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KC students earn top honors in 'Six-Man Heaven' contest

TOMMY WELLS
The Knox County News

Thanks to a group of high school students, Knox City earned a few new names recently, including one that would make the most die-hard six-man football fan happy - Six-Man Heaven.

Five Knox City High School students helped the community earn the "Heaven" crown for 2011 by winning the Six-Man Heaven art contest. The contest, which was open to all schools that participate in six-man football, was sponsored by

www.sixmanfootball.com.

Ryan Ledesma, Kelsey Vasquez, Alison Lynn, T.J. Moore and Jarek Wilde, backed by the support of sponsor Ryan Falks, produced a short 7-minute film showing the role high school football plays in the community. The students used game footage as well as interviews to produce a video.

"This year's contest was highly competitive with exceptional entries in all the categories," said Alan Barber, a professional filmmaker who served as one of the judges. "We sincerely thank the stu-

dents and their teacher sponsors for their efforts."

Knox City's film, which can be viewed on YouTube at http://youtu.be/yP_sKvcp-bZI, edged out productions from students at Penelope and Rule. By winning, the students earned KCHS a \$1,000 donation and a "Six-Man Heaven" trophy.

Penelope finished second in the film division's standings. Rule's film, which was created by Celeste Caddell, Clay Morrow, Mason Grindstaff, Jennifer Starr, Joshua Quintero and Darryl Williams, placed third.

Blanket High School's Hope Heard won the event's essay contest. For her efforts, she earned her school a \$300 donation and a trophy.

Aspermont's Emilea English and Kannan Pitcock won the photography division. Blanket's James Frink earned an honorable mention finish in the photo contest.

Joining Barber as judges in the contest was Texas Football six-man editor Leman Saunders, Teresa Bourjise and www.sixmanfootball.com founder Granger Huntress.

Six-Man Heaven

The following is a look at the winners in the 2011 "Six-Man Heaven" art contest.

- Film Division**
- 1.....Knox City
 - 2.....Penelope
 - 3.....Rule
- Essay Division**
- 1.....Hope Heard, Blanket
- Photo Contest**
- 1.....English/Pitcock, Aspermont

Rainfall totals far ahead of 2011 mark

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Area farmers and ranchers received some welcome news last week from the National Weather Service. The drought that has plagued Texas - and much of the Southwestern U.S. - could be weakening ... at least, for now.

According to data provided by NWS representative Ed Andrews, the Throckmorton and Knox County area has received more than an inch over its normal precipitation levels for January. According to Andrews, the county received 1.04 inches of rainfall in the month.

That news is welcome news for an area that finished the 2011 year more than 13 inches below its normal precipitation levels.

The rainfall news came on the heels of the NWS' announcement that drought conditions had been broken in parts of Texas earlier this year. Several areas of the Dallas-Fort Worth area were declared non-drought regions following a wet January.

Locally, the drought status hasn't changed much. Despite recent precipitation, much of Knox County remains in "moderate" to "severe" on the U.S. Drought Monitor.

Andrews' rainfall totals show the area received plenty of precipitation in the first 31 days of the 2012 calendar year.

The area's rainfall totals increased by almost an inch on Jan. 25 when another .90 of an inch fell. A total of .15 fell the following day. The three days of rainfall easily surpassed the normal precipitation level for January. The "normal" level of rain for the county in the first month of the season is just 1.14 inches.

Knox County didn't come close to normal a year ago. In January 2011, the county caught about .15 of an inch.

Young and Baylor counties saw their drought status improve in the NWS release. Throckmorton County received mixed reviews. The southeastern half of the county is in Stage 1 of the drought plan, while the northwestern corner is still in Stage 2.

The recent rains have helped with stock pond levels, however.

'Valentine Cuties' photos due by Feb. 12

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 Monday, Feb. 12.

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

Photos can be dropped at the News' office at 110 N. Central Ave, or mailed to: 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.



Big support ...

More than 200 area residents turned out to attend the Knox County Historical Society's benefit on Sunday in Benjamin. One of the big attractions at the gala was the silent auction, which featured more than 100 items.

JUST A GROOVIN'



Courtesy photo

Munday's Jay White (right) and Knox City's Danny Wainscott helped 3Kord, a Christian rock band, rock the Anson Opera House recently. 3Kord formed about three years ago as a praise band.

Local band rocks Anson Opera House

BRENNA TRONCOSO
Special to The Knox County News

The Anson Opera House, which is known for playing old-style Country and Western music, changed its line-up a bit recently when it featured 3Kord, a contemporary Christian Rock band, at its monthly musical on Saturday, Jan. 21.

The band, composed of Munday's Jay

White (vocals and lead guitar), Knox City's Danny Wainscott (bass), and James Jackson (drums), and Christopher Gibson (keyboard), played for a full house.

According to White, the band got its start about three years ago as a praise band with Ruben Garcia and Jimmy Guerrero and evolved from there. Saturday was especially significant for 3Kord since it was the first time all four members, some of them new, played

together live.

Playing at such an historic venue as the Anson Opera House was also significant for the group.

"This was very special for us. We knew the history of the opera house and were very honored and humbled to be there," said White.

While contemporary rock isn't the usual See **ROCK** on Page 5

Adkins to seek Precinct 1 position in Haskell County

Haskell County farmer Don Adkins announced he would be seeking the Precinct 1 commissioner's position in Haskell County during the upcoming election.

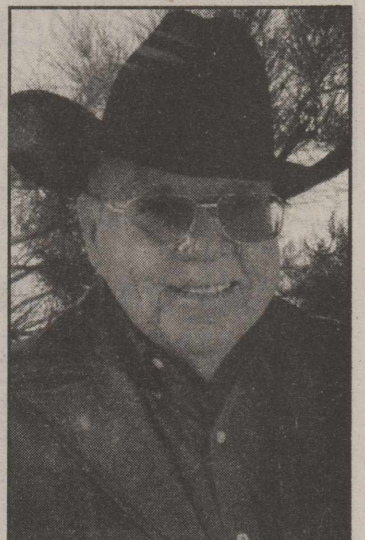
Born and raised in Rochester, Adkins said the experience he gained in a career that has taken him to several countries would enable him to serve Haskell County residents well.

"With world-wide experience combined with a knowledge of Haskell County, I believe I am the best candidate for county

commissioner," he said.

A 1961 graduate of Rochester High School in 1961, he worked in a variety of positions in his life, including working for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, farming in Haskell County, and also serving as the Quality Assurance/Quality Control Construction Superintendent for Howe-Baker Engineers in oil and gas plant construction. At Howe-Baker, he was in charge of bidding and design of 18 oil and gas plants:

Duties included job site setup, See **ELECTON** on Page 3



Don Adkins ... seeks for Precinct 1 position

Knox County News unveils new email address

The Knox County News, which was purchased by Tommy and Patricia Wells recently, is un-

ing a new email address, effective immediately. The News' new email address

is: knoxconews@gmail.com. The paper's phone and Fax numbers will remain unchanged.

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Sports

Houndettes clinch playoff berth

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Heading into the Tuesday's showdown with the Crowell Lady Wildcats, the Knox City High School Houndettes new they were in a "put up or shut up" situation as far as the 2012 state playoffs were concerned.

Crowell probably wish they hadn't been.

Knox City, 8-14 overall, clinched the District 13-A third-

place playoff berth in grand style with a stunning 50-48 win over the district-leading Lady Wildcats. Crowell entered the game unbeaten in district play, sporting an 8-0 mark.

It didn't take long for the Houndettes to send Crowell a message. After a pair of three-pointers early in the game had given Crowell a lead, Leighton Pepper and Reagan Clark brought KC back. Pepper staked the Houndettes to a slim 8-7 lead

with a pair of free throws midway through the first. Moments later, Clark pushed in offensive rebound that spurred KCHS to a 16-13 first-quarter lead.

Knox City, which finished the contest with three players in double figures, didn't back off in the second. The Houndettes posted a 14-11 run in the frame and cruised into the half with a 30-24 lead.

Crowell, which netted the District 13-A championship de-

spite the loss, battled back in the third. The Lady Wildcats out-scored KCHS by a 16-12 clip and trailed by just two, at 42-40, heading into the final frame.

Playing under interim coach Charles Steele, the Houndettes matched Crowell shot-for-shot in the fourth to net the win.

Pepper finished the contest as Knox City's top scorer with 12 points. Cassidy Carter and Clark added 10, while Cassandra Ledesma added eight.

Houndettes to face Aspermont in b-district game on Tuesday

Playoff fever is alive and well in Knox City, thank you.

The Knox City High School Houndettes clinched a berth in the Class A, Division II state playoffs on Tuesday with a win over Crowell. The win gave Knox City the third-place playoff position in the District 13-A race.

By finishing third, Knox City advances to face Asper-

mont, the District 14-A runner-up. The two teams are scheduled to begin their respective playoff runs on Tuesday in Guthrie.

Knox City enters the game with an 8-14 record. The team went 4-5 in district play. Aspermont, 26-8 overall, went 8-2 in District 14-A play. Both of their district setbacks came at the hands of Throckmorton.

Quick start carries 'Cats past 'Hounds

The Crowell Wildcats reeled off a 17-point barrage in the first eight minutes of play and then held off a furious rally to claim a slim 42-38 win over the Knox City Greyhounds.

With the win, Crowell nailed down the District 13-A championship by improving to 10-0 in league play. Knox City finished second in the district with an 8-2 mark.

The Wildcats did most of their damage in the early minutes of the contest. Crowell sank a couple of clutch shots in the first and sprinted to a 17-10 advantage.

The Greyhounds, now 16-8 overall, cut into Crowell's lead in the second. Knox City out-

pointed Crowell by an 8-6 margin in the frame and pulled to within 23-18 at the end of the second quarter.

The Greyhounds continued to trim the Wildcats' lead in the second half. Knox City out-scored Crowell by a 20-19 clip in the final two stanzas.

Zach Carter highlighted the Greyhounds' offensive efforts against Crowell. He finished the game with nine points. Blake Jones and Brandon York also helped power the KC offense by throwing in eight apiece.

Jarek Wilde and Ryan Ledesma added five and four, respectively, while Jose Espinal and T.J. Moore contributed two.

Moguls improve to 15-1 with big win

The Munday High School Moguls moved a step closer to the district crown on Tuesday by pounding out an easy 49-24 victory over the Hamlin Pied Pipers.

With the win, the Moguls

improved to 15-1 for the year and, more importantly, climbed to 8-1 in district play.

The Munday girls suffered a 58-34 loss to Hamlin.

The MHS girls are 17-9 overall, and 8-2 in district.



When the Knox City Greyhounds run onto the field next fall, they will find themselves competing in a district that features teams from Throckmorton, Crowell, Paint Creek and Bryson.

UIL moves Knox City into the west

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The University Interscholastic League didn't do the Knox County Greyhounds any favors when it released its district realignment last week. Then again, you probably won't find anyone in Throckmorton, Crowell, Paint Creek or Bryson a bit too happy.

Knox City was placed in the five-team District 8 group during the UIL's new alignment, which will be for the 2013-14 years. The new alignment was released on Thursday, Feb. 2.

"It will be good competition," said Knox City head coach Charles Steele. "Throck lost some key players but should still be the front runner."

The new district isn't all that new for several of the teams. Knox City, Throckmorton and Paint Creek were all paired in District 9 a year ago with Gordon.

Throckmorton head coach

Mike Reed said he didn't have a problem with the new district.

"I like it (the new district)," said Throckmorton head coach Mike Reed. "It should be competitive nightly."

Fresh off a 14-0 state title campaign, Throckmorton will be replacing four seniors, including senior quarterback Tucker Brown, spreadback C.J. Hantz, senior kicker Jordan White and center Blayton Oliver.

Despite the losses, Throckmorton will likely enter the 2013 season as the odds-on favorite. Reed brings back several key performers, including running backs Levi Taylor and Rawlin Morrell, linebacker Trinity Haggard and defensive back Nathan Riley.

Steele said Knox City and Crowell both suffered heavy losses this year, but should still be able to compete for the playoffs.

"They lost 11 seniors, and we lost nine," he said.

Despite the loss, Knox City

2012-14 UIL District Alignments Division I - Six-man Football

Region I	Region II	Region III	Region IV
District 1 Happy Hart McLean Miami Nazareth	District 5 Fort Davis Garden City Marfa Rankin	Throckmorton	District 13 Abbott Aquila Avalon Bynum
District 2 Kress Paducah Petersburg Spur Valley	District 6 Eden Paint Rock Sterling City Veribest Water Valley	Lometa May Rochelle Santa Anna Zephyr	District 14 Buckholts Coolidge Mount Calm Penelope
District 3 Anton Lubbock Harmony Meadow Ropes Whiteface	District 7 Hermleigh Ira Highland Rotan	Evant Gordon Gustine Lingleville	District 15 Bloomburg Campbell Fruitvale Fannindel Leverett's Chapel
District 4 Borden County Klondike Grady O'Donnell	District 8 Bryson Crowell Paint Creek Knox City	Blum Covington Kopperl Walnut Springs	District 16 Apple Springs Chester High Island Oakwood

will be the largest school in the new alignment. Knox City reported an enrollment of 65.

Bryson will be making the leap from the small-school division to the large-school division. The Cowboys competed in Division II for the past several years. This season, they finished 6-4 and finished third in the Dis-

trict 10 race.

Bryson is the second-largest largest school in the alignment. BISD officials reported an enrollment of 61. Throckmorton and Crowell both reported enrollments of 58.

Paint Creek has the smallest enrollment total of all the new District 8 teams with 54.

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