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Hospital, clinic to drill water wells

Knox Notes

By Michele Fetsch
The Knox County News-Courier

The Knox County Hospital Board of Directors approved installation of two water wells on the grounds of the hospital and Knox City clinic. Due to water restrictions imposed by the drought, the well water will help off-set the need for municipal city water.

Board member JoAnn Albus and hospital Maintenance Director, Rick Fetsch helped determine the best location to drill. Using an often referred to as old-fashioned method, JoAnn and Rick used metal dowsing rods to "witch for water." After several walkovers, at the conclusion of their independent results, "X" marked the spot.

Local contractors dug two 60' water wells, one at the hospital and one at the clinic. Water was successfully reached at 30'. The sites have been prepared with concrete foundations, electric submersive pumps and pressure tanks with sand separators. When the installation is complete, protective sheds will be built to keep the equipment protected from the weather.

Right now, the well water is in use for purposes of maintaining the landscaping and grounds. When asked about a plan for well usage in the wake of an external or internal disaster, hospital administrator, Stephen Kuehler said, "That's what we installed the wells for." Should the water supply further

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Charlie Fetsch of Decker Electric Co. installs the equipment.

Events are listed free of charge for nonprofit civic organizations, schools and community events. Submit listings at least two weeks ahead of the date. Listings will run through the date of the event. Emailed submissions are preferred to kcnewscourier@gmail.com.

St. Joe's Carnival

The youth of St. Joseph's in Rhineland will host their annual family friendly Halloween carnival and bingo night Saturday in the Rhineland gym. Costume contest at 7 p.m. with cash prizes. Bingo at 9 p.m. Cake walk, sponge booth, concessions, popcorn balls, caramel apples and peanut patties. For information, contact Janet Dillard at janet.dillard@esc9.net.

Rummage sale

The Vendors Flea Market is scheduled 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 26 and Nov. 30 at the Munday Events Center. Booths are available for \$10 for 10-by-10 space. Call Pat Wild at 940-203-2497 for information.

Tour of Homes

The Knox County Visioning Group is seeking local homes to feature in the annual tour of homes in December. For information, call 940-459-4121.

Alzheimer's Support Group

The Munday Nursing Center sponsors a support group for Alzheimer's patients, caregivers, family and friends at 12:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month in Fellowship Hall at Munday First United Methodist Church. Bring a sack lunch. The Next meeting is Aug. 12. Call Ronda Thompson at 940-422-4541 for information.

Old Glory events

Area residents are encouraged to attend a dance from 7 to 10 p.m. every second Thursday of the month at the Old Glory Community Center. Live music and entertainment and concessions. The Old Glory Musical is held on the fourth Saturday of each month, also at the Community Center. For information, call Miti Dunham at 989-2816.

Veterans benefits

War-time veterans or surviving spouses may be entitled to monthly income from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. For information, contact Marsha Mahurin at West Texas Senior Resources at 806-781-3901 or email marsha.mahurin@yahoo.com.

Senior citizens musical

The monthly musical fundraiser for the Knox County Aging Center is from 7 to 9 p.m. the first Monday of the month. Local musicians and talent. Bring your own snacks. Tea/coffee will be served. Donations will be accepted for the upkeep of the building. All funds benefit the Aging Center. For information, contact Cassandra Sheedy at 657-3618.

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Early voting begins Monday throughout Texas

By Geoff Baumgartner
The Knox County News-Courier

Early voting in the state constitutional amendment election begins next week.

Registered voters wishing to cast ballots ahead of the Nov. 5 election may do so from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at the County Courthouse.

The last day to request a ballot by mail is Oct. 25.

A new requirement this election is for each registered voter to show a valid photo ID in order to cast a ballot. For those who do not have any acceptable forms of identification, then an Election Identification Card can be obtained from any Department of Public Safety location at no charge.

If you are voting by mail, you do not have to submit photo identification and if you have a documented disability, you may apply to your county voter registrar for a permanent exemption from the photo identification requirement. If approved, you will not need a photo ID in order to cast a vote.

There will be nine proposed amendments on the ballot for the Nov. 5 election in Texas. While most will be related to a variety of amendments regarding ad valorem tax exemptions, most West Texas residents likely will be concerned with Proposition 6, which would ensure proper water resources be allocated to the communities that need them most.

The amendment proposes providing for the creation of the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas

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Knox County Brazos river bridge nearing completion

By Geoff Baumgartner
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KNOX COUNTY — A section of the Brazos River SH-6 Bridge in Knox County, just north of Knox City and south of Benjamin was partially completed recently and is now open to through traffic. The project is ongoing, but most of the major construction is completed and the newly designed, much wider bridge, is now functioning.

While the new bridge has recently become available for public use, the project is still ongoing and remains in phase two of construction. "Even though the new bridge is now available, we are still working on transitions that tie the new roadway to the old roadway," said Barbara Seal, our Knox County Txdot Spokeswoman. "The \$4.3 million dollar project is approximately 80% complete with a final completion date set for Nov. 2013," Seal continued.

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A north to south view of the newly completed SH-6 Bridge in Knox County. The old bridge is also visible and will remain intact for historical purposes. The WPA constructed the Original bridge in the 1930's.

Sausage Fest



Mike Urbanczyk helps customer Lorrie Coop with her order of breakfast sausage.



A large crowd packs the Knights of Columbus hall for the annual sausage and chicken dinner.

Annual Sausage Fest is a labor of love

By Michele Fetsch
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RHINELAND — It's a tradition 41 years and still going strong. Members of St. Joseph's Knights of Columbus gathered Saturday to prepare for their largest annual fundraiser to make sausage by hand.

This year, a volunteer group of about 30 Catholic men of all ages participated in making German sausage, each having a specific job to do. Various stations were set up in the old Rhineland store, ranging from unpacking boxes of pork, sorting and cutting, seasoning, grinding, sleeving, weighing and packaging.

Customers place advanced orders and some just drop by to purchase the homemade sausage by the 5-pound or 10-pound bag for German sausage or by the 2-pound sleeve for breakfast sausage.

In anticipation of the large number of people who show up annually to purchase the sausage and attend the dinner the next day, the Knights of Columbus men purchase about 2,500 pounds

of pork; prepare and cook more than 600 pounds of sausage; and about 800 pounds of chicken each year close to Columbus Day.

"When the event first started over 40 years ago," Elder and Knights of Columbus member Francis Birkenfeld said, "we started in the back (of the old Rhineland store). Back then, we did it all; nowadays, we buy the meat."

While taking a break, 85-year-old Birkenfeld continued to say, "I'm so happy to see the younger men get involved."

Making the sausage on this scale takes a team. Al Kuehler, another senior sausage maker said, "This is our biggest event to raise money for charity. Some of the funds go for the upkeep of our hall, but most and more importantly to help people."

On Sunday, the day of the dinner, folks come from all around, not just from the local community to enjoy each other's company over an all-you-can-eat meal of fried chicken, German sausage, homemade salads and vegetables plus goodies from the dessert table.

About 1,150 meals were served.

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Deaths

Charles A. Pierce

Charles A. Pierce, 70, of Haskell, Texas passed away Tuesday, October 8, 2013 at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. Graveside services will be held at 3:00 p.m., Thursday, October 10, 2013 at Rule Cemetery in Rule officiated by Tex Cox. Arrangements were made under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Home.

Charles was born July 21, 1943 in Stonewall County, Texas to Helen (Tribbey) and James H. Pierce. He resided in Old Glory until after finishing school when he moved to Knox City. Charles was a long-



CHARLES PIERCE time Knox City Booster member, president of the Little League, and built the horn and bell that is used at the high school football games. He was a member

of Sweet Home Baptist Church of Knox City.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Helen and James Pierce; and 1 brother, Don Pierce.

Charles is survived by his 2 daughters, Missy Lewis and husband Todd of Haskell, and Michelle Stanfield and husband Jeff of Knox City; 1 son, Nathan Pierce and his wife Maria of Haskell; 6 grandsons, Eric Lewis, Andy Shaver, Zack Shaver, Payne Stanfield, Keifer McNeely, and James Pierce; 3 granddaughters, Emily Lewis, Lacey Pierce, and Cassidy Pierce.

4-H Club

Youth discuss, plan upcoming projects

The Knox County 4-H Club members kicked off the new year with their first club meeting Sept. 9 at the Doug Meinzer Community Center in Knox City.

The group will meet at 6 p.m. the second Monday of each month, and will rotate meetings between Knox City, Munday and Benjamin.

The club members discussed upcoming projects such as the food show, nutrition quiz bowl and others. They also discussed how to apply to become a 4-H officer.

The club also discussed the T-shirt design contest and were informed 4-H members will be able to design this year's club T-shirt. The

winning design will be featured on the 2013 4H Club shirt. The winning design will be announced at the October club meeting. Everyone registered before the deadline will receive a free club T-shirt.

4-H Coordinator Jerry Coplen has emailed a yearly club schedule to all the current 4-H members. If you have not received one, please call 459-2651 or email him and one will be sent to you. If you have not signed up, you can do so at texas.4honline.com. More details can be found at knox.agrilife.org.

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Knox County 4-Hers met Sept. 7 at the Perry Patton in Munday for a hamburger lunch, end-of-year awards, and to get signed up for the 2013-2014 4-H year. Pictured are (back row) Jerry Coplen, Kristen Kuehler, Grace Tidwell, Parker Finley, Brady Finley, Trey Tidwell, Lorrie Coop; (front row) Bryanne Cude, Katherine Cude, Justin Tidwell, John Shaver, Josiah Coplen and McKayla Coplen. (not pictured Callie Cude)

KCRSP news

On Tuesday, October 8th, four local and district KCRSP officers attended the fall training session in Wichita Falls. Those attending were Lou Vail, Billie Walker, Frances King and Joanna Delgado. In addition to a short training session for various Texas Retired Teachers Association offices, Senator Robert Duncan, Representative James Frank, and Representative Drew Springer addressed a short list of questions presented by District 9 Legislative Chairman Terry Allen. The assembly of teachers expressed gratitude and thanks to the legislators for their support to teachers during the last legislative session which resulted in a cost of living pay increase to many of the retired personnel.

Museum News

Friends of the Knox County Historical Commission met Tuesday October 8, at the Wichita Brazos Museum and Cultural Center to make plans for the annual Veterans Day program on November 11, 2013, at 11:00 A.M. The family of C. J. Kelton from Truscott, who was killed in World War II, will be honored.

The "Family Veterans Story and Poster Contest" will be featured again this year. Members of the 6th grade classes in the Benjamin, Knox City and Munday schools will participate.

The Wichita Brazos Museum will display military memorabilia from personal and museum collections. Families are invited to bring their memorabilia and photos to the Museum on Thursday Nov. 7th and Friday Nov. 8th from 1:00 to 5:00 P.M., with cards that describe the articles, what war or time period, and names of those known. They may pick up their collection on the 11th at the close of the exhibition at 2:00.

Following the program, a meal will be served at the Benjamin Ex-Students Center, consisting of a delicious hamburger, chips, bowl of pinto beans, cobbler, and ice tea or coffee.

The beautiful quilt, Rose Wreath, pieced by Mary Cartwright and quilted by Marjorie Lake will be given away at the close of the meal.

Volunteers interested in helping with the Knox County Veterans Day celebration, from the museum display set-up the afternoons of Thursday and Friday, Nov. 7th and 8th, to the serving of the meal at the Center on Nov. 11th, may call 459-2229, 1-5 P.M., Tuesday thru Friday.

Menus

Week of Oct. 21-25

Knox City-O'Brien Breakfast

- Monday:** Pork sausage biscuit or cereal bowl, toast, mixed fruit, juice, milk
- Tuesday:** Biscuit with sausage gravy or cereal bowl, toast, peaches, juice, milk
- Wednesday:** Breakfast pancake wrap or cereal bowl with sausage, applesauce, juice, milk
- Thursday:** Golden waffles with syrup or cereal bowl, toast, pears, juice, milk
- Friday:** Breakfast pizza or cereal bowl, toast, pineapple, juice, milk

Lunch

- Monday:** Tasty rib sandwich or Italian antipasto salad or bologna and cheese, corn, green beans, mixed fruit, slushy, milk
- Tuesday:** Frito chili pie or fajita chicken salad or turkey and cheese, glazed carrots, lettuce, honeydew melon, slushy, milk
- Wednesday:** Chicken quesadilla or garden pasta salad or ham and cheese, Mexicali corn, refried beans, applesauce, slushy, milk
- Thursday:** Steak fingers or zesty tuna salad or tuna salad, mashed potatoes, green beans, pears, slushy, milk
- Friday:** Pizza or chef salad or po-boy combo, tator tots, baked beans, pineapple, slushy, milk

Munday Breakfast

- Monday:** Golden waffles with syrup, honey graham, mixed fruit, slushy, juice, milk
- Tuesday:** Cereal bowl, honey graham, peaches, slushy, juice, milk
- Wednesday:** Breakfast pancake wrap, applesauce, slushy, juice, milk
- Thursday:** Cereal bowl, honey graham, pears, slushy, juice, milk
- Friday:** Breakfast pizza, honey graham, pineapple, juice, milk

Lunch

- Monday:** Tasty rib sandwich or bologna and cheese, corn, green beans, mixed fruit, slushy, milk
- Tuesday:** Frito chili pie or turkey and cheese, carrots, lettuce topping, honeydew, slushy, milk
- Wednesday:** Chicken quesadilla or ham and cheese, Mexicali corn, refried beans, applesauce, slushy, milk
- Thursday:** Steak fingers or tuna salad, peppered gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, cantaloupe, slushy, milk
- Friday:** Pizza or po-boy, tator tots, baked beans, pineapple, slushy, milk

Knox County Aging Center

- Monday:** Charbroil beef patty with peppers and onions, garlic mashed potatoes, beets, bread, cake
- Tuesday:** Lasagna, brussell sprouts, peas, garlic toast, pears
- Wednesday:** Beef soft taco, spanish rice, broccoli, tortilla, mandarin oranges
- Thursday:** Baked chicken, baked potato with sour cream, peas, pineapple
- Friday:** Turkey sandwiches, tomato/ lettuce/ pickle, broccoli/ raisin salad, fruit cup

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Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

Well, after a couple of much cooler days, today (Monday) looks like it may be a little warmer. The nice brisk weekend was sure a welcome relief from what we have had for several weeks. Well, it's October and winter is not far off.

Some in the community have had some health issues the past week — Susan Jones and Carol Dickson have both been in HMC in Abilene for some surgery and though both were described as “not too serious,” I look at any surgery as serious. They are both home now and recuperating nicely and that's the main thing. Jim Cox has also been hospitalized at Knox City with a heart “flare-up,” not an attack but more like it was out of rhythm. He will probably see a cardiologist this week. He is at home now.

My cousin, Marjorie Pryor Hollar who has lived in Burleson for many years, passed away Saturday night of a heart attack. Marjorie was reared in Goree but has been gone from Knox County a long time. However, she still knew a lot of people in the area. She was the only sibling of the late Pat Lankford in Knox City. Services for Marjorie are pending this time.

Ronald and Verna Griffith who live in Minnesota are here for a few days' visit with his brother and his wife, Charles and Linda. Ronald and Verna have been in Texas several days visiting relatives and friends in various parts of the state. He said it hasn't started to cool off much in Minnesota yet, that it was only in the 50's when they left. It was good to see them.

I talked to Gloria West Saturday. She said she has not been feeling too well. Says her energy is “sopped.” She's hoping the cooler weather will make her feel better. She's still dealing with dispensing with her house and the “belongings” that her family didn't need or want. Think maybe there may be a sale pretty soon to try to take care of what is left.

Probably when that worry and responsibility is gone, she will feel better. I hope so. It was good to talk with her.

Remodeling on the Debbie Clower house is coming right along. Not sure what all is being done but I'm sure Kim and Tina Sealy will be glad when it's completed and they can move in. Looking “forward” to moving especially with cold weather nearing can be an uncomfortable venture — but it'll be nice when it's all done.

Little Kaylie Rogers of Snyder is spending this week with her grandparents, Mike and Debi Moorhouse. Kaylie is the 2-year old daughter of Lynn and Michael.

Pam Duke says her mom, Jessie Roberts, is adjusting pretty well after the loss of her husband, Kenneth. Her sister, Bea Parks has moved into the room with her at the Munday Nursing Center so they can keep each other company. We need to visit them and the other residents in the Nursing Center when we are in Munday. We will all feel better if we do.

Latest report from Tim Ward is that he has had a bone marrow scan and that is all clear and he's very encouraged about that. He will be in the hospital for about two more weeks while undergoing chemotherapy. It was good to get that encouraging report.

Imagean Young has been having a few problems and will see a lung specialist in Wichita Falls this week. Of course, she's hoping to hear that whatever it is, it can be treated with medication. She sure doesn't want to have surgery.

Philomae Roberson is “officially” retired from the Knox County Abstract Office. She worked there for many years but thought it was time to quit and give someone else a chance at it. Pam Oliver (Mrs. Greg) is working in that office now.

And finally, a clarification regarding last week's column. In telling about Tim White returning to Benjamin after be-

ing in Ohio for several months, the article said Susan White and son, John would be going to get Tim — not so. It was Ronnie and John who made the trip. No big deal—just wanted to get it right. Tim said he had a good time while in Ohio but is glad to be home and it's good to see him back at work at Ranchland Conoco.

We have light rain falling this Monday morning, and it is nice! Just hope it continues, but weather guys say it may stop around noon. We don't need the flooding some places are having, and I'm sure some would like for it to have “held off” for a few days, but, I think here on the dry Knox Prairie, we should be thankful to get it when we can!

New Arrival

Carter Acevedo has an announcement to make. He has a new baby brother. Ezequiel Kaeson was born Monday, October 7, 2013, at 7:54 am at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. He weighed 7 lb. 15 oz., and the boys' parents are Kaitlyn and Enrique Acevedo. Grandparents are Steven and Sheila Kuehler and Pancho and Emilia Acevedo. He has uncles, aunts, and cousins, and even great grandparents that I'm sure will do lots of helping to spoil him. Both mom and baby and the rest of the family are doing great!

Reception to Honor Mrs. Roberson

Philomae Roberson has retired from the Knox County Abstract Co., where she has been employed close to 45 years. A reception in her honor will be held on October 22, 2013, from 2 until 3 pm at the Knox County Museum. Everyone is invited to come by and wish her well, and at the same time kinda take a look at the museum. It should be a fun afternoon and a great way to pay tribute to someone who has done so much for so long.

Sympathy

My sympathy to the family of Charlie Pierce today. Charlie passed away early last week after failing health for a few months. His funeral was Thursday in Rule.

Veterans Day program

The Historical Commission is again planning a program to honor all Knox County Veterans, (both deceased and living) on November 11. So make plans to be in Benjamin on that day for this always impressive program. Of course, there will be much more on this as the time nears.

Here 'n' there

Lexie, Katy, and Blaze Taylor of Amarillo spent this weekend with their dad, Cody, and grandparents, Mike and Debi Moorhouse. On Saturday afternoon Katy was honored with a family party in observance of her 8th birthday. The party was held at the Moorhouse home.

Kenneth and Ila Mae Benson and Wanda Joyce Jennings of Wichita Falls and Tommy Benson of Abilene were here last Wednesday to do some work out at the cemetery. While in town, they “sort of” drove around and looked things over and also dropped by the museum for a visit.

Barbara Ryder spent a few days last week with her sister, Elaine, in Lubbock. Elaine's son, Bryan, died about a year ago, and Barbara said she is beginning to recover from that loss.

It's good they could spend some time together.

Cathy Tomlinson and her mom, Gloria West of Denton, Cathy's sons, Sammy of Denison and Jody of Abilene, Gloria's son and daughter, Robert Clower of Electra and Betty Parker of Dickens, were all here during the weekend doing more work clearing out more of Gloria's “stuff,” getting things in order for a sale pretty soon. It's been a task, but I think it's getting pretty close to being finished, and I'm sure it will be a relief to all of them to be free of that responsibility.

My daughter, Debi Moorhouse, and I were at McAdoo Thursday for the funeral of Willie Etheridge of Silverton. Willie passed away on Sunday night. She and her husband, Cherry, were en route to Ponder to be with their daughter and her husband, Tracy and Bruce Yeager, where Tracy was to undergo surgery on Tuesday in Dallas. Willie got sick on the trip and died in Plainview. They lived in Goree in the 80's, where he was a coach.

Ronald and Verna Griffith left Wednesday for their home in Park Rapids, Minnesota after being in Texas for several days and visiting here with his brother and wife, Charles and Linda. They left their travel trailer here—a pretty good indication that they plan to be back before long. The weather here is probably less brutal than they have in Minnesota in the winter.

Judy and Randolph Bar-

nett, Corrine Parrish, and Philomae Roberson were at Wolfforth Wednesday to visit Jim Bob and Jenny Beth Conner and family. This was the first time Philomae and Corrine had seen Calli, the baby daughter of Jim Bob and Jenny, so that made the trip worthwhile. Also, they got their first tour of the couple's new home, so all in all, it was a good day. And they had lunch in town with Judy's son, Jeff, and Brandi Jones, so a good visit was enjoyed with everyone.

Shelby Russell left Monday for Lubbock, where she has enrolled in school. She will be taking classes at Kaplan to become a certified medical assistant.

Lynn Rogers of Snyder visited her dad, Mike, and Debi Moorhouse during the weekend. Their daughter, Kaylie, returned home with her mom after a week's visit with her grandparents.

Imagean Young had the local first responders in her home Saturday night for dinner. Ribeyes and all the things that go with them and iced tea were served those present. She said she felt she ought to do something to repay them for their quick response when she has needed them on several occasions. I think that was a nice gesture. Several were “out of pocket”, but those attending were Tracy and Susan Cartwright, Chad Rainwater, and Mary Young.

Gladene Green is the longtime Benjamin correspondent for

Santa Rosa

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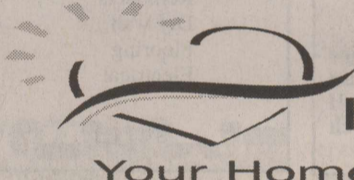
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Thanks for reading!

The Paperboy

The days of Big Brother are upon us

Many of you will scoff at this notion, but you're being spied on. If you are aware of it, maybe you're just not worried.

I've written before about the various agencies obtaining more and more information on Americans and residents of foreign countries. And since these are U.S. agencies, we are powerless to stop it, especially if you use any electronic device such as a phone or computer or you make any transaction that is not cash.

The latest story on government spying broke Monday as it was discovered that the National Security Agency is gathering hundreds of millions of contact lists from personal e-mail and instant messaging accounts around the world.

The collection program intercepts e-mail address books and "buddy lists" from instant messaging services as they move across global data links.

Instead of targeting individual users, the NSA is gathering lists in large numbers — up to 500,000 a day.

During a single day last year, the NSA's

Special Source Operations branch collected 444,743 e-mail address books from Yahoo, 105,068 from Hotmail, 82,857 from Facebook, 33,697 from Gmail and 22,881 from other providers. That is a typical daily take according to the story.

Although the collection takes place overseas, senior U.S. intelligence officials said the program ends up sweeping the contacts of millions of Americans.

A spokesman for the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, which oversees the NSA, said the agency "is focused on discovering and developing intelligence about valid foreign intelligence targets like terrorists, human traffickers and drug smugglers. We are not interested in personal information about ordinary Americans."

Sound familiar? In June, it was discovered that the NSA was using a program to obtain phone records of a huge number of American citizens.

The NSA's director, General Keith B. Alexander, has defended "bulk" collection saying, "You need the haystack to find the needle."

You may be of the mind that you have nothing to hide so the government is not interested in you. Hopefully you're right, but I doubt it.

When you have data on Americans,

whether it's about the prescriptions we take or perhaps a hunting license recently purchased, it's easy to use your imagination and realize how this data can be used for purposes which are less than benign.

I wish I could inform you that there are measures you can take to keep your life private, but the fact is I can't.

If you're in public, someone has you on camera. If you use debit or credit cards, they know exactly what you buy. If you use Facebook or any social network, they know your friends and family. The infringements go on and on.

Big Brother is not only watching us, they are remembering everything about us. Under the guise of security or convenience, we are fooled into handing over every bit of our personal information to the government and it's wrong.

Speaking of Facebook, have you heard the latest?

Facebook is getting rid of the privacy feature that allows users to limit who can find them on the social network.

Facebook said last week it is removing the setting that controls whether users could be found when people type their name into the website's search bar. The company is using the excuse that only a few million even use the feature.

So if your kids are on Facebook and their settings were private, they're now

out there for predators to find. Just a word of caution.

For some good news regarding technology:

France's National Agency for Health, Food and Environmental Safety says that cell phones have no detrimental impact on health.

The same agency does make the recommendation that children and big users of mobile phones limit their exposure to the devices.

"In the light of current knowledge, given the rapid evolution of technologies and their uses, (the agency) recommends limiting the population's exposure to radio frequency energy — in particular for mobile phones, and particularly for children and heavy users — and to control general exposure to relay antennas."

So basically, they are saying there is nothing wrong with using cell phones, but just in case, limit your usage.

Sounds to me like they need to study this more.

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Miss Firelighter nominees



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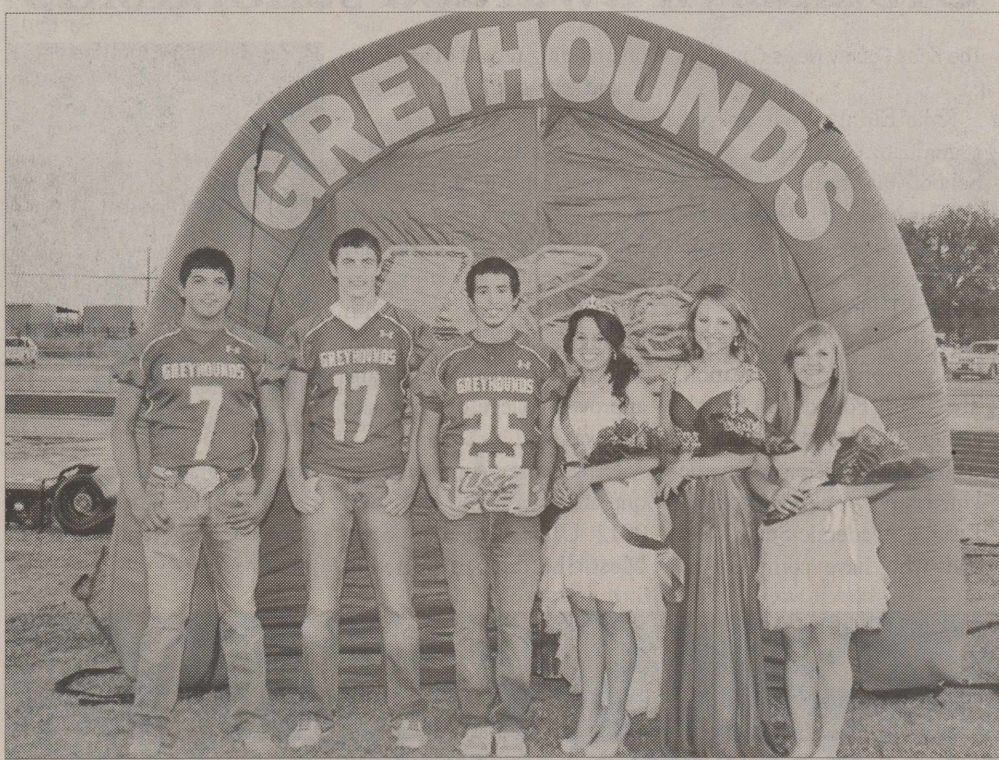
This year's Miss Firelighter nominees Kelsey Vasquez, Kinsley Cox, and Andrea Lynn. Kelsey Cox would not only win Miss Firelighter, but Football Sweetheart as well. Miss Firelighter was chosen last Wednesday before the annual Knox City bonfire, while Football Sweetheart was

Up in flames



Miss Firelighter Kelsey Vasquez hold up a torch to light the giant 'KC' bonfire. It is the job of the newly elected Miss Firelighter to light the bonfire every year. The Knox City bonfire tradition spans back decades, but only recently took its unique 'KC' shape.

Football Beau & Sweetheart

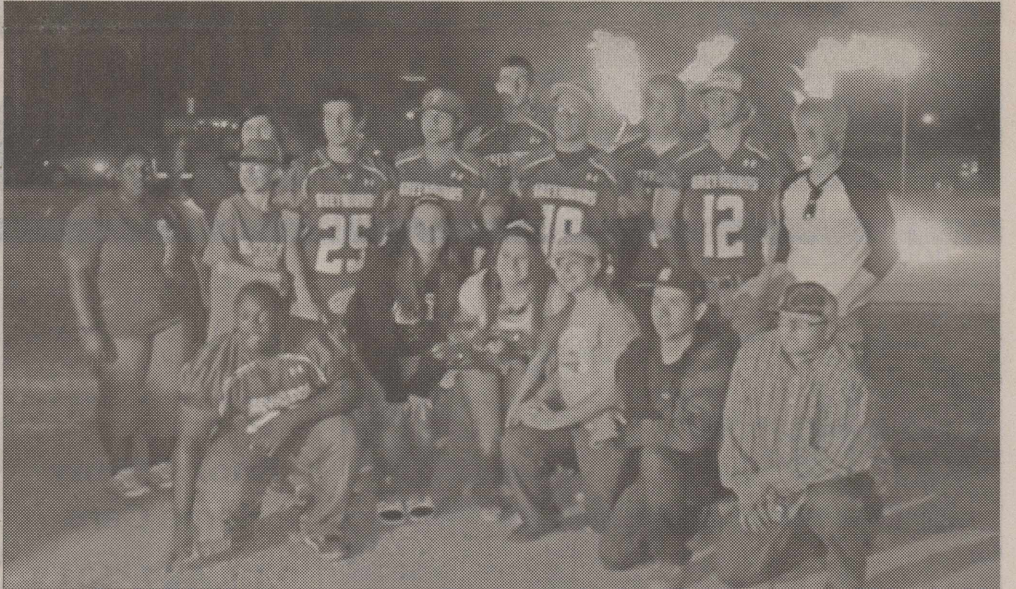
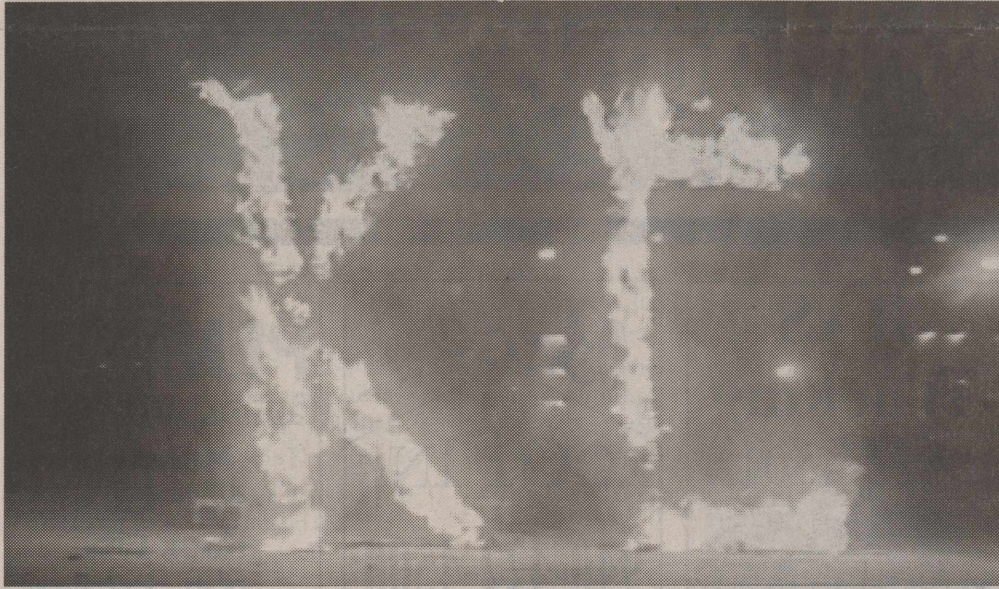


Football Beau and Sweetheart Chris Lewis and Kesley Vasquez pose with their fellow nominees Zach Carter, Thylyne Eaton, Kinsley Cox, and Andrea Lynn. Zach Carter would go on to be crowned Band Beau as well, while Tanna Moeller took Band Sweetheart.

Band Sweetheart



Band Sweetheart Tanna Moeller gets crowned by cheerleader sponsor Christi Howeth on the field before Friday night's victory over the Paint Creek varsity team.



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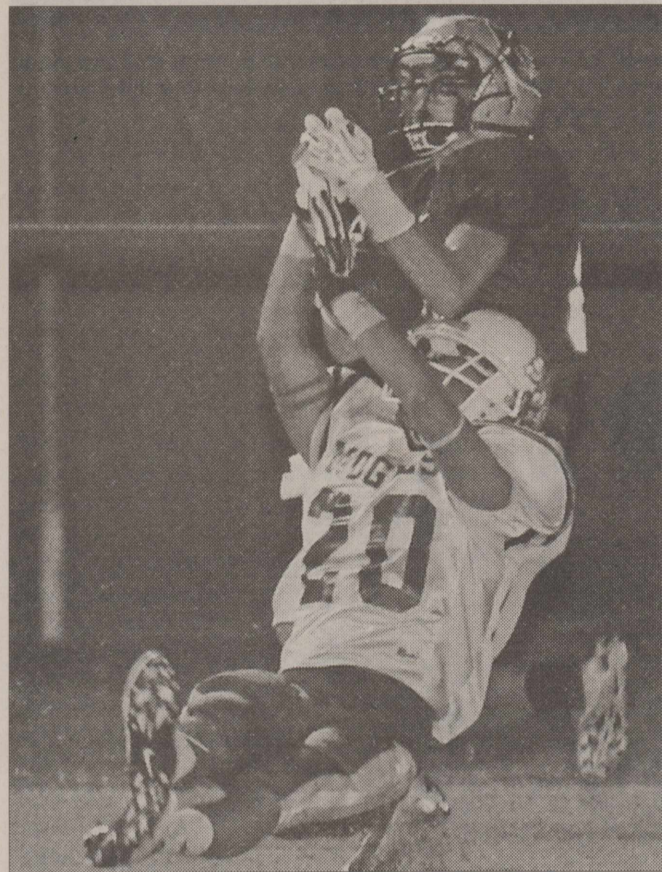
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Varsity Mogul Football



Munday Mogul L.J. Collier (#7) struggles to push past Perrin-Whitt defensesmen, while holding onto the ball. Collier is given such an intense effort, his eyes were rolling back into his head. With this latest road win, the Moguls record now goes to 2-4 for the season, and 1-0 for district play.



Mogul receiver Victor Garcia (#20) comes down with the ball on top of a Perrin-Whitt defender, who could not prevent the catch. The Moguls won last Friday night's game over the Hornets in double-overtime 27-21 in their closest game so far this season.

Girls Volleyball

Munday Mogulettes Defeat Knox City in Four Sets, Remain Undefeated in District

By Geoff Baumgartner
The Knox County News-Courier

KNOX CITY – The Munday Mogulette varsity volleyball squad traveled to neighboring Knox City last week to take on the Houndettes. While the Greyhounds put up a good fight, even winning a set, the Mogulettes were just too aggressive at the net and ended up winning, 25-21, 25-15, 18-25, and 25-12.

For the first time in weeks, the Mogulettes came out in full-force, with Raci Dillard and Tatum Bufkin both having recovered from their ankle injuries. Since both of these major hitters returned, the Mogulettes were in top form. However, the Houndettes were also, and gave Munday the best fight they have in years. With such a close proximity between the towns and a packed Knox City gym, the rivalry between the teams was palpable and the tension was high- all of which provided a peak performance on both sides of the net.

Munday's overall record is now 24-11, while their district record is 4-0. Meanwhile, Knox City's overall record is 16-7, while their district record is now 2-2.

The major players for the Mogulettes were Raci Dillard, a junior middle-blocker, with three aces, 18 kills, and two blocks, while Tatum Bufkin, a senior setter, had three aces, 33 assists, and three saves. In addition, Kaylan Urbanczyk, a senior middle blocker, had one ace, 11 digs, 13 kills, one block, and two saves.

Even though they did not get the victory, Knox City Head Coach Sammy Baumgartner was pleased with her girls' performance. "We have never played this well against Munday because they are a very fundamentally sound team," said Baumgartner.

The major players for Knox City were Cassandra Ledesma, a senior outside hitter, with five hits, three tips, four digs, five serves, and two aces, while Leighton Pepper, a junior outside hitter, had two hits, two kills, one block, two tips, two assists, eight serves, and three aces. In addition, Kinsley Cox, a junior setter, had nine serves two tips, and 17 assists, while Jordyn Eaton, a sophomore middle hitter, had eight serves, two hits, and three blocks. Kaylie Steele, a sophomore middle hitter and the team's biggest consistent contributor, had six hits, five kills, six blocks, one tip, and one tip kill.

Urbanczyk awarded scholarship

The Knox County News-Courier

Kylie Elizabeth Urbanczyk, a graduate of Munday High School, has been awarded a scholarship by the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation.

Urbanczyk received the Clark Foundation in the amount of \$1,000, payable the first year of higher education. The Clark Foundation Scholarship is awarded to students who have participated in the University Interscholastic League Academic State Meet and who have compiled an

outstanding record of academic and extracurricular achievement.

This year the TILF awarded 411 new scholarships and will renew 179 multi-year awards for a total of 590 scholarships being distributed during the 2013-14 academic year, with a value of over \$1.1 million. Recipients must attend any approved college or university in Texas.

Urbanczyk competed in one-act play at the 2011 and 2012 UIL Academics State Meet. She also participated in



the UIL State Track meet.

Urbanczyk attends Cisco Junior College and majors in pharmacy.

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Steer Stampede Color Run a Big Hit at Rochester Homecoming

By **Geoffrey Baumgartner**
The Knox County News-Courier

ROCHESTER – Rochester celebrated homecoming this last Saturday. While there were several events throughout the weekend, it was Saturday's 5K Color Run that attracted the most attention and really gave the whole community some old-fashioned fun. The runners were encouraged to wear white because there was a color station set up for the contestants to get sprayed before the finish line. Goofy socks and dresses were also abundant and hilarious.

The event took place last Saturday morning and was what kick-started the day's activities. Proceeds from the run went to benefit the Haskell High School

National Honor Society. While the Rochester Homecoming is usually held every four years, sometimes it comes after three for special occasions such as anniversaries. Furthermore, the event was an entire community effort, with the Haskell County Realty Company donating the water bottles for the event, and the local middle school chemistry classes making the colorful paints that were sprayed onto the runners as they crossed the finish line. In addition, Rule Banking Center and Rule Bank Texas both donated the money for the run.

Haskell Middle School math teacher and coach Kendra Bevel sponsored the event and many of the runners were her students with Rochester having recently consolidated with Haskell. "The kids just

thought it would be a good idea, and being the National Honor Society Sponsor, I am glad to raise the money for it," said Coach Bevel.

The race stretched around the entire town of Rochester, and ended with a neon pink finish line sprayed across the road outside the old Penman's Building. Overall, it was Angelo Pena who won the event. Not only was Pena the 12-18 year division winner, he was the overall winner as well. Taylor Burson won the 19-34 division, while Braclyn Bevel won the under 12 division. Michele Saucedo won the 35-50 age division and it was Ronnie Hollingsworth or won the over 50-age division.

District Judge Shane Hadaway was there at the finish line to greet people with their cash prizes, although I should mention

that Angelo Pena had to deny his cash prize, because he runs for the school and did not want to break UIL league rules. However, the other contestants were more than happy to oblige.

The Color Run 5K was followed by a parade around downtown Rochester, with each former class sitting with each other. After the parade brisket dinner was served downtown by the Rochester Volunteer Fire Department. The night topped-off when The Tommy Alverson band took the stage in downtown around 9 p.m. Alverson was done with his set around 11 p.m., concluding the weekends events. Although everyone enjoyed the parade, music, and food- it was the 5K Color Run that brought about the most smiles and really pulled the community together for a great cause.



Coach Bevel with her students and other runners from the Steer Stampede Color Run 5K. All of the student's shirts are colorful because each contestant had to run through a color spray station before finishing the race.



The different age division winners pose after the race was finished. Each winner received a cash prize, with Angelo Pena denying his based on UIL rules and regulations, since he runs for the school on a competitive level.

Flu shots available at annual health fair

The Knox County News-Courier

KNOX CITY — Mark your calendar for Saturday as the date to begin or renew a healthy lifestyle.

In conjunction with the Knox County Health District's annual Healthfair, a Health Walk has been scheduled. Registration will begin at 7 a.m. at the hospital with the Health Walk beginning at 7:30 a.m. Participants can walk, run, jog, skip, hop, bike, or crawl up to five miles.

The event is open to all ages and participants choose whatever distance they are comfortable with. A \$5 donation for the Knox County Hospital Auxiliary is requested.

For pre-registration or more information, contact Jamie at the Knox City Clinic at 940-657-3906.

The race will set the stage for multiple health screenings, quality information and demonstrations benefitting all ages throughout the day. The fair will from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at the Knox County Hospital, 701 S. Fifth Street in Knox City.

Vendors scheduled to attend are:

- West Central Texas Council of Governments
- Knox City Police Department
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- Texas Parent to Parent
- Maximus, Inc. (STAR - Texas Health Steps Medicaid)
- Knox County 9-1-1
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- Big Country AHEC
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- Bouncy House for Kids

The Knox County Hospital District Auxiliary, The Pink Ladies, kick off the event with participant registration and

their famous cookies and punch.

Providing complimentary glucose and lipid panels, the Laboratory Department of Knox County Hospital requests participants fast prior to the tests. Testing will be available beginning at 6 a.m.

The Lipid Panel includes Total Cholesterol, HDL, LDL and Triglycerides (fasting required). Also being introduced will be free PSA tests for males over the age of 40 and free BUN, Creatinine, and Uric Acid testing.

The District will also provide booths containing information about breast cancer awareness, healthy living, fall prevention, and disaster preparation. A free blood pressure clinic will also be held. A bouncyhouse will be available for kids of all ages.

The Texas Department of State Health Services show the geographic distribution of flu in the state as "local" with the intensity rated as "low."

Though most flu illnesses in Texas usually occur in December, January, and February, flu is unpredictable and can happen at any time. DSHS recommends Texans receive their seasonal flu vaccination now as it is one of the best ways to protect yourself and others from the flu. Flu shots will be available at the Health Fair at a cost of \$25 each for Non-Medicare/Medicaid patients.

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The 501 If wishes were containers, I'd have one

Shipping containers. Wish I had one. An architect of renown — not a whole lot of renown but some renown — designs distinctive houses



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fabricated from shipping containers. The houses are strong and tougher than tornados. I'm not sure how the containers get stuck together to make the houses, but it happens. If you want one, hire him. He'll fix you up with the consummate configuration. Be the first on your block.

The container guy is not my architect, as in husband. My architect would indeed like to have a shipping container. If we get one, it'll be for the farm — an outbuilding for a workshop and tools. Nothing worth showing off in a leading-edge architecture magazine.

If we get one container, maybe we can get two. His and hers containers! Mine could be a really big closet. I'm serious.

Does Nieman Marcus still offer his and hers Christmas gifts? Matching containers would make a nice gift set somewhere between gold-plated helicopters and gold watches.

NIEMAN MARCUS PAUSE.

Sure enough, no containers. And here's how stupid I am. There's just one His & Hers gift instead of choices. This year it's a \$1,500,000 outdoor entertainment system with a huge screen that rises majestically from the ground. Voilà, instant miniature outdoor cinema for a big backyard. Except the rich and famous have lawns instead of yards. The his and hers aspect of the fabulous gift is that both spouses (not that you absolutely have to

be married to buy the gift) get iPads that function as remote controls. Could the perfect evening deteriorate into a dueling iPads scenario? Just asking.

Back to containers.

In North Dakota towns (or maybe it's South Dakota) where the Bakken Shale has drawn explorers of the petroleum ilk, housing the worker influx has been a challenge. Some live in containers. When an October storm brought 45 untimely inches of snow to the northern Great Plains, the container dwellers no doubt weathered the storm better than their counterparts living in flimsy RV's.

BAKKEN SHALE RESEARCH PAUSE.

The Bakken's in North Dakota. You knew that. The wind blew 45 mph, but only 33 inches of snow fell, and it was in South Dakota, thus saving the Bakken. (Had to say that.)

Pictures on the Internet show containers retrofitted as skid shacks. On the outside they look like regular shipping containers except for windows and big propane bottles. Interior views show RV-style decor minus carpeting and curtains. No frills for the men of the oilfield. Put a bunch of such containers on a Bakken site, and you have a man camp.

Fast forward to the end of the Baaken Boom. Retiring Baby Boomers (the younger ones; the rest of us will be dead) will relocate to picturesque North Dakota container villages. Nothing beats a skid shack for eliminating stairs. Wheelchairs will roll nicely on the vinyl flooring. No curtains to clean.

No one will remember whose idea it was.

Therefore, let me be just a closet designer. I need just one container.

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The Idle American If dilemmas had horns

If dilemmas really had horns — lodged precisely between the two points — one could better understand my Uncle Mort. That's where my 101-year-old kin abides mostly, with a built-in gyroscope guiding him toward the left horn at times and the right one at others.

He claims this location as the one they'll carry him off from. He wants to be remembered as a

man with opinions extracted from deepest pools of thinking, alternated with those dredged quickly from the shallows.

"If I toiled for a newspaper, they'd probably put me in charge of the editorial page," I've heard him say. "That would put the newspapers straightway on the trail to an editorial policy known for the publications' but on the other hand' stances."

When Mort calls, I listen.

Actually, that's my only option, since he clatters away without pauses on topics from the closest hither to the farthest yon. "Hmmmmmmm," or sometimes, "You don't say," are the only expressions I can cram in. (Remember, Mort talks at 250 words per minute, with gusts to 300.)

Recently, he called to discuss diseases, one in particular — fibromyalgia. He doesn't think he's come down with a case of it, but he wants to know more about it.

His specificity surprised me, since he's so rarely ill and passes his infrequent physical exams with colors flying in the breeze. With him and the dilemma business, doctors are on one horn and his self-prescribed herbal treatments on the other. "I'm thinking fibromyalgia is on the rise," Mort said. "I'm always getting emails with warning signs about it," he added.

He claims the emails have prompted no orders for pills offering quick relief. However, he's glad to know about the signs, anyway.

"It gives me something to talk about at the domino table, and when I get my next physical exam, I like to point to some disease the doctor may want to check me for," he concluded. "Besides that, I enjoy saying a long word that rolls off the tongue so easily and gives my friends one more thing to Google," he chuckled.



DON NEWBURY

His reference to fibromyalgia got me thinking about our Sunday school class. To start each session, the most of us snack — and often get seconds — of brunch-like foods not allowed in our homes.

But hey, can't we get off the straight and narrow once weekly at the Lord's House? Let's just justify it as being "soul food," or, in Sunday vernacular, "food for the soul."

Jesus' biblical words often underscore the importance of eating, saying, "And after they ate."

The next quarter-hour includes the rat-a-tat-tat conversation of small talk that finally gives way to prayer topics for, uh, the "sick and infirm."

Finally, there's delayed reverence as names are called of those facing health issues.

Unless travails are super-serious and already known to others, some members choose to keep conditions to themselves. Revealing "hitches in git-alongs" can invite comments from the peanut gallery that fall short of sensitivity.

A while back, our friend Lynn Thrash told about a problem believed to be temporary following cataract surgery. He's seeing double.

Uh oh. Admission of it threw the doors for derision wide open. Even with thousands of comedians out of work, some of our guys are determined to audition for comic roles, even with no openings in sight.

One warned that if Lynn sees two bridges while driving, he should be sure to cross on the real one. And another, a golfing hack, opined that such double vision would be handy on the links. "You could always play your best ball," he advised.

Claiming so much to be right with their world — their football world, anyway — are clergy whose unabashed allegiance lies with Baylor University. (Parsons with long memories admit that they've not always had such warm feelings toward the Bears in October.)

One preacher with accouterments all green and gold, crows regularly about BU leading the nation in scoring. He announced that henceforth, he will preach one minute for each point the Bears score the previous week.

Those 70-point averages in mind, a deacon countered, "Go ahead if you must, pastor, but if you do, most of us will leave at the half."

Don Newbury, former chancellor of Howard Payne University in Brownwood, is a Dallas-based motivational speaker and Christian humorist.

Guest Column

Each year as the holidays approach, we start making our holiday shopping list and checking it twice!

Those lists seem to get longer as we add the new baby, the additional relatives and those new friends. As the lists get longer and the prices of things increase, it is no surprise the average holiday spending grows yearly.

This is good news for retailers. But how does that translate locally?

According to the American Research

Group, shoppers planned on spending \$854 for gifts during the 2012 holiday season.

But, the American Consumer Credit Council said Americans actually spent \$935 on Christmas.

And, in 2013 the industry anticipates 3.5% growth putting those numbers closer to \$1,000 per family spent on Christmas.

What does that mean to retailers?

The National Retail Federation stated that for some retailers, the holiday season can represent 20-40% of their annual sales.

In 2012, holiday sales represented 19.3% of total retail industry sales.

Now, break that down even further to local retail businesses in Knox County.

The majority of their

shoppers come from right here in Knox County.

Have you thought about how you could take some of your holiday budget and spend it locally?

You may not be able to get every item you need, but with a little creativity and planning, you might be surprised just how much of it you could find locally.

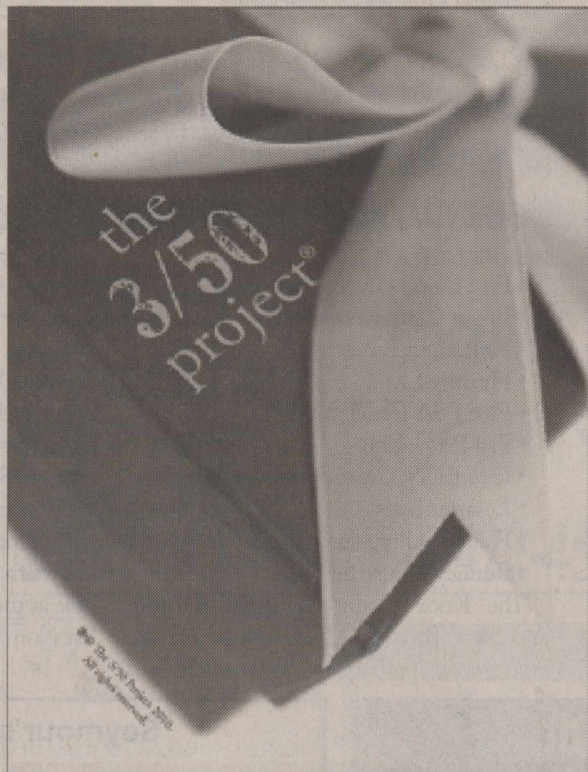
Big box retailers can't give you the personalized attention that a local business can.

If you are looking for particular items, ask them if they can order them.

Or, ask them when they will be going to market to get their holiday items and see if they are willing to help you find a particular item.

They want your business so communicate your needs to them.

The last two years, the Knox County Visioning Group has put together a one-page flyer that is



Be watching your mailbox this November for a flyer like this one.

sent to each mailbox in the county.

It lists all the businesses that have something to sell during the holiday season and a creative gift idea.

There is not enough room to list every item available, but simply one

or two things you might not have thought about.

This year, the KCVG will be doing another holiday flyer reminding you to shop local.

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Court rejects case against election law

By Ed Sterling
Special to the Dispatch

AUSTIN — A three-judge panel of the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals on Oct. 3 rejected a case challenging the constitutionality of a 2011 Texas election law regulating deputy voter registrars.

In a 2-1 ruling, the majority of the panel said the plaintiffs Voting for America Inc., Brad Richey, Penelope McFadden and Project Vote Inc. "have not made a clear showing" that certain provisions of the law violate their First Amendment rights or are pre-empted by the federal Voting Rights Act.

Plaintiffs challenged these five points in the state election law:

- (1) Prohibition of non-state residents from serving as volunteer deputy registrars;
- (2) Prohibition of a volunteer deputy registrar from serving as such in more than one county;
- (3) A compensation provision;
- (4) Prohibition from photocopying or scanning voter registration applications submitted to a deputy voter registrar but not yet delivered to the county registrar; and
- (5) Prohibition of voter deputy registrars from sending completed voter registration applications via U.S. mail.

The appellate court's ruling reversed a lower court ruling and ordered that the case be sent back to the district court level for further proceedings. Fifth Circuit Judge W. Eugene Davis dissented.

Tax revenues climb again

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs on Oct. 9 announced that state sales tax revenue in September was \$2.01 billion, up 2.7 percent compared to September 2012.

"State sales tax revenue collections continued to grow at a moderate pace," Combs said. "Growth was led by collections from the construction, telecommunications and retail sectors. State sales tax revenue has now increased for 42 consecutive months."

The state comptroller's office will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts their October local sales tax allocations totaling \$579.8 million, up 5.2 percent compared to October 2012, Combs said.

DPS gives enforcement count

State Highway Patrol troopers made more than 1,600 DWI arrests during a special enforcement period recently, which included the Labor Day holiday, the Texas Department of Public Safety announced Oct. 8. The enforcement effort also resulted in more than 24,440

speeding citations, more than 3,540 seat belt/child safety seat citations, 1,223 fugitive arrests and 977 felony arrests.

The targeted DWI enforcement period spanned 18 days and included additional patrol hours funded by a Texas Department of Transportation grant.

The precise count of DWI arrests was 1,682, and 218 of those arrests were a direct result of the increased patrols funded by the TxDOT grant, DPS Director Steven McCraw reported.

TxDOT plans to name names

The Texas Department of Transportation on Oct. 2 announced it is notifying the top toll violators and giving them a deadline to pay their overdue tolls or be included on a list the agency will publish in the next two weeks.

Authority to report the names of violators publicly and other powers were provided by Senate Bill 1792 passed in the recent legislative session, TxDOT said, adding that drivers owe more than \$27 million in unpaid tolls—money that will be used to pay debt and fund operations on these roads.

"Everyone using our state's toll roads is responsible for paying to use them. Chronic violators are ultimately taking from the majority of motorists who do things right and pay their tolls," said Sen. Kirk Watson, D-Austin, the author of SB 1792. "The bipartisan support for SB 1792 reflects how strongly the legislature feels about going after toll road abusers who are looking for a free ride."

Cuckoo protection is proposed

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on Oct. 2 announced its intention to propose to add the yellow-billed cuckoo to a list of protected animals under the Endangered Species Act of 1973.

Preferred habitat of the yellow-billed cuckoo, according to Texas Parks & Wildlife, includes open woodlands with dense undergrowth, overgrown orchards and pastures, moist thickets and willow groves along stream banks.

Grand jury does not indict

A Travis County grand jury on Oct. 4 declined to indict Travis County District Attorney Rosemary Lehmborg for her conduct after she was arrested on April 12.

Lehmborg, who serves as the state's chief ethics prosecutor, on April 19 pled guilty to drunken driving and served about three weeks of a 45-day jail sentence.

Lehmborg still faces a lawsuit seeking to remove her from office for intoxication.

Guest column

Diabetes is manageable when lifestyle is followed

By Lorrie Coop

Diabetes is a chronic disease resulting when the body does not make enough insulin, or the insulin it makes does not work properly. It is estimated that 1.8 million adults in Texas have been diagnosed with diabetes. Another 1 million adults are believed to have undiagnosed diabetes.

Diabetes is the sixth-leading cause of death in Texas, and many experts feel this is underestimated because of the number of undiagnosed cases and the numerous diabetes-related complications that may be identified as the primary cause of death. Type 2 diabetes is by far the most common form of diabetes, accounting for around 95 percent of all cases.

The current obesity epidemic in the United States is contributing to the number of cases of Type II Diabetes and we are seeing an alarming increase in those individuals under the age of eighteen being diagnosed with type 2 diabetes. This increase is being attributed to primarily two factors: Genetics and Sedentary Lifestyles.

We cannot change our genetics but we can make lifestyle changes. Knowledge is the key to making lifestyle changes and controlling and managing diabetes. The 19th annual Diabetes Texas Style workshop will be Nov. 2 in the Shelton Building, 2000 Pine Street, Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. Registration and exhibits open at 8 a.m. and the workshop will conclude at noon.

Topics for the morning workshop will address: Type II Diabetes Management, Benefits of Olive Oils and Flavored Vinegars in Diabetic Cooking, and Fun with Fitness. There will be time for questions and answers at the end of each presentation.

During the workshop participants will have an opportunity to visit exhibits which will include diabetic supplies, patient educational materials, and pharmaceuticals with company representatives to answer questions.

A refreshment break will feature diabetic foods and recipes as well as door prizes throughout the morning. The free workshop is sponsored by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Taylor, Jones, Nolan, Runnels and Coleman counties and Hendrick Diabetes Self-Management Education.

Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid are asked to contact 325-672-6048 in advance to see how an accommodation can be made. For more information on the workshop contact Jane Rowan at 325-672-6048 or by email, j-rowan@tamu.edu.

While diabetes is not curable, it is manageable. People with diabetes who maintain blood sugar, blood pressure, and cholesterol levels within recommended ranges can lower their health care costs and increase their productivity.

Lorrie Coop is the family and consumer sciences agent for the Knox County Extension Service.

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decline, there may be a point in time where it becomes critical enough to impact hospital opera-

tions. Mr. Kuehler continued to say, "Our goal is to devise an emergency plan." Installing wells now may be vital to patient care and general operations in the future should a disaster situation occur; lower lake levels, chemical spill,

or fire. Well water will be an invaluable tool in efforts to combat such disasters. Part of the water emergency preparedness plan will include accessing well water for hand washing, restrooms, laundry and other general uses.

VOTING

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and the State Water Implementation Revenue Fund for Texas to assist in the

financing of priority projects in the state water plan to ensure the availability of adequate water resources. If the proposal passes, communities devastated by drought may qualify for assistance from the state gov-

ernment. For questions regarding the election, including those about the new voter photo ID requirement, call the County Elections Supervisor or visit VoteTexas.org.

BRIDGE

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The old bridge will remain in tact, since it is only one of four remaining in West Texas with the same

historical architecture. It is even listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Design engineers refer to this bridge as a "top chord" bridge and say it is very unique to the state of Texas. Also, a WPA-era roadside park just south of the

bridge will also remain left intact during construction. It is one of four such 1930 roadside parks left in West Texas. Furthermore, after the initial construction is finished, a parking area will be installed for public use of the park and bridge.

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RONDA RICH

But for his family, his neighbors and his church friends, his help is always appreciated and rarely taken for granted. We know his heart and know that the talent with which the Lord has blessed him immensely is his gift for service to his fellow man.

He'd never be so bold as to say so, but it's his calling. The same way another man picks up a stethoscope or another takes up the Bible. Rodney was called to help those in need. Mostly, the needs are simple, just time consuming such as a bale of hay delivered to a neighbor or a brother-in-law, a child picked up from school or someone who just needs a word of advice or encouragement.

He has bigger projects, too, though. I can't count the number of

times I've seen him take a wayward soul in, clothe him, find him a place to live and make sure he had something to eat. Most of the times, he tends to hire them, too. He's always looking for a good worker on the farm.

And since I can't count those times, I'd be at a loss to count the times that they just couldn't be helped. Sometimes they disappear into the night. Sometimes they leave with Rodney owing them wages and sometimes they are bold enough just to quit to his face and head up the road.

Still, he keeps trying. I guess that is the most perplexing part of all — he keeps trying. After all the let downs and disappointments — I'm trying to think of one true success and either there isn't one or it has just escaped me — he digs his heels in and goes right back to it again.

Here's why it's perplexing: Rodney is the cynic of the family. The pessimist. Before winter's chill has even melted into spring, he will be expecting a summer's drought and worrying about what he'll do for hay. Before a new calf is born, he will be wary over whether it will survive. Before he has his annual physical, he will prepare himself for bad news.

Yet despite all the ones who brought their hard luck stories to him and he reached out a hand that somehow got bit, he never gives up.

He keeps believing in the innate goodness of people and that one day he will find someone to help and that it will make a lasting difference in their lives and those around them.

I remember that morning in Sunday school when his eyes teared up — Rodney's tender heart brings him to tears a lot — and told of the people who wanted to help. Their child was desperately sick, they had nowhere to go and no food to eat.

"Why don't we put them in the little house down here that church owns and let's help them."

We followed our general in battle. Furniture was given, food donated and heat bought. Someone found him a part-time job. They seemed grateful. It lasted until winter had faded and spring was coming.

I called Rodney to tell him I knew of a job for the man. He sighed. "He's gone. Long gone."

He sounded resigned. He's long used to it by now. But he won't quit helping. When it's born in you like it is with Rodney, you just keep doing the best you can to help those in need.

And one day, it's gonna stick good with one of 'em.

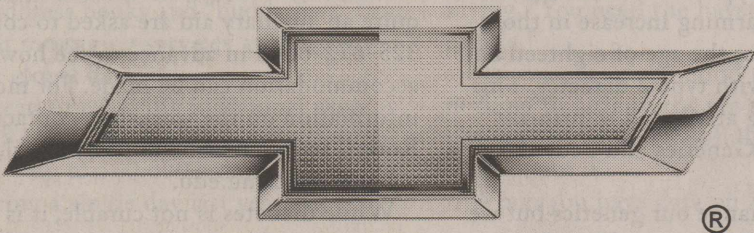
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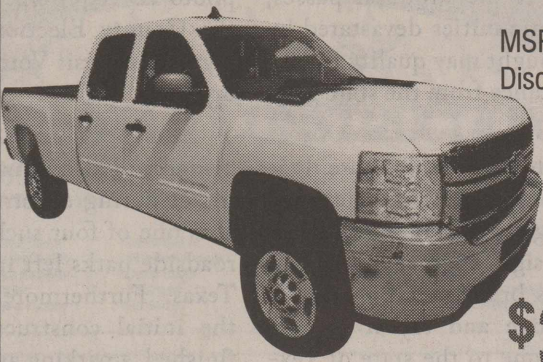


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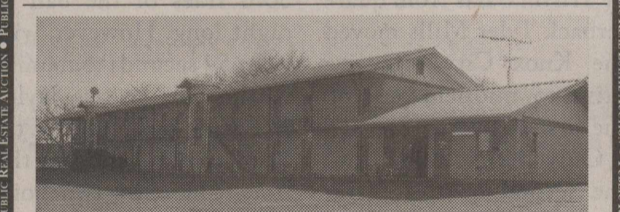
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Knox City hands Harrold defeat

Greyhounds hammer Harrold Hornets, 49-0

By **Geoffrey Baumgartner**
The Knox County News-Courier

KNOX CITY - Paint Creek forfeited what would have been Knox City's varsity Homecoming game, so the Harrold Hornets graciously accepted an offer to host the Greyhounds. While the game started out slowly and scoreless, the Knox City eventually came together in a major way and came away with the win, 49-0.

An eventless first quarter kicked-off the game, with neither team putting up any points at first. While the defensive gridlock ensued for the remainder of the first quarter, the Greyhounds offensive would eventually come together and put up some big numbers in the second quarter.

With 9:49 left in the second, Heath Welch immediately and ran for a 26-yard touchdown, while Zach Rodriguez made good on the follow up two-point kick, putting Knox City on the board, 8-0 over the Hornets. Then, with 5:39 left in the second quarter, Chris Lewis broke free from Knox City's own 30-yard line for a long run into the end zone. Knox City's extra point attempt was no good and the score was now 14-0, with the Greyhounds quickly gaining momentum. Harrold defense slowly began to lag, and with 2:13 remaining in the first quarter, Israel Rodriguez split the defense with a 41-yard touchdown run, while Zach Rodriguez again made good on his two-point kick, putting the score at 22-0. One more Knox City score came in before the end of the first, when alternate quarterback Elias Nevarez connected a 37-yard touchdown pass to Zach Rodriguez. While the extra two-point kick by Israel Rodriguez fell short, the score became 28-0 and the first half came to an end.

Harrold came out in the third quarter with a strong defensive performance, keeping the Hounds at bay for almost the first four minutes. This defensive streak was broken when Israel Rodriguez made a 33-yard dash for another touchdown with 6:43 left in the third quarter. Knox City's extra point attempt was good and the score

was now 35-0. Defensive performances on both sides shut down each team's follow-up offensive drives, keeping each team scoreless for the remainder of the third quarter.

Fourth quarter action began as quickly as it did in the second, when a 3-yard pass by Anthony Estrada connected with Christian Abila for the Knox City touchdown only four seconds in on the first play. Zach Rodriguez put up a successful two-point kick and brought the score to 43-0. The Greyhound defense stayed tough throughout the fourth quarter and once again put a stop to the Harrold follow up drive and forced the Hornet turnover. Within two minutes of the Hound's last score, and with 7:24 left in the game, it was Anthony Estrada again, this time running in the Greyhound touchdown and effectively clinching the victory. The extra point attempt was no good and the game came to a premature end via the 45-point mercy rule, 49-0.

The Greyhounds ultimately had 218 yards rushing, with 98 yards passing. The defense managed one interception and forced two fumbles.

Israel Rodriguez rushed for 84 yards on four carries with two touchdowns, while Chris Lewis rushed for 69 yards on six carries and one touchdown. In addition, Heath Welch ran for 26 yards on one carry and one touchdown.

Zach Carter passed for 16 yards with one completion on four attempts, while Elias Nevarez passed for 37 yards with one completion on two attempts. Also, Anthony Estrada passes for 35 yards with two completions on two attempts.

Krys Campos had 48 yards receiving with two receptions, while Zach Rodriguez had 37 yards receiving on one reception.

This win brings the Greyhounds record to 6-1 for the season, while the Harrold Hornets go to 1-6 for the regular season. Knox City will have an open week coming up, but will be back in action on Friday Oct. 25, at 7:30 p.m. when they will be hosted by Bryson if you would like to come out and support your Knox City Varsity Greyhounds.

Knox City Greyhounds punish Paint Creek



Photos by Sheri Baly/For the News-Courier
Sam Schnable (#32) makes the reception just short of the goal line for the Knox City gain. The Junior Varsity elected to take on the Paint Creek varsity team in a last minute change. The JV game was held on Friday after the Homecoming Court commenced. The JV ended up beating the Pirates in the first half 51-0 via the 45-point mercy rule.



Tristin Salas (#22) breaks free and runs in a Greyhound touchdown from midfield. Salas had 3 touchdowns that night and was one of Knox City's leading tacklers. The Knox City Junior Varsity Greyhounds will have an open week coming up, but will return to the field Thursday Oct. 24, at 7:00 p.m. in O'Brien to take on Bryson.

Knox City junior varsity vexes Pirates for Homecoming victory, 51-0

By **Geoffrey Baumgartner**
The Knox County News-Courier

KNOX CITY - There was some great football action for the Greyhounds during this last homecoming week, as the varsity Paint Creek Pirates traveled to Knox City to take on their junior varsity. The JV Greyhounds came away with the win over the Indians by the end of the first half via the 45-point mercy rule, 51-0.

In what would be a strange turn of events, the Varsity Paint Creek Pirates forfeited to the Varsity Greyhounds and elected to go up against their Junior Varsity instead, hoping for a fairer match. However, the Pirates plan may have been just as disastrous as their originally scheduled game, with the Knox City JV dominating the game from start to finish. Furthermore, the Pirates only had 6 men total on their varsity squad, and were forced to play two-way iron man football.

The Knox City JV came out strong, and within the first 30 seconds of the game, Tristin Salas broke free for a 20-yard dash and fell just short of the end zone. This was followed by a lobbed pass by quarterback Tyler Mills that connected to Ryan Heard for the Knox City touchdown with 9:18 left in the first quarter. Before the extra point attempt, the Greyhounds fumbled the ball, recovered it, and received a delay of game penalty, costing them 5 yards. This contributed to their unsuccessful first extra point attempt, leaving the score 6-0. Greyhound defense came out with intensity and caused a Pirate fumble, which Knox City recovered at the Paint Creek 25-yard line. However, the turnover was short-lived and Paint Creek regained possession when they intercepted a pass in their own end zone that was intended for a Knox City receiver. The Pirate offense could not produce and the ball turned over on downs with 6:25 left in the first quarter. This time, the Knox City offense was able to capitalize on the turnover when, with 6:19 left on the board, Tristin Salas caught a quick lateral pass and ran it in 15 yards

for the Greyhound touchdown. Again, the extra point attempt was no good and the score became 12-0. The Greyhound defense remained vigilant and did not allow any scores on the next two Paint Creek drives. With 2:41 left on the board, Ryan Heard broke free from three different tacklers at once with an epic spin maneuver, finally being brought down at the 10-yard line by a determined Paint Creek defender a fraction his size. Pirates defense managed to put a stop on the next two runs, but the Greyhounds stayed vigilant and with just 2:20 remaining in the first quarter, Justin Thomas runs in a touchdown. The extra point was good, making the score 19-0. Paint Creek's next offensive drive would be their most effective of the night, bringing the ball all the way to the Knox City 1-yard line. This strong offensive effort was offset by the Greyhounds impenetrable defense, and they did not let the ball break the plane to cross the goal line. A quick fumble on the goal line was recovered by the Paint Creek quarterback. Another Pirate fumble was forced, only this time the Greyhounds recovered and started moving up field. A catch by Tristin Salas from quarterback Tyler Mills moved the Knox City offensive drive to midfield, ending the first quarter.

Only 12 seconds into the second quarter Justin Thomas dashed around the Paint Creek defense from the same midfield position at which the previous period ended. The extra point was good and the score 26-0. A 15-yard blocking in the backfield penalty was called against Knox City, and the Pirates took their kick-off position at their own 30-yard line. Paint Creek also picked up an illegal procedure penalty that cost them five yards. With 8:52 remaining in the first half, the Knox City defense once again stopped the Pirate offensive drive and they were forced to turn the ball over on downs at the 50-yard line. The Greyhounds again capitalized on the turnover when Tristin Salas burned by four defenders to run in

another Knox City touchdown with 8:39 left in the quarter. Justin Thomas ran in the extra point, and the score was now 33-0. Knox City defensive efforts remained tough all night, culminating with a powerful sack on the Paint Creek quarterback by Tyler Weldon for a huge loss, bringing up 4th and 16. Defensive pressure built and the Pirates were again forced to turn the ball over on downs with 7:01 left in the half. Another big run from Tristin Salas from 35 yards out into the end zone got Knox City another touchdown. The extra point was no good and the Greyhounds went up 39-0. Once again the Knox City defense did their job effectively, no allowing any points on the board and forcing the turnover. Only this time around it was Skyler Neil who, with 3:43 left in the first half, ran in the Greyhound touchdown from 30 yards out. With the two-point kick falling short, Knox City went up 45-0 over the Pirates. For a moment it seemed as if Paint Creek was going to pick-up a touchdown as they managed to break free from the Knox City defense, only to be stopped dead-in-their-tracks with a huge tackle by Tristin Salas. Salas was a threat on both sides of the ball all night long. However, with only :54 seconds remaining in the half, it was Jaylon Roberson who ran in the Knox City touchdown this time. The extra two-point was blocked and the game came to an end with Knox City over Paint Creek 51-0.

Tristian Salas ran in three touchdowns, while Justin Thomas ran in two touchdowns. Ryan Heard, Tyler Wheldon, Jaylon Roberson, and Skyler Neil all ran in one touchdown.

The Knox City defense forced five turnovers on downs, with Tyler Wheldon getting a monster sack on the Paint Creek quarterback for a 15 yard loss.

The Knox City Blue Greyhound Junior Varsity will have an open week coming up, but will return to the field on Oct. 24 to take on the Junior Varsity Bryson Cowboys in Bryson if you would like to come out and show your support.

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