

God's Promise

By Gary Schnable, Pastor of the Foursquare Church

I grew up hearing my science teachers say, "March comes in like a lion, and goes out like a lamb". We certainly have seen the lion's roar of the mighty winds of March devastate communities of the central part of our country; leaving in its wake destroyed homes, businesses and lives. Just to look at the destruction and devastation on TV is heart wrenching!

We, as NW Texans understand the mighty winds, but there is another mighty wind that comes to destroy and devastate the kingdom of darkness...of evil, religiosity, religious rituals and the religious justification of our self-indulgent pleasures!

Look at Dr. Luke's recording of the mighty winds that gave the church its birth: "When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting..." Acts 2:1-2 (NIV)

This reminds me of a heart touching and powerful story of the transformation of a small village of Inuit Indians in the Qikiqtaaluk Region of Nunavut at Pond Inlet (NE Canada) in 1999. This village (approximately the size of Knox City) was a very dark place rampant with drunkenness, drugs, illicit sex & hard rock music to try to escape the problems of spousal abuse, sexual abuse of children, deep depression and fear. On top of this there was a very high teenage suicide rate...a hopelessness leading to despair. Evil had a stranglehold on this darkened community to the place that they could see no hope of change for the good.

Area pastors and a few faithful ones of God began to cry out to God for His help for their desperate community. Then one day as some of the faithful had gathered to worship and pray, little did they know God was about to answer their prayer! As they began to sing, a gentle sound of wind began to blow in their church (closed building). Then it became louder and louder until it was extremely loud. The tech man turned off all the sound equipment and even pulled the plug to try to stop it to no avail! It was not of a human origin, but of the Holy Spirit!!!

From that day in 1999, things began to change! Deep repentance and requests for forgiveness by many in the community began to transform this community into a place of hope, peace and love...a place where God is King! As people truly repented they brought their booze, pornography, music CD's, etc. to the church, putting it in trash cans that lined the front of the church altars each service. They eventually took it all to the dump and burned it with great celebration of their new found freedom in their relationship with Jesus Christ!

When the mighty wind of the Holy Spirit's presence comes to a community He will totally transform it like the village at Pond Inlet. When the Holy Spirit came on Pentecost it totally transformed many lives and continues today around the world. There are many communities around the world like Jerusalem and Pond Inlet that have experienced the mighty wind of the Holy Spirit in recent years.

Yes, when the Holy Spirit's

presence comes to a person, family or community it destroys the work of darkness and transforms young and old lives out of despair to a people of hope filled with great joy and destiny! But...that is not all it will destroy in it's wake. At Pentecost it destroyed the work of religion (Doing good works to try to attain God's favor - Ephesians 2:8-10), unseated religious leaders from controlling the people...the church (Trying to put manmade rules above the Word of God) and the lowering of God's standards that give people a false security of eternal life.

When the mighty winds of the Holy Spirit start to blow, they will tear down the strongholds of evil (e.g. Inuit Indians, 1st century church) and man's vain attempts to get holy by their own rules (That usually only serve the leaders personal desires and not God's). Once again allowing God to run His church according to His plan, the only plan that brings lasting and eternal transformations! That opens the door for an intimate personal relationship with God!

The results are amazing: "With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.'" 41 Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about 3000 were added to their number that day" Acts 2:40-41 (NIV)

Holy Spirit we ask for Your mighty winds to blow upon our community, the blowing that will tear down the dark strongholds and religious piety. Bring amazing transformation of lives, families and a community that only you can do! Come Holy Spirit! Come to Knox City, come!

District court order sets date for primary election

Capital Highlights



By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - Dates put on the calendar make the prospect of party primaries seem more concrete now. An order by a three-judge panel of the U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas in San Antonio, set May 29 as the date of the 2012 general primary election and July 31 for the primary runoff election.

Despite continuing questions and objections over redrawn state House and U.S. congressional districts, the order written by Judge Orlando Garcia and dated March 1 includes a list of primary-related deadline dates for federal, state, county and local offices. In a long list of requirements in Garcia's court order is the reopening of the filing period for candidates. Filing was set to begin March 2 and end at 6 p.m. on March 9.

Furthermore, the order waived the state law requiring that a runoff election be held no earlier than the 20th nor later than the 45th day after the final canvass of the main election for any municipal, school, or other political subdivision election held on May 12. It also suspended the requirements of any home-rule city charter relating to runoff election dates to allow for compliance with the order.

Coach puts face on Alzheimer's

Darrell K. Royal, head coach of the University of Texas Longhorns football team from 1957-76, appeared in the state Senate Chamber on Feb. 28 to promote efforts to understand and deal with Alzheimer's disease. Royal, 87, suffers from Alzheimer's.

Royal's wife Edith spoke to the Joint Interim Committee on Alzheimer's Disease, an assembly of lawmakers tasked with studying the economic impact of the disease over the next five years and working toward mobilizing assets to combat it. Standing with the Royals were celebrated Texans Lance Armstrong and Matthew McConaughey. State Health Commission-

recommends whether an agency should continue or be dissolved.

Most schools are accredited

State law gives the Texas education commissioner authority to impose sanctions against any school district or charter school that receives a lowered accreditation status.

This year, 97 percent of school districts and charter schools earned state accreditation based primarily on academic and financial performance.

In a March 1 Texas Education Agency new release, Education Commissioner Robert Scott said 1,185 out of 1,220 districts and charter schools met the requirements.

Accreditation status for each district and charter can be found at <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/accredstatus/>.

Phony email targets citizens

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott on March 1 warned citizens not to open attachments, click on links or respond to fraudulent email that looks like it came from the U.S. Internal Revenue Service.

"Tax season is a particularly active time for identity thieves, because it provides an opportunity for criminals to create fraudulent emails and websites to trick taxpayers into divulging their sensitive financial information," Abbott said.

"Taxpayers should remember that the IRS does not use email or text messages to contact taxpayers about issues related to their income tax returns," Abbott added.

This year, the deadline for filing federal income tax returns is Tuesday, April 17. According to the IRS, the filing deadline was moved back because April 15 is a Sunday and April 16 is a holiday in Washington, D.C.

er Dr. David Lakey estimated 340,000 Texans suffer from the disease and the state's minimally funded Alzheimer's disease program was cut by 50 percent by the Legislature. While most of the estimated \$65 million cost of Alzheimer's treatment in Texas is covered by Medicare, Lakey said, many Alzheimer's sufferers don't receive needed services.

Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services Deputy Commissioner Jon Weizenbaum estimated there are 2.7 million Texans providing informal caregiver tasks for Alzheimer's sufferers.

RRC elects new chairman

The Texas Railroad Commission on Feb. 28 elected current Commissioner Barry Smitherman chairman.

Smitherman, who joined the agency in July 2011, succeeds former Commissioner Elizabeth Ames Jones as chair. Ames Jones resigned from office last month to run for a state Senate seat.

"As Texas energy production is increasing at an unprecedented rate, the Railroad Commission must continue to maintain a fair and predictable regulatory climate in this state," Smitherman said, and expressed eagerness to work with the state Legislature and the Sunset Advisory Commission in the 83rd regular session, scheduled to convene in January. The Railroad Commission will undergo Sunset review, a process that scrutinizes each state agency and

I'm not sure, but I think we're gone

Do me a favor, please keep what I'm about to tell you under your hat. I would hate for this to get out... mainly because, well... I don't want to get punched.

Now that we've agreed you won't tell She-Who-Must-Not-Be-Made-Mad what I'm about to say, I have to tell you something. I think someone has kidnapped us.

I'm serious... I know SWMN-BMM really well and something is amiss.

First, let me tell you a bit about SWMNBMM. She was a cool kid who was raised right here. Even though there was a scare or two, she managed to graduate and the school was still standing.

Anyway, as you can see, I know her.

I think I first became aware of this kidnapping phenomenon a few years ago. One day, when I came in from work, there was a woman sitting in my floor with a little human doll that cried, screamed and did things that were very smelly.

OMG! I sent PK to the hospital and somebody named "Momma" came back.

I will tell you this right up front, when "Momma" went to the doctor for the fourth time I pinned a note to her blouse telling the doctor from that point on just send a bill... not a kid.

For anyone who has yet to baby

Off The Beaten Path



By Tommy Wells

collecting experience, I urge you to collect Barbies instead of babies. It is so much easier and the diapers are much easier to deal with.

The second reason I think someone has kidnapped my wife is the other day I came home and there was this woman who had her head stuck in the TV. When we first married, we didn't have a television - or anything else for that matter. We used to ride bikes, run and play basketball.

Now we watch others do all of those things on TV... which incidentally doesn't make me tired or sore.

Another thing, when we were married SWMNBMM had beautiful black hair. The other day when

I woke up there was a gray-haired lady named "Granny" looking at me.

I'm not sure what is going on here. People have been coming and going for years around here.

The scary thing about the whole deal is yesterday I looked in a mirror and there was an old guy pretending to be me!

(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.)

Master Gardener training to be offered in Canadian

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service is opening registration for the 2012 Master Gardener Training Series for northeastern Panhandle residents, according to Kyle Barnett, AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agent for Hemphill County.

This advance training will cover topics such as landscape design, vegetable gardening, soil science, pesticide management, insects/disease management, irrigation management, lawn and turf, and proper plant selection, Barnett said.

Registration is open to anyone willing to participate and agree to give back to the program through community service efforts, he said.

Fifty hours of advanced training will be offered from March through August in various locations throughout the six-county area, Barnett said.

Applications should be turned in with the \$175 registration fee by March 16, he said.

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.

ACROSS

1 "Viva Zapata" was filmed in this Starr Co. town

5 OK healer Roberts in Wood Co. on 69

7 actor James of TX-based "Giant"

8 Monahans' dunes: _____ Park

18 TXism: "_____ slinger" (writer)

19 George H. continued Reagan's Strategic Defense

21 ex-Cowboys LB Darrin (init.)

22 TX Mac Davis hit: "Baby Don't Get Hooked _____"

23 "Dallas" exterior _____ were shot at Southfork

24 "por favor" in TX

29 TXism: "running _____" (spouse)

30 TXism: "hit me like _____ of bricks"

31 Dr. Pepper rival

32 Itasca's mascot

34 Ed _____ was in "Daniel Boone" with TX Fess

35 Gov. O'Daniel (init.)

36 what TXns do with watermelon seeds (2 wds.)

37 TX Pepe Serna film: "_____ face"

38 TXism: "it's hard to _____ with the eagles when you work with turkeys"

39 arrival guess

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40 TXism: "get while the _____ is good"

42 TXism: "would trade all the mineral rights in Texas _____"

43 chili _____ carne

44 in Rusk Co.: _____ Hill

45 injuries

46 Jay Novacek's old Cowboy position

47 TX "Babe's" middle name

48 TXism: "_____ got a clue"

49 Aggies' "_____ Man"

DOWN

1 TXns buy & sell fruit at this (2 wds.)

2 TX Horton's "Battle of New _____"

3 in Kaufman Co. on hwy. 175

4 TXism: "does _____ office business"

9 TX Heloise gives these in a column

10 TX Gary Morris' "The Love She Found _____"

11 TXism: "let sleeping dogs _____"

12 _____ Gov. Dewhurst

13 TXism: "like kissing your _____" (tie)

14 folded tortillas

15 _____ gallon hat

16 TXism: "_____ horn" (amateur)

17 TXism: "best I _____ eyes on"

20 dates

22 hot breakfast food or former TX town

24 song writer Williams (init.)

25 TX Perrine was a _____ Vegas showgirl

26 Gov. Pease (init.)

33 ex-Cowboy Haley (init.)

34 TXism: "strong as battery _____"

35 TXism: "_____ to a frazzle" (tired)

37 some summer head wear in TX (2 wds.)

38 direction to Mexico

41 pinball violation

42 assortment of type

45 Lady Bird to LBJ

48 home of Sul Ross University.

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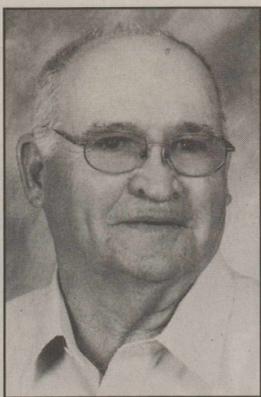
Obituaries

Danny Leon Reece

Danny Leon Reece, 71, passed away at his home in Knox City, Texas, Wednesday, Feb. 29, 2012. Services were held at the First Baptist Church at 10 a.m., Saturday, March 3, 2012 in Knox City with Rev. Jerry Vincent officiating. A graveside service was held at the Throckmorton Cemetery at 2 p.m., Saturday, March 3, 2012 in Throckmorton with Rev. Peter Parker officiating. A visitation was scheduled for Friday evening, March 2 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home in Knox City. Arrangements have been made under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes.

Danny Reece was born on June 16, 1940 in Archer City, Texas to Austin and Cloriene (Easley) Reece. Danny married Betty Alderson in Brownwood, Texas on May 28, 1960. They settled in Knox City in 1975 where Danny served 5 years on the City Council, was a member of the Pink Ladies, several year member of the County Food Bank, and a member of the First Baptist Church in which he served on many committees. Danny is a retired oil field pumpjack.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Betty Reece; and father, Austin Reece.



Danny Leon Reece

Danny is survived by his mother, Cloriene Reece of Throckmorton; three sons, Jeff Reece and wife, Pam, of San Antonio, Ronnie Reece and wife, Holly, of Abilene, and Mike Reece and wife, Holly, of Frisco; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; his companion, Glenda Huff of Knox City; and Glenda's daughter, Sandra Stone, also of Knox City.

If desired, memorials may be given in Danny's name to the First Baptist Church, 200 S. Central Ave., Knox City, Texas 79529.

Dionisia Estrada

Dionisia Estrada, 63, passed away at her residence in Knox City on March 1, 2012. Services were held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Rhineland, Texas, at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 5, 2012 with Father Jeremiah officiating. Burial was at Knox City Cemetery under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes. A rosary was planned for Sunday, March 4 at 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Dionisia was born on Oct. 9, 1948 in San Luis Potosi, Mexico, to Apolonio J. and Concepcion Estrada. She has lived in Knox City for 26 years and was a member of the Santa Rosa Catholic Church. Dionisia worked for the Knox City School system for 22 years.

She is preceded in death by parents, Apolonio and Concepcion Estrada; two brothers, Francisco Estrada and Apolonio Estrada, Jr.

She is survived by her daughter, Diana Grimsley and husband, Wes, of Brownwood, Texas, and their two children, Chloe and Callie; five brothers, Maxamilliano Estrada of Monterrey, Mexico, Sabino Estrada of Abilene, Pedro Estrada and wife, Terrie, of Anson, Jesus Estrada of Laredo, Texas, and Luis



Dionisia Estrada

Estrada and wife, Adrianna, also of Laredo; four sisters, Socorro de la Rosa of Monterrey, Mexico, Angela Castro and husband, Hildo, of Stockton, CA, Juana Barajas and husband, Gonzalo, of Marion, IN, and Carmen Estrada of Laredo; two sister-in-laws, Geronima Estrada of Clermont, FL, and Peggy Driver of Midland, TX; 14 nephews and 13 nieces.

If desired, donations may be made in Dionisia's name to America Pancreatic Association, PO Box 14906, Minneapolis, MN 55414.

Toby Whisenhunt

Toby Whisenhunt, 78, passed away Thursday, February 16, 2012. Family and friends gathered to celebrate her life on February 18, 2012 at 5 p.m. at Lake Ridge Chapel and Memorial Designers, 6025 82nd St, Lubbock. A tribute of Mrs. Whisenhunt may be found at www.memorialdesigners.net, where you may view a webcast of the service.

Toby was born on June 10, 1933 to King Albert and Gladys Green in Sweetwater, Texas. She graduated from Monahans High School. Toby married Leon Whisenhunt on February 1, 1952. She moved to Knox City in 1980 and was employed with Lynn Electric for several years. Toby worked for the Knox County Historical Commission in Benjamin until October of 2008. She was instrumental in building the Wichita Brazos Museum.

She is survived by three children, Linda Adams, David Whisenhunt and his wife, Kathy and Celia Ann Whisenhunt. Toby is also survived 14 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren; sister, Pat Elston and husband, Alfred; and brother, Arlen Green and wife, Betty Sue.

Rosa is preceded in death by her parents, ex-husband, Leon Whisenhunt, and son-in-law, Darrell Adams.

In lieu of flowers her family suggests memorial contributions be made to Wichita Brazos Mu-



Toby Whisenhunt

seum, P.O. Box 104 Benjamin, Texas 79505.

FEES

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Among the fees adopted were an impound fee for a first offense of \$15. Should an animal be impounded a second time, the fee would increase to \$25. A third impound will result in a \$50 fee, and all other impounds will be set at \$75 per incident.

Also, city officials approved a \$10 daily impound fee, which would be in addition to the initial impound fee.

Brady said local residents should also be aware of how many pets they have. According to city regulations, no regulation may have more than three cats or dogs per residence.

To register an animal within the city limits, pet owners will need proof of a current rabies vaccination and pay a \$3 registration tag charge. The failure to register a cat, dog, permit animal or livestock could result in a \$25 fine.

Brady said pet owners should

New fees ...

The following is a look at the new animal control fees adopted by the city council on Feb. 21.

Impound

1st offense.....	\$15
2nd offense.....	\$25
3rd offense.....	\$50
All others.....	\$75

Daily Impound Charge
After initial fee....\$10 per day

Adoption Fee
\$15 with proof of rabies vaccination

City registration
Owner must have proof of current rabies vaccination to register. Limit of 3 cats or dogs per residence.

Registration Tag
Tag is \$3

Failure to Register
Cat or dog.....\$25

Permit animal/livestock...\$25

Failure to Vaccinate
Cat or dog.....\$50

Animal or leash law violations

Fines will be set by judge

Other state/city violations
Fine set by judge per violation

DRIVE

to award scholarships

DRIVE Scholarship Fund (DSF) will award \$25,000 in scholarship funds to youth before the end of 2012. Youth ages 16 to 25 who intend to pursue or who have recently graduated with a college degree related to agriculture may submit an application to compete for the funds at www.drivelivestock.com.

Available awards from DSF include the following:

- \$250 DRIVE Book Award - 32 awards available - Open to youth ages 16 to 25

- \$1,000 JR DRIVE Team Award - Seven awards available - Open to youth beginning their junior or senior year of high school in Fall 2012

- \$5,000 DRIVE Scholars Award - Seven awards available - Disbursed at the completion of the program - Open to youth beginning their freshman year of college in Fall 2012

- \$10,000 DRIVE Entrepreneurial Award - One award available - Open to youth currently attending college/ masters degree programs or who have graduated within the last three years

Further information about DSF, DRIVE magazine, DRIVE Ag Network and scholarship applications are available at www.drivelivestock.com.



Butch Brady was hired recently as Knox City's new Animal Control Officer. The KC city council has ordered city officials to step up the enforcement of animal control measures.

also be aware that dogs are not allowed to run free within the city limits. According to Ordinance Sec. 2.202, "no dog shall be permitted to run at-large within the city limits of the City of Knox City. All dogs must be securely contained within a

fence providing a minimum of 100 sq. feet per dog. Dogs on a leash will be firmly grasped at all times within the control of a person physically able to maintain control of such dog."

Violations of the at-large or leash requirements will be set by

the judge. All other violations of state law or city ordinances will have fines set by a judge.

For more information about the Knox City animal control ordinances and pet requirements contact city hall at (940) 657-3303.

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No Sunday Evening Service

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Sunday Evening Worship at 6 p.m. • Mid-Week, Wed. at 6:30 p.m.
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Monday Evening Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

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Sunday Evening Worship at 6 p.m. • Mid-Week, Wed. at 6 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST - Benjamin

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Sports

Greyhounds split twinbill with Patriots

Knox City High School head baseball coach Charles Steele knew heading into Saturday's doubleheader with the Valley Patriots, his team face an uphill battle. Playing back-to-back games with is a tough chore for any team. It's especially tough with just nine players.

That reason, more than any, caused Steele to be proud of the fact Greyhounds earned a split in their two-game series with the Patriots.

"We made the two-hour trip to play a doubleheader with nine players," he said. "Valley suited up 20-plus kids and we competed with them. I am very proud of these guys."

Knox City did more than hold its own in the opener of the twinbill. The Greyhounds battered Valley for 14 hits en route to claiming a 13-7 victory.

Jose Espinal and Jarek Wilde highlighted Knox City's first win of the year. Espinal turned in a dominating effort on the hill, while Wilde led the KCHS hitting attack by going 4-for-4 from the plate, including his first

2012 Knox City Baseball Schedule

Mar 10	..... Rotan	..... 11 a.m.
Mar 20	..... Paducah	..... 4 p.m.
March 27	..... at Paducah	..... 4 p.m.
Apr. 3	..... WF Christian	..... 4 p.m.
Apr. 7	..... Valley	..... 11 a.m.
Apr. 10	..... WF Christian	..... 4 p.m.

home run of the year. Brandon York also homered for the Greyhounds.

Josh Schnable, T.J. Moore, Kyle Harrington and Ryan Ledsema all collected two hits in the game.

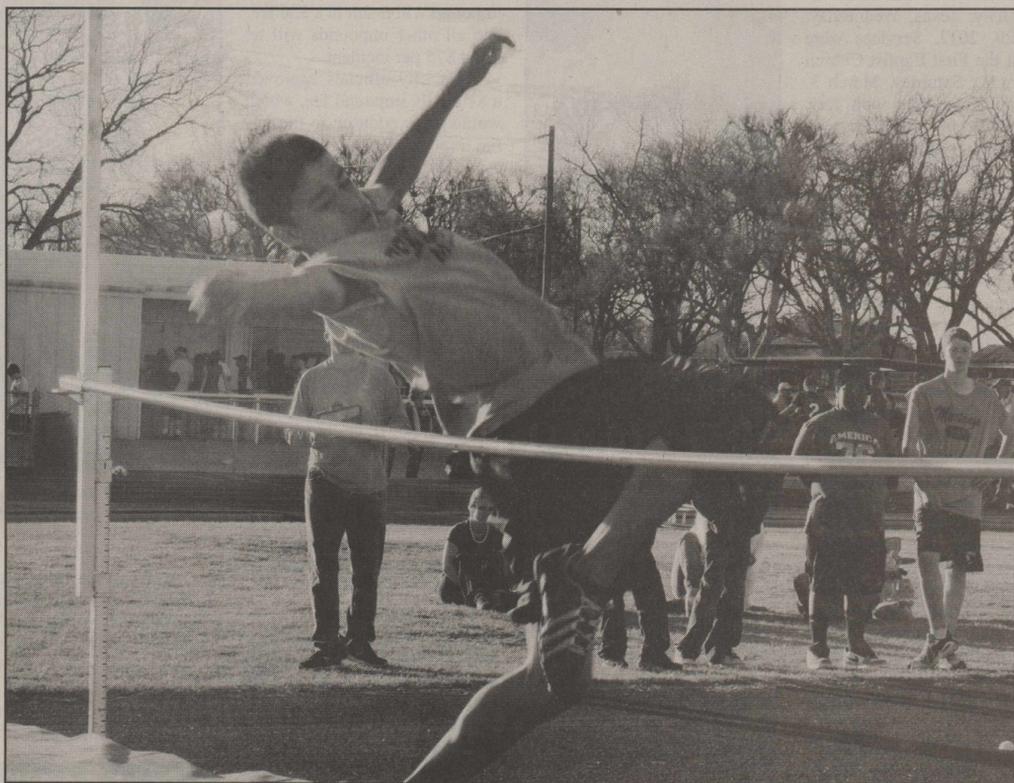
Espinal picked up the win. He fanned 10 VHS batters in the game.

Valley rallied to take the final game of the series, winning a narrow 7-4 decision.

Schnable and York both turned in solid efforts at the plate in Game 2. Both went 2-for-3.

Wilde continued his torrid hitting spree in the second game, going 1-for-1 with three walks.

Wilde, Ledsema, Espinal and Nick Short tallied KCHS' runs. York suffered the loss despite striking out seven.



Up, up and away ...

Benjamin Junior High School eighth grader Elias Evare leaps in the air while competing in the boys high jump at the Knox City Junior High Track and Field Meet on Monday afternoon. More than a dozen junior high teams from throughout the area participated in the meet.



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Grady, Calvert among six-man schools in finals

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members of the Texas Six-Man Coaches Association.

Grady will begin the tournament with a semifinal round showdown with Grafard. Calvert will face Roxton.

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Thursday, March 8

Conf. 1A Div. I Semifinals

8:30 a.m. - Clarksville (29-5) vs. Olton (27-8)

10 a.m. - Mumford (36-0) vs. Kerens (24-8)

Conf. 3A Semifinals

2 p.m. - Lubbock Estacado (27-7) vs. Argyle (29-8)

3:30 p.m. - Waco La Vega (35-1) vs. Corpus Christi Miller (29-9)

Conf. 4A Semifinals

7 p.m. - San Antonio Alamo Heights (34-2) vs. Dallas Kimball (32-5)

8:30 p.m. - Houston Yates (32-5) vs. Denton Ryan (23-11)

Friday, March 9

Conf. 2A Semifinals

8:30 a.m. - San Antonio Cole (31-5) vs. Brock (29-7)

10 a.m. - White Oak (35-1) vs. Idalou (30-5)

Conf. 1A, Div. II Semifinals

2 p.m. - Lenorah Grady (30-5) vs. Grafard (27-9)

7 p.m. - Roxton (29-6) vs. Calvert (25-7)

Conf. 5A Semifinals

3:30 p.m. - Northside Warren (35-5) vs. Fort Bend Travis (35-3)

8:30 p.m. - Lewisville Marcus (37-2) vs. Garland Naaman Forest (29-7)

Saturday, March 10

8:30 a.m. - Conf. 1A Div. I finals

10 a.m. - Conf. 3A finals

2 p.m. - Conf. 2A finals

3:30 p.m. - Conf. 4A finals

7 p.m. - Conf. 1A Div. II finals

8:30 p.m. - Conf. 5A finals



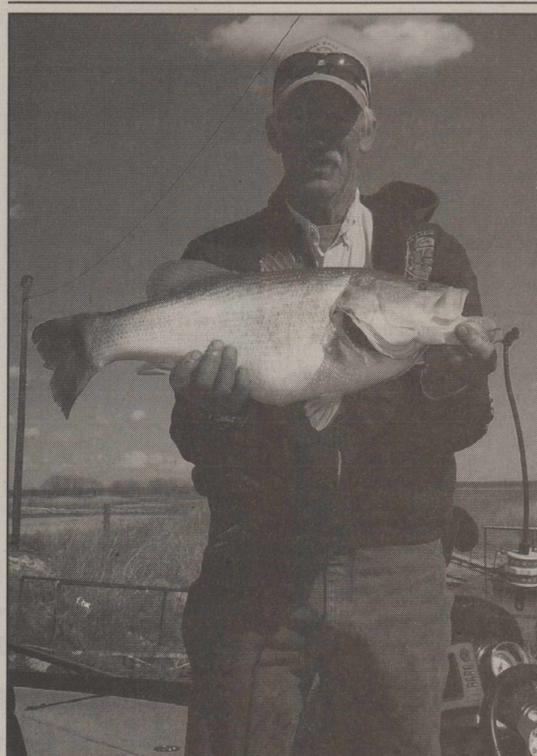
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2011 Weekly Weather Report

Date	Temperature (F) Low / High	Rainfall inches
02/27	42/58	
02/28	57/81	
02/29	33/76	
03/01	43/83	
03/02	45/68	
03/03	30/60	
03/04	28/75	

Total Rainfall for month 0.00
2012 Rainfall (ytd) 2.1

David's Fishing Report



This 9.14-pound bass was hauled from the waters at Lake Stamford earlier this week.

Lake Stamford offers area anglers a 'good' experience

The bass fishing was good at Stamford Lake. Only 30 minutes after I put in the water, I had 3 fish in the boat. The biggest fish weighed 9.14 pounds. The rest of the day, I had eight fish and hooked and lost four others.

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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
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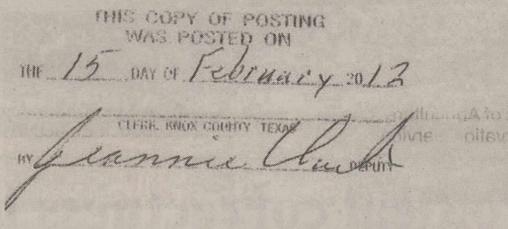
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De conformidad con § 42.035, Código Eleccoral de Texas, la Corte de Comisionados del condado de Knox, Texas, este documento proporciona la notificación de cambios en los límites del Condado de política adoptadas por la Corte de Comisionados, y como precleared por el Departamento de Justicia en día 6 de febrar, 2012.

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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.

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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.

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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.

Annette Offutt
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ORDEN DE ELECCION

Por la presente se ordena que se llevara a cabo una eleccion el 12 de Mayo, 2012 con el proposito de:

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SAMMIE'S KNOX CITY CORNER AND FINAL THOUGHTS

Monday started like a regular day at coffee just trying to catch up in the weekend. They were all looking forward to some warm weather and so was I. Like everyone else, these bones just can't take the cold weather.

I've been talking with Tom Moorehouse to find out how Becky is doing. He said she had good days and bad days but they are keeping her comfortable. He said he spends a lot of time with her and the kids every chance he gets. May God bless them and keep them safe on their trips.

Talking to Pat Young, I came to know that Billy Ray Taylor Jr. was also the son of Amy Taylor, who used to live next door to my mom. She passed away about three weeks ago and then her son passed away just a couple of weeks apart. I know sometime we had to have known him, but we grew up with Robert Taylor, Paul and Kaytee Mae. They were closer to our age. May God bless all of the families.

On that same weekend, we received news that Danny Reece was on his trip home to be with his beloved God. That news was hard for me because I had stayed in touch with him through Glenna, and his death wasn't something I was expecting. The last time I talked with Danny he was so full of smiles and just happy all over. My deepest condolences to all the families.

Danny's service was so wonderful and so inspiring that I know he would have liked it. As I visited with Glenna, the daughter-in-law and their precious 15-day old granddaughter. Danny didn't get to meet her personally, but I know he was smiling down on her and saying, "that's my girl." She was an absolute doll.

I visited with Billy Joe and Linda Large, and he is doing well. Just as full of jokes and stories as ever. He's still trying to grow his hair back even though he never had much to start with. Linda just laughs and is so happy for him. She looks forward to coming back to Knox City to visit and for reunions.

Ray Penman is coming along great and is feeling wonderful. Of course, I don't think he is ready to retire from working, but that is a wonderful thing to say and do. He knows God has been good not just to him

but to a lot of our friends and families. With God all things are possible.

Donicisa Estrada went to be with her Father in Heaven on March 1, and she spent her last day here in Knox City with her daughter, Diana, and son-in-law and granddaughters at her side. All of her friends and family had a chance to visit with her and say their goodbyes. Some just loved on her and watched her smile at their stories and jokes. I, myself, had that same time with her, Diana and Lisa. They are three amazing women and each loved her in their own way and will deeply miss her, as will all of us. She will remain in everyone's hearts because she was special in every sense of the word.

As well walked away from the funeral grounds, Lisa said, "We don't say goodbye, but rather we will see you soon." With all of our love, she will be missed.

On Friday morning, Wesley and Linda Espinoza traveled to the Abilene emergency room at Hendicks. Linda has been battling a stomach virus. The doctor is still running some tests and has not made a diagnosis.

Mrs. Rodriguez is doing great in her recovery. She is enjoying being home and made a visit to the Estrada family to express her condolences. That was a great step for mom because she has her bad days and good days. But God has been good. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all your prayers. You can't imagine what it means to us.

D.J. Dykes is also making improvements from a bad experience at the quilt show last weekend in Goree. She looked good as I visited with her during Danny Reece's funeral on Friday.

Diana Dena's husband Jessie, is making small improvements on his foot. He is getting treatment three times a week. Hopefully, his foot will improve soon.

Brandon Grimsley is doing some tests on his kidneys. Doctors have agreed to keep him on the kidney transplant list. Our prayers and thoughts are with you.

I close this column today with one thought in mind, we have lost some of our most wonderful people in the last few months. They have left behind wonderful memories and a great legacy for their children to remember. May God bless them all.

May God bless our troops and each of us,

Sammie

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Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

These Monday "news days" come around pretty often, and as of late the local happenings have been pretty sparse. Guess folks are staying home waiting for spring break or, perhaps, summer vacation. With the steady upward swing in gasoline prices, there may not be much traveling for a while (except for emergencies).

It is good to report that I have no news of any additional illnesses in the community. The last I heard from Beckie Moorehouse was that she was being kept comfortable and resting most of the time. That is a comfort to her family. Please continue to remember her in your prayers.

Sympathy goes to several

families in the area today for the loss of loved ones. Millie Sanders of Weinert passed away on Friday in Abilene's HMC after several months of illness. Her funeral was today in Weinert. Also, Cordell Offutt passed away Saturday in the Munday Nursing Center, where she had resided for several years. Having gone to school all of our school days with her son, Gary, I had the pleasure and privilege of knowing her well for many years. Back in the day (as my grandchildren call our younger days), Mrs. Offutt was a stand-by "room mother" for our class all through school. She went on every picnic, a lot of school trips and helped with every party we ever had, I think. She was faithful to be there for all of us. Graveside rites for her

will be tomorrow (Tuesday) in Munday.

My sympathy to her family. Also, friends in Knox City have lost loved ones. Danny Reece died on Thursday. His funeral was Saturday.

Dionecia Estrada also passed away on Thursday. Her death came only a few months after she was diagnosed with Pancreatic cancer. Her funeral was today in Rhineland. Sympathy to the Reece and Estrada families.

Here 'N There
My apologies to Sharon and Karson Bivens of Tatum, NM, who were here last weekend. In reporting their visit, I put Karson and Sharon Patterson (Sharon's maiden name was Patterson). She is a Bivens now and I apologize to her and Karson.

Spring break is next week and teachers, kids and parents are ready for it. Then after their return to school, the last 2 1/2 months will go buy pretty fast.

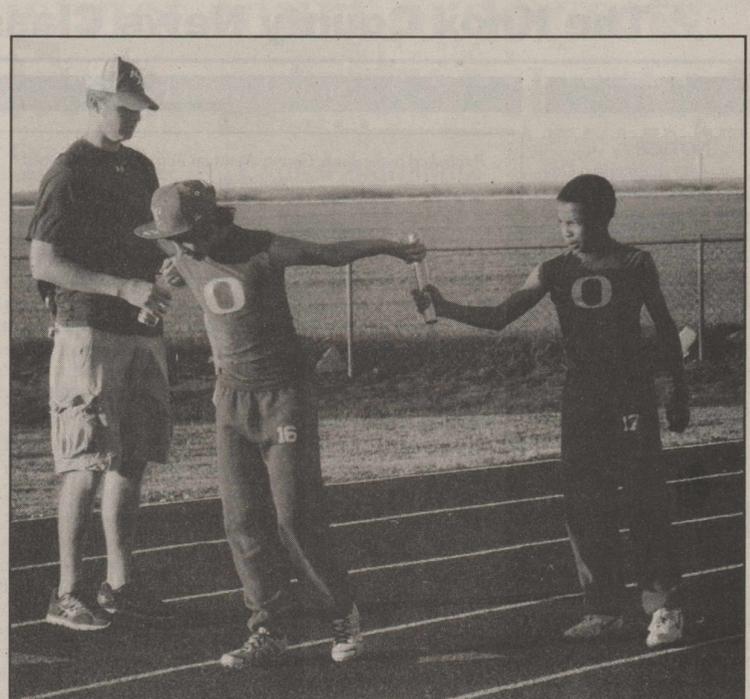
It was a good evening in Knox City (Monday) when several of us gathered at the Aging Center for a time of food and fun, and a couple of hours listening to some real country music (not at all like what is being called country today). It is the kind we grew up listening to and loving. The band consisted of Joe Nelson, Steve Pepper, Ron Stanfield, Herman Hearn, Ben Holt and Randal Gore. They are 'good, and if you get a chance to hear them, do so. I think you will enjoy it. Also, Linda Rogers sang several songs, and we enjoyed her as well. She lives in Seymour.

Lorene Powers and I attended the funeral of Millie Sanders in Weinert this afternoon. That night, we, along with Mary Young, were in Knox City for the musical.

Linda Griffith spent a couple of days last week visiting her daughter, Lori, and her husband and grandson, Matt Tyson.

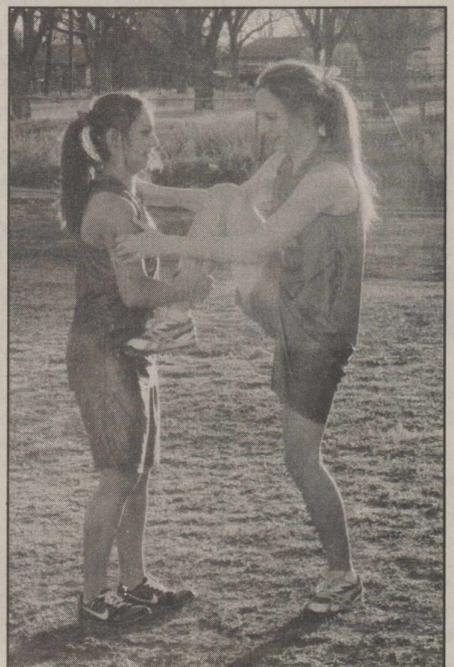
I visited with Sandra Blacklock West on Monday. She lives in Lubbock now and is doing well. She said her sister, Betty, is doing fine as well. Betty lives in Tyler.

Janet Reed and her mom and aunt, Edith Broach and Betty Poe of Knox City, attended the funeral of their uncle and brother in Katy on Thursday.



Making tracks ...

Members of the O'Brien Junior High School track and field teams participated in the junior high meet on Monday at Greyhound Stadium. Above, Knox City coach Josh Webb works with Justin Thomas (left) and Anthony Estrada on their handoffs prior to the start of the relay events. At right, Avery Frausto helps teammate Kirsten Tuckness stretch before she competes in the girls' long jump event. In all, more than 15 teams from throughout the area competed in the meet.



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When we are out of town I always look for a guy pushing three biscuits and always get good advice. If I am out of town and looking for a gym (like that will ever happen) I look for some ripped up dude. It is just common sense.

How come we drug test city employees, federal workers, fireman, policemen, and most big companies drug test their employees? We give out billions for WIC, disability and welfare and require no drug test? It seems to me if we are going pay people that are unemployed to

Just Jeff



By Jeff Stanfield

not work, we should make sure they are not on the pipe.

How come shirts that are small or 3x cost the same? This one here has always puzzled me and, hey, since I have a number in front of my XL this one is fine with me.

Why are we teaching our kids to not compete? No scores at Little League games. Everyone has to play an equal amount. The only way you become a winner is to win and the only way to find out you don't like being a loser is to lose.

We have raised a whole generation of politically correct wusses.

How come we have a United

Negro College Fund but not a Good Ol Country White Boy College Fund? This is 2012. It is time to make what's good for the goose good for the gander.

Politically correct is the downfall of our country. I have no problem with the United Negro College Fund, but I also would not have a problem with college fund for just white people. But that would go over about like someone passing gas at church.

Andrew Breitbart is the man behind getting Acorn shut down with the undercover film of all the scams they were doing. For those of you who are not familiar with Acorn, they are a community action group whose main objective was to get government money to poor neighborhoods for growth and jobs. Acorn was giving it away and it was a joke. It was a typical non-profit that is laced with tax dollars and somebody is getting wealthy.

Breitbart had a man and woman pose as a prostitute and a pimp and go to Acorn in many cities and ask for help falsifying tax documents for their business. They did this with hidden cameras and told the people what they did for a living and they actually helped them with paper work. It showed how corrupt this whole organization which had received over 53 million dollars since 1994 really was.

Last week, at the age of 43, Breitbart drops dead of natural causes while out for a walk at midnight in his neighborhood??? Kinda scary if you ask me.

He had made a lot of enemies within this administration. The consequence of the whole thing is he just announced this month that he was going to release some tapes of our president that was going to clear up questions we have about Obama.

Just 43, and dead of natural causes????

JFK is still a mystery to some so who knows...

Jeff "Nobama 2012" Stanfield is a local columnist. His column appears weekly in the Knox County News.

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