



THE KNOX COUNTY NEWS

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75CENTS

New Signage for Downtown Knox City



Living in a small town encourages a care-free lifestyle and a sense of 'no worries'. Residents easily develop a 'take it for granted' attitude and sometimes forget to acknowledge the importance of local businesses. One such business is the **City Motel**, located on the east end of town, 1100 East Main Street.

This establishment has been a contributing part of the business community for over 50 years, providing a 'heads in beds' oppor-

tunity for many out of town visitors and businessmen. **'Heads in beds'** may seem strange terminology for a motel, but in the world of tourism and economics, that is exactly the correct term.

The City of Knox City, by authority granted to it under state statutes (primarily V.A.T.S. Tax Code Section 351.101), enacted

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Goodbye Colossal

The Colossal Classifieds will no longer appear in *The Knox County News*. Instead, The News will concentrate on the local classifieds market.

We hope that these changes make for a more useable classifieds network for our readers and advertisers. If you have any questions or comments, please let me know by emailing us at ads@thecolossalclassifieds.com or by calling 888-400-1083.

Rural Water Development Meeting

There will be a Rural Water Development Meeting Monday, Nov. 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the Five Star Construction, 1008 East Main St. in Knox City. It is the red barn building.

There have already been some preliminary figures put together by an engineer from Abilene, TX, Kurt Harle with Jacob & Martin LTD. Consulting Engineers. There is a really good possibility that this could materialize but we need the communities help and commitment! We are in a record setting drought and wells are dry and going dry this could seriously benefit

you and only make the value on your land increase!

Kirt Harle from Jacob & Martin LTD Consulting Engineers and David Kuehler from North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority will discuss the following topics:

- Preliminary Figures - What the project will cost
- Grant and USDA Loans
- Meter Deposits
- Where lines will be laid

Contact Brittany or Justin Coker at 940-658-3016, 940-256-1426 or 940-256-2790 for more information.

The community is encouraged to attend this meeting.

Looking Ahead

On Nov. 2, special education consultants from Region 14 Education Service Center will host a parent meeting for the purpose of increasing parents' understanding of the ARD process and facilitating parent involvement. The goal is to improve services and results for their children with disabilities. The meeting will be from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Haskell-Knox SSA, 201 N.E. 2nd St., KNOX CITY. Dinner will be served. Travel and

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Monday, October 24, 2011 at 2:00 P.M. at Texhoma Christian Care Center in the Chapel. Texhoma Christian Care Center is located at 300 Loop 11, Wichita Falls, Texas.

Rather than dwell on how much things have changed or worry about what might go wrong, this workshop will help you focus on making the holidays as enjoyable as possible. As well as discuss triggers for difficult behaviors and communication techniques. And help

individuals identify sources of stress and tips for being living healthier.

The mission of the Alzheimer's Association is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health.

For more information call Patty Taylor at 940-767-8800 or 800-272-3900.

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Pinto Beans

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THURSDAY, NOV. 3RD

Beef Stroganoff

Noodles

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BLOOD DRIVE IN KNOX CITY-NOVEMBER 1

The Meek Blood Center bloodmobile will be at Knox County Hospital on Tuesday, November 1 from 1:00 PM until 6:00 PM. Thirty one donors participated in the blood drive on September 6.

The demand for blood continues to grow, and Meek Blood Center must collect a minimum of sixty pints of blood each day to make blood transfusions possible at seventeen area hospitals, including Knox County Hospital "Blood usage is difficult to predict," said Frances Baker, donor recruiter for Meek Blood Center. "Our job is to ensure blood availability to every patient in need of a blood transfusion. All of the blood we collect comes from volunteer donors. We are very grateful to the special individuals in the communities we serve who are willing to help save lives through the selfless act of blood donation."

Donors must be at least 17 years old (age 16 with signed parental consent), weigh a minimum of 120 pounds and in general good health. All donors must present a photo ID. Those who have eligibility questions may call Meek Blood Center at 325-670-2798 or visit the website at www.meekbloodcenter.org. Each donor will receive their choice of a T-shirt or a reusable shopping bag.

PINK LADIES OF KNOX CITY

Members of Pink Ladies met October 19 to discuss the Halloween Party for the residents of Brazos Valley. Grapes and bananas will be purchased for refreshments. June Tankersley will play the piano.

Cups with coffee and cake inside were presented to each member of Pink Ladies who worked at the Health Fair

October 15. Our ladies registered guests and served punch and cookies in the hospital lobby. We appreciated the gifts from the hospital.

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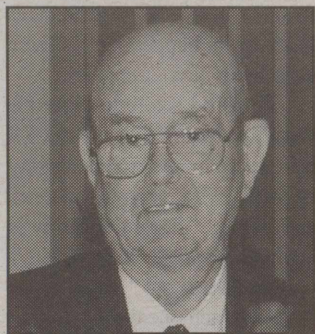


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OBITUARIES



James Roland Coppedge, Sr.

James R. Coppedge, Sr. passed away at home surrounded by family, Friday, October 21, 2011 after a long and courageous fight against cancer. He was a strong inspiration for his family, friends and those he met along the way. Visitation will be from 6:00 p.m. to 8p.m. Friday, October 28th at Memorial Funeral Chapel in College Station, Tx.

Burial will be at 9:30 a.m. at Wellborn Cemetery.

Celebration of Life Service at Christ United Church in College Station, Tx. At 11:00 a.m.

He was born November 21, 1941 in Sweetwater, Texas, to Arlyn B. and Mary Elizabeth Coppedge.

James grew up and attended school in Benjamin, Texas, where he still has many friends and family. He graduated from Benjamin High School in 1960, and he married his high school sweetheart, Betty Jackson in December, and they moved to Lubbock, where he received a Bachelor's degree in Entomology from Texas Tech University in 1965. After graduating, he and his family moved to College Station, and he began working with the Agricultural Research Service as an entomologist at the Insecticide Cotton Insect Research Lab in College Station. During that time, he attended Texas A&M and completed his Master's Degree and PhD in 1971.

In 1974, he and his fam-

ily moved to Weslaco, Texas, where he worked at the Citrus Research Lab. In 1975, he transferred to the Screwworm Research Lab in Mission, Texas, as part of a team charged with developing technology to reverse the reinvasion of the Screwworm into the United States, becoming the Research Leader of the Screwworm Research Lab in 1978. In 1979, the screwworm was declared eradicated from the US. with the closing of the Laboratory in Mission.

In 1981, James left the federal government, and he and his family moved to Uvalde, Texas, where he established a consulting business working with cotton, corn, and vegetable growers in the Wintergarden area and with chemical company representatives worldwide.

In 1989, he re-entered Federal service as the National Program Leader for Applied Entomology in Beltsville, Maryland, where he lived with his family for five years. Upon his return to College Station in 1994 he served as Research Leader of the Area-Wide Pest Management Research Unit, later being appointed Lab Director of the Southern Crops Research Lab. In 1998, he was appointed Associate Area Director of the USDA Southern Plans Area, where he retired in December 2010.

James is survived by his wife of 50 years, Betty, daughter Lisa, Daughter-in-law Charlene Coppedge-Link, grandchildren: Stephanie, Sarah, Justin & wife Britney, Jacob & wife Brandy, Shawna, and D.J., great-grandchildren: Aslynn & Anthony James, sisters: Helen & husband Jimmy Green, Bobbie & husband David Valasquez, Mary Ann & husband Jerry Robinson, brothers: Gary & wife Linda Coppedge, Loyd & wife Judy

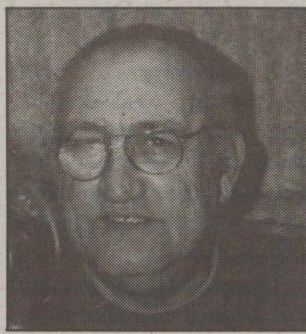
Coppedge, and numerous brothers and sisters-in-law, and nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents Arlyn & Mary Coppedge, a sister Betty Rhodes, and his son James Roland Coppedge, Jr.

James enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, hunting and fishing. He especially enjoyed getting to spend time with his great-grandchildren, Aslynn and Anthony James. He loved to have parties and get-togethers for family and friends and working at his land.

The family would like to express thanks to all the many doctors and nurses who helped along his journey with cancer. Thank you to all our family, friends, & co-workers for their prayers, support and care.

In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to D Anderson, Christ United Methodist Church, Hospice of Brazos Valley, or a charity of your choice.



Jackie Ray Nunn

Jackie Ray Nunn of Petersburg passed away on Friday, October 21, 2011 at 10:15 p.m. at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. He was born March 16, 1944 to Raymond and Faye (Bass) Nunn in Rocky Ford, Colorado. His family moved to Levelland in 1952 and that is where Jackie grew up, attended school, and was a member of the First Baptist Church. In 1961, Jackie joined the Army, receiving his high school diploma, and

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SAMMIE'S KNOX CITY CORNER AND FINAL THOUGHTS

Monday started our week and Bud's Café bunch is still talking about Dan's little accident and the ladies are just enjoying their time together.

Mrs. Martel Tankersley is out of the hospital. I'm not sure if she went home with her daughter or if she is remaining at home but they did dismiss her from the hospital.

As I picked up last week's paper I realized where Eddie Williams had passed away. Our deepest condolences to all the family. Eddie was Cidy and Betty Williams son. In fact, he and his brother, Phil, were the

ones who sold Eddie and I our house from way back in 1996. They were very wonderful people.

I know sometimes my stories are fewer, but sometimes I just don't get out much because I may have more pain in my joints than other days, so just bare with me. I'll try to get the stories to you and how everyone in good old Knox City is doing.

I met our new neighbor to be, but I can't remember her name. Sorry, she seems to be very nice and is doing great improvements to her new home. She also had a great garage sale. The weather

was kind of cool Friday, but I hope she had a great sale.

If you drove toward O'Brien you probably went down to Cody and Shannon Pack's garage sale. This time of year, everyone wants to clean out the house and garage and that's the best way to do it.

Last I heard Danny Rios was in the hospital in Abilene. Don't know much about his health, but they are still doing tests and hopefully, they'll find out what may be wrong.

As for Alfredo Abila, he still has a long time ahead. He's still having headaches and small

memory problems. They do need our prayers for all of his family is still dealing with loss of loved ones and lots of doctor visits.

Amy and Gary's son, Cable, is also having some health issues. Hope he gets to feeling better soon.

You saw where our football guys had a great day on Friday. That game was a good game. Our kids work very hard for their victories and so did our band at Wichita's Marching contest for a "1". That is a great honor not just for our kids, but for our community. I know how

hard they have worked for this number. Great job, kids!

Leta Mangis was out with her son Tommy and Oscar Sunday celebrating her 75th birthday. I know you had a wonderful birthday, Leta.

Roy Rodriguez daughter, Kasey and her husband and their three little ones are stationed in Turkey with the armed forces, but are doing good. They are away

from where the earthquakes have been happening. Please keep them in your prayers.

My news is a little short this week, but hopefully next week I'll have more to report. Please stay in touch with your loved ones and friends, 'cause tomorrow is a whole new day. Take care.

God Bless our Troops
And each one of us,
Sammie

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Date	Temperature (F) Low / High	Rainfall inches
10/17	58/94	
10/18	49/70	
10/19	41/71	
10/20	39/81	
10/21	41/79	
10/22	48/85	
10/23	55/83	

Total Rainfall for month 2.48
2011 Rainfall (ytd) 5.00

God's Promises

Choose Life!

By Tex Cox

"Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. Now I call heaven and earth to witness to the choice you make. Oh, that you would choose life, so that you and your descendants might live!

You make this choice by loving the Lord your God, obeying Him, and committing yourself firmly to Him. This is the key to your life." Deuteronomy 30:19-20 NLT

Today, many of you reading this have tough decisions to make. You may be tempted at the moment to just throw your hands up and say, "Enough is enough! I give up!!!" You may be tempted to give in to that sense of depression or despair that is trying to grab a hold of you like a big giant claw just trying to dig it's way into your brain.

Listen to the Word of the Lord! **CHOOSE LIFE!!!**

It is a **DECISION**. You must make a commitment to **DECIDE**. Acknowledge that you have a choice and then **CHOOSE GOD**. Don't give in!

I know it isn't easy. I know sometimes it just seems

like it would be so much easier to throw in the towel than to continue to fight - - by all means **KEEP FIGHTING!** You will win if you just stay in the game!

I've had people tell me in the past, "Tex, you just don't understand. Depression is a disease. You can't help it - - there's nothing you can do about it."

FIGHT!

I know first hand about this choice. All my life people have always told me, "No one can ever love you as much as your Mother loves you. You'll never know loss until you lose a Mother."

I understood the concept behind that, but until I actually lost my Mother in 2010, I never **REALLY** understood. There were days that I was tempted to just "give in to the weight - - - let the grief overtake" - - - etc., etc., but I made a **CONSCIOUS CHOICE** to say, "**NO!!! I WILL NOT** give in!"

These very verses show us "how" to choose life - - - **LOVE GOD. OBEY GOD. COMMIT TO GOD.**

No matter what is facing you today, you can **CHOOSE**

TO LOVE GOD. No matter what the situation - - - no matter how hard the decision - - - no matter how bleak things look - - - **LOOK UP AND LOVE GOD!!!!**

"But, Tex, I don't **FEEEEEEEELLLLLL** like it!"

It doesn't matter how you **FEEL!** Sometimes you have to start out **BY FAITH!** Just reach out and start telling God how much you love Him. How you know that you know that He is always with you. It's ok to let Him know that you are struggling at the moment, but also tell Him how much you trust that He will bring you through this.

Before you know it, your heart will begin to lighten - - - - you will hear and respond to your words of faith coming out of your mouth, and you will begin to realize that you have made the choice.....the **RIGHT** choice..... **LIFE!**

Today is the day - - - - - right now - - - - - just lift up your hands and praise the Lord! Give Him a shout!

Jesus loves you and so do I !!!

Remember - - - **YOU ARE BLESSED!**

COST-SHARE FOR CONSERVATION PRACTICES-EQIP

If you are interested in applying for EQIP funds through the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), we need you to come in and sign an application as soon as possible so that we can develop a plan with you. An EQIP application or a conservation plan does not commit you to anything.

All conservation practices are eligible for application, (if they are applicable to the land), but practices that affect the resource concerns

identified by the local work-group will rank higher than practices that don't. In addition, if that practice is included in your conservation plan, the application will be a higher priority and will be selected for funding before those applications that don't have a conservation plan with the practices included in the plan.

A higher payment rate has been established for those producers that qualify as a beginning farmer/rancher (less than 10 years), so-

cially disadvantaged farmer/rancher, or a limited resource farmer/rancher.

The following practices are those commonly used in Knox County:

Livestock Practices - grass planting, brush control - including grubbing, individual plant treatment, or aerial spraying (includes prickly pear spraying), pond, live-

stock well, livestock pump (solar or electric), livestock pipeline, livestock trough, and cross-fencing (no property line/perimeter fences).

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BY ORDER OF THE KNOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT, THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY IS AVAILABLE FOR BID. SEALED BIDS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY JUDGE, P.O. Box 77, BENJAMIN, TEXAS 79505, BEFORE 12:00 P.M., NOVEMBER 14, 2011.

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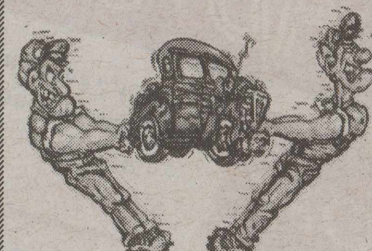
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tact the NRCS office at 658-3526 extension 3. Our office is located at 3950 FM 1292 Knox City, 1.9 miles north of Knox City on Hwy 6 and 3.2 miles west on FM 1292.

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DAVID'S FISHING REPORT



Stamford Lake – 10/22/11

Bass were slow, but caught a few on white spinner baits and chattering bucktails in a shad pattern on wood on windy points. I caught a

five fish stringer weighing in at 14.07 lbs. Crappie are starting to bite around the island.

Note from the Editor: Does it get any better than this? Thanks David.

LOCAL GOLD STAR FAMILY TO BE HONORED

On Friday November 11, 2011 at the Knox County Veterans Memorial in Benjamin, Texas, the family of Lance Corporal Thomas Neil Trainham, casualty of the Vietnam War will be recognized as the God Star Family. Larry and Pattie Bratcher of Vera, Texas, Cousins of Corp. Trainham, will place a memorial wreath beneath the archway. The archway is engraved with names of Knox County Veterans killed in war.

As a member of the Marine Corps, LCPL Trainham served our country with the 3rd Marine Division, 1st Battalion, 26th Marines, Charlie Company, Weapons Platoon until September 24th, 1968 in Quang Nam, South Vietnam. Thomas died from hostile

artillery fire. He was 19 years old and was not married. His body was recovered and is buried in Seymour, Texas. Thomas was born on October 18th, 1948, in Metairie, Louisiana.



Thomas Neil Trainham was the son of Jesse Lee, Jr. (J. L.) and Joyce (Ellis) Trainham, of Vera, Texas. Thomas had two brothers, Eric and Murl Trainham. At the time the family lived in Vera, J. L. owned and operated a mechanic shop.

Joyce Trainham wrote: "Eric (Thomas' brother) did accompany his brother's body home, and our youngest son volunteered*into the Marine Corps in the service of our Country.

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COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

October 27, 2011

City of Benjamin

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940/459-3131

This Notice shall satisfy the above-cited two separate but related procedural notification requirements.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about November 14, 2011 the City of Benjamin will submit a request to the Texas Department of Rural Affairs for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Section 104(f) of the Title I of Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as water facility improvements, for the purpose of installation of a 60,000 gallon per day Reverse Osmosis (R.O.) plant, approximately 2,100 linear feet of discharge line, acquisition of approximately 5 acres of land to hold a 2 acre pond to evaporate the reject water from the R.O. Plant. Construction to take place at the Water Treatment Plant located at Lake Benjamin. The amount of grant funds is \$249,950.00

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Benjamin has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at City Hall at 303 S. Hinton, Benjamin, TX 79505 and may be examined or copied weekdays (8:00) A.M. to (4:00) P.M., Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, excluding Holidays.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the Office of Mayor, City of Benjamin, Benjamin, Texas. All comments received by November 11, 2011 will be considered by the City of Benjamin prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commentors should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Benjamin certifies to Texas Department of Rural Affairs that Sylinda Meinzer in her capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. TDRA's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the City of Benjamin to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Texas Department of Rural Affairs will consider objections to its release of funds and the City of Benjamin certification received by December 1, 2011 or a period of fifteen days from its receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer or other officer of the City of Benjamin approved by Texas Department of Rural Affairs; (b) the (RE) has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by Texas Department of Rural Affairs; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to Texas Department of Rural Affairs at P.O. Box 12877, Austin, Texas 78711. Potential objectors should contact TDRA to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Mayor Sylinda Meinzer

Mayor, City of Benjamin

Sylinda Meinzer

USDA authorizes emergency grazing of CRP acres

Knox City, Texas – October 19, 2011 – Knox County USDA, Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director, John Rector, today announced that in response to drought conditions, the Texas FSA State Committee authorized emergency grazing use of Conservation Reserve Program (CPR) acres for 92 Texas Counties effective November 1, 2011.

"The 2012 CRP emergency grazing period begins on November 1, 2011, and ends on January 29, 2012," said Rector. "CRP land previously hayed or grazed, either managed or emergency use, during the previous 12 months is excluded from the FY 2012 grazing authorization," he said.

The following Texas counties are approved for CRP emergency grazing for FY 2012: Armstrong, Bailey, Baylor, Borden, Bosque, Briscoe, Brown, Burnet, Callahan, Carson, Castro, Childress, Cochran, Coke, Coleman, Collingsworth, Concho, Cottle, Crosby, Dallam, Dawson, Deaf Smith, Delta, Dickens, Donley, Duval, Fannin, Fisher, Floyd, Foard, Frio, Gaines, Garza, Gray, Hale, Hall, Hansford, Hardeman, Hartley, Haskell, Hemphill, Hidalgo, Hill, Hockley, Howard, Hutchinson, Jones, Kenedy, Kent, King, Kenny, Kleberg, Knox, Lamar, Lamb, LaSalle, Lipscomb, Live Oak, Lubbock, Lynn, Martin, Maverick, Medina, Mitchell, Montague, Moore, Motley, Nolan, Ochiltrie, Oldham, Pamer, Pecos, Potter, Randall,

Red River, Roberts, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Sherman, Starr, Stonewall, Swisher, Taylor, Terrell, Terry, Throckmorton, Tom Green, Uvalde, Wheeler, Wilbarger and Yoakum.

The FY 2012 CRP emergency authorization permits grazing only. No haying of CRP acres is allowed at this time. Additionally, there will be a 25 percent CRP payment reduction on the 2012 annual payment for CRP acres used for grazing under these emergency provisions.

To take advantage of the emergency grazing provisions, authorized producers can use the CRP acreage for their own livestock or may grant another livestock producer use of the CRP acreage. The eligible CRP acreage is limited to the acreage located within the approved counties.

Eligible producers who are interested in grazing CRP under the emergency authorization and current CRP participants who choose to provide land for grazing to an eligible livestock producer, must first request approval to graze eligible acreage; obtain a modified conservation plan from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to include grazing requirements leave at least 25 percent of each field or contiguous CRP field ungrazed for wildlife, or graze not more than 75 percent of the stocking rate as determined by NRCS.

For more information on emergency grazing of CRP acre contact the Knox County FSA office at 940-658-3537.

GREYHOUNDS CLOBBER UNDEFEATED LONGHORNS

By Tracey Carter

The Knox City Greyhounds win Friday night was the first home win of the season and the one that counted the most. Taking on the undefeated, 7-0 Gordon Longhorns in a key district matchup. Josh Schnable scored on a 25 yd. run. T.J. Moore hit Blake "train" Jones on a 2 yd. pass to go up 14-0. The defense caused a

fumble and afterward, Jerek Wilde dove in for a 5 yd. TD. A safety by Ty Baker made the score 24-0. The defense topped the Longhorns for the 3rd time and Jerek Wilde once again pin-balled in for a 5 yd. TD. T.J. Moore then found Jones for a 40 yd. TD strike to make it 40-8. Ryan Ledesma then raced 38 yds. for a TD behind a great block by Jones to take a 48-14 lead.

T.J. Moore then hit Brandon York on a 20 yd. TD strike to go up 54-20 at the half. After 16 unanswered points by the Longhorns, Ryan Ledema went on a scoring rampage behind some great blocks to score from 15 yds, 53 yds., and 7 yds. out to put the Hounds up 76-42. Ledesma then snatched a pass from Moore (his 4th TD pass of the night) for an 11 yd. touch-

down. The Hounds then put the icing on the cake with a 20 yd. TD run by Ledema (his 6th TD of the night) to win 92-48. T.J. Moore had a great night kicking 9 of 12 PATs for 18 pts. The defense gave up some big numbers but stepped when they had to. The Hounds will host the other Hounds from Throckmorton this Friday @ Greyhound stadium.

THE FIGHTING O'BRIEN BULLDOGS

The O'Brien Bulldogs were defeated Thursday by the Gordon Shorthorns. Jacoby Thomas picked off a pass from the Shorthorn QB and returned it 60 yds. for a touchdown to take 7-0 lead. Colton Campos and Alfred Martinez had some good blocks to open some holes for Tomas, Zack Overmyer and Angel Rodriguez, but struggled to score. Martinez took a pass from Anthony Estrada 45 yds. to the end zone with some great blocks by Sheldon Baty and Jacoby Thomas. That was the last score of the night for the Bulldogs which ended 61-13 Shorthorns. The Bulldogs will travel to Throckmorton Thursday.

JV GREYHOUNDS TRAMPLED UNDEFEATED LONGHORNS

The KC Greyhound JV traveled to Gordon last Thursday and trampled the previously unbeaten Longhorns 60-28. Nick Short barreled in for a 1 yd. TD and Jose Espinal connected with Zach Carter for the PAT to take a 7-0 lead. Jose Espinal scrambled around then sprinted for a 45 yd. TD 13-

0. After some nice defense by Zach Rodriguez, Nick Short and Scotty Reid, QB Espinal hit Zach Carter for a 35 yd. TD. The PAT run by Bryson Roberts was stopped short and the score read 19-8. The defense of Krystofer Campos, Jesus Rodriguez and Isreal Rodriguez kept the Longhorns in check and

Espinal found Carter on a fine 25 yd. TD pass. Espinal hit Campos for the PAT 26-8. Coach Webb and Lawson then called a razzle-dazzle end around pass this time Carter to Espinal for the TD 32-8. On the ensuing kick off, Jonathan Stallings made a great touchdown saving shoe-string tackle to stop

the Longhorns. Then Isreal Rodriguez sprinted 35 yds. on a fantastic touchdown run and the PAT-pass from Espinal to Short made it 39-14. Isreal Rodriguez would find pay dirt again with 20 yd. TD blast and the combo of Espinal to Carter on the PAT pass would make it 46-22. Campos then made

a nice grab from Espinal for a 10 yr. TD and the PAT plunge by Tyler Clark made it 53-28. Isreal Rodriguez intercepted a Longhorn pass and Espinal connected with Campos on a great pass and catch for a 40 yd. TD (his 4th TD pass of the night). Zach Rodriguez powered his way into the end zone for the PAT

and the final points of the night and a 60-28 win. The boys really stepped up and played well. We will travel to Crowell Thursday night @ 7:00 to take on the Wildcats. Good luck Hounds.

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Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

By Gladene Green

I've said it before and I'm saying it again. These Mondays come around pretty often and I am always rushed to meet the News deadline! But so far, I have it. We are having gorgeous fall weather. Think a change is coming, but the last few days could not have been any nicer.

REGARDING OUR ILL

Charles Griffith (& Linda) came home Tuesday nite after several weeks in Lubbock. He's had surgery and is recovering nicely tho still not back 100% yet and won't be for quite some time, but he does have more good days than bad ones now and that's encouraging.

Chad Tolson is in a Care facility in Graham and undergoing therapy. I talked to his mom, Janice, today and she said the progress is slow, but there is some improvement daily. He can't stand or get up without help, but recognizes people when they come into his room and that has not been happening, so they feel good about that. He still needs our prayers as he has a long way to go, yet.

SYMPATHY EXTENDED

My sincere sympathy today to the family of James Coppedge. James passed away on Friday after several years battling cancer. He is formerly of Benjamin and a BHS graduate. He has many friends in this area. Memorial services for James will be in College Station Sat. where he had resided for many years.

HERE 'N THERE

The annual fall festival will be Sat. night in the gym. The usual cake walk, bingo and booths of all kinds will be available for everyone's enjoyment. The festivities begin about 5:30 and the festival will

end with the Coronation of Harvest Royalty. Bingo will follow and probably continue until all the prizes have been won. Everyone is invited to come and join in the fun. Also plan to eat supper as there will also be a food booth open with sandwiches, drinks, desserts and other goodies! This is a PTO sponsored event and any money made (except for the individual class booths) will be used for some chosen school project.

Jr. High football Thursday nite found Benjamin winning, beating Lueders-Avoka 22-8. Besides a good game, the fans were entertained by the little girls who did some cheer-leading and dance routines. The Colts play Rule Thursday nite there beginning at 6pm and then, the last game of the season will be with Jayton here on Nov. 3, also at 6 pm.

Jenna McCanliss is having a boy and the community "show-ered" her on Sunday with lots of blue. The afternoon event was held at the Methodist Church and several friends and family were on hand to see her pleased expressions as she opened each and every gift, and to enjoy the refreshments provided by the hostesses.

Sara Clower student at H.S.U. was home for the weekend. She said she's liking school and that's a plus when you are attending classes daily.

Cathy Tomlinson of Denton and Betty Parker of Aspermont visited their mom, Gloria West during the weekend.

Connie Porter of Fayetteville, Ark. is here for a few days visit with family and friends.

Charles and Joy Jones, Loraine Powers, Gloria West, Gladene Green and Troy Culpepper attended the Double Mountain Baptist Assn. annual meeting at Leuders Sunday afternoon. It was a good meet-

ing and a wonderful Mexican food meal plus a chance to visit with friends from many area

churches. Ariel Gideon and Addison returned home Saturday after

a 2 week's visit with her mom and dad, Oscar and Shannon and sister who all live in Arizona. Gideon and with her brothers

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION)

To the registered voters of the County of Knox City, Texas:

(a los votantes registrados del Condado de 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 November 8, 2011, for voting in a special election to adopt or reject the proposed local sales and use tax for the purpose of City streets maintenance and repairs.

(Notifíquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 8 de noviembre 2011 para votar elección especial para aprobar o rechazar la propuesta de ventas locales y el uso de impuestos para el propósito de la Ciudad de mantenimiento y reparación de calles.

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES (DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

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(La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en:)
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(location) (sitio)

between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. beginning on October 24th, 2011

(date)

(entre las ocho de la mañana y las cinco de la tarde empezando el 24 de octubre del 2011

(fecha)

and ending on November 4th, 2011 (y terminando el 4 de Noviembre del 2011)

(date)

(fecha)

Additional early voting will be held at the same location as follows:

(La votación anticipada adicional se llevará a cabo en el mismo lugar de la siguiente manera)

October 24, 2011 7AM - 7PM

November 3, 2011 7AM - 7PM

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(Nombre del Secretario de la Votación Adelantada)

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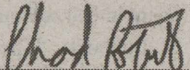
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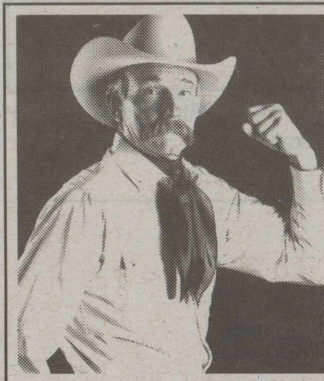
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Issued this the 15th day of October, 2011.

(Emitida este día 15 de octubre, 2011.


Signature of Presiding Officer (Firma del Oficial que Preside)
Chad Roberts, Knox City Administrator



ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

by Baxter Black,
DVM

MASTER OF NONE

It helps to know a little about a lot of things. It gives you a broad perspective. It also allows you to make a fool of yourself in many different areas! In my column readers may notice that I appear to have an opinion on almost everything in agriculture. It might impress some, but real authorities in certain areas, can easily see how thin my expertise is spread.

For instance, I worked in a sheep Parasitology Lab during Ag School. I tell people casually that I helped work out the life cycles of *Thysanosoma actinoides*, *Stephanofilaria tylosi*, and *Elophora schneideri*. What I really did was hold

the sheep, recover their intestinal contents at the slaughter house, and butcher the controls for the Home of the Good Shepherd orphanage.

I can dazzle people with my savvy of the anatomy of the hippopotamus, rhinoceros, blue whale, giraffe and elephant. I spent many weeks preparing my senior Vet School thesis titled, *The Anatomy of Five Non-Domestic Mammals*. I charged on regardless of the threat by the Board of Faculty Clinicians, that if I chose such a frivolous subject they would give me a D. At that stage of my vet school education, I was no longer afraid of a D!

I started working in the

feedlots as a summer vet student. Over three years and three different feedlots, I must have necropsied 300 head of dead beasts in my search for knowledge. Two of the summers I lived in poor accommodations, one with no running water. Apparently, I exuded the aroma of a rendering plant. At the Wednesday night church service, the bar after work, and the rare lunch invitation, I was treated like a wet dog! I always thought it was my accent, or my odd habit of describing infected lungs, abscessed livers or acidotic rumen contents.

Early in my veterinary career, I had occasion to amputate the hind leg of a 500 lb steer. With help, I got him down and restrained. I draped the area, scrubbed it, put on my latex gloves and made a bold incision. Simultaneously, the cowboy crew ran 40 head of 1200 lb fat steers down the alley just across the fence from my surgical theater! It looked like pictures of western Kansas during the Dust Bowl! I lay down over the operation site as the thundering herd passed less than 4 feet from

my head!

My horse training knowledge can be summed up by my method of preventing my heeling horse from swinging out too far to the right, as I turn to throw my heel loop. My horse is on the right side of the steer's hip because I am left-handed. Which, according to most team ropers, is a sign of the devil. I thought by covering my horse's right eye, it would prevent his turning out. For months I used this method. However, to some it appeared foolish. See, to cover that eye, I used one half of a bikini top!

I have long experience with constipated Dachshunds, wounded cowboys, bad musical instruments, voracious squeeze chutes, ungracious bartenders, Indian bucking horses, poopy baby calves, Holstein cows that won't breed back, biting dogs, yowling cats, split rims that do bite back, Boone & Crockett Mule Deer bucks that escape, and University faculty boards that try to intimidate me with a D.

Yes, it helps to know a little about a lot of things...sometimes.

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The 501

by
Hanaba Munn Welch



Toasters are like mousetraps. Except nobody gets a mousetrap for a wedding gift.

Actually toasters aren't popping up at wedding showers the way they used to. Remember when all newlyweds got three toasters and had to return two?

What toasters and mousetraps have in common is that people are always trying to invent better versions of each. For that matter, it wouldn't surprise me if somebody hasn't caught a mouse with a toaster. I can see it happening in a cartoon. It's a cat-and-mouse scenario with lots of action and the ultimate escape of an airborne mouse. In cartoons, mice always escape. If anybody gets toasted, it's the cat. Here's to cats.

Back to toasters. We don't have one. We have a toaster oven instead. Ho-hum. We listen for the ding instead of the sound of the toast release and bread shooting out of slots. Can you tell I miss the toaster?

OK. I know it's just in cartoons that the bread actually shoots out. Humor me.

But isn't it nice when a definitive sound is something besides a ding or beep? I'm growing weary of all those little noises. Our coffee maker beeps. Remember when you knew the coffee was ready when you could no longer hear the perking sound? Instead of listening for a beep, you listened for silence. That's what's nice about our little espresso machine. When it quits whooshing, I know a cup of coffee awaits me. Ah silence, laced with the smell

of fresh-brewed coffee.

Back to toasters.

When I was a kid, our original electric toaster wasn't a pop-up. It was a fold-up — possibly a 1931 wedding gift. Delicate trays on either side held the bread. They had holes in them — heart-shaped in my memory. Mother and Daddy had used that toaster just once, before my time, to toast raisin bread. Raisin juice had oozed through the holes and left indelible stains.

Garage sales hadn't been invented. You had to have a good reason to replace any appliance. Raisin stains ultimately worked for Mother. She'd lived with them long enough.

So when we got a shiny new toaster, it's no wonder she kept polishing it with a dishtowel. Daddy and I regularly got in trouble for letting the toaster get too close to the plastic bread wrapper.

One thing I remember about that toaster was that we inaugurated it with a bit of a party. Uncle Horton and Aunt Kate came over with their two grown children, Wanda and Robert. We all sat around the dining table and kept our eyes on the new toaster, watching and waiting for the bread to pop up. It was just us and the toaster and a loaf of soft white bread and some butter. We ate the entire loaf.

Somewhere some ambitious inventor is working on a new and better toaster — one that will be the life of every party and the perfect wedding gift.

A mouse feature would be interesting, but what I'd like best is no beeps.

Rain helps, but exceptional drought still the rule

By Robert Burns

COLLEGE STATION — Nearly all of the state received rain during the last two weeks, but even where the rains were substantial, the drought was far from over, according to Texas AgriLife Extension Service reports.

Since early October, the Rolling Plains, Central and North regions received the most rain, with accumulations of 6 inches and more, with 2 to 3 inches common, according to the National Weather Service's daily precipitation analysis. San Antonio and surrounding counties received 2 inches or more. With a few exceptions, the rest of the state received from a trace to about 2 inches.

Where the rains were substantial, the agricultural benefits were great, replenishing livestock water tanks and ponds, and encouraging farmers to plant winter forages and prepare fields for fall planting.

However, the general consensus from AgriLife Extension county agents was that much more rain is needed to sustain winter crops.

"Rainfall received this week was from 0.5 inch to more than 1 inch across the county," said Greg Jones, AgriLife Extension agent in Garza County, southeast of Lubbock. "The rainfall will help for a short period of time, but additional rainfall will be needed. Small-grain crops will

emerge with current moisture but will not be sustained."

"Most of the county received 1 inch to 2 inches of rain this week," said Steven Sparkman, AgriLife Extension agent in Hardeman County, northwest of Wichita Falls. "This is the first rain in a year, measuring over an inch at one time for most of the county. Wheat producers will wait several days for volunteer wheat and weeds to come up then spray to kill it and plant the 2012 wheat crop. ... This rain was nice, but leaves us about 18 inches below normal."

"After a good rain this past weekend, farmers are firing up

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A farm crew worker at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Overton disks a Bermuda grass field in preparation for planting winter forages. Rains encouraged farmers to prepare for planting winter forages in many parts of the state, but more rain will be needed to sustain growth, according to Texas AgriLife Extension Service personnel. (Texas AgriLife Extension Service)

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spent the next three years as a medic in Germany and Italy. Upon honorable discharge in 1964, he attended junior college in Uvalde. In 1965 Jackie moved back to the South Plains area, and spent the next few years driving a truck and running a service station. During these years he coached several Little League and Pony League baseball teams.

Jackie took a job on a ranch in Dickens in 1971 and lived in that area for the next 17 years. During that time he also worked as a gin manager, co-owned a cement company, and along with his first wife, ran the Ponderosa Grocery Store. In 1988, Jackie moved back to Lubbock where he met and married Gail Rowan. He owned and operated Southwest Weed Control until his health declined, and at that time he went to work as a dispatcher for his good friend, Jerry Meers, at Meers Pest

Solutions. In 2002, Jackie and Gail bought a home Petersburg, and for the last nine years he has become a part of that community, making some of the best friends of his life.

Jackie is preceded in death by his parents, and survived by his wife, Gail of Petersburg; daughter, DeAnne Roberts and husband Rod of Dickens; brother, Jimmy Nunn and wife Judy of Levelland; sister, Barbara Epperson of Lubbock; two grandsons, Logan Timberlake and Landon Roberts; aunt, Pat Wright of Odessa; uncle, Clyde Nunn of Amarillo; and a special group of nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, October 27, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Petersburg.

Please celebrate the life of Jackie by visiting www.combestfamilyfuneral-homes.com

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childcare expenses will be reimbursed. To register, call 325-675-8629.

If you are interested in Serious Bible Study, join us beginning November 1st, every Tuesday, 6 – 8 pm, at the Church of God, Family Worship Center, Hwy 380 East, in Haskell, Texas. This Bible study is non-denominational. Come as you are. All you need is your Bible and a desire to learn.

A Representative from the Area Agency on Aging of West Central Texas will provide assistance

with Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage (Part D) Open Enrollment from 11 am to 1pm on Oct. 27th at the Knox City Senior Center located at 107 N. Ave. E. Participants must bring their Medicare Cards and a current list of prescriptions, including dosage and strength

LIVE AUCTION at Espinosa Hall at 108 N. Ave. H at 10 am, Wed., Nov. 2nd. The auction will consist of industrial vehicles and vehicle parts. For questions, call John O'Connell at 325-672-4870.

SIGNAGE

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a local hotel occupancy tax sometime in the early 1990's and then went into contract with the Chamber of Commerce for management of these funds.

There are restrictions and guidelines for the use of these funds, and it is the responsibility of the Chamber of Commerce, with the approval of the City Council to spend the money accordingly. One such allowed use is the purchase of signs that may be used to promote tourism activities, business, and other events that may attract people to our community. With that in mind, the Chamber of Commerce recently purchased two electronic signs for this purpose.

Lynn Electric built the frames and installed the two signs last week on the '57 Heaven building, historically known as the Egenbacher building. One sign faces the East, with the other facing the North.

These signs were placed after much consideration for ease in viewing by the public. Dessie Egenbacher, who owns the building, generously allowed the Chamber to display the signs in this prime location.

Through the years, many local residents have expressed to the Chamber the desire for better communication of events in our

community and in the surrounding area. With this in mind, the Board of Directors spent much time and effort researching the availability and options for accomplishing this goal. With a budget in mind, the purchase was made in early summer of this year, with the signs arriving in July and the installation completed this past week.

The purchase would not have been possible without the funds of the hotel/motel occupancy tax. The City Motel has contributed the majority of these funds through the years, along with the Corley Manor Bed and Breakfast of recent years. The hotel/motel industry is one business that residents tend to overlook and take for granted, never fully acknowledging its importance or contribution to the local economy.

The Chamber of Commerce and the Board of Directors encourages the citizens to not only support the local businesses, but to take a moment to thank the merchants for their continued efforts in the community. With the new electronic signs, the Chamber strives to improve the communication of events and happenings to all who pass through our town, and hopefully encourage people to stop and stay awhile, and put 'heads in beds.'

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tractors and grain drills to get wheat planting under way," said Justin Gilliam, AgriLife Extension agent in Archer County, south of Wichita Falls. "While some farmers are having to replant, most are just now putting seed in the ground. Tanks and streams are all at least half full, while some are overflowing."

"We got rain last weekend. Most areas received 1 inch to 5 inches," said Scott Anderson, AgriLife Extension agent in Brown County, southwest of Fort Worth. "Most stock tanks caught some water; some filled up. There was increased field activity: plowing and planting small-grain fields. Most pastures will not be able to grow much grass or forage due to cooler nighttime temps."

"The county receive from 3 to 7 inches of rainfall over the weekend, but there was no runoff water, and stock water is still a grave concern," said David Winkler, AgriLife Extension agent in Bosque County, between Dallas and Waco.

More information on the current Texas drought and wildfire alerts can be found on the AgriLife Extension Agricultural Drought Task Force website at <http://agrilife.tamu.edu/drought/>.

AgriLife Extension district reporters compiled the following summaries:

Rolling Plains: Timely rains encouraged wheat growers to plant. Hardeman County reported 1 inch of rain, its first substantial rain since last September. Encouraged by the rain, producers prepared to plant fall forages. Stock tank levels increased significantly in some counties. The rains also greened up pastures a little. Livestock remained in poor to fair condition, but ranchers now had an optimistic outlook with the greened-up pastures and winter wheat crops looking good. The cotton harvest was halted on defoliated fields after the rains. One county reported that what little cotton was left was disaster-stricken for insurance last week. Producers were turning cattle in on the disaster-stricken cotton as it was about the only feed left. Livestock producers were buying hay from out of state.

Panhandle: Some areas received from a trace to 3 inches of rain. Soil moisture was very short to adequate, with most counties reporting very short to short. The corn harvest was ongoing. The cotton harvest was under way with the crop reported to be in fair to poor condition. Producers continued planting wheat. Most rangeland and pastures were in very poor condition, with livestock producers continuing to provide supplemental feed.

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TIPS FOR HALLOWEEN MAKE IT A GREEN HALLOWEEN

Halloween is an estimated \$6 billion a year industry, but with a little planning

Eco-minded families can celebrate an Earth-friendly All Hallow's Eve without spending too much money. UT Dallas Sustainability Manager Thea Junt offers the following tips to take the ecological and economic fright out of October 31st.

Stay Local:

WALK WITH YOUR KIDS in your own neighborhood. It saves on gas and reduces emissions, gets your family a little evening exercise and lets you mingle with your neighbors. Make trick-or-treating about your community, not about the candy. Use new-to-you costumes. Get creative with your

family's clothes to make fabulous new costumes. Scope out thrift stores early—the best costume-making clothes go quickly. Scarves and bangles can make any kid a gypsy, while a blue shirt with a “32” easily becomes Texas Rangers outfielder's uniform.

BEWARE OF FRIGHT NIGHT CHEMICALS. Many of the new costumes and accessories are made with plastics and PVC, few of which are recyclable. Many of the heavy

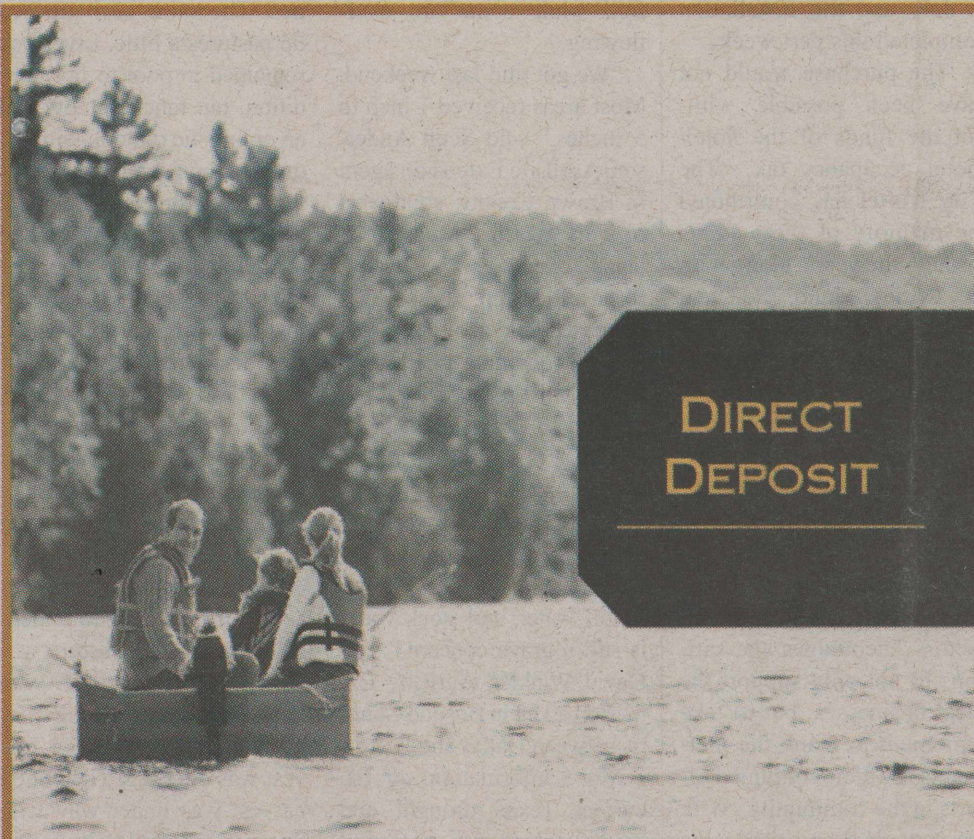
makeup products are made with lead, a highly toxic material. Reduce your risks by using everyday make-up to be your most ghoulish and avoid questionable seasonal substitutes. Finally, Junt says there are cheaper and more eco-friendly ways to host a Halloween bash. Serve homemade or bulk-purchased goodies, use real dishes instead of paper or plastic goods and encourage guests to use your recycling bin when they can.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Members of the Knox City, City Council met Tuesday evening, Oct. 18, 2011, to discuss numerous items on the agenda including the annual water usage review letter from the North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority. In their review, the Water Authority informed the Council of a necessary .15 per 1000 gallons of usage increase in Knox City's water rates. The Council members approved to pass this increase along to the city's water customers since the increase could not be absorbed in the current operating budget. Water deposit rates were also raised to \$100 to be inline with the surrounding area. Water deposits are refundable to all customers with a good payment history when they close their

account. Animal control was another issue reviewed by the Council. Pet owners are advised of the City's current required registration of their pets at City Hall. Owners are to bring current vaccination records. Information gathered at registration is used to quickly locate the owner of a lost pet and for identification purposes with a fee of only \$5. ID tags will be issued with each registration. Pet owners who are caught in violation of the required ordinance could receive a citation and also an additional citation for your animal if it is found to be running at large.

A golf cart ordinance was discussed and there was approval by the Council to move forward with the stages to implement.



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