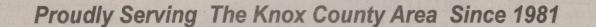
Knox County Museum Benefit slated for Sunday!!



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Knox County probably won't see speed limit increase ...

Texas highways, residents of Knox County won't be among them.

The

The Texas Transportation Commission approved the proposed 75 mile an hour speed limit for parts of the Texas highway system last week. In all, more than 1,500 miles of Texas roadways will be affected by the change.

According to the TTC, the speed

since a new law was passed last year. The 82nd Texas Legislature passed and Gov. Rick Perry signed House Bill 1353 which allows the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to establish 75 miles per hour speed limits on Texas highways providing speed studies show it can be done safely.

While some Texas motorists will limit changes span 60 Texas coun- been reviewing existing 70 miles per soon be able to go a bit faster on the ties making it the largest conversion hour speed limits across the state to determine where a 75 miles per hour limit may be safely posted. Four Central Texas highways were the first to see higher speeds after the new law took effect. Thursday's Commission action brings the number of miles now zoned at 75 mph as a result of House Bill (HB) 1353 to 1,618.

Posting new speed limits on 1,500

law, said Carol Rawson, TxDOT Traffic Operations Division director.

"Texas' economic strength depends on the efficient and safe movement of people and goods," Rawson explained. "These new speed limits increase highway efficiency while maintaining the safety of the transportation system."

TxDOT recommended to the Com-Since September, the agency has miles of interstate highway is a major mission that speed limits be raised stalled, said Rawson.

milestone in implementing the new on segments of I-10, I-20, I-27, I-30, I-35, I-37, I-40, I-44 and I-45 after engineering studies showed that higher speeds could be posted safely. Area counties that will be affected by the change include Eastland, Palo Pinto, Callahan and Taylor - all counties in which Interstate 20 crosses.

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Texas motorists must continue to travel at the current posted speed on all roadways until new signs are in-

UIL to unveil new alignment on Thursday **TOMMY WELLS**

The Knox City News

In Texas, there are certain days that are looked forward to almost religiously.

Christmas.

Thanksgiving Day.

Texas vs. Oklahoma.

Perhaps the list should also include the University Interscholastic League's biennial realignment date. The date the UIL releases its new districting alignments for each of its six public school classifications is one of the most anticipated events in Texas high school football.

Big Country teams are no exception to the alignment craze. Residents in Knox and Throckmorton counties will be madly seeking out information on Thursday morning when the UIL releases its alignment.



No one is sure where they are going. Not even the coaches.

"We are at the UIL's mercy because we could



be in the east or west due to our location," said Knox City head coach Charles Steele.

Throckmorton head coach Mike Reed agreed, saying nothing can really

be done until the UIL makes its decision.

"There is no control or planning right now because we don't know what the UIL will do," said Reed, who guided Throckmorton to the six-man Division I six-man state championship.

Reed and Steele both said they expect their teams to be placed in the western half of the alignment bracket. With the new teams coming into the six-man ranks in the eastern half of the state, the UIL could move the two six-man powerhouses into the west.

"Looking at the new schools playing six-man, and the teams switching Divisions, I feel like we will probably go west."

Should both teams shift into the west, there is the possibility that Throckmorton and Knox City could remain in the same district. This fall, the Greyhounds won the District 9-A race, with

See UIL on Page 2

'Valentine Cuties' photos due by Feb. 9

Local residents that would like to enter their children, or grandchildren, into the 2012 Knox County News'"Valentine's Cuties" photo spread should submit their photos to the News office by Thursday, Feb. 9.

The photos will be printed in the Feb. 16 edition of the newspaper.

Photos can be dropped at the Tribune's office at 110 N. Central Street in Knox City, or mailed to: The Knox County News, P.O. Box 188, Knox City, Texas, 79529. They can also be emailed to the paper at knoxconews@gmail.com

There is a \$15 charge for each photo to help offset the cost of color.

Construction crews continued to create a new road bed on Main Street last week as they continue with their improvement plans for downtown Knox City. The crews are removing the old street and curbs. Businesses located in the downtown area of Knox City are still open.



News photo/Tommy Wells

With the recent rainfall drying, local farmers have been able to get into the field to begin harvesting. Above, a farmer makes huge piles of grain north of O'Brien.

KC fire department receives check from Farm Bureau

ment received a check for \$150 recently from Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies as an expression of thanks for the department's work on the property of Sammy Gonzales.

The money will be used for their loss prevention program.

The Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies pay fire departments this amount when

The Knox City Fire Depart- the department works at a fire in rural areas, involving property insured by them.

The Insurance Company believes fire departments have contributed to reduce the amount of loss involved by fire and more importantly, to prevent fires. It is their hope this money will help the Knox City Fire Department in their program.

News debuts new email address

Knox County residents will be able to visit with an old face at a new place beginning this week.

The Knox County News, which was purchased by Tommy and Patricia Wells last week, will be using a new email address, effective immediately.

The News' new email address is: knoxconews@gmail.com.

News publisher Tommy Wells also encouraged local residents to submit items to the paper.

"We want to encourage people to help us out," said Wells. "We See NEWS on Page 6

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Abbott files suit in effort to speed approval of voter ID law

AUSTIN – Attorney General Greg Abbott on Jan. 23 filed a lawsuit in the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals to push the U.S. Department of Justice to approve the voter I.D. law enacted by the Texas Legislature last spring.

The law has not been given the required preclearance by the Department of Justice. Abbott said his intent is to spur a ruling that would allow the new law to take effect. The lawsuit dovetails with the state's efforts in the U.S. Supreme Court and the D.C. Court to have the Texas Legislature's contested House, Senate and U.S. congressional redistricting maps pre-cleared under Section 5 of the U.S. Voting Rights Act in time to meet deadlines for the April 3 party primaries.

On Jan. 20, the Supreme Court said the U.S. District Court Western District of Texas in San Antonio erred in its remedial redistricting plans created last year and ordered the three-judge panel of the San Antonio court to revise the plans. The San Antonio court on Jan. 27 asked opponents in the redistricting cases to work together and present them with agreed-upon solutions in hopes of speeding the process.

Texas is among several states and other jurisdictions subject to Section 5 because of a history of discriminatory election practices.

Texans, if the law takes effect, would have to show a government-issued photo I.D. along with their valid voter registration card in order to cast a ballot, and those who do not have a driver's license, passport, military I.D. card or other approved form of identification can get a stateissued voter I.D. free of charge from the Texas Department of

Capital Highlights



Public Safety. And anyone who is disabled or over 65 can vote by mail, a method that does not require photo identification.

Supporters of the voter I.D. law said during the legislative process that it would help stop election fraud. Opponents said the legislation, if passed, would discriminate against minorities, the disabled and citizens who live in rural areas of the state.

Abbott last week said the law is not discriminatory and to support his position quoted a U.S. Supreme Court ruling: "The inconvenience of making a trip to the (Bureau of Motor Vehicles), gathering the required documents and posing for a photograph surely does not qualify as a substantial burden on the right to vote, or even represent a significant increase over the usual burdens of voting.'

Several other states passed voter I.D. laws last year, but more than 30 states do not have voter I.D. laws.

Comptroller unveils new state info site

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs on Jan. 25 announced the launch of TheTexasEcono-

my.org, a website featuring state revenue and spending data, and more than a dozen economic indicators.

Combs said the site uses info-graphics, video interviews, tables and snapshots of key data to present information on an array of topics, such as Texas industries and jobs, the effects of drought on the economy and the impact of obesity on businesses and taxpayers.

Grain indemnity fund is goal

Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples on Jan. 26 said a discussion on grain warehouse failures and what can be done to avoid them was the focus of the first meeting of the agency's newly appointed Texas Grain Producer Indemnity Board.

Bryan Black, a spokesman with the Texas Department of Agriculture, said that the word "failures" in this context means bankruptcies caused by grain market volatility. The board is looking at ways to set up a grain indemnity fund that would help cover loses for producers caught up in a warehouse bankruptcy, he said.

A grain warehouse operator who is unable to cover the open contracts he or she has purchased can get caught in margin calls. .

More reward money is offered

Gov. Rick Perry on Jan. 25 announced his decision to increase rewards for the Texas 10 Most Wanted Sex Offenders program to \$2,000, with some rewards reaching up to \$5,000.



Big Country winner ...

to know a man who was once

a famous bank robber in Ohio.

Over the years, he found himself

in Knox City, Texas (how he got

there is a story in itself) attending

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had saved him from a long life of

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The Big Country had at least one winner at the 2012 Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo last week. Woodson High School FFA student Audrey Daniel won the Red Angus division on Jan. 23.

Cattle numbers smallest since 1960

Drought conditions took a toll on the Texas cow herd in 2011 as more than 150,000 head left the state for greener pastures - three times more than in 2010, according to a Texas AgriLife Extension Service economist.

Dr. David Anderson, AgriLife Extension livestock marketing economist in College Station, cited Texas Animal Health Commission out shipment data, which is the number of animals receiving veterinary inspection certificates prior to interstate movement.

"Out shipments are cattle moving out of state from Texas and they might also be called Texas' cattle exports to other states," he said. "Reported out shipments rose dramatically above 2010 in August-October. Total cattle reported shipped out of state in 2011 was 1.113 million head, 287,000 more than in 2010."

Nationally, cattle numbers continue to decline to historic levels. The U.S. Department of Agriculture reported Jan. 1 cattle inventory for all cattle and calves totaled 90.8 million head, 2 percent below the 92.7 million on Jan. 1, 2011. It is the lowest Jan. 1 inventory of all cattle and calves since the 88.1 million on hand in 1952, according to USDA.

God's Promise

By Ted Cox, Pastor at Abundant Life Church

A few years ago, I was blessed with himself and those around him.

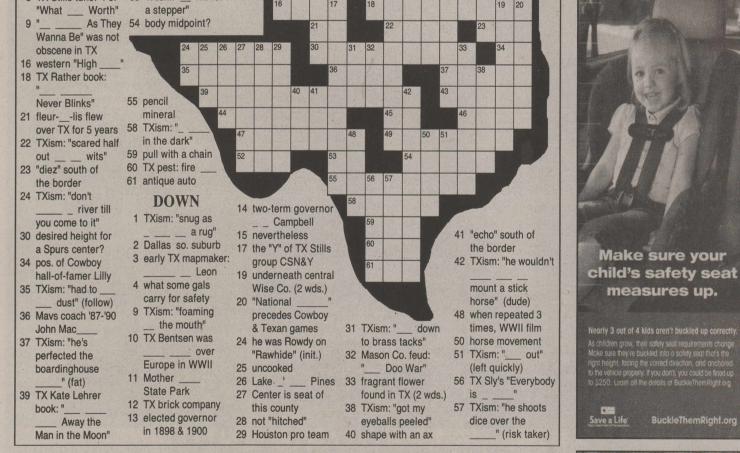
One day, while sitting in his home, he began to share with me some of his near death experiences that resulted from the situations he had put himself in. Towards the end of the conversation, he said, "Tex, there are times during the night that my past comes back to haunt me. I know the enemy is trying to bring fear and cause me to be worried about things I should not be worried about." Then he went on to say, "But, all I have to do now is reach for my bible, and with just a few Words, the Lord reminds me that He is my strength and my shield and that my life is in Him now. Tex, you have no idea how quickly that brings my peace back to me. I never knew life could be so glorious until I fell in love with my Lord!" My friend has gone on to be with the Lord, but his words often ring in my heart. So often I run into others who are battling mistakes from their past - - - or still struggling with things that cause them uncertainty or fear. My prayer is always that they too will find peace, strength, and rest in God and His Word! Psalm 27 was one of my friend's favorite passages to turn to in the middle of the night. Verse 4-6 were ones he often quoted out loud, "The one thing I ask of the Lord - the thing I

seek the most - is to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, delighting in the Lord's perfections and meditating in His Temple.

For He will conceal me there when troubles come; He will hide me in His sanctuary. He will place me out of reach on a high rock. Then I will hold my head high above my enemies who surround me. At His sanctuary I will offer sacrifices with shouts of joy, singing and praising the Lord with music.

Brothers and Sisters, it is time to hold your head up high! Jesus has accomplished your Victory in His death, burial, and resurrection! You are above your enemies! They are beneath you! You are victorious! ACT LIKE IT! It is time to stop moping around, wondering whether or not you are ever going to get ahead in this life - - - - YOU ARE ALREADY AHEAD if you are in Jesus! Take your rightful place as JOINT HEIRS TO THE KINGDOM OF GOD!!!! Begin to sing, praise, and worship the Lord! Begin to thank Him for the victory that is yours! I love this quote: "When the enemy begins to remind me of my past.....I remind him of his future !!!" Amen! Even now, he is a defeated foe! Thank You, Jesus!

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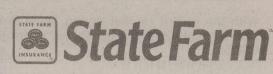
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in which the suspect was fatally

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County Sheriff's Department.

According to preliminary reports, the game warden had responded to assist the Bowie

The incident is being investigated by the Bowie County Sheriff's Office, the Texas Rangers and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Internal Affairs Unit

The game warden was not injured in the incident, which oc-

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Knox City finishing second. The two district rivals faced off in the quarterfinal round of the state playoffs in November.

The uncertainty of where Throckmorton and Knox City will be for the next two years has been a challenge for both schools.

Reed said his team has tried to schedule pre-district opponents that likely wouldn't be in their district, but that has been tough.

"Like every year, we will embrace our challenges and set our standards for success." he said.

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Unofficially, here's the news: The lunches aren't as tasty as they used to be at senior citizens' centers. Blame the federal government.

If I were writing a real news story, I'd have to check the facts. On both counts, I'm not. Instead, I'm just repeating what I heard last week from people who should know best - the seniors. I ate lunch with them. What am I saying? I got the over-60 discount myself. The meal - so-called chicken and dumplings, coleslaw, potato salad, whole wheat rolls and cream-less ambrosia - cost me just \$3. I wasn't about to complain. But it's true. Things were a bit on the wholesome side and a little short on fat. Maybe short on salt too. I didn't see any cobbler or chocolate cake or light bread. And everyone, including the administrator, apologized to me about the new healthy fare, recalling days gone by when the meals used to be good. I'm not sure the government is to blame for the situation, but it makes sense. I should have delved deeper, but I was delving into the pseudo dumplings.

At least the seniors still have each other. Having something to complain about is just the icing on the cake. Oops. Wrong metaphor.

Meanwhile, I'm guessing government efforts to curb childhood obesity have gone overboard to include senior lunches. Not knowing the facts, I could be wrong. Call it a theory.

TV NEWS BREAK.

was Michelle Obama. She was senior citizens. Then everybody talking about - take a guess - could die happy. school lunches!

She makes a point. If kids in America are getting fatter by the day and it's because they're eating too much sugar and fat and not enough fruits and veggies, then the government shouldn't be contributing to the problem by supporting unhealthy school lunches. Bring on the healthy fare. Kids don't vote anyway.

Ah, but seniors do.

If the government is indeed behind the changes for seniors as well as kids, maybe it's not too late for a Republican candidate to add a platform plank and liven up the campaign scene by promising to get fat and sugar back into lunch programs for senior citizens everywhere. A senior-savvy candidate might surge ahead on that promise in primaries yet to come.

Think about it. For many schoolchildren, lunch is the main meal of the day. The same goes for many older folks. Lunch is their time to fellowship with friends over good tasty food not over something designed to keep them from getting fat or having a heart attack. Why not fried chicken for lunch? Plus gravy. That's the kind of meal they can enjoy with their peers and then counteract, when they're home alone, with a supper of whole-grain cereal and low-fat milk. Or even skim.

One last thing to remember is that healthy food is more expensive. Our children and grandchildren are worth it, of course. But the government – that's us - could save some money by Well, right there on television supporting unhealthy meals for

Obituaries

Lewis William Groves

Lewis William Groves, 62, dent of Knox City. passed away January 29, 2012 in Abilene, Texas. Services will er, James Groves of Boston, MA be held at the O'brien Baptist and a nephew, John Groves also Church at 3:00 p.m. Thursday, of Boston; and the community of February 2, 2012 in O'Brien. Knox City and surrounding area Burial will be at the Knox City whom Bill considered "family".

Bill is survived by his broth-

This is a Valentine's gift for SWMNBMM

Date

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By and large, I'm more of a clown than a romantic. In fact, will admit that when it comes to being romantic, I'm about as gifted as a midget in the National Basketball League.

Never dunked it. Never will.

I know you are thinking this can't be true, but I assure you I'm serious. The Big Guy in the Sky gave me all these looks and brains, but forgot to give me a sense of romance. Perhaps that is why She-Who-Must-Not-Be-Made-Mad's first date with Yours Truly was going to a pee wee basketball practice session?

I figured since she was an all-world basketball athlete, she would like to go watch my pee wee team practice. Plus, I thought, she could help teach some of them to post up.

So there she was, all decked out in her best dress and makeup, running up and down the court in Breckenridge showing 14-year-old boys - who had recently discovered girls were different - how to shoot from the blocks.

I guess I owed her for that. Later, when our oldest son was born, SWMNBMM knew I was allergic to any sort of pain. With me clutching our oldest daughter, the doctor swung the delivery door open and motioned for me to go in.

I'm not going to say I chickened out, but ... well, I uhh...was too tired from having to drive 137 miles an hour to the hospital. Fear of having to deliver a child made me cover the eight miles from our house to the hospital in record time.

"You better leave them in there to watch the baseball game," she told the doctor. "I'm afraid you would be doctoring him at the first sign of pain.'

OK, I admit it ... I chickened out.

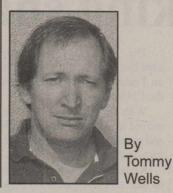
I guess I owe her for that, too.

Later, after Kayme and Bobby were born, we settled in one of the most beautiful places on the planet in Nome, Alaska. She moved into a job she adored, working as a teacher's aide with preschool children. She has always loved children

that would require us to move.

In all honesty, she didn't

Off The Beaten Path



Her mother and sisters were born here. (Don't hold that against here. She didn't have a choice).

Initially, I thought about passing up the chance. We already own a couple of newspapers. Let me be the first to tell you, owning a newspaper is a lot like owning a bottomless pit. It eats all your money and time. The days of making good money with a small, weekly paper have gone the way of the dinosaur.

But this is her hometown.

I won't lie to you, She-Who-Must-Not-Be-Made-Mad was not happy when I told her I finally bought her something for Valentine's Day ... and that

I had paid way too much for it.

After my lip had stopped bleeding, I told her what I had bought.

For the first time, she was happy about me buying another paper. This is, after all, is where it all began for her, and she would have been sad to see it go away.

This paper is for her. I owe her that much.

So ... bear with us as we try and create a routine between here, Throck and Strawn.

(Tommy Wells is the editor of the Knox County News. Everything is this column is true, except for the parts that have been fabricated, exaggerated or are *just plain lies.)*



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Cemetery under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes.

Bill was born August 12, 1949 in Knox City to Lewis and Mary (Herring) Groves. He graduated from Benjamin High School and was a life long resi- ter.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Lewis and Mary Groves.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial in Bill's honor to the Knox County Aging Cen-

AFT survey of superintendents shows Texas students not sheltered from cuts

A recent Texas AFT survey of public school superintendents from 241 districts found that state budget cuts of \$5.4 billion are having a significant impact on classroom instruction, teacher morale and help for struggling students.

"Students are not being sheltered from budget cuts, as some of the state's leadership suggested would be the case last year when they took an axe to public education funding," said Texas AFT President Linda Bridges. "Instead superintendents are telling us that teacher layoffs, larger class sizes and cuts in services for struggling students are creating a stressful environment and creating concerns about how to deal with the implementation of the new standardized tests being rolled out this spring."

As one superintendent noted, "The funds to produce a worldclass educational system in Texas are there. The willingness to in-

Letter to the Editor

Thanks to our **Facebook friends**

Dear Editor,

I would like to take this time to thank those people who called my daughter this am, in regards to her children's missing Pomeranian dog. Signs had been placed all over town and I had even posted it on my Facebook page about him missing. These tips led to finding him, and he is now at home, safe and secure. Once again, thank everyone who helped with this.

Thanks, Carolyn McDaniel so the job was perfect for her. Wouldn't you know it, along came a job opportunity

want to leave. But she said she would if it was something I re-

vest in our kids and our state is not. Cut now, pay later. Our state leadership has failed us."

1,051 superintendents throughout the state in December and reof the districts statewide.

Texas AFT mailed surveys to ceived 241 responses, 23 percent

I'd like to tell you the new job was worth it. I definitely owe her for that.

ally wanted.

Then, a few days ago, the publisher's of the Knox County News called and asked if I would be interested in purchasing the paper.

Knox City is SWMNBMM's hometown. She was born here.

Knox Co. Museum News

By Julie Roles-Holroyd

Plans are about complete for the annual Knox County Museum Barbecue at the Benjamin Memorial Building on Sunday Feb. 5 at 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Take-out plates will be available. Barbecued brisket, sausage, and baked turkey; homemade potato salad and coleslaw; special pinto beans; deviled eggs; and homemade pies will make up the Feb. 5 menu.

You will be able to bid on dozens (over 100 last year) of silent auction items, including antique dishes, jewelry, tools, gift certificates to many popular businesses, and many items donated by businesses and individuals interested in supporting the Wichita Brazos Museum.

The quilt "Jacob's Fans and Flowers," pieced and donated by Mary Cartwright and quilted by Marjorie Lake. will be displayed. Tickets may be bought at this

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time, but it will be raffled at the Veterans Day Meal in November. It is a beautiful quilt and time did not permit the sale of tickets that it deserves, so the raffle has been postponed.

Starting at 11 a.m., door prizes will be announced every 30 minutes. These range from \$20 to \$50 bills, and many other items.

As the day draws to an end, if you need some delicious food to feed your Super Bowl football guests, check out the serving tables after the meal. Prices will be posted and containers provided to help you take some home.

Those who want to visit the Wichita Brazos Museum, beneficiary of the fundraiser, will find it open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Feb. 5. This year's theme is "Knox County Entertainment." See what your community has displayed. You or a family member may be featured in the exhibit area.

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Sports

Playoff races taking shape for area hoops teams

With less than three weeks left in the 2011-2012 regular season, many of the high school basketball races are beginning to shape. That means the talk will soon turn to the state playoffs.

One thing is for certain, there will be no shortage of postseason action for area teams. Throckmorton, Knox City and Munday all head into the stretch run with very real playoff aspirations.

The Munday Moguls all but punched their ticket to the postseason on Friday when they defeated district-leading Stamford, 56-44, in a key District 9-A, Division I, matchup.

With the win, the Moguls moved into a tie for first in the district race with a 5-1 record. In all likelihood, the two teams will face off in the regular season finale for the district championship.

The Haskell Indians are currently third in the 9-A race with a 4-2 record. Hamlin is fourth at 3-3.

Should Munday win the District 9-A crown, the Moguls would earn a bye in the first round of the playoffs. Should they finish second, Munday would face the third-place team from the District 10-A race in the first round, which begins on Feb. 20.

The Knox City Greyhounds kept their district title hopes alive on Friday with a 47-35 win over the Chillicothe Eagles.

With the win, the Greyhounds moved to 6-2 in District 13-A play, and stayed within one game of district-leading Crowell.

Knox City, which is scheduled to face rival Benjamin on Friday, currently sits in second in the district standings, two games ahead of third-place Northside.

Crowell, 7-0 in district play, has already clinched one of the district's three playoff berths.

Like Crowell, the No. 4-ranked Throckmorton Greyhounds have already punched their trip to the are battling for the district's thirdpostseason. Throckmorton all but clinched the District 14-A title on Friday with a 57-22 romp over Aspermont.

With the win, the THS squad ran its season record to 14-1 and, more importantly, improved to 6-0 in loop play.

Should Throckmorton repeat as the District 14-A crown, the Greyhounds would earn a bye in the first round. Aspermont, which should finish second, would likely draw Northside in the first round, with Knox City or Crowell facing the third-place qualifier.

Woodson and Lueders-Avoca

place playoff berth.

The girls' playoff race is a bit more clear. Munday, Crowell and Throckmorton all appear to have the inside tracks to their respective district crowns.

In District 9-A, Division I, the runner-up berth is Hamlin's to lose. The Lady Pipers head into their final four games with a two-game lead over Haskell and Roscoe.

Northside and Knox City are fighting it out for the runner-up berth in District 13-A, Division II. Northside was 4-1 as of last Friday.

The KC girls improved to 3-3

in district pay with a 45-36 win over Chillicothe.

The Throckmorton girls went into this week's play at 7-0 in District 14-A play. The Lady Hounds need only two wins to clinch the district crown and guarantee themselves a first-round bye.

Aspermont is the odds-on favorite to finish second in the district race and will face either Northside of Knox City in the first round of the Division II playoffs, which will begin on Feb. 13.

The District 13-A runnerup will play either Paint Creek, Woodson or Lueders-Avoca in their playoff opener.

Former KC star to coach all-star game

Former Knox City High School standout Wayne Hutchinson added a feather to his coaching resume recently when he was selected as an assistant coach for the 2012 Oil Bowl game, the all-star game pitting Texas' top athletes against those from Oklahoma.

Hutchinson, who serves as the head football coach at Stamford, will be the defensive coordinator for Wichita Falls Rider's Jim Garfield. Burleson's Jason Tucker will serves as Texas' offensive coordinator.

Hutchinson, who guided Knox City to the Class A state crown in 1984, played in the 1984 Oil Bowl as a senior. He threw a TD in Texas' 27-7 win that year.

After winning the Oil Bowl's first overtime game 17-14 last year, the Texans now lead the series 46-18-1.

The three Oklahoma coaches will be Harlon Howe of Seminole, Rob Fry of Ponca City and J.R. Winton of Pryor.

KC teams sweep 2 from Chillicothe

Jones leads 'Hounds past Harrold, 47-33

high 12 points on Tuesday and helped the Knox City Greyhounds roll to a 47-33 victory over the Harrold Hornets in District 13-A action.

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With the win, Knox City improved to 7-1 in district play. The Greyhounds trail Crowell by one game heading into Friday's action.

Knox City got off to a quick start against Harrold, which fell to 0-6 in league play. The Greyhounds pounded out several clutch shots in the first eight minutes and built a 14-9 advantage.

The KC defense took over from there. Knox City limited Harrold to just four points in the second and helped the Greyhounds roll into the half with a seven-point lead, at 20-13.

Knox City all but put the game away in the third. The Greyhounds reeled off a 12-8 run

Blake Jones scored a game- in the frame and stretched their lead to 11 heading into the fourth quarter.

T.J. Moore and Zach Carter just missed scoring into double figures in the game. Both finished with nine points. Moore accounted for the Greyhounds' lone three-point basket.

Knox City also picked up solid play from Brandon York, Jose Espinal and Ryan Ledesma. York chalked up six points in the victory. Espinal and Ledesma both contributed four.

Kris Campos and Jarek Wilde also scored, netting two and one,

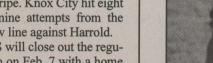
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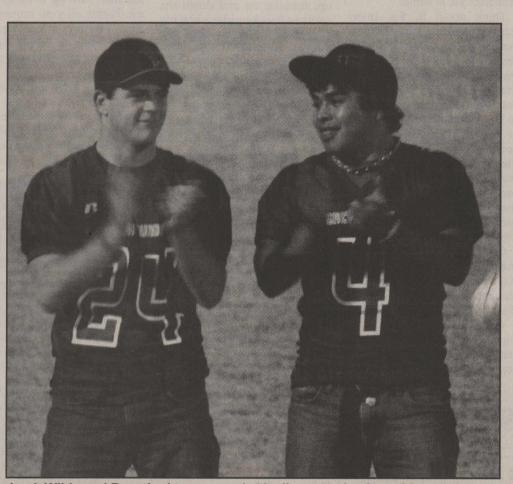
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respectively. As a team, the Greyhounds shot extremely well from the charity stripe. Knox City hit eight of their nine attempts from the





Jarek Wilde and Ryan Ledesma were both all-state selections this past season for the Knox City Greyhounds.

KC lands six spots on all-state team

The Knox City Greyhounds tight end, While Ledesma was Jones, cornerback Jarek Wilde

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this past season on the football field. They received plenty of praise, too.

The Greyhounds land six spots on the Texas Six-Man Coaches Association's 2011 all-state football teams, including two first-team players.

Blake Jones and Ryan Ledesma were both first-team all-state selections. Jones was tabbed a first-team pick as a Moore, defensive end Blake

at linebacker.

With Jones and Ledesma leading the way, Knox City marched to the Division I state quarterfinals before falling to eventual state champion Throckmorton.

Greyhounds had The four players earn Honorable Mention all-state accolades this past season. Garnering HM honors were kicker T.J.

Throckmorton quarterback Tucker Brown highlighted the 2011 six-man all-state picks. He was named the TSMCA Player of the Year following a season in which he led the Greyhounds to a perfect 14-0 record.

Ira's Lance Morris was the offensive player of the year, while Borden County's Quinton Schafer was the defensive player of the year.

The Knox City Greyhounds and Houndettes both turned in solid performances last Friday by claiming district wins over Chillicothe.

The Greyhounds had no trouble notching a 47-35 win over the Eagles. KC held a 14-point lead late, at 32-18, in the third before coasting to the finish.

The Houndettes notched a 45-36 win over the CHS Lady Eagles.

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The KCHS boys' and girls will be competing in four meets during the regular season, including the Knox City Greyhound Relays on March 9.

In addition to hosting their own meet, the Greyhounds and Houndettes will be competing in Spur (March 2), Jayton (March 23) and Aspermont (23) before concluding the regular season with the district meet on April 6.

2012 Track Schedule Varsity

The Knox City Junior High teams will be running in meets in Spur, Knox City, Jayton and the Zone Meet in Crowell.



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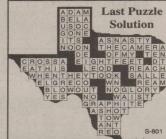
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Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

Today we begin yet another the pain. phase of the Knox Co. News with the new owners in the saddle and "rarin" to go. Though I haven't met them yet, I have spoken to them by phone and it sounds like they are ready and anxious to get "this show on the road." And we are happy to have them aboard.

News of the ill of our community varies today.

Deann Lamb is in the Munday Nursing Center, having been admitted last Tuesday morning. This is supposedly a short term stay until a fracture from a recent fall heals. I visited her on Sunday and she was feeling better. I also visited briefly with Mary Welch - that's Susan Cartwright's mother. She suffered a stroke recently but she's doing much better. They all enjoy company so much and I urge everyone to drop by there, if only for a few minutes, when you are in Munday.

I visited with Cindy Layton and also Tom Moorhouse tonight. They told me Becky is in the Knox Co. hospital. She was admitted today (Mon.) and tonight was feeling much better. Some of her medication was making her sick so, hopefully, they will take care of that and she can return home soon.

Mike Young has good days and some not so good. He spent Fri. night in a Wichita Falls hospital and the last I heard he was feeling better.

Barbara Ryder will be in Ft. Worth Mon, (on Feb. 6) to see a doctor about her knee. She sure is looking forward to getting something done to relieve courthouse in the offices of the there!

Former resident of Benjamin, (now living in Knox City), John Chilcoat underwent surgery Tuesday in Wichita Falls. He's home now and, according

to family members, is doing real

well and that's good news.

Chad Tolson continues to improve and is getting out more as time goes by. Though he still is not 100 percent, he is so much better than he was just a short time ago. His family knows doctors have done a lot but also knows prayers of family and friends played a big part in his recovery. He, and all these I have mentioned today, and also those with problems we do not know about continue to need our prayers.

Sympathy today to the family of Karen Criswell in Guthrie. Karen passed away last week after several years of failing health. Her funeral was Saturday in Guthrie. Also, sympathy to family and friends of Bill Groves of Knox City. Bill died on Sunday after suffering an apparent stroke about a week earlier. His funeral will be Thursday, at the O'Brien Baptist Church. And a belated expression of sympathy to Diana Casillas of Knox City and her family. Their mother passed away last Saturday (Jan. 28) after being sick for quite some time.

Here 'N There

Janet Reed spent the weekend with her husband, Gary, day, Feb. 5. Serving will begin in Big Spring. Gary is working there on a construction job. She returned home Sunday and began (again) her job at the

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Colton Caldwell, a student at North Texas State in Denton, was home for the weekend visiting his mom, Lana Hale, and grandparents, Jane Gideon and Weldon Gideon.

Hazel Stockton and Kim Moore were in Lubbock on Monday for Hazel to see her dermatologist. She got a pretty good report. Just needs to keep doing what she's been doing and go back in a few weeks for another follow-up visit.

Samijo Russell is proud to announce the arrival of a baby boy. Demetrius Jovohn was born Thursday, Jan. 26, at 7:47 p.m. at the Seymour hospital. D. J. weighed 6 lbs. and 14 oz. and was 19 3/4 inches long. Maternal grandmother is Kim Moore, great-grandfather is Bud Conner and great-great-grandmother is Hazel Stockton. Sam, D.J. and all the rest of the family are doing great!

Finally, don't forget the museum benefit dinner on Sunat 11:30 a.m. and everyone is invited for a great meal, silent auction and lots of visiting - all for a great cause - I'll see you

Hunters should be on look out for sick quail

in full swing, experts are asking hunters to be on the lookout for sick or dead wild quail to help them solve a nagging mystery.

"We're asking hunters to let us know of any strange-acting quail or, better yet, of any carcasses they come across or sick birds they've found," said Dr. Dale Rollins, Texas AgriLife Extension Service wildlife specialist at San Angelo.

Rollins, who is also the director of the Rolling Plains Quail Research Ranch near Roby, said he and his team want the birds as they may offer clues to the troubling critical decline in the Texas' quail population over the past few years.

The Rolling Plains Quail Research Ranch study led by Rollins is called Operation Idiopathic Decline. It's a comprehensive study of quail dis-

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> "The word idiopathic in the title, meaning it's unknown what's causing the demise of quail, pretty well sums up the frustration we as hunters, educators and researchers are feeling at this point," Rollins said. "The bobwhite quail population is at a record low in the Rolling Plains, which has long been the traditional stronghold for wild quail in Texas. To date, our research team has tested nearly 700 bobwhites from 21 Texas sites and 10 sites in Oklahoma.

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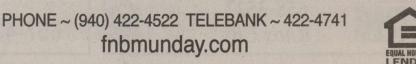
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