and scored eight different times.

Hounds to make home debut

The Knox City Greyhounds will make their 2012 home debut this Friday when they host Aspermont in a non-district game at Greyhound Stadium.

The game will start at 7:30 p.m.

The Greyhounds didn't waste any time in getting their offense in gear. Knox City took the opening kick and marched the length of the field before Israel Rodriguez pushed his way in for a touchdown.

Israel Rodriguez and Heath Welch powered a potent KCHS running game. Rodriguez rushed for 85 yards and a touchdown on 17 carries. Welch added 56 yards and a TD on 10 totes.

The Greyhounds added a second touchdown later in the frame and built a 12-6 lead.

The Yellowhammers didn't go down quietly. Led by quarterback Calvin Johnson, the Hammers opened the second quarter with a flurry. Rotan scored early in the second and grabbed a 13-12 cushion.

The Hammers added another touchdown later in the frame and trailed just 24-19 at the half.

The Greyhounds put the game on ice with a dominating performance in the fourth quar-

ter. Knox City outscored Rotan by an 18-7 clip in the frame.

Espinal made the most of his completions for the KC offense. Two of his three completed passes went for touchdowns.

Tylynne Eaton and Chris Lewis both hauled in scoring strikes in the game.

Johnson was a one-man show for Rotan. He completed 15 of his 27 passing attempts for 198 yards and four TDs.

Defensively, Welch and Stran Jones led the Greyhounds. Both recorded a game-high 14 tackles against the Hammers. Eaton and Jesus Rodriguez also played well, registering 11 and eight tackles, respectively. Israel Rodriguez and Zach Carter had six and five stops.



JV, varsity 'Hounds did community proud last week

At kickoff, it was 105 degrees at H. Govan Memorial Stadium in Rotan. This was the first time that the Knox City Greyhounds had been to Rotan since becoming a six-man program. Everyone knew that this was going to be a great game ... not for just the JV teams but for the varsity teams, as well. And neither team disappointed. Knox City brought its A-GAME and had many key plays in the game. When I arrived at the JV game the first quarter was almost over.

However in the first quarter Ryan Heard had a very good fumble recovery.

In the second quarter, Elias Nevarez had a very good run on the first play Running it in for a touchdown!

Nevarez had a really good touchdown run in the third. Sheldon Baty showed off His lighting speed making a very nice touchdown run! Plus, Lagway had a very nice catch with 4:58 to go

In the fourth quarter, it was off to the races. Nevarez burst through that line and had a very nice run. Heard showing that he isn't afraid to get physical by making a real nice play by blocking a field goal attempt with 6:20 left in the game. Baty once again showed off his quickness with another great run with 6:08 to go. Nice play, young man!

Nevarez showed he has quick hands as well, making a great interception with 20 seconds left in the game!

With 2:40 on the clock Lagway laid the smack down and put a hurting on one of the Yellowhammer receivers ... I couldn't tell who, though.

Other key contributors included Tyler "Big T" Clark, who played a very good game pushing that line back and making good tackles ... all of that even after he had a little fender bender at Kathy & Jack's. I'm very proud of you, kid. Not just anyone could have done that.

Adrian Silva also had a great interception catch!

At the end, it was Knox City 33, Rotan Yellowhammers 14!

Other Key Points To Make: Freddy Martinez, you had a some great runs, but you must keep your feet moving at all times. Keep them moving ... keep pushing and never give that play up and make sure you protect that ball at all times.

Overall, it was a very good game, JV Hounds. I'm Very PROUD OF YOU!

As for the varsity game, the winds were blowing like a hurricane, but the Greyhounds were pumped up, fired up, and ready for some hard-hitting action as they run onto the Field at H. Govan Memorial Stadium.

In the first quarter, Donovan Stallings burst through the line and ran the ball in for a Greyhound touchdown! That wasn't all the Greyhounds had up their sleeves. Israel Rodriguez ran into the end zone for another Greyhound touchdown. Heath Welch had an amazing 55-yard run!

In the second quarter, the Yellowhammers made some nice plays, making a touchdown. A few plays later, The Yellowhammers made yet another touchdown to tie the game at 12-12. Rotan added the extra point and took the lead for the first time.

The Greyhounds gets the lead back with a touchdown run by Welch. The Hounds heal an 18-14 lead.

The Yellowhammers made a comeback with 7 seconds left in the second quarter, taking the lead back with a TD that made the score 20-18.

The Greyhounds wasn't going to take this laying down, on the first play if the third quarter Welch turned on the jet afterburners and ran the ball in for a 70-yard touchdown. Welch's TD gave The Greyhounds a 24-20 lead.

After the Hounds had intercepted a pass attempt with 7:35 left in the third, they reeled off an impressive long pass down the field. Stallings capped the drive with 1:50 to go in the third

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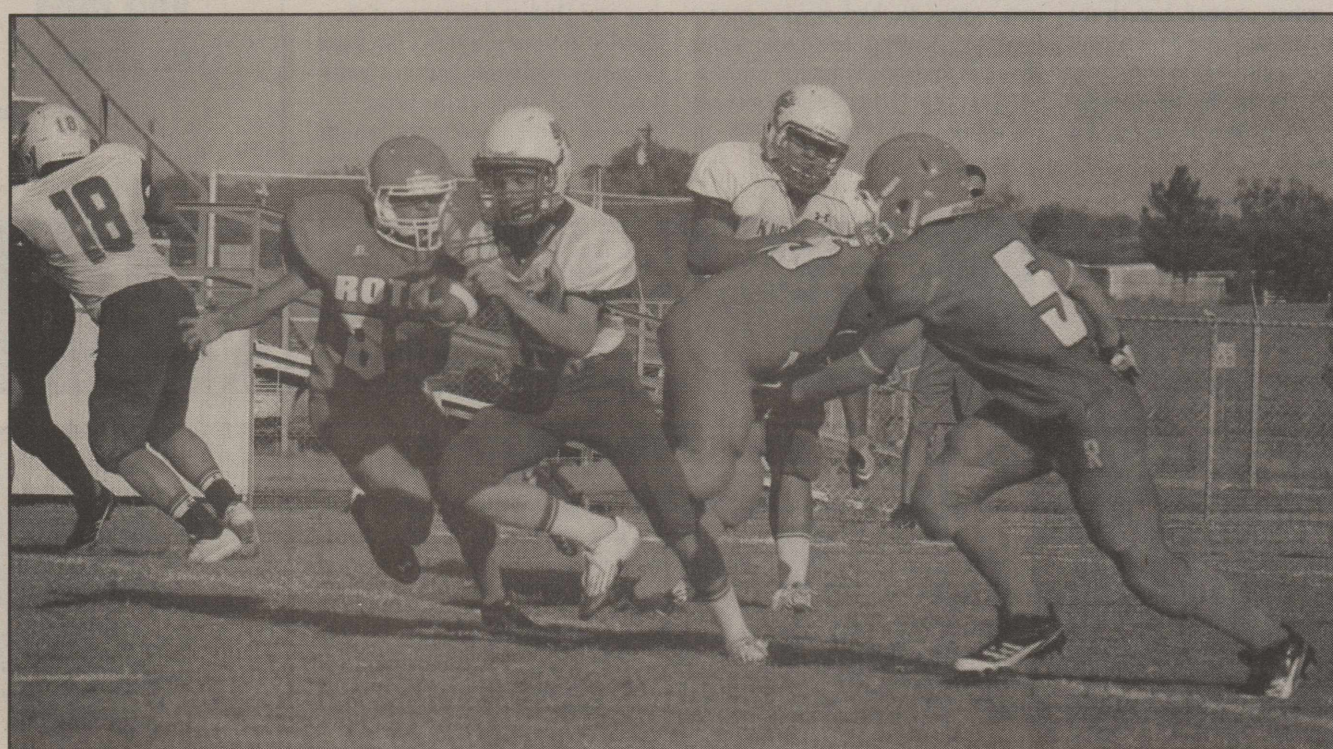


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JV romp ...

The Knox City High School junior varsity opened its season on a high note last week by grinding out a 33-14 win over the Rotan Yellowhammers. The KCHS junior varsity plays Aspermont on Thursday.

Throck to host Punt, Pass & Kick competition

Young pro football fans will have the opportunity to exhibit their football skills when Throckmorton Independent School District hosts an NFL Punt, Pass & Kick competition on Saturday, Sept. 15, at Greyhound Stadium.

The local competition is free and open to all area boys and girls ages 6-15.

The NFL Punt, Pass & Kick football competition allows youngsters to showcase their talents in punting, passing, and kicking with scores based on distance and accuracy. Age classification is as of Dec. 31 of the current year.

For competition information, call Clay Tarpley at (940) 849-2411. Entry forms are available online at NFLPPK.com.

Moguls hold off No. 2 Stamford threat

TOMMY WELLS
The Knox County News

STAMFORD - The Munday Moguls intercepted a Stamford pass in the waning moments of their game and held on to claim a stunning 34-27 win over the No. 2-ranked Stamford Bulldogs at Scruggs Field on Friday

night. With the win, the Moguls improved to 2-0 for the season. Stamford, which is coached by Knox City alum Wayne Hutchinson, slipped to 1-1.

Stamford looked as if it was driving for a potential tying touchdown late in the fourth quarter. MHS safety Dee Paul

spoiled the effort by intercepting a pass deep in Munday territory.

Rodrick Taylor provided the bulk of the Moguls' offense against Stamford. He rushed for 131 yards and a pair of touchdowns.

Paul also aided the MHS run. He returned a kickoff 80 yards for a touchdown early in the

O'Brien squads begin 2-game home stretch

The O'Brien Junior High School Bulldogs' gold and blue teams will kick off a two-game home stretch beginning Sept. 20 when they host the Newcastle Bobcats.

The OJHS Gold team will face Newcastle starting at 4 p.m. The Blue team will close out the twinbill at 5:30 p.m.

Following their game with Newcastle, the OJHS squads

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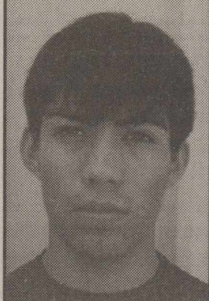


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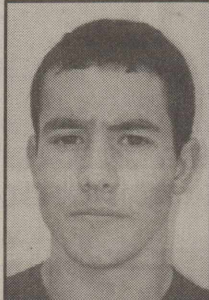
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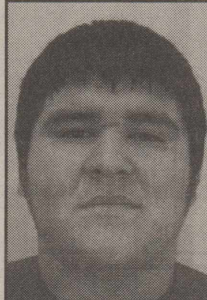
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• MISC.

NOTICE!

Warning to residents of North 5th Street. A person broke into my car Tuesday night, Sept. 4, and my house has been broken into several times in the past. Dear thief, you are in danger that someone somewhere may shoot you.

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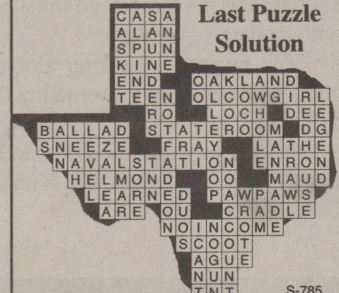
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SAMMIE'S KNOX CITY CORNER AND FINAL THOUGHTS

Monday, things were a little slow downtown and at the cafe, but things will hopefully pick up during the week. With all the things going on with school, everyone is pretty busy with working and still trying to keep up with what is going on in school.

My visits to the test clinic were all done, but the pain afterward was very hard to deal with. I spent two days in bed and also trying to find a place where I could be comfortable with the pain in my back. It's so unbearable at times that meds just don't help. I'll be glad when my doctor finds a way to repair it soon. I'll let you know more next week as I go back for my results this Tuesday. Thank you for your prayers, concerns, and calls. Love y'all.

I have not had a chance to talk to Alex and Julie Ledesma, but Ramon Nickles tells me that she is doing just great, and that is an awesome prayer answered from God. Bless them, God.

We are waiting for Michael and San Juana's baby to arrive. They both work at Bud's Cafe. She has taken a leave from her hospital housekeeping, and they are patiently awaiting the arrival of the daughter, hopefully soon. God bless them.

Mom Rodriguez had company last week - her daughter and grandson from Plainview. Their visits are short each time they come, and to Mom, it seems like it's forever. Some people just don't understand, but my love for her grows every day. I pray that God will take care of her and everyone in the family. God bless her.

Well, if you have been in Signs by Design, they really do an awesome job with the T-shirts and really have some cute stuff. I have really liked what she has done for me.

God bless for all our good rain. Our yards and plants around town are looking so beautiful for such a small amount, but every little bit helps, and we very much thank God for it. We are still having to be careful how we waste our city's supply so that is also a good thing, because we can do anything that needs to be done.

It is wonderful to see Jimmy Lynn out more. He seems to be doing great and looks very good. He enjoys being out with his church family, and sometimes with his kids. It's great.

Mrs. Marital Tankersley also seems to be doing great. Jimmy makes sure that she gets out, and Nell comes in once in awhile and spends time with her. When you see her smile once, you will see it always. She's a great woman to be friends with and very easy to love. May God bless and take care of her.

My neighbors are all enjoying visits from family bird hunters and friends dropping in to hunt birds. Of course, the younger ones are enjoying time out with their kids. Logan and Haylie are having a wonderful time spending time with our school students as church youth leader for the Four Square Church, with the help of Chad and Vickie Roberts. They welcome any youth that would like to join them at the Youth House across the street from the Four Square Church on Sunday and Wednesday. I know you will have lots of fun. They are great neighbors. God bless you guys for all y'all do for our community, churches, and especially our students. It's great to live in a small town.

Roy Rodriguez has been coming along just great, and he has been feeling so good that he has made time for church. He always had time for God, but a church family is also so much fun. I've been very happy to see him there on Sundays, along with all our church family.

Joe Rodriguez and Melda have been going to Crowell, TX for football games because Jonathan, their grandson, plays, and this is his senior year in school. They are really enjoying going and watching him play ball, and that is a great thing. He is Armando's and Isabel's son. Every time I talk about one of these younger kids, it reminds me of how old we are getting every year.

Dale Turner's dad passed away on Saturday. He has been in a care home, and it was time for God to take him home. I know how hard and painful it is for the

family, but our prayers and our thoughts are with all the families. May God bless you all.

If you played in our two-day golf tournament, they played one day at the Munday golf course and the other day at the Knox City Country Club. I have no details, but they played last weekend, and, hopefully, they had lots of fun.

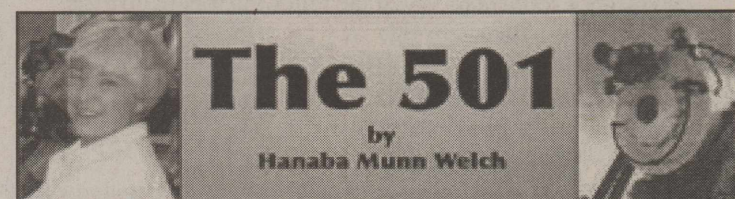
Gilbert Casillas' Mom, Pauline, who lives in Seymour, had her daughter, Maggie, and son-in-law, David Saucedo, from Corpus Christi visiting this weekend. David has been coming to play in some tournaments with Gilbert and some of his friends. They are just great people. Maggie is a lot like her Mom. I always enjoy seeing them. Guys, I hope y'all get home safe.

Pauline's daughter, Phyllis, also from Seymour, had a health spell last week. She suffered a small heart attack and will be having surgery on another matter that she had been tested for before the heart attack. She is home and has to take it easy for a while and take good care of herself. Reports from Diana Casillas are good. Thank God for His blessings on her family and also for her children and grandkids.

Bobby and Birdie Helton just returned from a trip to Ruidoso, and they had a good time and were ready to return home to our hot weather. Things are looking better in our weather for the near future. Thank God.

This is the story and news for the week. Talk to you soon,

God bless our troops and each of us,
 Sammie



Energy is everywhere. How can we make the best of it?

In "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid," an outdoor domestic scene features a dog on a treadmill. That's how I remember it. Maybe it was a different movie. Regardless, canine power is running either an ice cream churn or a primitive washing machine. Maybe both. As I recall, the dog looks happy enough and so does the woman in charge, since she's benefiting nicely from the power the animal is cranking out.

Today most treadmills are designed to keep people moving. Dog treadmills are trendy, but it's mostly humans sweating in fancy exercise rooms, keeping a nice steady pace on machines designed to suck away their energy. Where does that energy go? Does it vanish into the steamy air? Contribute

to global warming? Pick one.

If I ran a fitness gym, I'd want all the people-powered equipment to generate electricity to sell back to the grid. It could happen.

My fascination with human-powered machines comes partly from a once-upon-a-time German restaurant in New Orleans where a system of belt-driven ceiling fans circulated the air rather nicely. Up high near one wall, a smiling almost life-sized jointed figure in lederhosen, Ludwig, gripped one shaft. As he bobbed and cranked, it looked like he was making all the fans work.

Although Ludwig didn't sweat, he represented a concept - the notion that a few gears can turn human power into what it takes to turn fans over the heads of a dining room full of people. It would have been too difficult for anyone but bionic Ludwig to make all those fans spin, but the manpower concept stands.

INTERNET RESEARCH PAUSE.

Somebody beat me to it. Gyms already exist with bicycles equipped to produce usable electricity. Apparently it takes a Lance Armstrong to pedal a bicycle fast enough to run just one ceiling fan (making Ludwig sound like Lance on steroids). But electricity-generating bicycles also contribute to the marketability of gym memberships to the energy-conscious green market segment. That's worth something.

It's too bad all such power produced in cushy countries like America, where people exercise in gyms, can't be shared with other countries where a little electricity goes a long way and exercise just happens. Alas, neither can we ship dinner table leftovers to starving children in Africa.

Closing thought:

All told, in the realm of living dynamos, man versus beast, humans don't score very well. Consider cows, for instance. For hours at a time, they move their heads as they graze. Such stamina. Consider also those flashlights that shine when you shake them because a magnet moves through a coil and produces electricity. (I looked that up.) Attach such lights to cow horns, and you've invented cow-powered headlights.

Crazy? Sure. But who's to say just such a project might not win a science fair ribbon or boost some budding inventor on to greater accomplishments?

Or maybe I'll just add it to my resume. I've already been cheated out of one invention.

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Open Door sets date for Pumpkin Fun

Open Door Christian School announced its Graham Pumpkin Run will be held on Oct. 13. The 5K run will start at 8 a.m. in front of the school. A 1K Fun Run/Walk will start at 9:45 a.m.

Sign up at Open Door or visit our website at www.opendoor-graham.com for a registration form. Trophies will be awarded for the top 3 male/female runners in each 5K category and \$100.

For more information, call (940) 549-2339.



Spiker time ...

The Benjamin Lady Stangs played Woodson on Saturday morning and claimed a thrilling win by taking three of the five games.



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2012 Weekly Weather Report

Date	Temperature (F)		Rainfall inches
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09/03	73	104	
09/04	79	106	
09/05	72	105	0.23
09/06	72	99	0.01
09/07	70	107	
09/08	62	84	0.01
09/09	58	91	
Total Rainfall for Week			0.25
Total Rainfall for month			0.25
2012 Rainfall (ytd)			12.54

Camping rules for Miller Creek Reservoir set

The North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority has issued several guidelines for residents wishing to camp at Miller Creek Reservoir.

Camping is permitted in designated areas only.

Camping areas 1-5 are for short term camping only, no more than three consecutive days.

Camping areas 6-30 are for longer term use. Camping is permitted in these areas for no more than 15 consecutive days. After the 150day term, campers from Reservoir property for at least 15 days before you can reenter any camping area.

Cutting of trees in designated camping areas is prohibited.

Where have our principles gone?

Just Jeff



By Jeff Stanfield

This past week, I realized how screwed up our country really has become.

Regardless of what political party you back, this is exactly the direction this country has moved. The Democrats voted three times - not once, or even twice but three times - to use God on their platform. How about "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all?"

How can you stand up and take a vote to leave God out? How do the Reverends Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton stand up on Sunday at their churches and preach the word of God and be affiliated with such mockery? The sad thing is they did it three times ... and on each vote it was more in favor of not using God on the platform. How can we have the current leader's party be ashamed of God? It just floors me that the national media is so biased that they are afraid to make this a point.

The DNC decided to put God back in to appease the conservative democrats and the independent voters but when it was announced on the convention floor the democratic delegates booed it. Can you imagine booing for God and then having the gall to accept all contributions (of course, money talks) which has IN GOD WE TRUST written all

over it. then take Muslim dollars." I am not buying that.

Back to the "Pledge of Allegiance." It says "indivisible."

Well, that is what we have become. We are divided more today than ever. We have 60 percent of us who are conservatives. We have 20 percent independent, and we have 20 percent that hate rules and regulations of any kind and think we should pay for them to be bums.

The problem is that the 60 percent conservatives are stuck as either Republicans or Democrats and cannot get on the same page. The problem, as I see it, is that the conservative democrat party has been hijacked by way too far left wackos and the GOP has way too many far right wackos.

What happened to the America that I and my parents grew up in? You know, the place where both parties basically had the same agenda, and there was a country that tried to live by the Bible, tried and help their neighbors, feed the world and keep it safe from harm's way. Back then, the biggest difference between the candidate was where he was from and maybe a few social issues. Other than that, they both had basically the same policies.

God help us before we ruin what was the greatest country this world has ever seen.

Jeff Stanfield is a local columnist.

Special Education Child Find 3-5 year olds Screening dates set

ATTENTION PARENTS:

If you are a resident of any of the following school districts:

- Benjamin ISD
- Knox City-O'Brien CISD
- Munday CISD
- Paint Creek ISD or
- Rule ISD

Haskell-Knox Shared Service Arrangement in cooperation with the school districts it represents (see above) are holding some screenings for children 3-5 years of age whose parents have concerns of the developmental level(s) where their child functions.

If you have concerns in any of the following areas* with your child who is 3 or older and not yet in kindergarten:

- *Mental
- *Learning,
- *Speech,
- *Motor, and/or
- *Emotional skills...

Please call HKSSA to set up an appointment. The office number is 658-3587. Once an appointment time is set, you will be asked to bring your child's birth certificate, social security card and immunization record with you and the child on the day of the appointment.

If your child is under the age of 3 years old and you have concerns with their development; then you are encouraged to contact Little Lives - ECI @ 1-800-852-2193 for their program.

CHAD

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with a good run. Jose Espinal followed on the next play with a run.

In the fourth quarter, the two teams traded touchdowns early.

While the Knox City Greyhounds cheerleaders were holding on for dear life in wind gusts that topped 60 miles per hour winds, the Knox City team would not be denied. With just a little over 8 minutes to go in

the slobberknocker wind-fest, the Hounds ran it in for another touchdown, making the score 35-25.

The Hounds rolled that momentum train in for another high speed touchdown with 6:04 remaining and upped that sweet lead to 42-25!

The Yellowhammers still had fight left in them. With 1:02 to go, Rotan made a very good touchdown, making the score Greyhounds 42, Yellowhammers 32!

KCRWSC meter fees could increase soon

The Knox County Rural Water Supply Corporation is going to increase the water meter fees on Sept. 15, 2012, for any of those who may be interested in getting a water meter in the surrounding area of Knox City. If you do not already have city water and are interested please contact Brittany Coker at (940) 256-1426 or visit Texas Tans in Knox City.

The current price per meter is \$100. The future price will be set at \$500 per meter.

Coker reminded potential meter buyers that should the project

not materialize, funds would be returned, and if a customer cannot be served for any unforeseen reason there fees would be refunded, too.

Engineers are currently working on the project. A total of \$30,000 has been received to help with studies.

"The project is coming along great and looks very promising," Coker said.

Meter fees can also be mailed to KCRWSC, P.O. Box 403, Knox City, TX 79529.

Stallings would have something to say about that, running 50 yards for six more points!

Not taking anything away from the Yellowhammers, they came to play and they played a very good game. This was a very good win by the very proud Blue, Red and White.

A few things, though. The Hounds need, and must, always stay focused. The team needs to keep its eyes on not just the ball but the plays. There is no need to make unnecessary plays on that field. Keep a level head at all times. You have the heart, will, passion and drive to be the Best. You know what to do. Never fail. Never fail in doing so and you will win every game!

Big congrats to the coaches, Charles Steele, Colin Howeth, Josh Webb and Ryan Faulks on a great job. Well Done!

Greyhounds, you have the Aspermont Hornets at home at Greyhound Stadium on Sept. 14! Practice hard and do your thing on that field, baby. On Friday night, I'll see you there!

COTTON

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million wheat acres. If the state receives ample rain this fall, there could be an increase in harvested acreage and possibly an increase nationwide. This is in response to wheat following the recent run-up in corn prices, eclipsing more than \$8 a bushel, Welch said.

"We are certainly setting ourselves up for a very large grain crop in 2013," Welch said.

Robinson said cotton prices will "pretty much stay in a sideways channel."

"They've been just under 70 cents a pound to most recently 77 cents a pound," he said. "I'm expecting a continuation of a range, sideways action pattern bouncing around with some outside news. I'm expecting prices to trade anywhere from 80 cents to the low 70s."

Robinson said prices could react accordingly to some type of world supply news, such as India, which hand harvests its cotton and could possibly come up a million bales short of expectations.

"That might generate a market rally," he said.

Marketing strategies for cotton producers this late in the season are limited.

"There is not much in the options world you can do at the moment," Robinson said. "I think right now just getting the best cash offer you can is the main thing. If you are shopping around for call options you might be able to catch any upside surprise."

Robinson said producers could take advantage of any possible volatility on the December 2013 futures by buying options "way in advance, so it may be worth shopping and thinking about what is affordable and what the price direction is."

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