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## Swarmed!

### Cricket, beetle populations descend upon towns

By **Geoffrey Baumgartner**  
The Knox County News-Courier

They are all over the Big Country. Those loud black crickets that seem to be spreading like the plague, swarming by the thousands throughout the surrounding multi-county area.

An explanation for why this explosion in insect population occurs, or why it occurs in our small local Big Country towns, it is difficult to pin it on one exact cause.

"I believe drought brings them here," Knox City Public Works Director Joe Rodriguez said. "The last time we saw this was the last time we had extreme drought. The bugs will follow the water."

He said exterminating might not help.

"It is difficult to get rid of them, because if you exterminate one day, another swarm is there the next," he said.

But the good news is it is not permanent. Storeowners have been spraying insecticides and trying some home remedies to get rid of them. The dead crickets are being swept into the street, which may cause a problem as they begin to decay.

Scott Longing, an entomologist at Texas Tech University said the swarms are directly related to weather patterns.

"Good rainfall that helps grow vegetation followed by periods of dry, hot weather brings the crickets out," he said. "Essentially, their population just built up and exploits those weather con-

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Geoffrey Baumgartner/The News-Courier

A number of dead insects litter the sidewalk outside an area convenience store this past week. Experts say the dry weather pattern is driving the bugs to swarm and then pile up as area residents have been seeing.

## Knox Notes

Events are listed free of charge for nonprofit civic organizations, schools and community events. Submit listings at least two weeks ahead of the date. Listings will run through the date of the event. Emailed submissions are preferred to [kcnewscourier@gmail.com](mailto:kcnewscourier@gmail.com).

### Benefit rummage sale

A fundraising rummage sale to benefit the Wichita Brazos Museum and Cultural Center will be Saturday at the Perry Patton Community Center in Munday. Doors open at 8 a.m. Hamburgers will be sold at 11:30 a.m. For information, call 940-459-2229 or email [kchc2229@yahoo.com](mailto:kchc2229@yahoo.com).

### Noah Project

The Noah Project North Advisory Committee meeting will be Friday in the Jury Room of the Haskell County Courthouse. All members are asked to attend. The annual Taste of Country will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Oct. 8 at the Haskell Civic Center with area restaurants participating. All proceeds benefit victims of domestic violence in the five-county area. Tickets cost \$12.50 and are available from any committee member or at the Haskell Noah Project office. Tickets also will be sold at the door for \$15. Call Donna Sue Anders at 940-864-2551 with questions.

### Senior legal eagle

The Aspermont Lions Club will sponsor W.O. Elmore, senior care paralegal, for a noon presentation Wednesday on senior planning at Hickman's. The public is invited to attend. Call Deana Mitchell if you wish to attend or have questions at 940-200-0493.

### Photo workshop

The third annual Wyman Meinzer Photography Workshop will be at 5 p.m. Sept. 28 at the Heritage House in Post. Event is sponsored by the Caprock Cultural Association for \$100 per participant. To reserve your place, call 806-495-4148 or email [ccarts@poka.com](mailto:ccarts@poka.com).

### Beth Moore simulcast

Harvest Christian Fellowship, 211 N. Main, Seymour, will host a live simulcast of well-known Bible teacher and best-selling author Beth Moore's "Living Proof" for women Saturday. Registration begins at 8 a.m. with the simulcast from 9 a.m. to 4:15 a.m. Music will be led by award-winning contemporary Christian singer Travis Cottrell, and the message will be conducted by Moore all via live Internet stream. For tickets or information, call Jeannie Allbritton at 940-256-0988 or email her at [tiptopcj@windstream.net](mailto:tiptopcj@windstream.net). Also visit the Beth Moore Simulcast on Facebook.

### Old Glory events

Area residents are encouraged to attend a dance from 7 to 10 p.m. every second Thursday of the month at the Old Glory Community Center. Live music and entertainment and concessions. For information, call Miti Dunham at 989-2816. The Old Glory Musical is held on the fourth Saturday of each month, also at the Community Center.

## Corrections

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## Expert: China holds Football fever! cotton market in sideways pattern

By **Blair Fannin**  
Special to the News-Courier

There's more price risk to the downside for cotton farmers as China sits on a stockpile of roughly 40 million bales of cotton.

John Robinson, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension cotton economist in College Station, said China's stockpile was purchased at between \$1.30 and \$1.40 a pound. That surplus hangs over the market, and if they were to decide to sell the market would experience price shock.

"If they were to dump their cotton, the market might be 30 cents to the downside tomorrow," Robinson said. "Whenever they decide to sell their cotton, it would overall weaken the market."

Hedge funds invested in cotton futures are not holding positions for the long term, he said. Instead, any geopolitical unrest could cause a 5- to 10-cent drop in prices, further pressuring any upside potential in pricing.

"I think commercial traders have been expecting lower prices as we go forward," he said. "It means more surplus cotton for everybody and price weakness."

Robinson said China may have hoped to see India's cotton production fall via inadequate monsoon rain. However, that has not happened and has prevented China from selling some of its surplus cotton to India on a price rally.

In the meantime, Robinson advised cotton producers to be aware of price risks and to consider purchasing puts or put spreads. This provides insurance for producers who are holding cotton that hasn't already been contracted in the event the market was to dip 10 cents or more.

For Texas, Robinson said about half to 60 percent of the crop is in the Plains Cotton Cooperative Association pool, which includes a number of local gins, including Rhineland, O'Brien, Rule and Haskell among others.

"They will get their price," he said. "That's been the only forward-pricing option available for many growers, especially in dryland areas."

### Harvest season hearkens

While agronomics and producers keep a wary eye on the market, Mary Jane Buerkle, spokeswoman for Plains Cotton Growers in Lubbock, said area cotton growers also are making final preparations for harvest, and, as always, are hoping for a bit of moisture to get them through the month.



Blair Fannin/Texas A&M  
**A surplus of China cotton has price risk to the downside for cotton farmers.**



Terry Messer/For the Knox County News-

A Mogul defender upends a Stamford player during the Mogul's loss on Friday night. See game story on page 6.

## Playmaker



Shari Baty/For the News-Courier

Krys Campos and Chris Lewis make the defensive stop on Rotan. See game story on page 5.

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## Supplements help producers tweak winter wheat pasture

*(Editor's Note: As fall approaches, farmers and ranchers are making decisions about their livestock operations. A biennial beef conference in Abilene in mid-August conference in Abilene covered a range of topics pertinent to the beef industry. This week's article, the second in a series, also concerns wheat and cattle, specifically how winter wheat grazing can be utilized most efficiently. Last week's story weighed the pros and cons of grazing wheat, growing it for grain or growing it for both grazing and harvest. Next week's article will be heifer replacement.)*

By **Hanaba Munn Welch**  
The News-Courier

ABILENE — Kent Mills, a range nutrition-

ist for Hi-Pro Feeds, aimed his remarks at the Big Country Beef Conference toward livestock producers who graze cattle on wheat.

"The real secret in all of this is what can we do to tweak it a little bit and get more out of it," Mills said, knowing that he was talking to an experienced group.

He offered practical advice.

"When dealing with minerals (for cattle grazing wheat), you need to get the kind for small grain grazing," he said.

Potassium tends to be more than adequate, but supplemental copper can be important, depending primarily on how much sulfur the cattle are getting in their grazing situation, Mills said.

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Hanaba Munn Welch/The Post Dispatch

After watering and before heading to a different pasture, range-grazing cows and calves of every stripe and spot ingest loose minerals from a trough. Prescribed mineral mixes differ depending on whether the cattle in question are grazing native pasture or lush winter wheat. In North Texas, the latter option will depend on sufficient moisture to support the early planting and early growth of wheat.

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## Guest Column

### Rural roads more unsafe with speed increase

By Dean Homstad

Speed limits. Man. Seems everyone is in such a hurry these days. Not too many years ago, I still remember when 55 was the magic speed. DPS lingo was something like "Drive 55, stay alive."

Seems that if we receive a call miles away from where we are, if we are not there at the scene in short minutes, we either don't care about the call or we are not doing our job. Back when the 55 "was alive," we still had accidents due to different causes, but the speed seems to have gotten out of hand.

The other week, on my way back to God's country (Knox County), I had the opportunity to drive on one of those "give it all you can roads," with a speed limit of 85 mph. Are you kidding? I wouldn't even drive your vehicle that fast. I come puttin' along at my even to fast of 70, and realized that even though I was being passed by a few vehicles, even they were not going the top speed of the posted 85.

Closer to home, we have 75 on nearly every paved roadway in the county, that being for day and night. I don't know or care who was responsible for the decision, but, whoever it was, are you for real? On some narrow paved roads, all types of vehicles, from a 10-speed bicycle to heavy semi-trucks are barreling down the road as fast as they can. Credit given to some of the semi-trucks, they don't try to break the sound barrier on the back roads just because it isn't safe.

These roads have no shoulder, and when two large vehicles meet, it's a matter of inches between the vehicles. Then, for goodness sake, here comes a wide load tearing down the narrow paved roads, forcing smaller vehicles to hit the ditch to avoid a catastrophe.

Anyway, in many rural counties, like ours, there are deer, cattle, hogs and all type of smaller animals crossing the roads, day and night. Some animals are blinded by the headlights and have no idea where to go when you turn your brights on and honk the horn to try to make them move. Real safe at 70 plus miles an hour.

Now think of this, speed limit at 75, everyone and their dog thinks they have the

God-given right to exceed the speed by five or miles per hour or more before they are stopped or given a ticket.

You don't have a break or cushion at all, unless the officer stopping you decides to do that for you. Some very poor excuses are out there and are given to officers, from "didn't have my cruise set," to "my farm tractor was broke down, and I had to get to the field to get it going again."

Now that the speed limit is 75, so many are driving 80 to 90 mph just because it's not "that much" over the limit, according to the driver. Gas costs a lot of money. Even driving 70 generally makes the vehicle burn the liquid gold quicker. Imagine 75 to 90?

Don't gripe about the cost of gas if you do what you can to get rid of more of it quicker.

Don't gripe about the ticket when you know what the speed limit is under ideal conditions but continue to drive like you're in the Indy 500 or some other car race.

If you have a cruise control, set it at the speed limit. If you drive five miles over the speed limit, you will save about 10 to 15 minutes on a trip to Lubbock — maybe.

But what if you get stopped and have a \$100 ticket to pay and are stopped along the roadway for 10 to 15 minutes while you receive the reminder of what the speed limit really is?

So, you may say, what's the fuss about? The officer is doing his job to try to give out reminders to slow down. If you get caught, don't give him a hard time about it. It's his job.

You very likely drove exceeding the speed limit many times before getting caught.

Take your ticket, add you hard-earned dollars to the states pockets, then tear off down the road and save up until you get caught again.

Or, you could just slow down and drive safely.

Even if the limit is 75, it doesn't mean it is safe, or that you really have to drive that fast.

So, what do you think?

Dean W. Homstad is the sheriff of Knox County.

## The Paperboy Thoughts of the worst day

When I think of 9/11, which is still pretty often, I think of the children who lost a parent that dreadful day.

Twelve years have passed since the country's darkest day. A little girl who was 4 years old on that day has just entered her senior year of high school. Is that not hard to believe?

I tip my hat to New Yorkers for their fortitude. The city has rebuilt and continues to march on. Of course, that's the American way.

I think of Todd Beamer and some of his fellow passengers on United Airlines Flight 93, which he helped down in Pennsylvania instead of allowing it to be crashed into the White House or Capitol Hill. "Let's roll," Beamer was heard to say as they mounted their stand against the hijackers.

That still gives me chills. I think of the NYPD and FDNY, both of which lost so many brave people. Many stood in the lobby of the World Trade Center, hearing bodies hit the roof. People were jumping to their deaths rather than burn. And just a short time later, they too would be killed when the buildings came crashing down.

I think of President Bush rallying New Yorkers and Americans in a way that surprised us all.

I think of a united Congress joining hands and singing together.

In many ways, the darkest day was indeed one of our finest as well.

I remember the days following and seeing no aircraft in the air. It was strange seeing much of the country at a standstill. And when airports did re-open, it was obvious that stronger security measures were in place.

I remember the stock market crashing and the resulting blow to the U.S. economy.

I remember going to a football game the following Friday. Many of the fans seemed to almost be in a trance — their thoughts cold, and their hearts heavy.

My children, 10 and 7, have asked many questions about that time. When they see photos and video of the horror, it's hard for them to wrap their heads around. I guess it's hard for any of us to.

I think about the fact we've been at war for nearly 13 years. The longest such time in American history.

When I look at our country today, I think of how sad it is that it takes a monumental disaster to unite us. Here we are, a nation divided by politics. Sadly, it's been that way for more than a decade.

I suppose I'll always pause and think about the day everything changed. The day we realized the United States was vulnerable to a large-scale attack.

Gone were the thoughts that our oceans and allies to the north and south could buffer us from such horrible events.

My prayer for this country is that we can use instances like 9/11 to become better; that there will emerge national leaders who can actually reach across the aisle for the greater good of the country.

When tragedy strikes, we often hear the phrase, "Never forget." This is certainly one instance I don't think we ever will.

Rightfully so.

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**When I was pregnant, I found out I had diabetes.**

**Now, I am at risk for diabetes for the rest of my life. So is my child.**

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# New set of hooves gets union label

Labor Day. When I was a kid, it wasn't exactly a holiday. Not on the farm. It meant time to go back to school; switch from white church shoes to black ones and start wearing dark cottons despite lingering summer heat. Whatever back-to-school footwear was in vogue replaced summer's white tennis shoes. Labor Day drew a bold fashion line between white and dark.



HANABA MUNN WELCH

Labor Day was also a big weekend for car crashes in Texas and counting how many people died, as if we were in some sort of macabre race with Oklahoma, certain to win. Not good.

As for the official origins and meaning of Labor Day, eventually even I figured out it had something to do with laborers (the factory kind) and unions. I pictured men up north marching with placards. I still do. Their shirts are dark cotton.

Our newest calf was born over Labor Day weekend. I wanted to name him for some great labor organizer, but all I could come up with was Jimmy Hoffa. Who was the guy with the bushy eyebrows who organized either the AFL or the CIO? Wasn't it something-or-other Lewis? But even if I could have remembered his name, Jimmy Hoofa (Freudian typo, believe it or not) — Jimmy Hoffa — seemed like the best choice for imbuing a beef calf with a measure of panache as he faces his short future.

Are you thinking what I'm thinking? Hoofa is perfect. The calf can always be Jimmy Hoffa, but the perky nickname

will prevail.

Little Hoofa joins a dozen other calves of various stripes and spots and genders, including one named Isthmus for the small Panama-like connection between the big spots on his left hip and leg. It's a complicated business naming calves.

One yearling is Sandy, originally named for the tropical storm and subsequently for my East Coast friend Sandy, since it's OK to name calves for two different things. Case in point, one-eared longhorn Rita, named for the hurricane, is also Rio Rita, for the song.

Anyway, in an unexpected series of stormy events, human Sandy and her husband divorced, ending a marriage of many years. Now, as she rights the wreckage of her life, I'm on her side, cheering her with e-pictures of her bovine namesake, a handsome spotted heifer growing a nice set of horns.

Phooey, even if we wanted to sell Sandy, we couldn't — not without checking with the other Sandy. It wouldn't be ethical.

Be careful what you name a calf. Can you tell I've written all this prose without Internet connectivity? I thought so.

But isn't it worth something to get away from that all-too-accessible source of facts? When everything knowable is a computer click away, rumination doesn't happen. You don't escape to Walden Pond or even to a mesquite-rimmed dried up tank in the pasture.

OK, you can tell I've not ruminated either. It's a long walk to that pasture pond. And it's still hot. Labor Day has a way of not changing the weather.

Hanaba Munn Welch is a columnist and contributor to Blackburn Media Group newspapers.

## Jail report

The Following Is A List Of People Processed Through The Knox County Jail From June 27-Sept. 9 And Obtained From Sheriff Dean Homstad Under The Texas Open Records Act.

- Carney, Kimberly Ann. Arrested Aug. 2 For Criminal Trespass (Class B Misdemeanor) Baylor County.
- Hebel, Rowdy Wayne. Arrested Aug. 2 On Multiple Probation Violations With Original Charges Of Possession Of Controlled Substance (Third-Degree Felony), Criminal Trespassing (Class B Misdemeanor) And Surety Of Bond (Criminal Trespass), Baylor County.
- Silva, Joel Luis. Arrested Aug. 6 In Scurry County For Surety Of Bond (Possess Marijuana, Class B Misdemeanor), Possess Marijuana (Class B Misdemeanor), Knox County.
- Northcutt, Jimmy A. Arrested Aug. 6 On A Probation Violation (Possession Of A Controlled Substance, State Jail Felony), Foard County.
- Araujo, Jose Benito. Arrested Aug. 8 For Driving While Intoxicated, First Offense (Class B Misdemeanor), Knox County.
- Gray, Joe Robert. Arrested July 3 For Contempt Of Court (Class B Misdemeanor), Baylor County.
- Edwards, Rosanna. 7/4/13, Dwli W/Previous Conviction, (M-B) Foard County
- Holmes, Adam Wesley, 7/4/13, Public Intoxication (M-C) Knox City
- Pardo, Jeannie, 7/5/13, Assault/Family Violence, (M-A), Dwli Enhanced (M-A) Knox County
- Powers, Ricky Kade, 7/5/13, Assault/Family Violence (M-A) Knox County

- lence (M-A) Knox County
- Bowman, Michael, 7/6/13, Dwi 3rd, (F-3) Baylor County
- Vaughn, Franklin Henry, 7/8/13, Insufficient Bond:retaliation, Baylor County
- Garcia, Paul Jr., 7/10/13, Parole Violation:delivery Controlled Substance (F-1), Dwi 2nd, (M-A) Knox County
- Brown, Kevin Ray, 7/11/13, Mtr:dwi 2nd, (M-A) Arrested In Wichita Falls, Tx (Knox County)
- Ibarra, Jose G., 7/12/13, Dwi 1st, (M-B) Knox County
- Castorena, Robert, 7/14/13, Criminal Trespass, (M-B) Knox County
- Brown, Kevin, 7/17/13, Mtr:dwi 2nd, (M-A) Knox County
- Brown, Joe Lee, 7/19/13, Criminal Mischief (M-A) Foard County
- Aranda, Enrique, 7/20/13, Possess Marihuana, (M-B) Knox County
- Hilario, Enrike, 7/21/13, , Dwi 3rd, (F-3) Knox County
- Solis, Craig Allen, 7/21/13, Possess Marihuana, (M-B) Knox County
- Newton, Terrance, 7/21/13, Theft Of Firearm (Sjf), Theft Of Firearm (Sjf) Baylor County Warrants, Disregard Stop Sign, (M-C), No Drivers License (M-C), Dog At Large (M-C), Dwli 1st (M-C)Knox County
- Gallardo, Juanita, 7/27/13, Mtr:theft, (M-B) Haskell County Warrant (Knox County)
- Ramos, Andres, 7/27/13, Aggravated Assault

- W/Deadly Weapon,(F-2), Interference W/Emergency Call (M-A), Assault On Elderly (M-A) Knox County
- Sanchez-Jimenez, Roberto, 7/27/13, Dwi 1st (M-B) Foard County
- Valero, Julie Ann, 7/30/13, Possess Marihuana, (M-B) Knox County
- Stambaugh, Chelsea, 8/10/13, Dob 1993, Theft (M-B) Williamson County Warrant
- Smith, Anthony Ray, 8/10/13, Dob 1974, Fail To Id (M-B) Knox County Warrant (Arrested In Taylor County)
- Griffin, James Owen, 8/13/13, Dob 1958, Mtr:dwi 3rd Or More (F-3) Knox County Warrant (Arrested In Haskell County)
- Reading, Joshua WaDe, 8/15/13, Dob 1989, Unauthorized Use Of Vehicle (Sjf), Theft Over \$20,000.00 (F-3) Knox County Warrants (Arrested In Haskell County)
- Baxter, Matthew, 8/15/13, Dob 1986, Mtr:possess Controlled Substance, (Sjf)Knox County
- Anchondo, Mario Lopez, 8/19/13, Dob 1976, Nonpayment Of Child Support (M-A) Knox County
- Powers, Ricky Kade, 8/19/13, Dob 1977, Surety Off Bond /Assault Family Violence (M-B)Knox County (Arrested In Jones County)
- Brown, Kevin, 8/20/13, Dob 1978, Surety Off Bond/Mtr:Dwi 2nd, (Knox County Warrant) Arrested In Wichita Falls
- Rubio, Armando, 8/21/13, Dob 1981, Surety Off Bond/Tbc, (M-B) Taylor County Warrant

- Casillas, Charles J., 8/22/13, Dob 1981, Surety Off Bond/Possess Controlled Substance, (F-3), Surety Off Bond/Dwi 1st, (M-B), Knox County
- Anderson, Deon, 8/22/13, Dob 1970, Possess Dangerous Drugs (M-A) Eastland County Warrant
- Latham, Christopher, 8/22/13, Dob 1986, Terroristic Threat, (M-B) Baylor County
- Peden, Mark, 8/24/13, Dob 1979, Tbc (M-A) Knox County Warrant (Arrested In N Deaf Smith County)
- Bussard, Glenda, 8/27/13, Dob 1948, Unlawful Carrying A Weapon, (M-A) Foard County
- Adams, Patricia, 8/29/13, Dob 1966, Bench Warrant:possess Controlled Substance (F-3) Foard County
- Carmona, Amalfi, 8/30/13, Dob 1983, Tbc, (M-B) Jones County Warrant
- Castorena, Gilbert, 8/31/13, Dob 1981, Possess Controlled Substance, (Sjf), Unlawful Possession Of Firearm By Felon (F-3) Knox County
- Hutchinson, Cole, 9/1/13, Dob 1994, DWI 1st, (M-B)Knox County
- Adamson, Calli, 9/2/13, Dob 1990, Dwli W/Alr Suspension, (M-B) Knox County
- Coody, Eric Lynn, 9/3/13, Dob 1987, Dwli W/ Previous Conviction (M-A) Knox County
- Alexander, Kaleb, 9/4/13, Dob 1991, Aggravated Assault W/Deadly Weapon, (F-2)Knox County
- Anderson, Patrick Joseph, 9/5/13, Dob 1987, Public Intoxication (M-C) Knox County

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# The Idle American American football played outside the lines

Though football is "gorilla big" in Texas, headlines splashed atop sports pages heralding the 2013 season had little to do with action on the field — particularly the collegiate and pro games.

First, high school games — called "zero week" contests — score highest on the scale of legitimacy. Meanwhile, pro teams wind up meaningless exhibition games and many colleges open with "David and Goliath" contests. The latter, pitting the "have much" against the "have little," almost always results in lop-sided victories on the shameful side of overkill.

My head always tilts when I read winning scores in the 60s and 70s. In such games, losers' scores are zero, or very near. These are the games that deserve "zero week" distinction.

Would that collegiate, professional and high school football brain trusts tear a page from the six-man football rulebook. With a higher value on sportsmanship and common sense than

polls and rankings, these teams "go to the house" when leading by at least 45 points at the half — or later. Although, I guess the bands can go ahead with half-time shows, thus sending fans home with slightly sweeter tastes in their mouths.

At pro and collegiate games, where tickets often fetch high into three digits, fans might question the cost-per-entertainment-minute if sent home at halftime. Hunters, however, are not deterred when pressed to confess the actual cost-per-pound of game yielded in bird or deer hunts.

Recent headlines have centered on the thousands of pro retirees who are claiming major NFL injuries.

Imagine an NFL scrooge — brows twitching and eyes narrowing — raging, "If those guys think they can milk the NFL for millions, they'd better get their heads examined."

Well, the claimants did exactly that. And they're now in the market for milking machines. All this in light of the league's agreement to make things right, starting with a distribution of \$765 million and more likely to come.

Quarterbacks are again in sharp focus, but so far, most "news" involves items other than yards gained, passes thrown

and other exploits associated with the QB position.

Tim Tebow, Heisman Trophy winner who played four years at the University of Florida, endeared himself to much of America with on-the-field play and the kind of humility worthy of emulation.

At the pro level, though, he has experienced limited success. He has now been traded or cut by three teams. Head held high, Tebow has expressed thanks for the opportunities and moved on. He continues to wear well with most fans, and may eventually make his mark at some position other than quarterback.

Perhaps too much is expected of the current Heisman honoree, Johnny Manziel. Oh, he's getting plenty of "pub," albeit too much of it for the wrong reasons.

With the honor going to the winner at age 19 — unprecedented in previous Heisman balloting — he's had chances to wander from the "straight and narrow" — at every hand and every hour.

The Shakespearean quote says much: "Uneasy lies the head that wears the crown."

My hunch is that Manziel is marking days off the calendar until NFL draft time. I wish him and the Aggies well, but fear the worst. Distractions poison

and kill.

Coach Kevin Sumlin, handling matters with good judgment and courage, has made it clear what he will not tolerate. I believe the coach is a "class act."

Interestingly (and most sentences beginning with this word aren't), the NCAA dragged its feet for weeks before handing down a one-half game suspension to "Johnny Football" for what was described as an "inadvertent" transgression.

It took Sumlin only a few seconds to bench him for almost one quarter following what he viewed as an "adventer" one.

It's story time. A pitifully poor football team wound up with a 0-10 season. An opposing coach, trying to console the losing mentor, confessed the backs "tipped their plays" throughout the season. "We always knew who was going to carry the ball," he claimed.

"How could you possibly know that?" the beaten-down coach questioned.

"It's really simple — before each snap, one of your backs is as white as a sheet, and the other three are giggling."

Don Newbury, former chancellor of Howard Payne University in Brownwood, is a Christian humorist and motivational speaker.



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## Varsity Volleyball Houndettes take third in Post tournament

By Geoff Baumgartner  
The News-Courier

POST — The Knox City Houndettes traveled to Post and brought home a third place trophy.

The Houndettes played Coahoma, Aspermont, Lorraine, Christ the King and Post High Schools.

Leighen Pepper #11, a junior hitter, averaged 9 serves, 2 aces 3 kills, 7 digs, and 4 tips per game. Cassandra Ledesma #20, a senior outside hitter, averaged 5 serves, 1 kill, 6 digs, and 1 tip per game. Jordyn Eaton #14, a sophomore middle hitter, averaged 4 serves, 3 kills, 5 digs, 2 blocks, and 3 tips per game. All in all, the Houndettes took third place at the Post Tournament, bringing their pre-season record to

9-5.

“My girls have played hard; they have demonstrated strength, mental toughness, and hustle on and off the court,” said Coach Baumgartner, head volleyball coach. “I couldn’t be more proud of their performance.”

The Houndettes have cut their teeth against strong competition.

“We have a tough schedule this year, including 2A teams and Division 1, 1A teams,” Baumgartner continued. “I push my girls because I know that they can handle it, and I want to prepare them for district.”

Come support the Lady Houndettes this Thursday at 2:30 p.m. as they travel to Childress to play in their last pre-district tournament of the season.

# Knox City rips Rotan 63-40

By Geoff Baumgartner  
The News-Courier

With two minutes remaining in the first quarter with the score knotted 6-6, the Knox City Greyhounds exploded scoring three touchdowns in the next 120 seconds to blow the game open helping KC to a 63-40 win over Rotan.

Knox City scored a rushing touchdown, recovered a fumble to run in another TD, then regained possession with an onside kick and scored a third touchdown to push the lead to 24-6 at the end of the quarter.

The Greyhounds improve to 2-0 on the season while Rotan fell to 0-2.

The second quarter started quicker, with Rotan running in a touchdown with 8:57 left. A good 2-point kick and Rotan closed the gap 24-14.

Rotan was able to recover an onside kick, and with 7:06 left in the second, run in a touchdown making the score 24-20.

It was a short-lived comeback, however with Chris Lewis for Knox City running in a pair of touchdowns giving the Greyhounds a 43-20 lead.

The Yellowhammers managed to fire back before the end of the first half making the score 43-28 at the half.

Rotan’s offense started out strong in the third quarter, but was countered by an even stronger performance by the Greyhounds.

With 7:56 remaining in the third quarter, the Knox City defense came up with a huge stop right on the greyhound goal line, forcing the Yellowhammers to turn the ball over on downs. From there, the Greyhounds were able to capitalize on the extended effort of the defense and scored again while also making good on the extra

point attempt, making the score 50-28.

The Knox City defense put the stops on the Rotan offense again later in the quarter which set up a huge play for the Greyhound offense.

Knox City took over in Yellowhammer territory and quarterback Zack Carter connected on a 20-yard pass to Krys Campos for a Greyhound touchdown making the score 57-28.

Lewis came up with a huge stop on Rotan’s next possession at the 1-yard line. This prevented the Rotan touchdown and ended the third quarter with KC ahead 57-28.

Lewis was effective on both sides of the ball.

Rotan scored a rushing touchdown with 6:04 remaining in the fourth quarter bringing the score to 57-34

The Greyhounds answered when Carter found Zack Rodriguez who fought his way into the end zone to put Knox City up 63-34.

The Yellowhammers put 6 more on the board with 30 seconds remaining making the final score 63-40.

Coach Charles Steele said the Greyhounds cannot afford to take teams lightly.

“I think we learned some valuable lessons last week,” Steele said. “No matter how good you are, teams are going to play their best even though they are picked to lose by a bunch ... you cannot have a sloppy week of practice and expect to play lights out on Friday night. The old saying holds true, you play like you practice.”

Steele said the lessons learned will help his team down the road. “I am very proud of our kids for playing through the ad-

versity we faced against Rotan this week though. Being able to face the challenges of injuries, turnovers and not playing our best football shows the character, teamwork and courage of these young men.”

Knox City had a total of 265 yards of offense, while Rotan put up 180 yards.

Knox City quarterback Zack Carter passed for 35 yards with 2 completions on 4 attempts, while Matt Williams and Nick Ramirez put up a collective effort of 34 yards passing on 4 attempts with 2 completions.

Lewis rushed for 93 yards on 6 carries while Rotan’s Matt Williams ran for 74 yards on 7 carries.

The Knox City Junior Varsity managed to pick up a victory this last week against Patton Springs, 75-25.

This next week the Knox City Varsity will be traveling to Aspermont on Friday to take on the Hornets at 7:30 p.m., while the Junior Varsity Greyhounds will be traveling to take on Vernon Northside today.

KNOX CITY 63, ROTAN 40				
Rotan	6	22	0	12 — 40
Knox City	24	19	14	6 — 63

2013 Greyhound Schedule

Aug. 31 Paducah 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 6 Rotan 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 13 @Aspermont 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 20 Newcastle 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 27 Chillicothe 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 4 @Woodson 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 11 *Paint Creek 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 25 *@Bryson 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 1 *Crowell 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 8 *@Throckmorton 7:30 p.m.

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## Go Hounds & Houndettes!

## Dixie Divas

# The poor dirt farmer

There’s nothing glamorous about being a farmer, nothing charming, little endearing and certainly few things easy about it. It is either a calling or a curse, depending on how one looks at it. Some are born into it, and some just can’t find a way to escape it for it’s all they’ve ever known.

These are the folks who toil in the hot sun, battle the rainstorms and shiver through the freezing cold because work on the farm doesn’t wait only for weather-perfect days. It is perhaps most similar in demands to that of a labor and delivery doctor with one exception — that doctor will be well paid for his services while the

poor farmer will make, at best, some kind of profit and, at worst, will lose all he has despite how hard he has labored or how often he has risen before dawn and faced

another uncertain day.

In the 1930s, when the South raised up demigods as politicians, the most notable being Huey Long in Louisiana and Eugene Talmadge in Georgia, they worked hard to get the farmers on their sides. Both had farming childhoods and were well familiar with the rigors of fighting the elements to bring in a few dollars.

“The poor dirt farmer ain’t got but three friends,” Talmadge would declare at every political stop throughout his career, “the good Lord, the Sears & Roebuck catalog and ol’ Gene.”

Huey Long, the son of a poor farmer, never forgot from where he came, often traveling the back roads of Louisiana to shake the hand of one more farmer. And so they responded.

Everyone likes to be appreciated, so the farmers stood by Long and put him in every office he wanted until the day an assassin shot him down. To this day, you can visit Long’s grave on the front lawn of the state capitol in Baton Rouge and see flowers and tributes paid to him regularly.

His legacy is not forgotten by the generations that have followed the ones he helped. Like him or not, debate if you like whether he was honest or shady, Long had strong respect for those who worked the dirt.

My brother-in-law Rodney was born to be a farmer. It is his calling in the same way a man feels led to lay down the ways of the world, pick up his Bible and follow the Lord. It has always had its challenges, but the last decade has showered down new ones.

After two decades of raising chickens, he gave it up — my sister, the bookkeeper and frugal money manager, insisted — because it got to the point where the chickens made more money than he did. And all the chickens were doing were lounging, eating and clucking.

Rodney was labored down with the chicken houses. Every night before he went to bed, he had to pull himself up from his easy chair after a hard day’s work, wipe the fatigue from his eyes and say, “I gotta go check on the chickens.”

It was a demanding job.

Now, he devotes his time to raising cattle and that, too, has its aggravations. It is the land, though, that has turned so furiously on him and the other farmers. Kudzu, always an enemy, still tangles and now thistle, that horrible thorny bush about as invasive as the mesquite is in West Texas, is almost undefeatable.

It costs a small ransom to groom the land so cows can graze and hay can be raised.

Farming knows no boundaries. Cows are born on the rainiest days and get out, usually scattering into the road, in the darkest of nights; water lines burst on the coldest days, and tractors break down in the field under the most scorching sun.

Yet, across this great country, farmers like Rodney still carry on so our lives are sustained through the bounty they deliver. Thank one of them today, won’t you?

Ronda Rich is a Southern humorist, storyteller and best-selling author. Her latest book, “There’s A Better Day A-Comin’,” is available at rondarich.com.



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# MOGULETTES 2013 CROSS COUNTRY TEAM



The 2013 Munday High School varsity girls cross country team is Kale Lewis, Jenna Wertz, Diamond Perez, Taylor Thompson, Kaylan Urbanczyk, Raci Dillard, Tiffany Serrato, Rhealea Hendrix, Kathryn Cude, Janie Salinas, coach Cory Stevenson.

## Stamford avenges only loss of 2012

By Geoff Baumgartner  
The News-Courier

STAMFORD — It was a bitter-sweet loss for the Munday Moguls Friday night. Last season Munday won the 1A Div. II Texas State Championship and had an undefeated season of 15-0. Stamford also won State Championship, 1A-Div. I, with their only loss, of course, being

to Munday. With several starters and plenty of talent returning, Stamford got their revenge with a 61-0 victory over the Moguls. The Bulldogs James Washington had the first of his three first-half touchdowns on a 39-yard pass from Gus West as Stamford took an early 7-0 lead. After another quick defensive series, Ty McLemore capped off a five-

play, 34-yard drive with a 19-yard scoring run as the Bulldogs expanded their lead to 13-0 after the first quarter. The Moguls responded with their most successful drive of the game, going 70 yards in 10 plays only to lose a fumble into the end zone on fourth-and-goal on the first play of the second quarter. All in all, the Bulldogs put up 13

points in the first quarter, 28 in the second, 7 in the third, and 28 in the fourth. The Moguls (0-2) will look for their first win on the season in Albany this Friday with kickoff set for 7:30 p.m. **Stamford 61, Munday 0**  
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2013 Mogul Schedule  
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Sept. 13 @Albany 7:30 p.m.  
Sept. 20 Bronte 7:30 p.m.  
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# FSA announces reporting dates for coming year

KNOX CITY — Producers who file accurate and timely reports for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage, can prevent the potential loss of state and federal benefits, said Nancy Birkenfeld, executive director of the Knox County USDA Farm Service Agency.

Local farmers, ranchers and other producers are urged to pay close attention to the acreage reporting dates for the coming year, as listed below. Some date have changed, Birkenfeld said.

"In order to comply with FSA program eligibility requirements, all producers are encouraged to visit the Knox County FSA office to file an accurate crop certification report by the applicable deadline," Birkenfeld said.

The following acreage reporting dates are applicable for Knox County:

- Nov. 15: alfalfa, clover, grass and mixed forage.
- Jan. 15: All small grains except spring oats.
- May 15: Spring oats.
- July 15: Cotton, corn, grain sorghum, forage sorghum, CRP

The following exceptions apply to the above acreage reporting dates:

- If the crop has not been planted by the above acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 15 calendar days after planting is completed.

- If a producer acquires additional acreage after the above acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 30 calendar days after purchase or acquiring the lease. Appropriate documentation must be provided to the county office.
- If a perennial forage crop is reported with the intended use of "cover only," "green manure," "left standing," or "seed" then the acreage must be reported by July 15.

Birkenfeld said Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program policyholders should note the acreage reporting date for NAP covered crops is the earlier of the dates listed above, or 15 calendar days before grazing or harvesting of the crop begins.

Additionally, producers can purchase both NAP and RMA coverage for 2014 annual forage crops. NAP coverage will not be available for 2015 annual forage crops.

After Sept. 15, late-file fees will be assessed for 2013 and 2014 late-file acreage reports.

For questions regarding crop certification and crop loss reports, contact the Knox County FSA office at 940-658-3537, Ext 2.

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## Notice of Application to Extend Facilities Rental Tariffs

On August 30, 2013, AEP Texas Central Company (TCC) and AEP Texas North Company (TNC) (jointly, the Companies) filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to extend their Distribution Voltage Facilities Rental Tariffs an additional three years, to January 1, 2017. The Companies do not propose to change the terms of the tariffs or the current pricing in this docket. Sections 14.001, 39.001 and 39.051 of the Public Utility Regulatory Act and Sections 25.341 through 25.343 of the Commission's Substantive Rules provide for the Commission to authorize a utility to petition to provide Facilities Rental Services if such services are not widely available to customers in an area. TCC and TNC received Commission approval to provide such services until January 1, 2014 in Docket No. 38618. The Distribution Voltage Facilities Rental Services are contained in Section 6.1.2.3.6 of the Companies' Tariffs for Retail Delivery Service.

The Companies have proposed an effective date of January 1, 2014, at which time the proposed tariffs will be deemed approved if no objection is filed with the Commission. Only customers currently taking service under the existing tariffs, as well as the Retail Electric Providers servicing those customers, are affected by this application. Those affected customers take delivery service under Distribution Service Schedule 6.1.1.1.4 Primary Voltage Service, and are located throughout the service areas of TCC and TNC. This filing has been assigned PUC Docket No. 41799.

The deadline for filing a motion to intervene in this proceeding is October 15, 2013. Persons who wish to intervene in the proceeding or comment upon the action should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission of Texas at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136.

# "Don't Mess With Texas" slogan reduces litter

AUSTIN, Texas — Besides being one of the state's most popular slogans, "Don't Mess With Texas" is proving to be effective as an anti-littering message. Established by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in 1986, "Don't Mess With Texas" has helped reduce visible litter by 34 percent on TxDOT-maintained roadways between 2009 and 2013, according to TxDOT's 2013 Texas Litter Survey.

"We are extremely pleased that Texas drivers are heeding the "Don't Mess With Texas" message and properly disposing of their litter as opposed to tossing it out of their vehicles," said Phil Wilson, TxDOT executive director. "Roadside trash is unsightly, entirely unnecessary and, in the case of cigarette butts, can be deadly and dangerous. A decrease in roadside litter is certainly welcome news and speaks well of Texas drivers and the effectiveness of the "Don't Mess With Texas" campaign."

Considering an additional 1.1 million drivers have taken to Texas roadways during the survey pe-

riod of 2009-2013, the 34 percent reduction in visible litter is even more impressive. According to the survey, the leading type of visible roadside litter was tire and rubber debris, followed by miscellaneous paper, plastic and beverage containers.

The survey also revealed cigarette butts continue to comprise the largest portion of total litter at 31 percent. That translates to 500 million cigarette butts being tossed onto Texas roadways each year, creating the potential for devastating wildfires due to the state's recurring drought conditions.

In 2013, researchers project nearly 1.5 billion items will be littered onto Texas roadways. Nearly two-thirds of litter is considered "micro litter," or items less smaller than 2 in. In 2012, TxDOT spent \$47 million on litter pickup. Research shows that cities, counties, institutions and businesses likely spend even more dealing with litter.

Texas is home to more than 25 million people and an estimated 1,000 people move into the state every day, many of whom may

not realize that littering is against state law. Through iconic Texas celebrities and painted trashcans, TxDOT's "Don't Mess With Texas" campaign continues to teach drivers how to do their part to keep the state clean. Properly inflating and maintaining tires can prevent roadside blowouts and their resulting debris. Throwing trash into trashcans or vehicle litterbags and keeping cigarette butts in car ashtrays are simple steps that can have significant impacts on the cleanliness of Texas roads.

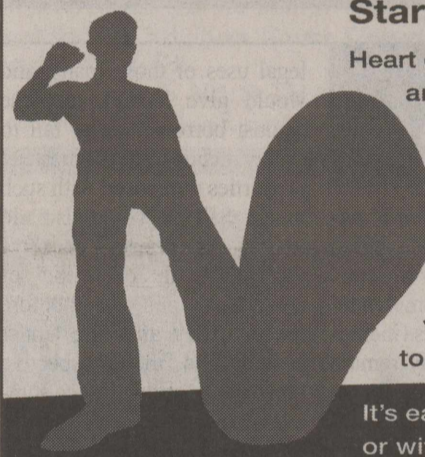
Drivers also should know that littering can be costly. Litterers can be fined up to \$500 for the first offense, and repeat offenders can face fines up to \$2,000 and 180 days in jail.

For more information, visit [www.DontMessWithTexas.org](http://www.DontMessWithTexas.org). And remember, Don't mess with Texas!

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## NOTICE OF TAX REVENUE INCREASE

The \_\_\_\_\_ CITY OF MUNDAY \_\_\_\_\_  
conducted public hearings on \_\_\_\_\_ 08/29/2013 \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ 09/03/2013 \_\_\_\_\_ on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the \_\_\_\_\_ CITY OF MUNDAY \_\_\_\_\_ from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by \_\_\_\_\_ 6.36 \_\_\_\_\_ percent.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised last year at last year's tax rate of \_\_\_\_\_ \$0.97105 for each \$100 of taxable value was \_\_\_\_\_ \$196,797.00

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \_\_\_\_\_ \$ .99180 for each \$100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \_\_\_\_\_ \$7,091.57

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \_\_\_\_\_ \$0.99180 for each \$100 of taxable value, including tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \_\_\_\_\_ \$208,096.00

The \_\_\_\_\_ CITY COUNCIL of the CITY of MUNDAY \_\_\_\_\_ is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on \_\_\_\_\_ September 17, 2013 at \_\_\_\_\_ Council Room at Munday City Hall at \_\_\_\_\_ 6:30 PM \_\_\_\_\_

## SWARMED

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ditions. Crickets are experts at adverse weather conditions for the most part.

"The large amounts of crickets will be gone in two or three weeks."

However, along with the biblically sized cricket swarms,

there has been an influx of little hard-shelled black beetles. These bugs have not only invaded the schools and businesses around Stonewall and Knox counties, they have also been hitting residences.

One pest-control expert offered some professional advice.

"Treat the front of your business or the yard of your home with basic over-the-counter in-

secticide, but be sure to apply it well and in the right spots," said Keith Weever of C C & Co. Pest Control of Abilene.

"The base of your foundation and a few feet up the siding for homeowners, and spraying the cracks in the lots around your business would be an effective spraying method for businesses to use — especially where it is moist."

## COTTON

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A late planting season also has pushed back what typically is a time the region's first bale of the year usually is ginned. Looking back to 2012, the first bale for the High Plains was ginned Aug. 17 in Gaines County, Buerkle said. Plains was ginned Aug. 17 in Gaines County, Buerkle said.

"Cooler temperatures at

planting time kept many producers out of the fields and forced up to two-week delays," she said. "And although the high temperatures have allowed much of that cotton to catch up developmentally, the rest of September will be critical to determining the true potential for this crop."

Good moisture throughout the remainder of the month would be crucial.

"Irrigated fields continue to look good, for the most part, and although dryland yields

certainly are expected to be better than 2012 overall, the lack of recent moisture has stressed those plants," she said. "A rain would be beneficial."

Area zone forecasts from the National Weather Service included only slight chances for rain going into the first of next week, with the greatest chance being Monday at 30 percent for thunderstorms.

Wayne Hodgkin contributed local information to this report.

## PASTURE

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"Sulfur 'ties up' copper," Mills said. "The more sulfur, the more problems getting enough copper stored in the liver and circulating in the system. Copper helps the immune system."

In his discussion of mineral needs, Mills counteracted one long-held opinion:

"We've always thought we need lots of magnesium," he said "Not so. On the Plains, they're being sure to get

calcium to them. Eighteen to 20 percent is where they need to be."

Cattle on wheat also usually need extra zinc, and selenium, iodine and vitamin E can also be important.

"You never know when you've got iodine problems," he said.

Mills recommended the supplement monensin (brand name Rumensin) to improve gains and reduce bloat.

"Methane gas is released in the rumen," he said. "Rumensin changes things so less methane gas is pro-

duced."

Rumensin should be kept away from horses.

"If a horse eats it, it'll wreck him," Mills said.

A hay supplement can help cattle on wheat, especially if the wheat is short.

"If they just had some dry matter to go with that wheat, they could make some gain instead of just maintaining themselves," Mills said. "Don't get alfalfa. You don't need the protein. You need some dry matter and a good digestible forage. A 30-percent (protein) cube is not what you want."

# Overtaken Truck Closes Highway 287 Between Memphis and Childress

By Shari Watson  
For the News-Courier

Sunday evening around 9:30 p.m. a truck carrying oil field chemicals overturned into the median on US Highway 287 just north and west of Estelline.

The truck was carrying a load of di-tert-butyl and di-carbonate. Approximately 1650 gallons spilled into the median.

A hazmat team out of the Metroplex had to be called in to assess the situation. An Air monitoring crew from Amarillo was also called in.

The family of Kyle and Raquel McQueen was evacuated from their home as was the George Williams family.

The railroad was stopped in Memphis and Childress as was traffic. Traffic was re-routed along US 62/83



Photo courtesy of TXDOT  
Late Sunday evening this truck missed the curve just west of Estelline. The driver overcorrected and rolled into the median. Hwy 287 was closed and had not re-opened as of Monday afternoon. Burlington/Northern rail also ceased operations in the area. A hazardous materials team was called in out of

in Childress and along SH 256 east of Memphis to US Highway 62/83.

There were no injuries reported as a result of this accident. The Hall County Sherrifs office, Memphis

PD, TXDOT and Texas DPS all monitored the scene all night and into Monday.

The highway has since been cleared and re-opened for traffic.

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Brief Explanatory Statements of Proposed Constitutional Amendments  
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**Proposition Number 1 (HJR 62)**  
HJR 62 proposes a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to provide by statute for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the United States armed services who is killed in action, as long as the surviving spouse has not remarried. An eligible spouse who later qualifies a different property as the surviving spouse's residence homestead could be authorized by statute to receive an exemption from ad valorem taxation in the same amount received for the first qualifying homestead during the last year in which the surviving spouse received the exemption.  
The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the United States who is killed in action."

**Proposition Number 2 (HJR 79)**  
HJR 79 proposes a constitutional amendment to repeal the constitutional provision requiring the creation of a State Medical Education Board and a State Medical Education Fund, neither of which is in operation. No new loans have been made from the fund by the board in more than 25 years, and the board currently has no appointees and receives no program funding.  
The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment eliminating an obsolete requirement for a State Medical Education Board and a State Medical Education Fund, neither of which is operational."

**Proposition Number 3 (HJR 133)**  
HJR 133 would authorize local political subdivisions to extend the length of time that aircraft

legal uses of those loans, and would give lenders recourse against borrowers who fail to timely occupy the homestead properties purchased with such loans. SJR 18 would also add to the definition of "reverse mortgage" an extension of credit that is not closed before the 12th day after the lender provides to the prospective borrower a written notice summarizing risks and conditions of a reverse mortgage. The language of the required notice is prescribed in the resolution.  
The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the making of a reverse mortgage loan for the purchase of homestead property and to amend lender disclosures and other requirements in connection with a reverse mortgage loan."

**Proposition Number 6 (SJR 1)**  
SJR 1 would create the State Water Implementation Fund as a special fund inside the state treasury and outside the General Revenue Fund. Money in the fund would be administered by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) and would be used to implement the state water plan, as adopted by general law, by TWDB.  
The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas and the State Water Implementation Revenue Fund for Texas to assist in the financing of priority projects in the state water plan to ensure the availability of adequate water resources."

**Proposition Number 7 (HJR 87)**  
HJR 87 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow home-rule municipalities to adopt charter provisions authorizing the filling of vacancies in the governing body by appointment, but only when the remainder of the vacant term is less than 12 months. Under current law, municipal voters may adopt terms of office for municipal officers longer than two years, but upon approving longer terms of office, any resulting vacancies in office must be filled by special election. The proposed amendment would provide an option

for home-rule municipalities to fill short-term vacancies through appointment.  
The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing a home-rule municipality to provide in its charter the procedure to fill a vacancy on its governing body for which the unexpired term is 12 months or less."  
**Proposition Number 8 (HJR 147 and SJR 54)**  
HJR 147 would repeal the Texas Constitution's maximum tax rate for a Hidalgo County hospital district; the maximum rate is currently set at 10 cents per \$100 valuation. This rate is lower than the maximum tax rate allowable for hospital districts in all other counties in the State (75 cents per \$100 valuation). The repeal of the constitutional cap would authorize hospital district tax rates in Hidalgo County equal to the hospital district tax rate laws applicable to all other Texas counties.  
The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment repealing Section 7, Article IX, Texas Constitution, which relates to the creation of a hospital district in Hidalgo County."  
**Proposition Number 9 (SJR 42)**  
SJR 42 would expand the potential sanctions that the State Commission on Judicial Conduct can issue following a formal proceeding. This constitutional amendment would allow the Commission to issue an order of public admonition, warning, reprimand, or a requirement to obtain additional training or education in addition to the Commission's current authority to issue a public censure or recommend removal or retirement of a judge.  
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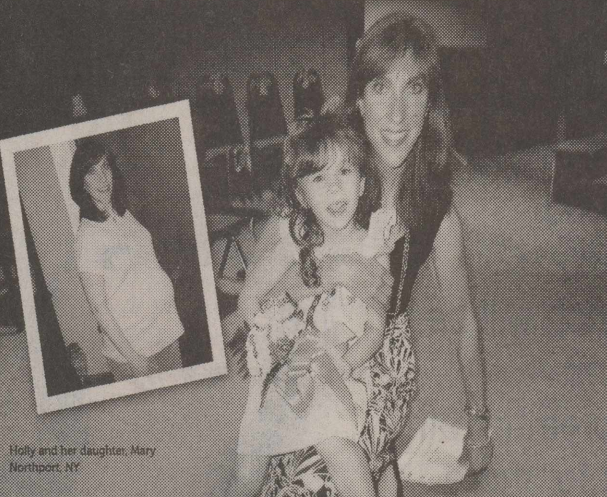
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## Texas AgriLife Extension News



Jason Cleere, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service beef cattle specialist, discusses skeletal structure during the January bull selection workshop held in College Station. A second workshop is scheduled Sept. 27 at the Texas A&M University Beef Center in College Station.

## Second bull selection workshop scheduled in College Station

Due to high demand, a second bull selection workshop targeting beef cattle producers is scheduled Sept. 27 at the Texas A&M University Beef Center in College Station.

The daylong program, will be led by Jason Cleere and Jason Banta, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service beef cattle specialists in College Station.

"A herd bull is responsible for 50 percent of the herd's calf crop, and a good

bull is an investment that can certainly pay big dividends," Cleere said.

The program is limited to the first 50 individuals. Cost is \$60 per person and includes lunch and program materials. Register online at [agriliferegister.tamu.edu](http://agriliferegister.tamu.edu) and enter the keyword "beef," or contact Michelle Sensing at 903-834-6191.

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m., and the program begins at 10 a.m. The workshop will conclude at

5 p.m.

Cleere will discuss cattle breeds and breeding programs. He will follow with a demonstration on visual selection of bulls. Following lunch, Banta will lead presentations on bull performance data and genetic markers, bull fertility and bull-to-cow ratios. He will also give a presentation on bull care and management.

"Selecting the right bull for your cattle herd takes planning and research,"

Banta said. "Workshop participants will leave with a good understanding of specialized practices and management strategies that will improve their operation and overall bottom line."

Live animals will be used in several presentations, and participants will have the opportunity to sort through a set of bulls, Cleere said.

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## Nancy's Notions New ways to care for type-2 diabetes

Do you feel like you need to know more about how to take care of your type-2 diabetes? If you were recently diagnosed or you have had diabetes a long time, you can benefit from learning the latest things about taking care of yourself so you can reduce your risks for complications, such as reduced vision or nerve pain.

An important tool for managing your diabetes is your glucose meter. Some people avoid checking their blood glucose because pricking their fingers for example hurts too much. Some people were taught the best



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place to get a blood sample is the central part of their fingertip, which is actually the most sensitive. Pricking your finger there is going to hurt more than the side of your fingertip. Learning how to test on the side of the fingertip instead significantly reduces pain.

Furthermore, today, most meters and strips allow you to check your blood glucose in other sites, such as on your arm between your elbow and wrist. New lancet sets allow you to reduce the depth of the needle prick and to use a thinner needle because smaller drops of blood are required to get a good reading. Many people report their pain and discomfort are reduced to almost nothing once they get new equipment and learn how to use it properly.

Have you heard about insulin pens or new forms of insulin that control your blood glucose with no peaks over a 24 hour period? Just what is rapid-acting insulin, and why do so many people like to use it? There are many new oral medicines, too. Do you really have to use alcohol when you prick your finger or give your insulin injection?

Do you understand what your doctor is telling you when she says your hemoglobin A1C is too high? Is 8 percent too high when less than 7 percent is the recommendation by the American Diabetes Association?

While taking care of your diabetes is not easy, you might be surprised to learn that there are many new tools and methods to help you keep your blood glucose in the recommended ranges.

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Garza County is offering a five-class series with nine topics called "Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes." I'll be teaching the classes along with the support of a team of volunteer nurses, dietitians, pharmacists, and other health professionals to provide you with the latest information on how to better manage your type-2 diabetes.

Self-management of type-2 diabetes has changed a lot. These classes will teach you how to not only make your life with diabetes easier, but also how to reduce your chances for complications.

Class fees cost \$20 per family. Call the Garza County Extension Office at 806-495-4400 to enroll. Class dates and time will be determined by participants. Recipes booklets with recipes from the American Diabetes Association will be included with the "Do Well Be Well with Diabetes" curriculum, which has been developed Carol Rice, a registered nurse and health specialist for the AgriLife Extension Service in College Station.

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