

Burr, it is quickly changing from fall to winter in east Texas! The cold front that came through this weekend really made a big difference in the weather. I think it has triggered lots of folks to go out and start deer hunting now. I have a cousin that processes wild game and he said that he is covered up right now with deer and hogs to butcher.

I hope this Thanksgiving holiday finds everyone enjoying their family and friends. We all have so much to be thankful for. I have already had Thanksgiving on my mother's side of the family. We celebrated together this Saturday at my cousin's house near Sulphur Springs. We had 74 in attendance if my counting was correct. Everyone there seemed to enjoy themselves and we had lots of good food for everyone to enjoy. On Thursday, I will get together with my dad's side of the family at my uncle Johnny's house. I'm sure there will be several there and lots of good food to enjoy again.

Friday night was Homecoming at Miller Grove High School. Nathan George and Brandie McLane walked away with the honor of Homecoming King and Queen along with Basketball Beau and Sweetheart. The fighting hornets walked away with a victory against the Saltillo Lions. The lady hornets lost by only a few points but, in my opinion, that was very good since they have only been out of volleyball season for about a week. Congratulations to both of our teams!

Congratulations to two of Miller Grove's past graduates that became fathers this week. Bo Smith (2002 graduate) and wife, Darla, became the proud parents of Cade Bryant Smith. Cade was born Nov. 21, at Hunt Regional Hospital in Greenville. He weighed 6 pounds, 2 ounces. Justin Shackelford (2001 graduate) is the proud father of little Levi Shackelford. He was born Nov. 22 at Hopkins County Memorial Hospital. He weighed 6 pounds, 13.7 ounces, and was 19 inches long.

My condolences go out to the Woodard family. Lewis Dean Woodard passed away Thursday, Nov. 21, at Hopkins County Memorial Hospital. He was born in the Divide community on Dec. 10, 1927, the son of Buck W. and Edna (Morris) Woodard. He married Bobbie Ruth Garrett on Jul. 27, 1946, in Sulphur Springs. She survives. Lewis was a retired dairy farmer and trucker. He is also survived by a daughter, Holly (Woodard) Neal, and a son, Michael Woodard, along with numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Lewis our community in several different aspects over the years. He was a school board trustee and also worked with Miller Grove Water Supply. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, Nov. 24, at County Line Baptist Church with interment following in Clifton Cemetery.

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Gail Garmon told me that the ladies at County Line Baptist Church will be having their annual "Ladies Holiday Night" on Saturday, Dec. 7, at 6 p.m. This year's theme will be "Patchwork of Blessings" and everyone who comes is asked to bring a salad and enjoy the fun. If any of the ladies in the community would like to attend please RSVP to either Gail (903-459-3312) or Pattie Lennon (903-598-2535) no later than Sunday, Dec. 1.

Happy birthday this week to Kimberly (Dunn) Adams on Nov. 24, Jessica (Wagley) May on Nov. 25, and Faye Tipps and Carolyn (Garmon) Burns on Nov. 29.

As you travel the highways and byways don't forget that all roads lead back home and back to Miller Grove. Please send me any newsworthy information. My email address is [brd\\_2@hotmail.com](mailto:brd_2@hotmail.com).