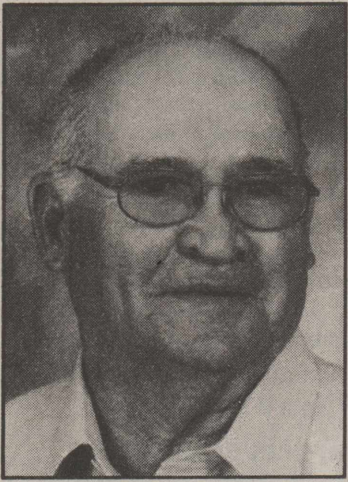


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Danny L. Reece

## KC city councilman passes away

TOMMY WELLS  
*The Knox County News*

Knox City suffered a harsh blow on Feb. 29 when city councilman Danny L. Reece passed away.

A longtime resident of Knox City, Reece played a key role in the community with several organizations, including the city council. A current member of the council, Reece's position

was due for election in the May 2012 election. In all, Reece served five years as part of the Knox City City Council.

"We were saddened to hear of his passing," said Knox City City Administrator Chad Roberts. "Danny worked hard to serve the people here."

At 71, Reece was not planning to seek re-election this May. He was not among the three candidates to file for the

open seats on the KC city council.

Born in Archer City in 1940, Reece came to Knox City in 1975 along with his late wife, Betty. He retired in recent years as an oil field pumper.

In addition to serving on the city council, Reece was busy in other endeavors, including being a member of the Pink Ladies, a local group that helps at the Knox County Hospital. He

was also a veteran of the Knox County Food Bank, and of several committees with the First Baptist Church of Knox City.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, March 3 in Throckmorton. Rev. Jerry Vincent presided over services in Knox City, while Rev. Peter Parker officiated the graveside services in Throckmorton.

Reece is survived by his mother, Cloriene Reece of Th-

rockmorton; three sons, Jeff Reece and wife, Pam, of San Antonio, Ronnie Reece and wife, Holly, of Abilene, and Mike Reece and wife, Holly, of Frisco; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; his companion, Glenda Huff of Knox City; and Glenda's daughter, Sandra Stone, also of Knox City.

For a complete obituary, see Page 3.

## City, school elections won't be necessary

TOMMY WELLS  
*The Knox County News*

If you have spent the last few days practicing your ballot dropping skills in anticipation of the upcoming May elections, here's a dose of news. You won't need to practice as hard over the next few weeks because there won't be as many ballots to throw down.

The Knox City/O'Brien Consolidated School District and the City of Knox City both scratched their respective election processes on Monday evening. Neither entity will need an election as only enough candidates filed by the March 5 deadline to fill the positions.

In the race for the Knox City City Council, three candidates submitted the necessary paperwork to vie for the at-large seats. A total of three seats were to open, meaning each candidate will automatically be seated.

"We didn't have to hold an election," said Knox City City Administrator Chad Roberts. "Each of them three people that filed will be on the council."

Gaining spots on the KC city council are Logan Morrow, Augie Rodriguez and Mark Tucker. Like the city, KC/O'Brien school district officials avoided the expense of a May election as only two people filed for the two open spots on the school board.

Jim Dillon was returned to the school board, while incoming board member Jeremy Eaton will move into the vacancy created by the departure of Tracy Carter.

With the cancellation of the city council and school board elections, Knox City voters will have only one major issue facing them when they head to the polls - whether to allow the sale of alcoholic beverages. Currently, the sale of beer and wine are prohibited within the city limits.

Knox City voters aren't the only voters in the county that will be deciding a Local Option question. Residents in the City of Munday will also be voting on allowing the sale of alcoholic beverages in the May election.

## AIRING IT OUT!



O'Brien Middle School's Sheldon Baty leaps into the air while competing in the Knox City Junior High School Track and Field Meet on Monday afternoon. One of a handful of county athletes competing in the meet. Baty finished third in the final standings in the triple jump.

## KC graduate pens book about his roots

A 1965 graduate of Knox City High School, John Montandon has made his name in the publishing industry through agricultural communications and marketing. He's co-founded media companies, magazines, radio and online publications. He also owned one of the world's largest agricultural data services.

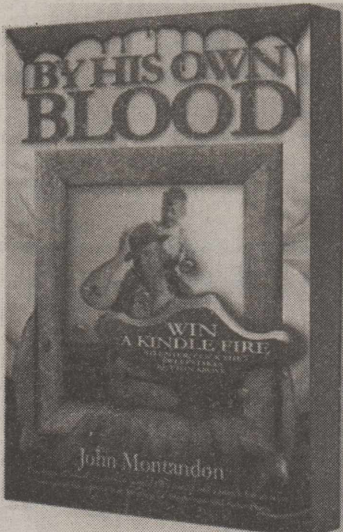
Now he can add another chapter to his resume: author.

Montandon recently completed his first book, "By His Own Blood." The book is about his father and growing up in a small

West Texas rural area. Montandon, who holds a BA in Agricultural Economics from Texas Tech University and an MBA from Pepperdine University, now lives in Hermosa Beach, CA, with his wife, Karen.

"I'm sure I will enjoy reading it for two reasons," said KC resident Bill Baker. "It's about growing up in Knox City and it was written by one of our own."

Information about the book can be found on Montandon's web site at [www.byhisownblood.com](http://www.byhisownblood.com)



Knox City native John Montandon has written a book about growing up in the area.

## City to step up enforcement of animal control ordinances

TOMMY WELLS  
*The Knox County News*

Fido may be man's best friend, but he could find himself with a fine and doing time in the dog house if the friend doesn't take of business with the city.

Officials with the City of Knox City are urging residents to ensure their pets are properly vaccinated, registered and under control, especially with the city council's directive to step up animal control efforts within the city limits.

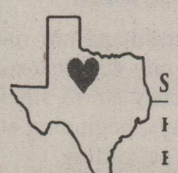
The Knox City City Council took a step toward enforcing animal-related ordinances at its last meeting when it hired Butch Brady to serve as the Knox City Animal Control Officer. A former resident of Seymour, Brady and his wife, Mollie, have lived in the community for about eight months.

As part of his duties, Brady was directed by council members to enforce the city's animal-related directives, including ensuring animals are properly vaccinated.

"It's really for the pet owner's benefit, as well as the people who live here," said Brady. "If we didn't require rabies vaccinations, we could have a rabies outbreak."

Under city code, all pet owners must have proof of current rabies vaccinations in order to register their pets with the city.

As part of its push to improve animal control, the Knox City city council amended its current fee structure for animals within the city at its Feb. 21 meeting. See FEES on Page 3



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# Sports

## Greyhounds split twinbill with Patriots

Knox City High School head baseball coach Charles Steele knew heading into Saturday's doubleheader with the Valley Patriots, his team face an uphill battle. Playing back-to-back games with is a tough chore for any team. It's especially tough with just nine players.

That reason, more than any, caused Steele to be proud of the fact Greyhounds earned a split in their two-game series with the Patriots.

"We made the two-hour trip to play a doubleheader with nine players," he said. "Valley suited up 20-plus kids and we competed with them. I am very proud of these guys."

Knox City did more than hold its own in the opener of the twinbill. The Greyhounds battered Valley for 14 hits en route to claiming a 13-7 victory.

Jose Espinal and Jarek Wilde highlighted Knox City's first win of the year. Espinal turned in a dominating effort on the hill, while Wilde led the KCHS hitting attack by going 4-for-4 from the plate, including his first

**2012 Knox City Baseball Schedule**

Mar 10	..... Rotan	..... 11 a.m.
Mar 20	..... Paducah	..... 4 p.m.
March 27	..... at Paducah	..... 4 p.m.
Apr. 3	..... WF Christian	..... 4 p.m.
Apr. 7	..... Valley	..... 11 a.m.
Apr. 10	..... WF Christian	..... 4 p.m.

home run of the year. Brandon York also homered for the Greyhounds.

Josh Schnable, T.J. Moore, Kyle Harrington and Ryan Ledesma all collected two hits in the game.

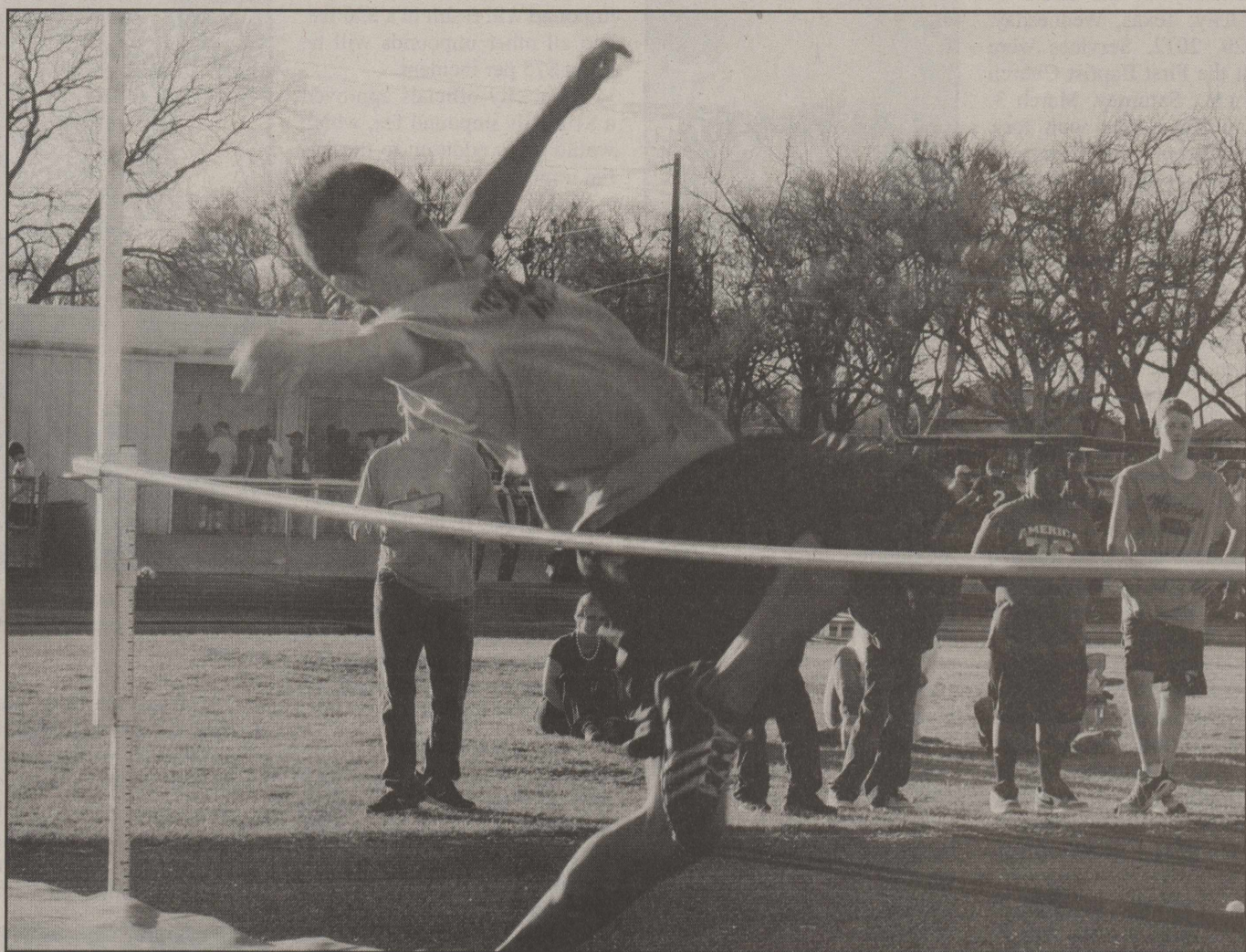
Espinal picked up the win. He fanned 10 VHS batters in the game.

Valley rallied to take the final game of the series, winning a narrow 7-4 decision.

Schnable and York both turned in solid efforts at the plate in Game 2. Both went 2-for-3.

Wilde continued his torrid hitting spree in the second game, going 1-for-1 with three walks.

Wilde, Ledesma, Espinal and Nick Short tallied KCHS' runs. York suffered the loss despite striking out seven.



### Up, up and away ...

Benjamin Junior High School eighth grader Elias Evare leaps in the air while competing in the boys high jump at the Knox City Junior High Track and Field Meet on Monday afternoon. More than a dozen junior high teams from throughout the area participated in the meet.



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## Grady, Calvert among six-man schools in finals

The Grady High School Wildcats and Calvert Trojans will try and give the six-man state basketball title this weekend.

Grady and Calvert are both

members of the Texas Six-Man Coaches Association.

Grady will begin the tournament with a semifinal round showdown with Grafard. Calvert will face Roxton.

**2012 UIL Boys Basketball State Tournament March 8-10, 2012 Frank Erwin Center**

**Thursday, March 8**

**Conf. 1A Div. I Semifinals**

8:30 a.m. - Clarksville (29-5) vs. Olton (27-8)

10 a.m. - Mumford (36-0) vs. Kerens (24-8)

**Conf. 3A Semifinals**

2 p.m. - Lubbock Estacado (27-7) vs. Argyle (29-8)

3:30 p.m. - Waco La Vega (35-1) vs. Corpus Christi Miller (29-9)

**Conf. 4A Semifinals**

7 p.m. - San Antonio Alamo Heights (34-2) vs. Dallas Kimball (32-5)

8:30 p.m. - Houston Yates (32-5) vs. Denton Ryan (23-11)

**Friday, March 9**

**Conf. 2A Semifinals**

8:30 a.m. - San Antonio Cole (31-5) vs. Brock (29-7)

10 a.m. - White Oak (35-1) vs. Idalou (30-5)

**Conf. 1A, Div. II Semifinals**

2 p.m. - Lenorah Grady (30-5) vs. Grafard (27-9)

7 p.m. - Roxton (29-6) vs. Calvert (25-7)

**Conf. 5A Semifinals**

3:30 p.m. - Northside Warren (35-5) vs. Fort Bend Travis (35-3)

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**Saturday, March 10**

8:30 a.m. - Conf. 1A Div. I finals

10 a.m. - Conf. 3A finals

2 p.m. - Conf. 2A finals

3:30 p.m. - Conf. 4A finals

7 p.m. - Conf. 1A Div. II finals

8:30 p.m. - Conf. 5A finals



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### 2011 Weekly Weather Report

Date	Temperature (F) Low / High	Rainfall inches
02/27	42/58	
02/28	57/81	
02/29	33/76	
03/01	43/83	
03/02	45/68	
03/03	30/60	
03/04	28/75	

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**KC students earn top honors in 'Six-Man Heaven' contest**

**Rainfall totals far ahead of 2011 mark**

**Local band rocks Anson Opera House**

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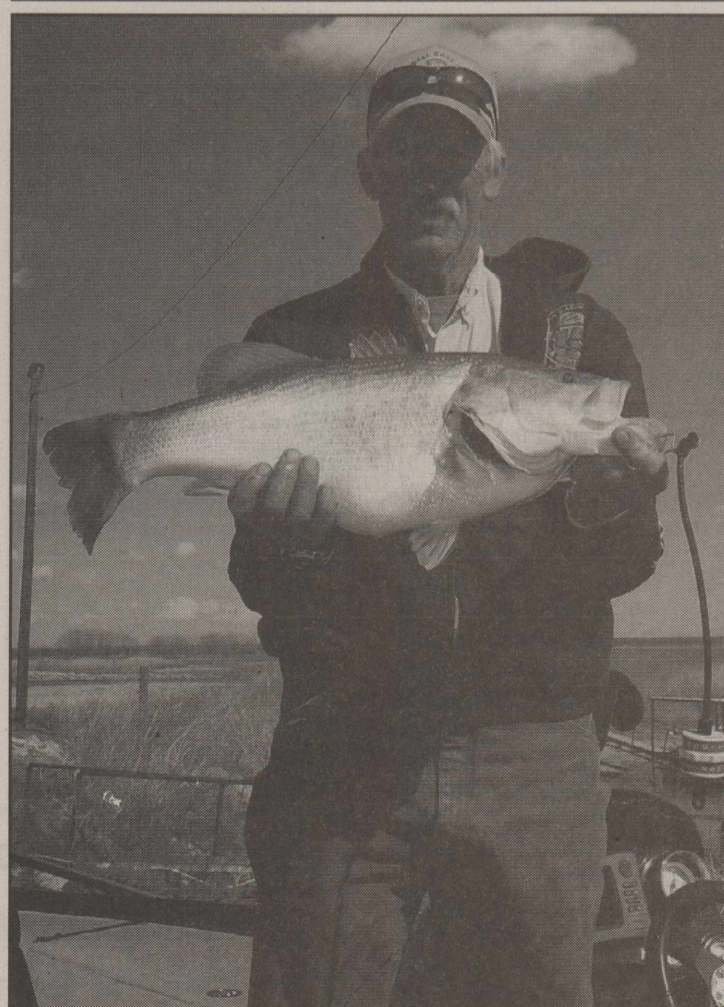
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## David's Fishing Report



This 9.14-pound bass was hauled from the waters at Lake Stamford earlier this week.

## Lake Stamford offers area anglers a 'good' experience

The bass fishing was good at Stamford Lake. Only 30 minutes after I put in the water, I had 3 fish in the boat. The biggest fish weighed 9.14 pounds. The rest of the day, I had eight fish and hooked and lost four others.

The water temperature at Lake Stamford was 52 degrees on March 3. The water clarity was stained. All were caught on a white and blue chattering bucktail on big rocks and points. Crappie fishing was slow, according to the fishermen I talked to.



# Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

These Monday "news days" come around pretty often, and as of late the local happenings have been pretty sparse. Guess folks are staying home waiting for spring break or, perhaps, summer vacation. With the steady upward swing in gasoline prices, there may not be much traveling for a while (except for emergencies).

It is good to report that I have no news of any additional illnesses in the community. The last I heard from Beckie Moorehouse was that she was being kept comfortable and resting most of the time. That is a comfort to her family. Please continue to remember her in your prayers.

Sympathy goes to several

families in the area today for the loss of loved ones. Millie Sanders of Weinert passed away on Friday in Abilene's HMC after several months of illness. Her funeral was today in Weinert. Also, Cordell Offutt passed away Saturday in the Munday Nursing Center, where she had resided for several years. Having gone to school all of our school days with her son, Gary, I had the pleasure and privilege of knowing her well for many years. Back in the day (as my grandchildren call our younger days), Mrs. Offutt was a stand-by "room mother" for our class all through school. She went on every picnic, a lot of school trips and helped with every party we ever had, I think. She was faithful to be there for all of us. Graveside rites for her

will be tomorrow (Tuesday) in Munday.

My sympathy to her family. Also, friends in Knox City have lost loved ones. Danny Reece died on Thursday. His funeral was Saturday.

Dionecia Estrada also passed away on Thursday. Her death came only a few months after she was diagnosed with Pancreatic cancer. Her funeral was today in Rhineland. Sympathy to the Reece and Estrada families.

Here 'N There

My apologies to Sharon and Karson Bivens of Tatum, NM, who were here last weekend. In reporting their visit, I put Karson and Sharon Patterson (Sharon's maiden name was Patterson). She is a Bivens now and I apologize to her and Karson.

Spring break is next week and teachers, kids and parents are ready for it. Then after their return to school, the last 2 1/2 months will go buy pretty fast.

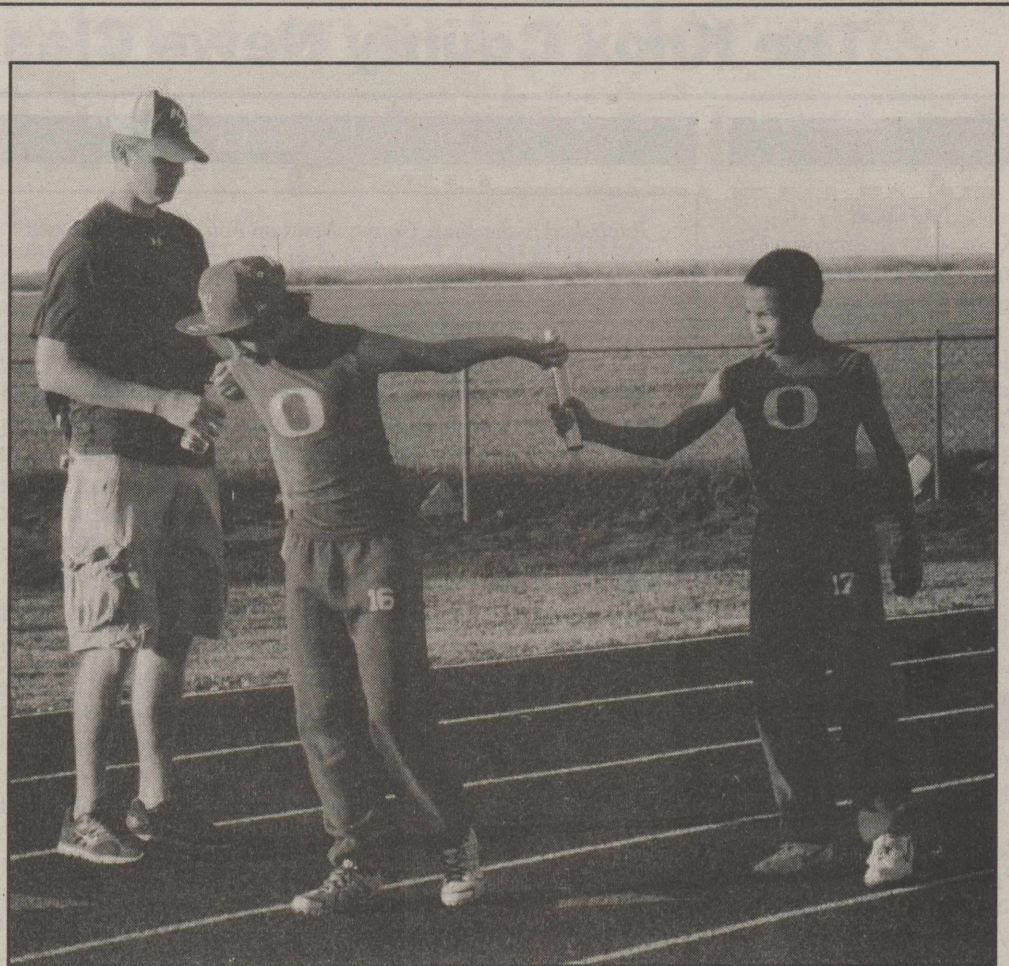
It was a good evening in Knox City (Monday) when several of us gathered at the Aging Center for a time of food and fun, and a couple of hours listening to some real country music (not at all like what is being called country today). It is the kind we grew up listening to and loving. The band consisted of Joe Nelson, Steve Pepper, Ron Stanfield, Herman Hearn, Ben Holt and Randal Gore. They are 'good, and if you get a chance to hear them, do so. I think you will enjoy it. Also, Linda Rogers sang several songs, and we enjoyed her as well. She lives in Seymour.

Lorene Powers and I attended the funeral of Millie Sanders in Weinert this afternoon. That night, we, along with Mary Young, were in Knox City for the musical.

Linda Griffith spent a couple of days last week visiting her daughter, Lori, and her husband and grandson, Matt Tyson.

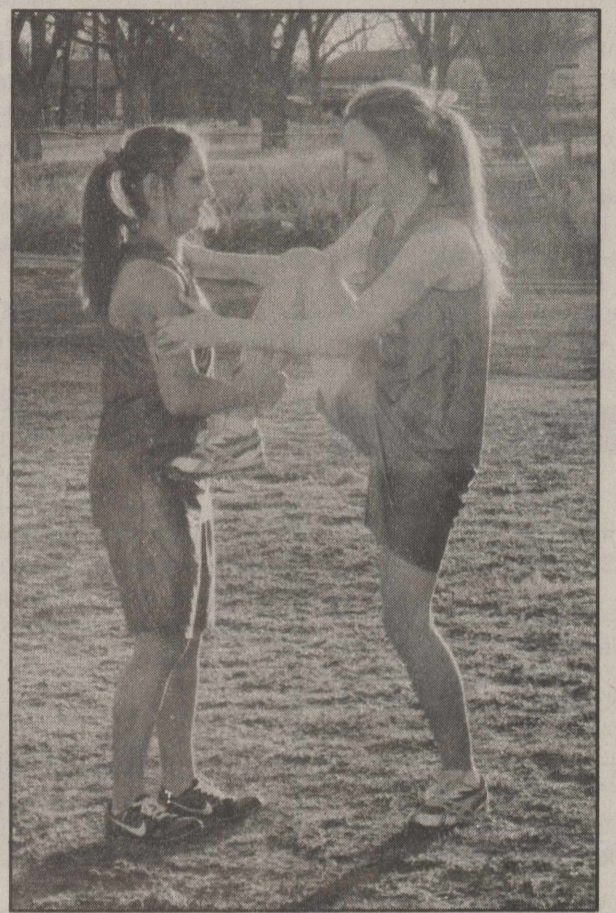
I visited with Sandra Blacklock West on Monday. She lives in Lubbock now and is doing well. She said her sister, Betty, is doing fine as well. Betty lives in Tyler.

Janet Reed and her mom and aunt, Edith Broach and Betty Poe of Knox City, attended the funeral of their uncle and brother in Katy on Thursday.



## Making tracks ...

Members of the O'Brien Junior High School track and field teams participated in the junior high meet on Monday at Greyhound Stadium. Above, Knox City coach Josh Webb works with Justin Thomas (left) and Anthony Estrada on their handoffs prior to the start of the relay events. At right, Avery Frausto helps teammate Kirsten Tuckness stretch before she competes in the girls' long jump event. In all, more than 15 teams from throughout the area competed in the meet.



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# Poltical correctness has created a country of wimps and wusses

When you're traveling, you never ask a skinny man for restaurant advice! Why? A skinny guy is someone you ask for advice on looking for a bar, cigarettes, running a marathon and a gym. A fat guy is food. He loves it, adores and appreciates it.

When we are out of town I always look for a guy pushing three biscuits and always get good advice. If I am out of town and looking for a gym (like that will ever happen) I look for some ripped up dude. It is just common sense.

How come we drug test city employees, federal workers, fireman, policemen, and most big companies drug test their employees? We give out billions for WIC, disability and welfare and require no drug test? It seems to me if we are going pay people that are unemployed to

## Just Jeff



By Jeff Stanfield

not work, we should make sure they are not on the pipe.

How come shirts that are small or 3x cost the same? This one here has always puzzled me and, hey, since I have a number in front of my XL this one is fine with me.

Why are we teaching our kids to not compete? No scores at Little League games. Everyone has to play an equal amount. The only way you become a winner is to win and the only way to find out you don't like being a loser is to lose.

We have raised a whole generation of politically correct wusses.

How come we have a United

Negro College Fund but not a Good Ol Country White Boy College Fund? This is 2012. It is time to make what's good for the goose good for the gander.

Politically correct is the downfall of our country. I have no problem with the United Negro College Fund, but I also would not have a problem with college fund for just white people. But that would go over about like someone passing gas at church.

Andrew Breitbart is the man behind getting Acorn shut down with the undercover film of all the scams they were doing. For those of you who are not familiar with Acorn, they are a community action group whose main objective was to get government money to poor neighborhoods for growth and jobs. Acorn was giving it away and it was a joke. It was a typical non-profit that is laced with tax dollars and somebody is getting wealthy.

Breitbart had a man and woman pose as a prostitute and a pimp and go to Acorn in many cities and ask for help falsifying tax documents for their business. They did this with hidden cameras and told the people what they did for a living and they actually helped them with paper work. It showed how corrupt this whole organization which had received over 53 million dollars since 1994 really was.

Last week, at the age of 43, Breitbart drops dead of natural causes while out for a walk at midnight in his neighborhood??? Kinda scary if you ask me.

He had made a lot of enemies within this administration. The consequence of the whole thing is he just announced this month that he was going to release some tapes of our president that was going to clear up questions we have about Obama.

Just 43, and dead of natural causes????

JFK is still a mystery to some so who knows...

Jeff "Nobama 2012" Stanfield is a local columnist. His column appears weekly in the Knox County News.

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