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## County looks into renewal energy proposal

TOMMY WELLS  
 The Knox County News

With energy concerns coming to the forefront of the country's attention, the Knox County Commissioners' Court listened to a proposal at their March 12 meeting that could put the area on the cutting edge of energy production.

At the meeting, commissioners heard a proposal from a New Hampshire-based compa-

ny to create salt ponds as part of an energy-producing network. The Salinity Gradient Solar Ponds program, officials from Good Earth Mechanics (GEM), would be a perfect fit for Knox and Foard counties.

Following the meeting, Knox County Judge Travis Floyd and Foard County Judge Mark Christopher announced they would hold a public meeting on March 27 to discuss the proposal.

"Knox and Foard Counties may have an excellent opportunity coming our way, but we need to have a planning session to map out a game plan to enhance our chances of getting this business opportunity," said Floyd.

Under the plan, GEM hopes to create a salt ponds to create energy at sites in California and Texas. The company contends the salt contaminating the Red River Basin makes Knox and

Foard county primes sites to construct the SGSP systems for the production of renewable energy by using brine water to release oil and natural gas.

Dennis Duke, who works with the Army Corps of Engineers, presented GEM's proposal to the commissioners.

Floyd said the proposal could be a positive for the area, as well as create jobs.

"There is a new technology called 'Salinity Gradient Solar

Ponds' that would be a very nice fit for the Brine Lake area," he said in announcing the meeting. "Along with it, it would bring jobs to the community. But, with any new opportunity, we need to be able to support the effort."

Commissioners, along with other area leaders from Knox and Foard counties, will discuss the proposal at 3 p.m. on March 27 in the KC Courthouse in Benjamin.

### County names KCBH directors

The Commissioners Court of Knox County approved the return of two members to the Knox County Hospital Board at its March 12 meeting.

Being reappointed to the hospital board were Tracy Cartwright and Judy Hobert.

Commissioners also approved a long-term agreement with Direct Energy Business.

## HURDLING INTO SPRING



News Photo/Tommy Wells

Munday Junior High School eighth grader Kathryn Cude leads a trip of runners over a flight of hurdles on Tuesday at the Cow Country Relays in Throckmorton. Cude was among a large group of Mogelette thinclads competing in the junior high track and field meet.

## Tax forms must be filed by April 15

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Knox County residents with income producing personal property are being reminded to file their 2012 rendition by the April 15 deadline.

As part of the rendition, Knox County Central Appraisal District Chief Appraiser said any equipment, supplies and inventory for business should be included. The rendition does not apply to personal property, she added.

According to Knox County Tax Collector/Assessor Mitzi Welch's office, residents should base the rendition prices on "what you would sell it (your equipment, tools, etc.) to a willing buyer if they were to continue the business as it is presently being used."

Values are based on what was in the business as of Jan. 1, 2012.

Residents who do not file their rendition by the April 15 deadline will be assessed an additional 10 percent of their existing value.

Additionally, the Welch indicated KCAD employees cannot call and take the information over the phone. The form must be completed and signed by the owner, or an authorized agent, and returned to the office.

For more information about renditions please contact Welch at (940) 459-2411 or via mail at P.O. Box 47, Benjamin, TX 79505-0047.

## Seymour Trade Days set for May

Area bargain hunters will be in for a treat later this spring when the Seymour Trade Days get started. The monthly three-day event will be held on May 26-28.

Seymour Trade Days will include items from area artists, as well as locally grown produce, plants and trees. The Trade Days event is tentatively scheduled for June and July.

Businesses, or individuals, interest reserving a booth for the shows can contact Seymour Trade Days officials at info@seymourtradedays.com, or by visiting the event's web site at www.seymourtradedays.com.



### Spring is in the air ...

The First day of Spring, a good rain and a flush of bluebonnets all highlighted the weekend in Knox City. The flowers shown above can be seen in the 600 block of SE 4th Street.

## KCVG sets Social Media workshop for March 29

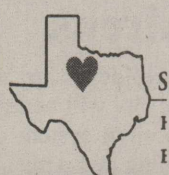
Facebook, Twitter, Google, YouTube and now Pinterest? Social media has certainly changed the way Americans do business. Knox County residents no longer have a choice on whether we do social media; the question is how well they can do it.

The Knox County Visioning Group will host a business development workshop on March 29, from 6-7 p.m., at the Knox County Courthouse in Benjamin on using social media. This workshop will focus on creating a page for a business, scheduling updates and how to advertise on Facebook. The KCVG will also

touch on using Pinterest to advertise products.

Facebook fans (those who 'like' your page) are 291 percent more likely to engage with brands than nonfans. That means fans are three times more likely to convert (use or purchase product or service) than nonfans. According to the business SocialCode, fans of a page buy at a 7 percent rate, while nonfans buy at a rate of just 2 percent. Based on those numbers, business owners can see why so many companies want you to 'like' their page.

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## Service academy forum to be March 31

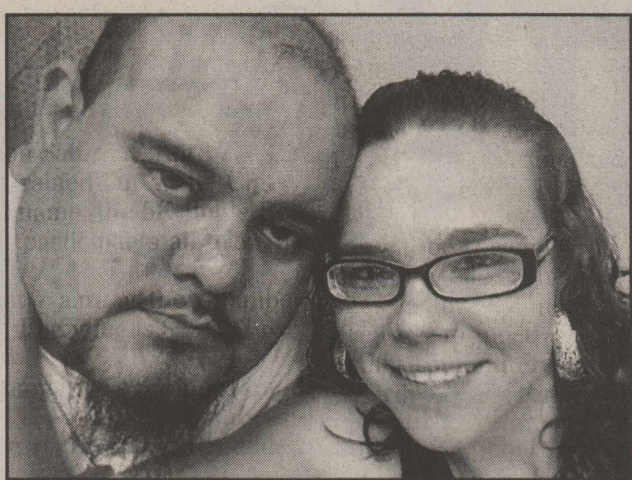
Congressman Mac Thornberry, Vice Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, will hold the 13th district's Service Academy Forum in Wichita Falls. The Wichita Falls forum will take place on March 31, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Region 9 Education Service Center. The forums is designed for potential nominees in their junior or senior year of high school. However, all local students, parents, and counselors are invited.

Representatives from West Point, the Naval Academy, and the Air Force Academy will answer questions.

Rep. Thornberry and his staff will also be available to explain the application process.

"There is not a day that goes by that I am not impressed and inspired by those who serve in our Armed Forces. Nominating young people to serve as the future leaders in the military is an important part of my job and one that I take seriously," said Thornberry.

## Engagement



Whitney Wells and Jereny Rios announced plans to wed later this year.

## Wells, Rios announce plans to exchange vows

Tommy and Patricia Wells are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Whitney Leean Wells, to Jereny Rios.

Wells is a 2007 graduate of Big Spring High School. She is currently employed in Big Spring.

She is the granddaughter of former Knox City resi-

dents Raymond and Mary Christian, and Faye and the late Bobby Wells of Ranger, Texas.

Rios is a graduate of Big Spring High School, and is currently employed as a guard at a Big Spring correctional facility.

The couple plans to reside in Big Spring.

## Washington rejects Texas' new bill requiring voter ID

AUSTIN — Texas' new law supporters say is meant to prevent voter fraud got a thumbs-down from the U.S. Department of Justice on March 12.

If the federal government had allowed the law to take effect in its present form, voters would have been required to present a state-approved identification card in addition to their voter registration card at the polls in order to cast a ballot. In a March 12 news release that came out the day the Justice Department made its decision public, the Brennan Center for Justice in Washington, D.C., stated "Texas' photo ID law could prevent hundreds of thousands of eligible voters from casting a ballot, including a disproportionate number of minorities."

Although passed by the Texas Legislature as Senate Bill 14 and signed into law in 2011, the law is subject to a higher level of scrutiny by Section 5 of the U.S. Voting Rights Act of 1965. The Lone Star State, because of its history of racial discrimination in elections, under Section 5 must receive preclearance for any changes in voting qualifications, standards, practices or procedures prior to their implementation. Preclearance can be given by the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia or the U.S. Department of Justice headed by U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder.

Texas' chief elections officer, Secretary of State Hope Andrade, expressed disappointment in the Justice Department's decision but state Attorney General Greg Abbott said the action was "no surprise, given the Obama Administration's denial of a similar law in South Carolina."

Gov. Rick Perry, in a March 12 statement, said the Justice Department "has no valid reason for rejecting this important

### Capital Highlights



By Ed Sterling

law, which requires nothing more extensive than the type of photo identification necessary to receive a library card or board an airplane."

On the other hand, Section 5 is in place to hold certain states and other jurisdictions where inequality has been a problem, to more stringent requirements to uphold the 15th Amendment's guarantee that no citizen shall be denied the right to vote on account of race or color. Several organizations came forward in support of the Justice Department's decision to deny preclearance, including the League of Women Voters, the Mexican American Legislative Caucus, the NAACP and the Texas Democratic Party.

State Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, said, "What the Justice Department said in its ruling was that Texas failed to prove that the changes in law would not have a retrogressive effect on minority voters. In other words, the new law would make it harder for minority citizens to vote than the existing requirements already set in state law."

Secretary of State Andrade, in a March 12 press release said, "My office will continue working with the Texas Attorney General's Office in seeking to implement the will of the citizens of Texas, as enacted by our duly elected representatives in

the Texas Legislature."

On March 14, Abbott filed a motion to revise the state's pending complaint seeking preclearance. The revised motion challenges the constitutionality of Section 5 itself. After filing the motion Abbott explained, "As recently as two months ago, (U.S. Supreme Court) Justice (Anthony) Kennedy stated from the bench that Section 5 places Texas at a disadvantage compared to other states. The Department of Justice is using Section 5 to deny Texas the right to enforce a law that is allowed under the U.S. Constitution. Section 5 cannot trump the Constitution."

### Combs touts transparency rating

Texas has received the top ranking for government spending transparency in an annual report on all states issued by the consumer watchdog U.S. Public Interest Research Group, Texas Comptroller Susan Combs announced March 14.

Combs' office's texastransparency.org website provides a way for citizens to keep tabs on state and local governmental finances and spending.

### Apple to beef up operations here

Gov. Rick Perry on March 9 announced Cupertino, Calif.-based Apple Inc. "will expand its presence in Texas with a \$304 million investment in a new campus in Austin that will create more than 3,600 new jobs."

In exchange for Apple's commitment to create these new jobs in Texas, the state has offered Apple an investment of \$21 million over 10 years through the Texas Enterprise Fund managed by the governor's office.

## Knox County Aging Services

The following lunch menus have been listed for the week of March 26-30 for the Knox County Aging Services

All meals are served with Wheat Bread, Margarine and 1 percent milk.

**Monday, March 26** - Beef tips/noodles, meadow blend vegetables, corn, whole wheat roll, chocolate cake/strawberry.

**Tuesday, March 27** - Chicken spaghetti, carrots, zucchini, sliced wheat bread, vanilla pudding/bananas.

**Wednesday, March 28** - Polish sausage, pinto beans, cole slaw, cornbread, peaches.

**Thursday, March 29** - Beef stew, turnip greens, cornbread, black forrest parfait.

**Friday, March 30** - Hot dog

on a bun, baked potato/sour cream, seasoned broccoli, pineapple gelatin.

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

Please call in orders by 10 a.m. to 657-3618. Orders cannot be taken after 10 a.m. All orders need to be picked up after 11 a.m.

**ACROSS**

1 TXism: "film-\_\_\_ man" (con artist)

5 in '85 TX Willie did "Farm \_\_\_"

6 actor Martin in "Four for Texas"

7 TX George Jones tune: "Take \_\_\_"

8 TXism: "dance with \_\_\_ brung ya"

9 landmark Inn on Mustang Island

15 TX Borden of milk condensing fame

16 Gov. John Connally died of \_\_\_ fibrosis in '93

19 ore analyzer

21 Dallas' Meyerson Center architect

22 George of "Breaker! Breaker!" with TX rancher Norris

27 TX Orbison's "\_\_\_ Woman Blues"

28 position to pray

29 TX Steeler: "Mean Joe \_\_\_"

30 poem "Hell in TX" says the devil put horns \_\_\_

32 TX band "Asleep \_\_\_ the Wheel"

34 ethnic group that settled Castroville

37 clamping tool

38 chopping tool

39 Quannah Parker's medicine man

40 magazine VIP: \_\_\_-chief

42 Cameron of "Belle Starr's Daughter"

**DOWN**

1 a craze

2 TXism: "let sleeping dogs \_\_\_"

3 TX JoBeth TV film: "\_\_\_ Song Continues"

4 newspaper for town in SW Wood Co. on hwy. 69

8 TXism: "hog \_\_\_ (nonsense)"

9 TXism: "\_\_\_ was 1st newspaper cow patties in Texas" (search)

10 Pacino of "Any Given Sunday" with TX Dennis Quaid

11 Moore of "Moonraker" with TX Lois Chiles (init.)

12 Mission is national HQ of "American \_\_\_ Society"

13 TX Mac Davis tune: "Baby, Don't Get Hooked \_\_\_"

14 back of the neck

15 "\_\_\_ Texas" was 1st newspaper

16 \_\_\_ moss

17 \_\_\_ comfort in a TX hotel spa

18 "Yipee ti \_\_\_ yay" 20 strong desires

22 TX Gillley (init.)

23 fictional sister of 49-across

24 kin (abbr.)

25 TX Greer Garson film: "\_\_\_ Me"

26 TXism: "useless as earrings \_\_\_"

28 once an Alice AM

31 military assistant

33 \_\_\_-gallon hat

35 TXism: "lapped \_\_\_ up" (believed)

36 Clyde h.s. class

38 Enchanted Rock State Natural \_\_\_

41 "\_\_\_ Darling Clementine"

44 victory by TX Jack Johnson (abbr.)

45 prohibited by the Texas Penal Code

51 TXism: "he's a few bricks shy of \_\_\_"

52 state of Rangers AL West opponent Mariners (abbr.)

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## Congrats from one musher to another

In case you didn't know, She-Who-Must-Not-Be-Made-Mad and I used to live in the Last Frontier, and because of that we became huge fans of the Iditarod Sled Dog Race.

Hey...hey...you guys in the back! Cut out the fat dogs. I didn't mean I was huge.

Anyway, as most Iditarod fans have done, I have hitched myself to the back of a pack of dogs and raced a bit. It was something I will never forget.

Not that it was all that fun. (believe me, there's a lot more work involved than just riding on the back and looking cool in your bunny boots.) In fact, it was pretty darn scary at the time.

First, understand that I have this desire not to become a meal for a polar bear, or any other wild animal, for that matter. You might say I'm scared of the thought ... You might as well, because it is the truth.

As fate would have it, when SWMNBM and I moved to Nome, I "earned" a chance to enter into a short race. My only pre-race instructions were to hold on tightly to the sled or else I would have to chase the

## Off The Beaten Path



By Tommy Wells

dogs onto the tundra, and to yell "Gee" or "Yaw" if I wanted to turn left or right. Honestly, I forgot everything as soon as he said, "You ready?"

Standing there at the starting line and watching as the 16 mushers in front of me started at 2 minute intervals, I had a chance to ask the two questions that had been burning in my skull since we had arrived a few weeks earlier.

Where are the bears?  
"They're out there," I was told.

"Have any stupid white guy ever gotten lost in this race and been eaten by a bear?"

## Cattle market analyst to speak at TSCRA convention

A state-of-the-industry review of the cattle market will be pre-

"Not yet," I was told. "But there is always a first time."

(Note to any of my children who may be reading this: Skip over the next five lines so you won't be embarrassed.)

I won't lie a bit. I tensed up ... and screamed like a little girl when the starter slapped me on the back and sent my team onto the trail. I screamed ... loudly.

Being determined not to be the "first white guy to get lost and eaten" I let fear kick in. Instead of riding the sled, I immediately jumped off and started pushing the sled as fast as I could. In a matter of minutes I had passed three mushers and was closing in on another.

Never ... and I mean it ... did I let anyone out of my sight.

When it was all said and done, I finished seventh.

That seventh-place effort wasn't as good as my friend's fourth-place effort in this year's 1,100-mile race from Anchorage to Nome. But, then again, he didn't have to worry about bears.

(Tommy Wells is the editor of the Knox County News. Everything in this column is true, except for the parts that are fabricated, exaggerated or just plain lies.)

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## City to test storm sirens

Knox City residents are reminded that the city will be testing the storm siren system on Fridays, beginning at 5 p.m.

For more information about the testing contact the Knox City city hall at 658-3303.

# Obituaries

## Rebecca Moorhouse

On Thursday, March 15, 2012, Rebecca Moorhouse passed away with her family by her side at the Moorhouse Ranch located in King County, Texas, her home of 22 years, after fighting a courageous battle with cancer.

Born April 29, 1954 in Seymour, to parents Ann and Manford Elliott, she began her life in the ranching community. Ranching was the only life she knew until she began her nursing career. On several occasions, she volunteered her services on trips to Mexico giving medical attention to needy children.

In 1989, Becky returned to the ranching way of life when she married Tom Moorhouse. At this juncture in her life, Becky went everywhere Tom went. She rode a horse with poise and grace, appreciating how people in the ranching community depend on each other. She embraced the opportunities this lifestyle had to offer. Tom and Becky raised five children and instilled in them the same values they had learned in the ranching community.

In addition to being a wonderful wife, mother, and homemaker, Becky loved Mother Nature's splendor. She transformed the historic Moorhouse Ranch headquarters into an oasis of beauty honoring its heritage while maintaining an environment where cowboys, family, and visitors felt at home.

In 2009, Tom, Becky, and their son Gage, moved to the nearby Tongue River Ranch, where Tom took the position as general manager.

Becky is preceded in death by her father, Manford Elliott.

Becky is survived by her husband, Tom Moorhouse; her mother, Ann Elliott; three



Rebecca Moorhouse

brothers, Bob Elliott and wife, Rhonda, Bill Elliott and wife, Patricia, and Gilbert (Cotton) Elliott and wife, Ginger; a sister, Cindy Layton and her husband, Rayburn; three sons, Brad Walker and wife, Bridget, Seth Walker and wife, Jessica, and Gage Moorhouse; step-son, Jed Moorhouse and wife, Michelle; and a step-daughter, Jody Lindeman and husband, Douglas. Becky was loved by seven grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Becky truly never met a stranger and was kind and endearing to all that had for fortune to meet her.

Services were at the Benjamin Community Center in Benjamin, Texas, on Saturday, March 17, 2012, at 2 p.m. Interment followed at Moorhouse Ranch. Arrangements were made under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes of Knox City, Texas.

If desired, donations may be made to North Texas Rehab, 1005 Midwestern Parkway, Wichita Falls, TX 76302.

## Ray Escobar

LUBBOCK — A Funeral Mass for Ray Escobar, 86 of Lubbock, will be at 10 a.m., Friday, March 23, 2012 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church. A Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. on Thursday, at Resthaven's Abbey Chapel. Burial will be at Resthaven Memorial Park. Mr. Escobar passed away on Sunday, March 18.

Ray was born on Jan 6, 1926 in Benjamin, TX to William and Amalia Escobar. He graduated from Benjamin High School in 1946. Ray married Idella Acosta on Aug. 2, 1947. He began his farming career in the Vera community in Knox County. After 13 years there, they moved to Knox City where he became the manager of the Bush and Burnett Ranch for 39 years. He also was farming and ranching during this time.

Ray was a lifelong member of the Santa Rosa Catholic Church in Knox City and a member of the Knights of Columbus in Rhineland. He served on the Knox County Agricultural Committee for 14 years, and the Committee Board of the area Small Business Administration for 10 years.

Ray was preceded in death by his sister, Mary Macias, and three brothers, Bill, Phillip and Bo Escobar, all of California.

Survivors include his wife of 65 years, Idella; one daughter, Janie Esparza and husband, Robert of Lubbock; one son, Charles



Ray Escobar

Escobar and wife Annette of Lubbock; four grandchildren, Emily Esparza, Michelle, Trisha and Anthony Escobar; three sisters, Martha Palacios of Sunland, CA, Betty Martinez of LaCresensa, CA, and Esther Cano of Incline Village, NV; two brothers, Ralph Escobar of San Antonio and Henry Escobar of Tunjunga, CA as well as numerous other family.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Santa Rosa Catholic Church Building Fund in Knox City. Condolences may be offered at [www.resthavenfuneralhome.com](http://www.resthavenfuneralhome.com).

# Rain brings hope, threat to wheat crop

Above average rainfall has given farmers a crack at a bumper wheat crop, but a Texas AgriLife Extension Service expert warns producers to be vigilant and not lose it through disease brought on by the favorable conditions.

"Recent rains in the Southern Rolling Plains and throughout West Central Texas have increased the prospects of getting an average or even an above average wheat crop this season," said Dr. David Drake, AgriLife Extension agronomist at San Angelo. "Unfortunately, the moisture also creates conditions ripe for fungal wheat diseases.

"Several fungal diseases attack the leaves of wheat and can quickly devastate grain yields. Leaf rust is one of the worst. It's been confirmed in South Texas and is spreading rapidly north as the season progresses."

Drake said the only known way to combat leaf rust is to plant resistant varieties or apply a preventative fungicide. Since the crop is fast approaching maturity, applying fungicide is now the lone alternative.

"Growers need to scout their fields every few days by walking out into the crop and

looking closely at the plants," Drake said. "Leaf rust begins as small yellow spots on the leaves. Advanced infestations will have larger spots covered with powdery rust-colored spores which give the disease its name."

Drake said the spores are spread by wind or water and soon infect other leaves and plants.

Stripe rust, another fungal disease, is similar in appearance to leaf rust but develops stripes across the leaf instead of spots. Cool temperatures contribute to stripe rust and so far, he said it's not been found this year.

"If producers do find rust in wheat, then they need to evaluate the condition and growth stage of the crop, its potential yield, the grain price and the cost of the treatment before proceeding," Drake said. "That's because a fungicide application will only protect the crop that's there. It won't compensate for a poor stand, drought conditions or low soil nutrients."

"If it is decided that the disease is present and there is a good yield expectation, then the crop is best protected as the flag leaf is emerging," he said.

Research has shown that the flag leaf, the leaf just below the head, can contribute up to 85 percent of the grain, Drake said. He said the best time to spray is when the flag leaf is emerging on up to the time of its full emergence. Later spray applications are not as effective.

"Most of the wheat in our

area is very rapidly approaching this stage," he said. "There are several fungicides that, if applied correctly, will provide very good control of both leaf and stripe rust. Always read and follow label directions no matter what you use. And hopefully, the rains will continue and the crop will exceed last fall's low expectations."

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## TPWD sets dates for hearings

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is recommending changes to next year's hunting and fishing regulations. The department is seeking comment on these proposed changes to the state's hunting and fishing regulations during a series of public hearings.

The public is encouraged to attend public meetings in their area and provide comment on proposed changes. The TPW Commission will make final rulemaking at its March 28-29 public hearing in Austin.

The proposed amendments were published in the Feb. 17, 2012 edition of the Texas Register, available online at <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml>.

# Sports

## Moguls sprint to Hamlin title

**TOMMY WELLS**  
*The Knox County News*

**HAMLIN** - The Munday High School Moguls' 4x400-meter relay team streaked to an easy win Saturday and helped spur the Moguls to the team championship at the Hamlin Pied Piper Relays. The MHS boys rolled up 120 points - twice as many as second-place Shallowater.

The Mogul 4x400-meter relay team turned in a dominating performance in their race. The four-some combined for a time of 3 minutes and 33.56 seconds.

Munday's 4x100 sprint relay team finished fifth.

Dee Paul and Garrett Weaver starred for the Moguls individually. Paul won the 300-meter hurdles race in a time of 41.66 seconds.

Weaver was fifth in the boys' 400-meter dash with a mark of 57.12 seconds. Teammate Jake Myers was sixth.

As good as Munday was on the track, they were even better in the field. Munday placed nine people in six field events, and scored 67 total points.

Mogul standout Ryder Cude starred in the pole vault. He

finished fourth in the event by clearing 12 feet.

Paul highlighted a 1-2-6 finish by the Moguls in the long jump. Paul leaped 21 feet, 1 inch and edged out Weaver by 5.5 inches for the top spot.

Jose Gonzalez was sixth in the long jump standings.

Paul added to his point-total later in the triple jump. He tacked on eight points with a second-place finish in the triple jump.

L.J. Collier and Blanford Paul gave Munday a 1-2 effort in the discus competition. Cillier won the event with a throw of 155-5. Paul was second at 147-10.

Tyron Neskorik added to the MHS gold medal count with a win in the shot put. His winning throw was 51-9 - 10 inches better than Blanford Paul's second-place mark.

The Munday girls finished eighth in the girls' standings with 24 points. Breckenridge and Hamlin tied for the team crown with 101.

Tiffany Serrato and Kaylan Urbanczyk led the Mogulettes' efforts. Serrato was fourth in the 1,600- and sixth in the 800-meter runs.



### The throw ...

Munday Junior High School eighth grader Brenley Waters prepares to throw the shot while competing in the Cow Country Relays in Throckmorton. Waters was among a large group of Munday athletes participating in the junior high meet.

## Wildlife guide training to be held in CC

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service nature tourism program, in conjunction with the Corpus Christi Convention and Visitors Bureau, will present a free Certified Wildlife Guide Training workshop on April 17 at the Corpus Christi Visitors Center, 1823 N. Chaparral.

The training will take place from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and registration is currently open online, said Miles Phillips, AgriLife Extension nature tourism specialist and training coordinator, College Station.

A free Certified Wildlife Guide Training workshop will be held from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on April 17 at the Corpus Christi Visitors Center in downtown Corpus.

The purpose is to provide necessary wildlife guide training as well as confirmation of guide skills, he said. Certification will be provided by the Corpus Christi Convention and Visitors Bureau, but seating is limited to about 20, so we suggest those interested respond and register as soon as possible.

Phillips said this session will include field time to focus on birding and nature guiding, and will include visits to city nature parks and to the beach to view shorebirds. Other aspects of the training will address customer service training, interpretive marketing, recreational fisheries facts, tourism industry partnering, local ecology, species habitat and identification, and business plan development.



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Date	Temperature (F)	Rainfall inches
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03/13	46/81	
03/14	53/73	
03/15	54/81	
03/16	58/74	
03/17	63/80	
03/18	64/84	

Total Rainfall for month 0.58  
2012 Rainfall (ytd) 2.68

## Chicken Express all-star game set for Saturday

Some of the Lake County's top basketball players will get a chance to get lace up their high school sneakers again this Saturday when they compete in the 2012 Mineral Wells Chicken Express All-Star Classic.

Several area seniors will be among the players appearing, including Newcastle's Wade Spitzer and Amy Clabourne.

Spitzer is scheduled to

play for the East team.

The girls' all-star game, which will be at 6 p.m. in the MWHS gym. The boys game follow.

Other area players set to participate include Bonnie Peaks (Graham), Aaron Doyle (Strawn), Diamante Berumen (Strawn), Mac Tabor (Graford), Cody Petree (Albany), Dustin Hargrove (Graford) and Ethan Edington (Albany).

## Gyrehounds to get test early in 2012

You have to give Knox City head coach Charles Steele credit when it comes to his early schedule for the 2012 high school football season. He didn't duck anyone.

Knox City will face a six-man power, and one that is expected to become a force in coming years, in their first two football games this coming fall.

The Greyhounds will open

the 2012 season on Sept. 1 against the Petersburg Buffaloes in the third day of action at the Jayton Gridiron Classic.

Following that game, the Greyhounds will face off against Rotan in Week 1. Rotan will be debuting in the six-man football ranks this season. The Yellowhammers' play Throckmorton in their first game, which is set for Aug. 30 in Jayton.

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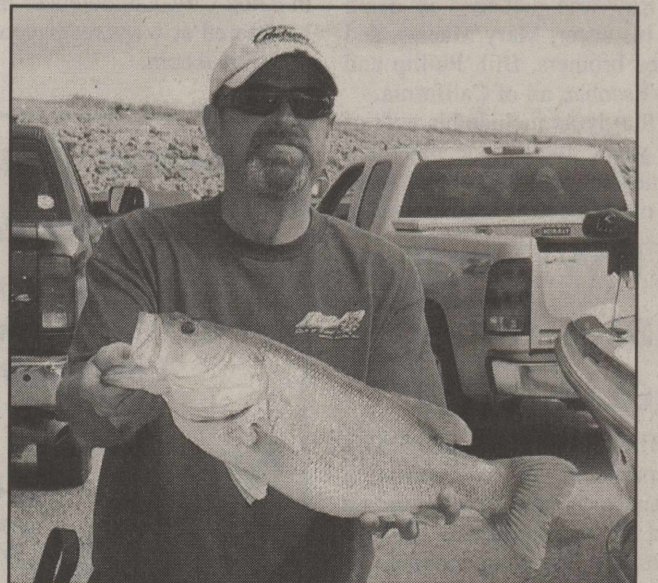
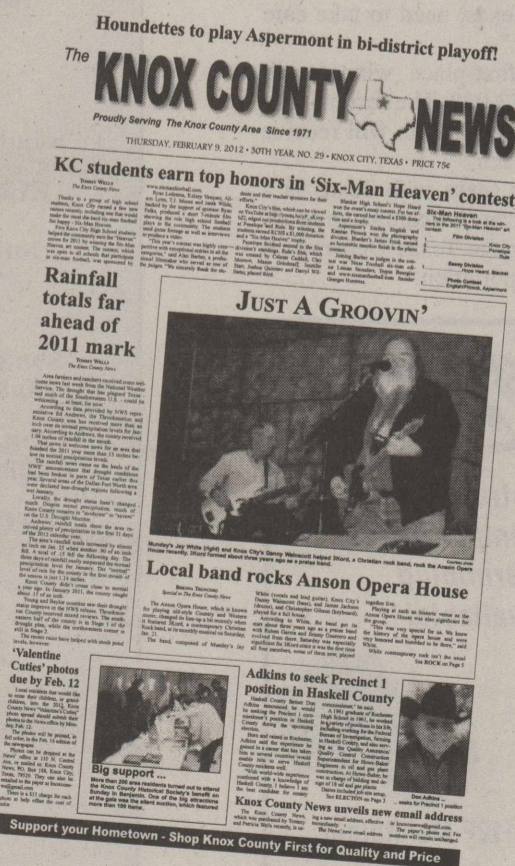
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Baird's Vern Baldwin won the 'Big Fish' award at the Haskell Bass Club's tournament on March 17 at Hubbard Creek.

## Dai's Fishing Report

Fishing was tough at the Haskell Bass Club's tournament at Hubbard Creek on March 17.

Due to the wind, the high barometric pressure and the number of fishermen competing, the bites were few and

far between. Despite temperatures that hit 58 degrees and lightly staid water clarity, Vern Baldwin (pictured) of Baird took first place with four fish. He also won Big Fish honor with a bass weighing in at 6.23 pounds.

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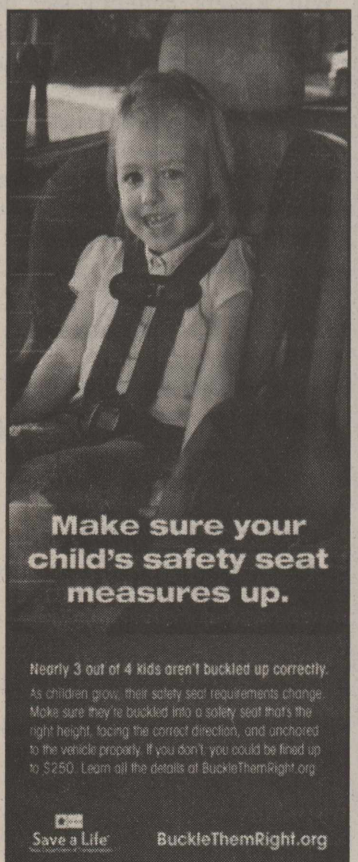
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# Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

On a blustery Sunday afternoon with thunderstorm warnings and a rumble of thunder in the area, I hope to bring you up on happenings in and around Benjamin. I apologize for not having any news last week but once again, the deadline caught up with me.

Our community has been saddened this week with the loss of Becky Moorhouse. Becky died Thursday after a courageously fought battle with cancer. Her funeral was Saturday here in Benjamin. My sincere sympathy to her family during this time. She was a wonderful person and will be missed by so many.

It's good to report that as far as I know we have no serious illnesses in the area today. There has been a virus bothering some but its a short-lived thing, and after about a day the "victims" begin to feel better. So far, I have missed it, and I hope I continue, too.

### Shower honors Bride-to-Be

Jessica Moorhouse, the bride-elect of Brandon Hutchinson, was honored with a pre-nuptial bridal shower on March 18 at the Church of Christ annex. The beautifully decorated table held a wonderful variety of food and punch suitable for the mid-afternoon event. The young couple received a nice selection of gifts which will be used in their home after their wedding on April 28, 2012, at

Dyess AFB in Abilene. Hostesses for the shower were Susan Cartwright, Pam Duke, Nancy McGregor, Skanna Heard, Stacia Propps and Belle Grill.

### Here 'N There

Kate and Abby Tyson of Clovis, NM, spent a few days of their spring break with their grandparents, Charles and Linda Griffith, and their aunt, Becky Jones and family. The Jones' daughter, Devon, of Midwestern University in Wichita Falls was also here for a few days of her break.

Visiting Mike and Debbie Moorhouse last week were her cousin Gwen and her husband, Dagen Dangerman, of Colleyville, and a friend, Mel Doucet of Bedford. Also, Debbie's niece, Ashlee Evans of Childres, visited Saturday through Tuesday. Weekend guests of Mike and Debbie were Jessica Moorhouse and Brandon Hutchinson of Abilene, and Lynn Rogers and Kaylee of Snyder.

Jess Jones returned home recently after several days visit with her parents in Georgia. She made the light alone with three small children with no apparent problems. She's a brave young mother and I have such admiration for her (and glad she is back home - safe and sound).

Irene Reed told me they have had recent word from E.O.'s nephew, Toy Reed, who

is suffering from cancer. They said, right now, he's doing well after a series of treatments in Houston. He goes back in May for another check-up. Toy is well-known here, having gone to school here. It is good to get that encouraging report on him.

Sue Terry and son, Jake of Dallas, spent a couple of days last week with her parents, Jane Gideon and Weldon Gideon, and her sister, Lana Mendoza and family.

Jessica and Leah Vanderpol, students at McMurry in Abilene, have been on a Theological Seminary tour through several states. Their mom, Dawn, said they really enjoyed it.

Steve and Maggie Powers of Midland visited his mom, Lorene Powers, during the weekend.

Shelby Russell, a student at Midwestern University, spent spring break with home folks.

Jeff Conner, Cheyenne and Cayden, and Cheyenne's friend, Jaylin Allred, all of Lubbock, were here to visit on Saturday with Jeff's mom, Judy Barnett and Randolph. Cayden spent his spring break with his grandparents. They also visted Bud Conner on Saturday.

Roger Bohannon was in Wichita Falls on Saturday for some tests to see if doctors could learn why he is having so much trouble with his knees, back and other joints. No real diagnosis has been made, but they did say they didn't see any bad problems. That is good news. It may be something he just has to learn to live with.

I saw Kim Gray on Saturday and she said she and Brandon had taken their daughter, Mac, to Six Flags for her spring break trip. They also "took in" the other attractions that are afforded those who come to visit. She said Mac thoroughly enjoyed it and it was good for all of them to get away for a day or two. She also said their daughter, Terri, and her husband have bought the Don and Louise Hertel house, and will be doing the final paper work on the "deal" this week and then move in shortly. So we are excited to have new folks (with a little boy) in our neighborhood, and that an unoccupied house will no longer be vacant! That will be good.



### Off and running ...

Munday Junior High School sprinter Taylor Thompson kicks toward the finish line during the 400-meter race Tuesday afternoon at the Cow Country Relays in Throckmorton. Thompson won her heat of the event with a time of 77 seconds. Her cousin, Kendall Thompson, finished second in the heat.

## TPWD sets dates for statewide public hearings

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is recommending changes to next year's hunting and fishing regulations. The department is seeking comment on these proposed changes to the state's hunting and fishing regulations during a series of public hearings.

Each year, TPWD considers changes in hunting and fishing regulations to achieve resource management objectives and maximize outdoor recreation opportunities consistent with good stewardship.

The public is encouraged to attend public meetings in their area and provide comment on proposed changes. The TPW Commission will make final rulemaking at its

March 28-29 public hearing in Austin.

The proposed amendments were published in the Feb. 17, 2012 edition of the Texas Register, available online at <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml>.

Public comment on proposed changes may be made in writing to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Statewide Hunting and Fishing Proclamation Public Comment, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas 78744. Comments may also be submitted via the department's website at <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/business/feedback/publiccomment/> or through the following resource points of contact:

## In case you were wondering, we have all of the Imodium

This past week I came down with a head cold, allergies and a sore throat. I wish someone would shoot me in the head in the middle of the night.

Michelle is great about having every kind of medicine you can imagine for every ailment known to man. Everything from an appendicitis to hemorrhoids. She is so prepared that I keep thinking the DEA is going to visit, thinking where are supplying some meth lab.

So, it is 3 a.m. and I am rummaging around in the cabinets shaking like Lindsay Lohan looking for a fix. I see the allergy medicine ... wrong Imodium. Oh wait, there it is! Oh crap ... more Imodium.

Finally, there on the top shelf I see something. Please be Tylenol severe allergy nighttime.

Wrong. More darn Imodium.

### Just Jeff



By Jeff Stanfield

So much Imodium. Exactly what was Michele preparing me for? We do not eat at "Pancho's Buffett" and I doubt they make Schlitz beer anymore. But we had enough liquid cork to plug the worse case of Montezuma's Revenge but not a darn thing for feeling like death warmed over.

Finally, after 10 minutes of shaking like a crackhead, I found some Dayquil, which was better than driving to Allsups or waking Michelle. Speaking of waking a sleeping wife, have you ever noticed the double standard?

Why is it if you wake your wife up at 3:30 a.m. you better have really great news, or someone better be dead or about to be? But they can turn the

lights on, ask you some random question, or just be looking for shoes for next week's special occasion and that is OK?

This is how it works in my house. I have asked other men, and Chris Mendoza said it's the same at his house.

You men know I am speaking the truth. It is the same double standard as the toilet seat. Why is it so darn hard for them to put the seat down? I always manage to do it when I need it down. In 44 years, I have yet to forget to put the seat down when I need to sit.

The funny thing is, I still manage to hit it 80 percent when its down ... so common sense is to leave it up. I think it works for all of us ... and we don't have to be near as good at aiming.

I noticed this last week and I thought it was just typical for Oklahoma, where men are men and sheep are scared. They had billboards that advertized "Clean Restrooms" on every billboard. I was pondering, did someone need some of that Imodium my wife is stockpiling like a "Doomsday Prepper?" Did they have some huge accident that made national headlines, or is a crappy john common in Oklahoma?

I mean even parks have clean restrooms I just assumed that every park would have a clean john.

I actually have nothing against Oklahoma. But, I bet Will Rogers couldn't say he never meet a man he didn't like if he would have meet Rosie O'Donnell.

Jeff "How is that change thing working out for you" Stanfield is a local columnist His column does not necessarily represent the views of the newspaper or its publishers.



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