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Knox County 4-H Judgers Take Top Honors At Livestock Judging Contest



District Judging Contest 2011

Knox County 4-H Livestock and Horse Judgers traveled to Vernon, TX on April 7th to compete at the District 3 Livestock and Horse Judging Contest. Those competing

in the Livestock Judging contest this year were Shannon Reeves, Parker Finley, Trey Tidwell, and Grace Tidwell. On the other side in the Horse Judging Contest, we had Will

Patteson, Brylee White, and Brogan White competing for Knox County.

In the livestock judging

See 4-H on page 11

Blossom's Boutique Building Relocates



On April 15, the building that houses Blossom's Boutique, a revered local business, officially said goodbye to its previous home at 111 N Central and moved in at the new location at 800 E. Main Street

See story on page 11

Local Easter Egg Hunts

The KCVFD will host the Knox City Community Easter Egg Hunt at the Knox City Park on April 23 at 2:00 p.m. For donations of eggs or candy (no chocolate please) to be hidden for the hunt, please leave them with any fireman or at the Knox City Fire Hall located at 102 Central Ave.

The Benjamin VFD will be sponsoring an egg hunt on Easter Sunday starting about 3 p.m. in the park. Kids can also ride on the fire truck if they get to the fire station by around 2:30. For egg donations hunt get them to the fire hall pretty have your eggs to the Fire Hall by noon.

Munday VFD is hosting the Munday City Easter Egg Hunt, April 23 at 10 a.m. at the Munday High school Lawn. Donations can be dropped off at Munday City Hall.

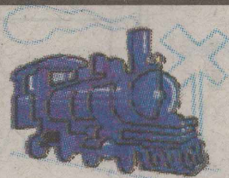


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Museum News

"Fun and Entertainment in Knox County", is the new theme for the exhibits and displays at the Wichita Brazos Museum. The Museum has told the story of Knox County Schools for a year, but the exhibit theme will soon be changed to "Knox County Entertainment". May 15th has been set as the time

to have new community exhibits up, with a deadline of June 1st for the completion of the process.

Community exhibit committees will have a broad band of time and types of entertainment to choose from. From the days when Indians ruled this territory to first settlers to the 19th century,

on through the 20th century will be open subjects for exhibits.

Hunting - from the time arrowheads were used to the hunting of buffalo, to the development of commercial hunting in the late 20th century by Knox County farmers and ranchers might be one exhibit. From the broad band theme

might come collection of Indian Artifacts- Guns- Photography etc. Other ideas include entertainment when Knox County began to draw cattlemen and

farmers, professional and businessmen to serve the population.

Fishing - pictures of seining for bait, fishing, and fish fries exist in some

families. These pictures can be exhibited "as-is" or enlarged to show a better view of the old time fishing equipment and clothing. Out of town people with such pictures could be contacted by relatives. Attics and barns could be searched for fishing related items. The old ways could be compared with the new-from a cane pole to a modern rods and reels.

Swimming - a list or description of the favorite natural swimming holes in the old days could be illustrated by a photograph, drawing, or painting. Local photographers or artist might help with this. The change in swim suits styles would be interesting.

Picnics- pictures of ladies with long dresses and upswept hair under big hats arriving at the picnic spot by horseback or wagon. Mansfield Park- does today's youth know how much fun Mansfield Park was? Do you have pictures made at this popular entertainment place?

Communities have many things to choose from- Box Suppers -Womanless Weddings- how long has it been since either was held in Knox County? Baseball Teams- Golf - Roller Skating-Dances- Hiking in the breaks-Bands and Musical Instruments-Square Dance Clubs Roping Clubs - Carnivals - Tent Shows - Old Toys. Many interesting items are coming to the Wichita Brazos Museum and Cultural Center.

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I want to say a large "thank you" to all the family and friends that attended my Happy Birthday celebration. Thanks Stan and Donna for the limo ride to the party. I felt so important. My sweet daughter, Patti, did her best hosting the party. My family included my husband, Dallas Dykes; brother, Charles and Lu Pack of Knox City; daughter, Patti and her husband, Keith of Abilene; grandchildren, Brandon and Skyer Lewis of Knox City and Lubbock; Aaron and Julie Lewis of Sloan, Lainy and Becca Lewis of Wichita Falls; and cousins of Knox City Thanks to everyone for the cards and gifts.

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Obituaries

IDALOU CATO

Idalou Cato, age 80, of Vernon, Texas, went to be with the Lord on April 17, 2011. Family visitation is scheduled for Wednesday, April 20, 7:00-8:00 at Sullivan Funeral Home. Funeral services will be April 21, 10:00 A.M. at First Baptist Church in Vernon with Dr. Ben Macklin and Rev. Ron Fox officiating. Burial will be at Eastview Cemetery.

Mrs. Cato was born October 5, 1930, in Vernon, Texas, to the late Dow Jordan and Ida Kyle Waggoner. She married Glenn Cato on Nov. 1, 1949. A lifetime resident of Vernon, she graduated in the top five of her class from Vernon High School in 1948. She worked alongside her husband in building a farm and ranch operation. She was a member of First Baptist Church and the Charity Sunday School class.

She is survived by her husband of 61 years, Glenn Cato, and her four children, Travis and Diane Cato of Chillicothe, Teena and M.G. Garvin of Garland, Terry and Donita Cato of Vernon,

and Twyla Mills of Garland. Surviving grandchildren are Chris Cato, Kelly and Luis Hernandez, Brianna Baily, Kristi Garvin, Matthew and Jenny Garvin, Kelley and Tracy Cato, Steven and Dacia Cato, John and Amilia Cato, Shelley and Jason Streit, Kyle Mills, and Kendra and Travis Deans and eleven great grandchildren. She is also survived by siblings Dorothy Burton, Drucilla Edwards, and Dee Wayne Waggoner, and numerous nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her siblings Lois Gaston, Joe Waggoner, Faye Withers, Katherine White, Dow Waggoner, Jr., and Larry Waggoner.

Pallbearers are grandsons Kelley Cato, Chris Cato, Steven Cato, Matthew Garvin, John Cato, and Kyle Mills. Honorary pallbearers are Luis Hernandez, Jason Streit, and Travis Deans, husbands of the granddaughters Kelley Cato Hernandez, Shelley Cato Streit, Kendra Mills Deans, Kristi Garvin, and Brianna Baily.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church of Vernon,

Texas



LORENE GRILL

Lorene Cotton Grill, age 88, of Knox City, Texas, formerly of Seymour, passed away Monday, April 11, 2011 in Knox City.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 13, 2011, at the Seymour Catholic Cemetery with Deacon Jim Novak officiating. Services are under the direction of Seymour Memorial Funeral Home.

Mrs. Grill was born January 18, 1923, in Star City, Arkansas. She married Dr. Ben F. Grill on May 25, 1941, in Texas City,

Texas, and served as the office manager for his dental office in Seymour for many years. She was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

She is survived by one son, Benny Grill and wife, Belle of Benjamin, Texas; three daughters, Mary Kay Linn and husband, Mark of Austin, Texas, Patsy Gonzales of Knox City, Texas, and Elizabeth Grill and partner, Janie Miller of Houston, Texas; by her grandchildren, Matt Linn and wife, Kristin, Kate Grill Roesler and husband, Alex, Micah Linn and wife, Andi, Diahndra Grill, Nikki Gonzales, Kassidy Collins, Michael and John Allgood; and by her great-grandchildren, Sarah Linn, Sydney Linn, Ben Jacob Roesler, Joaquin Linn,

Summer Roesler, and Sofia Linn.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Dr. Ben Grill; a grandson, Nefro Gonzales, Jr.; six brothers and one sister.

Visitation will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday evening at

the funeral home.

Family Requests donations be made in the memory of Lorene Grill to: Texas Dentists for Healthy Smiles, 1946 S. IH 35, Austin Texas 78704

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Holy Week schedule

Maundy Thursday

April 21

7 p.m.- Prayer Service at
Knox City UMC
8 p.m. – 9 p.m.- Stations of
the Cross

Good Friday

April 22

7 p.m. Prayer Service at
Knox City UMS
7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.- Stations
of the Cross

Holy Saturday

April 23

7 a.m. to 9 p.m. – Stations
of the Cross

Easter Sunday

April 24

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Sammie Offield

Monday evening and I have a long drive to Wichita Falls to have a follow-up appointment with my doctor. Everything up in that area is also very dry and very much in need of rain. Of course, they are still working on the highways so if you plan a trip up there, please be sure to leave a little early to allow yourself some extra time to get to your destination.

As Eddie and I sat watching television on Sunday night, I heard thunder and saw lightning- but no rain. I know the guys in Stonewall, Knox and King counties are just praying with us for a little moisture to dampen these fires.

Last Monday, as I sat in the Knox County News office

with Tamara, I asked her if I could go through some old newspapers and I was kind of surprised to remember all the stuff that our little community has gone through and is still standing. It reminded me to love my neighbor like today is your last day on Earth, there maybe no tomorrow. Some of us have been neighbors for a long time, and some of us are still newfound friends. Either way, we have gone through a lot together as a community over the years.

Monday morning, Patsy Gonzales' mother, Mrs. Grill from Seymour passed away.

Our fire department is asking for your help in replacing some of the equipment this last fire injured during the battle. They have been working

really hard. There are a few money jars out around town, and any member of the Ladies Auxiliary would be glad to take your donation. A golf tournament has been planned to raise money for the BFD. Even a dollar makes a difference. May God bless you for your help.

Max and Nancy Perez are leaving Knox City to move back to their hometown. They will be greatly missed and also hope that someone will buy their house soon. We may soon have new neighbors!

If you enjoy an evening out, come by one of the baseball fields and you will find out little ones having the time of their lives playing their game. These events are so much fun.

Tim Trimble, the Methodist pastor, and his wife will be packing in the next few days and move to their next destination in Fort Davis. They will be greatly missed in our community. They have touched many people's lives and done wonderful things for our small community. I hope their new church welcomes them warmly and knows what a gem they are getting in Tim.

Saturday I found out that Troy Oxford was one of the people who lost his home in Iowa Park. I don't have all the details, but he is the son of Dave and Sue Oxford. May God Bless him with a new home. I can't imagine what a horrible experience that would be to lose your home.

You have probably noticed

that Jill Kilgore has moved her store to a new location, and will soon be back to work once her plumbing and electricity is set up. She is now located across from Bud's Café on the other corner.

Sunday evening I got to see Danny Reece and all his family as well as Jimmy Lynn. They are both doing great and are full of life and good cheer.

Monday morning, Matthew Acree is on many minds as he heads to another golf tournament. He is an excellent golfer and represents us well.

Also, the Bensons from Benjamin lost their two-story house to a major fire. Please keep them in your prayers.

I leave you with a prayer to God

May God Bless our Troops and all of us.

Knox County Market Place

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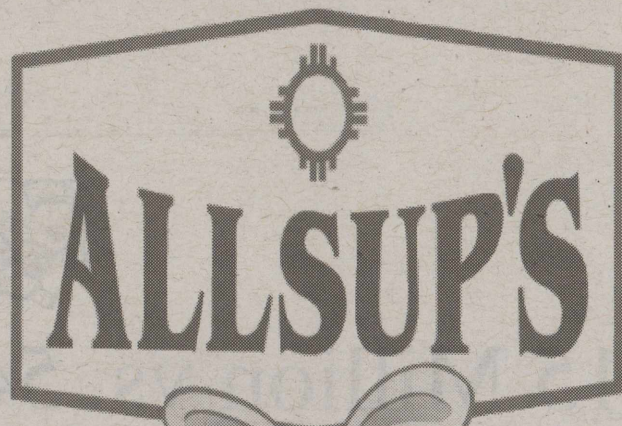
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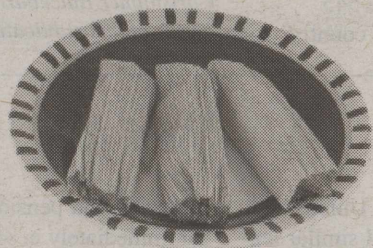
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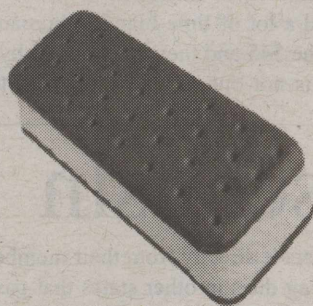
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315 Million vs. 545

By **CHRIS BLACKBURN**

It's not about us. It's not about the working people. It's not about Moms and Dads and it's sure as heck not about seniors or children.

It's about power, money and greed. It's one big charade and unless people remain watchful and demanding, it's not going to change anytime soon.

When you look at the financial condition of the United States, what do you think? We're struggling, right? We're facing mounting deficits, our entitlement programs are out of control and we're spending money like a 17-year-old with Dad's credit card. These are obvious points we can all agree on.

What we can't seem to agree on is who got us in this mess and how to get out of it?

Our problems have very little to do with the American people. We are simple pawns in a game of power and greed controlled by the 545.

The real "blame" for our problems are the 545 human beings in control of EVERYTHING.

Every single national problem we have has been created by 545 people we've trusted to do the right thing. Instead they have been manipulated by special interests and controlled by lobbyists. Basically, the 545 have sold their souls over the years and now, when it's time to pay for THEIR transgressions, we're broke.

In Washington, D.C., 100 Senators, 435 Representatives, one president and nine Supreme Court Justices make the rules we all live by. While the names of the 545 change some, the mentality to spend more than we take in has not. The 545 are legally, mor-

ally and individually responsible for our problems.

I think this is where the water is muddied. We, as spectators, get caught up in ideology, tradition, name-calling and the rest of the shenanigans which make for good political theater. We are tricked by slick politicians and have bought into the "blame the other party" game which has done nothing for us but has allowed politicians to kick the ball down the road for someone else to deal with.

The "old way" in Washington has become so commonplace, that we are running out of chances to avoid catastrophe.

You can't blame big banks or the Federal Reserve Board. The board was created by Congress, which delegated its duty to provide a sound currency to a federally chartered, but private central bank.

You can't blame special interests and lobbyists. They have no legal authority and do not vote. The politicians they approach and buy are the ones voting on legislation. Legislation which has our hole deepening.

If the tax code is unfair, our elected officials control it and have the authority to change it.

If the budget is in the red, our elected officials control it and have the authority to change it.

If our fighting forces are spread too thin in Iraq, Afghanistan and Libya, our elected officials control it and have the authority to change it.

If our education system is a mess, our elected officials control it and have the authority to change it.

The 545 spend a lot of time blaming bureaucrats. These are people hired by the 545 and they can be fired by the 545.

In fact, there is not one thing wrong with this country that

cannot be fixed by the 545 if they choose to do the right things, which they have each taken an oath to do.

Don't like the president's budget? Vote it down and pass a better one. If the president vetoes it, overpower the veto with a larger margin.

We, the 315 million, should not let the greed and incompetence of the 545 ruin this country. But we are letting them. And every day they make it harder for us to be able to dig out because every day they spend more money than they take in.

What will it take to change the process where "we the people" are back in charge? It will take term limits, major campaign finance reform and restraints on lobbyists and Political Action Committees. Unfortunately, the 545 control this and since it would take money out of their greedy hands, the chances of such reform are slim and none.

The bottom line is we will no longer have Social Security, Medicare or anything else with the status quo. Changes have to be made and now. We don't have a choice in the matter. And in time, when our financial house is in order, we can make whatever necessary changes the "people" deem necessary for the people.

Americans need to stop thinking party and start thinking people. Take the "D" and the "R" out of the equation and replace them with "\$." Because this is what's at stake. They are taking our money and making poor decisions. That should be enough to get you fired...

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The Real Issues in Wisconsin

By **BILL WILSON**

On February 27, My Opinion, Penn Miller clearly illustrates the envy theory of the left. However envy does not justify support of public sector unions at taxpayer expense. It is not wages and benefits that are the real issues in Wisconsin.

The bill in Wisconsin would require state workers to contribute 6 percent of their income towards their retirement and 12 percent towards their healthcare. These percentages are similar to what private sector workers pay. State workers in Wisconsin are agreeable to starting to contribute toward their health and pension funds.

The real reason that unions bussed thousands of people to Madison to protest is because the legislation makes the unions directly accountable to their members. The state will no longer withhold the \$700 annual union dues from employee paychecks.

Unions must collect it directly from their members. Unions have difficulty collecting dues in other states that passed similar legislation. The other issue that has inflamed the Wisconsin unions is that the union must be recertified each year by a majority of its membership. It is ironic that unions would protest legislation that would give their members a greater say in their own future.

In the 25 years that my wife was a teacher, she saw the union that she joined change from a professional association committed to helping teachers provide the best education for children to just another industrial union that was concerned with political power and getting Democratic politicians elected. Helping teachers to provide the best education for the taxpayer's money was not a priority.

Rather than rewarding good teachers through merit pay, the union promoted pay rates based on seniority. Benefits like healthcare and pensions were valued over wages, because benefits were

not taxed and pension obligations did not have to be accounted for immediately in school district budgets. However, it is exactly these unsustainable benefits that are creating financial crisis in Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and numerous other states.

The usual solution that Mr. Miller and the others on the left propose when unions, and the politicians they help to elect, raise benefits and pensions to the point of bankrupting the states is to raise the taxes on the rich. However, the top 5 percent of taxpayers already pay more of the tax burden than the other 95 percent and over half of that 5 percent are small business owners that report their company earnings on their personal returns.

If public sector unions and the politicians that they helped to elect in Wisconsin and other states were not grossly irresponsible stewards of the public's money, they would not fear the legislation in being proposed in Madison, Wisconsin and numerous other budget strapped states.

District Cross Examination Debate meet was held January 27

The district Cross Examination Debate meet was held on January 27 at the First Baptist Church in Knoxville.

There were seven teams representing four different schools.

Knox City ended up being well represented by the teams of Michael Wilburn and Zackery York, Tyler Clark and Austin King, and Tanna Moeller and Tyler Eaton.

Wilburn and York won first place as well as Michael taking best speaker honors and York with a close second.

This qualified them for the state competition on March 14 and 15.

Michael and Zakery took four years of experience with them to Austin to help them break into the octofinals. They were among the sixteen finalists out of sixty-five participants at Austin.

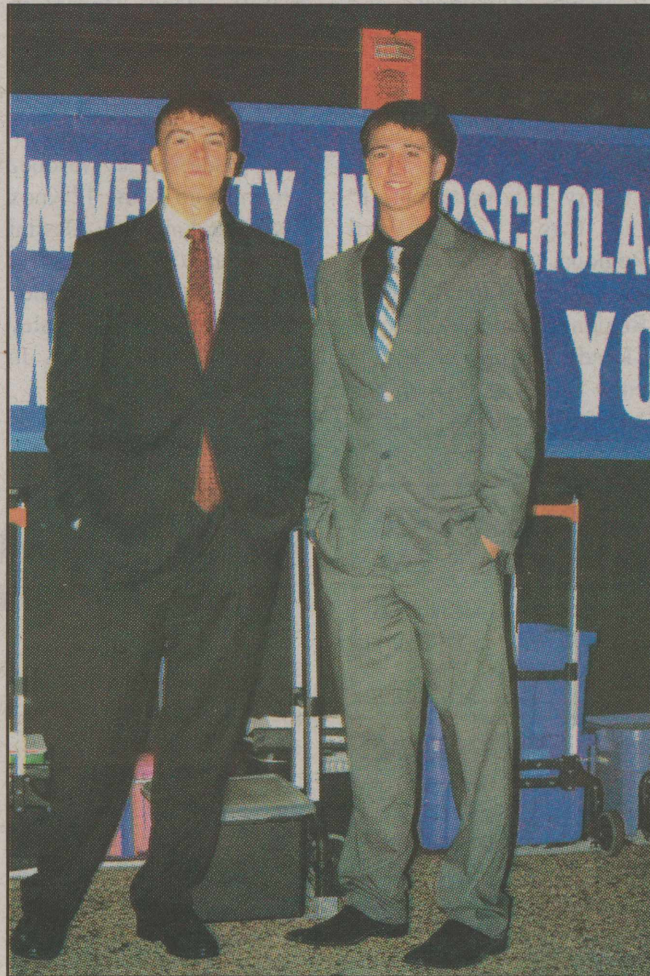
They lost in the first round of finals to the eventual state champion team from Rising Star.

They advanced further than any other team from Knoxville High School. They worked hard for four years,

and were rewarded with a medal and vast amounts of invaluable knowledge.

The younger debate teams

are learning and hoping to continue the success of the Knoxville Debate program next year.



Knox City Cross X Debators, Michael Wilborn and Zackery York.

LOOKING AHEAD

Don't forget to get your coloring book entries into the Knoxville News office. Send the colored piece that was featured in last week's issue to PO Box 188, Knoxville TX 79529.

The KCVG will meet Thursday, April 21 at 4:00 at Brine Lake in Truscott.

The Knoxville Retired Teachers will meet Tuesday, April 26, 2011 at 2:30 P.M. in Munday, Texas at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Chris Scott, Physician's Assistant will present the program on Nurse

Practitioners and Physician's Assistants.

Judy Burnett will be the hostess. All retired teachers are encouraged to attend.

The Movement Space will have their 6th annual spring recitals the weekend of Saturday April 30 and Sunday, May 1. at 3 p.m. in the Munday HS Auditorium. About 100 featured dancers hail from Munday, Benjamin, Haskell and Seymour.

May 14 it's time to get out and vote! Look for voter polling places and times in upcoming issues of Knoxville News.

A Mother's Day Greeting Says It All!

Tell the world how great Mom is with a loving Mother's Day message in the newspaper. Your Mother's Day greeting will appear in our special Mother's Day edition on Thursday, May 5. Order forms must be received by Tuesday, May 3.



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 Mother's Name: _____
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NOTICE

Our offices will be closed Friday in observance of Good Friday.

District Academic UIL Reults

On April 29 and April 31, Knox City High School hosted the District 12-A Academic UIL contest. The district consists of 13 schools: Benjamin, Chillicothe, Crowell, Harrold, Knox City, Lueders-Avooca, Moran, Newcastle, Vernon Northside, Paint Creek, Rule, Throckmorton, and Woodson. KCHS placed second overall, behind district

powerhouse Newcastle. Nine students from Knox City have qualified for Regional competition, which will be held at Abilene Christian University on Saturday, April 16. These are the results from the District 12-A competition for Knox County schools:

Calculator Applications: 3rd Knox City - Landon Lynn (Regional Qualifier)
Computer Applications:

3rd Knox City - Landon Lynn (Regional Qualif•r)
Editorial Writing: 1st Knox City - Jo Angel Martinez (Regional Qualifier) and 3rd Knox City - Lyndon Baty (Regional Qualifier)
Feature Writing: 4th Knox City - Kaley Ainsworth
Headline Writing: 1st Knox City - Landon Lynn (Regional Qualifier)
Informative Speaking: 2nd Knox City - Zakery York (Regional Qualifier)
Lincoln-Douglas Debate: 1st Knox City - Brandon York (Regional Qualifier)
Mathematics: 3rd Knox City - Zach Carter (Regional

Qualifier)
Number Sense: 1st Knox City - Tanna Moeller (Regional Qualifier), 2nd Knox City - Jarek Wilde (Regional Qualifier) and 5th Knox City - Kyle Harrington
News Writing: 1st Knox City - Lyndon Baty (Regional Qualifier)
Poetry Interpretation: 1st Knox City - Camille Ward (Regional Qualifier) and 3rd Knox City - Tanna Moeller (Regional Qualifier)
Ready Writing: 2nd Rule - Jenny Dudensing (Regional Qualifier) and 4th Rule - Allison Petty

Science: 4th Knox City - Michael Wilburn
Social Studies: 4th Rule - Grace Burgess
Spelling & Vocabulary: 3rd Rule - Jenny Dudensing (Regional Qualifier)
Calculator Applications Team: 2nd Knox City - Landon Lynn, Allison Lynn, Jarek Wilde, Kelsey Vasquez
Journalism Team: 1st Knox City - Lyndon Baty, Destini Billington, Reagan Clark, Brandon Bradley, Whitney Collins, Landon Lynn, Kaley Ainsworth, Adrian Flye, Jo Angel Martinez
Mathematics Team: 2nd Knox City - Zach Carter,

Cassidy Carter, Mike Wilburn, Zak York
Number Sense Team 1st Knox City - Tanna Moeller, Jarek Wilde, Kyle Harrington, Zak York (Regional Qualifying Team)
Science Team: 2nd Knox City - Mike Wilburn, Kyle Harrington, Landon Lynn, Jarek Wilde, Brandon Bradley, Zak York
Speech Team: 1st Michael Wilburn, Zak York, Brandon York, Makayla Harrington, Camille Ward, Tanna Moeller, Tylonne Eaton, Tyler Clark, Austin, King
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Jr 1	22c	Chance Pierce	
Jr 2	217		
98	Hayden Ehlers	33e	Wesley Engle 209
240			Modified Animal
K11	Kaydee Whitter	18p	Payton Pierce
228		240	
Jr 3		01	Ranger Donnell
15	Cade Holden	239	228
14	Noah Key	229	250 F Outlaw
21	Sidney Tucker	216	77
	Gold Plate		Jayne Hudson 239
	Stock Animal		98
15	Cade Holden	238	Leighen Pepper 229
3	Trevor McIntire		3
224			Trevor McIntire 10
			Open Outlaw
		25	Mike Clark 240

Knox City Speedway schedule

MARCH 19 th	POINTS RACE	3:00 PM	5:00
APRIL 9 th	Race Cancelled	3:00 PM	5:00
MAY 7 th	POINTS RACE	5:00 PM	7:00
JUNE 18 th	POINTS RACE	5:00 PM	7:00
JULY 9 th	POINTS RACE	5:00 PM	7:00
JULY 30 th	Sizzling Summer Shootout/POINTS	3:00 PM	7:00
AUG 20 th	POINTS RACE	5:00 PM	7:00
SEPT 10 th	POINTS RACE	5:00 PM	7:00
OCT 8 th	POINTS RACE	3:00 PM	5:00
OCT 29 th	Pumpkin Shootout/NON-POINTS	12:00 PM	2:00

Drivers must be entered in a minimum of SEVEN out of the NINE points races to be eligible for championship awards

Benjamin News By Gladene Green

For now, it seems the fires in the area have sort of burned down, but everyone is ever watchful as the winds begin to pick up. Sunday was pretty calm, but today (Monday), they have begun to blow in the day. We continue to pray for rain to drench the dry county now surrounding us and continue to praise our firemen who have worked so diligently to keep us safe. They stay up day and night doing their job and never complain. We pray God keeps them safe as they do their duties.

Egg Hunt Scheduled

The Benjamin VFD will be sponsoring an egg hunt on Easter Sunday. Think it starts about 3 in the park. Kids can also ride on the fire truck if they get to the fire station by around 2:30 (check with the firemen to be sure of the time) and if you want to donate eggs for the hunt get them to the fire hall pretty soon after noon.

Earlier (much earlier) in the day, sunrise service will be held at the Methodist Church. Services will begin at 6:30 a.m. Breakfast will follow. Bring a breakfast "goodie", enjoy the service and then the breakfast. It's always nice.

Fire Destroys Landmark

Last Wednesday, shortly before noon, the sirens sounded and folks began to move about town wondering where the fire was. They soon learned it was the two story house in the east part of town which had been purchased by Billy Carl Benson. It was vacant and the cause of the fire has not been determined. For those who may be confused about what house it was, folks here tell me it was originally the Attebury place, then in later years it belonged to Leroy Melton. It was a total loss.

Here 'N There

The Baptist Church of

Benjamin honored the graduating seniors Wednesday night at Bud's Café in Knox City. Rib eyes, baked potatoes, salad, hot bread, tea, and chocolate pie made up the menu. Sr.s and their guests attending were Cody Propps (and Toni Brown), Shelby Russell (And Emily Brown), and Taylor Cantrell (and Brrienne). Also sponser, Susan Spake, Sasia Propps, Superintendent, Oliva Gloria and her husband, Gene, and church pastor, Troy Culpepper, and his wife Gene.

I learned Sunday of the death of Weldon Patterson who lived in California. Weldon was reared here, the son of the late Rex and Martha Patterson and continued to return "home" to visit regularly. We send sincere sympathy to Weldon's family. Memorial services for Weldon will be Thursday at 0 a.m. in Fresno, California. Anyone desiring may make a donation to the museum or the Benjamin Cemetery Association in his memory.

We have some mighty proud grandparents among us today. Gloria West's granddaughter, Chelsea Parker of Aspermont,

is a member of the One Act Play cast that is headed for the state competition. We wish them well as they continue on.

Also Charles and Linda Griffith's granddaughters, Kate and Abby Tyson, who go to school in Lubbock, are off to start in several events. Abby will be competing in literary criticism, choir ensemble and piano. Kate is going on spelling, choir solo, and piano. We wish them well; also will be anxious to hear how they do.

We congratulate Matthew Acree, a sophomore at BHS, for his golf accomplishments. The regional meet is in Abilene this weekend and, of course, wish him well at that level.

Knox County Aging Services

Menus For April 25th To April 29th

Monday April 25th

Steak Fingers/Gravy
Macaroni/Cheese
Green Beans
Hot Rolls
Fruit Cups

Tuesday April 26th

Chicken/Stir Fry Vegetables
Rice
Salad

And congratulations to our Munday friends and their One Act Play- cast crew and director- who also are off to State competition in early May. We wish them well also.

Mary Brannon Whitsett, who lives in New Mexico, has been here a couple of days checking her mom's house and visiting friends. It was good to see her Saturday night.

Billy Jay and Dink Jennings of New Brunsfels visited here, the first of the week. Bill has had some health problems, but he said he has been cancer-free now for over a year, and says he feels great. It's always good to visit with them.

Everyone enjoy your Easter weekend and if you are traveling, do be careful.

Wheat Roll
Cinnamon Rolls
Wednesday April 27th
Bbq On A Bun
Corn Salad
French Fries
Cobbler

Thursday, April 28th
Pork Chops/Rice
Salad
Pinto Beans
Cornbread
Cookies

Friday, April 29th
Chicken & Dumplings
Pea Salad
Beets
Crackers
Dessert

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New serving time is 12 noon (in Knox City only). Alternate desserts for diabetics.

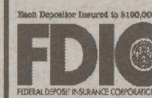
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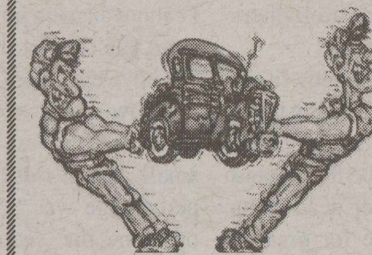
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Just Jeff

By Jeff Stanfield

Sometimes in life we see things that make us change our whole perspective on life, this weekend I witnessed many acts of bravery by the fireman who were fighting the wildfire. Some were volunteers and some were professional. They all risked their lives. I grew up in a house with a dad who was a fireman and never really thought all of the risk he took. When I was 14 years old, a young man who worked part time for my dad and was a full time fireman in Wichita Falls entered an old run down store and never came out. He was in his mid-twenties and had a full life ahead of him. That was the first time I realized how dangerous of a job that firefighters have.

I thought about that this many times throughout the past week watching these men fight fire in old worn out brush trucks, driving in front of the flames and knocking down the monster dead in its tracks. The things we take for granted is that everything is going to work as planned. What if the truck breaks down? What if the pump that pushes the water fails? What if? What if? You see most of us only we have to worry about the little things during our workday. The last thing we have to consider is a split-minute "life and death" thing.

Most of these guys work regular jobs and when the call comes in they put their lives on the line. Next time you see one of our fireman, how about extending them a well-deserved "thank you" or "great job" type of encouragement.

On another subject entirely, my

soapbox for the week is our government budget. They axed 31 billion plus some change from the budget. That is a lot of coin, but it equals out to less than 1%. That would be about like the city of Knox City cutting out buying a weed eater. Give me a break people. Either we start trimming the budget or we all need to buy some of the Rosetta Stone language learning software tools and learn to speak some Chinese really quickly.

You ever wonder what is exactly wrong with the economy. Well how about this for a idea Obama a man of mystery is he a Christian is he a Muslim? Was he born in Kenya or Hawaii? Those I cannot answer, but I can tell you this for sure: His cabinet that he appointed only 8% have ever been in the private sector.

How in the world are they going to know what's best for GM, the banks, small businesses? The next smallest percentage was 30% by Carter (in my opinion, the second worst president ever). The biggest percentage was by Reagan and Eisenhower at 56% and 57%. Maybe if we would add some people that were successful at making money without government handouts, then the economy would pick up.

How about these few facts about ObamaCare in the United States: if you are diagnosed with diabetes and need treatment, 94% get it in the first 6 months. In England 15% or Canada in 43%. Or, how about cancer? Once a person is diagnosed, the survival rate in the U.S. is 65%; in England- 45% and Canada is 42%.

Last, but not least, let's examine the number of MRI scanners for a million people The US has 71, Canada has 18 and England has a whopping 14. These are numbers you will not see on NBC, ABC or CBS, because for some reason they have their heads so far up Obama's rear end that I am afraid if he ever stopshort during a jog, these television tycoons may get stuck! So, the question becomes, with these statistics, why do we need to change? Hell, Ray Charles could see that we have the best healthcare anywhere. It does need some changes but ObamaCare is a joke.

I understand that 30 million people are going without healthcare. Last time I checked you can go to any emergency room in the US and they have to treat you. That my friend is healthcare! I do not want to sound like I am anti-American because I love this country. I mean, let's look at Michael Jackson and think about it for a minute. Where else but in the good ol' U. S. of A. could you be born a poor black child and die a rich white woman.

Talking about change, the presidential race for 2012 has begun. Donald Trump is making some waves on running for president and has had some good points. It should be an interesting next two years watching the battle between a guy with a bad haircut against a man who needs to stop cutting his hair and cover up them ears!!!

"How is that hope and change thing working out for you?"

God Bless
Jeff Stanfield

Alzheimer's Support Group Meeting – April 25

The Haskell County Alzheimer's Support Group will meet on **Monday, April 25** at the Haskell County Extension Office located at 101 S. Avenue D in Haskell. The one hour meeting will begin at **3:00 p.m.** Caregivers, family members and friends of individuals with Alzheimer's or a related

dementia, should consider attending this meeting that is open to anyone in Haskell County or the surrounding area.

The support group meets the 4th Monday of every month from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The monthly meetings offer a confidential environment

where participants can share their concerns, support each other, and learn ways to cope with the challenges associated with long-term caregiving.

For more information you may contact Jane Rowan, County Extension Agent/FCS at (940) 864-2546 or Alzheimer's

Association North Central Texas Chapter at (325) 672-2907 or 1-800-272-3900.

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Friends my age have been known to say, "I'm turning into my mother."

Lately when I've looked in the mirror I've had cause to reflect that I'm looking more and more like my own late mother if not exactly acting like her. Maybe it's my prematurely gray hair. Once prematurely gray, always prematurely gray.

Sunday morning at church the congregation watched a video clip of a silver-haired lady telling about a Ugandan woman who made enough money raising cassava to build and lease primitive wheelbarrows. She used the wheelbarrow money to establish a canteen and the canteen profits to build a school for girls. The woman telling the story looked something like my own mother, I thought. Apparently she had an interest in mission work in Uganda and for that reason was the spokesperson for the Ugandan woman, who was asking for money to help run the nice school.

By late afternoon I was loading my paper plate at a church picnic, mixing and mingling and meeting new people and reintroducing myself to people I'd met before who didn't remember me either so it didn't matter. It's a church with a high median age. Makes me feel young.

A man came up to me and asked me the name of the town in Uganda. I told him I thought it was Lira, but I also told him I wasn't the woman in the video.

There you have it. I knew she looked like my mother. I just didn't know I looked that much like my mother.

Oh well.

Maybe if I can just keep my wits about me I won't be surprised when I begin to lose them in the same style.

Through the years my dear mother was fond of relating various stories. I spent enough time with her to know virtually all of them. One evening at a friend's house, she was taking longer than I thought necessary to tell one of her stories.

"Get to the point, Mother," I urged her.

"What was it?" she asked.

Mother never lost her sense of humor.

Speaking of points, I'm having a little trouble now getting to one. Maybe if I tell what happened last night a point will emerge.

My friend Norma and I were parked curbside at McDonald's when a young man approached and asked for a dollar to help pay for gas so a friend could take him to his grandmother's house in the next town. He didn't look like a full-blown meth user.

We asked him his grandmother's phone number and exactly where she lived. Things didn't quite add up.

By the time it was all over, we'd gotten her correct number via the Internet and called her. We even handed him the phone. He kept up the act, but it became apparent she wasn't in the next town and wasn't expecting him. We didn't give him the dollar.

My mother could always spot a con. I never could. Maybe I really am turning into my mother.

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contest, competitors had to place 8 classes of livestock which included a class of market steers, performance bulls, breeding heifers, market swine, breeding ewes, and market lambs. Each age category had to place all 8 classes. Junior judges had to give one set of oral reasons, intermediates had to give 2 sets of oral reasons, and seniors had to give 3 sets of oral reasons.

In the Intermediate division Parker Finley finished as 3rd High Individual and 3rd Place in Reasons. Grace Tidwell also did a good job placing in the Intermediate division. Taking top honors in the senior division was Shannon Reeves placing as the High Point Individual as well as High Point Reasons. Trey Tidwell also had a good day placing 4th High Individual Overall. In the senior divisions the top three

teams and top three placing individuals get to advance to the state competition held in College Station in June.

Likewise in the horse judging contest, individuals had to place 7 different classes which included 3 different classes of aged geldings, and 1 class of 2 year old fillies. For the performance classes, judges had to place a western pleasure class, western horsemanship class, and a reining class. After placing these classes, junior

competitors had to give one set of oral reasons, intermediates two sets of oral reasons, and seniors three sets of oral reasons. Competing well in the junior division was Brogan White, and in the intermediate division, Will Patterson and Brylee White.

All of these individuals

have spent many committed hours preparing and practicing for this contest. They all did an outstanding job and should be very competitive again next year.

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Blossom's Boutique Building Relocates

Tamara Smart

The Knox City landscape began the same as usual on Friday morning of last week. But by the end of the day, the face of Knox City had changed ever so slightly. An entire building that once sat at 101 North Central in downtown seemed to have disappeared. But that is just an illusion. The building, which houses Blossoms Boutique, an established and beloved business owned and operated by Jill Kilgore, had just been relocated. Now, when one traverses down Main Street, at 800 E. Main, they find the same building that most locals know very well. These are the lots right next to the Key Energy Office and catty-corner to Bud's café.

Lance and Jill Kilgore have owned the Blossom's Boutique since 2006, and in that time Jill has built a client base who praise her cosmetology work, as she does a superb job on both women and men's hair. Jill gives divine pedicures, manicures and has a waxing station as well.

In 1984 Jill graduated from

Aladdin Beauty College, in Wichita Falls, and acquired her Cosmetology License from the state of Texas at the age of 20. Now Jill has been honing her talents in the art of beauty for almost 27 years.

Jill has gone through many changes during her cosmetologist career. Her first job as a Cosmetologist required a 70 mile round trip on her motorcycle each day from Wichita Falls to Archer City. The shop there, where Jill rented a booth, no longer exists. The block where it operated is now a part of Larry McMurtry's Last Picture Show Theatre.

Eventually, Jill looked into moving her trade closer to home, renting booths in a shop in Parker Square, J. C. Penney, and Jerrell's Parisian on Brook Street, whose owner Jerrell Stockard, was Jill's mentor. Jarrell's teachings about the business, and the trade, including a love for color techniques, thinking outside the box, the importance of trade shows, and extra classes have helped Jill to continue moving forward in her career, much less in her success as a business

owner.

Jill became a proud member of the Knox City society after marrying a local native, Lance Kilgore. In the time that the couple has been in Knox City, they are devout supporters of local schools; giving donations to each event that they can. Blossom's Boutique is a sponsor of the Knox City High School Band Calendar, the Knox City and Benjamin yearbook, is a strong supporter of local Ag programs, and continuously finds other ways to give back to the community.

The transition of the building from its previous home to where it now resides is not just a project that Jill prides, but is one in which the City itself can take pride. The pad the building sits on was half paid by the Knox City EDC board, as well as the plumbing for the new location. The EDC also helped the transition by financing the

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NOTICE OF ~~Annual~~ ELECTION
(AVISO DE ELECCION ~~General~~)

To the Registered Voters of Knox City, Texas:
(A los votantes registrados del Knox City, Texas.)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on May 14, 2011, for voting in a General election, to elect Mayor & Council members.
(Notifíquese, por los presentes, que las casillas electorales citadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 14 de Mayo de 2011 para votar en la Elección para Mayor & Council)

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES
(DIRECCIONES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES

107 N Ave E.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at 902 E Main
(La votación en adelantado en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en)

between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. beginning on May 2, 2011
(entre las 8 de la mañana y las 5 de la tarde empezando el Mayo 2, 2011)

and ending on May 10, 2011
(y terminando el Mayo 10, 2011)

Additional early voting will be held at the same location as follows:
(La votación en adelantado además se llevará a cabo en el mismo sitio de tal manera:)

Date (Fecha)	Hours (Horas)
<u>May 2, 2011</u>	<u>7 am - 7 pm</u>
<u>May 10, 2011</u>	<u>7 am - 7 pm</u>

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán enviarse a:)

Betty Johnston
(Name of Early Voting Clerk)
(Nombre del Secretario de la Votación En Adelantado)

902 E Main
(Address) (Dirección)

Knox City, Tx 79529
(City) (Ciudad) (Zip Code) (Código Postal)

Recommended but not required

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on May 6, 2011.
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el)

Issued this the 4 day of April, 2011.
(Emitido este día 4 de April, 2011.)

Paul Rhee
Signature of Presiding Officer (Firma del Oficial que Preside)

*If early voting is not going to be conducted on either Saturday or the last Sunday during the period of early voting, delete this part.



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hook up of the utilities after the move.

The metamorphosis of Blossom's Boutique is only beginning to bud. Over the next few months/years, residents and visitors will be able to witness constant change to the building and the business. Jill and Lance plan to build a 6-foot porch on the front of the shop,

with a ramp on one side to better accommodate the older clientele. Eventually, Jill would like to put another booth space in the business and rent it out to another beautician, thus increasing the economic structure of Knox City by one more job.

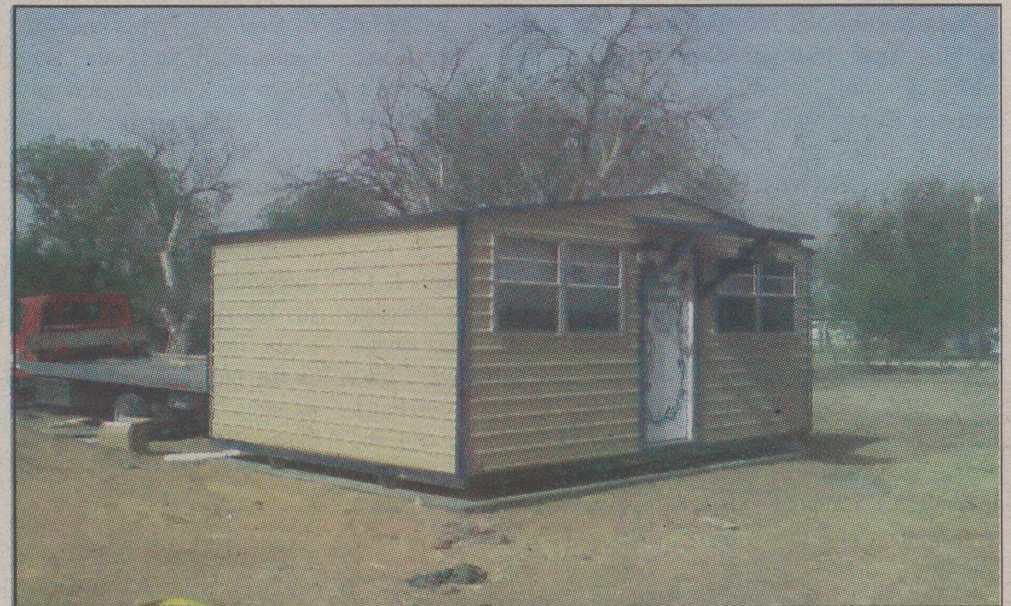
Lance, who is a local computer guru, intends to add another building on

the lot, which will house his "Country 'Puters" business.

Blossom's Boutique has a customer base includes clients from all over the area including: Knox City, Munday, Benjamin, Truscott, Weinert, Haskell, Rule, Rochester, Rhineland, Gilland, Guthrie, and even Abilene and Wichita Falls.



Moving time!



You can see the finished product of this intricate move at 800 E. Main Street in Knox City, next door to the Key Energy Services building