

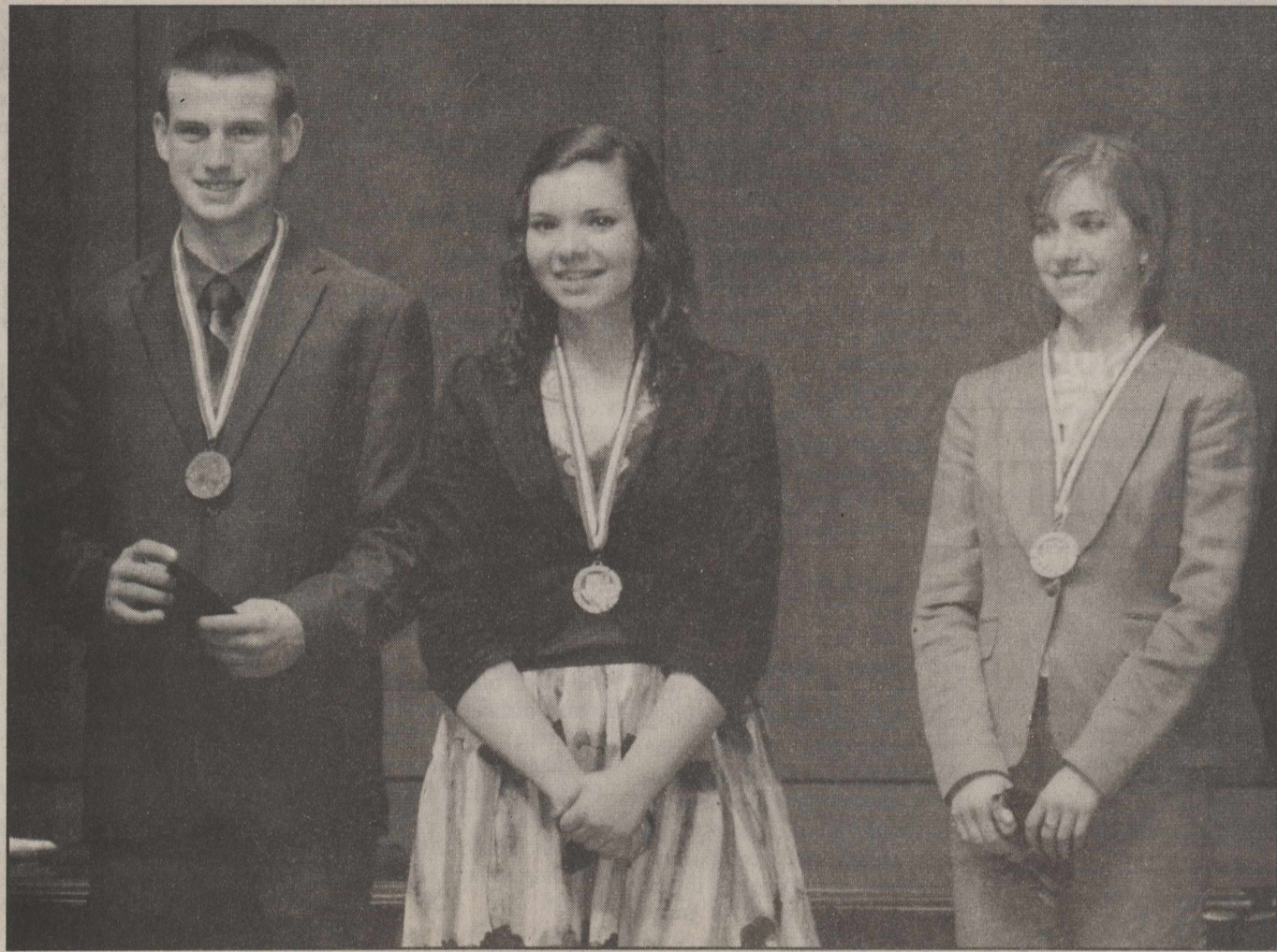
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STATE STANDOUTS



Knox City High School's Jessica Wilburn (center) and Brandon York (left) competed in the state Cross Examination Debate meet during spring break. The two advanced to the state quarterfinals and finished with the highest score in the school's history.

History Makers

Wilburn, York turn in KCHS' best-ever effort at state meet

TOMMY WELLS
 The Knox County News

Jessica Wilburn and Brandon York wrote a new chapter in Knox City High School Cross Examination Debate history.

And the chapter is all about their success at the 2012 State Cross-X Debate Contest in Austin.

The two KCHS students traveled to Austin during Spring Break and turned in a historic effort. The two eclipsed all previous KCHS scores at the contest.

"They did a wonderful

job," said Kay Adkisson.

Wilburn and York qualified for state competition by placing second at the district meet.

In Austin, the two opened the first day of competition on March 12 on a role. The first day of the state contest consisted of four preliminary rounds. The 16 teams with the best win-loss records and highest total of speaker points advances to the next day of competition. Wilburn and York advanced with 3 wins and 1 loss, and a combined total of 229 speaker points.

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Salt pond plan could bring jobs to area

TOMMY WELLS
 The Knox County News

For years, residents of the Red River Valley have cursed their luck for having a large amount of natural salt in the ground that has seeped into the Wichita and Brazos rivers, causing high salt levels in lakes and water supplies.

They may not be complaining in the near future if a New Hampshire-based company has its way.

Residents from throughout the area met with U.S. Army Corps of Engineer officials to discuss a potential deal that could lead to the construction of a multi-million dollar renewable energy plant to be constructed north of Knox City at the Truscott Brine Disposal Lake. Corps of Engineer representative Dennis Duke said a proposal to build the world's largest chloride control facility in the region could be submitted as soon as April 9.

"This could be very important for the entire region," said Duke. "This won't be important in just Knox or Foard counties, but throughout the whole area. It could provide a renewable energy source, jobs and fresh water."

Knox County Judge Travis Floyd agreed with Duke's as-

essment, telling more than 30 people gathered in the Knox County Courthouse in Benjamin on Tuesday that the project, if it becomes a reality, could be a boon for more than 300,000 Texans in the area.

"It could be very beneficial for all of us," he said. "I think it is a good time for all of us to start planning. We need to find a way to get them to say 'yes.'"

According to Duke, Good Earth Mechanics (GEM) has filed a provisional letter of intent with the Corps of Engineers, saying it planned to submit a proposal to create a Salinity Gradient Solar Pond (SGSP) at the Corps' brine disposal lake. The pond would be the first step in a project that would culminate in the construction of a series of 6.5-acre ponds that feed a 10-15 megawatt power plant, which could serve the power needs of more than 10,000 residents, reduce the salt levels at Lake Kemp and provide up to 70 jobs.

"It's a win-win situation," Said Floyd.

Duke said GEM planned to create several ponds as part of the project, which would include the construction of two additional brine pipelines - one (Area VII) from the North Fork of the Wichita River south of

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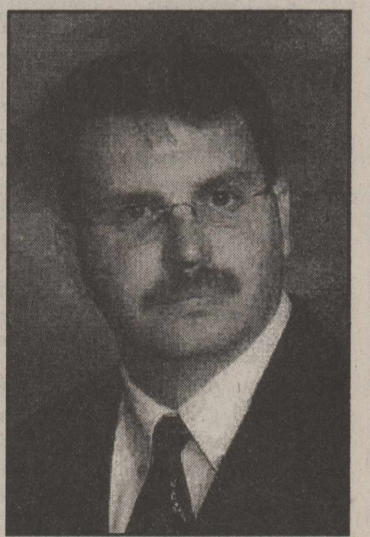
Tucker appointed to fill seat on KC council

The Knox City City Council moved yet another step closer to a return to normalcy on March 20 when members appointed longtime Knox City resident Mark Tucker to the council.

Tucker, who serves as the principal at the middle school, will be filling out the unexpired term vacated by the death of former councilman Danny Reece. Tucker was sworn into office by Knox City Mayor Jeff Stanfield.

Tucker, who also serves as the Knox City CISD band director, isn't new to KC voters. He was elected to city council during the last election and was scheduled to take office in May.

Tucker grew up in Wichita Falls area, but has resided in the Knox City area for many years.



Mark Tucker

"We are glad to have Mark on board with us," said Knox City City Administrator Chad Roberts. "He brings to the table his experience with government funds."

KC chamber banquet set for April 28

The Knox City Chamber of Commerce will be holding its annual chamber banquet on April 28 at The Wooden Nickel.

The banquet is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 each.

For more information contact the chamber at 658-3442.



Road crews began placing the metal grid work on the northern half of Central Avenue earlier this week in preparation for pouring the new roadway.

Knox City CISD to hold Pre-K registration/lunch on April 10-12

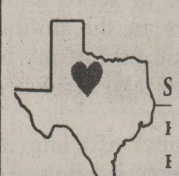
Knox City Independent School District pre-kindergarten Round-Up is slated for April 10-12th at Knox City Elementary.

Mrs. Jen and Mrs. Shaver, Pre-K teachers, invite all students who will be four years old on or before Sept. 1 to visit the Pre-K classroom on one of the three days. The children can come to school at 9:15 a.m. where they

will join this year's Pre-K class for the regular schedule. The children will participate in music and movement, hear a story and complete a project to take home. The students will play on the playground before going to the lunchroom to eat. The cost of the meal is \$2. The children will be dismissed from the Pre-K room at noon.

Knox City Elementary is requesting parents pre-register their child for the 2012-13 school year. In order to do this, parents need to bring their child's original Social Security Card (not a copy), a current immunization record and a birth certificate to the elementary office after they have dropped off your child.

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Social Media workshop set for today

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.

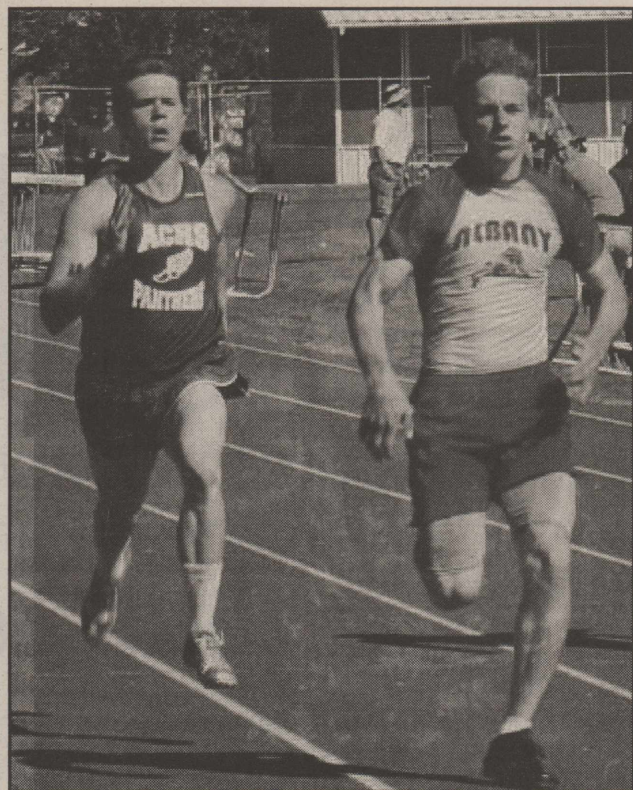
Other forms of social media will also be discussed.

For questions and information call (940) 459-4121.

KCAC to hold musical show

The Knox County Aging Center will be holding its monthly musical on April 2, beginning 7 p.m.

Area residents are encouraged to attend. Persons attending should bring a snack or finger foods and enjoy the fellowship.



They're coming ...

Athletes from throughout the area will be converging on Monday this weekend to compete in the Mogul Relays. The track meet will be held on Saturday at the MHS track.

Drought, wildfire impact persist as issues in Texas

AUSTIN — Even with better-than-normal rainfall in many locales in the last quarter of 2011 and the first quarter of 2012, lake and reservoir levels remain low and widespread concern about drought and wildfire remains high.

Meanwhile, Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples on March 21 announced agricultural losses attributed to the 2011 drought had reached \$7.62 billion. Texas AgriLife Extension Service economists said last year's drought was the costliest on record for the state.

At a March 22 interim meeting of the House Natural Resources Committee, Drew DeBerry of the state agriculture department said the \$7.62 billion figure does not include some \$3.4 billion in timber losses, and that wildfires burned off the vegetation on more than 4 million acres of land.

With the threat of high winds and drought continuing, Gov. Rick Perry last week extended two disaster proclamations, one for drought affecting the state's 254 counties and one for wildfire affecting 86 West Texas counties. Perry originally issued the drought emergency disaster proclamation on July 5, 2011, and the wildfire emergency disaster proclamation on Dec. 21, 2010.

There's a State Drought Preparedness Plan for emergency responses to severe drought, but future, large-scale needs are addressed in the Texas Water Development Board's 2012 state water plan. Graphs in the plan show the state's population nearly doubling in the next 50 years and the water supply correspondingly decreasing. Recommendations six years in the making — the input of more than 400 people and 16 regional water development boards — are in place for new water conservation and management measures needed to deal with persistent drought conditions.

Capital Highlights



By Ed Sterling

Included in the water plan is a Jan. 5 "letter to the people of Texas" by Water Development Board Chairman Edward G. Vaughan. "As the state continues to experience rapid growth and declining water supplies," Vaughan wrote, "implementation of the plan is crucial to ensure public health, safety, and welfare and economic development in the state."

Supreme Court to hear case

Monday through Wednesday of this week (March 26-28) the U.S. Supreme Court is scheduled to hear oral arguments in Florida v. United States Department of Health and Human Services. The court is expected to render a ruling on the case in late June.

Texas is one of 25 states joining Florida in the case petitioning the high court to declare unconstitutional the national health care law, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010. The states' main objection stems from a mandate in the law that beginning in 2014 will require an individual to purchase health care coverage if their employer does not offer it.

Gov. Perry, Attorney General Greg Abbott, U.S. Sen. John Cornyn and other prominent Republicans have expressed opposition to the law, asserting that it violates states' rights and individual rights.

March 23 was the second anniversary of President Obama's signing the act into law. The Aus-

tin-based, non-partisan Center for Public Policy Priorities published a paper on March 23 to point out a few things the law is already doing, such as:

- 7.5 million Texans no longer have a lifetime limit on their health insurance.

- More than 300,000 Texans under age 26 are allowed to stay on their parents' policy.

- 3.8 million Texans with private insurance can get preventative care with no co-pay or deductible.

Texans asked to visit parks

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department last week reported a \$4.6 million budget gap brought on by devastating wildfires, record drought and a corresponding decrease the number of state park visitors.

Carter Smith, executive director of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, launched an appeal on March 22, asking more Texans to visit the parks and help erase the budget deficit.

Texans are pitching in already.

The agency reported it had received \$1.4 million since early December through the Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation and contributions from a new program allowing Texans to donate to state parks when registering motor vehicles.

Nuclear waste disposal OK'd

The Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission on March 23 voted unanimously to approve rules allowing low-level radioactive waste from 38 states to be shipped to Texas and stored at an underground site in Andrews County.

Final approval must be granted by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for shipments to begin.

Researchers: Timing critical when watering High Plains cotton

In semiarid farming regions where every drop of water counts, Texas AgriLife Research scientists say timing the application of available water is becoming more critical when it comes to irrigating cotton.

Site-specific, LEPA irrigation system programmed to accommodate 27 different irrigation sequences in the irrigation timing-quantity experiment at the Texas AgriLife Research Center at Halfway. (photo courtesy Dr. Jim Bordovsky)

Jim Bordovsky, research scientist and agricultural engineer with AgriLife Research at Halfway, is collaborating on a project with Drs. Dana Porter and Jeff Johnson, Lubbock-based Texas AgriLife Extension Service agricultural engineering specialist and AgriLife Research economist, respectively.

They recently completed the second year of a study to optimize water-use efficiency, lint yield and fiber quality of cotton under limited water conditions by evaluating a combination of irrigation amounts during different growth periods using Low Energy Precision Application or LEPA irrigation.

Bordovsky said the growth

periods used in the study are generally described as: vegetative — from planting until very early bloom; reproductive — early bloom to just past peak bloom; and maturation — bloom to initial boll maturity. Their overall objective was to improve water efficiency in the semiarid Texas High Plains region by learning when a cotton crop responds best to combinations of limited and adequate water.

"Our irrigation water comes from the declining Ogallala Aquifer, where its availability for a given field can change dramatically within a single growing season," Bordovsky said. "Shortages also occur when producers must divert water from cotton and give it to another crop, because that crop has reached a critical growth stage or simply because it's worth more. Abrupt changes could also

occur if irrigation wells are lost or annual irrigation volumes imposed by regulatory mandates are reached before the end of the growing season."

Bordovsky said wise planning of irrigation based on a farm's underground water resources, available water allowances and the region's erratic rainfall will go a long way toward High Plains producers being productive in coming years.

"In situations where available water can't meet the needs of the plant throughout the growing season, the irrigation-research community has recommended and producers have generally followed the practice of 'banking water' or attempting to partially fill the soil profile with preplant and/or early-season irrigations in April through June," Bordovsky said.

Service academy forum scheduled for 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.

As a Member of Congress, Rep. Thornberry is allowed to nominate a limited number of students for each service academy.

Thank You

To Knox County Hospital Nurses, Doctors, and employees:

Thank you for taking such good care of Becky while she was in the hospital. Your love for her was very special. All the nurses and doctors are excellent. Becky and the rest of the family felt comfortable and at home in your care. I am very proud of this hospital.

The Tom Moorhouse Family

Correction

Tiffany and Gilbert Saucedo are not expecting a baby at this time; nor are there plans in the near future. This really is no one's business when they do have a baby; but at this time, the information that appeared in the March 15 issue of the Knox County News is not correct. The newest addition to their family is a black lab pup named "Jack."

The News regrets the error.

ACROSS

1 TX Dabney Coleman character in "The Climb"

5 TXism: "bone ___" (study)

6 De ___ was in "Brazil" with TX Katherine Helmond

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8 TXism: "___ in the hole"

9 Martin Co. seat

16 TXism: "beller"

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23 "Lonesome Dove" character: "___ Eye Parker"

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30 TXism: "that goes ___ grain"

34 TXism: "light as ___ empty egg shell"

35 Aquarena's "Ralph the ___ Pig"

36 TX Pride's "___ Have to Offer You"

37 TX Woody Guthrie sang "___ Got No Home ..."

39 lake in Navarro Co. go in

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45 TXism: "hasta ___ vista"

DOWN

1 in Knox Co. on 277

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4 TXism: "don't get your shorts in a ___"

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10 in El Paso Co. on hwy. 20

11 Valley citrus drinks

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13 this Pinkard was an editor of "Texas Highways"

14 TX Buddy Holly's "___ Boy"

15 TXism: "siesta"

17 bone connecting tissues

19 these are worth one point each in horseshoes

20 this Val Verde Co. cave is deepest in TX

24 medium for TX singers (abbr.)

25 this Elliot was a Cowboy kicker

26 shape of the TX Motor Speedway

27 Eagles & Redskins to the Cowboys

28 TXism: "get your ducks ___"

29 Ulysses ___ fought in TX in Battle of Palo Alto

31 this Muhammad beat TX Foreman

32 TXism: "green around the gills"

33 Rangers AL foe

38 next kid at a water fountain: "Don't drink ___!"

40 oil

41 TXism: "fits like hide ___ horse"

42 TX Reynolds film: "___ Me"

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50 lost control on ice

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57 "making ___ last time"

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TxDot set to hold TIP meeting

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in the Childress District has scheduled two meetings at which citizens from the area are invited to discuss needs for transportation improvements in the 13 county Childress District. Under discussion will be the proposed Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the years 2013-2016. The TIP is a financially constrained listing of projects planned for construction in the district.

The first meeting will begin at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 16, at the Texas Department of Transportation District Office at 7599 US 287, Childress, TX

The second meeting will begin at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 17, at the Guthrie Community Center on US 83 in Guthrie, Texas.

Both the TxDOT Childress District Office and the Guthrie Community Center are handicap accessible.

Interested individuals from Briscoe, Childress, Collingsworth, Cottle, Dickens, King, Donley, Foard, Hall, Hardeman, Knox, Motley and Wheeler counties are invited to participate in any of the meetings.

A copy of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) can be viewed and discussed at the Munday Area Office on SH 222 in Munday, TX and the Childress Area Office at 7599 US 287 in Childress, TX.

Your attendance at any of these meetings is greatly appreciated and your input is welcomed.

If you have any questions regarding these meetings, please feel free to contact Chuck Steed, Director Transportation Planning & Development at (940)-937-7191, or Barbara Seal, Public Information Officer at (940) 937-7288.

DMWT scholarship open to area students

Texas high school seniors who care about the environment have the chance to win a college scholarship by composing a 350-word essay explaining what they've done to improve the litter situation in their community.

The ninth annual Don't Mess with Texas Scholarship is sponsored by BASF Corporation's Freepart, location in partnership with Keep Texas Beautiful. Don't Mess with Texas is accepting essays for the scholarship through April 20.

The first-place winner will receive \$3,000. The second- and third-place winners will receive \$1,000 each.

Don't Mess with Texas is a litter prevention campaign sponsored by the Texas Department of Transportation.

The scholarship is one of TxDOT's efforts to generate more youth involvement in the campaign.

"The scholarship requires students to write an essay explaining the litter prevention efforts they've made in their community, and we're always impressed with how hard many high school students work," said Brenda Flores-Dollar, program administrator.

PRE-K

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Copies will be made of the documents and an enrollment packet for the 2012-13 school year will be given to parents.

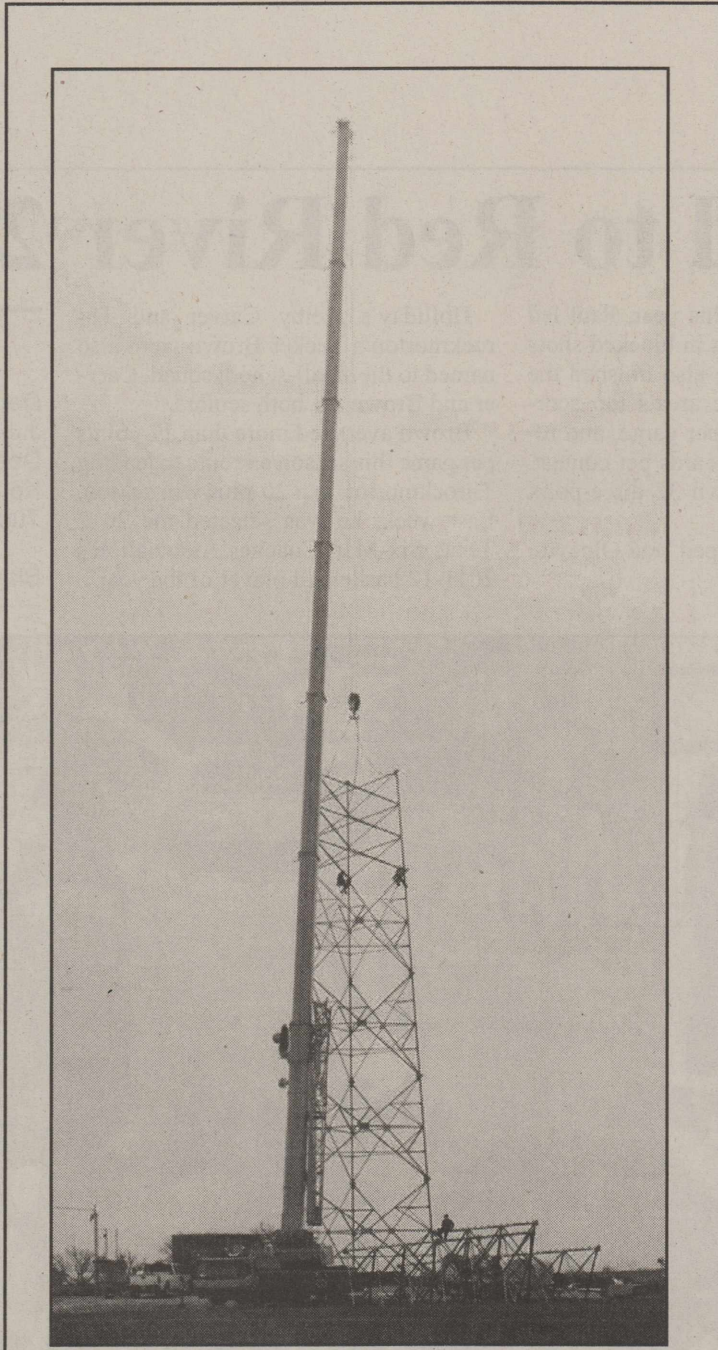
Mrs. Jen and Mrs. Shaver also request that parents come by the Knox City Elementary office or call 657-3147 to make a reservation for their child to visit on one of the three days.

CROSS-X

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In the octofinal round of the elimination bracket held on March 13, they faced and defeated the team from Borden County.

With the win, Wilburn and York moved into the quarterfinals to face a team from Lindsey. Lindsey escaped with a narrow win.



Going up ...

Construction crews use a large crane to hoist sections of pipe into place while building a cell phone tower east of Knox City. The tower is being built by Verizon.

Region 9 Education Service Center to hold GED testing

Region 9 Education Service Center will be having GED (General Education Development) orientation on March 27-29 from 9 a.m. to noon OR 6-9 p.m.

The orientation is for daytime and evening classes. Students are required to attend all three days, no exceptions.

Location for orientation will be the Region 9 Education Service Center, located at 301 Loop 11.

Students must attend orientation to be eligible for classes.

Students should bring a picture I.D., Social Security card, pencil and paper. Students who are 17 years old will need to bring completed eligibility form.

If you have any questions, please call (940) 322-6928 ext. 8285.

County rendition forms must be filed by April 15

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

According to Knox Co 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.

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

Pink Ladies

By Billie Walker, Reporter

Stephen Kuechler met with the Pink Ladies on March 21. He requested for the hospital two items: a Vectra Genisys Therapy System costing \$3,995 and a 55 AMP AC Computer at the cost of \$3,598. It was agreed to purchase these items.

A request has been made for a

set of handrails at the set of steps from the street nearest the Pink Ladies' entrance.

The blocked street has hurt our business, as it probably has others, but we appreciate the customers and donors who venture in.

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Obituaries

Florence Alice Wilson

Florence Alice Wilson, 95, passed away in Munday, Texas, Tuesday, March 20, 2012. Graveside services were held at the Knox City Cemetery at 10 a.m., Friday, March 23, 2012 in Knox City with Bro. Jerry Vincent officiating. Arrangements were made under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes of Knox City.

Alice was born Dec. 13, 1914 in Knox County, Texas to Joseph and Ida (Franklin) Wilson. She graduated from Knox City High School and attended Drams Business College. On Aug. 6, 1943 Alice enlisted into the U.S. Army. After completing her years of service, Alice returned home and worked for many years at Hoge Pharmacy. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Knox City.

Alice is preceded in death by her parents, Samuel and Ida Wilson; two brothers, Bill Wilson and Clyde Wilson; and two sisters, Lae Lankford and Edith Lewis. She is survived by four nephews, Ross Lankford of Farmington, NM, Charles

Lankford of Knox City, Don Lewis of Albuquerque, NM, and Jimmie Lewis of Clovis, NM.

Donations may be given in Alice's name to the First Baptist Church, 200 S. Central Ave., Knox City, Texas 79529.

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Sports

Munday standout named to Red River 22 squad

TOMMY WELLS
The Knox County News

Dee Paul etched his name a bit deeper in Knox County athletic history earlier this week.

The Munday High School junior was one of 22 high school athletes in the north-central Texas to be named to the Red River 22, a postseason squad hon-

oring the top 22 players in the greater Wichita Falls region. The team was divided in Class 3A-4A and Class 1A-2A teams.

A junior standout for the Moguls, Paul was a key member of a MHS squad that advanced to the regional tournament this season.

Olney's Derrick Paul and J.J. Burns were also selected to the squad. The

District 10-A MVP this year, Paul led the Wichita Falls area in blocked shots this season (109). He also finished the season as one of the area's top scorers with 20.8 points per game, and rebounders with 12.2 boards per contest. He also knocked down 32 three-point shots for the Moguls.

Burns and Paul helped lead Olney to 34 wins this season.

Holliday's Kelby Carver and Throckmorton's Tucker Brown were also named to the small-school squad. Carver and Brown are both seniors.

Brown averaged more than 12 points per game this season en route to leading Throckmorton to a 20-plus win season. Last week, he was selected the 2012 Texas Six-Man Coaches Association's 2011-12 basketball player of the year.

Red River 22 Class 1A-2A Team

- Derrick Paul..... □ Iney
- J.J. Burns..... □ Iney
- Dee Paul..... □ Munday
- Kelby Carver..... □ Holliday
- Tucker Brown..... □ Throckmorton
- Coach of the Year**
- Blayne Davis..... □ Throckmorton

York holds PHS hitless in 11-1 win

PADUCAH - Brandon York did his best Nolan Ryan impersonation on Tuesday afternoon and powered the Knox City Greyhounds to a convincing 11-1 win over the Paducah Dragons in baseball action.

With the victory, Knox City improved to 2-1-1 for the year. The Greyhounds have had two games canceled due to bad weather.

York made sure the Greyhounds would end March in the win column. The KCHS pitcher tossed a no-hitter at Paducah.

2012 Knox City Baseball Schedule

- Apr. 3..... WF Christian..... 4 p.m.
- Apr. 7..... Valley..... 11 a.m.
- Apr. 10..... WF Christian..... 4 p.m.

He allowed just three batters to reach base, all via walks.

Offensively, Knox City picked up timely hits from several players, including T.J. Moore, Jarek Wilde, York, Ty Baker and Jose Espinal.

The game was called after five innings due to the 10-run rule.

Greyhounds to face Stars on April 3

The Knox City High School baseball team will try once again to get a home game in the books on Tuesday, April 3.

previous home game on March 20 (against Paducah) called due to inclement weather.

Knox City will host Valley on April 7.



The Munday Mogulettes relax during a break in the action on Saturday during the annual Buckaroo Relays. Munday finished eighth in the varsity girls' standings.

Mogulettes sprint to 8th in Breck

TOMMY WELLS
The Knox County News

BRECKENRIDGE - Tatum Bufkin and Katelyn Brown each posted a fourth-place finish on Saturday afternoon and helped carry the Munday High School Mogulettes to 29 points and eighth in the overall team stand-

ings at the Buckaroo Relays. Munday had five individual athletes earn points, as well as their 400-, 800- and 1,600-meter relay teams.

The Breckenridge Lady Bucks finished atop the team standings with 168 points. Hamlin and Albany placed third with 115 and 94 points, respectively.

Brown finished fourth in the girls' shot put competition by posting a throw of 30 feet and three-quarters of an inch.

Bufkin was fourth in the triple jump. He best jump measured 32-8 1/2.

Janie Salinas and Kaylan Urbanczyk netted fifth-place efforts. Salinas legged out a time

of 13 minutes and 54 seconds in the 3,200-meter run. Urbanczyk cleared 7-6 in the pole vault.

Tiffany Serrato finished sixth in the 1,600-meter run.

The MHS girls' 400-meter relay team placed fifth. The Mogulettes' 1,600-meter relay was fifth, while the 800-meter relay squad was sixth.

BUCKAROO RELAYS

The following is a look at the girls relay sprints from the Buckaroo Relays, which were held Saturday in Breckenridge.

GIRLS

TEAM TOTALS □ 1. Breckenridge 168. 2. Hamlin 115. 3. Albany 94. 4. Colorado City 53. 5. Merkel 47. 6. Hawley 44. 7. Cool Runnings 32. 8. Munday 29. 9. Ailene Christian 14. 10. Strawn 13. 11. Anson 10.

3200 □ 1. Jackie Villarreal, Hamlin, 12:27.00. 2. Krystal Green, Cool Runnings, 12:40.15. 3. Alicia Flores, Hamlin, 12:52.00. 4. Paige Carpenter, ACHS, 13:23.00. 5. Janie Salinas, Munday, 13:54.00. 6. Selena Melas, Breckenridge, 14:37.00.

400 relay □ 1. Breckenridge 51.74. 2. Hamlin 52.05. 3. Colorado City 53.61. 4. Merkel 53.99. 5. Munday 54.50. 6. Anson 54.62.

800 □ 1. Katie Green, Cool Runnings, 2:26.20. 2. Mandy Stevenson, Hamlin, 2:26.37. 3. Martha Coates, ACHS, 2:33.40. 4. Shelly Abbott, Strawn, 2:41.42. 5. Savannah Meek, Anson, 2:47.43. 6. Cassie Kieschnick, Hamlin, 2:47.65.

100 hurdles □ 1. Kami Norton, Albany, 15.21. 2. Landre Rifon, Breckenridge, 16.21. 3. Nocona Swindell, Breckenridge, 16.46. 4. Elissa Sepeda, Munday, 18.65. 5. Candace Kitchen, Hawley, 19.52. 6. Diana Esquivel, Hamlin, 19.62.

100 □ LaQuisha Coleman, Breckenridge, 12.99. 2. Niki Bounds, Breckenridge, 13.72. 3. Hannah Freeman, Merkel, 13.87. 4. Lauran Meeks, Colorado City, 14.00. 5. Thea Urbico, Colorado City, 14.14. 6. Christin Newman, Merkel, 14.46.

800 relay □ 1. Breckenridge 1:47.28. 2. Hamlin 1:51.28. 3. Colorado City 1:53.68. 4. Hawley 1:57.12. 5. Anson 1:58.50. 6. Munday 1:59.00.

400 □ 1. Kelli Schkade, Albany, 1:00.18. 2. Heidi Horneck, Albany, 1:00.87. 3. Hanna Singleton, Breckenridge, 1:02.96. 4. Shelly Abbott, Strawn, 1:08.93. 5. Heidi Dell, Breckenridge, 1:09.12. 6. Ciara Cope, Merkel, 1:09.56.

300 low hurdles □ 1. Kelli Schkade, Albany, 26.40. 2. Maite Mendoza, Breckenridge, 26.59. 3. Madi King, Breckenridge, 27.68. 4. Heather Merket, Colorado City, 28.12. 5. Aaren Powdrill, Anson, 29.00. 6. Shirley Hemphill, Colorado City, 29.08.

1600 □ 1. Jackie Villarreal, Hamlin, 5:34.96. 2. Katie Green, Cool Runnings, 5:37.93. 3. Krystal Green, Cool Runnings, 5:43.68. 4. Alicia Flores, Hamlin, 5:48.96. 5. Martha Coates, ACHS, 5:51.78. 6. Tiffany Serrato, Munday, 5:56.00.

1600 relay □ 1. Hamlin, 4:16.12. 2. Albany 4:18.37. 3. Breckenridge 4:19.87. 4. Hawley 4:31.31. 5. Munday 4:31.41. 6. ACHS, 4:47.21.

Discus □ 1. Whitney Kitchen, Hawley, 101.1. 2. Justina

Anderson, Hawley, 96.7. 3. Ashley Head, Albany, 91.6. 4. Carley Stone, Merkel, 90.10. 5. Emily Cleave, Hamlin, 85.6. 6. Jessica Braun, Strawn, 84.5.

Pole vault □ 1. Hanna Singleton, Breckenridge, 10.0. 2. Abby Ayers, Albany, 8.6. 3. Nocona Swindell, Breckenridge, 8.6. 4. Shelly Abbott, Strawn, 8.6. 5. Kaylan Urbanczyk, Munday, 7.6.

Shot put □ 1. Nece Braziel, Colorado City, 33.2. 2. Justina Anderson, Hawley, 31.5. 3. Emily Cleave, Hamlin, 30.9. 4. Katelyn Brown, Munday, 30.0. 5. Carley Stone, Merkel, 29.10. 6. Shelly Parrish, Merkel, 29.4.

High jump □ 1. Allison Stobo, Merkel, 5.2. 2. Kami Norton, Albany, 5.2. 3. LaQuisha Coleman, Breckenridge, 5.1. 4. Morgan Rodgers, Hamlin, 5.0. 5. Shirley Hemphill, Colorado City, 4.10. 6. Landre Rifon, Breckenridge, 4.10.

Long jump □ 1. LaQuisha Coleman, Breckenridge, 17.0. 2. Kami Norton, Albany, 16.3. 3. Cali Booth, Merkel, 16.0. 4. Shirley Hemphill, Colorado City, 15.0. 5. Madi King, Breckenridge, 14.9. 6. Lauran Meeks, Colorado City, 14.9. 5.

Triple jump □ 1. Chelsea Rodgers, Hamlin, 34.6. 2. Megan Herrington, Breckenridge, 33.6. 3. Nocona Swindell, Breckenridge, 33.3. 4. Tatum Bufkin, Munday, 32.8. 5. Cali Booth, Merkel, 32.8. 6. Heather Merket, Colorado City, 32.4. 25.



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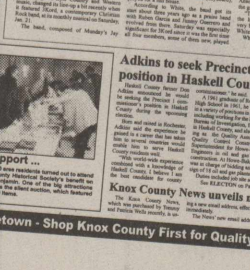
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2011 Weekly Weather Report		
Date	Temperature (F) Low / High	Rainfall inches
03/19	51/70	0.84
03/20	41/63	
03/21	37/57	0.06
03/22	39/61	
03/23	38/75	
03/24	42/85	
03/25	50/86	
Total Rainfall for month		1.48
2012 Rainfall (ytd)		3.58

SALT

Continued from Page 1

Paducah and the other (Area X) from the Middle Fork of the Wichita River northeast of Guthrie. Currently, only one pipeline - (Area VIII) located east of Guthrie on the South Fork of the Wichita River - moves brine water to the Truscott lake.

According to Duke, the one pipeline system in place handles more than 500 million gallons of water per day and removes about 200 tons of natural salts in a 24-hour period. With all three systems in place, GEM officials estimate they could remove close to 500 tons of salt per day from the Wichita River Basin, which feeds Lake Kemp.

Duke said early Corps of

Engineer studies estimated than about 3,300 tons of natural salt per day flowed into the Red River Basin. Those numbers were recalculated in 1990 to an estimate of 4,400 tons.

"Salt ruins fresh water," said Duke, noting GEM planned to finance the project through private sectors. "What we have is precious. We need to try and protect it."

Duke said the U.S. government began working on the desalination of the Wichita and Brazos rivers in the early 1960s. The first chloride control structure was implemented at Estelline Springs on the Prairie Dog Fork of the Red River, near the community of Estelline. The experimental site is still operational, and stops an estimated 240 tons of salt a day from entering the Red River.

The prevention of salt from

entering the area's rivers and lakes plays a key part in GEM's SCSG plant operation. By creating ponds with high salt levels, the company can harness the chemical reaction of the sun and salt water to generate heat, which can be used to create "green" power. The power could then be sold to energy providers who, in turn, could introduce the energy to the grid.

Floyd said the Truscott Brine Lake was created by the U.S. Corps of Engineers in the 1960s as a place to drain water with high salt content. Currently, the lake is about 2,000-acre feet with a depth of 70-85 feet at its deepest point.

Duke, noting the planned project could face opposition within the state and federal governments, said the creation of the GEM system theoretically could remove approximately 400 tons of salt per day from flowing into Lake Kemp.

"It matches up perfectly with our situation," Duke told the group, which included state, local and school officials from the area. "They want salt. They want more salt than what we have, so they say they will bring in the other areas, which only helps our water supply."

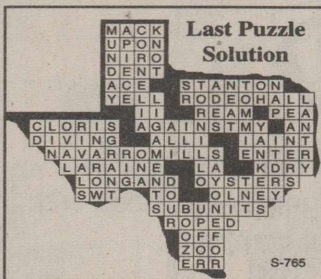
Duke said GEM, which was in the process of lining up power purchase agreements with energy providers, was also looking into sites near Altus, Oklahoma, and at an unnamed spot on the Brazos.

Duke advised area residents to temper their enthusiasm, at least until GEM makes a formal proposal to the Corps.

"We won't do anything until they make a proposal," he said. "I'll borrow something from Charles Dickens to explain it. You remember when Scrooge was talking to the ghosts and said, 'Is this the way it is, or the way it could be?' These are the things that could be, but there isn't any reason they can't be."

Floyd said he hoped to contact area leaders and state officials to help support the plan, once Good Earth Mechanics makes its formal proposal.

"We're going to need everyone's help," he said. "I think it is a good time to start planning. We need to find a way to make them say 'yes' to us."



Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

As we start this last week of March, we do so with a warm sunny day and not much chance of rain. Things are "greening up" and the world around us looks alive. Everything is pretty. Just hope the buds on the trees and the other vegetation doesn't get "nipped" by the ever-dreaded "Easter spell" that we seem to have every year. We'll see ...

I extend a heartfelt sympathy to the Ray Escobar family and the family of Alice Wilson today. Both of these friends passed away last week and their funerals were Friday. Ray's was in Lubbock and Alice's was in Knox City. They were both special to so many and their passing leaves a void in Many lives.

About our ill

Little Talon Collins, the son of Jacy and Jara, has been ill several days and after seeing doctors both here (in Knox City) and Lubbock and him not getting much better, he was admitted to Cook's Children's Hospital in Fort Worth last Wednesday. While there, it was found he had a cyst in his throat that was causing the problem. He was immediately put on medication and is better.

He came home on Saturday and is still improving. That is good to report. Talon is about 5 years old.

Dorothy Spikes called to tell me her daughter-in-law, Gayle (wife of Ty) has been (and still is) very ill in a Houston area hospital suffering from a brain aneurysm and stroke. She underwent a several hour surgery on Sunday and doctors are optimistic about her recovery, though they say it will be a long healing process and will mean a long hospital stay. Gayle and Ty live near Huntsville. I ask you all to remember them in your prayers as there are several uneasy days ahead.

There are no other serious illnesses that I am aware of, and that is always good to report.

Here 'N There

Jane Gideon and Imogean Young had a "sister outing" this weekend and spent a couple of days in Childress eating, resting, doing a little shopping and lots of visiting. They thoroughly enjoyed it.

Betty Escobar Martinez, who lives in California, came by to see Bud Conner on Saturday. She had been to Lubbock to attend her brother's (Ray) fu-

neral and was visiting Eva and Joe Flores in Knox City before returning home.

On Friday, Eloise Martinez (I don't know her "married" name) came by and I enjoyed visiting with her. She lives in Fort Worth and that was the first time I had seen here since she graduated in 1953 - a year before I did. We had a nice visit.

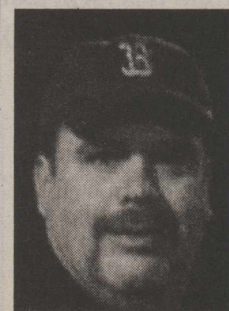
Linda Griffith was in Anson on Saturday for softball games. Her granddaughter, Brooke Jones, is playing on a team over there. Brooke is the 11-year-old daughter of Becky and Kemp, and they live here in Benjamin, but she attends school in Knox City.

The annual Clean-Up Day will be on April 14 over here, so plan now to get out early and do your part. Lots of places need attention and if we all clean up around our own part of town it will make a big difference. There will be a lunch in the park at noon. A combination of work and food will make for a very rewarding Saturday. I will see you around somewhere on that day.

By the way, the lunch is potluck so bring whatever you like and enjoy!

You'll surely get noticed with fake boobs or KISS makeup

Just Jeff



By Jeff Stanfield

How come some of the greatest things we have in our lives is so taken for granted? I am not talking about something like relationships or even friendship, I am talking about gravy!

Gravy has to be one of the greatest things ever invented. I mean who doesn't like gravy? Who came up with this staple of Americana? Did they get a Noble Peace prize? Heck, Obama got one and I damn sure would rather have gravy. You ever meet a fat person who said, "No I think I will have the mashed potatoes dry," or even a skinny person say, "hold the gravy on that chicken fried steak."

Heck No! What good are tenders without the gravy? Even the yankees have the brown version. It's not nearly as good but, by God, it's gravy! Heck, Larry The Cable Guy says his dad has gravy on everything but boobs ... so you know its gotta be good!

I had a good friend who passed away about 10 years ago. He was way ahead of his time. See, he owned a beauty shop and had a lady working for him who was 35 and single. She was desperate to meet a good man to marry, you know, just like most women who are between the ages of 15 and until they are married to the second husband.

Well, she comes to work one day and asked if she could take off for the next week for some surgery so He ask her why is something wrong? I am going to get all my teeth capped. This confuses him because her teeth were not that bad. I mean they were not perfect but you couldn't kick a field goal through them or so bad you could eat corn on the cob through a picket fence either.

He ask, "Why?" "It will help me meet a man," she said. "What?" he said. "How will new teeth help you meet a man?" "It will make them notice me," she said. He then decides she needs a little advice. he told her, "you got it all wrong. What you need to get is fake boobs" He then proceeds to ask her one ques-

tion. "Have you ever been to a party and seen some lady walk in and all the guys say, 'Hey check out the teeth on that one?'"

This week, Fred and Tanya Ledesma celebrated their 18th wedding anniversary. That is a long time to be married to a man who told to me that when he was younger he would dress up like Paul Stanley of KISS and put on concerts with 2x4 guitars for all the little girls in the neighborhood. He said he would put on the make up and the whole gear.

I just cannot get a mental picture of "Big Head" Fred all decked out in spandex and make-up. That would take a whole lot of make-up to cover that big head.

The other thing is ... where in the heck in Knox City do you find 6-inch heeled boots?

We talked about going to see the KISS/Motley Crue concert this summer. Fred is all fired up about getting to wear his make-up and getting him some more heels.

Poor Chase, he will be so confused by his dad this summer!

Jeff "I would rather be Gene Simmons" Stanfield is a local columnist His column does not necessarily represent the views of the newspaper or its publishers.

Knox County Aging Services

The following lunch menus have been listed for the week of April 2-6 for the Knox County Aging Services

Wheat Bread, Margarine and 1 percent milk.

Monday, April 2 - Charbroiled beef patty/peppers and onion, garlic mashed potatoes, sliced beets,

whole wheat bread, Mandarin oranges.

Tuesday, April 3 - Swedish meat balls, parsley noodles, mixed vegetables, whole wheat bread, Angel Food cake/strawberries.

Wednesday, April 4 - Tilapia/ Lemon slice, whole kernel corn, cole slaw, hush puppies, cherry crisps.

Thursday, April 5 - Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, winter blend vegetables, whole wheat bread, apple fluff.

Friday, April 6 - Closed for Good Friday. HAPPY EASTER TO EVERYONE.

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.

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Notice to Building Contractors

Invitations to Bid: Sealed proposals for A New Building for Knox County Hospital Clinic, 712 South 5th Street, Knox City, Texas 79529, in accordance with the Contract Documents prepared by Michael E. Koen, Architect, Inc., will be received at the Knox County Hospital District Board Room, located at 701 South 5th Street, Knox City, Texas 79529, until 2:00 p.m., CST, Tuesday, April 17, 2012.

The Bid Opening is public and the General Contractors may attend or they will be notified who is selected.

Drawings and Specifications may be examined without charge at the office of Michael E. Koen, Architect, Inc. Two complete sets of Drawings, Specifications and Contract Documents may be obtained by the General Contractor from the office of Michael E. Koen, Architect, Inc., 2211 Midwestern Parkway, Suite 4, Wichita Falls, Texas, upon payment of a deposit of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) as a guaranty of the safe return of the Drawings, Specifications and Contract Documents. Additional sets may be obtained by payment of twenty-five (\$25.00) for each set of Specifications and the actual cost of reproduction of the Drawings which is (\$5.00) per sheet, and twenty-five cents per sheet for specifications. All drawings and Specifications are the property of the Architect and must be returned to him within 7 days of the Bid opening.

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