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Minnow's protection threatens new plan for lakes

By Wayne Hodgin
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Two small minnows have the potential to derail three badly needed reservoirs in Garza, Stonewall and Young counties many see as integral to ensuring the future water needs of West Texas residents at least for the next five decades.

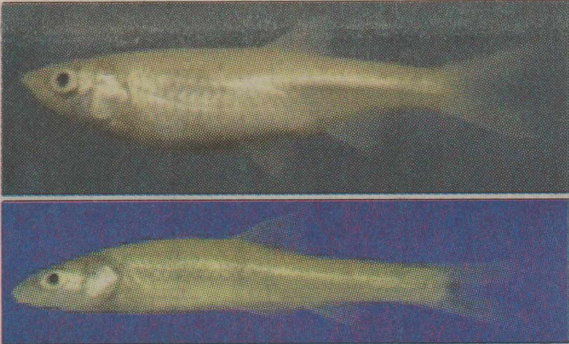
In early August officials with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service began the process to ask for protection of the sharpnose shiner and the smalleye shiner under the federal Endangered Species Act.

After Monday, however, time will have run out on a crucial period for which federal authorities will accept comments from the public regarding the plan and the impact residents see it as having on their future. It was not known whether government shutdown this past week of federal offices would affect that Oct. 7 deadline.

Research indicates the populations of these two fish — indigenous to the arid prairie streams of Texas including the upper Brazos River from Possum Kingdom to Post — as well as their habitats are in decline, said Lesli Gray, spokeswoman for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service public affairs office in McKinney.

"These two small minnows once were found throughout the Brazos River and several of its major tributaries within the watershed," Gray said. "They currently are restricted almost entirely to the contiguous river segments of the upper Brazos River basin in north-central Texas."

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Chad Thomas/Texas State University

The sharpnose shiner (top) and the smalleye shiner have been proposed to be protected under the federal Endangered Species Act. The two small minnows, native to the Brazos River, are now contained to the upper portions of the river above Possum Kingdom Lake.

Knox City Resident Passes Away in Car Crash

By Geoff Baumgartner

The Knox County News-Courier

KNOX CITY — State troopers continue to investigate a one-car accident late the night of Sept. 20 in which a Knox City man was killed and at least six others seriously injured.



Oudems

Sgt. Jodie Tullos with the Texas Department of Public Safety regional office in Haskell said Steve L. Oudems, 45, was killed when the 2004 Ford Crown Victoria in which he was a passenger careened off the road and flipped outside the city's western edge near Hemphill Apartments.

Tullos said the accident occurred about 10:30 p.m. that night just following the Knox City High School home football game.

According to reports, the vehicle, driven by Gilbert Morelos, was westbound on State Highway 222 with his wife, Cynthia Garcia, and four young children; and Oduems.

Morelos, Garcia, and all four children were taken by helicopter to area hospitals for treatment. Tullos said all four continue to recover from their injuries.

Oudems was pronounced dead upon arrival at Knox County Hospital.

Preliminary reports indicate he was not wearing a seat belt.

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Remembering



Terry Messer/For the News-Courier

Scores of students and faculty members light a number of luminaries arranged in the shape of the letter 'M' on Sunday night at Munday High School's Scruggs Field. The field was the site of a candlelight vigil memorial for beloved coach Ronny Lowrance whose sudden death only that morning stunned the Mogul Nation.



Terry Messer/For the News-Courier

Family, friends, students and faculty and coaching colleagues of Ronny Lowrance gather Sunday night in the stands at Scruggs Field, home of the Munday Mogul Purple Pride, to pay tribute to a man remembered for his love of God, family and school. Lowrance died earlier that day of a sudden heart attack. He was 45.



Photo courtesy of Mary Murphy

Mogul head coach Ronny Lowrance with his 2013 state championship track team.

Mogul Nation mourns loss of much-loved coach

By Wayne Hodgin and
Geoffrey Baumgartner

The Knox County News-Courier

MUNDAY — For more than a decade, Ronny Lowrance lived out his dreams every day in the beloved halls of Munday High, on the sweet-smelling turf of Scruggs Field and on the rubbery asphalt of the school track, where the impact he had in the lives of hundreds of students will not soon be forgotten.

The Mogul Nation mourned this week upon learning of Coach Lowrance's sudden death Sunday morning of an apparent heart attack.

He was 45 years old. In the wake of his death that which is left can only be called an insurmountable legacy of an educator, coach, mentor, colleague and friend whose zeal for God, love of family and passion for teaching young lives far surpasses the six state titles bearing his name and ensconced in the bowels of the school's hallowed trophy cases.

Robert Dillard, superintendent of schools for Munday CISD, said the outpouring of support shown for Lowrance in the last week is further proof of the widespread impact he had on this community and beyond.

"The students' love for him was outstanding, and he was living his dream by coaching in his hometown," Dillard said. "Munday and the Mogul Nation were his extended family. He knew what this place was made of, and it's evident by the abundance of support that comes out any time such a tragic event like this happens."

Dillard praised his longtime friend as a wonderful husband, father, son and a great human being.

"The first time he ever cast a rod to catch a fish was with me, and the first time he ever held a shotgun to hunt dove, I put it in his hands," Dillard said. "We were dear friends."

"Do not grieve for him, because his faith in God was strong. Grieve for the people who are left behind to remember him and the man whose life here on Earth — a life that brought happiness, joy and love to so many people — was cut tragically short."

Scores of tearful mourners from throughout the region twice this week poured into the stands at Scruggs Field — the home gridiron of the Fighting Munday Moguls — to pay tribute to Lowrance's life.

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.

St. Joe's Carnival

The youth of St. Joseph's in Rhineland will host their annual family friendly Halloween carnival and bingo night Oct. 19th in the Rhineland gym. Costume contest at 7 p.m. with cash prizes. Bingo at 9 p.m. Cake walk, sponge booth, concessions, popcorn balls, caramel apples and peanut patties. For information, contact Janet Dillard at janet.dillard@esc9.net.

Noah Project

The Noah Project-North Advisory Committee will meet at noon Friday in the Jury Room at the Haskell County Courthouse. Call Donna Sue Anders for information at 940-864-2551.

Rochester Homecoming

Former students and residents are encouraged to attend the triennial celebration of homecoming in Rochester on Oct. 11-13. Catered meals, visitation, class parties are planned throughout the weekend, including a parade and street dance Saturday with Tommy Alverson. Call Sandra Frye at 940-864-4523 for information.

Steer Stampede

National Honor Society students at Haskell High School will sponsor a 5K color run/walk during the Rochester Homecoming on Oct. 12. Participants are encouraged to register prior to 9:45 a.m. with the race beginning at 10 a.m. Cash prizes will be awarded to winners of each age division. All area schools are encouraged to enter their cross-country teams at a discounted rate. For information, contact Kendra Bevel at HHS at 940-864-8535 or kbevel@haskell.esc14.net.

Rummage sale

The annual Stonewall County Communitywide Garage Sale sponsored by the Aspermont Chamber of Commerce will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday. Call Stephenia Mullen at 989-3197 for information. Some donations are being accepted at the Stonewall County Senior Citizens Center, 536 Washington Ave. Items may be dropped off between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Call Linda Shugart at 989-3411 or 200-0217.

Taste of Country

The annual Taste of Country fundraiser for the Noah Project-North will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Oct. 8 at the Haskell Civic Center with a number of 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.

Corrections

If you spot an error of fact, contact Editor Wayne Hodgin at kcnewscourier@gmail.com.

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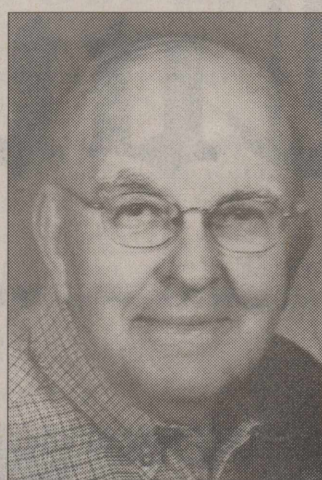
Deaths

Jeff Anderson

MUNDAY — Riley Jefferson "Jeff" Anderson departed this life Sunday, September 29, 2013, at 3:08 a.m. in the Munday Nursing Home while resting next to his loving wife of 69 years.

Jeff entered this mortal life December 1, 1925. He was born the first child to James Jefferson Anderson and Bertha Utley Anderson on the family ranch in Eskota. Being raised on a ranch and one of the three boys, Jeff learned the art of hard work, perseverance, respect and service, which is a legacy he instilled in his children and passes to generations.

Eighteen-year-old Jeff married the love of his life, 16-year-old Merle Elizabeth McElmurry, on February 4, 1944. They immediately left for California, where Jeff began serving his country in the U.S. Navy. Serving as a shore patrolman, he was stationed in China when World War II ended.



JEFF ANDERSON

After the war, Jeff and his small family ranched in Texas then near Colorado Springs, Colo. He and his family later moved to Merkel, where Jeff worked in the oil and gas industry and was a member of the Masonic Lodge.

In 1959, Jeff and Merle moved their family to Munday and became members of First United Methodist Church,

where he served in many positions.

He worked at Hogsett Chevrolet as a service manager and eventually bought a service station. In the early 1960s, he opened Munday Auto Supply, which he operated until he retired at the age of 65.

Jeff was preceded in death by his father and mother; sister Ruth Anderson; and brother Thomas Anderson.

Survivors include his wife, Merle Anderson; daughter and son-in-law, Judy and John of Amarillo; son and daughter-in-law, Andy and Susan of Burleson; son and daughter-in-law, Max and Toni Anderson of Tyler; nine grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and four great-great grandchildren.

Services were Tuesday at First United Methodist Church in Munday. Burial was in Johnson Memorial Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Smith Funeral Home of Munday.

Ronnie Doyle Lowrance

MUNDAY — Ronnie Doyle Lowrance, 45, passed away Sunday, September 29, 2013. Ronnie was born January 17, 1968, to Doyle and Pat Lowrance in Knox City.

He married Jamie Riddlehuber on December 26, 1992, in Iowa Park.

Ronnie was in his 11th year of coaching the Munday Moguls football team and was also the Mogul track coach. A member of the 1984 Mogul state championship football team, he would go on to successfully coach his alma mater in two other state football championships in 2007 and 2012. In addition, he coached his Mogul track team to three consecutive state championships.

He was a very loving husband and father to his own three children and to many of his students.

Survivors include his wife, Jamie, of Munday; children Mitchell and Kasey, also of Munday, and Kandace of Stephenville; parents of Colorado City; and brothers John of Lubbock and Donny of Colorado City.

Funeral services were Wednesday afternoon at Scruggs Field at Munday High School. Burial was in Goree Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Smith Funeral Home.



RONNIE LOWRANCE

Roy Rebus Guess

HASKELL — Roy Rebus Guess, 89, passed away Wednesday morning, September 25, 2013, at his home in Haskell.

Following a graveside service Saturday afternoon at Willow Cemetery, family and friends gathered for a memorial service in Rebus' honor at Cornerstone Baptist Church with the Rev. Brian Burgess and the Rev. Morris Johnson officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes of Haskell.

One of 11 children, Rebus was born January 20, 1924, in Mattson, Texas, to Emily Belle (Weaver) and Rebus B. Guess. As a boy, Rebus, often called June, enjoyed the usual activities of rural life, including his little gray mare he rode up and down Miller Creek looking after cows and sheep, plus the school activities of the Mattson School. He said the first thing he could remember was climbing a ladder to save his cat. He was 4 years old, and he fell from halfway down, breaking his collarbone.

He married Leora Stiewert in the home of Baptist pastor, Brother Whatley, on December 31, 1942. The couple lived on the Guess farm in Mattson until World War II took Rebus to Germany in 1944.

Assigned to the famed 42nd Rainbow Division of the Third Army in Germany in 1945, Pfc. Guess was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge in recognition of his exemplary performance of duty in ground



ROY GUESS

combat against the enemy. Rebus spoke of the war only in recent years and said he always knew he would return home to his Leora.

After the war, the Guesses lived in Weinert, Sunset, Goree and Munday. In 1952, Rebus began working as A Rural Route 2 carrier for Goree, and, in 1959, he began delivery of Rural Route 2 in Munday. He retired from the U.S. Postal Service in 1982 and moved to Haskell so he and Leora could be near their grandkids.

Rebus enjoyed playing dominoes, raising cattle, singing, watching his children and, later, his grandchildren in their activities. But his favorite activity may have been the art of conversation.

After retiring, his routine included the important business that occurred daily at the DQ around the coffee pot. In recent years, he spent those mornings at the Double A, where he shared in sausage and biscuits with another group of friends. On the return drive

from doctor visits, he enjoyed re-enacting the conversations he had struck up with all the other patients in the waiting room. He loved to tell jokes, but struggled to deliver the punch line because of his uncontrolled laughing, which began as a suppressed "cough" but grew quickly, impeding his ability to speak.

Rebus and Leora were members of Cornerstone Baptist Fellowship Church in Haskell, where, at its conception, Rebus was honored to lead the singing. He spent the week looking at the songbook, contemplating which songs to plan for the next Sunday.

Rebus is preceded in his arrival to heaven by his parents; brothers Bailey Guess and Bob Guess; sisters Mabel Derr, Otie Bell Mayfield, Rita Hughes, R.B. Guess, LaVerne Mayfield, LaVera Hummel and Jeannie Brown.

Rebus believed himself a most blessed man. He will be missed by his wife of 70 years, Leora, of Haskell; his daughters and sons-in-law, Jennifer and Brian Burgess and Kimberlee and Tom Bassett, all of Haskell; grandchildren Casey Burgess, Bree Shaw, Ryan Burgess, Aubrey Bassett, Crissy Bassett and Cash Bassett; great-grandson Luke Shaw; brother H.L. Guess of Weinert; and a number of nieces, nephews and cousins.

If desired, memorials may be made in Rebus' name to Cornerstone Baptist Church or Leuders Baptist Encampment.

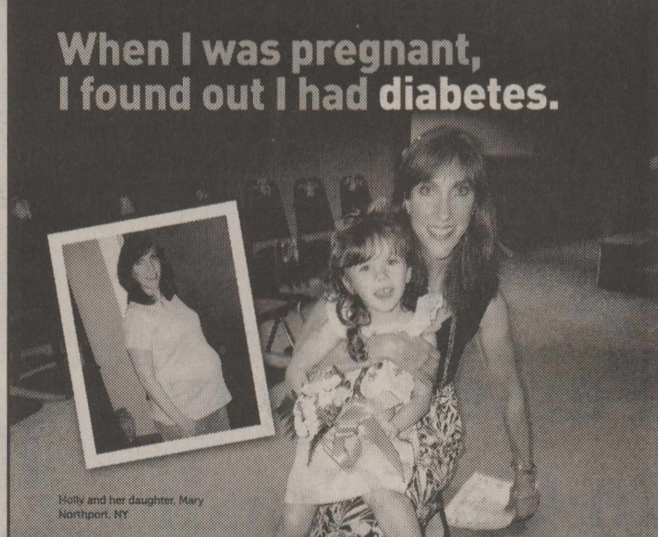
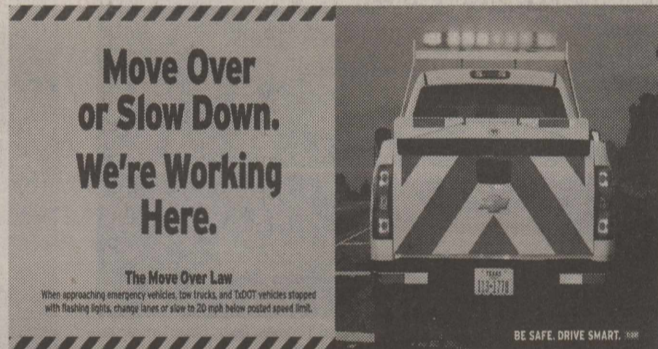
Seymour EMS to conduct basic course training

The Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service, Emergency Services Training Institute and the Texas Department of Transportation are cooperatively providing EMS agencies throughout rural Texas with opportunities to apply for grant funding that is designed to subsidize EMS education opportunities.

Seymour/Baylor County EMS is seeking grant funding for an EMT-Basic course. The course is tentatively set to begin Oct. 15 and will end Dec. 21.

Anyone interested in EMS certification and training, or those looking for more information, should contact Bud Vickers at 940-636-1981 or the Seymour/Baylor County EMS at 940-889-3445.

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Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

This week's news column begins with sincere sympathy to families and friends in the area who have been saddened by the deaths of their loved ones. On Tuesday, Kenneth Roberts, former ag teacher and school superintendent here in Benjamin, passed away in the Munday Nursing Center, where he had resided for some time. He was a much-loved and well-respected man by all who knew him. His funeral was Friday. Then on Sunday came the news of two Munday men — Jeff Anderson and Ronnie Lowrance. Both passed away early Sunday.

Services for Jeff will were Tuesday, and services for Ronnie were Wednesday. And the services for Steve Oudems, who was killed in the car accident Friday week, were Saturday in Knox City. Each of these men had special places in the hearts and lives of many, and they will be greatly missed.

Here 'N There

We enjoyed a pretty good rain Saturday and much, much cooler weather. The reports varied of how much we got, but most said it was close to an inch and a half. Whatever the amount was, it definitely was appreciated.

We're getting some road work done on our streets over here after battling the muddy ones (after a rain) for several years. They have put some road material (left over from the bridge work) on several of them, and in most cases, it was proven to work out well. There's still work to be done on some of them, but after it all "settles in," I think it will be a marked improvement over what we had. And that, too, is appreciated.

I talked to Danny Hudson one day last week, and he brought me up to date on his girls and where they living, etc. It had been a good while since I had heard anything about them. He said Jana and her husband still live in Cisco. Dana is a dental hygienist in Denton, and Selina still lives in Paducah. He said Selina has crippling arthritis and stays pretty close to home. He also said his sister, Belle, is still confined to a wheel chair, caused by complications from hip surgery and staph infection several years ago. She lives near Killeen.

Jack Jr. and Cindy Young of Round Rock spent the weekend with his mom, Mary, and attended the Haskell Homecoming—Jack's 40th year to be out. I told him that wasn't very long.

Next year, my class will celebrate our 60th year to be out of school!

Mary told me her cousin, Tim Ward, who lives in Colorado Springs, Colorado, is suffering from acute leukemia and is undergoing chemotherapy in a hospital in Colorado Springs. She had talked to him a few days ago, and she said he was in good spirits and seemed to be dealing

with it all in a positive manner.

For those who may not know, Tim is the youngest son of the late W.T. and Aldene Ward, former Benjamin residents. Our best wishes and many prayers go to Tim during this time.

Susan White told me Friday that her and Ronnie's son, John, had gone to Ohio to get another son and brother, Tim, who has been up there working for several months. She said it was time for him to come home, as they all have missed him since he's been away.

So many from out of town were here for Mr. Roberts' funeral on Friday. There's no way to mention them all, but I did talk to several.

Mary Duke Sawyers of Hamlin was using a cane, and she said she was recovering from recent hip surgery. She and her sisters, Jan Pollock and Sue McCartney of Iowa Park, were here.

Butch and Letha Young and daughter, Lisa, were also here and visited later in the day with Mary Young and Imagean Young. They live at Saginaw and also have a place at Vera.

I also had a nice visit with Alma Jean Boone, former Vera resident who now lives in Mineral Wells. She seems to be doing well and said she sure enjoys reading my "news" each week, and that made me feel good.

I talked briefly to former residents, Jim and Barbara Pratt. They live in Lubbock now, as does their son, Troy and his family. They get to enjoy the grandkids a lot. It was good to see them.

As I said, there were entirely too many to mention, but even though it was a sad occasion, it was good to see so many friends we don't see often.

And I just heard on TV of the death of Joe Brown, the TV 3 farm guy for many years. Matter of fact, the news on TV was that he began on Channel 3 in the 60's and retired in early 2000. That covers 3 complete decades and part of 2.

Though it has been several years since he retired, we would hear about him on the news. He was a morning regular in many homes, including mine. He kept us well informed on what was going on in agriculture as well as other news. I was sorry to hear of his death.

I congratulate the KC Greyhounds for their victory over Chillicothe Friday night. I hope their winning ways continue. Munday fell to the Holliday Eagles. I believe both KC and Munday play away from home this week. I wish them well.

And the Rangers are still going—Can't help but wonder if that will be the case after tonight's game with Tampa Bay, but after that horrible slump before this last home stand, we have to be proud that they are still "in."

Gladene Greene is the longtime Benjamin correspondent for the Knox County News-Courier.



Courtesy photo

Lorrie Coop and Jerry Coplen, both agents with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Knox County, and Jimi Coplen, community development director with Knox County Visioning Group, have been honored with their work coordinating and planning the annual Career Day event in Goree.

3 honored for work with local teens

Staff reports

Lorrie Coop and Jerry Coplen, agents with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Knox County, and Jimi Coplen, community development director for Knox County Visioning Group, were honored recently with the Excellence in Teen Programming Award at the Texas Association of Extension 4-H agents annual conference.

The team was recognized for their youth workforce/career exploration projects with teens in Knox and surrounding counties through programs such as Knox County 4-H and Career Day.

The goal of the Search for Excellence in Teen Programming Award is to provide recognition for outstanding programs conducted for and with teen audiences, gain national recognition for program accomplishments relative to scholarly and creative activities, teaching, and/or research effectiveness and to show evidence or collaboration with others who help meet community teens' needs and to strengthen the commitment to programs with teen audiences.

Coop and Coplen also have been were honored recently by the National Extension Education Association for Family and Consumer Sciences at the 2013 Galaxy IV Conference in Pittsburgh.

They received the third place nationally and second place regionally in the Southern Region Community Partnership Award at

recent conference.

In receiving the award, Coop and Coplen were recognized for their collaboration in planning and implementing Career Day. The event focused on the need for youth to finish high school and seek post-secondary education, either through college credits or certification programs, in a field that would allow them the ability to support themselves and their families while living in rural Texas.

Career Day allowed 265 students from Knox and surrounding counties to explore careers through interaction with guest speakers and visit with several colleges and technical schools. The Community Partnership Award recognizes NEAFCS members for outstanding community partnership efforts in meeting the needs of families through collaboration with group, agencies and consumers. It recognizes members for their efforts in building community partnerships to meet the educational needs and concerns of families.

Coop was also recognized as the Southern Region winner of the Program Excellence Through Research Award. The Program Excellence Through Research Award recognizes NEAFCS members as both researchers and users of research. This award emphasizes the use of research to improve existing programs or to develop new programs. Coop's commitment to meeting the needs of individuals, families and communities is exemplary.

Thanks for reading!

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The Paperboy

USPS preparing to hurt newspapers

It must be a little frustrating working for the U.S. Postal Service. Sometimes it's frustrating dealing with them.

On a local level, I'm fine with the USPS. They are local people doing their best.



CHRIS BLACKBURN

On a national level, the USPS business model has been failing for decades, and, like other customers, newspapers have been hit hard.

That trend will continue forcing community newspapers to increase subscription rates for their print editions.

The National Newspaper Association expressed dismay last week over the announcement that the U.S. Postal Service Board of Governors plans to increase postage rates beyond inflation levels.

NNA President Robert M. Williams Jr. said the rate increase would have a negative impact upon jobs and local businesses served by community newspapers.

"The Great Recession hit America's small businesses and their communities hard," Williams said. "All of us in business have had to cut costs and make many adjustments to stay afloat. Now that the recession is supposedly over, an above-inflation postage increase may seem to make sense to the Postal Service, but it simply passes along the pain to our own workforce and our local communities. This increase will not help us keep jobs alive and products moving in local communities."

The Postal Service said it would ask the Postal Regulatory Commission for its usual annual inflation-based price increase, presently at 1.6 percent, and an additional 4.3 percent that it calls an "exigent" or emergency rate.

The USPS said in its announcement that the "precarious financial condition" of the Postal Service and the "uncertain

path toward enactment of postal reform legislation" were primary reasons for seeking price changes above the price cap. The increase will take effect Jan. 27.

Williams said the NNA understands the Postal Service's legislative predicament, in which several sessions of Congress have elapsed while discussions of postal reform continue with no results.

"We are doing our best to get Congress to understand that the Postal Service desperately needs help from Congress to address its cost structure, particularly in wrestling with the high cost of health care, as we all must," Williams said. "Congress must make it possible for the postmaster general to seek a more affordable path for retirees by realistically using the Medicare benefits that USPS is already paying for. We would hope Congress will see that this rate increase is going to simply make it tougher for all businesses and consumers to stay in the mail, he said."

Williams continued, saying the NNA would join with the Affordable Mail Alli-

ance, a coalition of major mailers' organizations, to emphasize to USPS regulators, the Postal Regulatory Commission, that the inflation cap is critical to businesses that use the mail.

As a newspaper person who has seen rate increase after rate increase over the past 21 years, I know the NNA is beating a dead horse. The odds of the USPS changing its mind is slim to none. The large increase will no doubt cause many newspapers to continue the move to digital products, which will also hurt the bottom line of the USPS.

Beyond that, we will have to pass this increase to our customers, which is something my company has avoided over at least the last four price increases.

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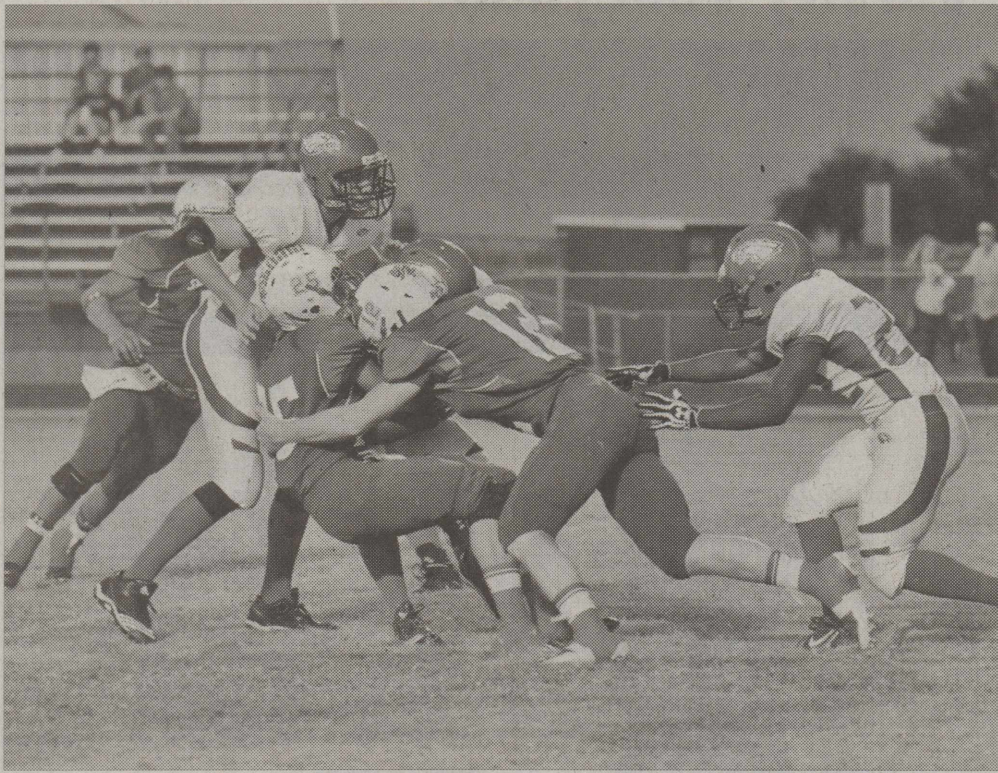
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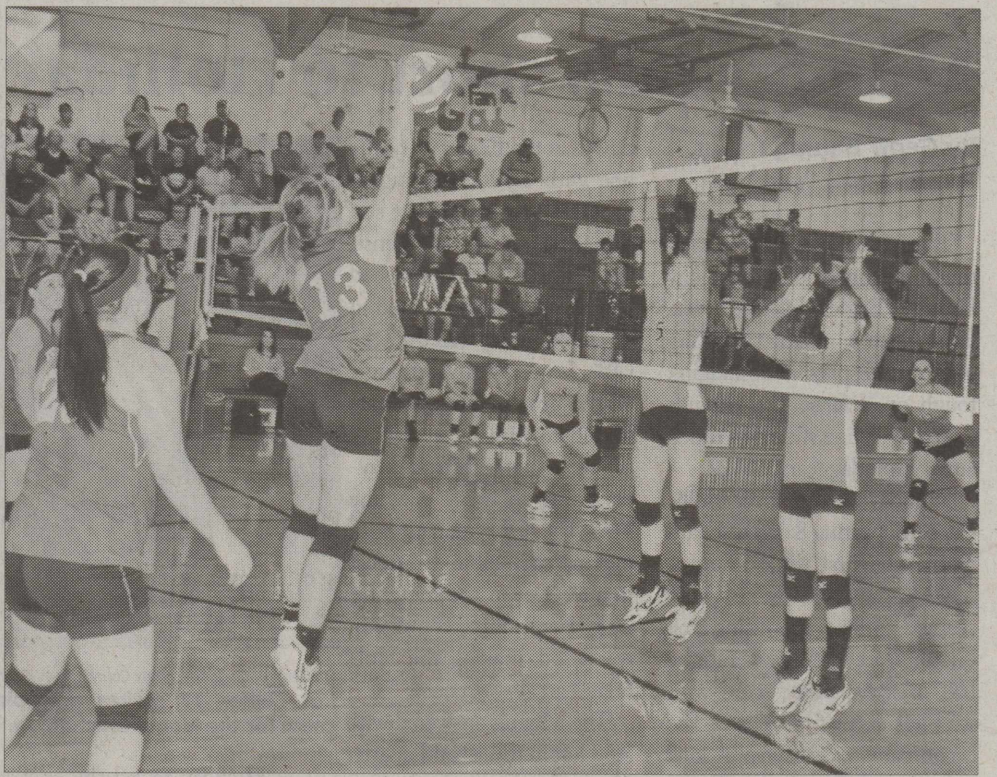
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Heath Welch #12 and Chris Lewis #25 put the stop on the Chillicothe offense.

Varsity Volleyball



Geoff Baumgartner/ Knox County News-Courier
Andrea Lynn spikes the ball hard against Loraine in the Houndettes first district match.

Greyhounds Chomp Chillicothe

By Geoff Baumgartner
The Knox County News-Courier

The Knox City Greyhounds came out strong against the Chillicothe Eagles this past Friday night, giving a powerful performance to end the game early during the third quarter via the 45-point mercy rule. Knox City ended up shutting out the Eagles, 45-0.

The first quarter started out slow, with defense on both sides leaving each team scoreless for the majority of the first quarter. With 1:21 left in the first, Israel Rodriguez broke free on a quick 7-yard burst for the first Knox City touchdown of the night. The Eagles managed to keep the Greyhounds out of the end zone for the duration of the first and well into the second quarter.

With 4:50 left in the first half, quarterback Zach Carter threw a quick bullet pass to Ibn Lagway for the second Greyhound touchdown. Zach Rodriguez then caught another quick pass from Carter for the extra point, putting the Greyhounds up 13-0. Knox City was just getting started.

Less than a minute of the previous touchdown, Tylynne Eaton broke free for a 23-yard run for the score.

Ninety seconds later, Carter ran the ball in for yet another KC TD. The extra point was good putting Knox City ahead 26-0.

Knox City got one more touchdown on the board in the first half when Krys Campos made a magnificent reception from a well lobbed, 25-yard pass from

Carter. This put KC up 32-0 to end the first half of play.

The third quarter started out quicker than the previous two. With 7:51 on the clock in the third, Rodriguez again broke free for a 30-yard touchdown. The extra point attempt was no good and KC went up with a commanding 38-0 lead.

The game came to an abrupt end when, with 4:10 left on the clock in the third, a 40 yard pass from Campos connected to Eaton for the last KC touchdown of the night. Campos made good on the accompanying extra-point and Knox City got the shutout win over the Eagles, 45-0.

The Greyhounds gave an impressive offensive and defensive performance by any standard and Coach Steele was very satisfied with his team this week. "I'm very proud of the way we bounced back this week after the loss to Newcastle," Steele said. "We worked on the basics and it showed. We played very aggressive on defense and executed very well on offense. Every player contributed to the win. It was a team effort."

Zach Carter passed for 75 yards completing 6 of 7 attempts with 3 touchdowns; Campos passed for 41 yds on 1 completion on 1 attempt and 1 touchdown.

Chris Lewis rushed for 79 yds on 7 carries, averaging 11 yds a run, while Tylynne Eaton rushed for 32 yds on 3 carries, averaging 11 yds a run.

This victory moves Knox City's record to 4-1.

The Greyhounds will visit Lometa Friday with kickoff at 7:30 p.m.

Houndettes Hammer District Rivals

By Geoff Baumgartner
The Knox County News-Courier

District volleyball began this last week for the Knox City Houndettes, as they battled Rotan and Loraine. The Houndettes managed to defeat both teams in straight sets bringing the district record to 2-0, and their overall record to 18-6.

Against Rotan the biggest efforts came from sophomore middle hitter Kaylie Steel, who had 10 hits, 2 kills, 5 blocks, and 3 tips, while junior setter Kinslee Cox had 6 serves, 1 ace, and 18 assists. In addition, junior outside

hitter Leighten Pepper had 3 assists, 17 serves, 1 ace, 7 hits, and 2 kills, while sophomore middle hitter Jordyn Eaton had 3 serves, 4 hits, 3 kills, 2 tips, and 1 block.

Knox City came out victorious over Rotan 25-18, 25-16, and 25-12.

Against Loraine, the biggest contributors were senior outside hitter Casandra Ledesma had 4 serves, 1 ace, 1 dig, 6 hits, and 1 kill, while junior outside hitter Andrea Lynn had 4 hits, 1 kill, and 2 serves. In addition, sophomore setter Brylee White had 12 assists, while Kelsey Vasquez

had 7 serves, 3 aces, and 5 digs. Ultimately the Houndettes defeated Loraine in 3 consecutive sets, further establishing their dominance within the district: 25-8, 25-11, and 25-14.

Coach Baumgartner was extremely proud her girls this week. "My Houndettes have worked hard to put themselves in this position within the district. We know it's going to take more fundamental hard work, but we expect several more district wins throughout this season."

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Varsity Football

Munday falls short to Holliday

By Geoff Baumgartner
The Knox County News-Courier

The Munday Moguls played tough against the Holliday Fighting Eagles this past week. Even with a relatively strong offensive display and hanging tough on defense, the Moguls ended up falling short to a much larger Holliday team, 55-22.

Munday went up over Holliday early, putting 8 on the board within the first three minutes, making the score 8-7 in what seemed to be a promising first quarter lead. The Eagles ran the ball in for another score with 4:21 left in the first quarter. The accompanying extra-point kick was no good and the Eagles went up 13-8.

The Moguls next offensive drive was eventually stopped as they turned the ball over on downs with 51 seconds remaining in the first.

It was the Moguls defense that came out fighting in the second quarter, forcing the Eagles to turn the ball right back over on downs at their own 25-yard line with some spot-on tackling from L.J. Collier.

The momentum was short-lived, however, when with 8:06 left in the half, the Eagles forced the Mogul fumble, only to recover and run it in for another Holliday TD. Their extra-point kick was no good and the Moguls were down 19-8.

The Moguls next drive did not last long, with a much bigger, more powerful Holliday line bearing down on them, and the ball was again turned over on

downs at the Eagles 19-yard-line with 6:30 remaining in the half. In a sloppy, yet still successful piece of offense, the Holliday center botched the next snap and resulted in a fumble, going well over the QB's head. With seemingly all the time in the world afforded to him by a massive offensive line with fresh players going in every play, the Holliday QB managed to pick up the ball and connect to a receiver in the end zone. The two-point conversion was good, making the Holliday lead 27-8.

The Moguls answered with 3:53 left in the second quarter when Zac Edgar broke free for an amazing 75-yard run, splitting the Holliday defense for the touchdown. The Mogul's two-point conversion was good, and they narrowed the gap to 27-16. The Holliday QB connected for another Eagle TD. The accompanying extra point kick was good and the Moguls were left trailing 34-16 with 1:57 left in the half.

Holliday and Munday traded interceptions on their next two possessions.

Collier came out in the third quarter tackling with brute force. There was also superb tackling by Mitchell Lowrance, son of Coach Ronny Lowrance, laying a monster sack upon the Holliday quarterback,

Day'veon Dockins intercepted a Eagle pass and ran it back to the Holliday 45-yard-line, but the Moguls could not capitalize.



Geoff Baumgartner/Knox County News-Courier
L.J. Collier #7 makes a leaping catch for the Mogul touchdown.

Holliday found the endzone again later in the third. The initial extra point was blocked, but an off-sides call resulted in another kick from the Eagles being good, putting them up 41-16 with 3:16 left in the third.

Holliday started the fourth quarter by running in a TD. The kick was good and the Eagles went up 48-16.

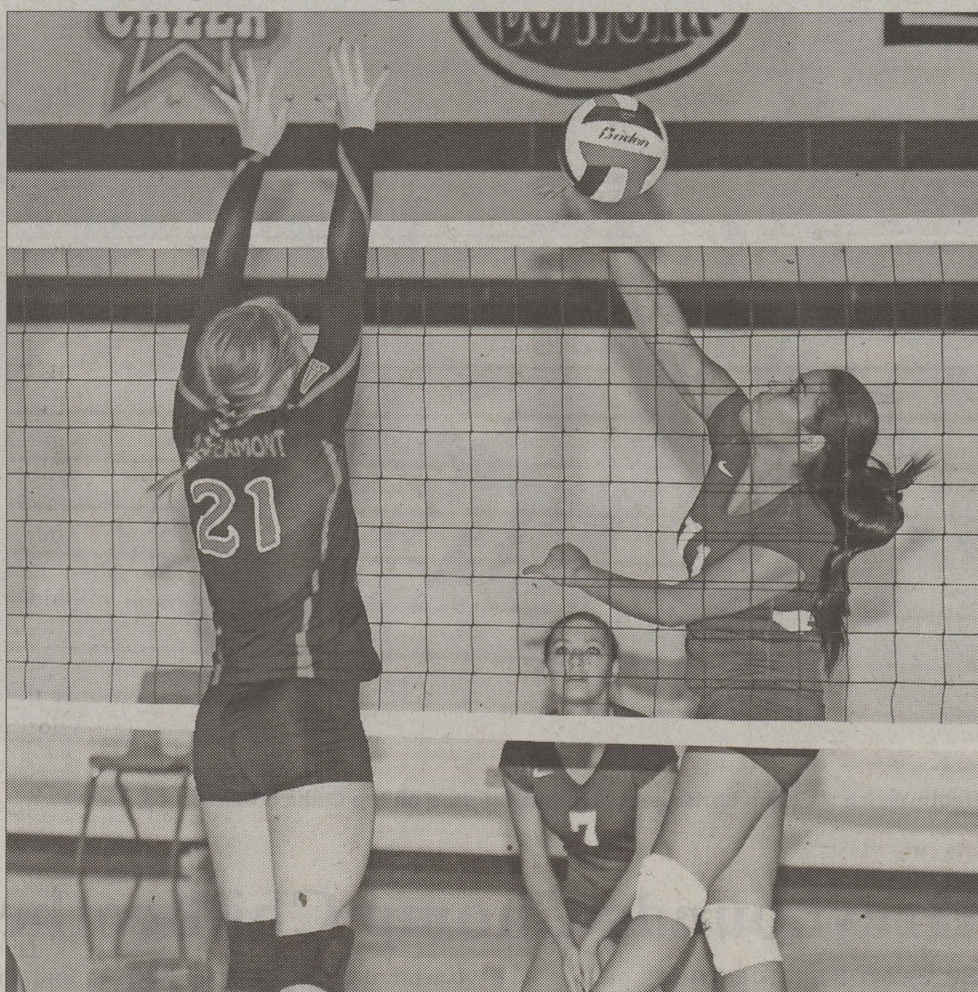
The Moguls got back on the board when Dockins broke free for a 30-yard touchdown run. The two-point conversion was unsuccessful and the Moguls were back on the board 48-22.

The Eagles managed to find the endzone one more time to close the scoring 55-22: Munday is now 1-4 on the season.

L.J. Collier was the led the Moguls in tackling, with 9 followed by Mitchell Lowrance, with 6.

Munday's next game will be at Perrin-Witt on Oct. 11, at 7:30 p.m.

Varsity Volleyball



Geoff Baumgartner/Knox County News-Courier
Senior Rylie Decker spikes the ball against an Aspermont blocker, putting it right past her.

Munday Mogulettes maintain dominance with four-set win over Lady Hornets

By Geoff Baumgartner
The Knox County News-Courier

24, and 25-15.

MUNDAY - The Varsity Munday Mogulettes defeated the Aspermont Lady Hornets this past Saturday afternoon in Munday. The Mogulettes suffered another devastating loss when during warm-ups senior setter Tatum Bufkin went down with an ankle injury, joining junior Raci Dillard on the bench. The remaining Mogulettes rallied together and, after falling short the first set, took the next three to clench the victory. The Mogulettes ended up winning 25-27, 25-15, 26-

The standouts of the game included setter Rylie Decker with 8 aces, 5 kills, and 36 assists. Kaylan Urbanczyk had 1 ace, 8 digs, 17 kills, and 8 blocks while Mayte Torres had 3 aces and 6 kills. Maria Vega had 3 aces, 11 digs, and 7 kills while Ana Vega had 2 aces and 8 kills. Kimberly Shahan had 1 ace, 8 digs, 9 kills. The Mogulette overall record is 22-11, while their district record is 2-0. Coach Kuehler was very impressed with her girls. "Even though we suffered another loss with Tatum Bufkin, our girls once again rallied together and got the win," said Kuehler.

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COACH

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Lowrance's legacy

With the home field of the Purple Pride serving as a subtle backdrop in a place from which he, himself, drew immense pride, Lowrance was remembered during a candlelight vigil on Sunday evening and again Wednesday afternoon when final goodbyes would be said.

Lowrance was in his 11th year of coaching at Munday High School, where he is an alumnus and a was member of 1984 football team when it nabbed the school's first state football championship title that season, 13-0, over Union Hill.

After college and coaching stints at Petrolia, Midland, Electra and City View, Lowrance returned to Munday as a part of the Mogul coaching staff in 2002.

Five seasons later, in 2007, he would lead the defensive strategy effort in the Moguls' 15-0 season run for the second state football championship title in school history — this time, 26-6 over Bremond — and once again in 2011 in a heartbreaking 52-28 loss to Tenaha.

True to Mogul style, the team in 2012, for a second consecutive year, found itself in the throes of a state championship fever pitch — again with Tenaha, in a poignant rematch of the 2011 final.

In what would be Lowrance's fourth and, now, sadly, final trip to a state title game with his beloved Moguls, Munday and Tenaha went neck-and-neck in the first half only for the Moguls to come back with a second-half surge that saw them score 28 unanswered points against Tenaha to secure the school's third

state football title. The final score was 28-14.

Mogul memories

Mogul head coach Patrick Corcoran, at the time of that third state football title win at Cowboy Stadium, credited Lowrance's defensive coaching strategy for the victory.

"Ronnie was the quintessential professional in terms of how he did his job," Corcoran said this week. "He is what every school administrator would want or expect from an employee."

"As a man, he gave and received respect and treated each kid like his own. As a father, well, he was simply amazing."

Former student athlete Jose Gonzales, a member of the 2011 Mogul state finalist football team, also remembered Lowrance as a commanding role model.

"He wasn't just a father figure," said Gonzales, through tear-streaked eyes. "He taught us how to be men, and I will miss him very much."

In what likely was Lowrance's proudest moment — as a father, as a coach and as a Munday Mogul himself — came this past Friday night when he saw his son Mitchell, a junior defensive tackle who has been benched since the beginning of the season because of a tendon injury, suit up and head out onto the field for his first ever Mogul varsity game.

Mitchell Lowrance was credited with a sack on visiting Holliday's quarterback and, despite the Moguls' loss, he closed the game as the second leading tackler for the evening.

In addition to three state football championships — one as a player and two as a coach — Lowrance also has three back-to-back state track championships

on his record, and all as the head coach of the Munday track teams.

Former Mogul standout Dee Paul, the quarterback for last year's state championship football team and also a well-decorated trackster, said Lowrance was a father figure to many of his students, including Paul himself, who at 9 years old lost his own father in a vehicle accident.

"Not only was he like a father to me, because I lost my own, but he was a great man," said Paul, who had been coached by Lowrance from middle up through his high school years.

Paul, now a Red Raider cornerback on the Texas Tech football team, said since he left for college the first week of August not a day went by in which he didn't hear from his old coach, his mentor, and, now, his friend.

"Since I first moved to Lubbock, he (had) been calling me every day to check in," Paul said. "Whenever I did not know what to do in a certain situation, he would give me advice and tell me to stay confident."

Paul credited Lowrance also for helping to secure him a spot on Rule native and head Texas Tech head coach Wes Kittley's highly successful track and field team. Kittley now is in his 14th year at the helm of the Red Raider and Lady Raider programs.

As a member of the Red Raider track team, Paul will don the No. 24.

"It was his number in high school," Paul said of Lowrance. "I think it's a fitting tribute to someone who not only has had an unbelievable and memorable impact on my life as an athlete but also, at one time, as a child and, now, as a man."

state championship football team. After graduation, Oudems joined the Army and was stationed at Fort Ord, Calif., and was honorably discharged, returning home to Knox County.

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PLAN

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This represents a reduction from the sharpnose and small-eye shiners' historical ranges of more than 50 and 70 percent, respectively, she said.

Gray said one of the biggest threats to the species are reservoirs for which river impoundments would adversely affect the fishes' life cycles, including reproductive success, and their breeding grounds.

Reservoirs v. fish

During the last several years, state officials have developed a water plan that addresses water needs for residents through the year 2060.

Among the water management strategies detailed in the plan, 11 potential new reservoirs and five off-channel reservoirs are listed as feasible for future water supply needs within the Brazos River basin.

Of those, three — the Post Reservoir in Garza County, the Double Mountain Fork Reservoir in Stonewall County and the Sound Bend Reservoir in Young County — would impound waters in the upper Brazos River currently occupied by the small-eye shiners.

The middle and lower

portions of the Brazos River, from roughly Stonewall County to Possum Kingdom Lake in Palo Pinto County, have been effectively converted from habitat that once supported the sharpnose shiner to one that is no longer suitable. In fact, according to the petition, the sharpnose shiner's habitat may be so fragmented that any surviving population is no longer viable.

The report goes on to cite the 1991 construction of the John T. Montford Dam, which impounds the Alan Henry Reservoir in Garza County, resulted in the disappearance of two common fishes within the river's headwaters, drawing similarities to a possible scenario with any future development along the Brazos tributaries.

In addition, the report cites a number of other possibilities for the species dwindling numbers — from saltcedar invasion to large cattle operations to algae blooms — and also suggests the fish species might even be invasive.

Humans v. fish

Tom Fulton, executive director of the White River Municipal Water District, the entity which for the last 50 years has owned the permits to build the Post Reservoir, said the federal

government's concerns about the two species are legitimate, but he questions some of the report's data.

The Post Reservoir, as it stands, has been made a priority on the state's 2012 Texas Water Plan, and, some officials say, may be too far along in the planning stage for the fish designation to matter.

"I've read through the material, and while the reports say the information is current, some of that data is based on years-old research," Fulton said. "For all we know those fish may not exist anymore."

Fulton, however, further qualified what may be perceived by some as an indifference to subspecies in the evolutionary scale.

"Look, as humans — and, for that matter, as Texans — we should be genuinely concerned with our planet and protecting other species from extinction. That may be one reason why the good Lord made us a little smarter," he said. "But this decision has the potential to wipe out years of planning for the water needs of our own people."

"We're in the middle of one of the worst droughts this area might have ever seen. We're hurting for water, man. If we don't take care of our own needs, we won't be able to take care of anything else."

CRASH

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Tullos said he believes speed was a factor and that investigators are awaiting further testing to determine if drugs and/or alcohol also may have been a factor.

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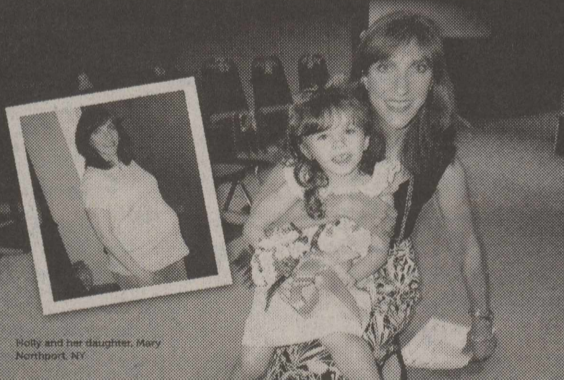
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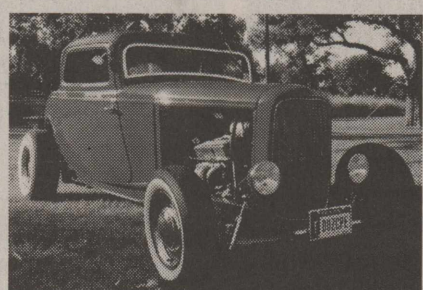
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Brushing in circles with the tooth fairy's sister

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HANABA MUNN WELCH

Cutter's 7, and he's already formed a relationship with the real one, all deals in cash. When he smiles, you can

see he's collected. Going to the library, we brushed our teeth at every stop, having just hurriedly choked down a meal of sausage spaghetti prepared per a recipe I found on the Internet. The dish, purportedly somewhat Brazilian, used up leftovers and nurtured Cutter's interest in Rio de Janeiro.

Truth: It's hard to follow a strange recipe and rummage through spices when time is of the essence and a 7-year-old grandson wants you to look at everything he's discovering about Rio de Janeiro and other distant places via Google Earth. No, he didn't stick just with geography. Yes, he did switch to looking at videos about a game that allows you to blow up stuff.

Hint: If a child wants to drink anything near a computer keyboard, provide a cup designed for sipping rather than spilling. Truth: Computer privileges trump all.

Even a 7-year-old will drink cheerfully from a cup designed for a 2-year-old. Might try it myself.

Speaking of trumps, nothing outranks a grandchild who delights in the smell of a meal as it cooks and declares it delicious, even if he must have a pickle to go with it and pigs out mostly on garlic bread and orange juice.

As for library fare designed for kids, last night's excursion was as much for me as for Cutter. My best childhood times happened when Mother took me to Story Hour every Thursday morning at the library, where other children and I listened to an expert upside-down reader read to us about Peter Rabbit, whom I think I recently misidentified as Peter Cottontail. Could be my mother changed his name to make him more like the ones in our yard. They're still there. Or maybe I was

thinking of my Gene Autry 78 rpm "Here Comes Peter Cottontail" recording with "Red River Valley" on the flipside.

OK, maybe you're picturing that reader hanging upside down from the ceiling. I meant only that she, Mrs. Potet, held the book for us to see and peered down at the pages, reading what was upside down to her. The ceilings of the basement of that old Carnegie Library were too low to accommodate the suspension of upside-down readers.

Or tooth fairies either, for that matter. But as long as they have wings, fairies don't have to fly on or be hanging from piano wire to be believable. Just ask Cutter. Ask me. I'm brushing in circles from now on.

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

The Idle American

News from the zoo

We should count our blessings daily Noah herded animals onto the ark. They've gotten basically "good press" ever since, even as much of the world crumbles around them.

Why? Because they rejoice, thinking every day is created just for them. Even when they



DON NEWBURY

foul up, we chalk it up to "cuteness," basically laughing their miscues away OK, so this is an animal lover's opinion. But remember, we are legion. If we didn't have great numbers, there wouldn't be so many animals featured in "feel good" stories and commercials — the kind that get our minds off the brow-furrowing human events that make us groan.

To wit, in recent days, many hearts have been warmed by the birth of two baby elephants, each weighing in at more than 200 pounds, at the Fort Worth Zoo; twin baby pandas at Zoo Atlanta, and another baby

panda at Washington's National Zoo. The twins were the first born in the United States in a quarter-century, and the birth weight of all three pandas totaled less than one pound. Meanwhile, at the Dallas Zoo, two cheetah cubs befriended by a Labrador pup have the world agog.

Zoos are among the few remaining "escapes" from a wobbling world that challenges and confounds. Think about it. The ad agencies obviously do, amusing us with gimmickry that includes talking animals. Geico Insurance hit it big with the camel tromping around the office, asking what day it is — "hump day," of course.

AT&T ads showcase children, scoring big with its "queen my dishes, please" knock-off of a "knock-knock" joke. Now, it has turned to talking household pets. My favorite is Bruno, a canine connoisseur of cat litter. A close second is the cat that doesn't give the dog much credit in the "smarts" department.

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Tarzan loved animals. In his movies, his chattering chimp, Cheetah, was always nearby.

I remember the story of a modern-day Tarzan, late on a Friday afternoon. Weary and eager to return to his tree house, he was barely able to swing to the next vine. It was a struggle to flop into the corner of his abode. Assuming a fetal position, he weakly asked Jane for a glass of warm milk, though it was not yet the 7 o'clock hour. Weeping, Jane asked, "Tarzan, what's the matter? I've never seen you this way."

"You just don't understand, Jane," he moaned. "It's a jungle out there."

Likewise remembered is a Depression-era guy, down on his luck and out of a job.

A second-rate circus came to town with a

"help wanted" sign. He applied, learning that the circus' lone lion had died and would be replaced by someone wearing a lion's suit. He got the job and climbed into the cage.

When the lock clicked, he screamed when he saw a tiger already pacing therein. "Pipe down," the other "animal" yelled. "Do you think you're the only guy out of work?"

Oh, my. I'll do my best to complete this column with one-handed, "hunt and peck" typing. Sailor is fast asleep, his head flopped over my forearm. I dare not disturb him. If I join him in afternoon repose, as I often do, maybe I'll dream of visiting the 104-year-old Fort Worth Zoo, one of the nation's best that attracts more than a million visitors annually. Probably I'll go on Wednesday, "Hump Day," when admission is always half-price.

Or, when my warm milk takes full effect, maybe I'll dream of Woody Allen's lines. Among his best: the one claiming even if the lion does lie down with the lamb, the lamb won't get much sleep.

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

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Dixie Divas Be a pig or be a possum

Mama had great stories. My favorite was the only one I asked often for her to repeat. It has become something of an anthem in my life.

She grew up in the 1930s Appalachians, where life was remote and simple but meaningful. She told the story of a simple-minded cousin named Henry who was sent by his parents to visit other members of the family. It was a journey of several hours on foot so it required he stop and have a meal with another family. In a burlap sack, Henry toted a baby pig, which his daddy had instructed he should give to Henry's aunt and uncle as a gift.

At the house where he stopped for a noontime meal, a couple of mischievous boys slipped around, got the sack and exchanged a possum for the pig. A little bit later, one of the boys said, "Henry, what you got in that sack?"

Henry grinned. "I got a pig. Wanna see?" When he opened the sack, the smile slid from his face. It was a possum not a pig. Puzzled, he scratched his head. "Well, it was a pig when I left home."

Before Henry continued on his journey, the prank-playing boys slyly switched the piglet back.

When Henry arrived at his destination, he said, "Papa sent y'all sumpin'." He opened the sack and found a pig.

Now, Henry was aggravated. In a chiding, stern voice, he said to the piglet, "Make up your mind whatcha gonna be! If you're gonna be a pig, be a pig. If you're gonna be a possum, be a possum."

I still laugh at that story, but more importantly than that, it has become a life's truth for me. Know what you are and be what you are. Don't switch back and forth. Stick to who you are.

Whenever Tink or I am working on a

creative project, and it starts to veer from a clear path, I'll say comically, "If you're gonna be a pig, be a pig. If you're gonna be a possum, be a possum. Make up your mind what you're gonna be." It brings forth a good laugh, and it redirects us.

One morning, I walked by the kitchen window just in time to see a black Angus bull wandering down the hill behind our house. We don't have Angus cattle any longer. We have horses. Tink was up in the office so I dashed to the foot of the stairs and called up, "Come quick! There's a cow in the yard."

Unbeknownst to me, Tink was on a call with his agent, discussing an upcoming conference call on a pending project. Nonetheless, he ended the call, clattered down the stairs and followed me out into the yard. There in the driveway stood the wayward bull, staring at us with defiance.

"We need to put him in the pasture," I said.

"But it's not ours," Tink replied. "It's the code of the country: When a neighbor's cow is out, you put it in your pasture, and the farmer will eventually find him. C'mon."

Tink stood still, a bit baffled. "What am I suppose to do? I'm from L.A."

Well, it turned out Tink was not much help in getting up a cow, so he returned to his office for a call with the head of production for a major studio while I chased the bull. From the window, he watched the adventure.

Later he explained, "I was conflicted between joining the chase or taking my phone call. I didn't know if I was a television writer or a farmer." He sighed. "I didn't know if I was a pig or an opossum!"

I had to laugh. Then, I explained that if he was going to be a real Southern farmer that it's "possum," not "o-possum."

But he's learning. He'll make a great pig one day. Or possum.

Ronda Rich is a Southern storyteller, Christian humorist and best-selling author of "There's A Better Day A-Comin'."



RONDA RICH

Nancy's Notions Women's workshop focus will be cervical cancer

Cervical cancer is the easiest female cancer to prevent. A Pap test, which screens for cervical cancer, can help prevent cervical cancer or find it early. It is one of the most reliable and effective cancer screening tests available. For this reason, women should start getting regular Pap tests at age 21.



NANCY MCDONALD

Pap test plus an HPV test every five years, but it is also OK to have a Pap test alone every three years. If a woman is older than 65 and has had regular cervical cancer testing with normal results, she should not be tested for cervical cancer.

Once testing stops, it should not be started again. However, women with history of a serious cervical pre-cancer should continue to be tested for at least 20 years after that diagnosis, even if testing continues past age 65. If a woman's uterus and cervix were removed for reasons not related to cervical cancer, and she does not have a history of

cervical cancer or serious pre-cancer, she also should not be tested. Women with a history of serious pre-cancer will need to visit with their doctor about their screening needs.

To help women have a better understanding of breast and cervical cancer and the best way to prevent these cancers, the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Garza County will conduct a "Friend to Friend" party on Oct. 15. The party will include a presentation on breast and cervical cancer by Dr. Candy Arnetz, a medical oncology surgeon at UMC.

There will be a discussion of the obstacles women may encounter when trying to access mammograms and Pap tests locally. Participants will have an opportunity to visit with exhibitors that conduct these screenings.

Information will be available on how those who qualify can access financial assistance if the cost of the screening prevents them from getting a screening.

Join other women for food, information and fellowship at the "Friend to Friend" party. For information, contact the Garza County AgriLife Extension Office at 806-495-4400.

Targeting uninsured and underinsured women, the event is free to women of Garza County so share the date with family and friends. Seating is limited to 80. See you there.

Nancy McDonald is the family and consumer sciences agent for the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Garza County.

Weather Why's

Q: You hear the term "harvest moon" and "hunter's moon." What exactly do they mean?

A: Naming full moons goes back to early American days when the Indians — mainly the Algonquin tribes of New England — tried to describe the full moons of their day, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "Many of these names were either weather related or tied in with seasonal conditions of the time," he explains. "For example, a 'harvest moon' is the full moon that usually occurs in September, when the moon is so bright that that farmers could work late into the night. A 'hunter's moon' was usually in October, when the deer were at their fattest, leaves were turning color and the temperatures were getting quite chilly."

Q: What were the names of other moons?

A: When the snows were deep in January,

wolf packs would often howl near Indian villages, prompting the "full wolf moon," the first full moon in January, McRoberts adds. "Also, February is usually the heaviest snowfall month, and the first full moon then was called the 'full snow moon,' he says." And Indians loved strawberries, so the first full moon in June was known as the 'full strawberry moon.' May was when flowers were in full bloom, so the first full moon was known as the 'full flower moon.' July is normally the month when the new antlers of buck deer would form with velvety fur, so July was called the 'full buck moon' and sometimes the 'full thunder moon' because of the frequent thunderstorms that occur then. In all, there were almost 30 names for full moons in early American days."

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