

RPAL

Paws for thought – heat kills

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Heat kills – Walking out of a store the other day, I heard a dog barking so I turned to see where the little one was. The cutest little fuzzy dog was sitting in a van unattended with one window cracked open and no, the air conditioner was not on in the car and it was 99 degrees outside.

On another occasion, I noticed a dog in the back of a truck in full sunlight with no shade or water just panting to try and stay cool. On both occasions the owner was in the store shopping and, while it is admirable that you want to take your pet with you, did you know that even with the windows cracked, the temperature in your car will raise

to 140 degrees within minutes and that little precious pet could most certainly die within those minutes.

According to the statistics compiled by Texas Department of Family Services, if the temperature outside is 85 degrees, the inside of your car will be 100 degrees within as little as 7 minutes.

A dog's normal body temperature is 100.5 to 102.5 degrees Fahrenheit; if this temperature rises to above 105, your pet becomes at risk for heat exhaustion. As the body temperature rises to 107, it can develop heat stroke, which can cause irreversible damage and death.

Some of the symptoms of overheating are:

- sluggish and unresponsive;

- disoriented;
- gums, tongue and conjunctiva of the eyes may be bright red;

- panting hard;
- vomiting.

Eventually he will collapse, seizure and may go into a coma. If your dog exhibits any of these signs, treat it as an emergency and call your veterinarian immediately. On the way to your veterinary hospital, you can cool your pet with wet towels, spray with tap water from a hose or provide ice chips for your dog to chew (provided he is conscious).

For further details, go to www.petplace.com.

Questions or comments? Contact RPAL at 888-473-7725 or e-mail to help@rpal.org.



Photo contributed

SWINGING FOR KIDS WINNING TEAM – The UnstoppaBalls, coached by Wayne Melton, won the first annual charity softball tournament. Team members are (not in order) Cody Beaver, Jacob Jones, Alicia Beasley, Jaydee Sustaire, Aaron Potts, Edgar Clements, Evan Anderson, Jason Wiley, Wade Balentine, Jake Ferguson, Eric Hurley, Stephanie Hurley, Robert Burns, Kevin Sustaire and David Morgan.

COMMISSIONERS COURT

Court to open bids Thurs.

The Rains County Commissioners Court will open depository and Permanent School Fund bids during its regular meeting Thursday, June 23, in the Rains County Courthouse. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Agenda items to be discussed and/or acted upon are:

- I. Opening.
- II Open Forum.
- III. Presentations.
- IV. Items for Discussion and/or Action.
 - A. Departmental Reports:
 1. Road and Bridge.
 - a) Permits and Rights-of-way.
 - b) Elected Official's and Finance Reports:
 1. Payment of accounts.
 2. Sheriff's report.
 - C. Consideration to approve

copier maintenance contract.

D. Open/discuss/take action on depository/Permanent School Fund bid(s).

E. Open/discuss/take action on sealed bids for R&B materials.

F. Discuss/take action regarding R&B administrator position.

G. Consideration to approve cell phone allowance or radio use for temporary employees of R&B.

H. Consider/take action on appointing Patrick Wilson as 911 coordinator.

I. Discuss/take action on ROW priority list.

1. Consider to approve funding for right-of-way expansion on CR 2425 from ROW fund.
2. Discuss/take action on

remedy for dangerous curve on CR 1402.

J. Consideration to impose a burn ban and/or local disaster.

K. Consideration to approve library line item transfer.

L. Consideration to approve Investment Policy.

M. Consideration to approve and accept final redistricting plan.

N. Discuss/take action on Senior Center and Meals on Wheels program.

O. Consideration to approve payment of invoice from Lovett Publishing for book purchased in September 2010 for judge's office.

V. Administrative Court Activities and Comments.

SWINGING FOR KIDS

Charity softball tourney raises \$2,000 for RCCDB

Organizers of the first annual Swinging for Kids Softball Tournament declared the event a success and a victory for the Rains County Child Development Board.

Hosted by the Rains law enforcement community, the event raised almost \$2,000 for RCCDB which not only supports the financial needs of foster children in Rains County but also assists Child Protective Services with the needs of displaced children in the county.

Ten area and surrounding teams participated in the tournament.

Following an exhausting day of play in triple-digit temperatures, the "UnstoppaBalls" from the Emory Baptist Church reigned victorious with only one loss in the tournament. Coaching the team to first place was Wayne Melton. Players were Cody Beaver, Jacob Jones, Alicia Beasley, Jaydee Sustaire, Aaron Potts, Edgar Clements, Evan Anderson, Jason Wiley, Wade Balentine, Jake Ferguson, Eric Hurley, Stephanie Hurley, Robert Burns, Kevin Sustaire and David Morgan.

Second place went to Alltek coached by George Judge and

Doug House and third place went to Pigs with Sticks, which was made up of local Rains County law enforcement personnel.

Twenty participants entered the Home Run Derby. The slugfest ended with Kevin Sharp belting 10 home runs.

Tournament sponsors and supporters were the 1st National Bank of Emory, Hooten's Hardware, Anderson Automotive, Country Flowers and Gifts, Chubby's Diner, ALCO, Rains True Value Hardware, Ace Trophies, Brookshire's Grocery and the Rains Youth Sports Association.

LONE OAK ELEMENTARY

Superintendent's A-B Honor Rolls

The following students at Lone Oak Elementary have made the Superintendents Honor Roll for the 2010-2011 school year:

First grade: Hannah Barrow, Emory Clark, Payton Cullen, Jacob Jackson, Gracie Pippin, Bridgette Bowers, Logan Green, Isabella Harrell, Tyler Polk, Sarah Shreve, Jacob Thompson, Roselynn Rodriguez, Kathalynne Lanham, Emma Keatts, Jaylan Dooley, Trenton Hale, Matthew Hitchcock, Marissa Vazquez-Simmons, Nathan Rial.

Second grade: Matthew Jones, Trevor Pippin, Kayla Bell, Emma Hall, Jaden Luhn, Kristina Todd, Kimber Wilson.

Third grade: Maci Bookout, Nathan Gibson, Allison Hackett, Kaitlyn Kalisek, Jack Kizer, Maddie Moser, Chloe Taylor,

Quaid Williams, Gage Gilbert, Sydney Miller, Tore GilChrist, Preston Gonzales, Jacob Maritt, Madison Smith, Caitlin Carpenter.

Fourth grade: Payton Allen, James Whitehead, Sarah Bowen, Caroline Jones, Brennen Kile, Cheyenne Knapp, Sierra Shields, Colton Barrett, Reagan Huggins, Faith Ragsdale, Mandy Ryan.

Fifth grade: Maegan Dagenais, Claire Neivandt, Alexis Busby, Abigail Derryberry, Mari Keatts, Sarah Kizer, Sarah Thompson, Natalie Voss, Dacotah Killian, Bri Wilson, Garrett Carpenter, Ariel Ross.

The following students have made the A/B Honor Roll for the year 2010-2011 at Lone Oak Elementary:

First grade: Cooper Brake, Renee Dagenais, Elijah Dodson, Mykal Gilson, Allison Lewis, Crystal Rodriguez, Aaron Stevenson, Autumn Voegele, Mason Chambers, Gloria Gilbert, Jacky Jackson, River Strauch, Gavyn

Wilson, Erin Stover, Elijah Moore, Kiara Ustanik, Matthew Clarkson, Shaelee Watson, Sierra Simms, Jackson Brake, Colten Epley, Lauren Fee, Jeremy Mexia, Drayke Standley, Payton Ayers, Malaysia Blakely, Rebekah Briggs, Taylor Lemons, Kaylee Davis, Avery Haynes, Chrissy Jones, Colten Money, Rachel Wright, Isaac Rodriguez, Dominick Drummond.

Second grade: Michael Brock, Carli Brookins, Christopher Counts, Taylor Cross, Kasen Haynes, Halle Nichol, Bryce Scott, Kayte Walker, Ty Watkins, Dylan Lummus, Angela Rust, Micah Sellers, Jacie Thornton, Daylon Wright, Kinsey Bell, Ronny Carnes, Rylan Goodwin, Karissa Hitchcock, Caden Hoefar, Brianna Jimenez, Carissa Kalisek, Jada Patton, Alex Turner.

Third Grade: Angel Berry, Lindsay Hand, Serena Rodriguez, Cole Stover, Kayden Alvis, Cooper Dale, Jacob Derryberry, Mara Hammond, Adriana Lozoya, Aubreigh Oliver, Austin Warren, Heath Kelly, Dylan Bell, Katelyn Bendall, Gregory Blackwell, Hunter Bryan, Ashleigh Dagenais, Kirsten Dent, Cole

Heggelund, Micah Kilgore, Joe McCallum, Kayleigh Newkirk, Kadey Reynolds, Amberlie Williams, Jason Dockery, Ethan Adair, Kelsie Dent, Logan Hall, Jolie Pope, Zachary Allen, Zackary Wright, Marissa Voss, Cole Hahn.

Fourth grade: Vanessa Miltenerberger, Johnathan Moore, Kalyn Pope, Rebekah Shreve, Ashlaine Wilson, Tyler Rhea, Aimee Booth, Justin Dooley, Josh Glidewell, Brian Gray, Trystinn Johnson, Ashley Sanders, Kaylee Todd, Allena Welcher, Brittany Baucom, Zachary Borders, Jordan Denton, Calynn Franco, Seth Gammage, Halkey Lummus, Marissa Lutz, Jayden Marsh, Kaden Thompson, Peggy Wilson, Rebekah Rial, Megan Ryan, Stephen Sikes, Caitlyn Stotts.

Fifth grade: Makenna Baldwin, Aden Boyer, Dyllan Fronterhouse, Emily Jones, Danny Martinez, Baylie Baker, Cullen Brown, Garrett Gibbs, Mykenzie Gilmore, Nicholas Hackett, Justin Hooten, Madi Miller, Aubrie Shaw, Jordyn Sellers, Walker Webb, Harley Briggs, Francisco Gonzalez, Michael Hall, Trevor Howard, Andy Lozoya, Cade Patton, Quanah Pendley, Dylan Bargerhuff, Jose Davila, Ethan Hunt.

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