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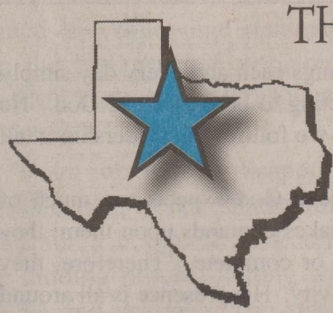
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The Benjamin Lady 'Stangs after their win against Crowell Friday night. Pictured are Raquel Acevedo, Becky Baldwin, Shelby Russell, Julia Rudowicz, Coach McCollough, Teri Miller, Chloe Baty, Jessica Vanderpol and Crystal Baldwin.

Knox citizens give blood and save lives

By Tamara Smart

The Blue Meek Blood Mobile was in town on February 15th proclaiming to all who enter "you are just my type". The Blood mobile frequents the parking lot of the Knox County Hospital often and is always looking for donors. As a surprise to everyone at the Meek Center for blood, 26 donors showed up willing and ready to give blood. This is over double the amount of people who showed up during the Bloodmobile's last stop in Knox City, last December, when they only received 12 donors at their doors.

The plethora of blood donated in Knox County could not have come at a better time, according to Donor Recruiter, Frances Baker, as they have had to cancel most of their blood drives in the past few

weeks due to weather. Every blood transfusion given at the Knox County hospital is given with blood provided by Meek's blood bank. As a branch of Hendrick Hospital in Abilene, Meek also supplies 15 other hospitals in the area.

Ms. Baker says that this is the most blood given at a Knox County drive in over 4 years, and is almost exactly their hoped for quantity when the Bloodmobile rolls out to locations in hopes of keeping their blood supply filled.

On Monday, the Blood



On Monday, February 15, the Meek blood mobile collected over double what they collected on their last trip to Knox City in December. (Photo by Tamara Smart)

bank received 22 pints of Knox County blood.

The Blood mobile plans

to return to Knox County on May 10th.

Don't Forget to Vote

Mark your calendars for the upcoming March 2nd Election. Early voting held Feb 16-26th at the Knox County Courthouse in Benjamin. No split party voting.

KNOX COUNTY CANDIDATES 2010 PRIMARY ELECTION	
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County Attorney All Precincts	*Megan Suarez Democrat
County Treasurer All Precincts	*Rosie McElroy Ake Democrat
Justice of the Peace All Precincts	*Vonnita Ivie Democrat
District & County Clerk All Precincts	*Annette Offutt Democrat
County Judge All Precincts	*Travis Floyd Republican
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It has been said, "Only fools and foreigners try to predict Texas weather." This statement is said because of days like February 17 through the 20. This sign welcomed people to Knox County on Friday, February 12, 2010 at sunrise. (Photo by Tamara Smart)



Pictured: The same sign welcomes people to Knox County the same day (February 12th) at Sunset.

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LOOKING AHEAD

On February 23rd at 2:30, the Knox County Retired School Personnel will hold their monthly meeting in Fellowship Hall of Knox City's First Baptist Church. Frankie and Bill Baker will host the meeting. Past regional president, Anita Palmer of Olney, will bring a pictorial presentation of her recent trip to the Holy Land. Members and guests are invited to attend.

The next meeting for the Haskell Bass Club will be Feb. 18th, 7:00p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Building. For more info, call Brad at 940-200-0481.

The Seymour Creative Writers Group will meet February 20, 2010 at 2pm at the Seymour Senior Citizens Center, 500 East Belknap, Seymour Texas. Visitors welcome.

There will be a GED preparation orientation on Tuesday, February 23, 2010 in the Knox City High School gym. Anyone who is interested may come. There is no fee for this program. The actual test fee will be approximately \$80 to \$100 depending on the test site, but again there is no fee for the GED preparation program offered at Knox City High School in association with Region IX.



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From the Desk of the Sheriff

By Dean W. Homstad

I've been on several committees (non-paying, I might add) for several years now, one of which is interviewing applicants for various Law Enforcement academies. One of the questions asked on various interviews is "What makes you mad?" There are several answers, one of which is incompetence. When questioned further, it seems that this particular person considered another incompetent because they did not act or do what the first person expected. Apparently, after all was said and done, the first person did not understand the job of the "incompetent" person, and was not willing to make allowances for that. The only thing the first person understood was how the situation affected him/her, not how the general circumstances were playing out in general.

This case a peace officer, does or handles a Law Enforcement job, or maybe doesn't like how it affects someone's life in their relationship or family, doesn't make that peace officer incompetent. Don't get me wrong, there are times where things happen that shouldn't, but the majority of the time things happen around Knox County the way they should. May sound like some pretty deep stuff, but simply put, try and look at a situation from the peace officers side.

Under normal circumstances, the peace officer receives a call, takes a report, makes a determination of charges, if any, gathers statements or evidence, and then files the case. If the proper prosecuting attorney feels there is enough probable cause to file charges, a warrant is eventually issued, and the person is arrested and taken to the Knox County Jail. Now when someone's arrested, family members or others who don't agree with the arrest

will make a scene, wanting to argue with the officer or, for goodness sake, the jailer who is trying to do his/her job and book the person into jail. The time to argue is when the arrested person goes to jail.

At any given time, most officers will have 1 to several cases on their mind that they are looking after. They are not just picking on someone in particular. If the occasion arrives and someone's case gets finished or completed, that just happens to be the one that gets filed.

I hear it all the time, not just about my officers, but about officers in general; "Ole so-and-so is watching, just trying to bust hi/her for something." Maybe it's a guilty conscience or being paranoid that gets a person in trouble, but most officers I know have more to do than

just sit around and wait for someone to do something stupid and get arrested.

In most cases, a complaint has already been made to Law Enforcement before an officer comes knocking at your door, the officer does not just pick out someone to investigate. Sounds like Law Enforcement 101, but think about it, we all have a family, kids, and a life besides work. We all know how we would feel if someone was watching us to bust us for nothing. We are all capable of using common sense to not cause issues with the public when not warranted. We will do our job to the best of our abilities and with all the consideration possible. We have some very good officers around. A nice thank you would be a nice surprise once in a while.



God's Promises

By Jim Reid, Pastor O'Brien Baptist

God puts so many opportunities before us each and every day. Do you wonder why? Or do you not see these opportunities? Many people miss so many blessings each and every day simply because they are not expecting to be blessed of God. He so desires to bless us when we follow His leadership in all things.

Too many people believe God expects too much of them. They believe He makes demands upon them; they couldn't begin to perform or complete. Therefore, they choose to ignore God's activity. His presence is all around us all the time.

Perhaps the reason you fear God's presence or even His blessings is that you fear Him. But fear can become a justified excuse to reject many new opportunities. Fear is not a blessing, but if you step into the disciplines of God you will experience blessings that you never could have imagined before.

Some people refuse to step into God's presence because they believe God will make them more than they have ever been before. Of course He will, or He wouldn't be God would He? He will always make you more than you are and more than you could ever be without Him. Would you like to be more than you know of yourself, your talents, your abilities even your personality? God is ready to equip you to be more than you have ever dreamed you could be and He will prove it to you, your family, your boss and your friends. If you're ready, all you have to do is to ask Him to show His person to you and to equip you to represent Him to a lost world. Really, it's that easy. Read and believe His word: John 5: 19-21 (NASB)

19 Therefore Jesus answered and was saying to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner.

20 For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself is doing; and the Father will show Him greater works than these, so that you will marvel.

21 For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son also gives life to whom He wishes.

You can truly be God's children and marvel at all He does through you!

I pray that you experience the blessings of God every day in every way.

Truscott News

By Clara Brown

The weatherman is predicting, not without promising, just predicting a few days without moisture in the early part of this week. Halleluiah!

Oops! I didn't say that-no not me. A person brought up hearing, "Don't ever wish it won't rain, because if it stops, it may forget to start again." Such a person would never say "Halleluiah" for no rain. Not even if she is getting cabin fever staying at the wrong end of a softer, muddier road than she's ever seen.

That "halleluiah" must have been sneaked in by the ghost of some ancestor who grew up in Alabama where it rained so much the low places never dried up.

Jim and Edith Cash have reported that Shirley Moore, former Truscott resident died February 1, 2010 in Amarillo.

He married Ruth Cash, daughter of Monroe and Minnie (Black) Cash in 1937. They lived on the South Plains. Later, he worked in New Mexico as a millwright. After Shirley retired, the Moore's moved to Truscott, then later to Amarillo, where they lived for several years.

The Wichita Brazos museum at Benjamin had a successful barbeque and fundraiser February 7. The 2011 barbeque date is presently set for the first Sunday in February, as is the custom.

Currently, the museum is preparing for a change of museum community exhibits in June. If you haven't seen

the present community exhibits, try and go see them before they change. The new exhibit theme will be "schools".

If you have anything as a souvenir of the Truscott or Gilliland School please contact someone at either town if you would like to loan or donate it to the Gilliland or Truscott school exhibit.

Pictures, news clippings, report cards, a teachers grade book, fountain pens, ink bottles, anything that will set off memories are wanted. Does anyone have a school paddle- a "board of education"?

Stories about someone's meeting with the "board of education" for good reason may bring our some unknown history.

Do you have a picture with a front view of the Truscott school building? If there is one in "Between the Wichitas" will somebody tell me on what page? We need a picture for the museums exhibit.

Also needed, a list of people in a particular class in a specific year would be helpful. The "Between the Wichitas" school sections for Truscott and Gilliland lack much class roll information because at different times, both the Gilliland (1938) and Truscott (1945) buildings burned.

Don't forget about the Gilliland Baptist Church 100th anniversary celebration March 14, 2010. Memorabilia for both the church and school are being sought by Gilliland residents.

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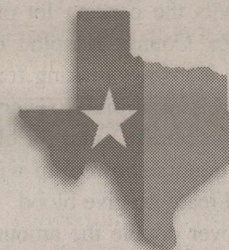
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Named for the historic FW&D Engine 501, The 501 is always exactly 501 words and dashes long, whatever the topic. Welch, a freelance writer for Blackburn Media Group, divides her time mostly between Abilene and the family farm north of Vernon.

Messy is such a messy word. Replace it with a euphemism, and I might admit to the disorder.

Not that I like to admit messiness by any name is a disorder. No wonder the book title "A Perfect Mess" caught my eye as I pawed through a collection of books at a discount store where everything's marked down and you never know what bargains you'll run across when you cruise the aisles and other spaces.

The book's subtitle hooked me. Under a picture of a lamp with shade askew, it read "The Hidden Benefits of Disorder: How crammed closets, cluttered offices, and on-the-fly planning make the world a better place." That's what it said. For \$3, why not?

It's not that I needed a manual on how to be messy. I read that one years ago. It's called "The Messies Manual." I've got it somewhere.

Think I'm kidding? You're right. I do indeed own a copy, but "The Messies Manual" doesn't explain how to be messy but how not to be. The subtitle is "The Procrastinator's Guide to Good Housekeeping."

The author, Sandra Felton, earned my respect when she put us messy types into different categories instead of lumping us all together as if we were all cut from the same cloth. We're not. For example, I'm a "perfectionist" messy. In the whole scheme of things, perfectionist messies are at the top of the hierarchy. Or so I like to think.

Anyway, back to my new \$3 book.

The scholarly authors, Eric Abrahamson, management professor at Columbia University,

and David H. Freedman, technology writer, are quite credentialed. The price on the dust jacket flap says \$25.99. If ever I write a book that starts out pricey and ends up in a messy pile of deeply discounted tomes on a table in a bargain store, I'll tell myself I'm in good company.

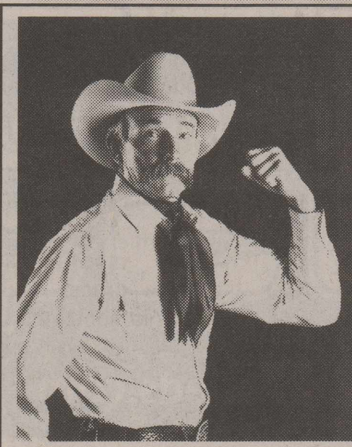
Come to think of it, isn't that what life is very much about? Finding oneself in good company?

I've not read all of "A Perfect Mess" yet - just 111 pages - but already I've found myself in the company of Albert Einstein, Arnold Schwarzenegger and Alexander Fleming, who discovered penicillin. Pretty good, wouldn't you say? Like me, none of the three is or was, as the case may be, known for a neat and strictly ordered life. I particularly identify with Fleming, having discovered a few penicillin cultures among my own effects, namely when forgotten oranges have gotten away from me and turned blue-green in seldom-visited corners of various vehicles I've driven.

Besides rubbing shoulders with the messy and famous in the book, I've recognized some of my own philosophies verbalized and dignified. I feel validated. Orderliness isn't everything. Neatness isn't always worth it and can be counter-productive.

READING BREAK. Oops. Now that I've read a few more pages, I've learned that cars are an exception to the rule. A messy car is an unsafe car. I'm in trouble.

I should clean mine tomorrow. Chances are I'll find that missing grapefruit.



ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

by Baxter Black, DVM

HARRY AND THE HOG

Many of us took a meats course in college or have dressed wild game and have a basic understanding of how it gets from the pasture to the plate. Harry is not one of us, in that regard. Thirty years ago he and two fellow 'city-boy' college students embarked on a venture to add pork to their larder.

"We'll buy a pig at the livestock auction," said Harry, "Then we'll butcher it and have enough meat to get through the winter!"

With the help of a shrewd local sale barn operator they managed to purchase a 600 lb aged sow for a mere ten cents a pound! A spectacular bargain, the auctioneer had exclaimed. Harry was thrilled.

As soon as the cash had exchanged hands our boys faced their first dilemma, how to get her in the back of his dad's old station wagon. Struggling to contain the beast with ropes proved futile. She could neither be pulled, pushed or lifted.

IDEA! The ubiquitous answer to all restraint...Duct Tape! Amidst the screaming and gnashing of teeth, front and hind feet were taped together. Harry straddled a narrow ramp with the back of dad's station wagon to load the hog. She wouldn't roll so the resourceful trio moved her end-to-end like you would a chest of drawers filled with lead ingot.

When Ms. Hog eventually loaded she dropped the frame down on the rear tires so it looked like a low-rider fixing to jump the border wall! Awash in squealing and pungent porcine perfume they debarked to the intended harvesting place. They had considered and discarded the dormitory shower, the dean's driveway and the fountain in front of the sub. They wound up north of town at one of the boy's uncle's cabin on the lake. Using an apple and a 22 pistol, Harry humanely euthanized the sow while she was still inside the station wagon.

The cutting and wrapping process was worthy of Eskimos attacking a beached beluga! Using a box cutter, two dull knives and a carpenter saw they managed to slice it into two large pieces...front and back. This is where his story got vague. He said they skinned it, which would be like peeling the paint off a submarine. The meat was reduced to seven big pieces the size of a truck tire, which they took back home and froze.

A week later they resurrected the meat. Using a saw and a diagram from the Safeway meat counter, they tried to cut the frozen chunks into the shape of cuts they recognized; like a pork chop, sausage, BBQ rib and knuckles. According to Harry, they never could find the ham or bacon, so concluded that these cuts appeared only in male pigs.

Harry is still in agriculture...a commodity broker I think, but I believed his story. Of course, I believe WWW Raw! Professional Wrestling and political promises are real too, but what do I know?

Knox County Aging Services

Menus For Feb. 22nd To Feb. 26th

Monday Feb. 22nd	Sweet Peas Applecerey Salad Biscuit Cobbler
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Knox County Aging Services

The Knox County Aging Service offers hot, delicious meals. They are available for anyone, not just senior citizens. We serve in Knox City every weekday and in Munday on Mon., Wed. and Fri. and in Benjamin on Thursday. Meals are \$3.00 (suggested donation) for anyone over 60 and \$5.00 for everyone else. If you would like to pick up a meal, please call in your order by 9:00 A.M. and meals may be picked up any time after 11:00 A.M..

So if you're tired of cooking (and of cleaning up afterward), looking for good company, or just want to make some new friends (or see some old ones), join us at the Senior Citizens Center located at 107 N Ave. E any (or every) day, Monday through Friday. Meals will be served at Noon in Knox City effective 2-22-10 and at 11:30 in Benjamin and Munday. The menus run in area papers each week.

The center also offers game nights, blood pressure screening and other informative programs. For more information, contact Cheryl Daniel @ 657-3618.

There are computers available in the center for anyone to use..

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The Knox County
News!

Legal Notice

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Hugh H. Jones, Mary Adelaide Bush, LP, Jones, Jr., John Ed Jones and Gertrude Curtis Jones, if living, and if any or all of the above names defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of each or all of said above named persons who may be dead, and the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons and any and all other persons, including adverse claimants, the unknown stockholder of any defunct corporations, their successor, heir and assigns, owning or having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the following described property, delinquent to Plaintiff herein, for taxes all of said property being located in said County and state, to-wit: the North 1/2 of Lot 4, Block 5, Original Townsite of the Town of Benjamin, Knox County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Vol. 6 Page 112 of the Deed Records, Knox County Texas SAVE & EXEPT that property

more particularly described in Vol. 78, Page 263 of the Deed Records, Knox County, Texas. Which said party is delinquent to Plaintiff for taxes in the following amount: \$112.99, exclusive of interest, penalties and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes, all said interest, penalties and costs therein allowed by law up to and including the say of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by the Knox County Appraisal District, Plaintiff against the above named persons, as Defendants, by Petition filed on May 4, 2009, in a certain suit styled the Knox County Appraisal District et al vs. Hugh H. Jones et al, for collection of the taxed on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Knox County, Texas, 50th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 9229, that names all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit are NONE.

Plaintiff and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, and in addition to the taxes all interest, penalties, and costs allowed y law thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the

establishment and foreclosure of liens, in any, securing the payments of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiff, Defendants, and Interveners, shall take this notice that claims no only for taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties and costs allowed by law thereon, may upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and pleas and answer to all claims and pleading now on file and which may hereafter be filed in said cause by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance of this citation as set out below, said appearance and answer date being the 5th day of April, A.D., 2010 (which is the return day of this citation), before the Honorable District Court of Knox County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then to show cause why judgment should not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest and cost, and condemning said property and ordering units parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit. This Citation is issues and given under my hand and sea of said Court in the City of Benjamin, Knox County, Texas, this 11th day of February, A.D., 2010 .

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BENJAMIN NEWS

By Gladene Green

It's windy & so it is pretty cool on this President's Day- the snow that fell on Thursday & melted Friday left the ground very wet but a few days of this wind & the dust will be blowing. It surely will dry out in a hurry. With March near at hand, we may have several days of wind.

Regarding Our Ill

Barbara Ryder is in a Wichita Falls hospital undergoing therapy following several strokes. Reports are that she has had 5 in all & tho none were massive, she does have some side effects that need attention. No idea when she may come home but hopefully it won't be too long.

Imagean Young hopes to return home Wednesday after several weeks in Knox Co. Hospital following hip replacement surgery in mid-January. She's making great progress & is mighty anxious to get home.

Lorene Powers has not been feeling too well but went to see her cardiologist in Abilene Friday & after getting some new medications she's doing much better. He's doing

a lot of testing to get the main cause of her problems. They know it is heart related- Just not sure what. But it's great to know she is already feeling better.

Johnnie Williams has not been doing too well the last few days & decide to see her Dr. today. He sent her on to Wichita Falls for further tests. We should have a report on her next week. Main thing, she is now where she needs to be & hopefully will begin to feel better soon.

Betty Bohannon told us Sun. that her brother-in-law, Rex Bohannon is in Ft. Worth & seems to be improving some. Rex has been under the care of an oncologist in Abilene & he didn't seem to be making any progress so decided to go to Ft. Worth & thinks that was a good decision as this Dr. seems to be helping him. Rex & his wife live in Knox City. I solicit your prayers for all these friends.

Sports

On Tues. night, the Crowell lady Wildcats entered the Benjamin gym, holding

first place in district. After the game, they left tied for 1st as the Lady 'Stangs evened the score with them. Earlier in the season, Crowell had defeated Benjamin on their court but Tues nite, the Lady 'Stangs were the victors. This meant another game had to be played to determine the district champs- That game was Friday night at Seymour & Benjamin won & are playoff bound. They drew a bye in the first round. I'm not sure who they play next, but ask any of the girls, I bet they can tell you!! I wish them well as they "press on". The Mustangs also played the Crowell team & also won. That ended their season on a pretty good note.

Here 'N There

Sue Terry & family of Dallas were weekend guests of her parents, Jane Gideon & Weldon Gideon.

Diane Evans & Ashley of Childress visited me on Sat. She and Debbie did some work in my house. I have done some remodeling & they put the finishing touches on the décor. Sure good to have someone to do these things for you!!

Cathy Tomlinson of Denton spent her weekend with her mom, Gloria West & other relatives & friends. Gloria's daughter, Betty Parker & Chelsea of Aspermont & Betty's daughter, Sabra Turner, who lives in Kansas, visited on Sat.

Debbie Clower visited her kids in the Metroplex last weekend. Debbie said with her kids "scattered"- Sara in college at Waxahachie, David at Tec & Michael & Megan in Halton City- it's hard to get them all together at one time.

Jim & Tammie Dillon, owners of the Knox Co. Cleaners, asked me to make note that B.J.'s store will be a "drop off" & "pick up" place for your cleaning. Check with Janice for more details. It will surely be a convenient service and appreciated.

Jim also said he would have some fliers out with all needed info on them.

Lady Stangs Prove Again They Are #1

By Tamara Smart
(Stats courtesy Doug McCollough)

Only a few months ago, as the 2009 year dwindled down, the Benjamin Lady 'Stangs took their first District title of the 2009-10 school year when they beat Munday for the title in Volleyball.

Last Friday, the Lady 'Stangs, again, proved they are #1 in not only Knox County, but in the sports district that Knox County schools play. In a fighting game versus Crowell in Seymour, the Lady 'Stangs came out a little flat in the beginning and Crowell jumped out to a 10 point lead early; but the Lady 'Stangs kept fighting. The Lady's fought off the early lead that Crowell took, and went into the half only down by 5.

The second half turned everything around. In Coach Doug McCollough's words: "We

played really well and won by 4." The final score of this tie-breaking game was 48-44.

During this tie breaking game the stats were as follows:
Teri Miller- 14
Becky Baldwin- 13
Jessica Vanderpol- 9
Raquel Acevedo- 8
Chloe Baty- 4

The Ladies have a Bye the first of this week and then play the winner of Borden County or Sterling City. The site and time are still To Be Determined.

Coach McCollough also says to the undying Benjamin fans: "We also had a great turnout from our Benjamin Faithfuls and really enjoyed the support Friday. We thank those that came and hope they will follow us again this week."



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Which said party is delinquent to Plaintiff for taxes in the following amount: \$964.58, exclusive of interest, penalties and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes, all said interest, penalties and costs therein allowed by law up to and including the say of judgment herein.

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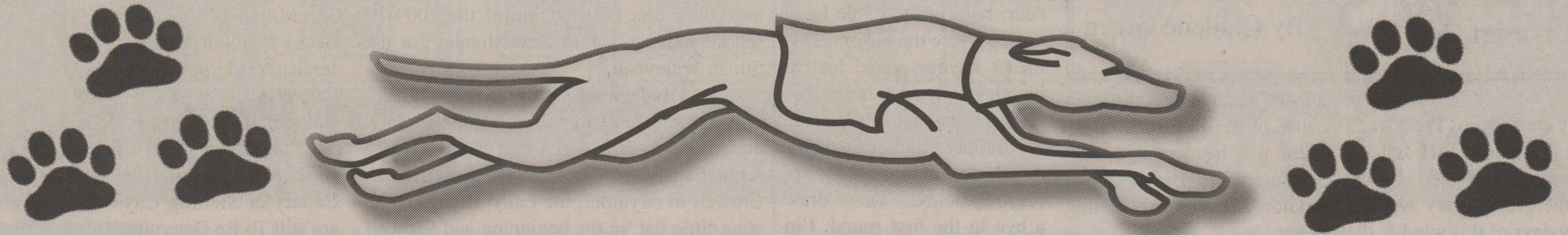
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The new alignments were established by enrollment figures submitted to the UIL by its member schools in October.

District alignments for fall and spring sports, academic and music competitions will be released in the next two months.

Under the new alignment, only one football district will have a bye (District 16 in Conference 1A Six-Man Division I). This was a significant drop from 19 districts receiving byes in the 2008-2010 football alignments.

The cut-off figure for Conference 5A enrollment was 20 students less than it was in 2008, down to 2,065 from 2,085 two years

ago. This was the first time the cutoff number for 5A has decreased since 1990.

For the first time in Conference 2A, football brackets were split into two divisions (Division I and Division II) prior to the start of the season.

This came as a result of a referendum ballot in which Conference 2A superintendents voted in favor of the change. Conference 1A 11-man and Conference 1A six-man football have been split into two divisions since 2006.

Knox City is in the Six Man football Division I alignment in Region III. In that Region Knox City is in District 9 with Gordon, Throckmorton and Haskell Paint Creek.

In basketball Knox City is in Region II, District 13 along with Benjamin, Chillicothe, Crowell, Harrold and Vernon Northside.

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Which said party is delinquent to Plaintiff for taxes in the following amount: \$1,189.20, exclusive of interest, penalties and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes, all said interest, penalties and costs therein allowed by law up to and including the say of judgment herein.

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Which said party is delinquent to Plaintiff for taxes in the following amount: \$200.35, exclusive of interest, penalties and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes, all said interest, penalties and costs therein allowed by law up to and including the say of judgment herein.

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OPINION

Statement by Gov. Rick Perry Regarding Army's Decision Not to Award FMTV Contract to BAE Systems

AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry today issued the following statement regarding the U.S. Army's decision to award its FMTV contract to Oshkosh Corp. of Wisconsin:

"I am extremely disappointed with this decision, which clearly illustrates the need for a complete re-examination of the bidding process. Along with cuts to NASA and draconian cap and trade proposals, this decision serves as yet another example of the Obama Administration's plans to wreak havoc on the Texas economy. The dedicated workers of BAE Systems produced a generation's worth of high-quality, highly secure troop transport vehicles, and always delivered on

time and on budget.

Today's decision speaks volumes about how a bureaucratic mindset can trump the needs of our fighting men and women. My thoughts are with the entire BAE family and local leadership, including the Katy and Sealy Chambers of Commerce and the Greater Houston Partnership, who fought so hard for the 10,000 Texans whose jobs are tied to this contract.

"Texas' business-friendly environment continues to attract new employers, and my office will work with BAE and local officials in an effort to keep this world-class facility, and its world-class employees, hard at work."



The Paperboy

By Christopher Blackburn

They do grow up fast

My son Jackson, 6, asked me if I would hold him the other day. I picked him up. The first thing I noticed was how long his legs and arms have gotten. The second thing I noticed was how much he weighed.

I'm nearly 6'5 and I don't know how tall Jack will end up, but I'd say he's off to a good start. The child is long and skinny.

I walked around holding him for a few minutes and I started thinking, "These days are coming to an end. A child I've held all his life is nearly too big for me to do it."

The thought stings my heart.

Then I began thinking, "If I don't let this kid down soon, I'm going to pass out."

Thankfully, something grabbed his attention and I put him down. It was pretty awesome. I cherish it when the boys need love.

How is it possible he's gotten so big in such a short time?

The boy's shin bone seems to be the length he was when he was born.

I take what I can when it come to moments like those, and I have for both boys' entire lives. And regardless of how smart and big they get, their Dad plans on getting his hugs until I can no longer do it and that's the way it is.

I've got friends spending three hours a day in traffic. What a waste of time.

We may not have it "all" in small towns, but we do have much to offer.

Low cost of living and fresh air should count for something this day in age. Not to mention the fact that the majority of our major cities are crime infested.

Sure there are things we lack in a small town, but we live in a pretty small world and you can get about anywhere you want to go in this country in a matter of hours.

There has never been a better time to begin to search for those professionals whose jobs can be handled via technology and recruit them to small towns. Believe it or not, there are people in large cities who would love to live in a small town, they just don't realize they have the option.

Today's technology allow us the ability to do many things from great distances just as fast as if we were in a building in downtown Houston.

Anyhow, food for thought...

2010 JOINT PRIMARY ELECTION POLLING PLACES March 2, 2010

Pct.	Location	Election	Early Voting
1	Benjamin Memorial Bldg 100 Stewart	2010 Joint Primary Election March 2, 2010 7:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.	February 16, 2010-February 26, 2010 Knox County Clerks Office, 100 W. Cedar, Benjamin, TX
2	Truscott Comm Center FM 1756 E. Downtown	2010 Joint Primary Election March 2, 2010 7:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.	February 16, 2010-February 26, 2010 Knox County Clerks Office, 100 W. Cedar, Benjamin, TX
3	Gilland Comm Center FM 1756 E. Downtown	2010 Joint Primary Election March 2, 2010 7:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.	February 16, 2010-February 26, 2010 Knox County Clerks Office, 100 W. Cedar, Benjamin, TX
4	Vera Comm Center North of Hwy 82 Downtown	2010 Joint Primary Election March 2, 2010 7:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.	February 16, 2010-February 26, 2010 Knox County Clerks Office, 100 W. Cedar, Benjamin, TX
5	Goree Comm. Center N. 5th St. Downtown	2010 Joint Primary Election March 2, 2010 7:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.	February 16, 2010-February 26, 2010 Knox County Clerks Office, 100 W. Cedar, Benjamin, TX
6N	Munday Munday City Hall 121 E. Main Downtown	2010 Joint Primary Election March 2, 2010 7:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.	February 16, 2010-February 26, 2010 Knox County Clerks Office, 100 W. Cedar, Benjamin, TX
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7S	Knox City & Aging Center 601 N. Ave E Knox City	2010 Joint Primary Election March 2, 2010 7:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.	February 16, 2010-February 26, 2010 Knox County Clerks Office, 100 W. Cedar, Benjamin, TX
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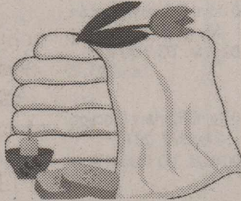
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Commissioners court meets Feb. 8

Knox County Judge, Travis Floyd, called the Regular Meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Commissioners Johnny Birkenfeld, Dan Godsey, Johnny McCown, County Attorney Megan Suarez, County Commissioner, Rosie Ake, County Clerk Annette Offutt, County Sheriff Dean Homstad, County Tax Assessor and Chief Appraiser Mitzi Welch, Pam Reed 911 coordinator, and County Court Coordinator Michele Esquivel, were present. Robin Miller and two of her associates from Liberty National Life were

also present. The court considered the following matters as posted and filed for Record in the office of the County Clerk February 3, 2010. There were no public comments.

Birkenfeld made the motion seconded by commissioner Godsey to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting help January 11, 2010. The motion passed four to zero. Knox County Chief Appraiser Mitzi Welch met with the Court concerning

the renewal of the Contract between Knox County and the Knox county Appraisal District. Commissioner Godsey made the motion to approve the renewal, Commissioner Birkenfeld seconded and the motion passed four to zero.

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Robin Miller from Liberty National Life addressed the Court concerning renewal of the Contract between Knox County and the Knox County Appraisal District. Commissioner Godsey made the motion to approve the renewal, Commissioner Birkenfeld seconded, and the motion passed four to zero.

Robin Miller from Liberty National Life addressed the Court regarding Accidental Death Policies. Commissioner McCown made the motion to approve allowing Liberty National Life to sell policies through the county, Commissioner Godsey seconded the motion. All agreed.

James and Henrietta Styles were not present to discuss the issue regarding CR 4280. There was no action taken.

After considering the issue of the tower sites for firms and 911, there was no action taken.

Commissioner Birkenfeld made the motion seconded by Commissioner Godsey to go into Executive Session for thirty minutes to discuss Personnel Issues.

After considering the Aging service, 911 and Extension reports, no action was needed.

After considering Road and Bridge issues, no action was needed.

Commissioner Birkenfeld made the motion to approve the financials and pay the bills for January 2010, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Godsey, the motion passed four to zero.

There being no further business to come before the Court, Commissioner McCown made the motion to adjourn, Commissioner Godsey seconded, approved, and the meeting of the Court was adjourned.

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