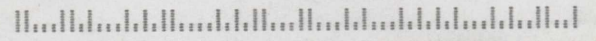


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Alcohol sales could mean tax revenue for city

TOMMY WELLS
The Knox County News

Knox City residents, like those in neighboring Munday, will find themselves answering one of the more important questions facing many small communities when they go to the polls in May. Should they pop the top on a new tax source.

The residents of the two Knox County communities are scheduled to vote on whether to allow alcohol sales in their

communities in the upcoming election. If voters pass the measure, it could be an added source of tax revenue.

"I wouldn't mind seeing it pass because it would generate additional revenue. Personally, I'm not that big of a drinker, but we're like a lot of other towns, we need to look at ways to increase revenue," said Knox City Mayor Jeff Stanfield.

"Every little bit helps," he said.

A petition by several local residents was presented to the city recently,

asking that the Local Option issue be placed on the ballot for the upcoming election. During the election, voters will decide whether to legalize the sale of beer and wine for off-premise consumption only.

Stanfield said the approval of the Local Option could face a stiff test in Knox City. Several local churches have indicated they are not in favor of allowing the sale of alcohol in the city.

"There is opposition," said Stanfield. "I don't know if it will pass here, but it

is something we need to think about. If the people who drink come out in full force on election day, it might have a chance."

Currently Knox City is one of two area counties, including Throckmorton, that do not allow the sale of alcoholic beverages. Persons seeking to purchase alcoholic beverages must now travel to King County, or other area places.

In Throckmorton County, residents must travel to Newcastle in Young County or to a small package store lo-

cated south of Woodson just across the Stephens County line.

Knox City voters will also have another important reason to go to the polls in May, filling several spots on the city council. Heading into the election, the terms of three councilmen are expiring.

The 2012 city and school elections will be held on May 12. The state primaries could be pushed back due to an ongoing legal battle dealing with the redistricting process.

MAKING PROGRESS



Road construction crews smooth out part of the concrete they applied to the roadway on Central Avenue on Tuesday morning. Construction crews have paved a portion of the road, and are expecting to complete the first half of the downtown paving project within the next few weeks.

Morrow appointed to KC city council

TOMMY WELLS
The Knox County News

The Knox County City Council moved a step closer to returning itself to normal last Tuesday when it appointed a local man to the council.

Logan Morrow was appointed to the city council at last week's council meeting, filling the opening created when councilman Cody Pack stepped down due to a move to Abilene.

For Morrow, it wasn't an easy decision to accept the position. In fact, he wasn't to sure he wanted it at all.

At first, I wasn't all that interested," he said, "But then I thought about it and felt like since I grew up here it was kind of a responsibility."

Prior to accepting the position, Morrow said he spoke with Knox City City Administrator Chad Roberts several times to catch up on city issues.

A life-long resident of Knox City, Morrow has served as an EMT with Knox County Emergency Medical Services department. He has been employed with the EMS since June 2009.

"I'm kind of excited about serving on the city council," he said. "Being from here, I feel like I should do something rather than just sit around. I've only been through one short meeting, but I'm looking forward to serving."

The son of Pancho and Lesa Morrow, he has said he plans to complete Pack's term and will file to re-election.

The Knox City City Council will have three spots open when voters go to the polls. In addition to the seat Morrow is filling, voters will also be filling two other seats.



Logan Morrow ...
... new city councilman

Verizon constructing cell phone tower in KC

TOMMY WELLS
The Knox County News

Improved cell phone coverage could be on its way to Knox City if Verizon Wireless has its way.

Verizon Wireless employees began construction on a new cellular phone tower just east of Knox City near Highway 222. Construction of the tower began on Monday, Feb. 27.

Work on the tower began earlier this month when electric poles were installed.

AEP has already installed the

electric poles. The construction company has already delivered the dozer and track-hoe that will be used to prepare the site for construction.

The construction of the tower is expected to take three to four weeks, according to Knox City City Administrator Chad Roberts. Weather conditions could extend the construction period.

After the tower is constructed, Verizon hook phone service. The tower could be in use within 60 days.

The construction of the tower
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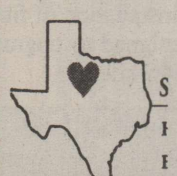
A crop duster flies low to the ground while spraying crops near Yandell Road south of Munday. The recent rainfall in the area has helped crops flourish.

Knox City council appoints Brady new ACO

The residents of Knox City will see a new face in an old role, thanks to the Knox City City Council. Council members, at their Feb. 21 meeting, appointed Butch Brady as the city's new Animal Control Officer.

Brady recently completed his training at the West Central Texas Law Enforcement Academy in Abilene and received his ACO certification.

For more information, or to contact the KC Animal Control Officer contact city hall at (940) 658-3313.



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'Passport Day' to be held in Seymour

The Seymour Post Office is hosting a special passport event on Saturday, March 10, from 8 a.m. until 10 a.m. to provide passport information to U.S. citizens and to accept passport applications. The Seymour Post Office is joining the Department of State in celebrating Passport Day in the USA 2012.

U.S. citizens must present a valid passport book when entering or re-entering the United States by air. U.S. citizens entering the United States from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean and Bermuda at land borders and sea ports of entry must present a passport book, passport card, or other travel documents approved by the U.S. government.

Information on the cost and how to apply for a U.S. passport is available at travel.state.gov. U.S. citizens may also obtain passport information by phone, by calling the National Passport Information Center at 1(877) 487-2778.

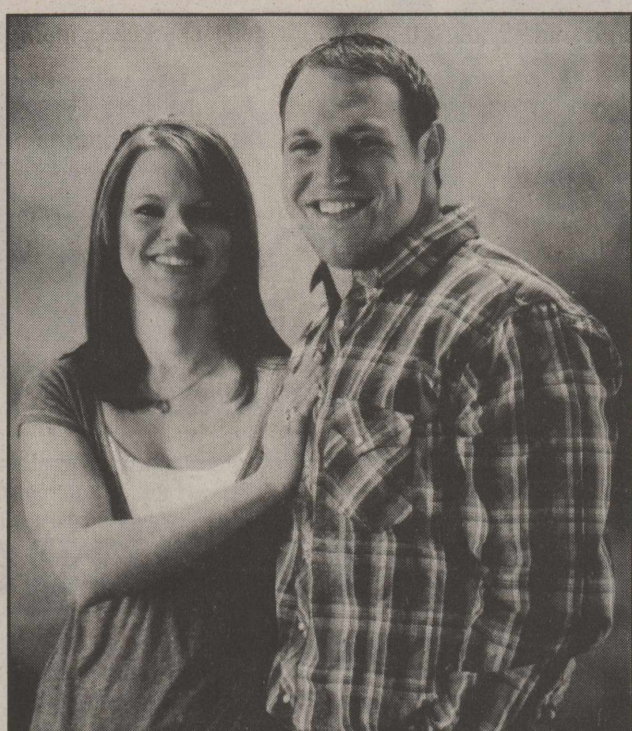
KC hospital sets blood drive

The Knox County Hospital will be hosting a local blood drive on Tuesday, March 6, at the hospital in Knox City, which is located at Knox County Hospital District 701 South 5th Street.

The blood drive will be held from 1 p.m. until 6 p.m.. All donors will receive a free t-shirt.

For more information about the blood drive, please contact the Knox County Hospital at (940) 657-3535.

Engagement



Tomas Myers and Sara Drachenberg will exchange wedding vows on March 10 in Lubbock. Myers is the son of Rickie and Rocky Myers of Knox City.

Drachenberg, Myers to marry on March 10

Rocky and Rickie Myers of Knox City are proud to announce the engagement of their son, Tomas Myers, to Sarah Drachenberg, the daughter of Susan and Randy Pierce of Lubbock.

Myers graduates from the Covenant School of Radiology in June 2012. He plans on attending and finishing a Bachelor of Radiological Sciences in the spring of 2013 from Midwestern State University.

Drachenberg, of Smyer, Texas, is a graduate of Texas Tech University School of Nursing. She received her Bachelor's of Science in nursing in May 2010.

Both Myers and Drachenberg currently work at the University Medical Center in Lubbock where they met.

The wedding will be held on March 10 in Lubbock among family and friends.

Court favors landowners in Texas water rights case

AUSTIN - A Texas Supreme Court opinion delivered last week in the case *Edwards Aquifer Authority v. Day* can be boiled down to this: the rights of property owners to the water under their land outweighs governmental control of access to that water.

Justice Nathan Hecht, author of the opinion dated Feb. 22, wrote that the landowners have a constitutionally protected interest in the groundwater beneath their property and that groundwater cannot be taken for public use without adequate compensation guaranteed by the Texas Constitution.

The court affirmed an appellate court ruling and remanded the case to the district court for further proceedings. The case was brought by farmer-ranchers near Von Ormy in Atascosa County, near San Antonio.

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples and a coalition of private property owners' rights advocates applauded the decision.

But the Edwards Aquifer Authority said the ruling could prove problematic for local water districts whose job it is to manage and conserve water supplies.

Report shows lag in insurance

Among working Texans age 65 or younger, 51.1 percent did not have health care coverage through their employer in 2009-2010. This calculation puts Texas at 48th among the 50 states. Only New Mexico with 48.6 percent and Mississippi with 48.4 percent ranked lower.

The information was published in a Feb. 23 report by the Austin-based Center for Public Policy Priorities using statistics from the Washington, D.C.-based Economic Policy Institute. The report shows a decline in coverage by Texas employers in the period between 2000-2001 and 2009-2010.

Center for Public Policy Priorities policy analyst Stacey Pogue said the information indicates

Capital Highlights



By Ed Sterling

small employers need the support and protection of federal health care reform. State-based affordable health care exchanges mandated by the U.S. Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 are scheduled to become available to employers by 2014.

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott and the attorneys general of 25 other states have united in the opinion that the federal health care law violates the U.S. Constitution by forcing citizens to buy health insurance.

The federal health care law, referred to by some as "Obama Care," on Jan. 1, 2014, will impose an annual penalty of \$95, or up to 1 percent of income, whichever is greater, on individuals who do not secure health insurance coverage.

Abbott, AGs, call on Google

Attorney General Abbott last week issued a statement after joining a coalition of state attorneys general who wrote to Google expressing concerns about planned changes in the Internet search engine company's privacy settings set to take effect March 1.

To quote: "By unilaterally consolidating users' personal data from multiple but previously distinct platforms and failing to allow users to opt-out, Google is depriving its customers of an opportunity to control how their personal information is used and shared. A bipartisan coalition of states is urging Google to reconsider and work with us to ensure that millions of consumers' pri-

vacancy is properly protected." The National Association of Attorneys General listed key concerns as follows: • Google's new policy appears to invade consumer's privacy by automatically sharing personal information that users input into one Google product with all Google products – without affording users a genuine opportunity to opt-out of having their information shared; • Computer users – particularly business and government computer users – who wish to avoid Google's information sharing would be forced to incur significant expenses associated with switching their operations to different platforms; and • Google's new policy is incompatible with Google's long-standing promise to respect consumers' privacy.

Tuition plan enrollment ends

Comptroller Susan Combs on Feb. 24 posted a reminder that Feb. 29 is the deadline for enrollment in the state's prepaid college tuition program.

Under the plan, Combs said, families can prepay tuition and required fees for a four-year degree, two years of community college or just a few semesters at Texas public colleges and universities by purchasing tuition units.

July 31, however, is the enrollment deadline for parents of newborns and children under one year old.

Date for primaries still up in air

Because of ongoing legal disagreements over the drawing of state House districts and U.S. congressional districts, the earliest date party primaries can be held has moved continually later over the last few months.

March 6 was the original scheduled date. The current but tentative seeming date is April 3. But an array of calculations push the date to late April, late May and even late June.

ACROSS

1 cowboys ___ cow's hide when branding

5 Lady Bird: Claudia ___ Taylor Johnson

6 ex-Cowboy Leon

7 UT has collection of work of this folksinger Burl

8 Rangers traded this pitcher Robb in '93

9 this TX Morse sang "Cow-Cow Boogie"

16 TXism: "just two whoops ___ holler away"

18 this TX Jamison was 1st black woman in space

20 in Hadalgo Co. on 107: ___ couch

21 rodeo cowboys use rosin ___ to improve their grip

22 San Antonio street: ___ Chaney

24 Coleman Co.'s namesake was Aide ___ to Gen. Sam Houston

30 TX prof.'s degree

34 TX Ginger film: "Shall ___ Dance?"

35 music system

36 LBJ took ___ of office on Air Force 1

37 TXism: "legal ___" (lawyer)

39 Cinco de Mayo ___ Mexico defeat of France

43 ___ Duke (M.D.)

44 historic Kiowa chief

45 ex-Cowboy Irvin (init.)

DOWN

1 early Rio Grande indian tribe

2 a football team

3 "Texas" is most ___ outdoor drama in U.S.

4 barn critters

9 TXism: "size '___ up" (evaluate)

10 TX C&W singer Gary Morris played Rodolfo in this play

11 private jet

12 nat. corn farmers organization based in Dimmitt (abbr.)

13 "Elissa" in Galveston Bay is three-___

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TX chain: Pay-n-___

47 approves

48 TXism: "blister ___" (handle)

50 in '89, the Phillips plant in Pasadena did this

53 Santa ___ TX

54 TXism: "got knocked down a peg ___ two"

55 under the Houston Ship Channel: Baytown

56 Astro pitcher in '91

59 TX hot sauce maker

14 TX "Cowpokes" artist Reid (init.)

15 Rice's 1st president Lovett (init.)

17 TXism: "dumb as ___"

19 least toxic radioactive waste (2 wds.)

23 TX flag upside down means "help ___"

24 ex-Cowboy LB Darrin (init.)

25 and so forth (abbr.)

26 TXism: "honcho" (company head) meaning of Brazos: "___ God"

28 TX Kristofferson's "Help ___ It Through the Night" cowboy storytellers Chester, TX named for this pres. (init.)

31 TX Tyler who sang "Deck of Cards" (init.)

33 TXism: "plain as the ___ mule"

38 TXism: "brave as a first ___ teacher"

40 first female gov.

41 TXism: "___-horse town" (small town)

42 century of Spanish exploration of TX

49 TXism: "just a ___ in the bucket"

51 English saloon

52 pitcher Nolan (init.)

57 TXism: "quick as you can ___ eye"

58 TX-born ragtime composer Joplin

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Getting buzzed by SWMNBMM

Hello, My name is Tommy and I am standing here before you today to admit something ... I'm afraid of my wife at least once every month.

That in itself isn't the problem. Most men try to avoid their wives once a month or so, but my issue is a bit different. My wife is an amateur hair cutter.

First, I should tell you how the whole issue began. A few years ago when She-Who-Must-Not-Be-Made-Mad and I were poor and had four kids at home (as opposed to now when we are poor and have two kids at home), our teenage boys and I needed a haircut badly.

But as fate would have it, we couldn't afford to go to the barber. With that, you can piece together the events that led us to borrowing a pair of shears from a friend.

"I think I can do this," SWMNB

Off The Beaten Path



By Tommy Wells

BMM said. "I've watched a lot of people do it and it looks easy."

Being the kind and supportive husband I am (and because the two boys refused to go first) I sat down in the chair.

Like a master, SWMNBMM went to work. And, other than a

few learning issues. I did get my hair cut.

After she had completed her first masterpiece, she stood back proudly.

"I think it turned out to be a nice cut," she proclaimed as she I went to look in the mirror.

"It is definitely cut," I said. "I think there is really only one major thing wrong. How come one of my sideburns is here (by my ear lobe) and one is here (near the top of my ear.)"

"Well, I had a little trouble there," she said.

Being the super groovy husband I am, I looked in the mirror and imagine the torture I would take at work the next day with my lopsided 'do.

"I think you did OK for your first time, but I think I want it shorter," I said.

"Babe, if it's any shorter, you will be bald," she said.

"I can live with that," I stated.

A few moments later where once a full head of hair had stood, a bald, fat man was peering out at the world.

When she had completed Hair-cut No. 1, I got up and shook what had been my hair off my shoulder.

By the way, if anyone happens to see our two sons, can you tell them I found some money and they can come home.

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

KCHD sponsoring 'Walk Across Texas'

The Knox County Hospital District is sponsoring a the "Walk Across Texas" program, beginning March 1 at 5:30 p.m. The event is a friendly competition designed to promote a healthy lifestyle.

In the event, teams of 10 monitor and report miles walked

each week until a team reaches the 895 miles that it takes to walk across the state.

A \$10 per member entry fee is requested. Proceeds will be donated to a charity of the winning team's choice.

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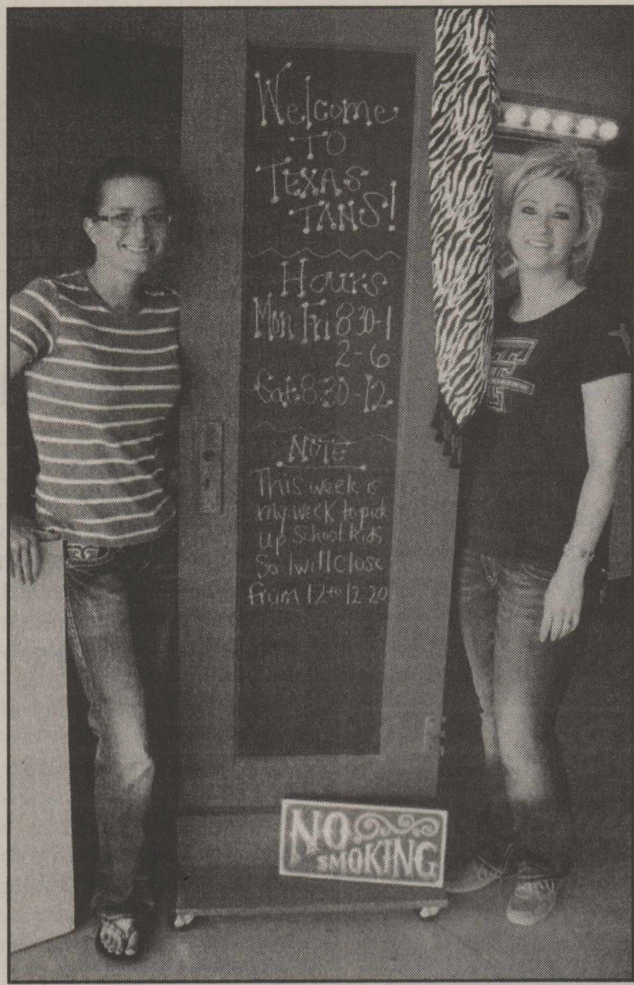
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New business ...
Brittany Coker and longtime friend Lindsey Penman stand next to a sign in the new Texas Tans business that opened earlier this week in downtown Knoxville. Texas Tans is located on N. Central Ave.

KCVG to hold 'Power' luncheon on March 7

Are you an entrepreneur? (That is just a fancy word for someone who has started a business.) Maybe you have started several businesses or maybe you have never started a business at all. Regardless of where you are in the process, the Knox County Visioning Group would like to invite you to attend their Power Luncheon on March 7, and network with other entrepreneurs.

Entrepreneurs make up a large percentage of the local economy. One job in Knox County has the economic impact of 1,000 jobs in a metropolitan area. On average, one dollar spent locally can turn over as many as six times before it leaves the community. That is why it is so important to foster big dreamers and encourage them to launch their big ideas. When a new business begins, jobs are created. Jobs bring people, and Knox County needs people. The cycle begins with a simple idea that turns into a reality.

But, how do you start a business? Even if you get it started, how do you keep the doors open? Where do you find customers? How do you market your company? These are questions all entrepreneurs face. Through networking and sharing information, many of these questions can be answered. Seasoned businessmen and women who have "been there and done that" can help teach the younger generation.

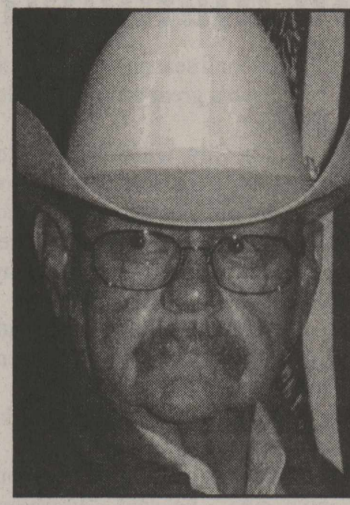
"The luncheons are designed to give people an opportunity to talk about ideas and share resources," said KCVG Director Jimi Coplen. "We want to give them a positive environment to connect with each other and share knowledge. We also hope these luncheons will help us locate individuals who are interested in starting a business as well as find mentors who are interested in mentoring new

businesses." Sharing knowledge is powerful, noted Coplen. Come and test the waters. See if you can help someone or see if you can get your own

questions answered. The first Power Luncheon will be held in Knoxville at the Doug Meinzer Community Center located at the Knox City Housing Authority, 203 SW 4th

Street in Knoxville on March 7 from noon to 1 p.m. Lunch will be served for \$3.

Persons interested in attending are asked to RSVP to 940-459-4121.



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I spent 30 years in the Natural Gas Liquids Division for Cities Services, Occidental and Conoco Oil Companies. I was born, raised and lived my entire life west of Rochester on the family farm, where I raised mostly wheat, cotton and cattle.

I have been a member of the Haskell County Historical Commission for 19 years, a member of the Haskell County Historical and Genealogical Society for 17 years, and am serving my 14th year as President of this organization. I am also serving my third term as a member of the Haskell County Appraisal District. I served on the Haskell County Junior Livestock Board of Directors for 9 years and was co-chairman of the lamb show for 2 years. I still support 4-H and FFA as two of the best programs for our youth.

I have been married to my childhood sweetheart, Teresa Martin, almost 52 years. We have one daughter, Michele Dunnam of Haskell, and one precious granddaughter, Shalee Dunnam.

If re-elected I will continue to devote my time to improving the roads in Precinct #1, and to work with the Commissioners Court to handle the county business as efficiently and economically as possible. Your vote and support will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you, Johnny Scoggins

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Obituaries

Dorothy M. Harris

Dorothy M. Harris, 88, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2012. Funeral services were held at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, in Mount Olivet Chapel. Interment followed in the Mount Olivet Cemetery.

Visitation was held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 17, at Mount Olivet Funeral Home.

Dorothy was born Aug. 16, 1923, in Wellington to Isaac and Flora Godsey. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ernest L. Harris, in 1981; sons-in-law, Leonard Garfield and Mer Ido; grandson, Randy Ido; brother, Alex Godsey; and nephew, Eddy Weeks.

Survivors include her sons, Jerry D. Harris, William Harris and wife, Dianne, Robert "Bobby" Harris and wife, Patsy; daughters, Mildred A. Walker, Norma Throckmorton and husband, Eddie, Linda Pryor and husband, Ricky Pack; 19 grandchildren; 41 great-grandchildren; great-great-grandchild, Chloe Mitchell; sister-in-law, Lorene Weeks; and numerous nieces and nephews.



Dorothy M. Harris

Mount Olivet Funeral Home was in charge of services.

To view and sign guestbook go to www.star-telegram.com/obituaries.

City to test storm sirens

Knox City residents are reminded that the city will be testing the emergency storm siren system on Fridays, beginning at 5 p.m., weather permitting.

For more information about the testing contact the Knox City city hall at 658-3303.

Pink Ladies hold meeting on Feb. 15

The Pink Ladies held a meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 15. President Glenda Huff was called to Abilene for a conference regarding Danny Reece. Danny is back home under special care.

We appreciate our customers and donors who search out our back door while the road construction is in progress. Our door has a "Pink Ladies" sign on it, so come on in. We are still open from 10 a.m. to noon, and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Mondays and Fridays. On Wednesdays, the hours run from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

This month, we've been honored to donate clothing to a couple of needy gentlemen in the Brazos Valley Care Home. We thank you for your donations to enable us to do this.

KCVG to hold development class

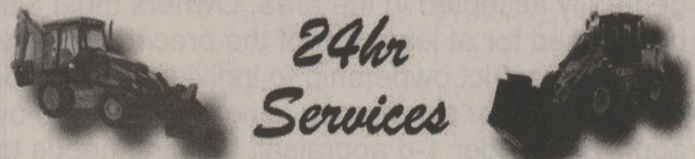
The Knox County Visioning Group will be holding several business development workshops this year as part of a program to promote entrepreneurship.

The next class, which will be on "Social Media" will be held

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Sports

Greyhounds expect to compete every game this season on diamond

Knox City High School head baseball coach Charles Steele competitive every game as they head into the 2012 season. "We are really excited about

this baseball season," said Steele. "We have a great group of senior leaders."

Knox City, which battled Rotan to an 8-8 tie in their season opener on Tuesday, is scheduled to face off against Valley in a doubleheader on Saturday. Games will begin at 11 a.m.

Steele said the Greyhounds are playing an "outlaw" schedule this season that includes a series of schools with similar numbers.

"We are playing schools our own size," he said. "Everyone we play is dealing with the busy spring schedules."

KCHS hosts Paducah on March 20.

2012 Knox City Baseball Schedule

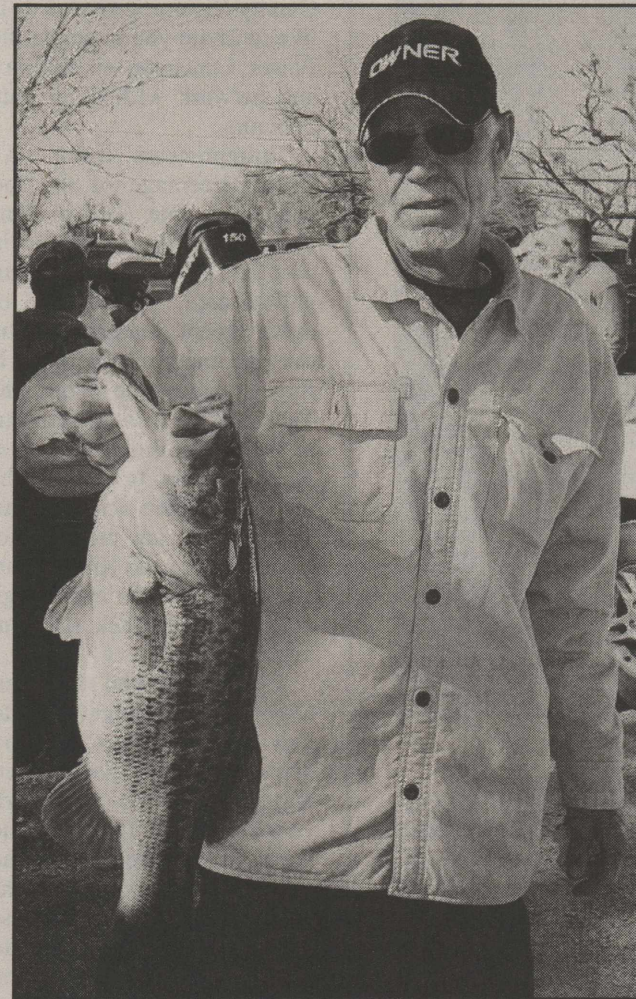
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KC thinclads to open year in Spur

The Knox City High School athletes will usher in the spring athletic season on Friday when they compete in the Spur Relays.

The KCJHS teams will also be competing in Spur.

David's Fishing Report



Weinert's Dale Carroll shows off the 8.92-pound bass he caught while competing in the Haskell Bass Club's season-opening tournament.

Carroll lands 'Big Fish' honors at HBC's first meet

Fishing was pretty tough for the Haskell Bass Club's first tournament of the 2012 season, which was held on Feb. 25 at Oak Creek near Blackwell. Most of the fish caught were on red rattletraps on shallow rock flats and along creek channels.

Big fish of the tournament weighed 8.92 lbs and was caught by Dale Carroll of Weinert.

The water temperature during the event was 50 degrees, with visibility at 12 to 18 inches. The water clarity was lightly stained.

'Hounds steal 21 bases in 8-8 tie

Nick Short raced home on a two-strike pitch in the bottom of the sixth inning and helped the Knox City Greyhounds open their 2012 baseball season with an 8-8 tie against the Rotan Yellowhammers on Tuesday afternoon.

The game was called after six innings of play due to darkness.

Trailing 6-5 with two outs, Short enabled Knox City to tie the game when he raced home. Short's steal was one of a record 21 stolen bases for the Greyhounds.

Knox City got off to a quick start against Rotan. The Greyhounds, aided by nine walks by the Rotan pitching staff, raced to a 7-2 lead in the first five innings.

Rotan rallied back, however. The 'Hammers scored six runs in the fifth and sixth innings and took a slim 8-7 cushion.

After Short had tied the game, KC reliever T.J. Moore worked his way out of a bases loaded jam in the sixth to preserve the win.

KC starting pitcher Brandon York turned in a solid performance in the season-opener. He allowed just six hits while striking out 12 in five innings.

Josh Schnable powered the Greyhounds' offense. He went 2-for-2 from the plate. He swiped six bases and scored three times.

York also starred at the plate, going 11 with a pair of walks. He also stole six bases in the game.

Jarek Wilde and Moore stole three bases each.



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CUSTOMER NOTICE INCORPORATED AREAS OF THE MID-TEX DIVISION

On January 31, 2012, Atmos Energy Corporation, Mid-Tex Division ("Atmos" or "the Company"), filed a Statement of Intent with each City served by the Mid-Tex Division (hereafter "Affected Cities") with the exception of the City of Dallas. The Company's Statement of Intent proposes to increase its gas rates and implement a new schedule of rates and riders applicable to all customers within the Affected Cities. The proposed effective date of the requested rate changes is March 6, 2012. If approved, the proposed changes will affect approximately 1,194,420 residential, 100,461 commercial, and 705 industrial & transportation customers.

If approved, the proposed rates will increase the Company's annual revenues by \$49,080,069 or 4.36%, including gas costs, or 11.94% excluding gas cost. The proposed change in rates constitutes a "major change" as that term is defined by Section 104.101 of the Texas Utilities Code. In addition to the rate changes, other proposed tariff changes include revision of the Company's residential and commercial rate schedules (Rates R and C), as well as its Rider WNA and Rider GCR to change the current billing rate basis from Mcf to Ccf. The Company further proposes to revise the Rider GCR to: (1) remove the 2009 interest rate reference, (2) clarify that the calculation of (b) Pipeline Cost is inclusive of interest, and (3) update the Upstream Pipeline Charge Allocation (Factor D). Atmos also proposes to modify its Rider WNA to update the heat load and base load factors. The Company further seeks to implement a new Rate Review Mechanism ("RRM") tariff, as well as a new conservation and energy efficiency tariff ("Rider CEE"). In addition, the Company seeks to recover all of its rate case expenses and all city rate case expenses as allowed by law. The exact amount will not be known until the case is completed.

Based on the proposed rate design, the average monthly bill for each customer class within the Affected Cities will change by the amount and percent shown in the table below:

Customer Class	Current Bill **	Proposed Bill**	Difference	Percentage Change with Gas Cost	Percentage Change without Gas Cost
Residential *	\$48.51	\$51.21	\$2.70	5.57%	13.60%
Commercial *	\$241.15	\$246.50	\$5.35	2.22%	9.69%
Industrial *	\$3,703.47	\$3,499.26	\$(204.21)	-5.51%	-14.22%
Transportation	\$1,754.60	\$1,550.39	\$(204.21)	-11.64%	-14.22%

*Includes Rider GCR Part A cost of \$4.5750 per Mcf.
 **The calculation of bill impacts assumes average monthly consumption of 4.4 Mcf for residential, 34.2 Mcf for commercial, and 3,897 MMbtu for industrial and transportation customers.

Persons with specific questions or desiring additional information about this filing may contact Atmos Energy Corporation at 1-888-286-6700. Complete copies of the filed Statement of Intent, including all proposed rates and schedule changes, are available for inspection at Atmos' offices located at 5420 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1600, Dallas, Texas 75240 or on our website www.atmosenergy.com/mtx-soi. In addition, customers can contact their City for additional information regarding this rate request.

Éste es un aviso a los clientes de Mid-Tex División de Atmos Energy Corporation, (la "Compañía"), que la Compañía está solicitando un aumento en la tarifa del gas. Este aumento afecta a todos los clientes de la Compañía excepto en la ciudad de Dallas y las áreas no incorporadas. Aquellas personas que deseen comunicarse con la autoridad reguladora que tiene jurisdicción sobre esta solicitud deben ponerse en contacto con su ciudad. Si usted tiene preguntas con respecto a este aumento, por favor llame a Atmos Energy Corporation al 1-888-286-6700.

State Mandates Ag Exemption Applications to be on file in the Appraisal District Office. Farm Exemption Forms Mailed Out to Property Owners Must Be In By April 30, 2012 To Receive Ag Exemption.

Productivity Appraisal Reduces Property Taxes on Farms and Ranches

Texas farmers and ranchers can be granted property tax relief on their land. They may apply to the Knox County Appraisal District for agricultural productivity appraisal and for a lower appraisal of their land based on how much they produce, versus what their land would sell for in the open market.

The Texas Constitution authorizes two types of agricultural productivity appraisals, 1-d-1 and 1-d, named after the section in which they were authorized. For 1-d-1 appraisal, property owners must use the land for agriculture or timber but the lands use must meet the degree of intensity generally accepted in the area. Owners must also show that the land is being used for at least five of the preceding seven years. 1-d-1 appraisal does not restrict ownership to individuals and does not require agriculture to be the owner's primary business. Most land owners apply for the 1-d-1 appraisal. Under 1-d appraisal, the land needs to be in use for at least three years and the owner must be an individual versus corporations, partnerships, agency or organization. The land must also be the owner's primary source of income. Penalties in the form of rollback tax, or the difference between the taxes paid under productivity appraisal and the taxes that would have been paid if the land had been put on the tax roll at market value, will be imposed if qualified land is taken out of agriculture or timber production.

A rollback tax occurs when a land owner switches the land's use to non-agricultural. These rollback taxes under 1-d-1 are based on the five tax years preceding the year of change. Under 1-d-1 appraisal, the rollback extends back for three years. Texas law also allows farmers and ranchers to use land for wildlife management and still receive the special appraisal, but the land must be qualified for agriculture use in the preceding year. Land under wildlife management must also meet acreage size requirements and special use qualifications. The deadline to apply for productivity appraisal is April 30. If the last day for the performance of an act is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal state or national holiday, the act is timely if performed on the next regular business day. Owners of land qualified as 1-d must file a new application every year. Owners of land qualified as 1-d-1 need not file again in later years unless the chief appraiser requests a new application. For more information about productivity appraisal and application forms, contact the Knox County Appraisal District at

1-940-459-3891. Information is also available on the state Comptroller's website at www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/ or by calling the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division at (800) 252-9121 and press "2" to access the menu and then press "1" to contact the Information Services Team.

Failure to file the application form before the Appraisal Review Board approves the appraisal roll, the land becomes ineligible for an agricultural appraisal in that tax year.

The Knox County News Classifieds

SAMMIE'S KNOX CITY CORNER AND FINAL THOUGHTS

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NOTICE

The Knox City Economic Development and Community Development Corporation boards are accepting bids for the construction of a community center and pavilion located at the City Park. Information about the bid process, specification sheets and blue prints are available by contacting Chad Roberts, City Administrator at KC City Hall 902 E Main St. Bids are accepted until Thursday March 15, 2012 at 5:00pm

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Knox City Housing Authority (KCHA) has 1, 2, and 3 bedroom apartments available for immediate occupancy to eligible applicants in both HUD and USDA-Rural Development programs. Rental assistance is available for most units. Applications for housing may be picked up at 203 SW 4th Street in Knox City, Texas or call 940-657-3612 for more information. It is the intent of KCHA to offer vacant units to income ineligible (high income) applicants when there are not income eligible (very low or low income) applicants on the waiting list. KCHA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Published in the Knox County News on Feb, 23, March 1 and March 8)

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGES IN ELECTION PRECINCTS

Pursuant to § 42.035, Texas Election Code, the Commissioners court of Knox County, Texas, herein provides notice of changes in County political boundaries as adopted by the Commissioners Court, and as precleared by the United States Department of Justice on 6th day of February, 2012.

Interested individuals may review the adopted changes in the office of the County Clerk during regular business hours.

The changes in county election precincts were necessitated by redistricting of County Commissioners Court precincts in compliance with the United States Constitution and 42 U.S.C § 1973, also known as the Voting Rights Act, following the release of 2010 census data. Changes in county election precincts were designed to achieve numerical balance between the four commissioners court precincts, and to insure voting rights of all citizens of Knox County, Texas.

Annette Offutt County Clerk

AVISA PUBLICOCODE CAMBIOS EN ELECCION RECINTOS

De conformidad con § 42.035, Codigo Elecoral de Texas, la Corte de Comisionados del condado de Knox, Texas, este documento proporciona la notificacion de cambios en los limites del Condado de politica adoptadas por la Corte de Comisionados, y como precleared por el Departamento de Justicia en dia 6 de feriar, 2012.

Las personas interesadas pueden revisar los cambios adoptoados en la oficina del secretario del condado durante las horas regulares de trabajo.

Los cambios en los precinctos electorales del condado fueron necesarias por la redistribucion de los distritos del Condado del la Corte de Comisionados de conformidad con la Constitucion de los Estados Unidos y 42 USC § 1973, tambien conocida como la Ley de Derechos Electorales, tras la publicacion de los datos del censo entre los cuatro distritos electorales comisionados judiciales, y para asegurar los derechos de voto de todos los ciudadanos del condado de Knox, Texas.

Official de Condado

Official stamp of Knox County Clerk Annette Offutt, dated 15th day of February 2012.

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PUBLIC HEARING notice for Knox City EDC 4-A and CDC 4-B boards held at City Hall on Thursday, March 15, 2012 at 5:00 PM.

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDER OF ELECTION

An Election is hereby ordered to be held on May 12, 2012 for the purpose of: Electing two (2) Council Members for two (2) year terms. Electing Mayor for two (2) year term.

Applications for a place on the ballot shall be filed by March 5, 2012.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at Knox County Clerk's Office - 100 W. Cedar - Benjamin, Texas between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on April 30, 2012 and ending on May 4, 2012.

Application for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: Annette Offutt 100 W. Cedar Benjamin, Texas 79505

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on May 4, 2012. Issued this 9th day of February, 2012.

ORDEN DE ELECCION

Por la presente se ordena que se llevara a cabo una eleccion el 12 de Mayo, 2012 con el proposito de: 2 Asientos Concejales a terminus de 2 anos.

Alcalde a terminus de 2 anos. Solicitudes para un lugar en bolet seran presentadas por: 5 de Marzo, 2012.

La botacion adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en Knox County Clerk's Office - 100 W. Cedar - Benjamin, Texas entre las 8:00 de la manana u las 5:00 de la tarde empenzando el 30 de Abril y terminando el 4 de Mayo, 2012.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a: Annet Offutt 100 W. Cedar Benjamin, Texas 79505

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por corrie deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de las horas de negocio de 4 de Mayo, 2012. Emitida este dia 9 de Febrero, 2012.

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I am going to start my column today by saying I am very sorry I have had now news over the last few weeks. I have been having a hard time bouncing back from a bad time with my health and having a hard time coping with all my pain. I am trying to get back to doing that I love. Things are going to be OK. I am doing physical therapy and, hopefully, things will become easier. Thanks to everyone for being so patient. I know some of you look forward to the Knox City news and I will try my best.

All my little old guys are still meeting for coffee and that is one thing to do. I miss them and look forward to seeing their faces, and seeing which can tell the biggest whopper. They all come pretty close but I think may have then beat... they just don't know it yet. Well, our little ones have finished their basketball games. I missed the last one, but they had so much fun. It is fun to remember when ours were that small, and now we are watching our grandkids. It is amazing how quickly time has gone by.

The Burkhams have returned home from going to the stock show in Fort Worth.

Also, all of our children were still competing in stock shows this last week. They were ready to travel and get to the shows. I hope they placed and, hopefully, got rewarded for all the efforts and work they put into the animals. They earn every bit of it, but it is so much fun for them and their parents.

Pansy Hale was in the hospital this last week with some health problems. Debbie Wilde told me on Monday that she was at home and doing much better. God bless you, Pansy.

On Monday at the Foursquare Church, we prepared lunch for the Gaston and Watson families, who were preparing for funeral services for their beloved Phillis Gaston. Please keep them in your prayers and they travel to their homes after starting the healing process.

On Sunday, Jessie Reyna of Rochester passed away. She is the mother of Linda Hern, who works at the hospital, and Stacy Reyna, who works at the care home. As I knew her from years back, she was a wonderful and very caring woman. The family will miss her very much. She will also be missed by lots of friends. Keep the families in your prayers and thoughts as they start the healing process. May God be with you all.

Dionisia Estrada has returned home with her daughter, Diana, and son-in-law, West, to be comfortable and rest as she looks on her grandchildren and family. If you know her in some way, please call her at home or stop by and say hello. I'm sure she would love to see you. I stopped by to see her on Tuesday and loved seeing her face light up and smile as we remembered all the times we laughed and talked.

Diana is home with her all day now. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Dionisia is one of the strongest and hardest working women I have ever known. If she didn't know how to do it, she learned how to fast. She loved and always had time for everyone, so I think it is our turn to repay that favor.

On Thursday more bad news came when word that Marvin Lissel had passed away in the Munday Care Home. May God be with his family, too.

Evelyn Balis has been a little under the weather. She has been scheduled to have some tests done in Abilene and, hopefully, she will be able to find the problem. She has been feeling poorly for a while, and doesn't get out like she used to. Hopefully, after all the tests she will be able to get out a little more, and maybe come have coffee and breakfast with me at Bud's Café.

My mom, Mrs. Rodriguez, also had a little setback this weekend. Dr. Finley was very cautious and had her very well taken care of. I am so glad and thankful to the hospital and ambulance staff who got her to Abilene and back during this hard time. She is at home now to do her recovery.

Thanks guys! You are great! There is a virus going around with coughing and fever. Please be careful with your young ones, as well as the elderly. The virus, in some cases, has lasted as long as two weeks and can be hard on people. Take every precaution to stay healthy.

I have also heard from my chosen daughter in Guam, and she informed us we are having another grandbaby. It will be a boy. All are doing well there and counting the days until they can return to the States for, hopefully, final duty station in the U.S. Air Force. We can't hardly wait. Our prayers are with them and all of our children.

Good news was on its way, too. Alex and Julie Ledesma are on their way to having a new addition to the family. Congratulations guys. May God bless you and your new bundle of joy.

Laura Stovall is also excited. Her son-in-law, Chad Tolson, is making great improvements and her son, Derrick, and his girlfriend are expecting a baby in the next month or so. God has been good to them and answered all of our prayers.

Alfredo and Amanda are doing well. The doctors are doing a great job keeping up with Alfredo's improvements, and that is a blessing to his and Amanda's family.

Imelda Bernal had a great report from Mrs. Kemletz. She is doing much better. Imelda is a great caregiver and takes great care of her patients and family.

Charles Casillas had some tests done a while back and Martha says he is doing well. He had a rough time for a while, but is now doing better.

Listen, it is time to celebrate the life of a lot of these people. Please embrace and love on them because tomorrow may be different..

Take care, and if I can be of help in any way feel free to call on me. Also, if you want to be on a prayer list let me know. We would like to help you pray, and will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

My mother had a little bad weekend and is still trying to recover at home after a trip to the emergency room and to Abilene. Please keep her in your prayers. She has reached 86 years of age and life has been pretty rough for her. Thanks to everyone who has called me to check on how she is doing.

Shane Marin was in church on Sunday morning after having had back surgery two months ago. She is doing great and looks wonderful. I know Beverly Speck was glad Shane is doing better.

Diana and Gilbert have returned from a weekend away from home with a couple of friends, Matt and Hope. She stayed in touch with me while she was gone and said they really enjoyed themselves.

Looks like all of the work downtown is coming along nicely. I'm like everyone else, I'll be glad when it is finished. We all know they are trying their best to work as quickly as possible.

If I have forgotten anything in this column, I will try for more next week.

God bless our troops and each of you, too.

Sammie

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My goal: lose weight, play more golf and hope Obama doesn't win

Gasoline prices are on the rise, my weights up, football season is over and so is hunting season. So I guess it is safe to say I need to lose weight, play more golf and hope that Obama is a one-term President. The sad thing about the "Muslim Messiah" is that 28 percent of the people, according to a recent Rasmussen poll, strongly favor him and think he is doing a bang up job. My response is where in the Hell do these people live and what do they do for a living?

Just Jeff



By Jeff Stanfield

Listen, I could care less if you are a Democrat or a Republican. This is what this clown has done. He vetoed the "Keystone Pipeline," which would have created overnight 20,000 jobs and would have made us less dependent on the Saudis and others for oil. Then he decided to put a moratorium on offshore drilling and the EPA has made the regulations so tough that permits to drill are down 88 percent since Obama took over. When Bush left office we were producing 10 million barrels of oil right here in the USA. Each day since Obama? 7 million. Why?

It's not because the oil companies are losing money. It's because too much regulation and keeping them from producing.

This is the only country in the world where our own government tries to prevent us from making money. We regulate everything. Heck the EPA wants to find a way to tax farmers for creating dust. Seriously, can you imagine getting a fine for plowing? How in the hell do you think we are going to produce food if you don't put some kind of plow in the ground? If we

really want to cultivate crops we should fertilize it with all the B.S. that Washington DC tells us each day. Yet, we help every cess pool country in the world that has a crooked dictator or a broken system. Our motto is: Hey, if you want money just ask Uncle Sam. There are no strings attached.

I guess I am a selfish son-of-a-gun because I don't really care about the problems in Africa or the Middle East. I say take care of our own problems and let people fix their own problems. Heck, they caused it. Let them fix it. Yes, I understand the Christian way is help thy neighbor, but I think God meant the people living down the street not over the ocean and five time zones away. These third world places produce kids like its a contest. If you want to help them, send in a team of urologist and give vasectomies to everyone that is 13 and up, and in 10 years they will not be as hungry. Listen, I know ... I know that sounds horrible ... but it's the truth.

Last week, Whitney Houston died of OD, drowning or whatever. The results are the same. She is the perfect example of wasting away a ton of talent, I do pray for her family and feel sorry for them. I am a huge fan of Gov. Christie of New Jersey, but I do not agree on flying a flag at half mast for Whitney. She is not an example of a great American. She is an example of what's wrong with this country. Her, Lindsey Lohan and countless other elitist who got a break because they could sing, dance, act, catch a ball ... think they are above the law and can do whatever without any consequences.

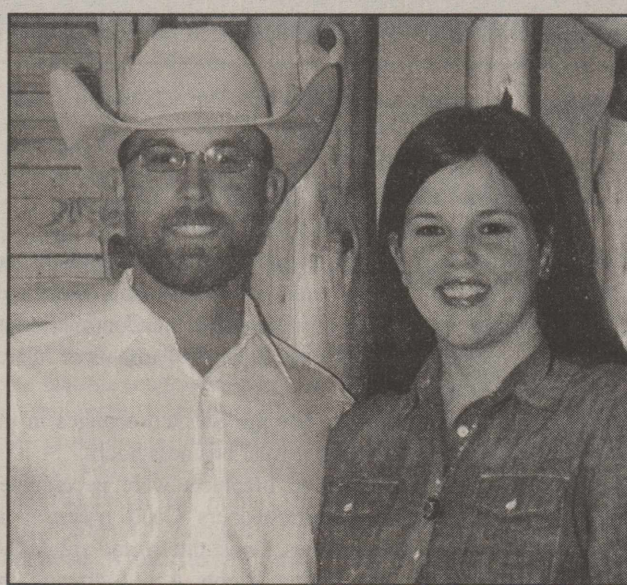
The two biggest funerals with tons of media exposure in the last five years have been Whitney's and Michael Jackson, a drug addict and an alleged child molester. Yet a soldier dies every day and it hardly makes the news. What is right about that?

And my parting shot. Your Democratic President apologized for the United States' military burning some Korans in Afghanistan. What about the soldiers they killed? What about the Bibles they burn? What about the tortured U.N. workers? What about the Christian preacher in Iran that they are going to execute because he will not give up his Christianity?

Has Obama even stood up for this man? No. The sad thing is those of you who voted for him got exactly what you wanted. Change ... but the only hope we have is that we get rid of him ...

(Jeff "I would rather vote for Mickey Mouse than Obama" Stanfield is a local columnist.)

Engagement



Tye Ross Jones and Jenny Katherine Farrar will exchange wedding vows on June 2, 2012 in Canadian.

Jenny Farrar to marry Tye Jones on June 2

Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Farrar of Canadian announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jenny Katherine Farrar of Fredericksburg, to Tye Ross Jones

of Benjamin, Texas. Jones is the son of Tim and Linda Jones of Benjamin. The couple will wed on June 2, 2012 in Canadian.

Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

It's another dreary, misty Monday. We need the rain but this type weather is more of a tease than anything. Maybe by morning we will have seen some measurable amounts.

Regarding our ill

Beckie Moorhouse is back in the Knox County Hospital. Doesn't feel too well, but doctors are keeping her pretty well free of pain, and she is able to rest some. That is good to report.

And, of course, we have lots of friends who are being bothered by allergies - hot one day and cold the next also adds to the discomfort.

I extend sympathy to the family of Marvin Zeissel today. Marvin passed away last Tuesday after several months of failing health.

Also sympathy to Betty Clower Parker and her family. Betty's husband, Roger, passed away suddenly at their home in Aspermont on Thursday. He was the son-in-law of Benjamin resident Gloria West. His funeral was Sunday in Aspermont.

I also learned today of the death of Don Poe, who lived in Katy, Texas. He was the uncle of Janet Reed and the brother of Edith Broach and Betty Poe of Knox City. The funeral is Thursday in Katy. Of course, sympathy to that family and we pray for their safe travels as they make the trip to attend the funeral.

Here N There

Dillon Keys spent the weekend with his uncle Cody Taylor and family in Amarillo. Jane Gideon, Mary Young and I attended the funeral of

State to celebrate signing on March 3

Historical re-enactors portraying Texas heroes Col. William B. Travis, Gen. Sam Houston and Davy Crockett will lend an authentic air to the Texas Independence Day celebration March 3-4 at Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historic Site.

The two-day festival commemorates the 176th anniversary of the signing of the Texas Declaration of Independence on March 2, 1836, by 59 men who gathered on the banks of the Brazos River for the Independence Convention. Children are invited to have their photo taken with the Texas heroes.

A special Texas Independence Day program will be held starting at 1:30 p.m. in the park amphitheater with a performance by the Aggie Wranglers. Highlighting the program will be a 3 p.m. roll call of the direct descendants of the signers of the document who declared Texas' freedom from Mexican rule. Visitors may want to arrive at the amphitheater at 12:45 p.m. to enjoy the Tanner Family Minstrel Show.

Knox County Appraisal District Reminds Businesses to Render Their Taxable Property by April 16

If you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income, then a rendition must be filed with the Knox County Appraisal District by April 16, 2012. A rendition is a report that lists all the taxable property you owned or controlled on Jan. 1 of this year. Property includes inventory and equipment used by a business. Owners do not have to render exempt property, such as church property or an agriculture producer's equipment used for farming.

"The appraisal district may use the information submitted in the rendition to set property values," said Mitzi Welch. "If more than one appraisal district appraises a property, the property owner should render in each appraisal district office. You can also file a report of decreased value to notify the district of significant depreciation of your property. For example, if your property was damaged by a storm, flood or fire last year, you should file a report of decreased value. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 2012," said Mitzi Welch. The last day to file a rendition or report of decreased value is April 16, 2012. If a rendition is filed late or incomplete or not at all, a 10 to 50 percent penalty may be imposed. Property owners who need more time to file their renditions may file a written request with the chief appraiser on or before April 16 to receive an automatic extension to May 15 or the next business day. The chief appraiser may also grant an additional 15 days after the postponed deadline, if necessary. For more information about rendering property, deadline extensions, penalties and rendition forms, taxpayers may contact the Knox County Appraisal District at 940-459-3891.

More information is also available from the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division at 1-800-252-9121 and press "2" to access the menu and then press "1" to contact the Information Services Team or visit the Comptroller's website at www.window.state.tx.us/tax-info/proptax/.

MY DAD WOULD ALWAYS SAY...

My dad would always say, "Work hard and save your money for a rainy day. Don't buy things you can't afford. You've got to spend less than you make." I used to think, "Give me a break, Dad. This is not economic news, everybody knows that." Well, with every year that goes by Dad's advice makes more sense. It seems that he's getting smarter as I get older. Common sense. Simple, but effective.

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Roger Parker in Aspermont on Sunday. We also visited with Billy Jay Jennings, a former resident who also attended the services. He now lives in New Braunfels. He is doing well and says he hopes to be here in June for homecoming.

Karson and Sharon Patterson of Tatum, N.M. visited relatives in the area and attended the Parker funeral on Sunday.

We also visited with Debbie Lindsey (she is married, but I forgot her last name). She is the daughter of Pete and Kay, all former residents. Debbie and her husband live in Snyder, and her parents are at Whitesboro. She said they are doing okay, as is her sister, Mitzi, who lives with her family in Frisco.

I learned Sunday of the death of Toby Whisenhunt, a former Knox City resident who was residing in Lubbock. Toby was well known here as she was employed by the Historical Commission for several years. My sympathy to her family.

It was another Little Dribbler Saturday in Benjamin. Several towns had little ones in the tournament and I think everyone was a winner in one way or another. Just who won first place, I'm not sure. But it was a fun day and good experiences for the young folks.

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My name is Don Adkins and I would very much appreciate your vote for County Commissioner, Precinct 1, Haskell County, Texas.

I was born and grew up in Rochester, Texas, and graduated from Rochester High School in 1961. I was first employed at Home State Bank, Rochester.

My background includes a variety of positions which have prepared me for the job as your County Commissioner:

- Worked for the Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Farmed in Haskell County
- Quality Assurance/Quality Control Construction Supt. for Howe-Baker Engineers in oil and gas plant construction; in charge of bidding and design of 18 oil and gas plants:

Duties included job site setup, opening accounts, screening, hiring, testing and assigning workforce and foremen, acquiring machinery and tools, and also preparing final red-line drawings.

Received numerous certifications from OSHA pertaining to safety in the workplace: to test welders and conduct non-destructive weld testing by radiograph, di-pen, magnetic, and ultra-sonic.

- Served as Consultant for the U.S. Dept. of Interior in the South Pacific where I constructed an electrical generation plant and put it on line making electricity.
- Construction Mgr./Supt. for Western Weltek, Inc., Salt Lake City, Utah; served as Project & Construction Manager over all pipelines within the continental United States.
- Maintained Top-Secret security clearance while working for the U.S. Dept. of State; with the Army Corps of Engineers in 19 countries with 150 people employed under me.

With world-wide experience combined with a knowledge of Haskell County, I believe I am the best candidate for County Commissioner, Precinct 1, Haskell County, Texas.

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