

## **Weekly Pile for Week of May 13 2012**

Hey Everyone,

Included is the Weekly Pile of Information for the Week of May 13, 2012, Extension's Equine related educational information & announcements for Rockingham & Guilford Counties. To have something included in the Weekly Pile, please follow these simple guidelines.

- Information included needs to be educational in nature &/or directly related to Rockingham or Guilford Counties.
- provided information is a resource to the citizens of Rockingham/Guilford Counties.
- provided information does not require extra time or effort to be listed.
- Listings for Swap Shop will not list pricing details.
- Please E-mail information to me by Wednesday each Week.
- Please keep ads or events as short as possible – with NO FORMATTING, NO unnecessary Capitalization's, and NO ATTACHED DOCUMENTS.

(If sent in that way, it may not be included)

- Please include contact information - Phone, Email and alike.
- PLEASE PUT WEEKLY PILE IN SUBJECT LINE when you send into me.
- The Weekly Pile is not for listings for Commercial type properties or products.

If I forgot to include anything in this email it was probably an oversight on my part, but please let me know!

If you have a question or ideas that you would like covered in the Weekly Pile, please let me know and I will try to include. As Always – I would like to hear your comments about the Weekly Pile or the Extension Horse Program in Rockingham or Guilford Counties!

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## 1. Let Me See Your Eye-d

Dr. Niki Whitley, Animal Science Specialist

The Cooperative Extension Program at North Carolina A&T State University

According to the January-February 2012 issue of America's Horse magazine, the "eyes" have it for the future of horse identification. Larri Jo Starkey wrote an article about the use of iris (eye) scans to identify individual horses based on the debut of the eyeD program at the 2011 AQHA World Championship Show.

The eyeD program is based on a digital picture, or scan, of the colored part of the eye, the iris. Unlike retinal scans (a picture of the blood vessels of the eye) which take longer complete and require the equipment to be held quite close to the eye, iris scans are much faster and can be done further away from the eye - up to 3 feet away for people. Both scan types require that the animal be alive for scanning which could be a problem if trying to identify animals that lost their life after a natural disaster.

Retinal scan "files" are smaller than iris scans, though they use more identification points. However, like retinal scans, iris scans are different for each individual animal. Even identical twins and clones have different iris scans. The iris scan is likened to a fingerprint, though said to be more accurate for identification than a fingerprint, and is called and EyePrint by the eyeD Solutions company ([www.eyed.com](http://www.eyed.com)).

Iris scans can be used the same way that identification such as microchipping is used and could replace tattooing and branding in the future. Once the animal's information is input into the software system and the eye is scanned, the information is linked and, through the eyeD Solutions program, is available online anytime.

Iris scans for people are already being used in the government and in industry for security purposes. Banks in some countries are testing the use of iris scanners for ATMs. The eyeD program is already in use by some veterinarians, and the Larri Jo Starkey article indicated that over 4,000 horses have already been scanned.

For more information about this program, see [www.eyed.com](http://www.eyed.com).

Webinar

**Equine Identification: Traditional Methods and New Technologies  
Free Webinar Tuesday, May 29, 2012 8-9 p.m. EDT**

Join [TheHorse.com](http://TheHorse.com) and presenter Monty McInturff, DVM, for a free webinar detailing why equine identification is vital to horse owners, government officials, breed registries, and veterinarians.

By reviewing traditional methods of identification, including hot branding, freeze branding, microchipping, drawings/photographs, DNA analysis, and lip tattooing, Dr. McInturff will explain the pros and cons of each method. He will also explore and demonstrate how the newest technology in equine identification, iris scan, works.

[Register now for this free webinar](#)  
on identification on May 29th at 8 p.m. EDT,  
brought to you by [Merck-GAM eyeD](#)

About the Presenter –

**Monty McInturff, DVM**, is managing partner at Tennessee Equine Hospital, a multidisciplinary practice with a focus on performance- horse medicine located in Thompson's Station, Tenn. He joined the TEH in 1991 and has since helped grow it into a state-of-the-art diagnostics facility with a full-care equine hospital and ambulatory service. McInturff has a specialty interest in sports medicine and maintenance of the equine athlete. He earned his veterinary degree from Auburn University.

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## 2. Horse Trailer Accidents

The following link takes you to an article written by Rebecca Gimenez regarding the integrity of floors in horse trailers. Something to ponder as many of you are now fully participating in horse shows and trail rides most weekends.

<http://www.facebook.com/l/xAQGmaJd9AQFCooNEwV75BDEKN4DJSaL4tQAoTwQluewFqQ/cs.thehorse.com/blogs/horse-911-whats-your-emergency/archive/2012/05/04/ensuring-trailer-floors-don-t-fail.aspx>

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## 3. Maintaining Forest Property Boundaries

With the high value of timbered forest property today, landowners would be well-advised to take sufficient steps to protect their investment. Maintaining property lines and boundaries is one of the simplest, yet most often overlooked forms of protection from theft, trespass, and encroachment. This publication details the importance of property lines and how to maintain or reestablish them.

Why Identify Forest Property Boundaries?

"Finding the corners- is typically the only way many landowners can identify their property boundaries. While simply locating and marking corners might suffice on residential properties, it is inadequate for forest property where corners can be thousands of feet apart. As a forest landowner, establishing and maintaining well-marked lines Can Save you money, liability, and litigation. The following events require or are aided by Well-marked and posted property lines.

### Subdivision or Property Transfer

Each time that property is sold, transferred, or subdivided a Survey must be conducted by a registered land surveyor to verify the location, extent, and boundaries of property.

### Covenants and Restrictions

Many land parcels carry restrictions on the placement of buildings, setbacks for fences, or other limits on development. Identification of the exact location of property lines can aid in compliance with these restrictions.

### Timber Sales

Selling timber entails a precise location of the boundaries of a sale to conduct a legal and legitimate business transaction. Often times the costs involved in resurveying boundaries can be the highest cost of conducting a timber sale. However, survey costs can be deducted as a cost of sale for the re-establishment of exterior boundary lines. A survey conducted in a non-timber sale year should be capitalized (added to the land's basis).

## Management Activities

Timber harvesting, site preparation, and pre-scribed burning operations must be conducted within the confines of one's property. Clearly defined property lines will help avoid conflicts and potential encroachment on adjoining lands.'

## Trespass

Unwanted trespass and poaching can be minimized by marking and posting property lines. In the case of hunting, trespass prosecution can only take place on lands upon which "posted" notices have been placed.'

## Adverse Possession

Unmarked property boundaries can lead to a loss of land. Land boundaries that are uncontested for a period of as little as 7 years can lead to loss of land by the original owner.

## Timber Theft

Unmarked property can be susceptible to timber theft (timber trespass). The best protection against timber theft is a well-marked, maintained boundary line.

## Liability

Property ownership comes with many responsibilities and obligations to invited and uninvited users. Well-marked or posted boundaries can help minimize landowner liability, especially in the cases of recreation and trail use where no fees are exchanged.

## Easements and Rights-of-way

Often some of the rights of ownership of land are forfeited to another party, An easement or right-of-way, which allows the holder a privilege to make Some special use of it, is most common. Clearly locating the easement and respecting these "interior boundaries" can minimize problems with the easement holder.

## Where to Begin?

The most efficient way to maintain property lines is to start after a recent survey has been completed, typically at the time of acquisition. Since many forest properties have remained in one family for decades, this may not always be practical. The next best option is to begin maintaining a line along a recently surveyed or harvested adjoining property, since adjacent ownerships share at least one common boundary. Subsequent lines can be marked following survey from timber sale or transfer. The cost of a survey can be deducted as a sale expense in the year of a timber sale only for that portion of the survey that defines a timber sale area. For more information on the tax implications of surveying as a timber sale expense, see Federal Income Taxes for North Carolina Timber Growers (AG-296).

' North Carolina Law states that land must be posted at intervals no more than 200 feet.

## Establishing Lines From a Deed Description

In the absence of a recent survey, the location of property corners, and the distance and bearings can be obtained from a deed description available at the office of the Register of Deeds. Deed descriptions of the property should allow for an approximate location of most corners. Then, with the use of a compass, a helper, and a fiberglass tape, property locations can be made. One cautionary note for do-it-yourselfers: while any landowner or forestry consultant may establish a property line, they should do so with the understanding that they become responsible and thus, liable for damages due to any erroneous location. If there is any doubt, a professional survey is the only choice. (Note: State law prohibits the obliteration or movement of property corners even when the landowner believes it is incorrectly placed.)

## Marking Property Lines

Land surveyors routinely "brush" or clear property lines during a boundary survey. Typically, a swath is cleared with a machete or chainsaw to allow for clear sight lines between survey points or stations. During the "brushing" of property lines, trees directly on the interior are often given 1 to 3 slash marks on the bark with a chainsaw. The combination of brushing and slash marks allow landowners to follow up the surveyor and paint or post the property line.

## Preparing Trees for Paint

A drawknife or machete is used to scrape a smooth 5-to 6-inch band in the outer bark at roughly eye level. Working in two-person crews, the scraper can quickly prepare each tree for the painter following directly behind.

**Painting Property Lines - To see these go to Maintain Forest Property Boundaries (WON-35) -**

<http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/forestry/pdf/WON/won35.pdf>

The establishment and maintenance of property lines is a worthwhile investment that can yield many valuable dividends. Maintenance should begin directly after a survey for greatest benefit with the least cost. Also a working knowledge of the North Carolina Statutes related to trespass and liability can greatly enhance your property protection efforts. Consult with a professional forestry consultant, licensed surveyor, and attorney when dealing with property line matters as they impact your forestland.

**Maintain Forest Property Boundaries (WON-35) -**

<http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/forestry/pdf/WON/won35.pdf>

**North Carolina Cooperative Extension - Forestry -**

<http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/forestry/resources/publications/>

**Land Ownership, Liability, and the Law in North Carolina -**

<http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/forestry/pdf/WON/won21.pdf>

**Zoning and Land Use Regulation of Forestry**

<http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/forestry/pdf/WON/won43.pdf>

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## **4. You Asked: Why is one of my horses chubby and the other one thin?**

*We have two horses supported on 6 acres of grass pastures. One is an easy keeper and continues to be chubby. The other has always been an easy keeper, (ridden 5-6 times a week) but is quite thin now. Shouldn't the other horse be thin as well? We have no bare spots in our pasture, but the pasture is grazed down. Is there a way to know how much pasture is needed per horse beyond the vague 2 acres per horse guideline?*

It is very difficult to measure the amount of grass a horse is actually eating on pasture. On average, good pasture produces about 2-3 tons of grazeable dry matter (DM) per acre per year (June - September) or about 50 pounds a day per acre. A horse needs to eat about 2% of its body weight to maintain a healthy body condition (about 20 pounds a day for a 1,000 pound horse). Each day, each horse should be eating about 40 pounds of grass. We recommend 2 acres per horse because the pasture grasses need about 30 days of rest (no grazing) for every 7 to 10 days of grazing (this will vary depending on time of year and weather conditions). Is your 6 acre pasture divided up to provide a rest period for a section of the pasture, while another section is being grazed (i.e. rotational grazing)? When the pasture is eaten down or over grazed, the amount of grass available is very minimal or zero.

I'd recommend getting an exam on the "thin" horse to ensure its teeth are in good chewing condition and that there are no underlying health problems contributing to the weight loss. Riding 5 to 6 times a week is considered more than "recreational", and your horse's energy requirement is beyond the base 2% figure. Are you providing vitamins and minerals as well?

Even though your pasture looks green, it's highly unlikely there is enough available grass if its "eaten down" to support both horses.

It's very common for individual horses to respond differently to grazing in regards to weight loss and gain. Some horses in the same pasture will consume more grass than others. It would not be surprising or uncommon to have one thin and one over weight horse in the same pasture.

It is recommend horse owners with horses on pasture monitor their horse's body condition score on a weekly basis, both to monitor weight gain and loss. If a horse is gaining weight, restrict the amount of time allowed to graze. If a horse is losing weight, supplement hay or grain. Monitoring body condition score is one way to estimate the amount of grass a horse is actually ingesting when on pasture.

By Krishona Martinson, PhD & Paul Peterson, PhD, University of Minnesota

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**5. Equine Liability Signs – LAST CALL – Only a few have responded to this and if no more respond, I will NOT be placing an order**

**I have once again been giving some thought into ordering some Equine Liability Signs for folks to post on the farm. I have NO IDEA HOW MANY OF YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN PURCHASING ONE OF THESE. I am not asking you to place an order right now. but IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, please SEND ME AN EMAIL telling me of that you are INTERESTED IN PURCHASING ONE (OR HOWEVER MANY) OF THESE SIGNS. This will give me AN IDEA HOW MANY I NEED TO ORDER.**

Once I know about how many signs will be ordered, I will have an idea about costs and will send the information out to everyone.

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**6. GRAZING STICKS AVAILABLE –  
GRAZING STICKS ARE HANDY TOOLS THAT SIMPLIFY THE TASKS OF WHEN TO ROTATE ANIMALS ON AND OFF A PASTURE TO GRAZE, MEASURING PASTURE YIELD, AND TRACKING CHANGES IN PRODUCTIVITY. THESE ARE ALL CRITICAL ASPECTS OF GOOD PASTURE MANAGEMENT.**

GRAZING STICKS ARE A SIMPLE AND USEFUL TOOLS FOR MAKING IMMEDIATE PASTURE MANAGEMENT DECISIONS, BUT ALSO GOOD RECORDS OF PASTURE YIELD, GRAZING DAYS, AND OTHER DATA WILL PROVIDE A MEANS TO EVALUATE PAST EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE SYSTEM.

THE GRAZING STICK IS A QUICK GUIDE, SO CARRY THE STICK WITH YOU WHENEVER YOU CHECK ANIMALS OR MOVE FENCES; YOU CAN QUICKLY ASSESS PASTURE REGROWTH AND READINESS FOR GRAZING. YOU WILL SEE THE SUGGESTED STARTING HEIGHT FOR GRASS SPECIES ON THE STICK FOR HEIGHT WHEN TO GRAZE WHICH ENSURES THAT FORAGE IS IN A HIGH-QUALITY VEGETATIVE STAGE, AND WHEN TO STOP GRAZING HEIGHT THAT ENSURES THAT SOME LEAF TISSUE IS AVAILABLE FOR GRASS REGROWTH. REMOVAL OF BASAL LEAVES WILL SLOW GRASS REGROWTH AND LIMIT YIELD. IF PASTURES ARE GROWING QUICKLY IN THE SPRING, YOU MAY NEED TO HARVEST OR CLIP THEM TO KEEP THEM PRODUCTIVE AND IN A HIGH-QUALITY CONDITION.

THERE ARE GRAZING STICKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.

IF YOU WISH TO HAVE ONE OF THESE GRAZING STICKS – PLEASE CALL OR E-MAIL ME FOR DETAILS! THESE ARE GREAT MANAGEMENT TOOLS!

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## 7. Kids & Summer – How About 4-H

What are your kids doing summer?? Rockingham County 4-H provides a safe, educational place for your youth. Rockingham County 4-H Summer Adventures has great summer programs planned. We have fun, full day programs on a variety of topics such as robotics, land navigation, leadership, forensic science, 4-H camp and much more! All programs are very reasonably priced and are FUN! Youth do not have to be a 4-H member to participate. For more information about 4-H Summer Adventures, contact Morgan Maness, 4-H Agent at 336-342-8230 or [morgan\\_maness@ncsu.edu](mailto:morgan_maness@ncsu.edu).

Guilford County also has many 4-H summer activities, call 375-5876 for information.

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## **8. Piedmont Horseman's Association**

**Are you looking for a local open horse show association that is friendly and offers a variety of classes for all ages? Look no further...Piedmont Horseman's Association has been around for 41 years and still going strong! Whether you show halter, showmanship, English, Western Pleasure or Working Western; PHA has classes for you! Piedmont Horseman's Association (PHA) helps create a wholesome, family atmosphere in the great sport of Horse Showing; and for each member to exhibit his or her horse or pony in a sportsmanlike manner. There are many benefits of being a member of PHA; reduced entry fee at sanctioned shows, accumulate points for year end awards, recently APHA PAC approved and much more! Horse Show season is upon us and currently PHA has eight shows scheduled with the next show being this weekend on Saturday, May 26 at Circle S in Gibsonville. We have some great high point prizes!! You can find all the details such as membership forms, class lists, calendar, etc on the PHA website at: <http://www.phasince1971.com/>**

**PHA is also looking for class/show sponsors to make this the best year ever! Feel free to contact one of the officers from the website if you have any questions. We hope to see some new people at the Piedmont Horseman's Association shows!**

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## **9. Cooler Horsemanship Trail Sessions and Clinics**

**Need to build your horse's confidence outside the arena and on the trail? Want better control while riding in a group? Join us at Fiore Farms for our Trail Sessions.**

**Saturday May 19th, 9am - 12pm**

**Have a group that wants to do a Trail Session, contact us to schedule a date.**

**May 25-27 - Weekend Horsemanship Clinic at Fiore Farms**

**Friday evening overview/demo - 5:00 - 7:00 pm**

**Saturday and Sunday Clinic - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm**

**Auditors welcome: \$5 for Friday overview, \$15/day, or \$25/for entire weekend**

**[www.CoolerHorsemanship.com](http://www.CoolerHorsemanship.com) for more info on all upcoming events.**

**[kate@coolerhorsemanship.com](mailto:kate@coolerhorsemanship.com) This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it , 843-304-3407**

**Fiore Farms, 7600 Millbrook Road, Summerfield, NC 27358**

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## **10. Flintrock Farm Activities**

**Flintrock Farm Open Show Series**

**Second Open Show - June 2nd**

**[www.flintrockfarm.com](http://www.flintrockfarm.com)**

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11. Dogwood Farm Competitive Trail Challenge\*

Saturday June 30, 2012

Dogwood Farm in Axton, Virginia

Just off Hwy. 58 between Danville and Martinsville

\*Dogwood Farm is an affiliate of the American Competitive Trail Horse Association (ACTHA)

ACTHA is the biggest phenomenon in trail riding, well...  
EVER!

Now you can get out and ride a fun one day event and enjoy your friends or make new ones! ACTHA provides an enjoyable venue that showcases the great American trail horse and helps Equine Rescues and Charities!

If you trail ride, you can do this! It's casual and FUN!

Prizes! 1st - 6th Place

Also: prizesspace.gif for Best Turned out Horse/Rider  
Pair & Rider who travels the longest distance!

And more!!!!

Divisions: Open \* Pleasure \* Junior

\*\*\*All riders must be current ACTHA members and register  
online to participate\*\*\*

For detailed information contact:

[www.actha.us](http://www.actha.us) or

Ann Walker, (276)650-3836 or (276) 634-7619

[widgetdwf@embarqmail.com](mailto:widgetdwf@embarqmail.com)

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## **12. Regional Hands-On Beef Cattle Workshop**

**Tuesday, May 29, 2012**

**1 PM - 4:30 PM**

**To be held in Guilford County, at the farm of Don York, 4627 Old Julian Road, Julian NC 27283**

### **AGENDA:**

- **The NC Cattle Industry Assessment Program - What has been done and what has the impact been? Bryan Blinson, NC Cattlemen's Association Executive Director**
- **Low-Stress Animal Handling, Animal Welfare & Weaning Management – Minimizing stress and maximizing performance in your herd. Dr. Mark Alley, DVM, NC State University College of Veterinary Medicine**
- **Improving Forage Quality and Utilization – Adding legumes to the pasture mix, dealing with fescue toxicity, improving pasture management and cow efficiency. Dr. Matt Poore, NC State University Animal Science Specialist**
  - **View Herbicide Treatment Demonstration – Scott Goodwin, Dow AgroScience**
- **Mineral Supplementation Management – Dr. Sharon Freeman (Livestock Nutrition)**
- **Update on Beef Cattle Marketing Programs in North Carolina - Neil Bowman, NCDA&CS Livestock Marketing Division**

**Refreshments will be provided by Scott Goodwin & Dow AgroSciences**

**The workshop is free, registration will take place upon arrival.**

**For More Information CONTACT:**

**Ben Chase, Extension Livestock Agent, Rockingham & Guilford Counties 336-342-8235, 800-666-3625 or [ben\\_chase@ncsu.edu](mailto:ben_chase@ncsu.edu)**

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**13. Meat Handling & Cutting Workshop**

**Cooperative Extension In Rockingham County will be holding a Meat Workshop on June 1<sup>st</sup> at the Rockingham County Agricultural Center from 1-4pm.**

*There will be a registration fee of \$20 for this workshop.*

**At this workshop we will have a Meat Cutting Demonstration & Discussing things such as: Perceptions or Misconceptions of the Meat industry, Food Safety Common Calls**

**Meat Myths Meat Quality**

**Freezing Packaging**

**Handling Meat for Market**

**We will also have time allotted for Questions & Answers.**

**Go ahead & make plans to attend this workshop. Space Will Be Limited to 50 participants.**

**To reserve your place for this event, fill out the registration form and turn in your \$20 fee.**

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**14. HAY DIRECTORY - A Hay Directory is maintained by the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service for the Rockingham County and Guilford County area. This directory is intended as a service to both hay producers and buyers in the area. If you are in need of hay or would like to be added (or removed) from this list please call me**

at 1-800-666-3625 or 342-8235 and let me know your name, address & phone #, type of hay, number of bales, (square or round bales) and weight per bale.

**MANAGE YOUR PASTURES!**

Please let me know if you have hay to sell!

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**15. SWAP SHOP - na**

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**16. Take A Load Off –**

**I need your clean Jokes, so please send em to me! -**

Puns for fun

I changed my i-Pod name to Titanic. It's syncing now.

When chemists die, they barium.

Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.

I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid. He says he can stop any time.

How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it.

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Than it dawned on me.

This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I can't put it down.

I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.

They told me I had type A blood, but it was a Type-O.

Why were the Indians here first? They had reservations.

Class trip to the Coca-Cola factory. I hope there's no pop quiz.

Energizer bunny arrested. Charged with battery.

I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.

Did you hear about the cross eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?

When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.

What does a clock do when it's hungry? It goes back four seconds.

I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger. Then it hit me !

Broken pencils are pointless.

I tried to catch some fog. I mist.

What do you call a dinosaur with a extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.

England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.

I used to be a banker, but then I lost interest.

I dropped out of communism class because of lousy Marx.

All the toilets in New York's police stations have been stolen. Police have nothing to go on.

I got a job at a bakery because I kneaded dough.

Haunted French pancakes give me the crepes.

Velcro - what a rip off !

Cartoonist found dead in home. Details are sketchy.

Venison for dinner? Oh deer !

Earthquake in Washington obviously government's fault.

I used to think I was indecisive, but now I'm not so sure.

Be kind to your dentist. He has fillings, too.

Never fall in love with a tennis player because to a tennis player, love means nothing.

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I always want to know what you think of the Weekly Pile, good or bad,  
Especially if it has had ANY IMPACT on you. Let me hear from you!

\*\*\*\*\*I NEED YOUR IDEAS FOR ARTICLES In FUTURE  
Newsletters!\*\*\*\*\*

I WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

**\*Please remember our Troops who are serving our Country (and there families) those who have come home with wounds and the families that paid the ultimate sacrifice. We owe everything to those who are and have served!**

Thank You!

**I hope that you all have a Great Safe Weekend!**

Ben

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