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Council votes to move to Stage 2 of drought plan

TOMMY WELLS
The Knox County News

The Knox City City Council turned up the alarm level a notch at its recent meeting in regard to the ongoing drought conditions. At the urging of the North Central Texas Municipal Water Board, the council voted to elevate the drought status to Stage 2.

The elevation of the drought stage, local residents will face stricter water usage guidelines, including the limitation of watering landscaped areas (lawns) with hose-end sprinklers or automatic irrigation systems only two times per week. No watering is allowed from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The main goal of the city's move to Stage 2 is the conservation of water. The measure, city officials hope, will reduce the overall daily water consumption by approximately 15 percent.

In addition to limited water of lawns, residents are prohibited from washing any car, motorbike, boat, trailer, airplane or vehicle except between the hours of 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. on designated watering days, nor are residents allowed to fill, refill or add to any indoor swimming pools, wading pools or Jacuzzi-type pools except on designated watering days.

Also, the operation of any ornamental fountain or pond for aesthetic or scenic purposes is not allowed, except

where necessary to support aquatic life, and all restaurants will be required to stop serving water unless requested by the patron.

According to NCTMWA representative David Kuehler, the Miller Reservoir has been strained recently due to high temperatures and water consumption. Kuehler said that it is hard to project a definite time on water levels frame because so much depends on the weather.

According to Kuehler, during the first six months of 2011, 4,500 acre feet of water left the lake via evaporation and use, and during the first six months of 2012, 2,072 acre feet of water left the lake via evaporation and use. The sale of water during both points were about

the same.

However, he noted that during the week of June 24-July 1 of this year, the lake lost 234 acre feet, and during the week of July 23-30, it lost an additional 103 acre feet of water. As of midnight on July 29, the Texas Water Development Board indicated the lake has 7,481 acre feet of water remaining.

When asked about evaporation, Kuehler said that there is an average of about an 80 percent evaporation rate from the lake, meaning that of every 1,000 gallons of water that leaves the lake, 800 gallons are lost due to evaporation. To further illustrate this, in June of 2011, 747 acre feet of water was sold. In June of 2012, 692 acre feet of water

was sold, so sale of water has remained about the same.

Kuehler said records show that the level of water in Miller Creek has gone down every week from October 1, 2010 and during all of 2011.

In this year through July 30, there have been two weeks where the water level stayed the same and two weeks where it increased marginally. The rest of the time, the water level decreased.

Even though there has been some rain recently, there was no increase in water in the lake. The water did, however, fill up some tanks and ran in some creeks, but little, if any, made it to the lake.

Tax-free weekend set for Aug. 17-19

In 2012, Texas shoppers get a break from state and local sales taxes on Aug. 17-19 — the state's annual tax holiday. Lay-away plans can be used again this year to take advantage of the sales tax holiday. As in previous years, the law exempts most clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks priced under \$100 from sales and use taxes, which could save shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend.

Retailers will not be required to collect state and local sales or use tax on most footwear and clothing that are sold for less than \$100 during the holiday. The exemption applies to each eligible item that sells for less than \$100, regardless of how many items are sold on the same invoice to a customer. For example, if a customer purchases two shirts for \$80 each, then both items qualify for the exemption, even though the customer's total purchase price (\$160) exceeds \$99.99.

The exemption does not apply to the first \$99.99 of an otherwise eligible item that sells for more than \$99.99. For example, if a customer purchases a pair of pants that costs \$110, then sales tax is due on the entire \$110.

The exemption also does not apply to sales of special clothing or footwear that the manufacturer primarily designed for athletic activity or protective use and that is not normally worn except when used for the athletic activity or protective use for which the manufacturer designed the article.



Watermelon pride ...

A group of O'Brien Middle School students wear watermelon slice caps while riding on a float in the annual Watermelon Festival which was held on Friday and Saturday. The students were among a large number of entries into the annual parade, which made its way from the Knox City Park through the downtown section.

News to begin work on its sports preview

The Knox County News will begin offering advertisement space in its upcoming sports preview special section. The section, which will be published prior to the Greyhounds' first football game, will offer stories, photos and schedules for the area football and volleyball teams.

Knox City opens its 2012 season on Sept. 1 against Petersburg in Jayton.

To reserve your spot in the section please contact the Knox City News office.

Final days ...

Larson's Pharmacy announced it will be closing its business in Knox City effective Aug. 10. Patients wishing to transfer their files should make arrangements with the business.



Longtime KC business to close down on Aug. 10

Knox City will lose a longtime friend later this month when Larson's Pharmacy closes its doors for good.

Pharmacy officials said business would close its Knox City office on Aug. 10, ending a lengthy run of helping local residents obtain their prescriptions and pharmaceutical needs.

According to a release from the company, Larson's Pharmacy will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through

Aug. 10 to help prescriptions and to assist patients in transferring their files to different pharmacies in the area.

Beginning on Monday, Aug. 13, any remaining files will be available by calling Larson's Pharmacy's store in Cross Plains. (254) 725-7130.

In related news, the Knox County Pharmacy & Supply will be temporarily be operating out of the Knox County Hospital building.



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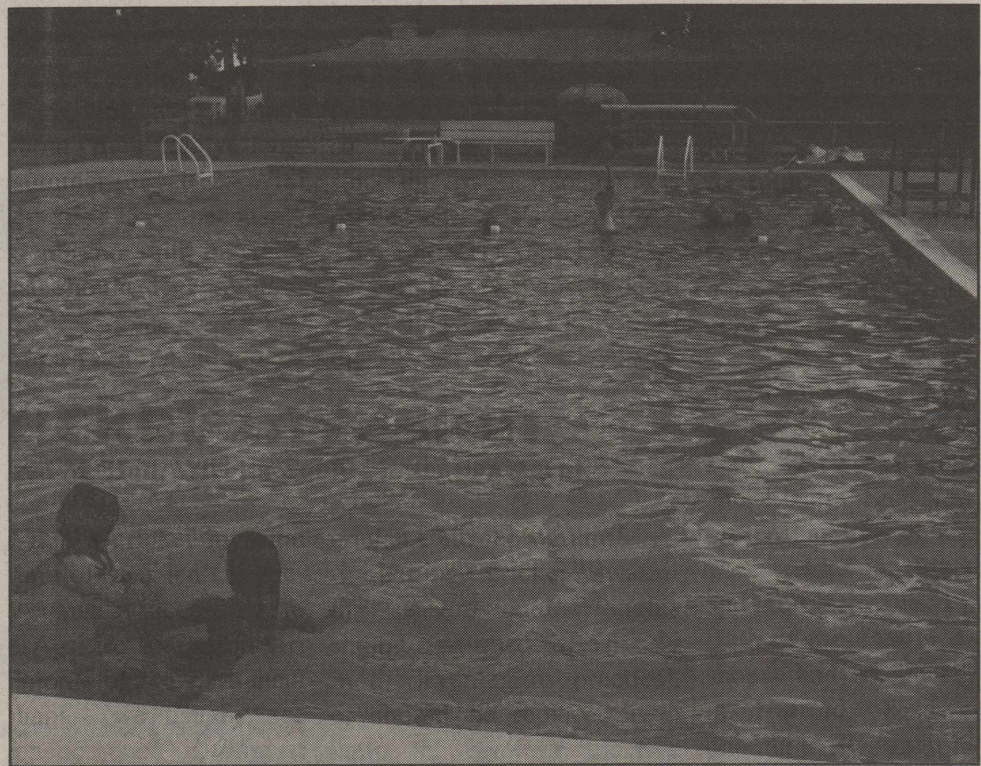
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Benjamin News

By Gladene Green



Zapped ...

This photo of the KC Swimming Pool was taken on a hot afternoon on July 24. Since that time, lightning possibly struck the circulation pump and burned out the motor. It will take several weeks to repair the motor, but since there were only two weeks left in the season, city officials was decided to close for the season. The pool had switched to well water in order to conserve water, but the motor was the final blow for the pool this year.

Seems we just can't get any rain! Last week (for a couple of days) it looked like we couldn't miss it, but we did. Neighboring towns all around us, however, did manage to get some, which cooled things off for a little while, then it was hot and steamy. Just terribly uncomfortable.

My sympathy to the families of Lucille Smith and Doris Floyd today. Both of these ladies passed away last week in the Munday Nursing Center. They were both long-time residents of Munday.

Here 'N There

Fred Louis Crenshaw of Abilene visited in the area last Tuesday and attended the funeral of Billy Ray Morrow on Tuesday morning at the O'Brien Baptist Church. Cody Propps, student at Tarleton State University in Stephenville, also was here for Billy Ray's service.

Dillon Keys was at church camp near Tyler from Tuesday until Saturday with the youth group and their counselors from The Believers' Chapel at Munday. He said he had a great time.

Jan Carver is back home following surgery on her leg last Tuesday. She's doing great but is supposed to take it easy for a couple of weeks, when she goes back to her doctor for a follow-up visit.

Cody Taylor and children of Amarillo were here for a week-end visit with his Mom, Debi Moorhouse, (and Mike). He was playing in a softball tournament and had some misfortune. He broke his wrist (right arm) in some kind of mishap as he was attempting to put a player out on base. He was taken on to Amarillo and underwent surgery Sunday morning. He will be released from the hospital on Tuesday, but will very likely be "out of commission" for several weeks, as it was a terrible break and required pretty extensive surgery. Debi is with him in Amarillo.

I had a nice surprise Saturday when Mary Nell Hinds of Richardson and Kay and Jerry Hayes of Abilene stopped by for a visit. They had been to Seymour to the Welch family reunion

and were on their way back to Abilene by way of Gilliland, Benjamin, and Knox City. They had stopped in Benjamin and visited the Veterans' Memorial and made very favorable comments regarding it. Mary Nell and Kay are daughters of the late Jodie Miller of Gilliland. It was so good to see them. Tracy and Susan Cartwright also attended the Welch reunion on Saturday.

Jane Gideon, Debi Moorhouse, and I were in Wichita Falls Wednesday for Jane to see her cardiologist. She got a favorable report so far, but she goes back in early August for more tests. She also sees her kidney doctor on August 9. The doctors are striving to determine the cause of the fluctuation of her blood pressure. Sometimes it is very high, then it drops too low. Maybe they will get it back to normal soon.

Shelby Russell, who has been living in New Mexico this summer was here last week for a visit with her great grandmother, Hazel Stockton, and other relatives and friends. She will return to New Mexico this week for a few more weeks before returning to Midwestern University in late August.

Cathy Tomlinson and her son, Sammy, both of Denton, spent a few days last week with Cathy's Mom, Gloria West. Sammy spent his time trimming trees and shrubs, and just cleaning up around the place, which Gloria surely did appreciate.

Donnie Ryder had cataract surgery last Tuesday and is doing pretty well. He had to return to Abilene Thursday to see his doctor, and I think things are going ok now. It just helps to be able to see better.

Jamie Bohannon and her children have moved to Munday, and the children will be going to school there. We will miss them here, but we hope they enjoy living over there.

I attended a baby shower for San Juana Gallegos at the Knox City Community Center Sunday afternoon. Baby Isabelle will be here in August.

Steve and Maggie Powers of Midland visited his Mom, Lorene, on Thursday. They and

another couple were en route to Turner Falls for a day or so of rest and relaxation.

Sara Barrientez of Stamford was a recent recipient of a scholarship given by the Houston Livestock and Rodeo Officials. Seventy Texas FFA students received four-year scholarships during the 84th Texas FFA Convention held earlier this month in Corpus Christi. Recipients are chosen by an evaluation committee consisting of Ag Science teachers representing the 10 FFA areas in Texas, chosen by FFA officials. The awards given are based on academic ability, FFA involvement and achievement, financial need, and leadership. Sara is a May graduate of Stamford High School and is the daughter of Junior and Virginia Barrientez. Local grandparents are Reyes and the late Raul Barrientez. She plans to enter West Texas State in Canyon in the fall.

Several have asked us about Bud Conner's daughter in law, Brenda (Steve's wife), who recently had surgery for a malignancy. Brenda is doing well from the surgery but will have chemo and radiation as follow-up treatments. We are not sure when these treatments will begin. She and Steve live in Big Spring. I ask you to please remember them in your prayers.

The party honoring Sue and David Oxford celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday night was a fun time for all who attended. According to some family members, the guests enjoyed food, visiting, and dancing to music of the 50's and 60's. Hosts and hostesses for the event were their children, Mark, Troy, and SuLynn and their families.

Charles and Linda Griffith and Becky and Kamryn Jones were San Angelo this past weekend to watch Brooke Jones play in the Midnight Madness fast pitch softball tournament.

Jimmy and Michele Barrientez were in Arlington Friday night for the Rangers-White Sox game—Not such a good game to watch as the Rangers lost! That is, if you are an avid Rangers' fan (as I am).

Area farmers eligible for FSA disaster loans

Several area counties have been declared eligible for Farm Service Agency (FSA) disaster emergency loans on July 12, 2012. Generally, that means that farmers who have lost at least 30 percent of their production caused by drought Jan. 1,

2012 are eligible for FSA loans. Proceeds from crop insurance are taken into consideration when determining eligibility.

FSA Farm Loan Manager Kelley R. Boone, is urging farmers who are interested in receiving an emergency loan to

submit their applications into FSA as soon as possible.

The FSA office can be reached at (940) 553-3327, ext 2.

Main street to be reduced to one lane

Work has begun on a new drainage system at Ave. H and East Main.

Work is being done by R.K. Hall, the same company doing the street and sidewalks.

According to city officials, Main Street will be temporarily reduced to one lane of traffic in each direction.

The Knox City Housing Authority (KCHA will receive public comment on the Annual and Five Year Plan at noon, on August 13, 2012 at the KCHA office located at 203 SW 4th Street in Knox City. The Plan is available for review during posted office hours. KCHA is an equal opportunity employer and provider.

ACROSS

- TXism: "it ___ a pretty penny"
- TX Martha Hyer '58 film: "___ Upon a Horse"
- female horse
- in dry months, TX counties have ___ on burning
- TXism: "siesta"
- ex-Ranger pitcher Kenny who pitched in '06 World Series (init.)
- wide bodied jet used by TX-based American Airlines
- song by TX Nesmith Monkee group: "___ Creek"
- TXism: "___ the wool" (genuine)
- "___ Field" was a TX Army Air Corps air base
- in Brooks Co. on hwy. 281
- TX Johnny Rodriguez sang "___ By"
- TXism: "looks good enough to ___ a sermon"
- TX TV actress and comedian Vidale intriguingly unusual
- a fruit grown in TX
- fashionable
- educated guesses
- TXism: "tight as ___ a fat horse"
- baby horse (2 wds.)

DOWN

- TX Holly's song might have been about Wink's Peggy
- TXism: "sticks like ___ road"
- this Errol starred in "San Antonio" (init.)
- objectives for Cowboy Romo (abbr.)
- TXism: "it'll make your hair stand ___"
- TXism: "sells like ___ cakes"
- home state of TX outlaw Sam Bass (abbr.)
- Laguna Madre waterfowl
- TX Fuller Four hit: "I Fought the ___ tea chiller"
- TXism: she'll bend your ___
- Lake El Sal del
- Denison born president (init.)
- mother of Quanah Parker
- Texas ___ Univ.
- actress Adams in "Racquet" with TX Lynda Day George
- actress Foch in "Strange Affair" with TX Keyes
- tire pressure (abbr.)
- TXism: "close but ___ cigar"
- sch. exercise (abbr.)
- chopping tool
- dip up gravy
- old Greek porticos
- billiards mistake
- TXism: "play '___ close to the vest!"
- Hico h.s. class
- George H. named this Thomas to the Supreme Ct. (init.)
- environment prefix
- TX Ranger creator of the Walker Colt revolver (init.)
- TXism: "___ mark"
- chili: "bowl ___"
- "high ___"
- beach surface
- ex-Cowboy lineman Nate (init.)
- TX Steve Martin film: "___ Story"
- archaeological fragments
- TXism: "put a pencil ___"
- vase-shaped jug

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There's plenty of smoke out there

Smoke in the air. Every summer we watch hundreds of thousands of acres of forest burn. As I listen to folks anguish and wring their hands, I have to remind myself it is all part of nature's cycle in the west. Granted we try and blame the Forest Service, the BLM, the pine-bark beetle, untended campfires, tossed cigarettes or arson.

Smoking the Bear admonished us as kids, "Only you can prevent forest fires." But is that really true? On a centennial scale, certainly on a millennial scale it seems fire is inevitable. You can only put it off for so long.

The stages of a forest's growth go from seedling to pole (or sapling), to young, to mature and to old. Our western pine forests



can reach 140 years. But eventually they will succumb to fire, storm, disease, insects, or timber, but they do succumb. Lightning strikes a match in a mature forest and cleans house. Then the cycle starts over.

Enter Man: Homo saipen. It's only been in the last 200 years of our continent's existence that forest fires have become an inconvenience to humans. We became civilized and presumed we could

encroach on the forest's natural cycle. We have found that unless they are completely destroyed there will always be a threat. So that's what we do, we pave it.

There are many examples of natural cycles and extreme changes that give man pause to question his own influence. Build a city below sea level, dam a river, put a freeway over an earthquake fault, or live in the desert. Stay there long enough, and Earth will try and take it back.

Knox County Aging Services

The following lunch menus have been listed for the week of Aug. 6-10 for the Knox County Aging Services

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

Monday, Aug. 6 - Salmon patty, baby lima beans, cole slaw, cornbread, tropical fruit.

Tuesday, Aug. 7 - Chicken fajitas, fajita vegetables, chuck-wagon corn, Spanish rice/flour tortilla, fruit, cocktail.

Wednesday, Aug. 8 - Rigatoni/meat sauce, lima beans, tossed salad, garlic bread, Man-

darin oranges.

Thursday, Aug. 9 - BBQ on a bun, tater tots, carrots/zucchini, ambrosia.

Friday, Aug. 10 - Baked chicken breast, peas, baked potato/sour cream, pineapple tidbits, chocolate pudding.

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

Please call in your orders by 10 a.m. to (940) 657-3618. Orders cannot be taken after 10 a.m. and need to be picked up after 11 a.m.

BID NOTICE

The City of Knox City will be accepting sealed bids for the purchase of selected city owned property & lots within the city limits of Knox City. A property listing & bid sheet may be obtained at City Hall, 902 E Main. All sealed Bids will be taken until 5:00 PM on Tuesday, August 21, 2012. Bids will then be opened at the regular Council meeting on Tuesday, August 21st at 5:30 PM. The Knox City Council reserves the right to refuse any and all bids.

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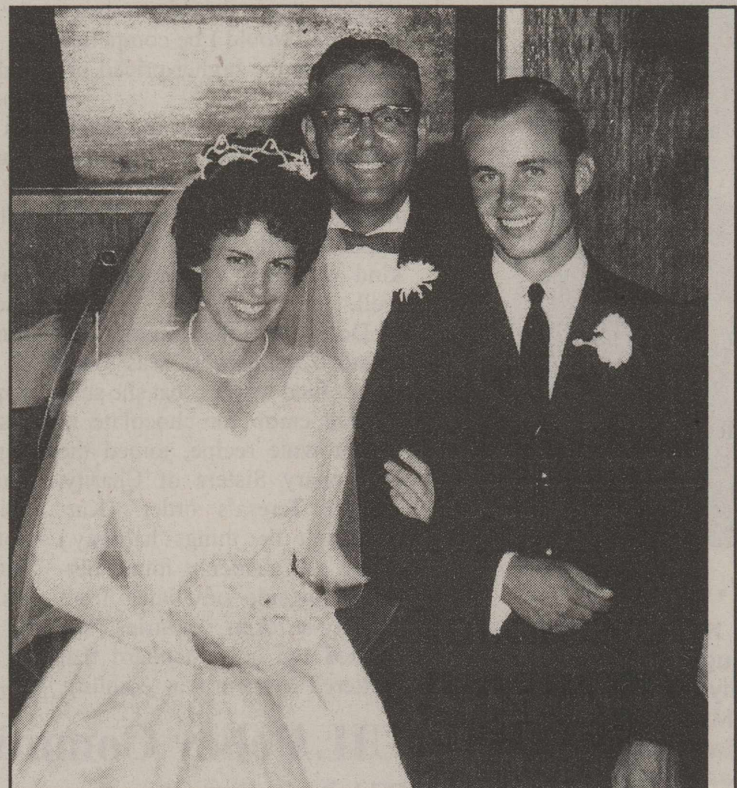
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Anniversary



Happy 50th ...

Dave and Sue Oxford, former residents of Benjamin, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, July 28, at the Memorial Building in Benjamin. The event was hosted by their children, Mark Oxford, Troy Oxford, and Su-Lynn Latham.



God's Promise

By Gary Schnable, Pastor of the Foursquare Church

"Do not merely listen to the Word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says!" ~ James 1:22 (NIV)

A few weeks ago we were privileged to have missionaries from Hong Kong in Knox City. We heard numerous wonderful and amazing stories of God's love transforming lives in spite of the cultural barriers that exist towards Jesus Christ in that part of the world. It was so great to see and hear about the life changing impact God is making through giving to missions! But there was sooooo much more to take away than, "I'm glad the money is being well spent!"

A few weeks before the Schiflett's came to inspire us, Amy and I went with Knox City's FFA students to the Texas State convention in Corpus Christi. I experienced a lot of new and fresh things at this annual event while being inspired by the convention speakers (The three we heard each acknowledged God in positive ways!!!).

On our bus ride to the hotel I asked our students, "What's Your Takeaway From That?" I was truly interested to know if they were hearing the same things this 53 year-old heard.

Were these teens who are still building a foundation for their life calling getting a different take away than one who's already privileged to live in God's life calling?

As each one shared I was impressed, not only had they listened, but they had received something unique that they each could put into action. Will they...would I? Let's be honest! How often do we embrace the awesome life stories and inspiration from God's Word like a warm fluffy comforter on a cold day and then they quickly fade away like our lawn's in the West Texas heat?

Each day we can be inspired by God from the simple and amazing things He's showing each of us. It may come from a child's first steps, actions or words of simplicity, a sunrise or sunset, a spoken word of kindness, a song of worship in church or a sermon, a convention speaker or a total stranger. It's not a just a feel good moment he has blessed you with, but it's time to live it out!

So, what was my takeaway from our FFA trip: "Real leaders" are ones who really care, who want to assist others live out their life calling. And my

takeaway from Jim & Kathy Schiflett, missionaries to Hong Kong: 1) *To love people unconditionally* 2) *Let the Holy Spirit change that person's life while walking beside them!* These folks were truly inspiring and now it's time for me to live out what God has shown me to do.

So... "What's your takeaway from" what the Holy Spirit has been showing or speaking to you? What's been your takeaway from life's daily events? Are you putting them into action? Maybe you need help understanding what God's been saying or you need help to live it out? Ask the Holy Spirit for help and watch your life begin



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Fear was the real reason we didn't clobber the 'flat bellies'

Well, this past weekend I had the pleasure of playing in the Watermelon Festival Golf Tournament. Tracy Carter and Cody Manning did a great job running it and with 19 teams entered it was a full-time job.

I played with Coach Steele and Bear, a friend of mine from Wichita Falls. We played great on the last seven holes, shooting 5 under. The first 12 holes wore us flat out. We ended up at 6 under and that kept us outside of the championship flight.

We were paired against Mohammad Jihad Abila, formally known as MJ. (We decided with his beard he looked like a full-blown terrorist.) Yes, I understand that I am racially profiling Muslims and terrorism but, hey, if it looks like a duck ... it's probably a duck. MJ's partners were Mathew Acree and Payne Stanfield.

The younger flat bellies flat wore us out and thumped us by two strokes. They had a huge

KC Pharmacy & Supply to move

Knox County Pharmacy & Supply will be temporarily be operating out of the Knox County Hospital building, which is located at SE 5th in Knox City.

Once the new clinic is com-

Just Jeff



By Jeff Stanfield

advantage with Mohammad on their team, though. We were afraid he could be an underwear bomber and, make no mistake about it, that boy's drawers are getting bigger as he gets older.

We were very hesitant to beat them ... so we had to let them stay ahead for the safety of the Knox City Country Club.

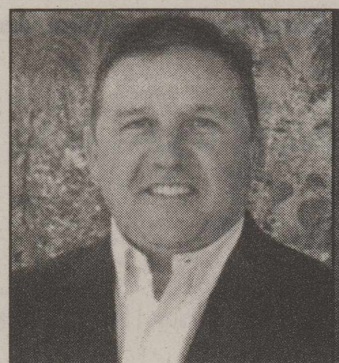
Hey, if you see June Tankersley around town and she is down in her back or complaining about any aches ... It is because she

carried 260 pounds of dead weight around for four hours on Saturday. Bruce Skiles should be ashamed of himself for letting that sweet lady drag his gray-haired butt around 18 holes. Thankfully, she was OK after the game and is even considering adopting me for having to put up with Michelle for all these years.

The watermelon festival was a huge success and next year with the community center, it will be nice to enjoy a cool place. I bet we will see a bunch of new vendors that will take advantage of the indoor booths.

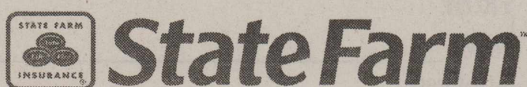
I think a thanks needs to be giving to the many volunteers and city workers who made the park and festival go off without any issues.

Jeff "I am ready for Fall" Stanfield.



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Thank you for the calls, cards, food, and visits during our sad time. Billy Ray was an asset to our family.

Many thanks, Ann Underwood

Sports

Greyhounds to kick off football

Football fever is almost here.

The Knox City High School Greyhounds, along with almost every other high school football program in the State of Texas, will kick off its pre-season preparations in two weeks, beginning on Aug. 6.

Knox City head coach Charles Steele said the Greyhounds will be practicing once per day for the first four days

of summer workouts. Then, on Thursday, Aug. 9, the squad will hold its annual "Midnight Madness" event.

Steele, noting any player that has not picked up a physical form should do so, indicated practices would begin at 7 a.m. on Aug. 6. The team will practice every morning, starting at 7 a.m. through Thursday. At midnight, teams can begin practicing in full pads for the

Physicals to be held on Aug. 2

Athletes in grades 7-12 needing athletic physicals can get them on Aug. 2.

Girls' physicals will start at 1:30 p.m., while the boys' will begin at 2:30 p.m.

first time.

Steel said players and parents can be expecting letters in the mail detailing all the practices and times within the next few days.

Knox City is scheduled to make its first appearance of the 2012 season on Aug. 17 when they compete in a scrimmage. The team's first game will be against the Petersburg Buffaloes on Sept. 1 at the Jayton Gridiron Classic.

Deadlines nearing for public hunts

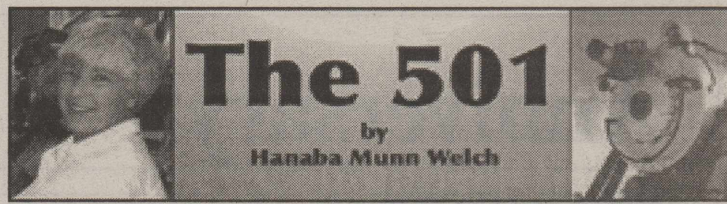
Hunters hoping to take advantage of economical quality hunts on state-managed lands are reminded of upcoming application deadlines.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will be offering adult and youth only hunts by special drawing for a wide variety of species as part of its Public Hunting Program. Applications for several hunt categories, including all alligator hunts by 5 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 2. Archery only and

crossbow hunts, pronghorn, and TPWD private lands hunts are due by 5 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 9.

All gun deer and youth deer hunt category applications must be received by 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 6.

During the upcoming hunting seasons, almost 5,500 hunters will be selected through random computer drawings allowing access to some of the state's high-quality managed wildlife habitat.



A verse from my childhood has always guided my carrot-peeling philosophy:

Vitamin lies close to the skin; Pigs get fat and we stay thin.

So, I've never peeled carrots. Why lose all the good stuff? Now Heloise, household expert in newsprint, has debunked that little rhyme, not that "we stay thin" ever rang quite true.

The new rule of thumb is that the skin isn't loaded with vitamins and — brace yourselves — the carrots release more vitamin A when cooked than when left raw. So should we drink the juice we cook them in? Heloise didn't say, but I always feel guilty about pouring any sort of vegetable stock down the drain — even juice from cooked potatoes, which is good for making unhealthy gravy and sauces.

Ah guilt. You're everywhere. If my husband and I were raising children, instead of entertaining grandchildren every few days, would I be compelled to buy all the higher-priced organic stuff?

Incidentally, organic carrots can go unpeeled — one more reason to spend the extra money for humely grown veggies as opposed to the cheap inorganic kind we eat at our house. Oh well.

Do we fret too much? My friend Karen, who was once such a food worrier that she substituted carob for chocolate in her brownie recipe, joined the Missionary Sisters of Charity, Mother Teresa's order. (Karen didn't do things halfway.) When she suddenly found herself alongside novitiates from poverty-stricken countries, she learned the only standard that mattered to them was edibility.

Food is food. Karen learned to eat donuts.

I'd like to have one right now myself, but I've sworn off fat, sort of. Neither a French fry nor a pastry has crossed my lips in three weeks. Not that I've given up half-and-half in my coffee or chocolate. Here's to a balanced diet — good and bad.

As long as we're toasting, raise your Sonic Route 44 whatever to the New York City mayor for proposing a ban on giant fast-food soft drinks.

OK, philosophically it's hard for me to think government, municipal or otherwise, has the right to do something like that. But since I've never understood how anybody could drink that much anyway or why they'd want to, I'm with Mayor Bloomberg. If he wanted to go after the cream in my coffee instead, I might get on my personal freedom high horse and protest. But he hasn't.

Hmmmm. It's probably the sale of over-sized high-profit soft drinks that keeps food prices low at fast-food joints. OK, I'm changing my mind. Here's to keeping cheap food cheap, whatever it takes.

Back to carrots. You don't have to peel the baby ones either. They're already peeled. Just be aware they aren't babies.

Nope. Carrots don't start out lozenge-shaped and then grow into pointy things with green tops. Those fake babies are the carrot industry's way of dealing with big ugly overgrown carrots. My theory. They cut them into cute baby sizes and charge us more.

Caveat carrot emptor; You don't get what you pay for.



The heat is on ...

Brooke Jones, daughter of Kemp and Becky Jones, and Lexi Jimenez, daughter of Nick and Alma Jimenez, hold the trophy the STP team of Anson won at the Midnight Madness Fastpitch Softball Tournament held in San Angelo on July 27-28. Lexi is the pitcher, and Brooke is the catcher for the team. Their team placed third out of 19 teams entered in the tournament's 12 & Under division.

UIL Policy Committee OKs TANS Study for proposed league

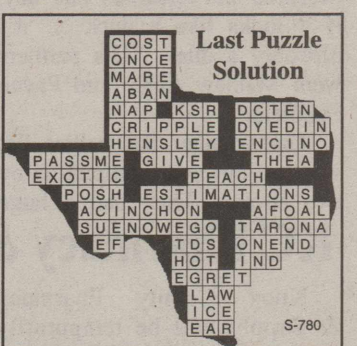
The University Interscholastic League could be moving a step closer to creating a private

school division.

The UIL Policy Committee approved a study from the Texas Association of Non-Public Schools (TANS) to determine the feasibility of forming a separate private school division within the UIL.

The TANS Board of Directors authorized the proposal at its April 2012 meeting, noting the uncertainty surrounding a potential re-organization of the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS), the largest private school athletic league in the state. The board concluded that it is in the interest of private schools across Texas to explore avenues that might expand the availability of quality competitive activities.

The terms of the proposal include creating a private school division within the UIL that would be financially self-sustaining, and prohibit private and public schools from competing against each other for championships or awards.



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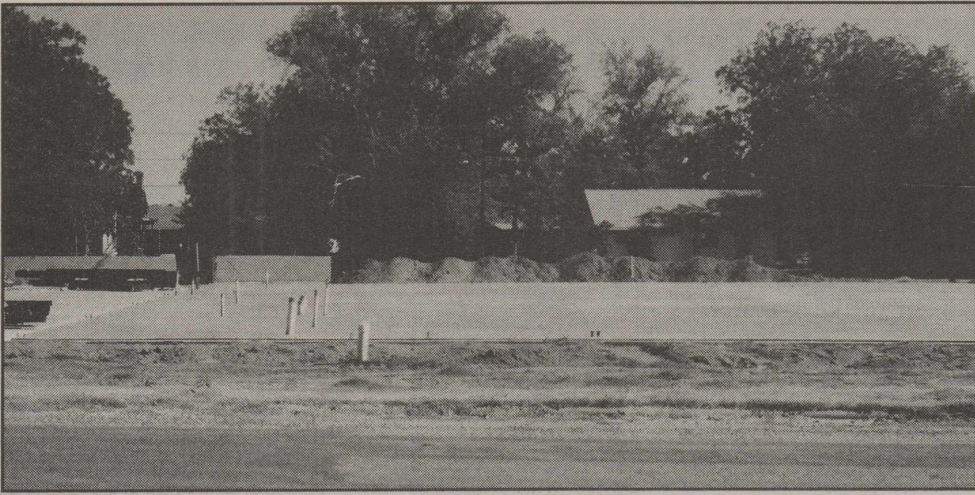
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Going up ...

Work is continuing on Knox City's new community center. The concrete slab has been poured, and it has taken 28 days for it to cure. The concrete has been stained and sealed, and Snyder Steel of Seymour has begun work on the steel frame. There is no exact date for completion, but the center is hoped to be finished by late fall or early winter.

Vernon College's cosmetology department offers a great opportunity

Vernon College's Cosmetology Department offers a great opportunity to students of any age considering a new career. High lights, trend hair styling and shaping, custom permanent waving and straightening, machine facials, pedicures, and artificial nails are just a few of the services taught to VC Cosmetology students during the one year program. The Fall semester for new students begins October 22 in Vernon and Wichita Falls.

Vernon College's Cosmetology program offers a Certificate of Completion for a one year and eight weeks stylist. There is also a two semester Cosmetology Instructor Program. Each program requires a current high school diploma or GED and the Cosmetology Accuplacer test must be taken.

The program is designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills needed to pass the state licensing exami-

nation and to begin an exciting work experience. Upon satisfactory completion of the program, students will be eligible to take the Texas State Cosmetology Examination for Licensure or the Oklahoma State Licensing Examination.

Students interested in Cosmetology must first be admitted to Vernon College. After admission to the College, the Cosmetology Accuplacer test must be taken and results brought to the Cosmetology Department for an interview. Financial Aid may be provided in the form of grants, scholarships, or loans to those who qualify.

SAMMIE'S KNOX CITY CORNER AND FINAL THOUGHTS

Monday, my column starts with much heartache with the loss of some of our community loved ones. We are getting ready for services and praying for our friends and families that their pain may be eased some as they say goodbye. I've always said, "until we meet again." All my guys are also a little lonely, but we've been through quite a few of these together; so as I pray I ask God that He keep each one safe. I know we are in each others' hearts always.

Lots was going on in town this week, so everyone stayed pretty busy. Mr. Burkhams cleaned out the little train for the kids' rides. He seems to be doing good, but Leona had a fainting spell at the festival Saturday morning, but she seems to be ok. It was pretty hot, and that made for a long day. Take care, guys, and our prayers are with you.

Alex and Julie Ledesma had a beautiful little girl earlier this week. She has had some complications and is now at Lubbock hospital per our latest news to see how she's doing. Just keep praying. She's just a little angel, and the families can really use our prayers. May God be with everyone.

Our little parade was just great. It doesn't matter how small it is, it's how much fun we have. I tell you, my kids took half a day to decorate the golf cart and five minutes to take it apart. We just laughed and had lots of fun. I wish more organizations would

get involved in more of the good things just like other things they support. I saw my Mom and the girls come out with her to the park. She's still looking great, but what can I say, she's my Mom.

It was good to see Marvin Jones as the Grand Marshal of the parade. They couldn't have picked a more enjoyable and happy person. After talking to him, he was so happy and proud to represent our small community. His kids are so proud of him, and so am I. He's just awesome all the way around. God bless you, Marvin.

Don Friche had a wonderful visit also. His kids came home for a class reunion and had a chance to visit and talk to lots of people. He had a chance to really go back in time for a little while. It's a change, but it's also great for memories. He does have great stories from his time in Knox City. A. P. Denton and Lou Vail had all their families together again. It is always great to visit with Nancy and her husband at the cafe. She is always so pleasant to visit with there. According to her, they had a wonderful family get together. Hope they had safe trips home, and God bless them. Billy Jo and Linda Large were in town this week also, and he is doing just great. Steve Reyes had some of his kids down for the weekend. Also, Stella and Beatrice. They were out having a good time. Jess and Dora Rios had their son from Houston in this weekend—Ray Rios. Some

played golf and some were just in to have a good time at the Watermelon Festival. Mr. Vasquez had his son and daughter in town this last week. They were enjoying the visit and our hot weather.

I've never seen so many little kids having so much fun at everything they did. We do have a great bunch of youngsters in our community. I hope they get to make it next week to Vacation Bible School at the Methodist Church. All the churches are coming in to

help with the VBS, starting on August 5th. It will be lots of fun, learning, and great snacks.

Linda Gonzales has undergone surgery this past week in Abilene. She seems to be doing good. There will be a progress report further down this month. God bless you.

Nancy Marin Peters, an ex student of Knox City has brought a new business into our small town. It is called "Signs by Design." They will be located at the old KC video store.

Saturday night, Dave and Sue Oxford celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a meal and dance at the Benjamin Ex-Student Building. News was they all had a great time.

Sunday, the girls at Bud's Cafe celebrated a baby shower for Michael and San Juana's new baby girl, who is scheduled to arrive this month.

Anita and B. J. Patel are in Knox City for a while running the City Motel while B. J.'s brother have taken a vacation to India, where Anita and B. J. spent some time while they went for the wedding of their daughter, Dimples. All their children are all so grown. Anita will be doing a talk and some slides of their trip to India at the First Baptist Church Ladies Luncheon Tuesday in Knox City. I'm hoping I'll get to attend. I'm sure it will be lots of fun and great to visit with Anita.

Evelyn Balis is still traveling to Abilene for another doctor's visit. Hopefully, she'll be doing good in a little while. She's having lots of bad times with her health. Hopefully, she'll have a good recovery.

God bless our troops and each of us,
Sammie

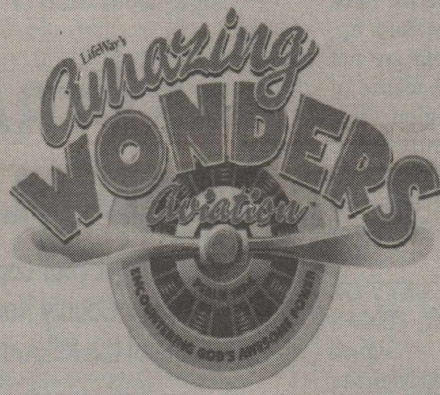


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2012 Weekly Weather Report

Date	Temperature (F)		Rainfall inches
	Low	High	
07/23	75	103	
07/24	77	102	
07/25	80	105	
07/26	74	99	0.02
07/27	71	99	
07/28	72	102	
07/29	71	106	
Total Rainfall for Week			0.02
Total Rainfall for month			1.27
2012 Rainfall (ytd)			11.07

Community Wide Vacation Bible School



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