

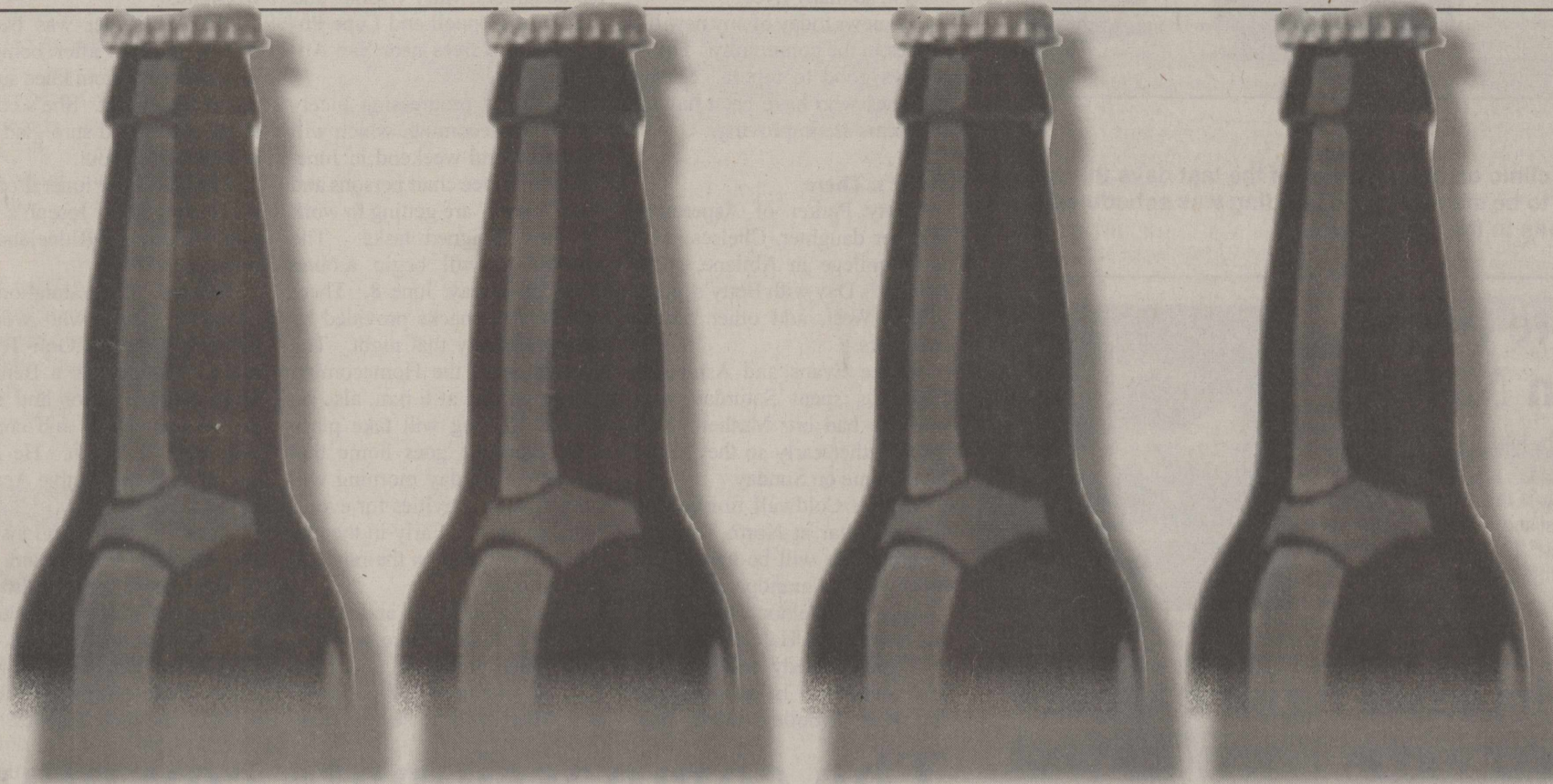
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Area schools to send off grads

TOMMY WELLS
 The Knox County News

Knox County will officially usher to its alumni rolls in the coming weeks as Knox City, Munday and Benjamin all hold their 2012 commencement ceremonies for graduating seniors. In all, more than 50 young men and women will graduate from the county's three high schools.

Benjamin Independent School District will be the first to graduate its seniors. The BHS Class of 2012 - consisting of Andrew Chandler, Tyler Kinibrugh and Toni Brown - is scheduled to receive its diplomas at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 25, at 7 p.m. in the Benjamin Ex-Students Building.

Benjamin will hold its kindergarten and eighth grade graduations on Thursday, May 24, at 7 p.m.

Knox City-O'Brien Consolidated

ISD seniors will be next on the county's graduation agenda. The KCHS senior class is scheduled to walk across the stage in the high school auditorium at 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 26. The junior high school graduation ceremony is scheduled for Friday, May 25, at 7 p.m.

Munday ISD will be the final Knox County school to hold its graduation services. Munday's senior class will hold its commencement exercises at 7 p.m. on June 1 in the high school auditorium.

GRADUATION DATES

Knox City
 May 26, 7 p.m.

Benjamin
 May 25, 7 p.m.

Munday
 June 1, 7 p.m.

O'Brien
 May 25, 7 p.m.

KC pops the top!

BY THE NUMBERS

Knox County voters narrowly approves the sale of beer, wine within city limits

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The way Knox City Administrator Chad Roberts sees it, the voter's decision to approve the sale of alcoholic beverages within the city limits on Saturday during the election wasn't really a case of Good vs. Bad.

It was more of a case of economic reality for everyone. Tough times call for tough decisions.

"I don't think it was anyone winning as much as it was the voters realize we can't afford to leave anything on the table," said Roberts, who filed the necessary paperwork with the State and the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission on Wednesday to allow local businesses to seek permission to sell beer and wine for off-premise consumption. "The economy is tough right now, and every little bit helps, regardless whether it's the city or local businesses."

Knox City voters approved the measure by a 92-62 margin. A total of 156 votes were cast - with two of them being provisional. Approximately 7 percent of the city's population, cast ballots in the election.

With the decision, at least two Knox City businesses, including Penman's Convenience Store and Allsup's, indicated they would apply for a license with the TABC to sell alcoholic beverages.

"Our main business is selling fuel to farmers and residents," said Penman's Manager Roland Marion. "With the drought and the economy, our business is down. This isn't the

Number of 'dry' counties is dwindling

The number of "dry" counties in the State of Texas has steadily been decreasing over the past decade as more and more seek to take advantage of increased sales tax revenue through the sale of alcoholic beverages.

According to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, there are just 22 counties in the state which are considered "dry," meaning the sale of alcoholic beverages are forbidden with any part of the county. That number is down by 29 since 1993.

Of the counties that do not allow alcoholic beverages to be sold, three are near Knox County. Throckmorton, Kent and Fisher counties are all listed as "dry."

A majority of Texas' 256 counties, including Knox, are listed at "partially wet."

perfect answer for anyone, but its something."

Roberts agreed, saying the voter's decision to allow alcoholic beverages to be sold would be an added shot in the arm to the city tax revenues. The increased taxes from the sale of alcoholic beverages will only enable the city to serve its residents better.

"It will generate sales taxes that could provide for better infrastructure and streets," he said.

The Knox City City Council met at noon on Tuesday to canvass the

election results, with election Judge Pat Gonzales presenting the results to the council. Once the city files the necessary paperwork with the TABC, Roberts said the next move would belong to the local businesses.

"They will have to file for a license with the TABC," he said. "We don't have all that much else to do with it."

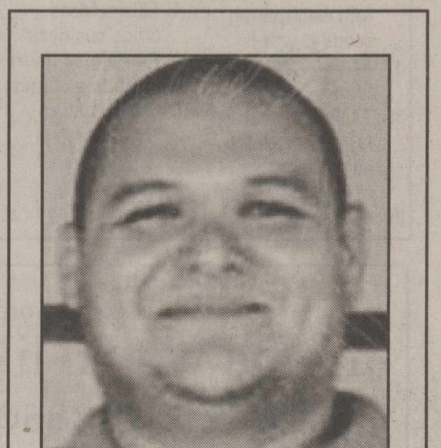
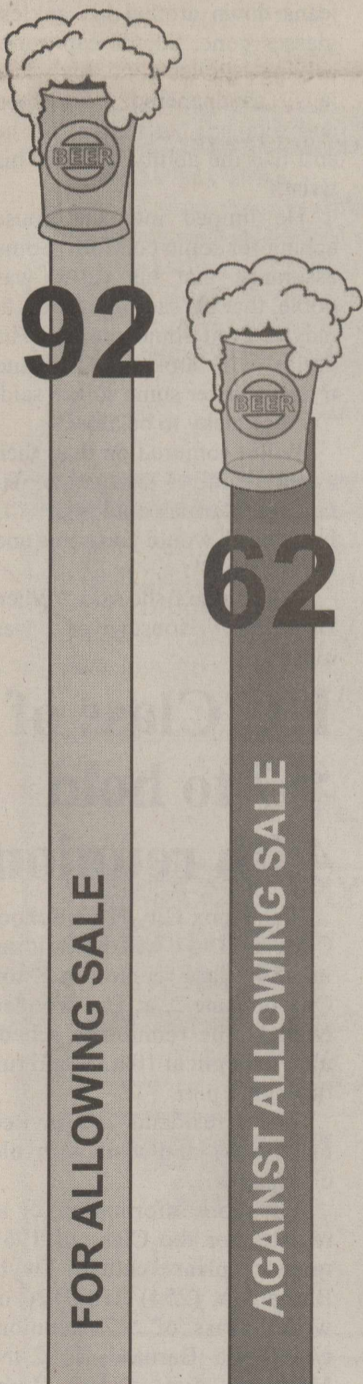
The move by local voters brings Knox City in line with several other area communities offering alcohol sales, including Goree, Haskell, King County, Breckenridge, and Newcastle. Many of those towns have offered alcohol sales for years.

An added plus to legalizing local sales could be a reduced number of alcohol-related incidents involving motor vehicles. Prior to the election, Knox City residents wishing to purchase alcoholic beverages were forced to travel about 12 miles - to Goree or across the King County line, or travel to Haskell.

Knox City may not be the last community in the county to face the wet/dry issue. A petition has been started to have the issue placed on the ballot in Munday in the November election.

The "Local Option" decision was the only issue before the Knox City voters on Saturday. Races for the city council and Knox City-O'Brien Consolidated School District's board of trustees were not necessary.

Roberts said despite a lack of issues, he was happy with the turnout for the election. The number was surprisingly higher than in previous elections, when approximately 80 to 100 people would turn out to cast ballots.

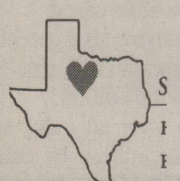


Augie Rodriguez

Augie Rodriguez sworn in as KC's new councilman

The Knox City City Council gained a new member on Tuesday afternoon when longtime Augie Rodriguez was sworn into office.

Rodriguez, who is employed at Brazos Valley Care Home, will assume the position held by former councilman Danny L. Reece, who passed away recently.



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Sports

Knox Cty Youth Baseball Schedule

Date	Time	Teams	Place
May 17	5:30 p.m.	Aspermont vs. KC Dirty Devils	KC
May 17	7:30	KC Thunder vs. Anson Black	Anson
May 18	7:30 p.m.	KC Knights vs. Hawks	Haskell
May 19	9 a.m.	Spartans vs. KC Rangers	KC
May 21	5:30 p.m.	KC Dirty Devils vs Bears	Haskell
May 21	5:30 p.m.	Hamlin Green vs. KC Thunder	KC
May 22	7:30 p.m.	Stamford vs. KC Knights	KC
May 24	7:30 p.m.	KC Rangers vs. Bulldogs	Stamford
May 28	5:30 p.m.	Yankees vs. KC Thunder	KC
May 28	5:30 p.m.	KC Dirty Devils vs. Bulldogs	Stamford



Knox City's Tylynne Eaton was named the boys' track and field MVP on Tuesday at the KCHS Sports Banquet. The top male and female athletes for 2011-12 were honored at the event.

Jones, Clark earn 'Athlete' honors

Blake Jones and Reagan Carter penciled their names into Knox City High School athletic history on Tuesday evening. Deep into history.

Jones and Clark were named the school's 2012 boys' and girls' "Athletes of the Year" at the KCHS Sports Banquet. In all, more than a dozen awards were handed out to members of the Knox City High School athletic programs.

Jones was among the big winners in the boys' awards ceremony. In addition to winning the boys' "Athlete of the Year" honors, the senior also shared the Greyhounds'

football award with Ryan Ledesma and tennis accolades with Jarek Wilde.

Ledesma was presented the 2012 "Fighting Heart" award, while Wilde shared the 2012 MVP honors in baseball with Brandon York.

T.J. Moore was named the boys' basketball award recipient.

Tylynne Eaton, fresh off an appearance in the Region II-A Track and Field Championships, was the boys' track MVP, while Zach Carter was tabbed the boys' gold honoree.

Clark earned the girls' "Athlete of the

Year" honors after turning in a solid year. She was named the Houndettes' top player in basketball, and shared the tennis honors with Kelsey Vasquez.

Cassidy Carter also emerged from the banquet with multiple awards. She was presented the Houndettes' "Fighting Heart" award, and the volleyball accolades.

Freshman sprinter Essence Ward ran away with the KC girls' track award.

Rick Reid was also honored as the "Volunteer of the Year," while Chad McGhee was named KCHS' "Superfan of the Year."

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NOTICE OF A REQUEST FOR RECONCILIATION OF ADVANCED METERING SYSTEM COSTS FILED WITH THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

On April 30, 2012, AEP Texas Central Company ("TCC") and AEP Texas North Company ("TNC"), regulated electric transmission and distribution companies, filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("PUC") a request for the reconciliation of the costs and investments TCC and TNC have incurred in connection with the deployment of their advanced metering system ("AMS") through December 31, 2011. TCC and TNC are not requesting any change to the AMS surcharges that were approved by the PUC in December 2009 in PUC Docket No. 36928. As described in the PUC's Substantive Rule 25.130, the purpose of the AMS reconciliation proceeding is to review the costs recovered through the AMS surcharges.

TCC and TNC's filing of the request for reconciliation is required by the PUC's order approving their AMS Deployment Plan and AMS surcharges in PUC Docket No. 36928. A copy of the request for AMS reconciliation is kept at TCC's office at 539 North Carancahua Street, Corpus Christi, Texas 78401, and at TNC's office at 901 Energy Drive, Abilene, Texas 79602. A copy of the request for AMS reconciliation can also be inspected at the AEP offices at 400 West 15th Street, Suite 1520, Austin, Texas 78701.

Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon this proceeding, which is PUC Docket No. 40261, Application of AEP Texas Central Company and AEP Texas North Company for Reconciliation of Advanced Metering System Pursuant to P.U.C. SUBST. R. §25.130(k)(6), should notify the PUC as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline of June 14, 2012 has been imposed for this proceeding. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the PUC at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the PUC at (512) 936-7136.

Former Roby standout earns spot on RC squad

Former Roby High School standout Carson Alldredge always knew he would find his way onto the college basketball court. He just didn't expect it to take so long.

Alldredge, who graduated in 2010, proved never giving up on your dreams can pay off last week when he earned a spot on the Ranger College basketball team as a walk-on.

A 6-foot-5 forward, Alldredge was one of five players selected during a special tryout by Rangers' head coach Robert Reid.

"I'm pretty excited about it,"

said Alldredge. "I have always wanted to play college basketball, and now I am one step closer to doing it."

A former member of the NBA's Houston Rockets, Reid saw Alldredge and a friend playing basketball in the gym earlier this spring and invited him to tryout.

"When they told me I made it, I was pretty excited," he said.

Alldredge will be a member of the RC junior varsity team as a freshman.



Carson Alldredge

Wild Horse Prairie Days set for June 1-2 in Haskell

The 17th Annual Wild Horse Fair Days Ranch Rodeo will be held on June 1-2 at the Haskell Expo Center. As part of the event, a West Texas Barrel Racing Association contest and the 2012 John Wallace Memorial Calf Roping will be held.

The two-day event will get underway at 8 a.m. on Friday, June 1 with a craft and trade show in the Haskell Civic Center. The Sam "Snakey" Graves Memorial Cut-

ting Horse contest will start at 9 a.m., with the parade getting underway at 5 p.m.

The WRCA Ranch Rodeo will begin at 7 p.m.

On Saturday, June 2, the Ranch Horse competition will be held at 9 a.m., and a Junior Rodeo will start at 11 a.m. A chuck wagon meal will be served from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

A dance will be held from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

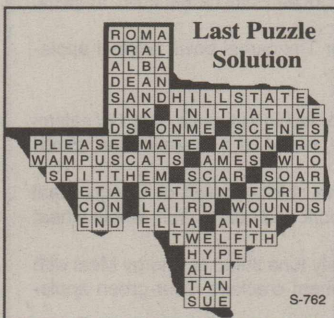
Reed sets six-man camp in Gordon

A six-man football camp will be held in Gordon on July 23-25. Throckmorton head coach Mike Reed will be running the camp.

The camp will be open to

students in grades 2-6 and 7-12. Early registration is \$60 prior to June 30.

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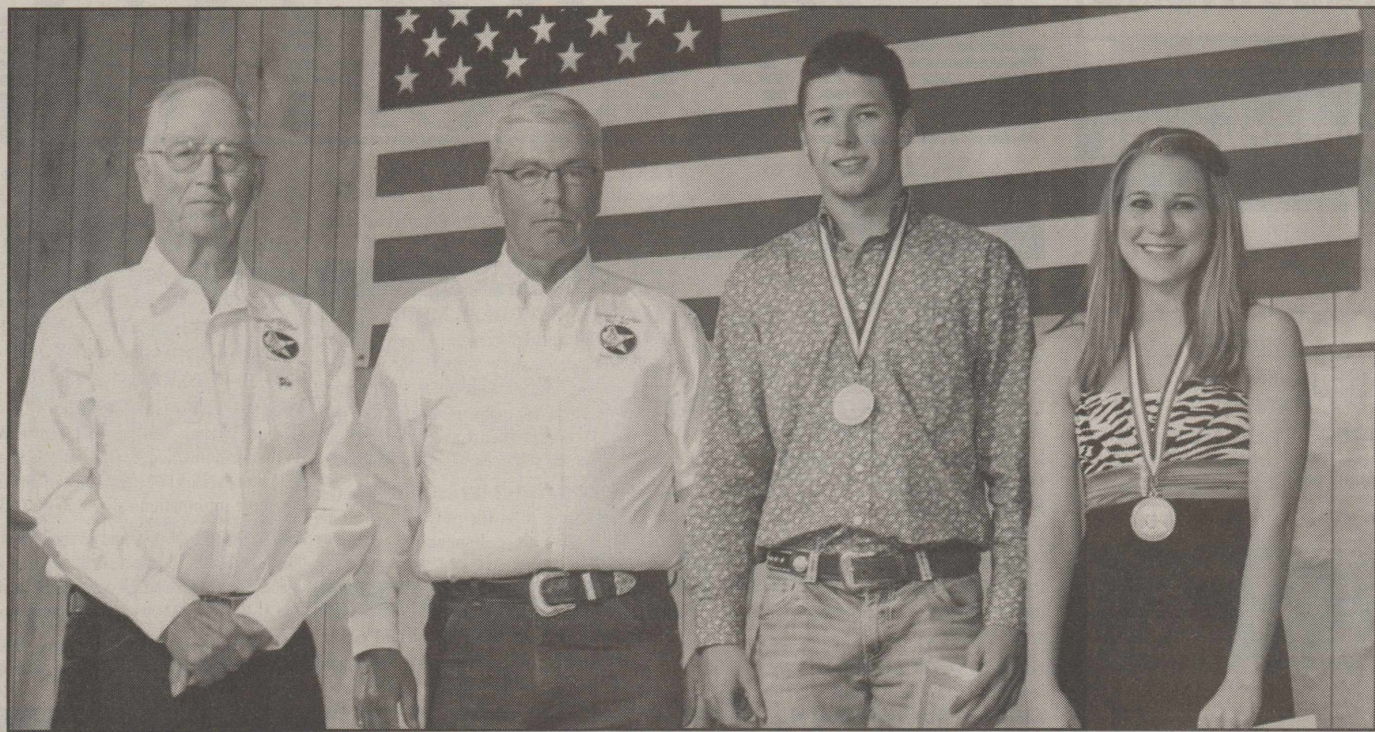
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2012 Weekly Weather Report

Date	Temperature (F) Low / High	Rainfall inches
05/7	64/79	
05/8	58/72	
05/9	45/84	
05/10	52/79	0.21
05/11	58/75	0.87
05/12	59/74	
05/13	52/81	

Total Rainfall for month 1.32
2012 Rainfall (ytd) 5.53



BHS Scholarship winners ...

Toni Brown (far right) and Tyler Kinnebrugh were presented the 2012 Shriner's Scholarship last week at the Benjamin Athletic Awards Banquet. Brown and Kinnebrugh were among a group of BHS athletes honored at the event.

KC heavyweights take bite of out WF

Well, this past weekend three of Knox City's best golfers... err, I meant heaviest golfers... attacked the Wichita Fall High School Alumni Golf tourney. Tony, Coach Steele and myself showed up at River Creek Golf Course and, make no mistake, we showed up to bring the trophy back to KC.

It was a going home for the three of us. Tony and I are Coyotes and Coach Steele went to junior high in Wichita Falls. Chance Pruitt, a lifetime friend who was Tony's teammate and college roommate, joined us as our fourth player.

We were the loudest and heaviest team entered, for sure. Chance was our "A" player. The rest of us were piggybacking. (Chance is built like us so carrying around some extra weight was no big deal for him.)

Tony only had one shot that we were able to play if I remember correctly, but it was a great one. On the 165-yard, par 3, he put the ball 10 inches from the cup and won the closest to the pin. The winning prize? Steaks! What more could a fat boy ask for?

This was the craziest tourney I have ever played in. They had a skeet shoot where a golfers shoot at a clay pigeon before teeing off. This for Tony and I was the most stressful... we were expected to do good at this and we smoked 'em.

They had a Punt, Pass and Kick hole. Steele removed his shoes and punted the ball 40 yards. Then we

Just Jeff



By Jeff Stanfield

got to tee off.

I am telling you right know if they had a Olympics for 400-pounders, I am putting my money on Steele. You ever see a guy eat three hot links, shoot skeet, play 18 holes and punt a football barefoot? And, to top it off, he had a five-scoop ice cream cone from Braum's!!

All in four hours!! They have triathalons but, to me, Coach Steele's effort was more more impressive. All the money raised was for the football booster club. For me, I cannot think of a better way to spend a Saturday.

Golf. Shooting and football... all in one fundraiser.

My kind of day!! And, by the way, the boys from Knox City won the tourney by three shots and will be defending their title next spring.

Jeff "Skimmer than Steele" Stanfield is a local columnist.

SAMMIE'S KNOX CITY CORNER AND FINAL THOUGHTS

Knox City is still here and everyone is trying to get back in the groove of getting ready for the end of another school year and our seniors and parents are wondering what is going to happen next. Well, let me tell you, you'll miss them but they will only be a phone call away. That is the best part and your kids will always remember what you have taught them. They may not say so, but they do take it to heart. Thank God for his guidance and blessings.

Our deepest condolences to the family of Jim Burt and Donna Banks and their families for the loss of her dad. The pain and sorrow take a while to ease, and never really go away, but the memories are so wonderful that it always make it a better day. I know I've been there, but you never ever forget them and that is what I have learned from them. They take you a long ways and you'll probably see them in your children, or next generation to come, and that is wonderful.

On Wednesday, Eddie and I attended the elementary school awards day in Munday to congratulate our granddaughter, Aubrie Garcia. She received an

award for a 97.4 average for the year. There were so many kids, and they all received awards for a great job. Well done!

Aubrie is the daughter of Ruben and Patty Garcia of Munday.

Our week has been a very good one with a little rain. That is always a plus! The wheat harvesters are in town and doing their jobs. The rain has caused a little delay. Hopefully, they will get into the fields soon and it will be time to plant cotton. We pray our farmers will have a wonderful year this year.

Our small community had a great Mother's Day weekend.

Amado Gonzalez Jr. was here this weekend visiting his mom, Linda Gonzalez, and some of his family.

Mrs. Rodriguez had a full house on this weekend. Her children started coming in Friday evening, and spent Sunday with her.

Amy Schnable spent part of the weekend with her mom out of town, along with her sister, neices and her daughter, Marya, and returned in time for church on Sunday morning. They all had a wonderful time. While most of our men called

their moms, aunts, grandmother, don't forget those chosen kids. They are wonderful, too. As moms, we can get pretty spoiled but we enjoy it very much.

Our Knox City florist was pretty busy and they did a great job. I got some of them. Great job, girls. We all thank you for your hard work. They were beautiful.

Well, did you vote on Saturday? It doesn't matter the outcome only that we did our best. I really don't like talking politics anyway.

Our Sunday service at church was great as usual. Thank God for all of his blessings. We should thank God every day, not just on Sundays.

Joe and Melda Rodriguez spent the weekend in Abilene while their son, Armando, barbecued for his mom and his wife, Tessa, as the guest of honor. Isn't that great. All of us moms were guests of honor.

Peggy and John Grindstaff returned home last weekend from attending the wedding of Landon Weisinhausen, the son of Tammy and Addie. They said their grandson's wedding was beautiful and that they had

a great time.

News traveled by phone and today it wasn't good. My brother called me to say that Mrs. Alfredo Montalvo has become very ill and the doctors have put her in God's hands. The Montalvos used to live here years ago, and most of their kids graduated in Knox City. They were great friends to a lot of people. They now live in San Benito, Texas. Our thoughts and prayers are with them.

On Thursday and Friday, Evelyn Balis had a visit from her sister-in-law, Ingram Bradford, from Wisconsin. Seeing her again was a great visit.

Mom, I hope you had a wonderful day.

God bless our troops and each of us, Sammie

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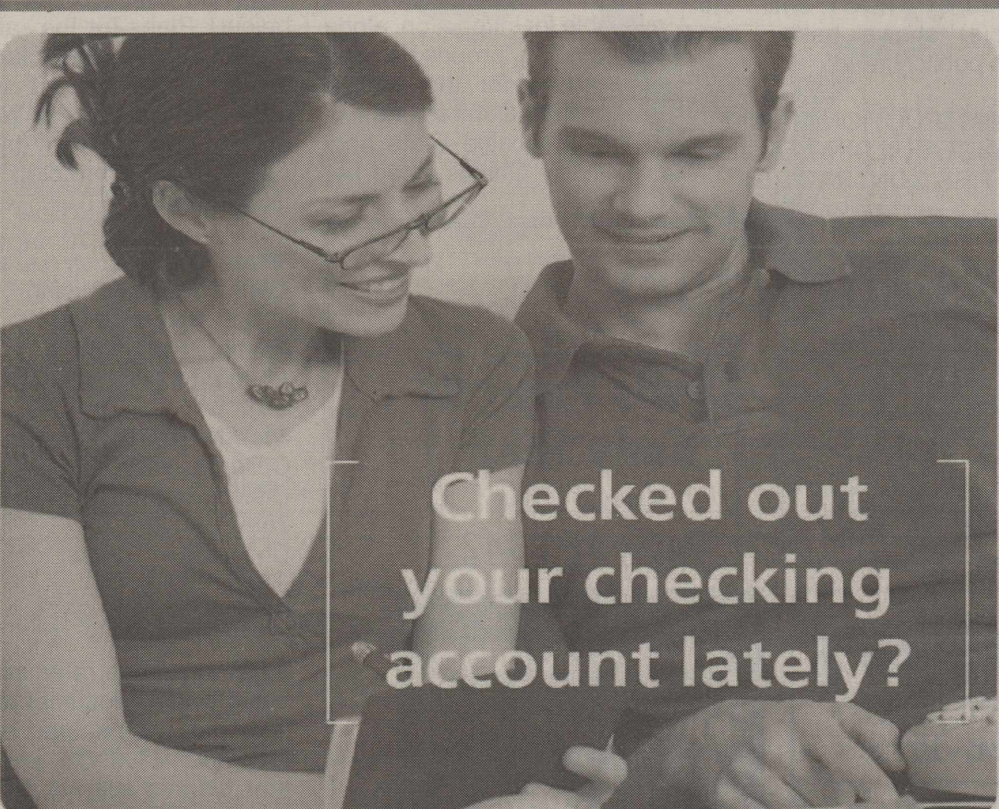
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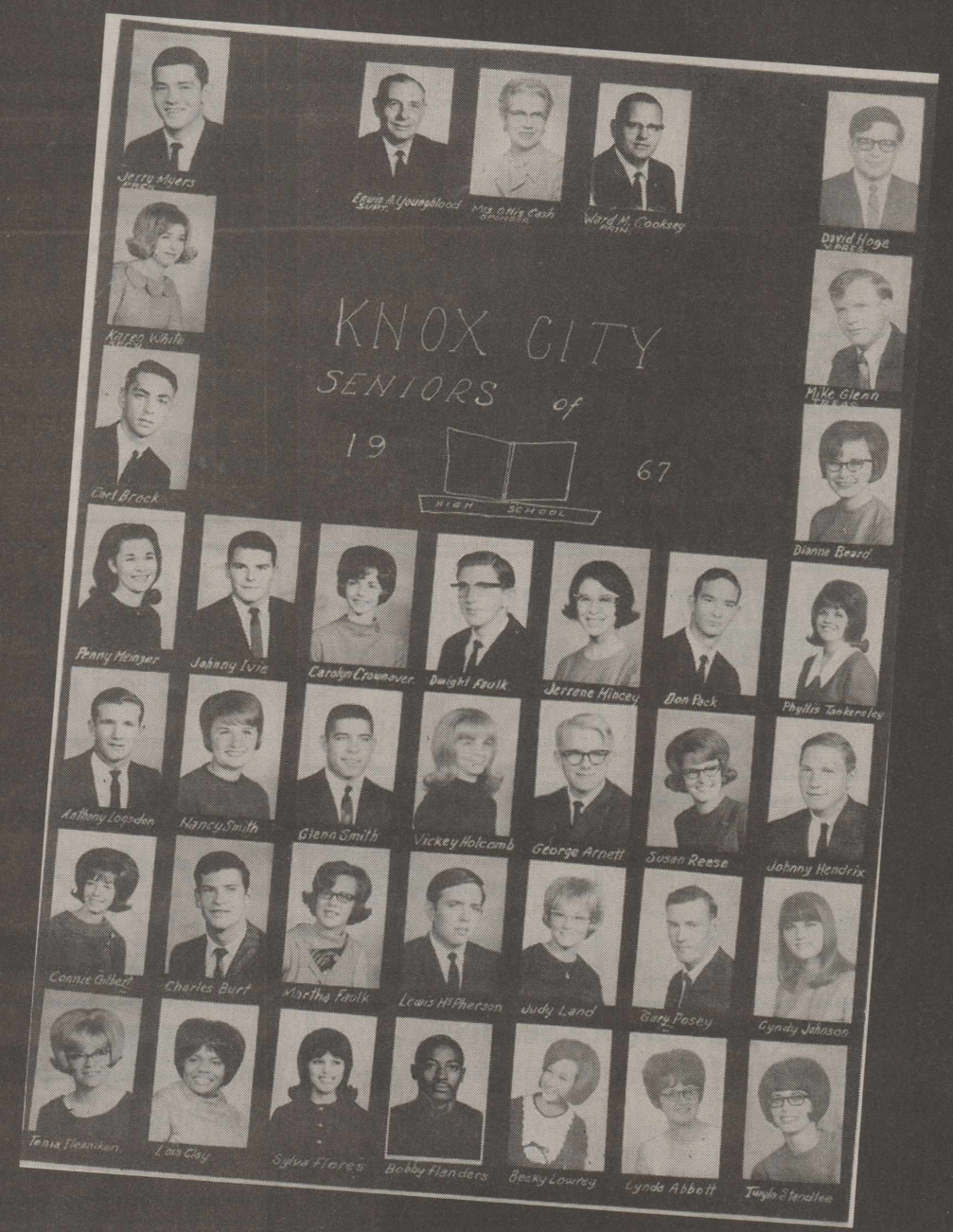
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