County receives more than 2 inches of ra

The Knox County News

Make no mistake about it, September was a good month for residents of the Big Country when talk turns to rain-

Maybe nowhere more so than in Knox County where more than four inches of precipitation fell during the

month, including almost 2 inches on the final day of the month.

"We'll take it," said Knox City City Administrator Chad Roberts. "I don't think anyone is complaining about the

According to the National Resources Conservation Service in Knox City, a low pressure system dumped almost 2 inches of rain on Knox County and the

surrounding area on Sept. 29-30. The storm blew in on Thursday, bringing with it cloudy skies, cooler temperatures and light rains. According to state data, .16 inches fell in the county and the high temperature was 72 degrees.

On Friday, the storm hit full force, dropping 1.81 inches of rainfall. Temperatures on Friday, Sept. 30, reached just 68 degrees in Knox County.

Rainfall earlier in the week - including a one-quarter-inch shower on Sept. 25, brought a total of 2.22 inches of precipitation for the week of Sept. 24-

With the rainfall totals in the last week, Knox County's total rainfall for September was 4.75 inches. For the year, the county has now received 17.29 inches of rain

According to the National Weather Service in San Angelo and media reports, the southern partion of the Big Country received even more rain. Reports indicate the City of Abilene recorded totals in excess of 7 inches.

Area officials are hoping enough run-off will spill into local lakes and reservoirs to help ease drought condi-

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The 2012 Knox City High School Football Sweetheart and Football Beau will be crowned on Friday evening. Candidates for the Football Beau honors are (back row, left to right) Jose Espinal, son of Teresa Espinal; Tylynne Eaton, son of Jeremy and Lynnzie Eaton; and Heath Welch, son of Mitzi and Shane Welch. Candidates for Football Sweetheart are Allison Lynn, daughter of Scott and Lawri Lynn; Haley Ledesma, daughter of Fred and Tonya Ledesma; and Chasity Tolson, daughter of Sylvia Garcia and Chad Tolson.

HONEGONING

Knox City to celebrate annual event this weekend

TOMMY WELLS The Knox County News

Better break out that old letter jacket and red, white and blue spirit, folks. It's homecoming time in ol' Knox City.

Knox City High School will be holding its annual homecoming celebrations this week in preparation for Friday night's football showdown with the Woodson Cowboys at Greyhound Stadium. The school will be holding special activities - including coronation ceremonies for the pep, band and 2-12 KCHS royalty - throughout the week to build excitement among the student body.

The activities kicked into full gear on Wednesday evening when school officials held the Firelighter ceremony. The event began at 8 p.m. across the street from the high school campus.

As part of the Firelighter ceremony, a Miss Firelighter was crowned. This year's candidates for the Miss Firelighter included junior Kelsey Vasquez and seniors Haley Ledesma and Allison Lynn.

The activities will continue through out the week, including on Friday when the school holds p.m.

a special homecoming pep rally, beginning at 3:10 p.m. in the high school gymnasium. Later that evening, the 2012 KCHS Football Sweetheart and Football Hero nominees will be crowned.

Among the nominees for the 2012 Football Sweetheart accolades are Haley Ledesma, Chasity Tolson and Allison Lynn. All three nominees are seniors at Knox City High School. The nominees for the Football Hero award are Tylynne Eaton, Heath Welch and senior. Jose Espinal.

Eaton and Welch are both juniors at KCHS.

The 2012 Band Sweetheart and Band Beau will also be crowned this week. Among the candidates for the Band Sweetheart title are Lynn, Jasmine Lerma and junior Tanna Moeller.

Lerma is a senior.

Four students will be vying for the 2012 Band Beau honors. Among the candidates are seniors Blayne Bradley and Espinal and juniors Tyler Clark and Zach Carter.

The homecoming ceremonies will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the football field. The Greyhounds' game with Woodson will get under way at 7:30

O'Brien school homecoming set for Oct. 12-14

Make no mistake about it, homecoming fever is alive and well in the Knox City school

Once the festivities from this weekend's KCHS festivities die down, the homecoming hoopla begins anew. This time, with the 2012 O'Brien High School homecoming gala. The three-day event, dubbed "Melodies and Memories," will be held Oct. 12-14 at the former O'Brien High School building.

Organizers of the event are encouraging all O'Brien graduates and former students to attend the event, which will feature the celebration of the 1972 O'Brien football team that See O'BRIEN on Page 5

> Candidates for the 2012 Band Beau are: (back row, left to right) Blayne Bradley, son of **Dusty and Julie Bradley;** Tyler Clark, son of Terry and Julia Clark; Zach Carter, son of Tracy and Paula Carter; and Jose Espina, son of Teresa Espinal. Sweetheart candidates are: Allison Lynn, daughter of Scott and Lawri Lynn; Jasmine Lerma, daughter of Ray and Diane Lerma.

KCHD to host Health Fair, Walk

Mark your calendar for Oct. 6 as the date to begin or renew a healthy lifestyle. In conjunction with the Knox County Hospital District's annual Healthfair, "Health, Wellness & Safety 2012", a Health Walk has been sched-

Registration for the event will begin at 7 a.m. at the hospital with the Health Walk beginning at 7:30 a.m. Participants can walk, run, jog, skip, hop, bike or crawl up to five miles. The event is open to all ages and participants choose whatever distance they are comfortable with. A \$5 donation for the Knox County Hospital Auxiliary is requested.

For pre-registration or more information, contact Jamie at the Knox City Clinic at (940) 657-3906.

"Health, Wellness & Safety 2012" sets the stage for multiple health screenings, quality information and demonstrations benefitting all ages. The fair will be held on the Knox County Hospital grounds at 701 South 5th Street in Knox City from 9 a.m. until noon on Oct. 6. Vendors scheduled to attend are: Knox County American Cancer Society, Alzheimer's Association, Maximus, Texas A&M Agri-Life Extension Service, Air-Evac Lifeteam, Knox County Sheriff's Office, Diagnostic Management Group, Molina Healthcare, Texas Department of State Health Services, Knox County 9-1-1, Arthritis Foundation, Knox City Police Department, Noah Project North, Munday Nursing Center, Native Air, Screening 4 Life, and Life Gift Organ Donation.

The Knox County Hospital District See HEALTH on Page 2



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James Frank, unopposed candidate for State Representative for District 69, will be visiting Knox County on Oct. 11. Please come to "Meet and Greet" Frank at the Knox County Aging Center at 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. to get to know him so he can better represent you in Austin.

The Aging Center is at 107 N Ave E in Knox City. Mr. Frank is a business man who lives in Wichita Falls.

At 7 p.m. at the Aging Center, a meeting will be held to organize a Knox County Republican Party. All Republicans in Knox County who want to participate are invited. The meeting will be short so that we all can watch the Vice

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the 2012 Miss **Firelighter** honors are (from left to right) Allison Lynn, daughter of Scott and Lawri Lynn; Haley Ledesma, daughter of Fred and Tonya Ledesma; and Kelsey Vasquez, daughter of

Janie and Faby

Vasquez.

candidates for





Not pictured is Tanna Moeller, daughter of Rick and Kristi Moeller.

Retired teachers meet on Sept. 25

BILLIE WALKER KCRSPA President

The Knox County Retired School Personnel Association met on Sept. 25 at the Munday Baptist Church with 11 members present. Billie Walker, president, called the meeting to order. Homer Lowrance led the opening prayer. Our insurance plan was discussed, and goals for our unit were set.

Judy Hubbard provided the program -- a devotional on Psalms. Seven members plan to attend the fall conference in Wichita Falls at Region 9 on Oct. 9.

The next meeting will be Oct. 23 at the Knox City Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Jerry Coplen, Knox County Extension Agent, will bring the program on drought, plants and water.

A 'Taste of Country' set

The Haskell Chamber of Commerce, along with the Noah Project, will be presenting "Taste of Country" on Tuesday, Oct. 9, at the Haskel Civic Center. The event will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 for adults in advance. \$15 at the door. Children are \$8 in advance.



Kristen Kuehler displays a belt buckle she won recently at the West Texas Fair. Kuehler was one of several area youths to do well at the event.

Knox County youth shine at West Texas Fair

Congratulations are in order to the Brown, Hunter, Kuehler, Ledesma, Reeves, Utley, and Vasquez families for their participation and success at the 2013 West Texas Fair Junior Livestock

Kristen Kuehler had a great day with her string of lambs. She earned a first place, third place, fourth place, two fifth places and a sixth place, while Kolbey Brown took her Duroc barrow from class winner all the way to Breed Cham-

The Ledesma families also did well, with Skylin, Reylee and Dustin earning fourth, fifth, and sixth place, respectively. John Utley took his pig to fourth

Over at the Steer barn, Shannon Reeves won first in the Medium Weight Her-

"This was a good show and good practice for the kids, as most will be headed to the state fair in Dallas with their entries this week," said Knox County Extension agent Jerry Coplen.

Knox County Aging Services

The following lunch menus have been listed for the week of Oct. 1-5 for the Knox County **Aging Services**

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

Monday, Oct. 8 - Charbroiled beef patty/peppers/onions, garlic mashed potatoes, beets, sliced bread, Mandarin oranges..

Complete

Tuesday, Oct. 9 - Beef tips/ salad, whole wheat roll, apri-

Wednesday, Oct. 10 -Chicken tenders/gravy, baked potatoes/sour cream, mixed vegetables, whole wheat roll, peaches.

Thursday, Oct. 12 - Taco/ corn chip salad, corn, fruit

Friday, Oct. 13 – BBQ on a gravy, noodles, carrot/raisin bun, tater tots, carrots/zuchinni, ambrosia.

> 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.

Circle of Friends to meet today

The monthly meeting of the Circle of Friends of TEEA will be on Oct. 4 at 7 pm at the Doug Meinzer Building at 203 SW 4th Street. The program will be "Christmas in October."

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Parkers to speak at dedication of arrow at museum on Oct. 14

theme at the Wichita Brazos Museum program in Benjamin at 2 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 14.

On that day, a Knox County couple will tell how they are related to the Comanche chief, Quanah Parker, and how this kinship was researched. Doug Parker and his wife, Frances Parker, of Munday will be at the center of the dedication of the giant Comanche arrow and marker on the museum grounds in Benjamin. Following the outdoor dedication, those attending

will move into the museum to hear the Parkers tell about their association with Quanah Parker.

Irvy McGreger of Crowell will then speak about his year's long search for Indian artifacts. You will see the tables of objects from his years of collecting in Knox County and nearby areas.

If the Ervy McGreger exhibit doesn't tell you about the arrowheads or artifacts you have, describe it to McGreger in the closing question session for more information.

Everybody is invited to at-

tend, including students in the lower grades, teachers, and people with their own collections from one chipped arrow point to many points, and other objects.

You will enjoy what you learn from the dedication, McGreger's talk, the exhibit, and from visiting with others who are interested in the story of our regions

This event will follow the Knights of Columbus sausage and fried chicken dinner in Rhineland from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Two GED testing dates on tap at Vernon College

The final two testing dates at ing the GED test must provide date. Seating is limited so early Vernon College are Oct. 17 and Nov. 24. Testing begins at 8 a.m. in the Testing Center, Room 213, in the Wright Library.

A Texas resident who is at least 18 years old (17 years old with signed parental permission), who has not graduated from high school and is not enrolled in high school, is eligible to take the test. Everyone taka Texas driver's license or Texas state issued picture ID and social security card at registration and at each testing session. If a driver's license or Texas ID is not available, a person may obtain one through the Texas Department of Public Safety Driver's License Division.

Pre-registration is required at least one week prior to the test

sign up is encouraged. Persons may sign up in the Testing Center on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. and on Thursdays from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. The cost for the full battery of tests is \$75, and a re-test for an individual section is \$15 per section. Cash, checks, or money orders in the correct amount made payable to Vernon College are acceptable.

Court upholds open meetings law

AUSTIN — A case brought by a group of 15 city officials naming the State of Texas and Attorney General Greg Abbott as defendants failed before the New Orleans-based U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals on Sept. 25.

In Asgeirsson et al. v. Abbott, plaintiffs sought to have the court declare the Texas open meetings law "unconstitutionally vague" and "overbroad" primarily because of criminal provisions local governmental officials face if accused of knowingly circumventing the law. A violation is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of \$100 to \$500, confinement in jail for one to six months, or both.

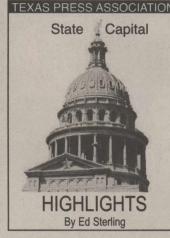
Plaintiffs' central argument was that the criminal portion of the law abridges their right to free speech under the First Amendment. However, in a unanimous decision by a three-judge panel, the 5th Circuit affirmed a lower court ruling that the law is constitutionally sound.

After the court released its decision on Sept. 25, Abbott said the outcome "... is a great victory for democracy and the First Amendment. The decision further guarantees the public will continue to have access to information about how their government works. Making meetings accessible and allowing the public to see how decisions are made are the foundation of open government. A healthy democracy requires that the public have access to how government oper-

In 2006, again in 2009-2010 and currently in 2011-2012, sets of more than a dozen city officials from many regions of Texas unsuccessfully brought the same general case and arguments before a federal district court and the 5th Circuit.

Originally adopted by the Texas Legislature in 1967, the open meetings law is intended to discourage public officials from meeting in non-public settings to deliberate on public business. According to the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, invalidating the law potentially would allow government corruption to escape public scrutiny.

Disclosure: Texas Press As-



sociation participated in a friendof-the-court brief in support of the state's position in Asgeirsson v. Abbott.

Push is on for spending limits

Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and other Republicans last week called a stricter constitutional spending limit for the state budget ahead of the upcoming legislative session.

In calling for a spending limiting amendment to the state constitution, Perry said, "Government growth, if any, should be kept to the bare minimum and should be limited ... to the rate of our population growth combined with the rate of inflation."

Dewhurst said Texas is "the national model when it comes to keeping state spending to a minimum," adding, "We take pride in the fact that Texas ranks 47th out of 50th per capita in state spend-

Perry called on lawmakers to commit to the five principals of his Texas Budget Compact:

- Practice "Truth in Budget-

Support a constitutional limit of spending to the growth of population and inflation;

- Oppose any new taxes or tax increases and make the small business tax exemption perma-

- Preserve a strong Rainy Day Fund; and

- Cut unnecessary and duplicative government programs and agencies.

In explaining Truth in Budgeting, Perry said, "We owe it to

Texans to create a budget process that's more honest and transparent by making the tough decisions Texans make every day and presenting a truly balanced budget free of IOUs and accounting maneuvers."

Red Tape site seeks input

Computer users who have an Internet connection now have an easy way to make their thoughts known on an expanding variety of statewide topics including occupational licensing, state agency rulemaking, public school mandates and manufacturing in

Texas Red Tape Challenge (www.texasredtapechallenge. com) allows citizens to log in and "share ideas, discuss others' ideas and vote the best ones to

According to the site's sponsor, Texas House Government Reform and Efficiency Committee, "workable ideas that gain consensus will be considered by the Committee for inclusion in its formal report to the 83rd Legislature which begins in January

More kids taking SAT

Data released by the College Board on Sept. 24 show that in Texas between the 2007-2008 school year and last school year, the number of Hispanic public school students taking the Scholastic Aptitude Test increased by 65 percent.

Gains in SAT-taking also were posted by African-American students, up 42 percent; Asian students, up 29 percent; and white students, up 9 percent.

State Education Commissioner Michael Williams reacted, saying, "We are clearly building a college-going culture in

HEALTH

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Auxiliary, The Pink Ladies, kick off the event with participant registration and their famous cookies and punch. Providing complimentary glucose and lipid panels, the Laboratory Department of Knox County Hospital requests that participants fast prior to the tests. Testing will be available beginning at 6 a.m. The Lipid Panel includes Total Cholesterol, HDL, LDL and Triglycerides. Also being introduced will be free PSA tests for males over the age of 40.

The District will provide information at various booths regarding infection control, breast cancer awareness, diabetes education, diet, heart disease, West Nile Virus, Fall Prevention, Organ Donation, Blood Donation, and DNR education. A free blood pressure clinic will also be held. A bouncy-house will be available for kids of all ages.

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Continued from Page 1 Presidential Debate at 8 p.m. the same night.

If you would like to be a part of the group but cannot attend, please contact Lou Vail, Knox County GOP Chairman, at (940) 658 5507.

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Obituaries

Ronnie Lynn Worley

Ronnie Lynn Worley of Kerrville, Texas, passed away on Sunday, Sept. 30, 2012, at 9:55 a.m. in the Peterson Regional Medical Center in Kerrville.

Ronnie was born on July 3, 1947, in Knox City, Texas, to Lennis Virgil Worley and Neva Jewell Dotson Worley. He married DuAnn Rutherford on Dec. 19, 1969, in Abilene, Texas. They moved to Denver, Colorado, in 1972 where he worked for many years as a loan officer for Public Service Credit Union. They moved to Kerrville in 1994. DuAnn preceded him in death on Jan. 12, 2005, after 35 years of marriage. He then married his Knox City High School sweetheart, Carolyn Crownover Worley, on Oct. 21, 2006.

Ronnie was an active member of the Kerrville Church of Christ where he had served as a deacon.

He was an avid Dallas Cowboys fan, World War II history enthusiast, and enjoyed traveling around Texas and the United States with his wife and family. His most important role was as a devoted family man, husband, father, and grandfa-

Ronnie is survived by his wife, Carolyn; one sister, Donna Worley Davis and husband Porter of Phoenix, Arizona; three daughters, Delanie Lyn Weigand and husband Mike of Austin, Texas; Emily Denise Griest and husband Dale of Denver, Colorado; Lindy Ann Worley of Flagstaff, Arizona; one stepdaughter Erica Collinsworth Krucke of Honolulu, Hawaii; his five grandchildren, Colby Weigand, Sydney Weigand, Taylor Griest, Jaden



Ronnie Lynn Worley

Weigand, and Bailey Griest. The family would like to express their sincere gratitude to

the nurses and doctors of Plaza on the River, Hilltop Village, Peterson Regional Medical of Kerrville, and Texsan Heart Hospital, Methodist Regional Hospital, and LifeCare Hospital of San Antonio.

Visitation was from 5 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 2, at Grimes Funeral Chapels.

Funeral services, officiated by Greg Cummings, were held on Wednesday, October 3, at 2 p.m. at the Kerrville Church of Christ. Ronnie will be laid to rest at Sunset Cemetery in Mountain Home, Texas.

The family invites you to send condolences at www. grimesfuneralchapels.com by selecting the "Send Condolences" link.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Grimes Funeral Chapels of Kerrville.

Keith McCarson

OLNEY - Keith McCarson of Megargel, Texas, walked through Heaven's Gates on Sept. 27, 2012. His family and friends believe he walked in carrying a 60-pound sack of feed on one shoulder and a rope in the other hand. A Celebration of Life service was held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 29, 2012, at the Throckmorton High School auditorium in Throckmorton, Texas, with Ras Robinson of the Fullness in Christ Ministry of Ft. Worth, Texas officiating. A visitation followed immediately after the service at the Ash Arena in Throckmorton. Arrangements were under the direction of Lunn

Funeral Home of Olney. Keith was born on Nov. 16, 1948 in Olney, Texas to G.B. and Laverne (Manuel) Mc-Carson. Keith graduated from Throckmorton High School in Throckmorton in 1967. He loved athletics and played football, basketball, baseball and ran track. He won many honors for his athletic abilities, including Honorable Mention All-State Quarterback. One sportswriter dubbed him "The Golden Toe of Throckmorton" because he never missed an extra point. Keith was also in many clubs and organizations. He also received numerous honors, including "Mr. THS" and "Most Likely to Succeed" his Senior year. He was known in school "as the guy that everyone wanted to be around." Keith attended Texas Tech University. He graduated in 1971 with a Bachelor of Science degree with an emphasis in Chemistry. He put himself through college by breaking and -training horses.

Keith moved to Megargel in 1973, and he and his father, G.B. McCarson, formed a partnership. They purchased -McCarson Grain and later expanded to include McCarson Feed, also in Megargel. Keith is known throughout the area as a hard-working man who would do anything for his friends and customers. G.B. and Keith also began the ranch in Throckmorton County. With the addition of Karen (sister) and Ken Youngblood to the partnership, it is now known as McCarson-Youngblood Ranch.

Keith married Susan Hays on July 14, 1979 in Olney. They met in May, married that July and were together for 33 years. They had two children, Kristi and Clay. Keith cooked breakfast for the family every morning, helped with homework every night, but was banned from



Keith McCarson

the laundry room for washing reds and whites. He will be remembered as a faithful, caring husband and giving, loving fa-

Keith's passion was working with horses and roping. He belonged to several team roping associations and won numerous belt buckles and saddles. He was happiest when he roped with family and friends at the roping pen in Elbert. He loved to read and listen to music, especially southern gospel quartets and music of the 1950's. He also enjoyed watching sports and anything on the Western Channel.

Keith was preceded in death by his father, G.B. McCarson. He is survived by his wife, Susan, of the home; a daughter, Kristi of New York City; a son, Clay and wife, Krissa, of Westover, Texas; and two precious grandchildren, Maci Lee and David Keith; his mother, Laverne McCarson, of Elbert; a sister, Karen, and husband, Ken, of Elbert, Texas; and Abel "Big Brother" Granandos Ramires of Westover. Keith is also survived by a large family, the Throckmorton Class of 1967 and a large circle of friends.

Keith will always be remembered for his firm handshake, big heart and colorful language.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to Hospice of Wichita Falls P.O. Box 4804 Wichita Falls, Texas 76308, or to ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) Research to The ALS Association Development Department 27001 Aguora Road, Suite 250 Calabasas Hills, CA 91301, or made online at: http:// www.alsa.org/donate.

Condolences may be expressed to the family at www. lunnfuneralhome.com

Benjamin News

with Gladene Green

It's been a good weekend and now as the new week begins, it does so with soaked yards and dirt roads, the result of weekend rains. Varying amounts have been reportedanywhere from nearly two inches on up to four or five inches in some gauges not too far from here. All amounts are great and appreciated so much! There are clouds in the sky again today, so maybe it's not over yet. We'll keep taking it as long as we can get it.

It's good to report that our ailing friends are improving. Hopefully, well on the way to complete recovery. Jane Gideon's trip to the doctor Tuesday proved to be encouraging. No new problems were found, and her next appointment is in late October, barring any unforeseen new problems. Everyone else is doing ok.

My sympathy to the family of Bunny Rhodes Hutchinson who passed away Friday night. She was a Munday native, the daughter of Clifford and Dorothy Rhodes. Her services are pending at this time.

CLASS OF '54 GET TOGETHER

This past weekend was fun time for the 1954 graduating class of Munday High School. We met at the Elegante Suites in Abilene for a wonderful two days of visiting, reminiscing, eating, and just enjoying being together once again. If my memory serves me right, 28 of us walked across the stage that Friday night in May 58

years ago, and 19 of those 28 survive. We have lost nine. They are Venta Baty New, Billy Tuggle Bradford, Betty Stodghill LeMaster, Shirley Davis Mcharg, Joe Lynn Phillips, Leon Johnson, Gene Haynie, Charles Yost, and Jack New. Attending the reunion were Lois Michels Smith and her husband, Wayne, of Placentia California, Joan Sokora Blake and husband, Tommy, of Friendswood, near Houston, Peggy Cure Ritchie and husband, Guindell, of Wichita Falls, Jonnye Matthews Yandel and a friend, Gary Anderson, of San Antonio, Billy Ray Henson and wife, Patsy, of Weatherford, Texas, C. T. Davis and wife Neomi, of Haltom City, Texas, Jimmy Morgan and wife, Wanda, of Waco, Bob Killian and wife, Juanita, of Lubbock, Bera Faye Spann Johnson of Abilene, and Gladene Yeager Green of Benjamin. Eight were unable to be there with various hindering reasons. They are Fred Lang of Houston, Shirley McAfee McClendon, who lives in California, Walter Owen of Denton, Dicky Ponder (residence unknown to me), Gary Offutt, who lives in Idaho, Lewis Wayne McGuire of Waco, Jerry Bob Goodwin of Megargel, and Barbara Phillips Cagle of Wichita Falls. Three members of the Class of '53 were also there, and we had nice visits with them. They were Charlotte Hannah Kelly of Houston, Pat Cook Lock-

James and Shirley Eubanks Amerson of Munday also came by for a visit Saturday afternoon. We voted to combine the classes of '53, '54, and '55 for the next gathering—whenever it may be.

Now, if you have counted the ones I have named and come up with 27, you are right, but Pat Tidwell did graduate with us. She was of the class of '55 but got all her credits in, so graduated with us. Personal note-I had so many nice comments regarding this weekly column from those I visited with during the weekend. You folks are the reason I keep doing it week in and week out!

HERE 'N THERE

Taylor and Westin Herring of Munday spent the wekend with grandparents, Mike and Debi Moorhouse, while their parents, Liz and Nathan, and uncle and aunt, Jessica and Brandon Hutchinson of Abilene, enjoyed a trip to the Metroplex.

They were going to attend the Rangers game Saturday, but since it was rained out, they had to miss seeing them this time. They did go to Six Flags and other places for entertainment and enjoyed just getting away awhile.

Imagean Young and her grandson, Antony Lamb, attended the Seymour-Hawley game at Hawley Friday night. I think Seymour won.

The Benjamin Jr. High Colts made a trip to O'Brien Thursday night for a game with the Bulldogs, and won again! They are undefeated so far this season. We congratulate them and wish them well the rest of the season.

You may have read in Sammie's Column about Mark Taylor getting burned so badly a couple of weeks ago. I talked to his sister, Crystal, Friday, and she said that he is improving. He had sat up in a chair, and that was encouraging to his family. His Dad, John, said the only thing they knew about the cause of the fire was that his house literally blew up. He lives in Snyder. You may recall his brother, Donnie, and his family lived here a few years ago. They lived in the brown house at the edge of town on Hwy 6 North. We sincerely hope and pray that his recovery continues.

Dillon Keys, along with his Mom, and Kevin Smith, and his sister, Randi, attended a Christian concert by Jeremy Camp in Roby Sunday night. Dillon was in Abilene today to get his stitches out of his toes. He's doing ok but will still have to not "over-use" his toes for a while so that he won't undo what has been done.

Charles and Linda Griffith were in Lubbock for the weekend. They went to Clovis, New Mexico, and spent Friday night with Amy and Vince Tyson, Kate, and Abby. Their granddaughter, Kate, is a cheerleader at Clovis High School, and they enjoyed the Clovis Homecoming game and getting to watch Kate cheer.

Duell to speak at services on Oct, 8-11

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Opinion

Tax-filing and payment extensions expire Oct. 15

The Internal Revenue Service today urged taxpayers whose tax-filing extension runs out on Oct. 15 to double check their returns for often-overlooked tax benefits and then file their returns electronically using IRS e-file or the Free File system.

"Nationwide, the number of taxpayers who requested an automatic six-month extension topped 11 million, and over a million of those were from Texas," said Clay Sanford, a Dallas-based IRS spokesman. "Though Oct. 15 is the last day for most people, some still have more time, including members of the military and others serving in Iraq, Afghanistan or other combat zone localities who typically have until at least 180 days after they leave the combat zone to both file returns and pay any taxes due."

Before filing, the IRS encourages taxpayers to take a moment to see if they qualify for often-overlooked credits and deductions. There are benefits for low-and moderatecome workers and families--like the Earned Income Tax Credit. The Savers Credit, claimed on IRS Form 8880, is for low-and moderate-income workers who contributed to a retirement plan, such as an IRA or 401(k), and the American Opportunity Tax Credit is for education tax benefits for parents and college students.

"Choose the speed and convenience of electronic filing," Sanford added. "IRS e-file is fast, accurate and secure--making it an ideal option for those rushing to meet the Oct. 15 deadline." What's more, the IRS verifies receipt of an e-filed return, and people who file electronically make fewer mistakes.

Everyone can use Free File, either the brand-name software, offered by IRS' commercial partners to individuals and families with incomes of \$57,000 or less, or online fillable forms, the electronic version of IRS paper forms available to taxpayers at all income levels. Taxpayers who purchase their own software can also choose e-file, and most paid tax preparers are now required to file their clients' returns electronically. "Where speed counts, anyone expecting a refund can get it sooner by choosing e-file together with direct deposit," Sanford stressed.

In many cases, those struggling to pay taxes qualify for one of several relief programs, including those expanded earlier this year under the IRS "Fresh Start" initiative. Details on all filing and payment options are available on www.irs.gov.

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Question of the Week

How are you going to participate in Homecoming this week?



Shailee Manning Knox City, TX

"By supporting the team and performing in the band."



Ibn Lagway Knox City, TX

"With all my school spirit."



Cheyenne Camp Knox City, TX

"Playing my flute with the KC

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Micaela Peters Knox City, TX

"Cheering on the team."

'Nothing' is a sweet sound to everyone

Man, I woke up this morning totally planning to write something profound and thought provoking. I just knew today would be the day I figured out what E=MC2 actually meant, or how the people who make those cool multi-color neon socks can get the toe and heel dyed black while the rest is whatever color.

Fortunately for you, math and sock-related questions have really never been a strong suit for me.

That realization brought me to a dilemma: What in the name of Sam Hill should I write about?

I thought about telling you about my fear of going on a cruise with She-Who-Must-Not-Be-Made-Mad. You know, there sheer fact that she didn't want to give me medicine when I was dying, and the fact that she didn't want to feed me in my weakened state doesn't put a lot of confidence in my heart that she would throw me a life jacket should we happen to board the S.S. Minnow.

But I decided not to mention that ... well, mainly because I didn't want to put any ideas in her mind.

With that scratched off the list, I thought I scratched my head. "Self,

(That is what I call myself when I'm being informal)" I thought. "What the heck can I tell the people who are depending on me to help them solve the world's problems?"

Maybe I could write about the rain we got? That's it! I did have a revealing

moment this weekend while dealing (happily, mind you) with the rain. With the rain falling, it didn't take

long for a lake to form in front of our front door. We're not talking your average run-of-the-mill lake, here. I'm pretty sure if we had been up north they would have named it one of the great lakes, and built a lighthouse or two to warn ships ...

Nah! You wouldn't believe me if I told you I had made it across the water without getting my feet wet. Plus, I wouldn't want to have SWMNBMM read this and think she has found further proof that she married that kind of person. She already thinks I'm a god, you know.

Ask me why and I'll tell you ... Anyway, I still had the problem of

what to write about. Then it hit me. I could write about

nothing.

By

Beaten Path

Tommy Wells

Nothing is awesome.

Since we're talking about nothing, nothing can be said that is wrong. There is absolutely no chance anyone will want to burn down any government buildings, or flags, or hate a politician. Not to mention, there is no tax on nothing.

Well, OK maybe a politician is a bit of a stretch ... and don't mention nothing is free to a politician or else we'll be taxes on the money we

Nothing is also cool when it comes to SWMNBMM's shopping habit. She has my permission to spend every cent of nothing when she stops in to Romain's store ... which, in case anyone is wondering ... is better known in our household as "the new home of all of our former money."

It's awesome when she comes back and says, "I spent all of noth-

Nothing could make me happier. Unless it was a winning lotto

So there you have it. I give to you a column that doesn't let you know I'm afraid of going on a cruise with SWMNBMM, or that I didn't get my feet wet while crossing the largest body of water this side of the Pacific Ocean I had my oldest son carry me across with a piggy-back ride!).

It is a whole column about noth-

(Tommy Wells is the editor of the Knox County News. Everything in this column is true, except for the parts that are fabricated, exaggerated or just plain lies.)

ustomer servive people must be 'Godly' **Just Jeff**

Last Friday night, I made a huge mistake of following my wife into Walmart for three items. Yes, three items. It took us five minutes (which is a world record for Michelle) and I find myself at the 20 item or less aisle next to customer service and the return desk.

People, I have been in Times Square, Chicago during a mini-riot .. I have been to Disney World when it was 110 degrees with 98 percent humidity and all of those would have been an improvement on being in that line at customer service. I watched a women argue over 38 cents. One deaf lady had a little girl screaming at the same decibels of a wailing monkey being eaten by a lion.

How do I know she was deaf? She never told the little girl to hush. She just kept explaining to the lady how, by gosh, she owed her 38 more cents. Talking louder and louder over the little rug rat, who just kept getting louder and louder.

I have decided that anyone that works at a Walmart service counter has to be a Godly person.

A few things I have learned over my years. This is a must ... never, I say never, eat anywhere that is open 24 hours and order chili. I have a suspicion that they never start over but add to it every day. The bad will outweigh the good, I promise. Never take a chance on clean drawers.

Well, I am proud to add Brother Lance to the ranks of a deer slayer. Nothing better than a preacher speaking the Gospel and eating what God provides. Hunting is a way of being next to nature and enjoying the outdoors. I really believe that if more city people would get out and



By Jeff Stanfield

enjoy hunting, they would understand the reason we carry guns and eat what we kill

Well, we finally had a good month of rain. Just one month ago,

the ditches were brown and we had cracks in the ground big enough a fat guy could get stuck in. Now, 30 days later, we are green and getting ready for the colors to turn orange and yellow. This is by far my favorite time of the year.

Michelle has decorated the yard with pumpkins, our house smells like pumpkin and spice, and we have fall flowers everywhere. Next week, we add spooks and goblins.

I am really considering taking down our Christmas lights next week.

I know, I know ... that is suppose to be done by the 4th of July but I have been busy...

The thoughts of Christmas lights being hung is almost as fun as a Walmart customer service.

Jeff Stanfield is a local colum-

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Letter to the Editor

Democratic voter turnout

I am a Democrat who lives in Yuma County, Arizona, and I am urging all of my fellow Demo-

crats who live in Knox County to turn out and vote for President Barack Obama and Senate candidate Paul Sadler on this election you. day. I am especially asking all of the Latinos for Obama to turn

out and vote for Obama and Sadler on election day because we cannot win this election without

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Sports

Greyhounds ranked No. 27 in Division I six-man poll

The Knox County News

The Knox City Greyhounds found themselves in a Catch-22 situation on Friday night. Normally, when a team wins it finds itself climbing in the state rankings. These are anything but normal times for a youthful Greyhound

program coming off a nail-biting come-son sporting a 2-3 record. from-behind win over Chillicothe.

Despite posting a win, Knox City dropped to No. 27 in the latest www. sixmanfootball.com poll of Division I teams. The Greyhounds had been rated No. 26 a week ago.

Overall, Knox City heads into this week's game against unbeaten Wood-

One team that fell hard in this week's poll was the Valley Patriots. The team fell four spots, to No. 5, following their loss to Dallas Covenant.

With the victory, Covenant - the top-ranked team in the TAPPS six-man league - has now defeated two No. 1-ranked teams, including Valley and

The Water Valley Wildcats took advantage of Valley's loss to claim the large-school No. 1 position. Water Valley enters this week at 5-0.

The state's other 5-0 teams, Ira and Petersburg, are ranked second and third, respectively. Petersburg edged out KCHS in Week 0.

Throckmorton, now 4-1, was ranked fourth, just ahead of Valley.

Abbott, Oakwood, Borden County, Rankin and Crowell rounded out the Division I top 10.

Richland Springs was the state's top-rated Division II squad. Milford, Grandfalls-Royalty, Robert Lee and Motley County were in the top five.

Paul, Moguls steamroll Holliday

TOMMY WELLS The Knox County News

HOLLIDAY - As good as the Munday High School offense is, it was the Mogul defense that set the done for the team's impressive 49-7 rout of the Holliday Eagles on Friday.

The Moguls, behind a defensive push that led to six quarterback sacks, dominated Holliday throughout the game. Munday limited the Eagles to just 99 total yards.

L.J. Collier led the MHS defensive harassment by recording three sacks of Holliday quarterback Brennan Whitaker . Ryder Cude added two more.

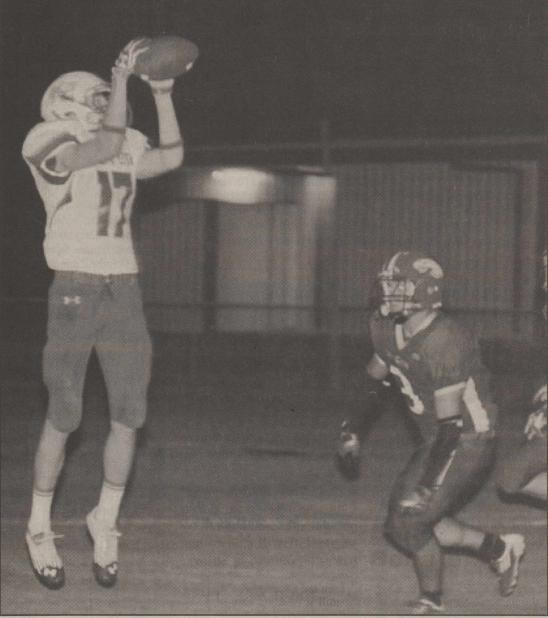
Just how dominating was the Mogul defense? Try this stat on for size. Holliday ran the ball 33 times in the game and had 15 re-

sult in negative yardage. As a team, Holliday finished the game with minus-6 yards on the ground.

With the MHS defense punishing the Eagles' offense, Dee Paul took care of the Holliday defense.

Paul rushed for 326 yards and five touchdowns. Paul's scores came on runs of 73, 61, 55, 3 and

62 yards. Munday is now 5-0.



Knox City end Zach Carter leaps over a Chillicothe defender for a reception during the Greyhounds' thrilling 50-49 victory. Carter helped the KCHS grind out a season-high 458 yards against Chillicothe by catching three passes for 62 yards.

Knox City rallies past Chillicothe

TOMMY WELLS The Knox County News

CHILLICOTHE - Knox City head coach Charles Steele said he thought his team was beginning to play better. On Friday night, they proved the veteran head coach right.

Knox City's Zach Carter pulled down a touchdown reception with one second left in regulation and helped the Greyhounds claim a thrilling 50-49 win over the Chillicothe Eagles.

With the win, Knox City improved to 2-3 heading into this week's homecoming game.

Chillicothe got off to the quick start against the Greyhounds in the first quarter. The Eagles reeled off 25 points in the first 10 minutes of play and took a stunning 25-14 lead.

Knox City, playing with Krys Campos at quarterback, hit stride in the second. The Greyhounds reeled off three touchdowns in the frame and pulled to within 37-33 at the half.

Knox City continued to cut into Chillicothe's lead in the third. The Hounds posted an 8-6 run in the frame and went into the fourth quarter trailing by two, at 43-41.

Chillicothe, which rolled up 353 total yards in the game, regained the momentum midway through the fourth quarter. The Eagles scored a TD and took a

Hounds to host unbeaten 'Pokes

The Knox City Greyhounds will return to the football field this Friday when they host the unbeaten Woodson Cowboys in a non-district matchup.

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

49-41 lead.

Knox City refused to go down, however. The Greyhounds scored nine points in the final 19 minutes, including a late TD that cinched

As a team, the Greyhounds offense hit on almost every cylinder. Knox City rolled up 458 total yards, including a season-high 281 on the ground.

Heath Welch provided much of the ground power for the Greyhounds. He finished with a season-high 114 yards on just 14 carries. Chris Lewis also starred for the KC, running up 96 yards on 15 attempts.

Campos turned in a solid performance in his debut as the KC starter at quarterback. He completed nine of his 16 passes for

Zach Carter caught three passes for 62 yards, and Tylynne Eaton caught two for 73 more.

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Never prouder than now, baby

It's just a little over a minute until kickoff at Moffett-Dodson Stadium and the fans and players are getting pumped up. It was Friday night and no one had a clue what was about to unfold in what may go down as the most exciting finish in Greyhound football history.

It started off a little rocky for the 'Hounds. With 7:22 left in the first the Eagles took an early lead, scoring twice in the first six minutes to take a 12-0 advantage.

Knox City, aided by a 25-yard pass from Krys Campos to Zach Carter, got on the board from there. Donovan Stallings ran the ball in for a Greyhounds touchdown and cut the CHS lead to 12-8

The Eagles wouldn't let that this stand for long. Chillicothe pounded out another TD and built a19-8 lead late in the first.

With "Eye of the Tiger" playing in the background, the Hounds showed their tiger fighting instincts from there. Heath Welch turned on the afterburners on his jet-powered legs go 40 yards to set up another touchdown from Stallings that puled KC to within 19-14 with 25 seconds left in the quarter.

The Eagles were like "Oh we don't think so." Chillicothe exploded for a touchdown moments later and took a 25-14 cushion. Welch scored for the Greyhounds shortly afterward, cutting Chilli-

cothe's lead to 31-27.

Late in the third, Coach Steele had to "Take these refs who made the replacement refs in the NFL look good" to school. The Eagles (who started crying and complaining to the refs as if the refs was these guy's dads - and one of them may have been. Who knows or cares at this point.

In the fourth quarter, with Chillicothe holding a 49-43 lead as the final seconds tick off the clock, Campos steps back, looks to his right, and then to his left and then to his right again before throwing the ball. The ball flies in the air with ease ... no one is breathing at this moment ... the whole Moffett-Dodson Stadium crowd falls silent as that ball starts to pivot down ... Greyhounds and Eagles are everywhere with their hands in the air...and then Zach Carter comes down with the ball. TOUCHDOWN GREYHOUNDS!! Carter's TD tied the game at 49-49 With only one second left.

Greyhounds fans, including yours truly, are going crazy. Stran Jones runs the ball in for the extra point and the win.

Faced with adversity and having several players playing out of positionm these Greyhounds fought the whole game and never gave up! I have never been more proud to be a Greyhound Superfan than I was at that moment.

THAT'S HOW YOU DOMINATE BABY YEAHHHHHHHHH-

Oct. 5 is our Homecoming and Woodson ... Well, they will be sawed down by the Mighty-Never-Say-Never-Neverr-Will Die Greyhounds. It will be a fun night, See ya there.



Puppy power ...

O'brien Middle School eighth grader Kayla Hunter sets a ball as teammate Kirsten Tuckness watches on during O'Brien's game with Benjamin last week. The O'Brien eighth graders won their matchup, while the OMS seventh graders suffered a loss.

Albus turning heads for Mustangs this fall

Riley Albus may not play for the Knox City Greyhounds, but he certainly has a lot of locals interested in his accomplishments on the football field..

A 6-foot-2, 185-pound running back/safety at Grapevine High School, Albus hasn't disappointed anyone with his efforts. Through the Mustangs' first three games, he has rushed for 361 yards and two touchdowns. He has also caught two passes for 21 yards.

Just how well has Albus done? In Week 2, he earned the game's MVP honors following the team's 16-13 win over Fossil Ridge.

Albus is the son of Michael Albus of Knox City and Melissa Muller of Grapevine. He is the grandson of Betty Monat and JoAnn and David Albus of Knox City, and the great-



Riley Albusstarring for Grapevine

grandson of Clara Herring of

He is also the nephew of Rhonda Albus of Knox City.

Throck, Windthorst to play 6/11 game

Football fans will get a rare treat this Friday when the Throckmorton Greyhounds and a rare 6-11 hybrid game. The two

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teams will play 11-man fir the first half, and the switch to 6-man

in the second half. The game will be played in

Windthorst Trojans square off in Windthorstm beginning at 7 p.m.

No. 19 in latest poll The Knox County High

School Houndettes fell one spot in the Texas Girls Coaches Association's latest Class A volleyball rankings, dropping to No. 19.

KC girls fall to

The Houndettes had been ranked at high as o. 18 earlier this season.

The Munday Mogulettes remained the in the poll, too. Munday is ranked No. 17 in the rankings, which were released on Monday.

This week's







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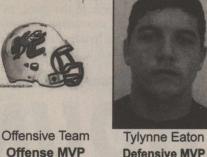
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Among the items that will be offered for sale will be mops, brushes and various other items, including cleaning aids for home, businesses or commercial properties.

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

Auxiliary banquet set for Oct. 16

The Knox County Hospital Auxiliary announced last week that its anual banquet would be held on Tuesday, Oct. 16.

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SAMMIE'S KNOX CITY CORNER AND FINAL THOUGHTS

and everyone is still waiting for more rain. I really don't know where to start because all our visits at Bud's always are a lot of fun and great memories. That's the best way to start every new

Mark Taylor has undergone more skin grafts on one of his arms. Every minute that goes by is a great step to his recovery. His families have been by his side every step, and they really could use our prayers.

Alfredo Abila travels back to Lubbock this week for doctors to replace his eye with a glass eve to fill in on the left side of his face. In the meantime, he is coming along just fine. He stays busy, especially when he has the girls. They do have lots of fun. Prayers for him have come a long ways and will be needed always because of his disability, but it will be ok. Thanks to

I had a chance this week to visit with Leon Burkham, and he is really doing good and looks good. He's come a long ways, and they are so thankful for all your prayers and thoughts.

Roy Rodriquez is really going great. He's coming along one day at a time, and that's how he lives his life and really enjoying it. Thank you God.

Dottie Lowrey is still having some health complications and still in the hospital-probably Hendrick in Abilene. Please pray for her and her family.

Wilma Hogan has been moved to the Knox City Hospital with Hospice helping Bud and the family care for her. They have had a very long hard road and some ahead. They are so thankful for your prayers, thoughts, and calls. Family and friends are so important next to God, and God is doing His work. Our job is to pray and praise for Him to lead us in our way in life. May God bless y'all, and our prayers and thoughts are with you. We love you guys.

to visit with some of our hard working crews on the community improvements, and they smile and say they are working hard to get the projects done. Some are having a hard time finding help because they are short handed. Looks like the jobs are there if you're looking and willing to work hard. The rain has slowed them down some, but, hey, the rain is a great gift from God at anytime. We'll take it with lots of love and thanks.

Evelyn Balis made it great through the minor surgery and is doing fine recovering great. She is back to herself and enjoys coffee break with us at Bud's Cafe on some mornings. Take care. We are praying for your

Linda Flanders was in Knox City visiting at Bud's and doing some cleaning to her house on the west side of town. She says that she will probably rent, but she would like to sell for a very affordable price. Hopefully, she'll leave me more information next time she comes back

Monday, and it's going great, into town. There are lots of houses out there for sale. Hopefully some day, they will all be filled with happy families.

Roland and Stephanie Lee have finally come home to stay and hopefully she will start on the candle making pretty soon. She does a great job. Her personality and big smile make it always great to see her or Roland. I can't wait to go visit and see what she has done to her house. I know she's just glad to be home and get her life on the road to a great job in her work. Missed you guys. Great to have you home.

Gary and Amy Schnable have been to a pastor's convention this past weekend at Ruidoso. Amy's mom came in and spent the weekend with Sam and

Moriah. I was talking to her Sunday. She loves the visit, and it's always so nice to talk to her. She's just great to visit with. Also in church, we had Nancy Peters and her family. It was great to have them, and you know, the kids love going back in the evening for youth classes and a great get together with God's words. Come back, guys, whenever you'd like. Our doors are always open.

My mom, Mrs. Rodriquez, had a great visit from her brother, Snow Rodriquez, and his wife from Haskell, Oklahoma, and her sister, Vickie Ortez, from Winters, Texas. She has not been this happy in a long time, and this was a long time coming. They had such a wonderful time. Her brother returned home Tuesday, and her sister returned home Sunday. It was a great visit, and they returned home safely. Mom was very grateful they came. Thank God that it was all great for all of them. This weather has really put a hard time on her health, but that's normal with all her arthritis. She recovered from a long wonderful week, and we thank God for special days for her.

Sunday morning at about 9 This week, I had a chance am, Ronnie Worley passed away in Kerrville. His parents were Lennex and Jewel Worley. They were wonderful people, and it was a great pleasure to know them. They lived in Knox City all their life, and Ronnie graduated from Knox City school. May God bless his family. Our prayers and our thoughts are with them during their loss.

As for me, I'm still hanging in there. My doctor has informed me that we should start making all arrangements for surgery sometime today, which is Monday. To be in this much pain is wearing me out, and most of my week is spent in bed, sometimes crying because nothing I take helps the pain. Hopefully soon, the doctor will take care of everything, and I'll get past all the pain. I do thank y'all from the bottom of my heart for your prayers and thoughts. May God bless y'all.

Well, I leave y'all with this column and hope to see y'all during the week.

Sammie

O'BRIEN

Continued from Page 1 won the state's first-ever sixman football championship.

The O'Brien reunion will get underway on Friday, Oct. 12, at 6:30 p.m. with bingo and a snack meal. Persons attending the bingo games are asked to bring a "White Elephant" donation that will be used as prizes for winners.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 13. A \$5 registration fee is being charged to help cover the cost of the event. Following registration, a brisket/sausage meal will be served in the O'Brien school cafeteria, and then at 2 p.m. the reunion program will commence. During the program

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A silent auction will progress throughout the day and bids will be cut off at 3 p.m. Proceeds from the auction will be used to offset homecoming expenses). Donations of new, homemade or OHS memorabilia is being requested for the auction. Class visitations will be after the pro-

The activities will wind down on Saturday with a dance at The Wooden Nickel from 7 p.m. to

On Sunday, a worship service will conclude the activities. The service will be at 11 a.m. at the O'Brien Baptist Church.

For more information contact the O'Brien Ex-Students Association at P.O. Box 11, O'Brien, Texas 79539 or call Vicki Hewitt Daniel at (325) 721-4039, Rhonda Hewitt Moeller at (940) 256-1527, or Pam Hayes Reed via fax at (940) 422-5512

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Weinert homecoming set for Oct. 5-7

The 2012 Weinert Homecoming is scheduled for Oct. 5-7. The theme is "Blue Jeans, White Shirts and Poodle Skirts - A Celebration of the 50's."

Festivities will begin on Friday at 6:30 p.m. with bingo in the gym followed by a sub sandwich sack "dinner" provided by the Class of

On Saturday, registration will begin at 8 a.m with coffee, juice and doughnuts served in the Home Ec Room provided by the Weinert Gin. The cost is \$3 to register. The parade will start at 10 a.m..

A brisket lunch will be served in the school lunchroom from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., sponsored by Weinert Volunteer Fire Dept. The cost for the lunch is \$6.

At 2:30 p.m., the program will be held in the gym. Refreshments will follow in the gym at 4 p.m.,

A chicken fried steak meal will be served at 6 p.m. in the gym.

At 8 p.m., a fireworks display

will be held in front of the school. A dance will be held in the gym from 9 p.m. to midnight, performed by Red Dirt Roads. Cost is \$8.

On Sunday at 10:30 a.m., a Community Church Service will be held at First Baptist Church of Weinert.

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09/25	71	96	0.01
09/26	66	93	0.24
09/27	66	78	
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