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KCVG to host 'Red Wagon Parade' on April 28

Calling all wagons! Little red wagons that is.

The Knox County Visioning Group invites all area residents to participate in its first Red Wagon Parade. The event will take place during Adventure Days on April 28, beginning at 5 p.m. This year's parade theme is "Western Adventure."

The parade is open to all who would chose to decorate

a standard four-wheel wagon, limited in overall size to 48 inches in length, 28 inches in width and no more than 3 feet high from the ground level, including all decoration, but not including the pull handle. All decorations must be attached securely. Parade surfaces may include rolling over lumps and bumps.

Wagons must be pulled by a single person, although

children may have adult assistance. Entrants should practice walking with their wagons fully decorated to avoid any embarrassment or disqualification at the time of the parade. The parade route will be short (no longer than 1,000 feet) and close to the Munday Events Center.

There will be three categories for the best-decorated wagon: commercial (for business

entries), youth (for youngsters ages 14 and under) and adult (ages 15 and above). Ribbons will be awarded to the top three placers in each category. No live animals are allowed in the parade or the wagon.

Wagons should be at the MEC by 3 p.m. on April 28, for display. Then, participants should be ready to fall into place in front of the MEC at 4:30 p.m. to get lined up find

their location in the group. The parade begins at 5 p.m.

Entry forms are available at the KCVG web-site (www.thescoopofknoxprairie.blogspot.com) the office, as well as at the Knox City and Munday Chambers of Commerce.

The cost to participate is \$5 per entry. Deadline for entry receipt is April 28 at 3 p.m.

For more information, contact the KCVG officials.

CofC banquet set for tonight

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.



BENJAMIN'S FAB FIVE

Benjamin Lady 'Stangs began their 2012 volleyball season against Rotan on Saturday, April 14, in O'Brien. The Benjamin girls lost their first game to the Lady Hammers, but were able to catch a win later that day against cross-county rival Munday in Knox City. The Lady 'Stangs have five players on the court whereas all their opponents have six.



Members of the Benjamin Lady Mustangs' volleyball team are (from left to right) Gilda Solis, Emily Brown, Cara McGee, Alyssa Casillas and Katey Brown.

Primary election a 'playoff' for voters

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A Primary Election is an election held in even numbered years by a political party in order to choose their party's candidate for the General Election. The Primary Election in Texas will be held on May 29 this year. The General Election will be Nov. 6.

Currently, only two parties hold primaries – the Republican Party and the Democrat Party. You can think of the primary as the playoffs between the candidates who will be in the Super Bowl, the General Election.

The primary is funded by the Texas Secretary of State's office through the Republican County Chairman and the Democrat County Chairman, Linda Griffith. Knox County Clerk Annette Offutt and her employees are a tremendous help in running the election.

To vote in the primary, residents must be a legal voter. If you are not registered to vote, you can pick up a voter registration application at the courthouse in Benjamin. April 30 is the last day to register to vote in the May primary.

Some citizens identify themselves as Republicans or Democrats. But in actuality, most voters are Independent, meaning that they vote for the candidate and often "split their ticket" by voting for both Democrats and Republicans in the General Election. In Texas, voters do not register as a member of a particular political party. We only register to vote and can vote in the Primary Election of any party.

In Knox County, we have a Joint Primary. This means that both the Republicans and the Democrats vote at the same polling place in each precinct. The two parties do this in order to share the meeting place and, especially, the voting machines. Residents can vote in only one primary – Republican or Democrat. See PRIMARY on Page 6

Texas Tech AD to speak in Graham

Texas Tech Athletic Director Kirby Hocutt will be the featured speaker at the annual meeting of the Lakes Chapter of Texas Tech Ex Students.

The meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 24, at the Graham Country Club on the Ft. Belknap Road (Hwy 61).

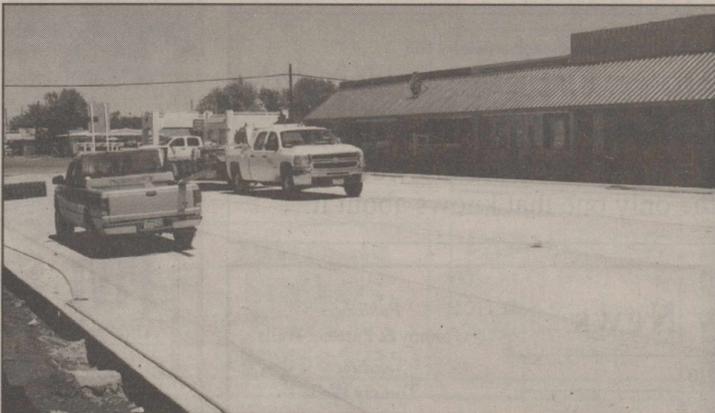
Registration for Head Start to begin April 26

Knox City Child Development Center will be taking applications for the enrollment of children for the Head Start program that will begin in the fall.

The Head Start program serves three- and four-year-old children. It is designed to meet the needs of children by providing an environment which will help them develop socially, physically, intellectually and emotionally in a manner appropriate to their age and stage of development toward the overall goal of school readiness and social competence. Children with disabilities are welcome in Head Start and are offered the full range of developmental services that children without disabilities receive. The pro-

gram works closely with other community agencies to provide services to meet the special needs of all children enrolled. The guidelines for participation in Head Start are established by the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services.

To make application for the program, parents must bring the following documents: child's birth certificate, immunization record, and proof of income for the past 12 months, or 2011 1040 tax return. TANF recipients are categorically eligible for the program; however they must provide documentation of current benefits such as a letter from caseworker, case numbers, etc. All information See SIGN-UPS on Page 3



Getting closer ...

Texas Department of Transportation workers put in the center piece of concrete last week while working on the Central Ave. road replacement project. Workers have almost completed the north and south sections of the road.



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Knox City HS earns Academic accolades

Knox City High School flexes its Academic muscle last week and walked away with the District 120A Academic crown.

On April 3-4, KCHS hosted the District 12-A Academic Contest.

The district consists of 13 schools: Benjamin, Chillicothe, Crowell, Harrold, Knox City, Lueders-Avoca, Moran, Newcastle, Paint Creek, Rule, Vernon-Northside, Throckmorton, and Woodson. Knox City emerged as District 12-A Academic Champion with a total of 257 points, closely followed by Chillicothe with 236 and Woodson with 191.

At the event, students competed in 23 events: Cross-Examination Debate (held in January), One Act Play, Accounting, Calculator Applications, Current Issues, Computer Applications, Editorial Writing, Feature Writing, Headline Writing, Informative Speaking, Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Literary Criticism, Mathematics, Number Sense, News Writing, Persuasive Speaking, Poetry Interpretation, Prose Interpretation, Ready Writing, Science, Social Studies and Spelling and Vocabulary.

Students placing first through sixth in each event earned points toward the team championship. Students placing first, second, or third individually in every event, as well as the first-place team in several events, advance to the Regional Competition at ACU on April 21.

Jessica Wilburn and Brandon York advanced to the state quarterfinals by placing second in the Cross X Debate event. Clark and Reid finished fourth overall. In accounting, Joanna Trevino and Tiffany Esquivel finished fifth and sixth, respectively.

Wilburn also advanced to the regional meet by taking first in Literacy Criticism and Persuasive Speaking events and third in the Prose Interpretation. She also finished sixth in Ready Writing.

Lyndon Baty advanced to the regional meet in Editorial Writing and News Writing by finishing second in the 12-A standings. Jo Angel Martinez and Andrea Lynn were fifth and sixth, respectively, in Editorial Writing.

Lynn earned a spot in the regional meet with a second-place finish in Feature Writing. She also won the Poetry Interpretation event.

Zach Carter notched several berths in the regional meet. In addition to qualifying in Mathematics with a third-place finish, he finished second in Number Sense and joined Kyle Harrington, Tanna Moeller and Kinslee Cox on the winning Numbers Sense team.

Harrington was fourth overall in the individual Numbers Sense division. Moeller also qualified in Poetry Interpretation by finishing third.

Essence Ward was fifth in the Poetry Interpretation contest, while Braxton Moore was fifth in the LD Debate results.

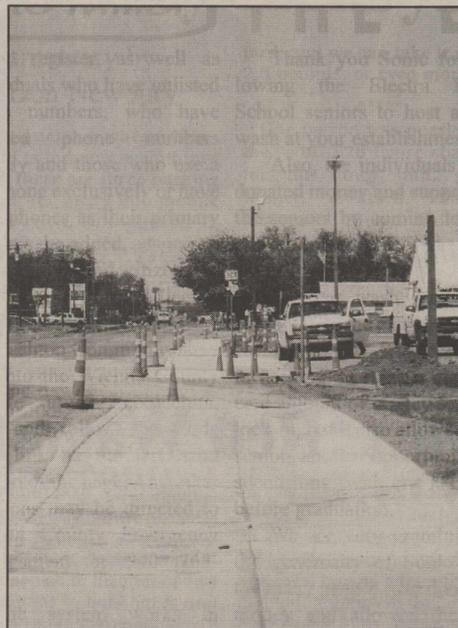
Knox City also received honors for having the top Speech Team and top Journalism Team, which added 10 points to the overall total. Individual OAP honors also helped win the championship.

Coaches for the KCHS students included Becky Jones (Calculator, Mathematics and Number Sense) and Tara Martinez (Ready Writing, News Writing, Editorial Writing, Feature Writing, Headline Writing, Literary Criticism and One Act Play).

'Spring Fling' set for April 21

The Noah Project - North's "Spring Fling" will be Saturday, April 21, at the Haskell Civic Center. The doors will open at 6 p.m. Ham and all of the trimmings will be served at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$12.50 and children under 10 are \$5. For more information call 940-864-2551.



Work on the curbs and sidewalks in Knox City is progressing according the schedule, according to state officials.

Work on curbs, roads progressing as scheduled

The Texas Department of Transportation (Tx-DOT) project to install new sidewalks on Highway 6 from Highway 222 to the west city limits of Knox City is progressing as planned.

According to Gary Mizer, Munday Area Engineer, the concrete paving and sidewalks are complete on SH 6. "Sidewalks south of SH 222 still have some texture work left but will be complete soon," said Mizer.

The contractor, R.K. Hall, plans to have two crews working on sidewalks on SH 6 north of SH 222 next week. Local traffic will be allowed on SH 6 north as the sidewalks are being completed.

Weather permitting, the contractor also planned to begin work on the concrete paving on SH 222 next week, as well as sidewalks, curb and gutter on the north side of SH 222. The SH 6/SH 222 intersection will be closed.

HC Alzheimer's support group to meet on April 23

The Haskell County Alzheimer's Support Group will meet on Monday, April 23, at the Haskell County Extension Office located at 101 S. Avenue D in Haskell. The one hour meeting will begin at 3 p.m. A short program on "Activities and the Person With Dementia" will be presented. Caregivers, family members and friends of individuals with Alzheimer's or a related dementia, should consider attending this meeting that is open to anyone in Haskell County or the surrounding area.

The support group meets the fourth Monday of every month from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The monthly meetings offer a confidential environment where participants can share their concerns, support each other, and learn ways to cope with the challenges associated with long-term caregiving.

For more information you may contact Jane Rowan, County Extension Agent/FCS at (940) 864-2546 or Alzheimer's Association North Central Texas Chapter at (325) 672-2907 or 1 (800) 272-3900.

Knox County Aging Services

The following lunch menus have been listed for the week of April 23-27 for the Knox County Aging Services

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

Monday, April 23 - Macaroni/beef/tomato casserole, lima beans, whole wheat roll, fruit/oatmeal bar.

Tuesday, April 24 - Pork

chop, black-eyed peas, spinach, cornbread, baked apples.

Wednesday, April 25 - Spaghetti/meat sauce, Italian vegetables, broccoli, garlic toast, autumn Jell-O.

Thursday, April 26 - Chicken tenders/gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, turnip greens, whole wheat roll, mandarin oranges.

Friday, April 27 - Tilapia/lemon slice, whole kernel corn, cole slaw, hush puppies, cherry crisp.

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

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April 27 & 28

Schedule of events

Friday, April 27th

6 - 8 p.m. Annual Knox Prairie Ranch Rodeo - Hosted by the Munday Volunteer Fire Department

Saturday, April 28th

- 8:00 a.m. 5K Fun Run & Walk - Knox City COC (Knox City Golf Course)
- 8:00 a.m. Munday Trade Days - Hosted by the Munday COC- All day at the Munday Events Center
- 9:00 a.m. Registration opens at the Munday Events Center for the Amazing Grace Race, Photography Scavenger Hunt, Geocaching and Knox County Tours.
- 10:00 a.m. Tour of Knox County - Bus leaves from MEC
- 10:00 a.m. Amazing Grace Race (Teams of 2) \$20 per team
- 11:30 - 1:30 p.m. Fireman's Hamburger Lunch & Cake Auction (FUNDRAISER) Munday Events Center - \$7.00
- 1:00 p.m. Photography Scavenger Hunt (Teams of 2-5) \$20 per team
- 2:00 p.m. Tour of Knox County - Bus leaves from MEC
- 5:00 p.m. Red Wagon Parade - Wagons need to be at the MEC by 3:00 p.m. for viewing and judging.
- 6:00 p.m. Knox Prairie Ranch Rodeo - Munday Rodeo Grounds
- 8:00 p.m. Dance - Cameran Nelson and Guardrail Damage Ahead (Hosted by the Munday COC)

For more information or to register for events call 940-459-4121 or facebook.com/kcvg.catch.the.vision.

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- "those" south of the border
- TXism: "took everything but the ___ in my lungs!" (robbed)
- TXism: "___ a hungry calf!"
- description of TX Stanley Marsh or Howard Hughes
- Yo ___ Digo creek
- college in Carthage
- this Danny was in "On the Riviera" with TX Tierney
- some SMU exams
- TX bandit Sam Bass is buried at Round
- this Comaneci's coach moved to TX
- TX drawl for "tired"
- TXism: "don't ___ off half cocked"
- Astro victories
- bullfight cheer
- TXism: "___ big for his britches"

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- TX eatery: ___ Folks
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- Rangers' Eric Nadel book: "A Page from Baseball's ___"
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- TX Clint Black's recording label
- British "diner"
- Christmas fireplace wood (2 wds.)
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- hit for Houston's Archie Bell: "Tighten ___"
- Gulf swells
- TXism: "parental plague"
- large TX family
- San Antonio's River ___ Show
- this Blaine was a Cowboy from '68 to '76
- TXism: "pappy"
- SMU was ___ of NCAA football for two years
- TX Marty Robbins sang of ___ Cantina old recording format for TX Willie (abbr.)
- TXism: "he's only got one ___ in the water"
- ___, dos, tres . . .
- TX Red Duke's title
- Dublin's Dr. Pepper plant uses hot ___ water to wash bottles
- Indians thought Enchanted Rock was a ___ site
- TX Ivory Joe sang "Since I ___ You, Baby"
- TX Willie tune: "What Was It ___"
- non-TX oil producer
- to fall behind
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- exotic antelope raised in TX
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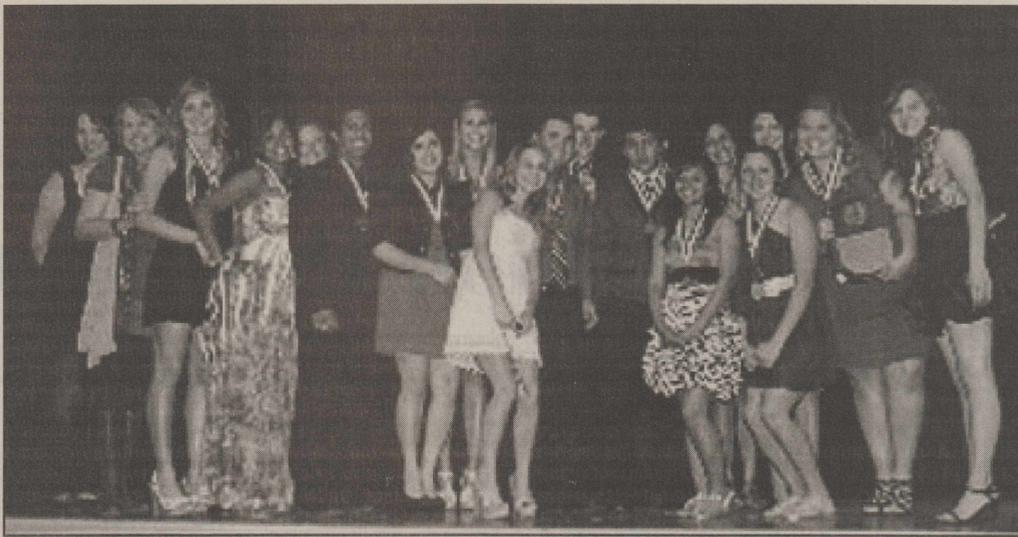
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Munday OAP stars ...

Munday High School's One Act Play "Over the Tavern" advanced out of the Area contest last week in Graham. Several members of the MHS cast earned individual honors, including Kristen Kuehler (Best Actress), Katelyn Brown, Ryder Dillard and Jose Gonzalez (All Star Cast), Rylie Decker, Johnny Jasso and Kylie Urbanczyk (All Star Cast Hon. Ment.) and Raci Dillard and Haley Ericson (Tech Award). The travels to the regional contest on Friday, April 20, in Clyde.

Local residents urged to keep properties clean, report crime

It's that time of year again, the sun is shining, the weather is getting warmer and the weeds are growing. The City of Knox City is starting its Spring and Summer mowing and cleaning routine!

The City of Knox City Code states, "No person, owning, claiming, leasing, occupying, or having supervision or control of any real property, occupied or unoccupied, within the city limits of the City of Knox City, Texas, shall permit or allow any stagnant or unwholesome water, filth, carrion, weeds, rubbish, rubble, brushy, lumber, building materials, refuse, junk, machinery or garbage, or impure or unwholesome matter of any kind, or objectionable, unsightly matter of whatever nature to accumulate or remain on such real property, or Premises, or within any easement area on such real property of Premises or upon any adjacent right-of-way for streets of alleys between the property line of such real property or Premises and where the paved surface of the street or alleys begins. Such condition or conditions are hereby declared to be public nuisances, pursuant to Section 217.002 of the Texas Local Government Code."

Sec. 1.106 General Penalty for Code Violations

(a) Whenever in this code or in any ordinance of the city, an act is prohibited or is made or declared to be unlawful of an offense or a misdemeanor,

or wherever in such code or ordinance the doing of an act is required or the failure to do any act is declared to be unlawful, and no specific penalty is provided therefore, the violation of any such provision of this code or any such ordinance shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500.00), except for:

(1) violations of municipal ordinances that govern fire, safety, zoning, public health and sanitation, including dumping of refuse, vegetation and litter violations in which the maximum fine shall be two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) for each offense, and

(2) violations of traffic laws and ordinances which are punishable as a Class C misdemeanor shall be punished by a fine not to exceed two hundred dollars (\$200.00).

However, no penalty shall be greater or less than the penalty provided for the same or similar offense under the laws of the state.

(b) Each day any violation of this code or of any ordinance shall continue shall constitute a separate offense. Any violation of any provision of this Code of Ordinances which constitutes an immediate danger to the health, safety, and welfare of the public may be enjoined in a suit brought by the city for such purposes.

The City of Knox City can help with people that live out of

town and own houses/lots here in Knox City. If you live out of town and are having trouble finding someone to care for your property, you may contact the City to make arrangements. The City of Knox City will mow your property for a fee of \$100 per month. All you have to do is call City Hall at (940) 658-3313 and we can help you.

This also includes "Junk Vehicles." If you have an old car in your yard that doesn't run or is just sitting there please try to get that taken care of as soon as possible. If you need assistance in finding the vehicle a new home contact the Knox City Police Department and we can assist you with this problem.

In addition we would also like to remind everyone to make sure that your house number is clearly visible from the road. This is also a city ordinance and it helps to make sure that in times of emergency we can find your home quickly and without delay.

The Knox City Police Department would also like to take the time to remind you that YOU the citizens of Knox City are our first line of defense against crime. If you see anything suspicious, out of place, or illegal going on, please do not hesitate to call 911, the Knox County Sheriff's Office Dispatch at 940-459-2211, or the Knox City Police Department at (940) 658-3414. Thank you again for your cooperation.

Preparations under way for Cinco de Mayo

The plans are well under way for the 5th annual Cinco de Mayo celebration to be held Saturday, May 5, 2012, in downtown Stamford. After successful events the past two years, plans are being made for a bigger celebration this year. Lisa Gonzales and her committee have been working real hard with the Chamber of Commerce Board of Direc-

tors in preparation for the big event.

Arrangements have been made to have a D. J. all day for music, announcements and entertainment. Mi Guesto Band from Snyder will provide the music for the street dance from 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. The "Run for Reel" 5K Run/Walk will begin at 8:00 A.M. There will be rides for the kids, horse

drawn buggy rides, and many other activities. More than 25 vendors have already reserved space for food booths, handicrafts, and other events.

If you are interested in a vendor's booth there are still some spaces available for \$20.00 each or if you need an electrical hook-up the cost is \$40.00. Contact the Chamber of Commerce at (325) 773-2411.

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.

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Knox Prairie Ranch Rodeo scheduled for for April 27-28

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SIGN-UPS

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is considered confidential and will be used only for the purpose of establishing eligibility and defining the needs of the family and child.

While applications can be taken any time throughout the year, we encourage parents wanting their child in Head Start this fall to make an application as soon as possible. Knox City Child Development is hosting its Round up day on April 26. from 9 a.m. to Noon at the Knox City Child Development Center, which is located at 502 N. 2nd.

If you need additional information, please contact Sherry Ellis, center director, at 658-3770.

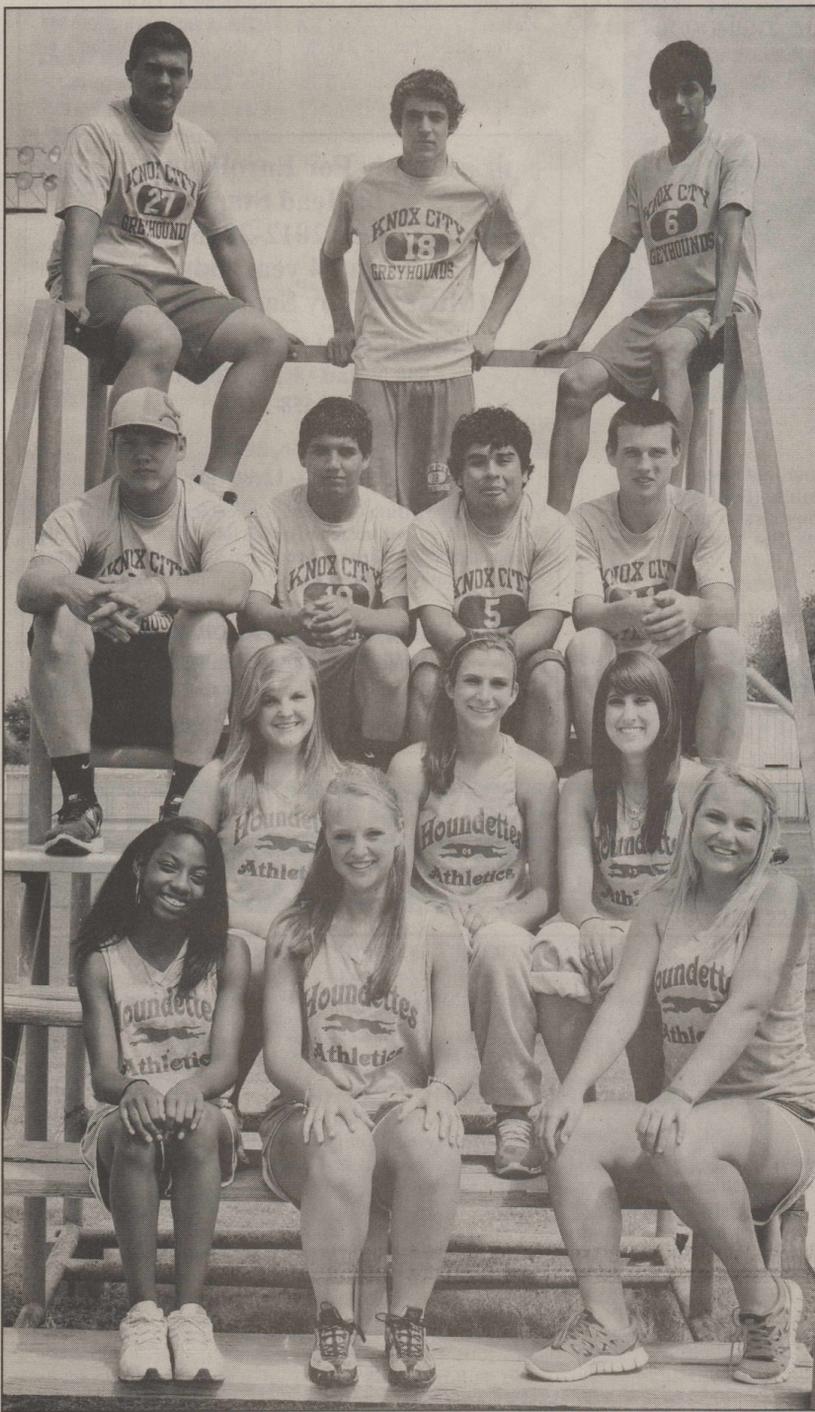
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Area qualifiers ...

Knox City High School had 13 athletes qualify for the Area track meet last week. Making the trip to the Area meet in Trent were (top row, left to right) Krystopher Campos, Zach Carter, Jose Espinal, (second row) Blake Jones, Tyllyne Eaton, Ryan Ledesma, Brandon York, (third) Kinslee Cox, Cassidy Carter, Reagan Clark, (front) Essence Ward, Leighton Pepper and Terri Romine.

'Hounds send three to Region II-A meet

TOMMY WELLS
The Knox County News

Track and field season didn't come to an end last Thursday at the Region II-A Track and Field Championships in Trent. Tyllyne Eaton, Blake Jones and Zach Carter made sure of that.

Eaton, Jones and Carter all turned in solid performances at the Area meet and, in the process, garnered spots in the Region II-A Track and Field meet, which will be held next weekend at Abilene Christian University. The top four finishers from the area track meet advance to the regional meet.

One of the top throwers in the state, Eaton earned his second straight trip to the regional meet with ease. He posted a throw of 145 feet and 5 inches and easily won the discus honors.

Eaton's throw was almost 12 feet farther than second-place

finishing Hayden Farquhar, who posted a throw of 133-9 3/4.

Like Eaton, Jones had little trouble advancing to within one meet of state. The KCHS senior notched a throw of 46-7 1/2 en route to winning the boys' shot put championship.

How good was Jones' effort? Consider this, his throw was almost 5 feet farther than his closest competitor.

Knox City's Krystopher Campos just missed earning a berth in the regional meet. He finished fifth in the shot put standings with a mark of 39-0.

Carter punched his ticket to the regional meet by placing fourth in the triple jump competition. He regional-qualifying distance was 38-5 3/4.

As a team, Knox City finished 10th in the boys' overall team standings with 26 points. The Throckmorton Greyhounds claimed the Area track crown

Regional track set for ACU

The Knox City High School athletes that qualified for the Region II-A track meet will be in action next Friday and Saturday at Abilene Christian University.

The top two qualifiers in each event will advance to the Class A State Track and Field Championships in May.

with 107 points.

The Knox City Houndettes scored four points in the girls' division of the Area meet and finished in a tie for 18th with Vernon Northside and Paint Creek.

REGION II-A AREA TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The following is a look at the girls results from the Region II-A Track and Field Championships, which were held last Thursday in Trent.

GIRLS

TEAM TOTALS — 1. Crowell 134, 2. Highland 81, 3. Throckmorton 54, 4. Roby 46, 5. Baird 36, 6. Trent 33, 7. Newcastle 32, 8. Moran 26, 9. (tie) Panther Creek 24, Santa Anna 24, 11. Bronte 23, 12. (tie) Loraine 22, Robert Lee 22, 14. Harrold 14, 15. (tie) Paint Rock 8, Veribest 8, 17. Blackwell 6, 18. (tie) Knox City 4, Paint Creek 4, Vernon Northside 4, 21. Woodson 2, 22. (tie) Novice 0, Benjamin 0, Chillicothe 0, Lueders-Avoca 0, Rule 0.

100 — 1. Jasmine Sillemon Crowell, 11.84; 2. Shelby Harris, Roby, 12.72; 3. Courtney Spitzer, Newcastle, 12.84; 4. Essence Ward, Knox City, 13.11; 5. Lisa Sanchez, Roby, 13.15; 6. Kirsten Wallis, Trent, 13.24.

200 — 1. Jasmine Sillemon Crowell 24.87; 2. Shelby Harris, Roby, 26.56; 3. Courtney Spitzer, Newcastle, 27.06; 4. Lisa Sanchez, Roby, 27.78; 5. Macie Carrasco, Trent, 27.84; 6. Katie Bosnjak, Paint Creek, 28.40.

400 — 1. Courtney Spitzer, Newcastle, 1:01.56; 2. Kentzie Rhodes, Crowell, 1:05.59; 3. Lora Stewart, Highland, 1:05.69; 4. Lexi Miller, Trent, 1:05.86; 5. Sierra Allen, Highland, 1:06.21; 6. Morgan Baker, Crowell, 1:06.30.

800 — 1. Lexi Miller, Trent, 2:44.03; 2. Betty Torres, Panther Creek, 2:48.52; 3. Courtney Moore, Panther Creek, 2:49.94; 4. Brookanne Brogdon, Moran, 2:50.22; 5. Sumer Ray, Crowell, 2:53.15; 6. Ana Fuentes, Paint Rock, 2:54.78.

1,600 — 1. Madison Moseley, Highland, 6:17.35; 2. Heather Oliver, Veribest, 6:23.94; 3. Ana Fuentes, Paint Rock, 6:33.42; 4. Taylor Hammond, Highland, 6:41.66; 5. Brookanne Brogdon, Moran, 6:46.16; 6. Sumer Ray, Crowell, 6:52.12.

3,200 — 1. Taylor Hammond, Highland, 14:14.56; 2. Sydney TenCate, Moran, 14:20.12; 3. Betty Torres, Panther Creek, 14:35.08; 4. Bailey Flint, Trent, 16:05.59; 5. Kadie McCord, Paint Creek, 16:11.30; 6. Baleigh Lopez, Paint Creek, 16:14.18.

400 RELAY — 1. Crowell (Amanda Casey, Jasmine Sillemon, Kaney Rhodes, Morgan Baker), 51.56; 2. Baird (Kara McIntire, Keeley Cathey, Holley Cook, Kassie Kirkland), 55.22; 3. Moran (Jolee Tabor, Sydney TenCate, Tracy Weaver, Kelsey Churchill), 55.50; 4. Trent (Bailey Flint, Kirsten Wallis, Macie Carrasco, Maddie Lindberg), 56.38; 5. Highland, 57.47; 6. Vernon Northside, 57.97.

800 RELAY — 1. Throckmorton (Emily McCartney, Madison Koonsman, Elizabeth Foster, Marley White), 1:55.52; 2. Highland (Lora Stewart, Morgan Monroe, Madison Moseley, Sierra Allen), 1:56.30; 3. Baird (Kassie Kirkland, Kara McIntire, Holley Cook, Keeley Cathey), 1:57.40; 4. Crowell, 1:57.72; 5. Robert Lee, 1:59.62; 6. Bronte, 1:59.78.

1,600 RELAY — 1. Highland (Lora Stewart, Madison Moseley, Beth Richburg, Sierra Allen), 4:26.28; 2. Crowell, 4:28.16; 3. Bronte (Kaitlyn Braswell, Marley Braswell, Brooke Bedford, Kimber Lee), 4:33.31; 4. Harrold, 4:33.60; 5. Panther Creek, 4:43.10; 6. Robert Lee, 4:46.88.

100 HURDLES — 1. Emily McCartney, Throckmorton, 15.62; 2. Elizabeth Foster, Throckmorton, 15.75; 3. Hannah Hartman, Santa

Anna, 16.25; 4. Beth Richburg, Highland, 16.50; 5. Addison Rosson, Bronte, 17.34; 6. Baily Balderas, Paint Rock, 20.91.

300 HURDLES — 1. Kaney Rhodes, Crowell, 48.93; 2. Hannah Hartman, Santa Anna, 49.87; 3. Kimber Lee, Bronte, 50.27; 4. Emily McCartney, Throckmorton, 50.33; 5. Beth Richburg, Highland, 50.47; 6. Addison Rosson, Bronte, 51.14.

LONG JUMP — 1. Jasmine Sillemon, Crowell, 17-8 1/2; 2. Emily McCartney, Throckmorton, 16-11 1/4; 3. Stephanie Metcalf, Blackwell, 16-0 3/4; 4. Macie Carrasco, Trent, 15-7; 5. Shawnee Stoker, Woodson, 15-1; 6. Ebony Clemon, Loraine, 14-9 1/4.

SHOT PUT — 1. Catelyn Johnston, Loraine, 33-2 1/2; 2. Kimie Lakey, Roby, 32-9; 3. Kaitlin Riddle, Crowell, 30-10 1/4; 4. Diana Vera, Robert Lee, 30-7 1/2; 5. Jordan Gartman, Robert Lee, 28-8 1/2; 6. Blaire Wilkinson, Vernon Northside, 28-7.

DISCUS — 1. Kimie Lakey, Roby, 107-11; 2. Kaitlin Riddle, Crowell, 104-1 1/4; 3. Diana Vera, Robert Lee, 98-6; 4. Jordan Gartman, Robert Lee, 93-3 1/4; 5. Braidi Warren, Newcastle, 91-0; 6. Sydney Stephens, Vernon Northside, 86-7 1/2.

TRIPLE JUMP — 1. Jasmine Sillemon, Crowell, 37-7 1/4; 2. Braid Warren, Newcastle, 34-1 1/4; 3. Shelby Harris, Roby, 33-7 1/4; 4. Emily McCartney, Throckmorton, 33-7 1/2; 5. Madison Moseley, Highland, 33-6 1/4; 6. Ebony Clemon, Loraine, 31-8 1/4.

HIGH JUMP — 1. Kaney Rhodes, Crowell, 5-4; 2. Kaitlyn Robinson, Baird, 5-2; 3. Bree McKay, Harrold, 5-0; 4. Kentzie Rhodes, Crowell, 5-0; 5. Ebony Clemon, Loraine, 4-10; 6. Beth Richburg, Highland, 4-10.

POLE VAULT — 1. Hannah Hartman, Santa Anna, 10-0; 2. Catelyn Johnston, Loraine, 8-6.

BOYS

TEAM TOTALS — 1. Throckmorton 107, 2. Bronte 102, 3. Crowell 50, 4. Blackwell 42, 5. Rule 36, 6. Robert Lee 35, 7. Newcastle 34, 8. Roby 32, 9. Baird 31, 10. Knox City 26, 11. Paint Rock 20, 12. Woodson 19, 13. (tie) Trent 16, Chillicothe 16, 15. (tie) Highland 14, Vernon Northside 14, 17. Panther Creek 8, 18. Veribest 6, 19. (tie) Hermleigh 4, Santa Anna 4, 21. Paint Creek 2, 22. (tie) Loraine 1, Lueders-Avoca 1, 24. (tie) Novice 0, Benjamin 0, Harrold 0, Moran 0.

100 — 1. Darryl Williams, Rule, 10.81; 2. Zack Fleenor, Chillicothe, 11.12; 3. Jayden Jones, Blackwell, 11.28; 4. Jonathan Zepeda, Hermleigh, 11.36; 5. Luke Gray, Crowell, 11.46; 6. Jody Brandt, Vernon Northside, 11.64.

200 — 1. Bradley Hutcheson, Trent, 21.97; 2. Zack Fleenor, Chillicothe, 22.78; 3. Darryl Williams, Rule, 23.16; 4. Lex Bond, Crowell, 23.24; 5. Garrett Kirkland, Baird, 23.37; 6. Jayden Jones, Blackwell, 23.91.

400 — 1. Zachary Sanchez, Robert Lee, 54.40; 2. Michael Moreno, Newcastle, 55.72; 3. Justin Gartman, Robert Lee, 55.94; 4. Lucas Diaz, Santa Anna, 56.69; 5. Owen Parmer, Vernon Northside, 56.84; 6. Colin Taylor, Rule, 57.18.

800 — 1. Kerry Lowe, Newcastle, 2:05.30; 2. Zachary Sanchez, Robert Lee, 2:06.24; 3. Sheldon Hall, Highland, 2:06.34; 4. Joshua Puentez, Bronte, 2:13.72; 5. Michael Tijerina, Robert Lee, 2:14.90; 6. Jonah Caddell Rule 2:16.59.

1600 — 1. Jonathan Santiago, Paint Rock, 4:57.90; 2. Michael Perez, Rule, 5:04.37; 3. Kerry Lowe, Newcastle, 5:06.12; 4. Michael Curry, Robert Lee, 5:08.59; 5. Jorge

Pastor, Veribest, 5:12.40; 6. Payton Neal, Vernon Northside, 5:13.96.

3200 — 1. Jonathan Santiago, Paint Rock, 10:44.72; 2. Michael Perez, Rule, 10:53.88; 3. Brian Richard, Trent, 11:34.25; 4. Jorge Pastor, Veribest, 11:44.91; 5. Brandon Luevano, Paint Creek, 12:02.32; 6. Michael Curry, Robert Lee, 12:46.38.

400 RELAY — 1. Bronte (Jared Scott, Jordan Baumann, Creed Coalson, Thoren Charles), 44.56; 2. Crowell (Luke Gray, Keaton Marlow, Lex Bond, Kody Knight), 45.62; 3. Throckmorton (Rawlin Morrell, Brian Voss, Levi Taylor, CJ Hansz), 45.65; 4. Baird (Nick Darnell, AJ Camacho, Austin McCombs, Bryson Moore), 46.44; 5. Roby, 46.50; 6. Rule, 47.02.

800 relay — 1. Bronte (Jared Scott, Jordan Baumann, Thoren Charles, Creed Coalson), 1:35.63; 2. Throckmorton (Rawlin Morrell, Brian Voss, Levi Taylor, Brian Voss), 1:36.16; 3. Roby (Bradley Gonzales, Trey Stevenson, Sterling Dowden, Randall Barrera), 1:36.50; 4. Crowell (Luke Gray, Kody Knight, Lex Bond, Mitchell Parsley), 1:36.56; 5. Baird, 1:36.91; 6. Highland, 1:37.88.

1,600 relay — 1. Bronte (John Deller, Jordan Baumann, Ty Lee, Creed Coalson), 3:36.97; 2. Throckmorton (Adam Hernandez, Levi Taylor, Brian Voss, Gary Farquar), 3:39.15; 3. Crowell (Mitchell Parsley, Nathan Moya, Jared Brown, Chris Chatfield), 3:43.12; 4. Vernon Northside, 3:46.99; 5. Roby, 3:48.55; 6. Robert Lee, 3:49.14.

110 hurdles — 1. Gary Farquar, Throckmorton, 15.01; 2. John Deller, Bronte, 17.02; 3. Mark Monroe, Blackwell, 17.26; 4. Levi Smith, Woodson, 17.72; 5. Dusty Neff, Baird, 18.02; 6. Spencer Smith, Woodson, 19.19.

300 hurdles — 1. Gary Farquar, Throckmorton, 40.84; 2. John Deller, Bronte, 46.88; 3. Mark Monroe, Blackwell, 47.22; 4. Levi Smith, Woodson, 47.53; 5. Spencer Smith, Woodson, 48.22; 6. Estabau Beniveme, Loraine, 51.56.

Long jump — 1. Jared Scott, Bronte, 20-6 1/4; 2. Randall Barrera, Roby, 20-5 1/4; 3. Tyler Mays, Newcastle, 20-5; 4. Jayden Jones, Blackwell, 19-11 1/4; 5. Justin Faulkner, Vernon Northside, 19-7 1/4; 6. Robert Hubbard, Lueders-Avoca, 18-11 1/4.

Shot put — 1. Blake Jones, Knox City, 46-7 1/2; 2. Jake Green, Baird, 41-9 1/2; 3. Hayden Farquar, Throckmorton, 40-6 1/2; 4. Riley Brauneck, Roby, 40-6; 5. Krystopher Campos, Knox City, 39-0; 6. Jim Bob Smith, Robert Lee, 38-6.

Discus — 1. Tyllyne Eaton, Knox City, 145-5; 2. Hayden Farquar, Throckmorton, 133-9 1/4; 3. Beau Grigg, Bronte, 127-6 1/2; 4. Jake Green, Baird, 117-11; 5. Trinity Haggard, Throckmorton, 111-11 1/4; 6. Will Howard, Robert Lee, 108-6 1/2.

Triple jump — 1. Levi Taylor, Throckmorton, 42-10 1/4; 2. Levi Smith, Woodson, 40-8 1/4; 3. Cody Martin, Bronte, 38-11; 4. Zachary Carter, Knox City, 38-5 1/2; 5. Garrett Kirkland, Baird, 38-5 1/2; 6. Mason Magness, Blackwell, 37-6 1/2.

High jump — 1. Gary Farquar, Throckmorton, 6-5; 2. Matthew Lowry, Panther Creek, 6-2; 3. Chris Chatfield, Crowell, 6-2; 4. Tyler Mays, Newcastle, 6-0; 5. Lex Bond, Crowell, 6-0; 6. Austin McCombs, Baird, 5-6.

Pole vault — 1. Jayden Jones, Blackwell, 12-0; 2. Mason Magness, Blackwell, 11-0; 3. Bryson Oliver, Throckmorton, 10-6; 4. Peyton Howard, Highland, 10-6; 5. Michael Hyde, Highland, 10-0; 6. Nathan Riley, Throckmorton, 9-6.

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The following candidates have been certified as unopposed and are hereby elected as follows:

El CIUDAD DE KNOX CITY por la presente cancela la elección que, de lo contrario, se hubiera celebrado el 12 DE MAYO 2012 de conformidad, con la Sección 2.053(a) del Código de Elecciones de Texas. Los siguientes candidatos han sido certificados como candidatos únicos y por la presente quedan elegidos como se haya indicado a continuación:

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A copy of this order will be posted on Election Day at each polling place that would have been used in the election.

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• IN MEMORY

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Memorial Services will be held for Julia R. Hernandez at Santa Rosa Catholic Church at 210 N Ave G this Saturday, April 21, at 1 p.m.

She was born in Uvalde, TX to Eufemio and Thomasa Rodriguez. She entered into rest on April 12, 2012, surrounded by family in Lubbock, TX.

Funeral services were held at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church in Lubbock on April 14, 2012.

Surviving Family: Husband-Refugio Hernandez of Knox City, TX, Daughters- Tammy Vega of Fort Hood, TX and Veronica Hernandez of Dallas, TX, Grandchildren-Stephanie Lara, Shyanne Lara and Julie Saldana of Fort Hood, TX, Siblings-Eufemio Rodriguez Jr, Calistro Rodriguez, Tony Rodriguez, Joe Rodriguez, Michael Rodriguez of Lubbock, TX and sister-Norma Rizer of Crystal Springs, TX.

She was a resident in Knox City, TX for 20 years and an active member in the Guadalupans Society at Santa Rosa Catholic Church.

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HMH to hold 'A Matter of Balance' series

Falls can be catastrophic for seniors. A broken bone may not be a big deal for a ten year-old, but for a senior it can be an immense setback. Fortunately, with the right precautions, most falls can be avoided.

"A Matter of Balance" is an 8-part series designed to reduce the fear of falling and increase the activity levels of older adults who have concerns about fall-

ing. Participants will learn to view falls and fear of falling as controllable; set realistic goals for increasing activity; change their environment to reduce fall risk factors; and promote exercise to increase strength and balance. This award winning program will be offered in Haskell during the month of May. Participants must be at least 60 years old to participate and must pre-register for the series of classes.

The "Matter of Balance" series classes will meet each Tuesday and Thursday from 2 p.m.

to 4 p.m. for four weeks (8 total classes). The course will begin May 8 and continue through May 31. Classes will be held at the Haskell Memorial Hospital Education Building in Haskell.

The program series is free of charge but enrollment is limited. To register for the course or for more information contact: Jane Rowan, County Extension Agent/FCS, Haskell County via telephone at (940) 864-2546, via e-mail at: l-rowan@tamu.edu, or via the U.S. Postal Service at: 101 S. Avenue D Haskell, TX., 79521.



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Date	Temperature (F) Low / High	Rainfall inches
04/9	52/86	
04/10	61/88	
04/11	54/88	
04/12	63/87	
04/13	67/87	
04/14	69/90	
04/15	49/77	0.55
Total Rainfall for month		0.55
2012 Rainfall (ytd)		4.13

May 4 workshop to address feral hog behavior, control

To provide landowners with more information about feral hogs and trapping techniques, there will be a half-day workshop May 4 at the Becker Community Center in Kemp.

Program registration begins at 8:30 a.m., with presentations from 9 a.m. -12:15 p.m.

"With the high reproductive capacity of feral hogs, their numbers grow every year and are creating more conflict with landowners and the agriculture industry in Texas," said Ralph Davis, Texas AgriLife Extension Service agent for Kaufman County and workshop coordinator. "Therefore, it is important for landowners to be aware of the issues surrounding feral hogs and the management techniques used to control the population."

During the program, AgriLife Extension wildlife specialist Dr. Billy Higginbotham will present information on basic feral hog biology, laws and regulations for control methods, and different techniques for reducing feral hog numbers.

Space is limited, so attendees

must preregister by April 27 by calling the AgriLife Extension office at (972) 932-9069.

Luminaries available for annual Relay for Life event

Knox County residents will get a chance to show their support for the ongoing battle against Cancer next month at the 2012 Knox-Haskell Relay for Life event. The annual fund-raiser for the American Cancer Society is set to be held on May 5 at the Munday High School track complex.

At this year's event, which is being called, "Every Candle Will Have a Name," Knox County residents will be able to purchase a luminaria (candle) in honor of a loved one who has died from the disease, or to honor a loved one who has survived - or currently battling - cancer.

At the event, teams from

Knox and Haskell counties will be walking throughout a 24-hour period as part of a fund-raising effort. All funds generated through the event will go toward cancer research, and to help local families dealing with the disease.

Individuals interested in sponsoring a candle in the Relay for Life event are encouraged to contact Linda Jackson at (940) 422-4318, or by sending \$5 per candle requested to Linda Jackson, Knox-Haskell Relay for Life, P.O. Box 43, Munday, Texas, 76371, along with a note with the sponsor's name and address, and who the candle will be in "Memory of" or in "Honor of."

Chasing storms with the 'Coach'

Just Jeff



By Jeff Stanfield

On Saturday, Coach Steele and I decided we would put the chase on some tornadoes. We started out around 1 p.m. to northwest Oklahoma. I did a little research before we left and decided we needed to try and get as far west as we could and catch them as soon as they fired up. You never want to chase tornadoes and have to drive through the storm. So with this westerly destination, we would be able to drive with the storms without much danger.

Elk City, Oklahoma, was our first stop not for a tornado but for Rocky Road ice cream. Fat boys have to have energy and Braum's has darn good energy makers. This was when Jeremy Eaton texted and tells me I know you and coach will be fine since all of our vital organs had lots of cushion. I told Coach, "this ice cream just is good insurance."

Shattuck, Oklahoma, is where we got on our first severe storm. These were "supercells" and they were tornado makers. Thirty minutes into our first storm we get a rope tornado.

With this being an "Extreme Tornado Advisory," there were tons of chasers out ... not just

waving back as if he was in the Macy's Day Parade.

We get out of town before the storm hit, so we set up outside of Cherokee, Oklahoma - about 12 miles south of the Kansas line when we see our seventh tornado of the day, and the biggest of the day in Oklahoma.

We were on the side of the road filming the storm when this guy pulls up and says, "Hey Coach! How is it going?"

I am like what? Here we are in the middle of nowhere and the first car to pull up is some guy who knows Steele.

As we drove towards the storm I ask Steele who that guy was?

"I guess some storm spotter I use to know," he said.

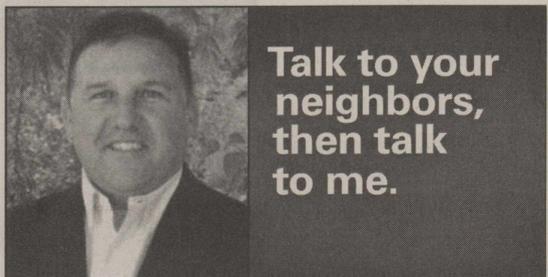
All said and done we had a great adventure and watched tons of brave law enforcement and firefighters helping warn people and save many lives.

The big tornado we chased is the same storm that hit Wichita, Kansas. The last place we gassed up on our way home was Woodward, Oklahoma. Three hours after we had left a huge tornado hit and killed six people there.

It could have been a lot worse if it hadn't been for the chasers and the National Weather Service, which has really improved on tornado predictions.

God Bless the people of northern Oklahoma.

Jeff "Running is for people who are scared" Stanfield is a local columnist His column does not necessarily represent the views of the newspaper or its publishers.



Talk to your neighbors, then talk to me.

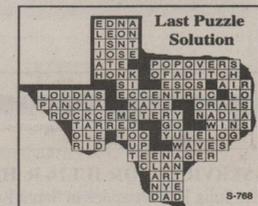
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• PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ESPECIAL ELECCION)

To the registered voters of the City of **KNOX CITY**, Texas:

(a los votantes registrados del ciudad de **KNOX CITY**, Texas)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on **MAY 12, 2012**, for voting in a special election to adopt or reject the proposed local option to legalize the sale of beer and wine for off premises consumption only in the City of Knox City.

(Notifíquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 12 de mayo de 2012, para votar en una elección especial para aprobar o rechazar la opción propuesta local para legalizar la venta de cerveza y vino para consumo fuera de los locales sólo en la Ciudad de Knox City..)

LOCATION OF POLLING PLACES
(DIRECCION DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

KNOX COUNTY AGING CENTER, 107 N AVE E, KNOX CITY TEXAS 79529

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:
(La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en:)

Knox City Hall 902 E Main St, Knox City Texas 79529
(location) (sitio)

between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. beginning on April 30, 2012
(date)
(entre las ocho de la mañana y las cinco de la tarde empezando el 30 de abril 2012
(fecha)

and ending on May 8, 2012. (y terminando el 08 de mayo 2012)
(date) (fecha)

Additional early voting will be held at the same location as follows:
(La votación anticipada adicional se llevará a cabo en el mismo lugar de la siguiente manera)
April 30, 2012 7AM - 7PM
May 8, 2012 7AM - 7PM

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán adelantada por correo deberán enviarse a:)

EARLY VOTING CLERK (Nombre del Secretario de la Votación Adelantada)
BETTY JOHNSTON
902 E MAIN ST (Dirección)
KNOX CITY, TX 79529 (Ciudad) (Zona Postal)

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on:
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán adelantada por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el:)

May 4, 2012 04 de mayo 2012
(date) (fecha)

Issued this the **21ST** day of **February**, **2012**.
(Emitida este día **21** de febrero **2012**.)

Chad Roberts

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

PRIMARY

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crat - so voters are encouraged to know in advance who they want to vote for.

When enter the polling place, voters will need to have their Voter Registration Card, which tells the voter's precinct number. They will be asked which primary they wish to vote in, Republican or Democrat. After signing the register, they will be given a ballot for the one they chose.

Most state and national election candidates have websites outlining the issues and their position on each. County candidates may not have websites but are likely to explain their positions if you ask. Knox County will vote on Tax Assessor, Sheriff, and Commissioner, running unopposed on the Democrat ballot. Constable

and County Chairman are running unopposed on the Republican ballot.

In the Primary Election, each party will vote for the candidate they want to be on the ballot in the General Election in November. This is an election year for U.S. president. The Republicans will choose a person to run against the Democrat incumbent, Barack Obama.

Since Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison is resigning, each party will choose a candidate to run for the U.S. Senate in November. There are state and national representatives to be chosen, and a lot of judges.

Please get informed about the candidates, choose which primary you want to vote in, mark May 29 on your calendar and come out to vote.



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