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## Heading BACK TO SCHOOL



School activities will begin taking center stage in Knox County in a matter of days. Knox City and Benjamin, along with Munday, will hold inservice days in the coming weeks prior to kicking off the 2012-13 school year on Aug. 27.

### Houndettes, Lady Mustangs set to begin volleyball

TOMMY WELLS  
The Knox County News

If high school preparations have started, that must mean football and volleyball activities are at hand for Knox City-O'Brien High School and Benjamin High School.

The KCHS football team is currently practicing each morning at the high school field. The KCHS and Benjamin High School volleyball teams are also gearing up for the start of their seasons. Both squads are scheduled to hold scrimmages next week.

The Knox City High School band is also in the midst of preseason drills. The band began going through its summer paces earlier this summer.

The KC band began practice on Wednesday, Aug. 1.

### Knox City Benjamin ISD students gear up for 2012-13

TOMMY WELLS  
The Knox County News

It's hard to believe, but summer will officially end for students and educators at the Knox City, Munday and Benjamin schools in a matter of days.

Twenty-one, to be exact. Students in the Knox City-O'Brien Independent School District are scheduled to begin classes for the 2012-13 school year on Monday, Aug. 27.

Registration for Knox City-O'Brien CISD will be held on Aug. 22. Elementary and middle school registration will be held from 1-3:30 p.m. High school freshmen will register from 1-1:30, while sophomores will register from 1:30-2 p.m. Juniors will register from 2-2:30 p.m., and seniors from 2:30-3 p.m. All new students need to bring their birth certificate, immunization record, Social Security card and last report card (if available).

Students enrolling in Benjamin ISD are asked to stop by the school office at any time prior to the start of school to register.

Inservice for teachers begins August 17.

Students in the KC-O'Brien and Benjamin systems won't have to wait long for their first break. According to the KC-O'Brien school calendar, students will not attend school on Sept. 3 in observance of Labor Day.

More information about the upcoming KC-O'Brien calendar can be found on the district's web site at [www.knoxcityschools.net](http://www.knoxcityschools.net). Benjamin ISD can be found on the Internet at [benjaminisd.net](http://benjaminisd.net) or by calling (940) 459-2231.

### Stage 2 puts limits on outdoor watering

TOMMY WELLS  
The Knox County News

Knox City residents be warned, Your water sprinkler could get you into trouble.

At the urging of the North Central Texas Municipal Water Board, Knox City was moved into the Stage 2 section of the drought plan last week. Under Stage 2, residents are restricted on days and times that water can be applied to outside lawns and other landscaped areas.

According to the Knox City Drought Contingency Plan, watering landscaped areas (lawns) with hose-end sprinklers or automatic irrigation systems is only permissible two times per week. Water customers are requested to limit irrigation of landscaped areas to Sundays and Thursdays with street addresses ending in an even number and Wednesdays and Saturdays with street addresses ending in an odd number. Irrigation of landscaped areas is permitted at anytime if it is by means of a hand-held hose, a faucet filled bucket or watering can of five gallons or less, or drip irrigation system.

However, all watering is prohibited between the hours of 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., due to high evaporation. Also, individuals irrigating from a water well, must place a sign on their property notifying that, "Irrigation is being done by Water Well."

The main goal of the move is to conservation of water. The measure, officials hope, will reduce the overall daily water consumption by 15 percent.

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Watering schedule: Water customers are requested to limit irrigation of landscaped areas to Sundays and Thursdays with street addresses ending in an even number and Wednesdays and Saturdays with street addresses ending in an odd number.

### KC Pharmacy & Supply 'pleased' with local support

Knox County Pharmacy and Supply opened for business on August 1st. Temporarily located in Knox County Hospital, the pharmacy is scheduled to be moved into the Knox City Clinic when construction is completed late this year or early 2013. Administrator, Stephen Kuehler, reported an almost overwhelming first week.

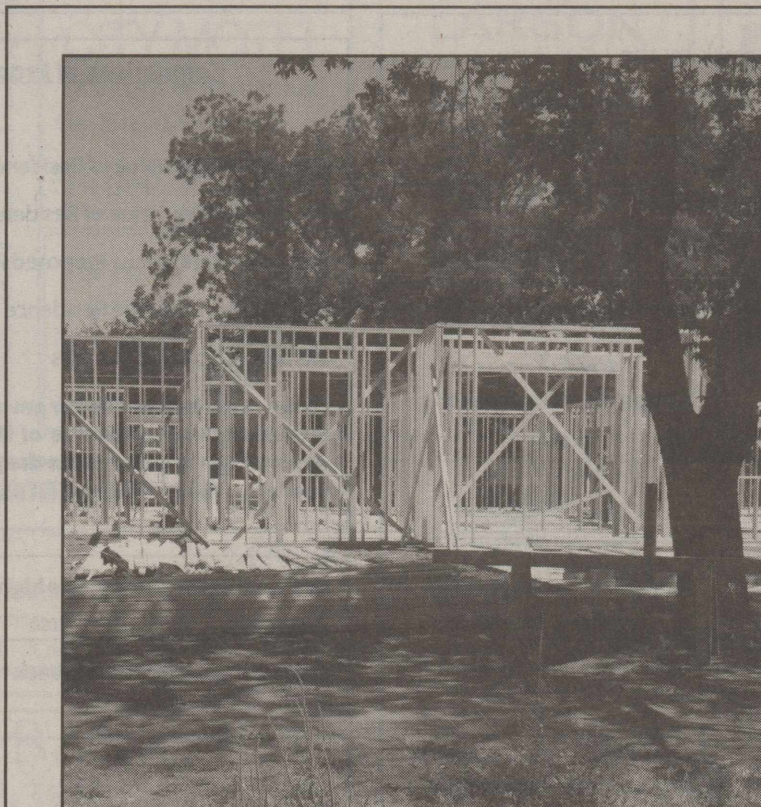
"We have been pleased with the support shown to the new pharmacy," he said. "We look for wait times to decrease as more patient information is entered into the computer system and our staff members have had an opportunity to streamline processes."

Individuals who wish to

transfer prescriptions to Knox County Retail Pharmacy should contact their current pharmacist and ask for a transfer of medications. A registration form must be completed before any new or transferred medications can be filled. Forms can be faxed or emailed to patients who wish to pre-register. Call (940) 657.4036 to request a form.

To decrease traffic in the Emergency department area, customers are asked to use the front door of the hospital. A drive-through will not be available until the pharmacy is moved into the new facility.

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### Coming on up?

The outside walls of the new Knox City clinic are beginning to take shape.

The old clinic was razed a few weeks ago to make room for a new, up-to-date facility that is expected to be open early next year.

### Larson's Pharmacy no longer filling prescriptions

Larson's Pharmacy officials are no longer fill prescription needs through the local store, according to David Ramirez.

Larson's Pharmacy officials announced recently that they would be closing the Knox City facility effective on Aug. 10.

Ramirez said any current prescriptions local residents have may be transferred to the pharmacy of the patient's preference. Beginning on Monday, Aug. 13, any remaining files will be available by calling Larson's Pharmacy's store in Cross Plains, which can be reached via telephone at (254) 725-7130.

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# 'Sing Lustily and with Good Courage' to be staged on Aug. 16

John and Charles Wesley were brothers and clergymen in the Church of England during the 18th century. In their 30s, they experienced spiritual conversions. After attempting and failing to revive their own church, they took to the streets as traveling preachers. Their goals were converting people to Christianity, meeting needs and correcting social wrongs. John organized a mighty army of lay preachers. Charles wrote practical hymns that addressed people's needs. They formed The People Called Methodists, a group of Christians whose goal was to "follow the Bible in all things, great and small." For decades they were persecuted, but by their efforts and with the help of the Holy Spirit, they changed the world.

hymns, and then they will sing some of them.

In the front of early Methodist hymnals, John wrote Seven Rules for Singing. One was that Christians should "Sing lustily and with good courage," meaning with enthusiasm and spirit.

John & Charles will entertain and inspire anybody who believes the church should be a force in the world rather than merely a passive presence. Come and meet John & Charles Wesley, and prepare to be thrilled as they "sing lustily and with good courage!"

The show will be presented free of charge at the First United Methodist Church in Knox City on Thursday, Aug. 16, beginning at 7 p.m.

FUMC is located at 406 SE 2nd Street in Knox City.



John & Charles: Sing Lustily and with Good Courage' is a two-man musical that follows the attempts of two men to convert people to Christianity. The show will be presented free of charge to the public on Aug. 16 at the First United Methodist Church in Knox City.

# Healthcare group backs 'Bring the Vote Home' Initiative

The Texas Association for Home Care & Hospice (TAHC&H) announced it will be participating in Bring the Vote Home - a nationwide initiative to help homebound seniors and persons with disabilities that have difficulty travelling to polling places during the 2012 election cycle. The campaign is being launched in partnership with other state home health care associations and national home health leaders to engage the nation's 12 million home health care patients - including 3.5 million Medicare beneficiaries - via voter and absentee ballot registration initiatives.

resources or ability to vote in this year's election," said Rachel Hammon, executive director of TAHC&H, which represents more than 1300 licensed home and community support services agencies across Texas that provide home health, hospice, and personal assistance services to persons of all ages. "Our goal is to facilitate and aid in the process of voter and absentee ballot registration so that these important constituents can raise awareness about the issues our state's seniors and persons with disabilities care about most."

"We are proud to be participating in Bring the Vote Home on behalf of the homebound patients our members serve who would otherwise not have the

As part of the initiative, the home health care community is launching a new website, [www.bringthevotehome.org](http://www.bringthevotehome.org), which offers state-specific information and instructions for voter and absentee ballot registration.

## Knox County Aging Services

The following lunch menus have been listed for the week of Aug. 13-17 for the Knox County Aging Services

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

**Monday, Aug. 13** - Chicken/rice casserole, blackeyed peas, carrots, whole wheat roll, fruit cocktail.

**Tuesday, Aug. 14** - Polish sausage, pinto beans, coleslaw, combread, peaches.

**Wednesday, Aug. 15** - Vegetable beef stew, tossed salad, combread, orange-pineapple

cup, diet pumpkin custard.

**Thursday, Aug. 16** - Lasagna, brussel sprouts, garlic bread, pears.

**Friday, Aug. 17** - Turkey sandwiches, tomato/lettuce/pickle, broccoli/raisin salad, pineapple.

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.

## Farmers eligible for 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.

## SUPPLY

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Patients who are physically unable to come in and need assistance in filling medications can call 940.657.4046 for accommodations.

Have a News Tip for the KC News? CALL 940-329-1540

**ACROSS**

1 this co. had ownership interest in San Antonio Spurs

5 San Juan, TX AM

6 this Estrada was in "Border Blues" with TX Busey

7 TXism: "hasta vista"

8 Dublin's Hogan

9 TXism: "nails"

15 rattlesnake casas

16 this Weaver was in "Heartbreakers" with TX Love Hewitt

19 short plays (2 wds.)

21 "Did Oswald act?"

22 TXism: "he'd be in a battle of wits"

27 TX chili: "of the devil"

28 this Don was Deputy Barney Fife

29 TXism: "a lap dog"

30 TX Pride's "She's Just an"

32 "Roger the Dodger" (init.)

33 longing for the past

36 TXism: "risky as huntin' a gas leak with match"

37 this West was in "Myra Breckinridge" with TX Farrah

38 New Mexico UFO location?

39 halftime performer: Texas

*The Original*

# TEXAS CROSSWORD

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**DOWN**

1 pint-sized guitar

2 near El Paso: "Ysleta Del Pueblo"

3 Taylor Co. seat

4 Jerry Jones before Cowboys (2 wds.)

8 "Big dog stink?"

16 breeding horse

17 he signs up to race on

18 okayed?

20 Coca-

22 '06 national football champ (abbr.)

23 TX Hall of Honor rancher Mary West

24 "love" south of the border

13 this Guthrie performed at TX Willie's Farm Aid III

14 TXism: "slinging drunk"

15 TXism: "dog stink?"

25 "Aquarena Springs"

26 TX shotputter Randy ('60's)

28 Victoria FM

31 Mexican cheers

34 TX Lucille Sueur (Joan Crawford) appointed under martial

37 sail support

40 "no ifs, ands or"

43 buyer offer at a cattle auction (2 wds.)

44 dish popular in neighboring state "beans"

50 first president of Rice: Edgar Lovett

51 Elisha Pease was a Reconstruction gov. appointed under

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Benjamin School District will hold a public meeting at 7:00 p. m., August 27, 2012 in the Benjamin School Library at Benjamin ISD Benjamin, Texas.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$ 1.17 /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$ 0.0 /\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

### Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	0.00 % increase or 0.00 % (decrease)
Debt service	0.00 % increase or 0.00 % (decrease)
Total expenditures	0.00 % increase or 0.00 % (decrease)

### Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 163,795,000	\$ 222,526,060
Total appraised value** of new property**	\$ 115,980	\$ 736,420
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 27,147,700	\$ 30,756,940
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 115,680	\$ 736,420

\* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.  
 \*\* "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.  
 \*\*\* "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

### Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness\* \$ 0.000

### Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.17000	\$ 0.00 *	\$ 1.17000	\$ 3,851	\$ 6,833
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.17997	\$ 0.000 *	\$ 1.17997	\$ 3,956	\$ 8,398
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.17000	\$ 0.0000 *	\$ 1.17000	\$ 3,821	\$ 7,838

\* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

### Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 23,546	\$ 26,460
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 8,546	\$ 11,460
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.1700	\$ 1.1700
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 99.99	\$ 134.08
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 34.09

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.17000. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.17000.

### Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

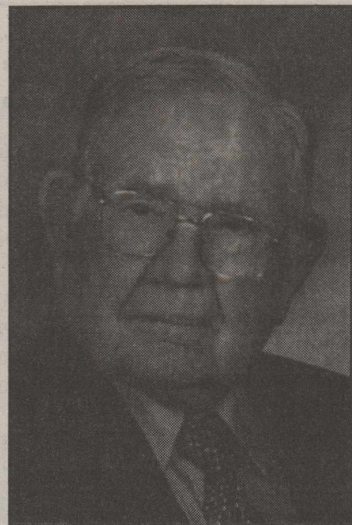
Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 436,084
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$



# Obituaries

## Wilber C. (W.C.) Orr

Wilber C. (W.C.) Orr, 84, of O'Brien passed away Monday evening, Aug. 6, 2012 in Knoxville. Burial will be held at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 9 at the Knoxville Cemetery with a Celebration of Life to immediately follow at the O'Brien Baptist Church in O'Brien. Visitation is planned from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 8 at the funeral home in Knoxville. Arrangements were made under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes of Knoxville.



Wilber C. (W.C.) Orr

One of 14 children, W.C. was born in Lockney, Texas on May 21, 1928 to Horace M. and Emma (Morris) Orr. He married Patsy Molloy in Midland, Texas on March 1, 1953. W.C. was a deacon with the Baptist Church, enjoyed leading the boys in Sunday School and was a volunteer with the fire department. He is a retired pumper from British Petroleum.

W.C. is preceded in death by his parents, Horace and Emma Orr; a son, Alan Orr; grandson, William Corey; three sisters; and nine brothers.

He is lovingly survived by his wife of 59 years, Patsy of the

home in O'Brien; his daughter, Carolyn Brockett and husband Marq of Knoxville; daughter-in-law, Ellen Brockett of Perryton; one grandson, Cody Brockett of Ft. Worth; one granddaughter, Kelsie Orr of Perryton; and one sister, Virginia Carter of Midland.

Online condolences and memories can be shared with the family at [www.smithfamily.com](http://www.smithfamily.com).

## Romulo Salinas

Romulo Salinas, 89, formally of Rochester, passed away Tuesday evening, July 31, 2012 in Knoxville. Graveside services will be held at 9:00 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 2, 2012 at the Rochester Cemetery in Rochester with Paul Chambers officiating. Arrangements were made under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes of Knoxville.

Mr. Salinas is preceded in death by his parents, Victor and Victoria Salinas; a daughter, Mary Lou Carrion; two sisters; and one brother.

He is survived by his son, Richardo Salinas of Midland; sister, Lela Moreno of O'Brien; and brother, Medaro Salinas, Sr. of Rochester.

# Chick-Fil-A is at the heart of a controversy that is so silly

Well, who would have thought our whole country would be battling over chicken?

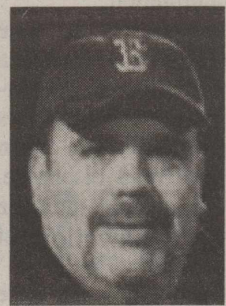
Chick-Fil-A's president Dan Cathy seems to have made some liberals and gay rights activists mad. Cathy said he does not believe in Gay marriage.

Why is this such a big deal? He should have his right to free speech just the same as those who believe in gay marriage.

That's the funny thing about liberals, they want the right to have all of their choices but they don't want conservatives to have their opinions or rights. As a conservative, I say let 'em do what they want. Same as the radio or TV ... if you don't like what is on, change the channel. To me, this is the common sense way, but to many times liberals want to cut off our ways and force feed us their crap.

I could care less who gets married. Everyone should have the right to get their rear end chewed on for nothing at some time or another. Kind of like that song, "How can I kiss the lips

## Just Jeff



By Jeff Stanfield

at night that chew on my butt all day." But to have a national chicken crusade over all of this. What the heck did the chickens do to anybody?

It actually showed what I think is going to be a record turn out by the conservatives come November to vote out the Obama.

Speaking of Obama, on Monday he held a fund-raiser in a beach house in Connecticut owned by some rich Hollywood director and actress, Ann Hathaway. Funny since he is always talking about how he

relates to us poor folk. Yeah he relates to poor people when he is talking to his caddy or the pro shop guy at the golf course. They had to shut down two public beaches so he could attend the \$35,800 a plate meal.

Personally, I wouldn't pay \$3.85 to sit with him and eat a Happy Meal. The sad thing is the poor town of Westport, Conn. has to pay overtime and block of the beaches when it's 100 degrees during the tourist season so the man who thinks he walks on water can choke down overpriced food with a bunch of Hollywood elitist who have no clue about struggling or surviving.

Have they ever thought what good could be done with that \$2 million they are raising so his wife and kids can vacation for four more years?

Heck, I bet if we get rid of Obama it will rain. That's when the drought started so it makes sense to me. A vote for Romney is a vote for rain!

Jeff "Obama Must Go" Stanfield is a local columnist.

# Dave: Just play like I'm not here

Ranch hands and cowboys often get put in the position of playing host to all manner of guests, reporters, owners grandchildren and bank vice presidents. Dave works on a ranch in south Florida. In the right season Florida looks like the Garden of Eden. He had been asked to guide a notable photographer around. He was shooting pictures for a book of Florida ranches.

I have had much experience with camera crews and photographers. Why they don't get hurt more often is beyond me! They treat animals like furniture, crawling under them, trying to feed them, touching, pushing, pulling, petting, all to get a good shot.

The photographer, named Simington, discussed with Dave what he was hoping to capture on film, "You guys just do what you normally do, play like I'm not here."

Well, no self-respecting cowboy with any vanity at all is gonna "Play like he's not there!"

He's not gonna kick off in a long trot for two miles and leave the photog behind, no! He's more likely to pause a little longer when he stops on a ridge to scan the horizon...striking a hero pose. None of the cowboy crew will be wearing their Tommy Hilfiger sweatshirt, or Dolphin's



ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

baseball caps, either. Dave took all precautions to protect their guest. He picked the gentlest horse in the string. He adjusted the stirrups so Simington's size 13 tennis shoes would fit. He cinched him tight, put a roping rein on the bridle, and gave basic steering instructions. Once mounted Simington was top heavy. He was a tall man, wore no cap and had two cameras hanging around his neck. The biggest one looked like a bazooka!

The crew wended through the Bahia and Bermuda grass, around the palm tree hammocks, down country roads and into the palmetto obstacle course. Somewhere along the way of Gray Dog, Simington's horse, had enough of the off-balance, jaw-jerkin', foot slappin', click-clackin', snip-snappin', slow-stoppin', jerk-jabbin' contraption on his back.

Dave said it was painful to watch. Gray Dog bucked through the palmetto like a ping-pong ball in a pinball machine! Simington dropped the

rein...he was tryin' to grab the saddle horn, two cameras swingin' around his neck, the saddle horn, a nylon camera bag big as a hound dog, the saddle horn, a fanny pack full of fruits and nuts, the saddle horn, his canteen full of papaya juice, and...the saddle horn.

Like a loose cannon on the deck of the Titanic he rocked and rolled, heaved and hauled, swerved and swayed, gee'ed and hawed, then, in a perfect example of an ancient Grecian two-step catapult, Simington went straight up, feet still in the stirrups, seemed to pause standing on the pommel, then was ejected out into space. With all his accoutrements, in mid air he looked a satellite spreading its solar panels!

"What did you do?" I asked Dave, with some modest concern.

"Well," said Dave, "Wasn't much I could do. He crashed, rolled over and went to pickin' up the pieces of his stuff so...I just played like he wasn't there."



## More work ...

Road repair continues to be a familiar sight in Knoxville. Above, construction crews use heavy equipment to tear up a portion of the highway.

## WATER

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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 re-

quired 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.

## Agency seeks input from locals

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Wichita-Brazos Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) and the Local Working Group invite the public to their annual Conservation Stakeholder's Meeting at 1 p.m., Aug. 8, 2012 at the

USDA Service Center located at 3950 FM 1292, Knoxville. Each year, the Local Working Group hosts a public meeting to determine the resource concerns and needs of the area and how to best address those needs.



Talk to your neighbors, then talk to me.

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# KC AREA CHURCH

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - Knoxville

Jerry Vincent, Pastor  
Sunday School at 10 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship at 6 p.m. • Mid Week, Wed. at 6 p.m.  
FBC Sunday School, and the worship services at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. are telecast live on Classic Cable, channel 6 in Knoxville and O'Brien

## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - Knoxville

Thomas Carter, Pastor  
406 2nd Street • 658-3517  
knoxcity-fumc@hotmail.com-umkc.net  
Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m. Evening Bible Study - 7 p.m. Monday, Breakfast Bible Study 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Morning Bible Study 10 a.m. Wednesday, Youth Fellowship 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Worship Team Rehearsal 7 p.m. Wednesday, Outreach Lunch 12 noon every 3rd Sunday  
No Sunday Evening Service

## ABUNDANT LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP - Knoxville

Tex Cox, Pastor  
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Classes 5:00 p.m. • Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Warriors 6:00 p.m.

## FOURSQUARE CHURCH - Knoxville

Gary A. Schnable, Pastor  
Sunday Morning Worship at 10:50 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship at 6 p.m. • Mid-Week, Wed. at 6:30 p.m.  
Men's Prayer Breakfast 6:00 am. Wednesday Morning

## SANTA ROSA CATHOLIC CHURCH BILINGUAL - Knoxville

Aju Prince Phillips, Sacramental Minister • Deacon Ben Vasquez  
Sunday Mass at 11 a.m.

## LIBERTY COMMUNITY C.O.G.I.C. - Knoxville

Gene Ward Jr., Pastor  
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. • Sunday Morning Services - 11 a.m.  
Monday Evening Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

## ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH - Rhineland

Aju Prince Phillips, Sacramental Minister • Deacon Jim Novak  
Monday through Friday mornings, 8 a.m. Mass  
Saturday Mass at 6 p.m. • Sunday Mass at 9 a.m.

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - Benjamin

Sunday School at 10 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 11 a.m.

## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - Benjamin

Thomas Carter, Pastor  
Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m. • Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.

## GILLESPIE BAPTIST CHURCH - Gillespie

Matt Harrington, Pastor  
Sunday School at 10 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship at 6 p.m. • Mid-Week, Wed. at 6 p.m.

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# Opinion

## Driving Friendly isn't enough, Drive Safe, Too!

Texas is known for the motto "drive friendly," but this August, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) says that won't be enough.

In unveiling the new "Drive Friendly. Drive Safe." campaign, TxDOT hopes the updated message will reach drivers and reduce the thousands of crashes and deaths on Texas roads every year. The campaign highlights some of the driving behaviors that continue to cause issues on our roadways: the need for drivers to pay attention to pedestrians, bicyclists and work zones, while also remembering to adjust their speed to the road conditions.

Each year, Texas sees high numbers of crashes and fatalities involving pedestrians and bicyclists; in fact, in 2011, vehicles struck thousands of pedestrians and bicyclists resulting in 418 pedestrian fatalities and 45 bicyclist fatalities. These statistics, combined with 14,617 work zone crashes resulting in 115 deaths, has prompted TxDOT's effort.

"As students return to school and throughout the year, remember to watch for pedestrians and bicyclists. There's no better time to remind drivers to get back-to-basics when it comes to safety on our roads," said Carol Rawson, director, Traffic Operations Division of TxDOT. "We also want to remind our fellow Texans that TxDOT works year round to improve roads with upgrades and repairs; this work results in changing conditions on roadways, which is why it's extremely important for drivers to remain alert at all times."

Nationally, traffic safety issues continue to cause injuries and fatalities as well. In 2010, 4,280 pedestrians were killed and an estimated 70,000 were injured in traffic crashes in the United States. On average, a pedestrian was killed every 123 minutes and injured every eight minutes in traffic crashes. At the same time, 68 bicyclists were killed in the U.S. and an additional 52,000 were injured in motor vehicle crashes in 2010.

Rawson continued, "The best way to drive friendly—the Texas way—is to drive safe and consider others on the road.

Drivers who fail to follow traffic laws will face significant consequences. These risks not only include possibly injuring or killing themselves or others but also fines and even jail time.

## Sometimes two names is just too many

Can I get all the "wannabes" in the room to raise their hands? Come on, you know who you are. Just admit it, 30 years ago, you wanted to be just like Madonna.

Or, in some cases, Boy George. Either way, if you raised your hand (come on, Stacy, get that hand up!!) ... geez, you're old.

Well, actually that isn't really about Madonna or George, it's about what those of us in Generation Y (those that were spawned by Generation X) have done to our children. Seems some of the people who grew up in the 80's took the single name approach to heart.

Not me, mind you. She-Who-Must-Not-Be-Made-Mad wouldn't allow it. After our oldest son was born, we had another ... and another. The last "another" was a boy, so I wanted to name him after me, too. I figure if the first one could be Tommy Jr. the other one could be named Thomas.

SWMNBMM would have no part of that.

As you know, for the past six weeks, I have been traveling around our rural parts and observing people doing what they do when they don't think anyone is watching. You would be surprised to know that people watch a lot of television. And, that a majority of the Madonna worshippers actually live in Alaska and Texas. I can tell this by the sheer number of single-named people who live there.

To be sure, Generation Y has survived — even though the children may be a bit worse for wear. How else can you explain the many single name people.

Let's see, there's Rihanna ... who isn't really a single name person, but it sounds better than calling her Robin. She isn't even from Alaska or Texas, but since she is pretty hot I just wanted to type her name into this column.

Anyway, while I was in Alaska, I happened to meet up with a man in the Bethel area who was named Ivan.

So? There's noting unusual there ...

No ... no ... his names was Ivan Ivan.

Also, I met a NYO coach (now here's a sport for all you He-men to try!) named Paul Paul.

Paul (he answers to either name) may be one of the greatest NYO coaches alive. He's too modest to admit it, but, trust me, he is.

After I left Bethel, I ventured north to the small village of Noorvik - on the Kobuk River, just inside the Arctic Circle. It was here that I was honored to cover a housing project.

I snapped a few pictures and then pulled out a pen to take down names of the people in the photo.

"Can you tell me your name?" I asked.

"George," he said.

"And your last name?" I asked.

## Off The Beaten Path



By Tommy Wells

"George," he answered.

Your name is George George?" I asked.

"Yeah ... but you can just call me George," he said with a smile.

"That must have been odd growing up?" I asked.

"Not really. Once I learned to spell my first name, the second part was pretty easy. I think my parents did it to save me time," he said.

We both laughed ... and I admitted it was kind of cool.

The whole thing reminded me of when I was younger and I met a guy named Franco Franco around the Lubbock area.

That got me to thinking what my name might have been if my parents had decided to double

name me. Would it have been Tommy Tommy? Or Tom Tom? Would my nickname of "Boomer" have become Boom Boom or Boomx2?

Naturally, I brought the idea up with my significant other. After a brief moment, she told me all of my names would not have fit. They just didn't match up.

"Really," I said. "I thought Boom Boom was cool ..."

"No, that's not you ..." she answered.

"Your name would have been something ... Stupid Stupid."

Thanks, George. Now look what you have done to me.

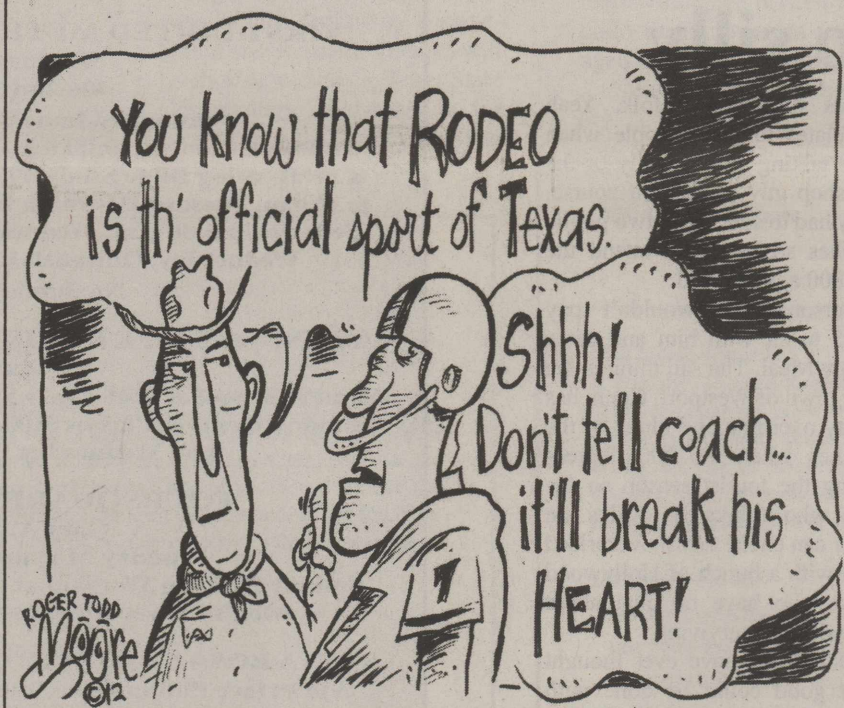
By the way, I want you to notice that I did not say SWMNBMM was a "wannabe" or in the Generation X, Y or Z group... she told me I couldn't because it would date her .... So I'm not saying anything about that.

Some day I'm going to build up enough nerve to ask her ... Did they even have names back then? Or did people just call everyone Ug? And, as our children say, did she really sit behind Jesus in the third grade?

Not this week, though ... much, more later because I really don't want my name to end up being R.I.P.

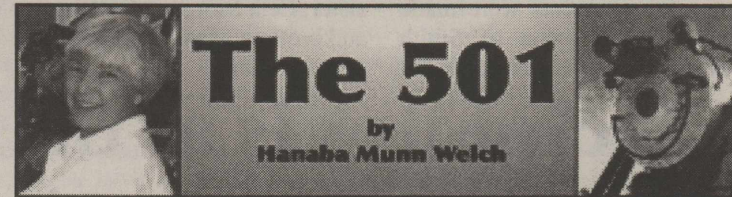
Tommy Wells is the editor of The Knox County News. Everything in this column is true, except for the parts that are made-up, exaggerated or are just plain lies.

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If you step atop a spring-tooth harrow, you can feel a little bounce. I just did. The long-forgotten sensation bounced me back to my childhood.

For Marcel Proust, the taste of a madeleine with a cup of tea unlocked memories of his forgotten youth — or at least that's how I remember it from when I first and last read his prose, which was in college. Forgive me if I've talked about Proust before. I don't remember.

How could the novelist have forgotten his childhood in the first place? Was the door locked to that part of his brain? He probably explained everything in his book on the subject. I don't remember. We could look up Proust on the Internet, but I'm connectionless, zipping up the highway, headed to the farm.

Not to worry. My husband's driving.

That's why, when we took a side-trip through the yard of a used farm equipment dealer, I volunteered to get out to look for the price on a rusty harrow. Being barefooted, I opted to climb over the harrow rather than brave the gravel to walk around it. No price tag anywhere.

What I did discover — better said, rediscover — was the collective springiness of the harrow teeth beneath my feet, a feeling all the better for being undiluted by shoes.

Shades of Proust, but not the same. A rush of long-forgotten memories didn't return to me. Just one. I remembered how good it feels to walk atop a spring-tooth harrow, if you like that sort of thing.

Connecting with a happy childhood memory is the op-

posite of a post-traumatic stress syndrome experience. You feel good.

Simple experiences often do the trick. For me, eating cherries makes me think of how I climbed on the roof of the chicken house to reach the cherries on our cherry tree.

When cherries were on sale recently, a friend of mine bought some. Her visiting granddaughter hadn't eaten fresh cherries before. She only knew cherries came in certain Sonic drinks. And she's about to start college!

Could be kids today miss life because their faces are usually six inches from their smart phones. It's understandable the above-mentioned teenager, an honor student, had never eaten cherries picked off a tree. But how could she not have seen them at the grocery store?

Maybe supermarkets should give away cherries instead of other food samples. Suggested spiel:

"These are cherries. Try one. Aren't they tasty? They grow on trees like the one George Washington cut down. No lie."

Well, it could happen.

Maybe someone could take it a step farther and do something for children who've never gotten to play on farm equipment. Vintage implements could be turned into playground items. Kids could clamber over things like spring-tooth harrows and climb on old tractors. Throw in an empty barrel — the kind that can take you places if you maintain your balance and practice your footwork.

Think of all the lawsuits.

What I really don't remember about my childhood is how I survived it.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Knox City

is scheduled to vote on the proposed annual tax rate for the fiscal year 2012 / 2013

At the regular City Council meeting to be held on

Tuesday, August 21, 2012 at 5:30 PM  
At the City Hall, 902 E. Main.



# Sports



A group of Knox City Greyhounds refueling at Bud's Cafe after surviving their first morning of two-a-days on Monday.

## UIL enacts new practice guidelines

The Knox City Greyhounds and Benjamin Mustangs, like every other public school team in Texas, is adjusting to a few new safety rules this preseason.

The University Interscholastic League has added new regulations and guidelines regarding football practice in August before classes in the 2012-13 school year begin.

With the intense heat of the past few summers, the UIL has added strict time limits to practices, and has instituted a guideline regarding consecutive "two-a-day" practices.

The UIL has always limited practice time during August and the school year, but now it has put in place stricter time limits and has

issued a regulation that will eliminate some practices in August.

Beginning this August, a team cannot schedule more than one practice on consecutive days, and on the days two practices are scheduled, a team cannot practice more than five hours. Also, the maximum length of any single practice is three hours.

## Greyhounds open their preseason drills

TOMMY WELLS  
The Knox County News

Knox City head coach Charles Steele had a simple message for his team when it stepped onto the practice field for the first day of preseason workouts on Monday morning - don't be satisfied.

Fresh off a berth in the state quarterfinals, Steele said the Greyhounds appeared to be in good shape, physically and

numbers-wise. A total of 20 athletes reported for the first day of practice on Monday.

"I thought that a majority of the kids were in top shape," said Steele. "They did really well."

Despite the loss of several key players from last season's squad, Steele urged the squad to "raise the bar."

"We are in really good shape," said Steele, noting he expects several more players to come out for the squad

when they return from summer trips. Every one performed really well on the first day in the weight room and on the field."

Knox City hit the field at 7 a.m. on Monday. The team practiced throughout the week at Greyhound Stadium.

Knox City's first scrimmage of the season will be held next Friday. The Greyhounds will open their 2012 season against the Petersburg Buffaloes.

## TPWD seeks businesses to weigh big fish

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Angler Recognition Program will launch a new tool this fall to assist Texas anglers in locating certified public scales for weighing record catches. Businesses that agree to participate will be publicized as official weigh stations on the TPWD website.

The new initiative is designed to partner with fishing-oriented businesses and facilities that will be provided official signage and a supply of Angler Recognition Program

applications. There is no fee to participate, but participants will be required to keep their scales certified on an annual basis.

Businesses and facilities that wish to participate are invited to sign up now.

To request certification as an official weigh station, applicants should fill out the secure web form at: [www.tpwd.state.tx.us/fishboat/fish/programs/fishrecords/weightstation\\_form.html](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/fishboat/fish/programs/fishrecords/weightstation_form.html)

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8302 or by email at [anglers@tpwd.state.tx.us](mailto:anglers@tpwd.state.tx.us).



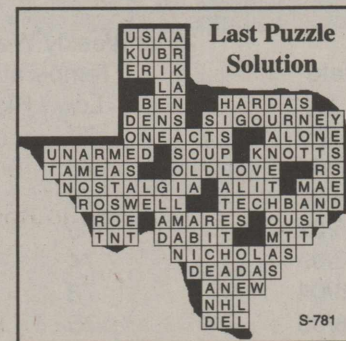
## News working on its sports preview

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.



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2012 **Property Tax Rates in** KNOX COUNTY

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	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund	Special Road/ Bridge Fund
<b>Last year's tax rate:</b>			
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 1,041,147.00	\$	\$ 210,758.00
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0.00	\$	\$ 0.00
Last year's total taxes	\$ 1,041,147.00	\$	\$ 210,758.00
Last year's tax base	\$ 168,313,724.00	\$	\$ 165,710,084.00
Last year's total tax rate	\$ .61851 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ .12718 /\$100
<b>This year's effective tax rate:</b>			
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 1,073,572.00	\$	\$ 209,761.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 185,122,050.00	\$	\$ 181,432,040.00
= This year's effective tax rate for each fund	\$ .57992 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ .11561 /\$100
Total effective tax rate	\$ .69553 /\$100		
<i>(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)</i>			
<b>In the first year a county collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year:</b>			
- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ /\$100		
= Effective tax rate	\$ /\$100		
<b>This year's rollback tax rate:</b>			
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 1,071,308.00	\$	\$ 209,317.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 185,122,050.00	\$	\$ 181,432,040.00
= This year's effective rate	\$ .57992 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ .11561 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$ .62632 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ .12486 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ .00000 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ .00000 /\$100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	\$ .62632 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ .12486 /\$100
This year's total rollback rate	\$ .75118 /\$100		
<b>A county that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collects the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following lines:</b>			
- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ .00000 /\$100		
= Rollback tax rate	\$ .00000 /\$100		
<b>For a county with additional rollback rate for pollution control, insert the following lines:</b>			
+ Additional rollback rate for pollution control	\$ .00000 /\$100		
= Rollback tax rate	\$ .00000 /\$100		

### STATEMENT OF INCREASE/DECREASE

IF KNOX COUNTY GENERAL ADOPTS A 2012 TAX RATE EQUAL TO THE EFFECTIVE TAX RATE OF \$0.57992 per \$100 OF VALUE, TAXES WOULD DECREASE COMPARED TO 2011 TAXES BY 0.0591

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### Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

TYPE OF PROPERTY TAX FUND	BALANCE
GENERAL FUND	-0-

This statement of Increase/Decrease notice was prepared by Mitzi Welch, Tax Assessor



# Munday Nursing Center has played key role in Knox County

TRACI BLAIR  
Special to The Knox County News

Much has changed in the Nursing Home Industry since Munday Nursing Center opened their doors. All nursing homes in the state of Texas are struggling due to the decline in the Medicaid reimbursement rates and Munday Nursing Center is no different.

On the first day of business on Oct. 14, 1969, Marge Rixford was the administrator. When Rixford left that position in 1977, Joyce Hardin became the new administrator. Hardin retired on June 11, 2004 but returned to her position as administrator at the facility on July 19, 2006.

Munday Nursing Center is the second largest employer in Munday, behind the Munday Consolidated Independent

School District, with 38 employees. Munday Nursing Center is licensed for 61 resident beds and has a huge impact on Knox County. Just think about how many times a dollar is exchanged in our county, from payroll, gas, utilities, groceries, restaurants, clinics and hospitals - the employees at MNC help provide valuable revenue for other area businesses.

The rehabilitation department at the nursing center is one of the major focus points. Physical therapy works on balance, walking, strength endurance and functional activity tolerance. Occupational therapy concentrates on cognition, positioning, and is a teaching program for the activities necessary for daily living and self-care skills such as restorative dining, and home safety evaluations. Speech therapy concen-

trates on a patient's memory, judgment and safety training along with auditory and visual training, verbal and non-verbal redevelopment communication, and swallowing difficulties.

Munday Nursing Center has large rooms, personalized care and activities to meet every resident's needs. We are here for short-term rehabilitation, long term care, short term breaks for family members and senior living. Senior living allows residents to have help with laundry and cooking duties but also allows for companionship with access to their vehicle and the independence the patient desires.

No longer does the mind set "the dark, dreary, smelly place where grandma lives" apply to Munday Nursing Center. That is a thing of the past. Come over and visit us!

## VC cosmetology department offers 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 examination 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.



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### 2012 Weekly Weather Report

Date	Temperature (F)		Rainfall inches
	Low	High	
07/30	77	107	
07/31	73	108	
08/01	75	110	
08/02	75	110	
08/03	74	109	
08/04	78	107	
08/05	75	103	

Total Rainfall for Week	0.00
Total Rainfall for month	0.00
2012 Rainfall (ytd)	11.07

## STATE VOLLEYBALL RANKINGS

### TGCA Preseason Rankings

The following is a look at the Texas Girls Coaches Association's preseason volleyball rankings for Class through Class 5A.

#### Class 1A

1. Water Valley
2. Round Top Carmine
3. Jewett Leon
4. Iola
5. Wink
6. Burton
7. Windthorst
8. North Zulch
9. Cayuga
10. Flatonia

Interesting Note for 2012: Past two champions are really good, Leon is a traditional power although rebuilding. Cayuga returns five starters; Burton, Iola and Wink were points from finals and Windthorst appears to have reloaded as has Yorktown.

#### Class 2A

1. Poth
2. White Oak
3. Bushland
4. Brock
5. Nocona
6. Godley
7. Marion
8. New Diana
9. Holliday
10. Centerville

Interesting Note for 2012: The polls are dominated by traditional powers. Poth and

White Oak have the rings but Bushland and Brock are talented enough to play for the top spot. There is a lot of talent in the five through 15 slots so don't be surprised to see many early season upsets.

#### Class 3A

1. Abilene Wylie
2. Tarkington
3. Sinton
4. Wimberley
5. Andrews
6. Bellville
7. Needville
8. Paris North Lamar
9. Monahans
10. Argyle

Interesting Note for 2012: Lovejoy is gone taking Prosper with them up to Class 4A. Abilene Wylie is back and really good while long time powers Bellville and Wimberley appear ready to compete for the top spot. Both West Texas and Northeast Texas are seeing increases in the number of quality 3A squads, Mexia has a ton to returning talent.

#### Class 4A

1. Lucas Lovejoy
2. Amarillo
3. Georgetown
4. Canyon Randall
5. Richmond Foster
6. Cedar Park
7. Hereford
8. Dumas
9. Friendswood

10. Longview Pine Tree  
Interesting Note for 2012: The three top teams weren't in Class 4A last year and two of the top two teams (Lake Travis and Pearce) over the past couple of season went up to Class 5A. After the big three, the next five are excellent. Hereford got re-aligned out of the District 3 chamber of volleyball monsters where Amarillo, Randall and Dumas now live. Cedar Park is very good but are in the same district as ball control wizards Vista Ridge.

#### Class 5A

1. Coppell
2. Houston Cypress Woods
3. San Antonio Lady Bird Johnson
4. Houston Cypress Falls
5. McKinney Boyd
6. Austin Westlake
7. Southlake Carroll
8. The Woodlands
9. San Antonio Reagan
10. Corpus Christi Carroll

Interesting Note for 2012: The Cypress ISD district has amazing talent but it is spread around while Coppell is the team to beat. Lots of re-loading going on in Class 5A where Lake Travis and Richardson Pearce now play. Austin Westlake graduated nine seniors and may wildly unpredictable as they are talented, tall and both young and inexperienced.

## 4-H meeting set for Aug. 13 at courthouse

There will be a meeting held on Monday, Aug. 13, at the Knox County Courthouse to plan the upcoming 4-H calendar year.

4-H is an educational and social experience that is second to none, and the success of the Knox County program is dependent on solid adult volunteer participation. If you have a child in the program you are highly encouraged to make this meeting.

"We will be planning programs for the

upcoming year, selecting club managers, discussing fundraisers, as well as setting a date for our annual awards ceremony," said Agrilife Extension Service agent Jerry Coplen.

We look forward to working with you in the future and if you have any questions or comments please contact Lorrie or Jerry at the Knox County Agrilife Extension Service office at (940) 459-2651.

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**Last year's tax rate:**

Last year's operating taxes	\$ 201,834.00
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0.00
Last year's total taxes	\$ 201,834.00
Last year's tax base	\$ 30,236,529.00
Last year's total tax rate	\$ 0.667510 /\$100

**This year's effective tax rate:**

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 201,607.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 29,622,870.00
= This year's effective tax rate	\$ 0.680580 /\$100

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)

In the first year a hospital district or city collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ 0.000000 /\$100
= Effective tax rate	\$ 0.000000 /\$100

**This year's rollback tax rate:**

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 200,014.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 29,622,870.00
= This year's effective operating rate	\$ 0.680580 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$ 0.735020 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ 0.000000 /\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$ 0.735020 /\$100

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= Rollback tax rate	\$ 0.000000 /\$100

For a taxing unit with additional rollback rate for pollution control, insert the following lines:

+ Additional rollback rate for pollution control	\$ 0.000000 /\$100
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### 2012 Property Tax Rates in CITY OF BENJAMIN

This notice concerns 2012 property tax rates for CITY OF BENJAMIN. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

**Last year's tax rate:**

Last year's operating taxes	\$ 25,945.00
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0.00
Last year's total taxes	\$ 25,945.00
Last year's tax base	\$ 4,006,140.00
Last year's total tax rate	\$ 0.647610 /\$100

**This year's effective tax rate:**

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 26,107.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 4,160,540.00
= This year's effective tax rate	\$ 0.627490 /\$100

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)

In the first year a hospital district or city collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ 0.000000 /\$100
= Effective tax rate	\$ 0.000000 /\$100

**This year's rollback tax rate:**

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 26,107.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 4,160,540.00
= This year's effective operating rate	\$ 0.627490 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$ 0.677690 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ 0.000000 /\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$ 0.677690 /\$100

A hospital district or city that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collects the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following lines:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ 0.000000 /\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$ 0.000000 /\$100

For a taxing unit with additional rollback rate for pollution control, insert the following lines:

+ Additional rollback rate for pollution control	\$ 0.000000 /\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$ 0.000000 /\$100

## STATEMENT OF INCREASE/DECREASE

IF CITY OF KNOX CITY ADOPTS A 2012 TAX RATE EQUAL TO THE EFFECTIVE TAX RATE OF \$ .68058 per \$100 OF VALUE, TAXES WOULD INCREASE COMPARED TO 2011 TAXES BY \$ .01307

### Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

TYPE OF PROPERTY TAX FUND	BALANCE
GENERAL FUND	-0-

This notice was prepared by Mitzi Welch, Tax Assessor

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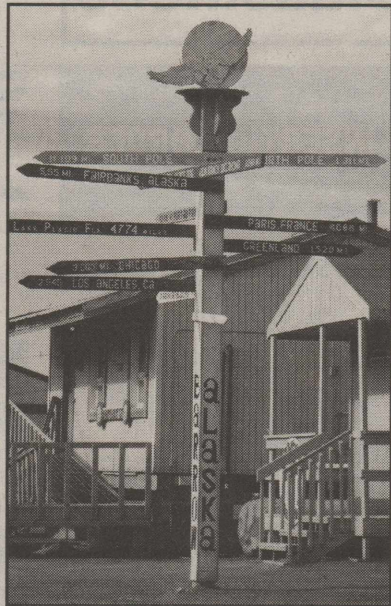


# Scenes from Alaska

News publisher Tommy Wells recently completed a six-week stay in the 49th state. Below are a few photos from his trip.



Tinmiq Hailstone (far right) and her sister Iraqtaq (second from left) show off the tradition caribou parkas they helped make in their village of Noorvik.

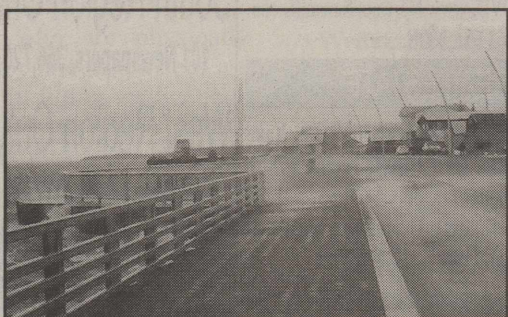


A sign (above) shows the distances from Barrow, the northern-most city in the United States, to other places in the world. Just 300 miles from the north pole, Barrow is more than 4,000 miles from Throckmorton.

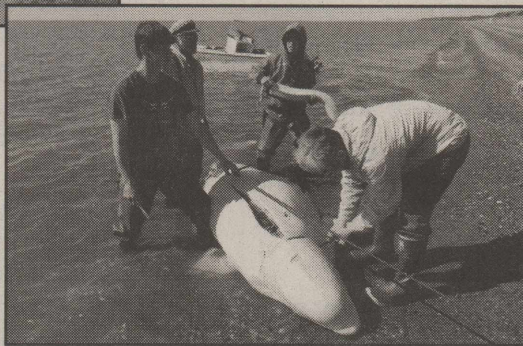


Barrow head coach Brad Igou watches on as an assistant snaps the ball to a player during football practice in Barrow. High school football began two weeks ago in Alaska.

A group of fishermen (below) pull a beluga whale that they caught up on the beach near Kotzebue. Muktuk, the Eskimo word for whale meat, is a major staple among the Alaska Natives.



Water splashed onto Front Street in Kotzebue during a storm. Kotzebue, a city of about 2,500 sits on the Baldwin Peninsula, just inside the Arctic Circle.



# Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

The main topic of conversation these days is the heat and dry weather. Same as last summer, but maybe it will cool off here in a week or so. Let's hope so. One thing for sure, this is not a very pleasant time for any outdoor activities. Better stay inside, run the A/C, and watch our electric bills soar! Any way to keep cool though-- works for me--how about you?

### Here 'N There

It's a pretty slow news week over this way. Guess folks are staying pretty close to home rather than getting out and battling the "elements." However, there is a little going on.

Donnie Ryder is still recovering from cataract surgery. He was doing fine, but he began to have a problem and went back to see his doctor. It was discovered that during the surgery the doctor accidentally punctured his eyeball, so he has dealt with that for a couple of weeks. However, they have that corrected now, and he is doing much better. It just took a little longer for recuperation than it usually does. The doctors told him it would be about four weeks before it is completely healed.

Superintendent Olivia Gloria said she nearly has all the teachers for the upcoming school year. Several vacancies had to be filled due to the teachers we had "moving on" to other places, but, hopefully, everything will be ready to go within the next few days. Today is really the beginning of the school year, as it's time for physicals and two-a days. No word yet as to how many we will have enrolled here.

Judy and Randolph Barnett are back home after several weeks in the Houston area where he was working. As usual, there are things to be done after being gone for a while, so I imagine they will be pretty busy for a few days.

Sara Clower of Abilene (and HSU) was a weekend guest of her Mom, Debbie, and other relatives and friends.

Gloria West returned home Sunday after a week's visit with her daughter, Cathy Tomlinson, in Denton. She also had a chance to visit her grandchildren who live in the area. Gloria's other daughter, Betty Parker of Aspermont, spent the weekend in Denton and brought her home.

Debbie Niell and grandson, Colin, left Tuesday for their home in Florida after several weeks' visit with Debbie's Mom, Mary Young. Mary took them to DFW for their flight home and enjoyed a brief visit with Butch and Letha Young before returning home.

My grandson, Cody Taylor, is recovering nicely from his accident in a softball game last week. He suffered a broken wrist, and after surgery, it seems to be healing as it should. He's back at work, and though he's limited on what he can do, he's managing well. Most of his work is office work, so he handles that ok. Just had to learn to use his left hand, as he's right handed and that's the one he broke!

Charles Jones had some skin cancers removed recently and was sort of "housed in" for a few days, but he is out and about again and doing fine. He's song leader at the Baptist Church, and we sure miss him when he has to be out. Needless to say, it was good to have him back Sunday.

I learned a few days ago of the death of Naomi Myers, who lived at Gilliland. She had been in failing health for a while, and I believe had been living in the Haskell Nursing Center. She was an energetic person who worked hard to keep her home and yard in tiptop shape. She always had a wonderful garden and was so generous with her produce—she shared with friends. My sympathy to her family.

Jan Carver is doing ok following her recent surgery. She's still a little uncomfortable, but as the healing progresses, that will improve. She sees her doctor again this week for a follow-up visit.

Janice and Buddy Tolson were in Quanah Wednesday for the funeral of one of her cousins. She said he was diagnosed only two weeks ago with cancer and was scheduled to begin treatments the day he passed away.

Remember, Call in Your News--459-3551

### 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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