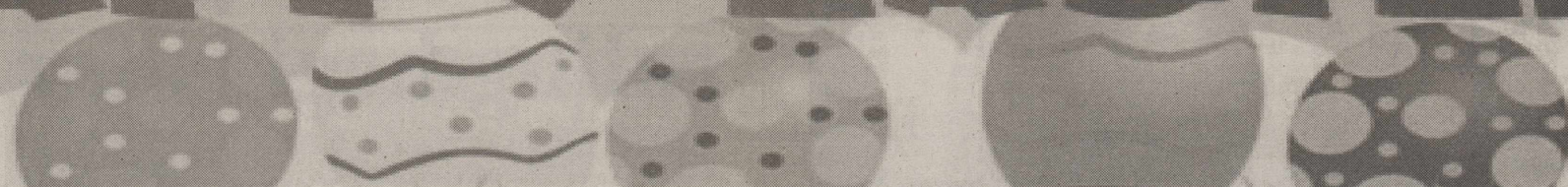


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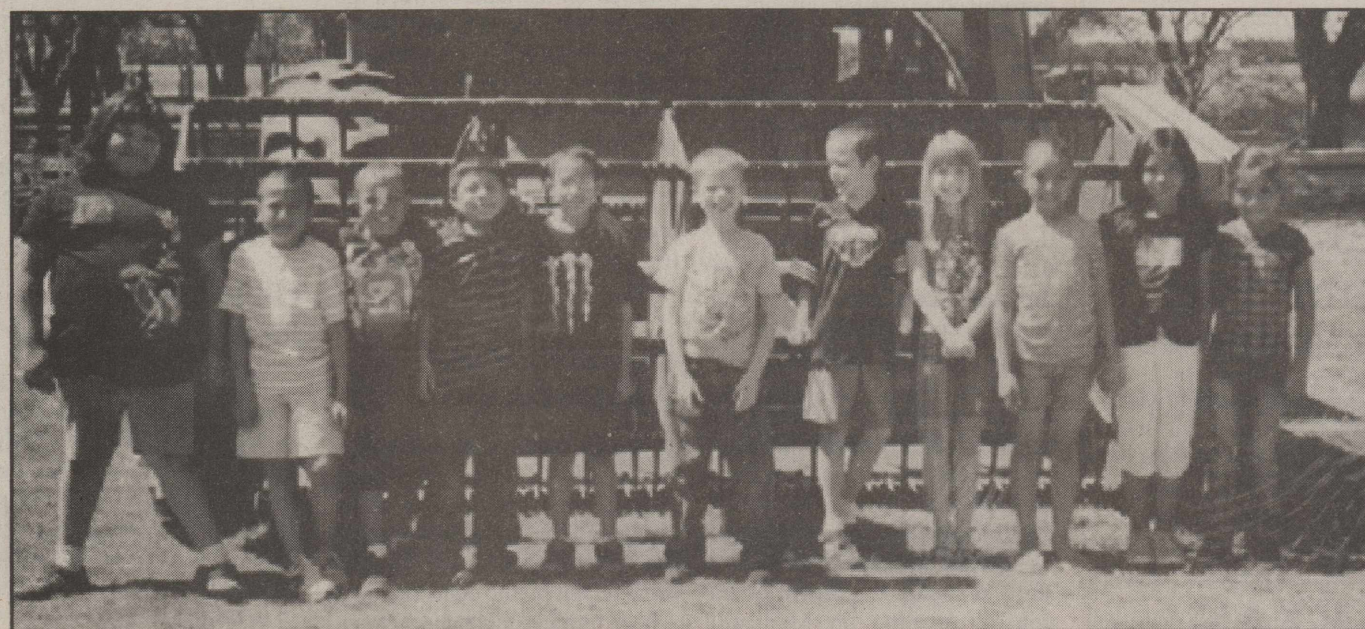
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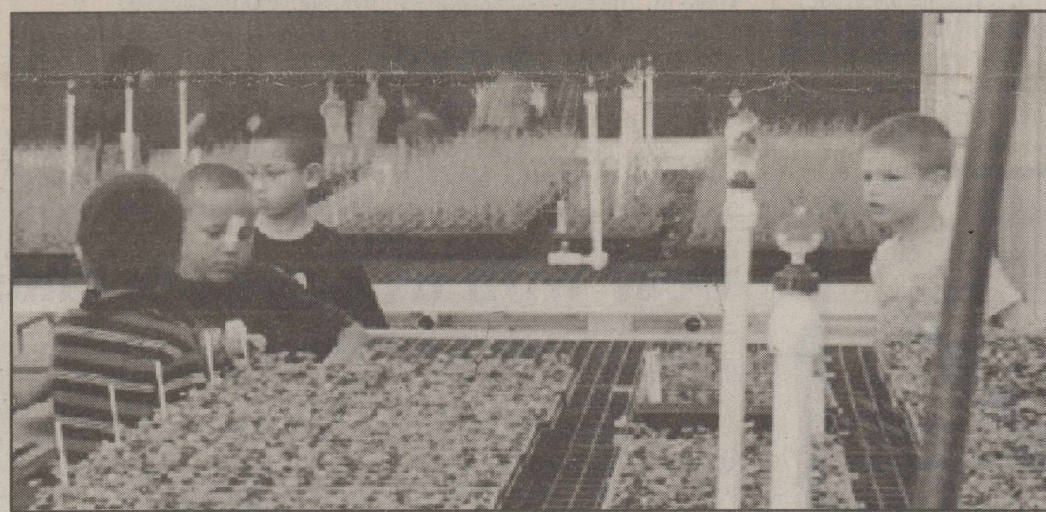
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LEARNING OF PLANTS



Members of the Knox City Elementary second grade visited the USDA-NRCS Plant Materials Center recently. While on their visit, the students were shown the greenhouse, which has over 13,000 plants that will be transplanted later this spring.



KC second graders tour USDA-NRCS Plant Materials Center

On March 30, 11 students from Mrs. Webb's and Mrs. Quade's second grade classes from the Knox City took a field trip to the James E. "Bud" Smith Plant Materials Center.

At the center, the students learned about the history and purpose of plant materials centers to provide products and information to meet the conservation needs of farmers and ranchers. The group was able to get their hands dirty, exploring plant samples from the root system all the way up to the seed head. They also

learned how they depend on plants in their everyday life from conservation to food to alternate energy.

The Knox City students also had the opportunity to tour some of the equipment that is used for seed production, including the seed cleaner, tractors, transplanter, and production combine. The group also explored the greenhouse which has over 13,000 plants growing that will be transplanted beginning this spring.

According to Soil Conservationist Brandon Carr, there are 27 plant materi-

als centers in the United States, including three in Texas. The other two Texas locations are in Nacogdoches and Kingsville.

The James E. "Bud" Smith Plant Materials Center is responsible for developing conservation plants and cultural techniques for use within targeted major land resource areas, including Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Colorado.

Staff is available Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. or by phone at (940) 658-3922, ext. 5.

Knox County Republicans sets county convention

Knox County Republican Chairwoman Lou Vail has announced that the 2012 Knox County Republican Convention will be held on Saturday, April 21, at the Knox County Aging Center, 107 N Ave E, in Knox City, starting at 10 a.m.

The Knox County Republican Convention is held in even-numbered election years as part of the statewide and national Republican convention process. The purposes of the convention are to choose delegates and alternates to the Republican Party of Texas (RPT) State Convention, currently scheduled for June 7-9 in Fort Worth, and to consider resolutions, statements on policy issues, to send to the State Convention for eventual inclusion in the state and national party platform.

In past elections, the Knox County Convention has been held in mid-March, two weeks after the March Primary Election. Because of federal court involvement and changes to the 2012 Texas Primary Election, a three-judge panel in San Antonio issued a court order that moved the date of the convention back into April, but to a date that is before the May 29 Texas Primary Election. The State Party has issued a clear set of guidelines to bring all conventions into compliance with the court order, and Knox County Republicans are ready to execute these

procedures as we move forward with the convention in this election year.

One of the main differences in this year's Republican convention process is that the Knox County Republican Party will not be conducting precinct conventions on the evening of the Primary Election. Since the Primary Election falls so late on the calendar, the Knox County Republican Party acted in accordance with RPT rules for the 2012 cycle in voting to forego precinct conventions and to move straight to the county convention. All attendees will be seated and have the right to seek to become a state delegate and to bring forth resolutions for consideration by the convention.

In making the announcement, County Chairwoman Lou Vail said, "On behalf of our county party, I invite all interested Knox County Republicans to join us on Saturday, April 21, at the Knox County Aging Center to participate in important discussions and decisions that will carry forward to our State Republican Convention and beyond."

Traditionally, the county convention has been open to any registered voter in Knox County who voted in that year's Primary Election. Since the county conventions will be held before the

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Masons raising funds for high school seniors

Several Big Country high school seniors will soon receive college scholarships from our local Freemasons. Orient Lodge # 905 in Knox City, consists of all Masons from the communities of Benjamin, Haskell, Knox City, and Munday, and they are beginning their annual fund raising drive this year to offer one high school senior from each community with a \$1,250 scholarship to be awarded at the end of the school year.

Interested seniors must write a short essay to compete for this scholarship and their high school counselors will soon have details. The opportunity for communities to join in this effort is available through the donations of individuals and businesses, and for the third year in a row, they will raffle a premium grade over and under shotgun.

The fund drive will culminate at the 2012 Masonic Family Day at the Knox City Park on May 12 from noon to 4 p.m., which is open to the public and will consist of many family activities where funds will contribute to the local scholarships.

Events include a Chili Cook-off, train ride for children, family/individual bike ride (\$20 per family of any size, and \$10 per individual), silent auction, and the ever-so-entertaining Egg Toss Competition.

All proceeds from the effort become a part of the scholarships given to a senior from Benjamin, Haskell, Knox City and Munday.

For further details on the raffle, Family Day or Scholarship Drive, contact Scott Burgess 940-232-1179, or burgesco@srcaccess.net.

KC to hold 5-K Fun Run/Walk

Knox City will be holding a 5-K Fun Run/Walk at the Knox City Country Club on Saturday, April 28.

Entry fee for the event is \$25 for adults and \$15 for individuals 14 and under.

Registration will be at 7 a.m., with the run/walk scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. Registration forms and fees can be turned in prior to the race at the Knox City Chamber of Commerce office.



Making progress

Texas Department of Transportation workers began pouring concrete on the south side of Central Ave. earlier this week. The crews spent much of last week, clearing and prepping the downtown street.



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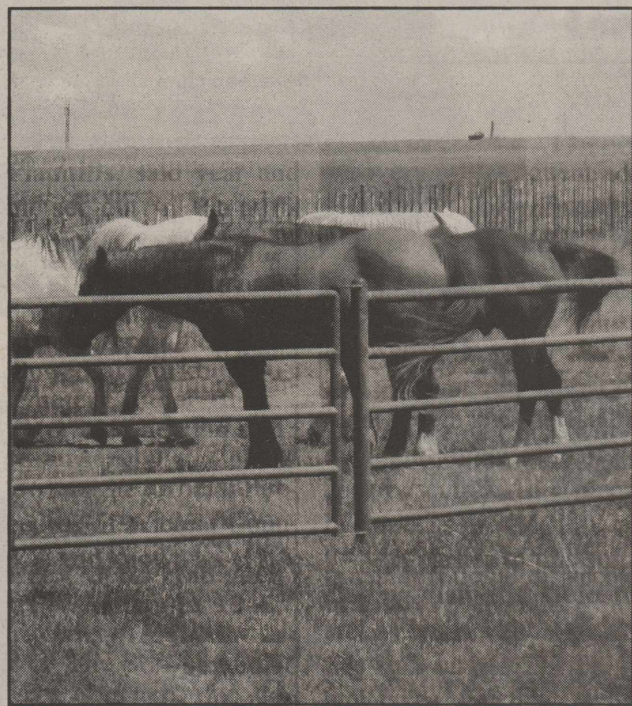
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KC district to hold Pre-K sign-ups

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

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.

KC school officials request parents pre-register their child for the 2012-13 school year. In order to do this, parents need their child's original Social Security Card (not a copy), a current immunization record and a birth certificate.



Chilling ...

The stormy weather in the Knox County area this weekend didn't seem to bother these horses near Munday too much. Severe weather was reported in Knox County on Monday and Tuesday.

Wait for Supreme Court ruling begins for Texans

AUSTIN — Texans and all other Americans have until late June to guess how the U.S. Supreme Court will rule in the multi-state case seeking to have the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act declared unconstitutional on account of federal overreach.

Last week, oral arguments were put before the high court. Lawyers, pundits and officials expressed an array of opinions about what happened in those question-and-answer sessions and attempted to divine how a ruling might affect the cost, quality and accessibility of health care, the impact on state budgets and potential effects on the November general election.

State Comptroller Susan Combs, who administers the state budget, said the Texas Legislature would "have a hard time finding future state budgets if the Obama administration's federal health care rules are implemented."

But some of the two-year-old, 2,400-page law, which is introduced in stages, already is in effect. The individual mandate — the part of the law that requires nearly all citizens to purchase health insurance — is not scheduled to take effect until 2014.

One of the questions before the court is whether the individual mandate and other parts of the health care law could stand alone as constitutional issues.

For Combs, however, the concerns she expressed on March 26 with Medicaid spending. She pointed out that 20 percent of the state's general revenue goes to Medicaid and that mandates in the federal health care law would cause the state to spend 37 percent of its general revenue on Medicaid alone by 2023.

While it is unclear what condition state finances will be a decade in the future, the health care law as it is today expands coverage, covers pre-existing conditions, offers discounts on prescription medications and

Capital Highlights



By Ed Sterling

given tax credits to small businesses that offer health insurance to employees.

Capitol gets New monument

March 29 marked the unveiling of The Tejano Monument, a set of 11 life-sized bronze sculptures mounted on a massive chunk of pink granite on the south lawn of the Capitol.

Sculpted by Armando Hinojosa of Laredo, the monument pays tribute to the Tejanos — Spaniards and their descendants — who dwelled on the land between the Rio Grande and the Red River, and the Sabine River on the east to the Rocky Mountains, for three centuries before statehood and forward to the present day.

Necessary steps culminating in the installation of the monument were achieved through legislation passed in 2001, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2009.

AG chief: about that beef

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples on March 29 joined Gov. Rick Perry and a group of other governors at a Nebraska meat packing plant to address recent public concern about a beef product nicknamed "pink slime."

While Native American cultures of the Great Plains have long been praised for using every bit of the bison they hunted, the presence of pink slime in ground beef sold and consumed in the United States prompted news re-

ports that the product comes from less esthetic cuts disinfected in an ammonia solution before grinding.

Staples, referred to the product as "lean, finely textured beef" and said beef production has been slowed because of canceled orders resulting from negative media.

"If these myths are allowed to persist, hardworking Americans will lose their jobs permanently, forcing us to be more dependent on foreign food sources to meet growing consumer demand for lean ground beef," Staples said.

Perry said "retailers are effectively discarding 10 to 12 pounds of high quality protein per head at the same time an historic drought in the Southwest has significantly reduced herd size. That's formula for a fairly significant price hike in beef, again, for no valid reason."

Unemployment drops again

The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped to 7.1 percent in February, down from 7.3 percent in January, the Texas Workforce Commission announced on March 30. A year ago, in February 2011, the unemployment rate was calculated at 8.0 percent.

Higher speed for some stretches

The Texas Transportation Commission last week announced its approval of 80 mph designations for 54 miles of roadway in the Austin area: State Highway 130 from Georgetown to Mustang Ridge and State Highway 45SE from Mustang Ridge to Interstate 35 in south Travis County.

This was made possible by House Bill 1201, legislation that allows the Texas Department of Transportation to set speeds of up to 85 mph on certain highways designed to accommodate such speeds.

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- noted TX concert pianist Samaroff
- Livingston is seat of this county
- "on an ___ keel"
- "kid" south of the border
- Noite film "___ Eight Hrs."
- TX Lynda Day George was an ___ agent on TV's "Mission Impossible"
- TXism: "keep your ___ (be alert)"
- TX TV "Tarzan" Ron (init.)
- the hunted
- Tech grad Lakas was president of this country
- Athens, TX claims to be "home of ___ burger"
- El Paso AM
- TXism: "ram ___ (bosses)"
- artist Matisse who sculpted "Backs" at TX Kimball Art Museum (init.)
- last book of N.T.
- TXism: "no hill for a stepper"
- soak up gravy
- TX Wills played at the "Longhorn ___" in Dallas
- song "Texas When ___"
- TX Jones' "She Thinks I Still ___"

DOWN

- "El Parian" in San Antonio (3 wds.)
- TX Waylon's "That's What You Get for ___"
- Glen Rose was almost called "___ Roses"
- TXism: "don't get your shorts in ___"
- wading bird
- TXism: "I'm gonna knock you cross- ___ (threat)"
- "king" south of the border
- TXism: "packed ___ a boxcar"
- grass plots
- killer or honey
- "tall Texas ___"
- most naked
- George W.'s time zone
- Astro Clemens stat.
- "___ the Texas flag"
- with "The ___" film starring 26-down
- song "Ding Dong ___ From Dumas"
- Frank of "Four for Texas" (init.)
- TXism: "I won't sit still for that"
- TXism: "primed and ___"
- sawbucks
- TX band "Little Joe ___ Familia"
- "Hook ' ___'"
- most moist
- publicizes
- noted TX historian ___ Fehrenbach
- large TX grocery
- TX "Desperate Housewives" actress Longoria
- TXism: " ___ late to his own funeral"
- friends by treaty
- Orange, TX FM
- perennial need in West TX
- TXism: "stay on your ___"
- this Adams was in film "Racquet" with 17-across actress
- one who cuts wood
- Galveston residents
- TX actress Burnett
- this Andre won Heisman at UH
- TX House member Pete (85th Dist.)
- stocks and ___
- TXism: "fits like ___ a horse"
- TXism: "it'll ___ faith healer to fix it"

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Bear with us ... we are chasing our tails

"When are you going to be in the office?"

"I can't seem to catch you."

I have heard the above phrases quite a bit over the past few weeks. I can't argue with the fact that we are hard to catch. Such is the life of a guy trying to hog tie several things. I'm never in the place I should be.

First, let me apologize, I am hard to get a hold of. I spend most of my time running from one place to the next. Sometimes, I even have to remind myself to tell me where in the heck I am, and where I'm going.

In all honesty, we are trying to work out a schedule that will work for both offices in Throckmorton and Knox City, as well as the ones in Strawn and Erie. Trust me, I will eventually beat this... but right now, it is whipping my hiney.

With that in mind, let me thank everyone who has helped She-Who-Must-Not-Be-Made-Mad and I since we took over the News. The assistance of Chad Roberts, Jeff Stanfield, Gladene Green and David Counts has been awesome. Each have helped ensure Knox City's paper continues on.

Also, let me assure you of something else, the Knox Coun-

Off The Beaten Path



By Tommy Wells

ty News is being underwritten by the Throckmorton Tribune at this point. I expect the paper to carry its own weight shortly but, for now, Throckmorton is supporting both. If you wonder why I'm in Throckmorton quite often, there's your answer.

Don't be alarmed. This is what SWMNBMM and I expected when we took over. It's a slow process to get back on one's feet.

Anyway, in the coming weeks I hope to bring on a writer who can help me cover KC, Benjamin and O'Brien better. I would also like to bring on an advertising rep that could get out and generate extra funds that would help everyone.

Of course, that all takes funds the News doesn't have.

Until then, bear with us. We realize we are hard to catch. If you need to speak with me, call me on my cell phone at (940) 329-1540 or email me at knox-conews@gmail.com.

Thanks and we have enjoyed bringing the paper to you.

(Tommy Wells is the editor of the Knox County News. He can be reached at (940) 329-1540.)

Letter to the Editor

Are we an extension of the Munday paper?

Dear Editor,
 I am a lifelong resident of Knox City, with the exception of about five years, and am really

befuddled here. Is our local paper the news for local hometown folk or are we an extension of The Munday Courier?

I have, in the past, and will continue in the future, to purchase the Munday paper on a not so regular occasion, but when I buy my local hometown paper (which I do every week), I am really not all that interested in reading the Munday Sports page, and all that is going on with the folks over there. I would really like to see what is going on in our school, sports news, and local interest stories here in Knox City.

Now if that sounds harsh, let me apologize, that that is simply the way I feel. There are many school and sporting events that go on here locally that are not being reported, and I for one, would like to see that change.

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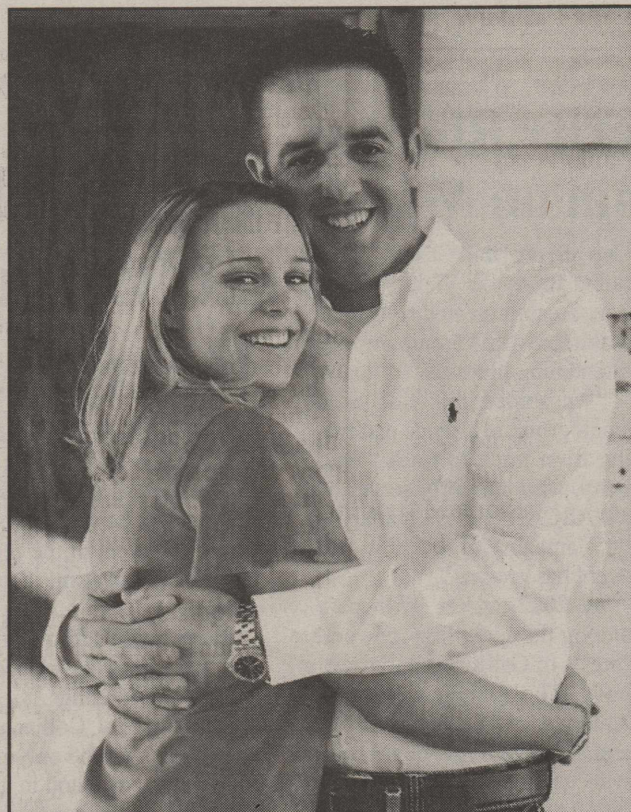
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Engagement



Olivia Cavendish Lee and Dustin Brady Johnson announced plans for a May wedding in Wichita Falls.

Lee, Johnson to marry in May in Wichita Falls

Mr. and Mrs. Layne Lee of Taladega, Alabama, are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Olivia Cavendish Lee to Dustin Brady Johnson of Knox City, Texas.

Dustin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Johnson, also of Knox City.

Olivia is a recent graduate of Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, and is employed by the Wichita Falls school district.

Dustin is owner and operator of Cedar Ridge Aviation in Knox City. The couple is planning a May wedding in Wichita Falls.

First things first! I am sorry for not having a column regularly lately but maybe I have the problem solved so hopefully, barring further mishaps, there will be Benjamin News weekly - thank you Courier readers who have inquired about what's going on and to those who live away and who have called, I appreciate your faithfulness. That makes me feel good!

It was summertime on the dry Knox Prairie this weekend. 90 degree-plus weather is just not the "in thing" for late March and early April - June and July maybe but it's far too early to be that warm. But like it or not it's here and it may be another long, hot summer. Let's hope not.

My sincere sympathy today to the family of Gayle Spikes who passed away Friday after suffering a brain aneurysm and stroke and a several hour surgery on Sunday. The doctors were optimistic about her recovery, she was placed on life support and on Friday it was determined she had no brain response, so her family thought it was time to let her go allowing doctors to take her off the support system. A memorial service was held on Monday in Huntsville where they resided and a memorial service will be held here later with burial of her remains in the Benjamin Cemetery.

Here 'N There

Lorene Powers spent last week in Midland with relatives and friends. Debbie Clower and

Gloria West visited relatives in the Dallas-Ft. Worth, Denton area during the weekends. Debbie visited her sister and her son and their families in Ft. Worth and Gloria visited her daughter Cathy Tomlinson and her children and their families in the Denton area. They returned home Sunday.

Dillon Keys attended the Acquire the Fires Christian retreat in Dallas on Friday and Saturday with a group of youth and adults from the Believer's Chapel in Munday. Taylor and Westin Herring of Munday spent the weekend with grandparents Mike and Debbie Moorhouse.

Cassie Sheedy was in Pittsburg during the weekend for a visit with family. Her mom, Elsie Herron returned home with her for an extended visit with her daughter and her husband, Steve.

Imagean Young and Jane Gideon enjoyed a "sister outing" last weekend. Went to Childress of a couple of days, just shopped a little, rested and did a lot of visiting.

I visited with Chad Tolson on Saturday. He continues to

improve and though he's not back working yet he is out and about a lot and that makes him feel better. Again, I say prayers do make a difference as Chad had a pretty hard several month and the doctors were doing all they could, he and his family know that the prayers of so many played such a large part in his recovery and they are so grateful to everyone for them.

Betty Escobar Martinez, who lives in California, came by to see Bud Conner last Saturday.

She had been to Lubbock to her brother Ray's funeral and was visiting with Eva and Joe Flores in Knox City before she returned home. Bud always enjoys visiting with her when she comes to Texas.

Also, on that same weekend, Eloise Martinez (I don't recall her "married" name) came by to see me. I was the first time I had seen her since the night of her graduation from MHS in 1953. So good to see her and re-new and discuss the days of high school and riding the bus together. She lives in Ft. Worth.

The annual Easter Sunrise service will be Sunday at 7 a.m. at the Methodist Church.

The Baptists will be in charge of the program. Breakfast will be served before the service so bring a breakfast dish and enjoy the time with us. I'll see you there.

And the city wide clean-up day is Saturday, April 14th. Gather up your junk - put it out by the road and the truck will pick it up. (Call Tami at city hall and let her know you need them to pick up or they may miss you). Lunch at noon in the park - bring a dish, sandwiches or whatever and "let's have a picnic" and also get things done about some of our "messy places."

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Chamber banquet slated for April 19

The Knox City Chamber of Commerce will be holding its annual chamber banquet on April 19 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.

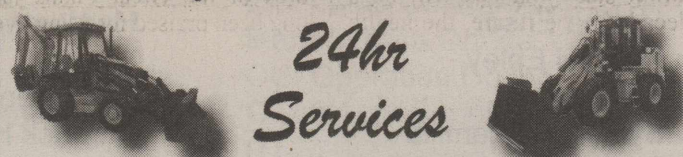
Knox City to test storm siren system

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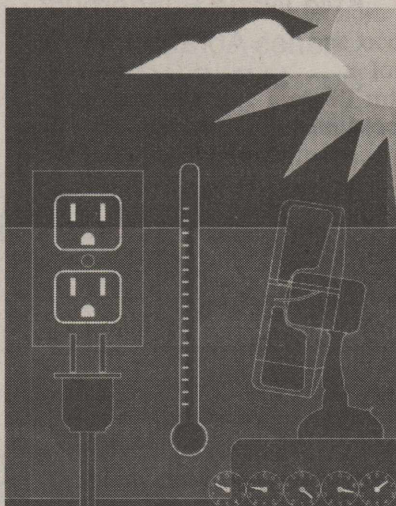
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- Set air-conditioning thermostats to the highest possible comfortable setting and dress accordingly.
- Turn off every appliance you are not using including lights, televisions and radios. Use the "sleep" feature on your computer equipment.
- Only cool rooms that you use. Close vents and doors in unused rooms. Be sure to close closet doors.
- Check your air-conditioning filter every month and replace as needed.
- Keep windows that let the sun in covered when the sun is shining on them.
- Weather strip and caulk around windows and doors to prevent drafts.
- Close your fireplace damper when the fireplace is not being used.
- Use fans to help circulate the air in your house.
- Air-dry dishes in the dishwasher.
- Lower the temperature on your hot water heater during the summer, take shorter showers and wash only full loads in the laundry and dishwasher.



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By Gladene Green

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Sports

Greyhounds shoot down the Stars, 12-1

TOMMY WELLS
The Knox County News

T.J. Moore went 3-for-3 from the plate and Brandon York did the rest on Tuesday afternoon, holding the Wichita Christian Stars to a single run in a 12-1 rout.

With the win, Knox City improved to 3-1-1 for the year.

The win marked the second straight blowout the Greyhounds have posted. Over their last two games, the KC offense has generated 23 runs.

York dominates the Stars' batters. The KCHS standout held Wichita Christian to just one unearned run.

York's win extended his string of dominance. In his last two outings, he has allowed just two runs, and he's struck out more than 15 batters.

While the Stars were having trouble finding hits, the Knox City offense was pounding the Wichita Christian pitching staff. Knox City hammered out nine hits.

Moore led the KC offensive

2012 Knox City Baseball Schedule.
Apr. 7 Valley 11 a.m.
Apr. 10 WF Christian 4 p.m.

attack by punching out three hits.

Jarek Wilde, Kyle Harrington and Josh Schnable all posted two-hit games.

Knox City is scheduled to return to action on Saturday when they host Valley for a double-header. Game 1 of the twinbill is scheduled for an 11 a.m. start.

KC to host district track meet on Friday

Knox County track and field fans will get a special treat this Friday when the Knox City CISD hosts the 2012 district track meet.

The top four finishers in each event will advance to the area track meet next week.

Joining Knox City at the district meet will be Benjamin,

Chillicothe, Crowell, Harrold, Paint Creek, Lueders-Avoca, Moran, Newcastle, Rule, Throckmorton, Vernon Northside and Woodson.

Kyle Petty Charity Ride to stop in Benjamin on May 4

Knox County is going to get a taste of NASCAR on May 4.

The Kyle Petty Charity Ride Across America announced last week it would be making a stop in Benjamin on May 4 as part of a week-long run across the country. Tentatively, the participants in the event are planning to be in Benjamin around lunch on May 4. The group will refuel and eat at Ranchland. In addition to NASCAR legend Kyle Petty, reigning Daytona 500 champion Matt Kenseth and former NFL running back Herschel Walker.

More than 175 riders will join the 18th anniversary ride beginning in Napa, Cal., and travel over 2,500 miles before finishing at the Texas Motor Speedway. Founded by the former NASCAR Sprint

Cup driver, the Charity Ride raises funds for Victory Junction, a camp created to benefit children with chronic or life threatening illnesses.

"We started this ride as a small group of friends just riding from track to track," said Petty, who currently serves as a NASCAR television analyst. "It's amazing to see how this event has grown."

In 2012, riders will pass among the sprawling redwood forests of California and travel both "The Loneliest Road in America" (U.S. Highway 50) and "The Million Dollar Highway" (U.S. Route 550). In addition to 25 planned fuel stops, the riders route will make overnight visits in Redding, Cal.; Reno, Nev.; Richfield, Utah; Grand Junction, Co.; Albuquerque, and Lubbock.

Eaton nets 3rd at Mogul Relays

Knox City High School standout Tylynne Eaton went into the Mogul Relays on Saturday looking to prove he was one of the top discus throwers in the region. He can consider that mission accomplished.

Eaton lofted a throw of 133 feet and five inches and placed third in the overall standings.

Munday's L.J. Collier and Blanford Paul were the only people to finish ahead of Eaton in the discus competition. Collier posted a winning mark of 155-3, while Paul took the silver medal at 136.

The Munday boys won the overall team crown with 225 points. Vernon was second at 114.

Vernon won the girls' division.

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MOGUL RELAYS

The following is a look at the results from the Mogul Relays, which were held Saturday in Munday.

GIRLS

TEAM TOTALS — 1. Vernon 126. 2. Seymour 117.5. 3. Windthorst 90.5. 4. Munday 89. 5. Haskell 76. 6. Olney 43. 7. Electra 30. 8. Aspermont 18. 9. Wichita Christian 13.

3200 — 1. Janie Salinas, Munday, 13:07.51; 2. Shawnee Hill, Haskell, 13:10.77; 3. Ann Marie Delizio, Electra, 13:21.36; 4. Keeley Rollings, Olney, 13:48.94; 5. Kalyan Wheatley, Haskell, 14:11.16; 6. Veronica Robledo, Haskell, 14:54.92.

400 relay — 1. Vernon, 52.27; 2. Seymour, 52.42; 3. Windthorst, 53.02; 4. (tie) Munday and Haskell, 54.74; 6. Olney, 55.93.

800 — 1. Kendria Robinson, Vernon, 2:33.35; 2. Danielle Anderle, Windthorst, 2:35.81; 3. Kaley Mathis, Haskell, 2:40.04; 4. Kylie Dobbs, Olney, 2:42.80; 5. Kristin Doss, Electra, 2:45.83; 6. Callie Campbell, Seymour, 2:48.98.

100 Hurdles — 1. Jayme Weathered, Windthorst, 17.14; 2. Rachel Peters, Seymour, 17.23; 3. Reagan Hadaway, Haskell, 18.91; 4. Elissa Sepeda, Munday, 19.26; 5. Kallie Dame, Olney, 20.98; 6. Kalena Priselac, Electra, 21.18.

100 — 1. Tegra Shepherd, Electra, 13.82; 2. Sarah Borchardt, Vernon, 13.89; 3. Chelsea Echols, Vernon, 14.15; 4. Abby Heyen, W. Christian, 14.59; 5. Natalie Sanford, Electra, 14.66; 6. Raci Dillard, Munday, 14.95.

800 Relay — 1. Seymour, 1:50.96; 2. Windthorst, 1:52.49; 3. Vernon, 1:56.20; 4. Haskell, 1:58.29;

5 Munday, 1:58.85; 6 Wichita Christian, 2:07.01.

400 — 1. Jacie Klose, Haskell, 1:07.92; 2. Tori Thompson, Munday, 1:08.56; 3. Annie Hirsch, Olney, 1:10.77; 4. Lexie Vasquez, W. Christian, 1:11.80; 5. Brittney Owens, Vernon, 1:13.06; 6. Tanya Steele, Haskell, 1:13.08.

300 Hurdles — 1. Rachel Peters, Seymour, 51.91. 2. Kalyan Urbanczyk, Munday, 52.94. 3. Reagan Hadaway, Haskell, 53.90. 4. Kylie Urbanczyk, Munday, 56.52. 5. Morgan Anderson, Electra, 56.53. 6. Elissa Sepeda, 57.35.

200 — 1. Parker Baldwin, Seymour, 27.38. 2. Alexis Love, Vernon, 27.51. 3. Audrey Barrington, Seymour, 28.23. 4. Ashtin Battista, W. Christian, 28.43. 5. Maggie Slaggle, Seymour, 28.62. 6. Natalie Sanford, Electra, 30.14.

1600 — 1. Macey Siegert, Seymour, 5:53.04. 2. Tiffany Serrato, Munday, 5:59.37. 3. Janie Salinas, Munday, 6:07.86. 4. Shawnee Hill, Haskell, 6:14.32. 5. Keeley Rollings, Olney, 6:15.72. 6. Kalyan Wheatley, Haskell, 6:20.12.

1600 relay — 1. Vernon 4:17.24. 2. Windthorst 4:28.97. 3. Munday 4:29.56. 4. Haskell 4:46.19.

High jump — 1. Leslie Schroeder, Windthorst, 5-0. 2. Brittney Owens, Vernon, 5-0. 3. Rachel Peters, Seymour, 4-10. 4. Shawnee Hill, Haskell, 4-4. 5. Kalena Priselac, Electra 4-2. 6. Chelsea Echols, Vernon, 4-2.

Long jump — 1. Alexis Love, Vernon, 15-10.25. 2. Maggie Slaggle, Seymour, 15-7.25. 3. Sarah Borchardt, Vernon, 15-3.25. 4. Macey Siegert, Seymour, 15-1.25. 5. Jacie Klose, Haskell, 14-10.25. 6.

Ashey Garcia, Olney, 14-3.75.

Triple jump — 1. Alexis Love, Vernon, 34-3. 2. Lynsey Neeb, Windthorst, 33-7.5. 3. Maggie Slaggle, Seymour, 33-6.5. 4. Parker Baldwin, Seymour, 32-9.5. 5. Sarah Borchardt, Vernon, 32-5.5. 6. Tatum Bufkin, Munday, 32-5.5.

Pole vault — 1. Claire Craig, Olney, 8-0. 2. Kalyan Urbanczyk, Munday, 8-0.

Discus — 1. Chambrie Stroud, Olney, 117-9. 2. Katie Gibson, Aspermont, 105-3. 3. Lindsey Browning, Seymour, 100-9. 4. Kristen Kuehler, Munday, 99-5. 5. Haven Canada, Windthorst, 99-4. 6. (tie), Kailyn Bruce, Seymour, and Logan Pennartz, Windthorst, 97-8.

Shot put — 1. Katie Gibson, Aspermont, 34-11. 2. Haven Canada, Windthorst, 33-3.5. 3. Katelyn Brown, Munday, 32-10.25. 4. McKenzie Lewis, Electra, 30-6.5. 5. Morgan Garrard, Vernon, 29-10.25. 6. Angel Johnson, Vernon, 26-7.

BOYS

TEAM TOTALS — 1. Munday 228. 2. Vernon 114. 3. Haskell 103. Seymour 56. 5. Electra 30. 6. Knox City 6.

3200 — 1. Angelo Pena, Haskell, 11:08.78.

400 Relay — 1. Munday, 44.08; 2. Vernon, 44.75; 3. Seymour, 45.78; 4. Haskell, 46.33; 5. Electra, 47.57.

800 — 1. Kelby Bell, Haskell, 2:08.27; 2. Henry Smith, Haskell, 2:12.74; 3. Ryder Cude, Munday, 2:13.85.

110 Hurdles — 1. Kenny Edwards, Vernon, 17.34; 2. Warren Flye, Haskell, 17.96; 3. Johnny Jasso, Munday, 18.00; 4. Victor Jones, Electra, 18.16; 5. Aaron Weddle,

Electra, 19.14; 6. Jacob Kreger, Haskell, 19.38.

100 — 1. Tyrone McFarland, Vernon, 11.91; 2. Joe Martinez, Haskell, 12.22; 3. Victor Garcia, Munday, 12.23; 4. Tamiya Lowry, Haskell, 12.40; 5. Donte Whitehead, Vernon, 12.59; 6. Jose Gonzalez, Munday, 12.64.

800 Relay — 1. Munday, 1:33.68; 2. Seymour, 1:36.27; 3. Vernon, 1:36.68; 4. Haskell, 1:37.09; 5. Electra, 1:41.26.

400 — 1. Brandon Urquiza, Vernon, 51.07; 2. Garrett Markey, Haskell, 51.58; 3. Jake Myers, Munday, 54.07. 4. Justin Hollis, Vernon, 55.32. 5. Shelby Stallings, Haskell, 1:00.57.

300 hurdles — 1. Dee Paul, Munday, 40.28. 2. A.J. Naredo, Vernon, 43.60. 3. Johnny Jasso, Munday, 44.33. 4. Jacob Kreger, Haskell, 46.35. 5. Aaron Weddle, Electra, 46.68.

200 — 1. Trey Stinnett, Munday, 23.85. 2. Justin Barrington, Seymour, 24.30. 3. Tanner Gillispie, Seymour, 24.44. 4. Rodrick Taylor, Munday, 25.02. 5. Tamiya Lowry, Haskell, 25.24. 6. Donte Whitehead, Vernon, 25.51.

1600 — 1. Angelo Pena, Haskell, 5:10.12. 2. Ryder Cude, Munday, 5:19.13.

1600 relay — 1. Munday 3:28.95. 2. Vernon 3:39.89. 3. Haskell 3:42.67. 4. Electra 3:58.84.

High jump — 1. Danny Valverde, Vernon, 6-2. 2. Ryder Dillard, Munday, 5-10.

Pole vault — 1. Ryder Cude, Munday, 11-0. 2. Garrett Dobbs, Seymour, 10-6.

Long jump — 1. Dee Paul, Munday, 21-7.25. 2. Garrett Weaver,

Munday, 21-2. 3. Trey Stinnett, Munday, 20-5. 4. Eli Hatfield, Electra, 19-7.75. 5. Victor Jones, Electra, 19-3.5. 6. Kenny Edwards, Vernon, 19-2.25.

Triple jump — 1. Dee Paul, Munday, 43-5. 2. Trey Stinnett, Munday, 41-4. 3. Brandon Urquiza, Vernon, 40-11.5. 4. Eli Hatfield, Electra, 40-6.5. 5. Cody Adams, Seymour, 40-0.5. 6. Garrett Weaver, Munday, 39-9.

Discus — 1. L.J. Collier, Munday,

155-3. 2. Blanford Paul, Munday, 136-0. 3. Tylynne Eaton, Knox City, 133-5. 4. Blake Atnip, Seymour, 127-11. 5. Xzavier Bulliner, Munday, 120-3. 6. Ty Porter, Vernon, 111-9.

Shot put — 1. Tyrone Neskoik, Munday, 54-6.25. 2. Blanford Paul, Munday, 52-10.5. 3. Xzavier Bulliner, Munday, 45-5.5. 4. Zack McMahan, Vernon, 40-3.75. 5. Stephen Lane, Vernon, 39-4. 6. Seth Matheson, Vernon, 38-1.



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Date	Temperature (F)		Rainfall inches
	Low	High	
03/26	48	84	
03/27	58	86	
03/28	59	85	
03/29	53	88	
03/30	59	90	
03/31	50	93	
04/1	54	98	
Total Rainfall for month			1.48
2012 Rainfall (ytd)			3.58

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What was wrong with the U.S.?

What was wrong with the United States? What is wrong with it today? Well, our Commander in Chief said after he was sworn in as President on Jan. 20, 2009, now "we can have some change."

What was wrong with the United States? Why did we need change?

We sure got it. How about this, Obama is strong-arming the oil companies by blocking drilling everywhere except on private land, where he has no say. Then, he sends money to Brazil for their drilling and is promoting it in Mexico. He also brags about how drilling is increasing, which is lie except for on private land - which he has no control of. The record show drilling on public land permits are way, way down.

How about NASA? He wants to make it a international outreach program for Muslims. One small step for man and one giant leap for mankind? It was, but we can kiss that goodbye.

What has happened in just three years. How did we get in this spot?

He always blames the Republicans and Bush. He should be blaming Harry Reid and Nancy Pelosi. They took over in 2006 and that is when the crap hit the fan. We still have bank bailouts. He has tried to stick in every nut job liberal as a Czar of

Just Jeff



By Jeff Stanfield

some sorts. The funny thing is his job czar is endorsing Romney. That ought to tell you about how much faith big corporations have in him. His own Job czar, can you imagine, is switching teams. That ought to tell us how bad this administration is for America.

Now he is calling out the Supreme Court Justices and telling them they have no right to overrule his unconstitutional health care reform. Who does he think he is? Henry, the 8?

This so-called healthcare is so good that the U.S. Post Office has asked to be exempt because the cost is too high. Heck, why shouldn't they? Congress and the Senate have opted out with the "Kennedy Health Plan," which exempts them from having to take it. That right there is against amendment 28 of the constitution which says Congress shall make no law that applies to the citizens of the United States that does not apply equally to the senators or representatives, and Congress shall make no law that applies to the sena-

tors or representatives that does not apply equally to the citizens of the United States.

Imagine ... Obama, himself, calls out the justices for interfering with a law that he claims was passed by the voters. Yet, he ignores the 28th amendment. He ignored the question from ABC - not FOX - reporter of whether he was going to put his family on the same health plan as you and I.

Democrats have a president who thinks he has royal blood. He might but its probably royal blood from Kenya, not the US. I will say this about Obama, he is the best president ever from Kenya but the worst president ever for the U.S.

Just too keep score, Michelle Obama is on vacation again, this time in Vegas. Poor lady, being First Lady is such a tough job.

Just wondering, how many vacations did she take six years ago when they paid their own way?

It's also funny that Obama said Vegas was a place to stay away from during this economy, and the government recently warned Americans about Mexico during spring break ... but that was where his wife was two weeks ago with a 13-year-old daughter and 12 friends - on our dime for spring break.

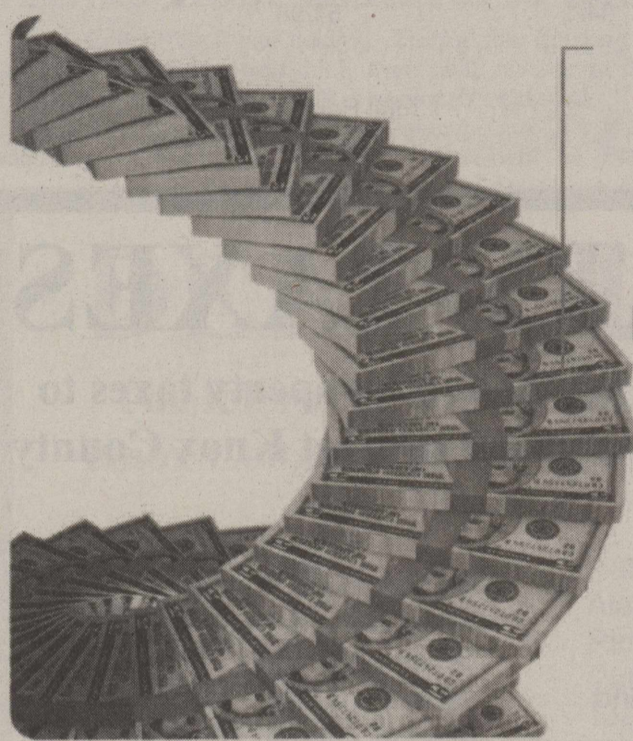
If you voted for Obama to prove you're not a racist last time, vote against him to this time to prove you have a brain....

Jeff "just look at the facts" Stanfield is a local columnist. His opinions are not necessarily those of the newspaper

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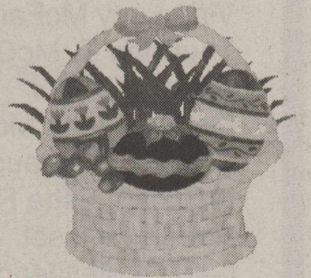
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The following lunch menus have been listed for the week of April 9-13 for the Knox County Aging Services

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

Monday, April 9 - CChicken tenders/gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, turnip green, whole wheat roll, Mandarin oranges

Tuesday, April 10 - Salisbury

steak, diced potatoes/skin on, English peas, whole wheat roll, fruit salad in juice.

Wednesday, April 11 - BBQ beef on a bun, tater tots, carrots/zucchini, ambrosia.

Thursday, April 12 - Lasagna, Brussel sprouts, pears. Garlic bread.

Friday, April 13 - Turkey sandwich, tomato/lettuce/pickle, broccoli/raisin salad, pineapple delight.

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.

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.

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CONVENTION

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May 29 Texas Primary Election, the Knox County Republican Convention will continue to be open to any registered voter who signs an oath of affiliation identifying himself/herself with the Republican Party of Texas.

As an additional resource, the state party stands ready to answer an questions related to the 2012 Republican Party of Texas Convention process. More convention information is available at the RPT website - TexasGOP.org.

For any additional questions or information, please contact Knox County Chairwoman Lou Vail at (940) 658 5507.

God's Promise

By Gary Schnable, Pastor of the Foursquare Church

Have you ever watched a "high-jump" event in track? It is the event where one must run, leap with their back parallel to the bar, arch their back over the bar ... clearing with a final kick of the feet, and land on their back in a pit without knocking the bar down. There is no pole, trampoline or device to help one clear the bar. No, just pure athletic ability and training! It's simply amazing to watch a guy, or gal, glide so gracefully, over that bar in accomplishing this feat!

Upon graduating in 1976, we thought Dwight Stones (1976 Olympics gold medalist - USA) was "the man" having jumped a record of 7'615/16" that August. Since then, Javier Sotomayor of Cuba has become the only man ever to leap 8 feet (and a half inch)! Sotomayor is only 6'5" tall ... meaning he jumped 1 foot and seven over a man his own height to set this record! That's simply amazing!

These men have set the bar very high by their God-given ability where only a few will dare to attempt! Thinking out loud, have you ever considered how hard it is to gain access into the heights of God's Kingdom? God set the bar to gain access to His eternal kingdom beyond mankind's reach before the fall in the Garden.

Look what Jesus said: "Children, how hard it is to enter the Kingdom of God! 25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the Kingdom of God." 26 The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, "Who then can be saved?" 27 Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God." Mark 10:24-27 (NIV)

When we look around at how society (Hollywood, leaders, politicians, our friends... even many churches) continues to lower the bar of what God expects of us personally, we falsely think that we have no need of Jesus anymore. His Word gets twisted like the thorny crown that pierced His brow to suit their liking; stripping the Word naked of it's calling us to accountability like the Roman's did to our Savior on the cross; to rid ourselves of feeling any conviction. Or, we take the sponge of gall wine, deadening our pain from the sin that still enslaves us. Oh we plead for God's release from the pain in our life; get free momentarily; then turn back to sin more. It seems we, like Peter & the disciples, have once again abandoned Jesus, His body the church, and His call on our lives

in order to carry on our lifestyles of momentary pleasure. Still, God never lowers the bar to the world's standards, it is still the same!

There's Hope! As one sits looking at the Garden Tomb outside Jerusalem's walls, looking slightly to the right you will see the "Place of the Skull", upon which our Savior was crucified on a cross. That bar, referred to earlier, is the cross that God had placed there that no person, except for Jesus Christ, could ever overcome. We can't lower the bar and we cannot clear the bar of God's requirements, BUT when we become a child of God, asking Him into our hearts as Lord and Savior we too clear the "The Cross" in Christ to receive the glory of the Kingdom of God!!!

When Dwight Stones won gold in 1976 and Javier Sotomayor leapt to an 8-foot world record in 1993, both of these men carried in their spirit every person from their own countries over the bar to new heights of momentary glory! Jesus Christ carried each of us who love Him, accept Him and live by His lifestyle into the eternal glory of God's Kingdom! May you experience the power and presence of God's Kingdom in your life this Resurrection Sunday!!!

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

Tony Wells

The Knox County News

Thanks to a group of high school students, Knox City earned a few new names recently, including one that would make the most die-hard six-man football fan happy - Six-Man Heaven.

Five Knox City High School students helped the community earn the "Six-Man Heaven" award for 2011 by winning the Six-Man Heaven art contest. The contest, which was open to all schools that participate in six-man football, was sponsored by

www.sixmanfootball.com.

Ryan Ledema, Kelley Vazquez, Allison Lynn, T.J. Moore and Jack Wild, backed by the support of sponsor Ryan Falke, produced a short 7-minute film showing the role high school football plays in the community. The students used game footage as well as interviews to produce a video.

"This year's contest was highly competitive with exceptional entries in all the categories," said Alan Barber, a professional filmmaker who served as one of the judges. "We sincerely thank the stu-

dents and their teacher sponsors for their efforts."

Knox City's film, which can be viewed on YouTube at http://youtu.be/yP_kkvep8zI, edged out productions from students across KCISD's 1500 districts and a "Six-Man Heaven" trophy.

Footage featured in the film was created by Celeste Cuddell, Clay Morrow, Mason Grinstead, Jennifer Starr, Joshua Quintana and Darryl Williams, placed third.

Blaker High School's Hope Head

won the event's essay contest. For her efforts, she earned her school a \$300 donation and a trophy.

Aspermont's Emilia English and Kansas Pitcock won the photography contest. Blaker's James Frank earned an honorable mention finish in the photo

Six-Man Heaven

The following is a look at the winners in the 2011 "Six-Man Heaven" art contest.

1. Film Division - Knox City
2. Essay Division - Kansas Pitcock
3. Photography - Blaker

4. Honorable Mention - James Frank (Blaker)

5. Photo Contest - Emilia English (Aspermont)

Rainfall totals far ahead of 2011 mark

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Area farmers and ranchers received some welcome news last week from the National Weather Service. The drought that has plagued Texas and much of the Southwestern U.S. could be weakening - at least, for now.

According to data provided by NWS representative Ed Andrews, the Thunderbolt and Lightning area has received more than an inch over its normal precipitation levels for January. According to Andrews, the county received 1.04 inches of rainfall in the first month.

That news is welcome news for an area that finished the 2011 year more than 13 inches below its normal precipitation levels.

The rainfall news came on the heels of the NWS announcement that drought conditions had been broken in parts of Texas earlier this year. Several areas of the Dallas-Fort Worth area were declared non-drought regions following a wet January.

Locally, the drought status hasn't changed much. Despite recent precipitation, much of Knox County remains in "moderate" to "severe" on the U.S. Drought Monitor.

Andrews' rainfall totals show the area received plenty of precipitation in the first 31 days of the 2012 calendar year.

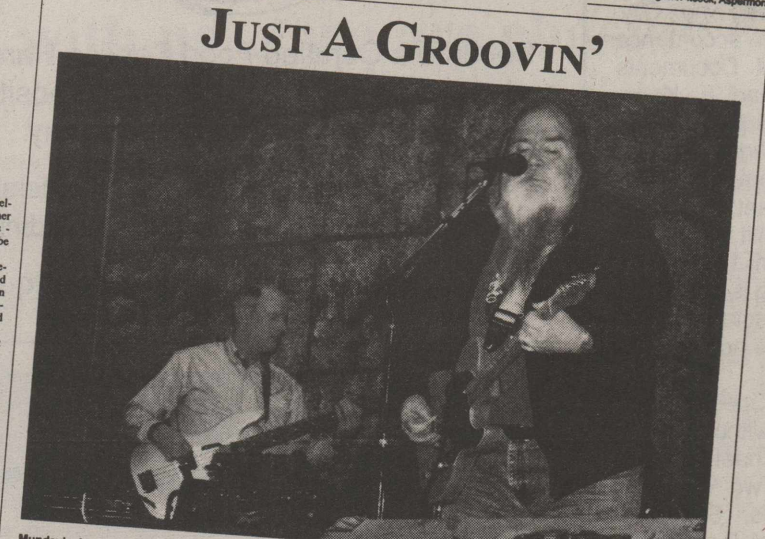
The area's rainfall totals increased by almost half. A total of .15 fell the following day. The three days of rainfall easily surpassed the normal precipitation level for January. The "normal" level of rain for the county in the first month of the season is just 1.14 inches.

Knox County didn't come close to normal about 15 of an inch.

Young and Baylor counties saw their drought status improve in the NWS release. Thunderbolt and Lightning counties received mixed reviews. The southern half of the county is in Stage 1 of the drought plan, while the northwestern corner is still in Stage 2.

The recent rains helped with stock pond levels, however.

There is a \$15 charge for each photo to help offset the cost of color.



Munday's Jay White (right) and Knox City's Danny Wainwright helped 3Kort, a Christian rock band, rock the Anson Opera House recently. 3Kort formed about three years ago as a praise band.

Local band rocks Anson Opera House

Breanna Throckmold

Special to The Knox County News

The Anson Opera House, which is known for playing old-style Country and Western music, changed its line-up a bit recently when it featured 3Kort, a contemporary Christian Rock band, at its monthly musical on Saturday, Jan. 21.

The band, composed of Munday's Jay White (vocals and lead guitar), Knox City's Danny Wainwright (bass), and James Jackson (drums), and Christopher Gibson (keyboards), played for a full house.

According to White, the band got its start about three years ago as a praise band with Ruben Garcia and Henry Guerrero and evolved from there. Saturday was especially significant for 3Kort since it was the first time all four members, some of them new, played

together live.

Playing at such an historic venue as the Anson Opera House was also significant for the group.

"This was very special for us. We knew very little about the history of the opera house and were very honored and humbled to be there," said White.

While contemporary rock isn't the usual fare at the opera house, it was a welcome change.

See ELECTION on Page 3

Adkins to seek Precinct 1 position in Haskell County

Don Adkins

Haskell County farmer Don Adkins announced he would be seeking the Precinct 1 commissioner's position in Haskell County during the upcoming election.

Born and raised in Rochester, Adkins said the experience he gained in several counties would enable him to serve Haskell County residents well.

"With world-wide experience combined with a knowledge of Haskell County, I believe I am the best candidate for county commissioner," he said.

A 1961 graduate of Rochester High School in 1961, he worked in a variety of positions in his life, including working for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, farming in Haskell County, and also serving as Quality Assurance/Control Construction Superintendent for Howe-Baker construction. At Howe-Baker, he was in charge of bidding and design of 18 oil and gas plants.

Duties included job site setup. See ELECTION on Page 3

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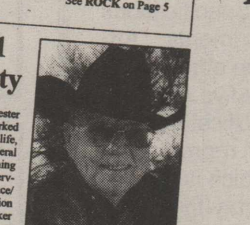
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Big support ... More than 200 area residents turned out to attend the Knox County Historical Society's benefit on Sunday in Benjamin. One of the big attractions at the gala was the silent auction, which featured more than 100 items.



Don Adkins ... seeks for Precinct 1 position

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