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Sales tax figures soar in Knox City, surrounding area

TOMMY WELLS
The Knox County News

Make no mistake about it, the arrival of spring brought more than warm weather to Knox City. It brought the sound of ka-ching!

Knox City was among a handful of area communities that posted impressive sales tax figures, according to Texas State Comptroller Susan Combs' latest monthly report. The trend continues a slow increase in sales tax revenue

in the community. Through the first quarter of 2012, Knox City's sales tax revenue is up just over 4 percent from a year ago.

During the March report, Combs' office reported that Knox City generated \$21,778.80 in sales tax totals.

Just how good was that total? Compared to last year, Knox City's March numbers were more than 31 percent higher. In March 2011, Knox City had a return of \$16,574.40 – about \$5,000 less than what was reported this March.

Overall, Knox City has generated \$85,830.57 to date. A year ago, the city reported sales tax totals of \$82,424.73.

The news was also good in eastern Knox County as Goree posted a huge gain. Goree netted a return of \$2,519.18 in the latest report. That total is 384 percent more than a year ago when the community generated just \$520.10.

For the year, Goree's total return is 32 percent higher than in 2011.

The City of Munday and the City of Benjamin both saw their sales tax

totals decline in March. Munday's totals dipped 7 percent to \$10,678.02, while Benjamin's fell 45.9 percent to \$546.52.

For the year, Munday's sales tax revenue has declined by .86 percent. Benjamin's total has slipped 10.2 percent.

Haskell and Throckmorton also posted solid returns.

The City of Haskell brought in \$35,763.31 this period, an increase of more than 15 percent from a year ago.

For the year, the City of Haskell's

sales tax totals have risen by more than 17 percent to \$166,835.66.

The City of Throckmorton saw its sales tax numbers climb by more than 28 percent. In the latest report, Throckmorton brought in \$8,669.60 – almost \$2,000 more than the previous year's total.

For the year, Throckmorton's total sales tax numbers are \$41,245.37 – 15 percent above last year's record.

The City of Woodson also showed

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Voter cards are in the mail

As a result of on-going redistricting litigations the mailing of the new voter registration certificates has been delayed in some counties. All previously issued voter registration certificates expired on Dec. 31, 2011 but only on the card expired. The cards will automatically be renewed.

Only registered voters with changed addresses or names need to contact their local registrar to update their information or file a new application.

Mailing of the voter cards for Knox County will be the week of April 23, but please allow enough time for the cards to arrive.

"If you do not receive your voter cards before May 14, please contact the registration office," said Mitzi Welch.

The last day to register to vote in the Primary election is Monday April 30. Also, voters are urged to notice the precinct number on their voter cards. Some precinct numbers may have changed.

The following precincts will vote in the places designated as follows:

- Pct. 201 - Benjamin & Truscott -- Memorial Building in Benjamin
- Pct. 302 Gilliland & Vera -- Vera Community Center
- Pct. 401 Goree & (6S) Munday -- Munday Community Center
- Pct. 301 Munday (6N) -- Munday City Hall

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KC Republicans hold convention

Knox County Republicans held their County Convention Saturday, April 21, at the Aging Center. The purpose of the convention was to elect delegates to the state convention and to pass resolutions to be considered for the Republican platform. Thirteen people were present.

Lou Vail and Greg Oliver were elected as delegates, and Pam Oliver was elected as alternate. The Texas Republican Party Convention will be held in Fort Worth on June 7-9. In all, 10 resolutions were passed and will be sent to the State Convention to be voted on.

There was discussion about starting a Knox County Republican Party. If anyone has an interest in participating in such a group, contact Lou Vail at loudentonvail@yahoo.com or (940) 658 5507.



Knox City Chamber of Commerce President Greg Oliver presents Marvin Jones with the 2012 E. Hobb Smith "Most Appreciated Citizen" award during the annual chamber banquet, which was held on April 19 at The Wooden Nickel.

Jones presented 'Citizen of Year' award

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When Leon Burkham began introducing the 2012 E. Hobbs Smith Memorial "Most Appreciated Citizen Award," Marvin Jones sat in the crowd and wondered who would get the prestigious honor.

"I didn't know anything about getting the award," said Jones, who has resided in Knox City since 1961. "I

was invited to the meeting. They were talking about somebody born in Young County and grew up on the Jeffrey Ranch. I leaned over and asked my son-in-law who they were talking about."

I was interested in finding out who else grew up on the Jeffrey Ranch," he laughed.

"He told me it (the award recipient) was me," Jones said.

"I was shocked," said Jones, now 87. "I'm so proud of it I'm still in a

daze."

Knox City Chamber of Commerce President Greg Oliver highlighted a busy evening of activities at the 2012 KC Chamber of Banquet on April 19 at The Wooden Nickel by presenting Jones with the annual honor. Chamber officials also recognized numerous businesses and individuals at the event.

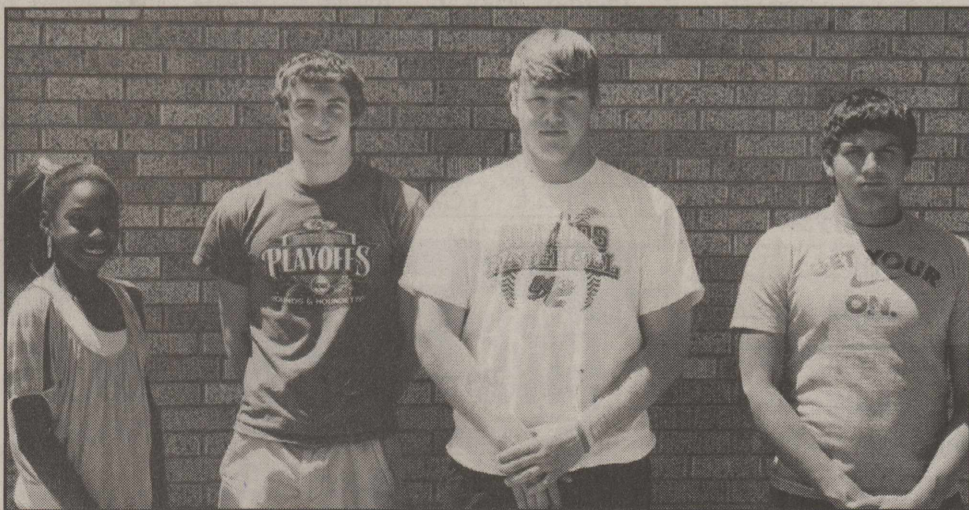
For Jones, the award comes as he celebrated 52 years of life in Knox City.

He and his wife settled in the community in 1961 after he was transferred from the seismographic department with Amoco to the production end.

Jones' journey to becoming Knox City's top resident was a long journey that began in Young County.

After graduating from Olney High School, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy after the start of World War II. From 1942

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Regional qualifiers ...

Knox City High School will be represented at the Region II-A Track and Field Championships by four athletes. Qualifying for the meet were Essence Ward (100-meter dash), Zach Carter (triple jump), Blake Jones (shot put) and Tyllyne Eaton (discus). The regional meet will be held Friday and Saturday in Abilene.

Petty Charity Ride to visit Benjamin

Knox County is going to get a taste of NASCAR on May 4.

The Kyle Petty Charity Ride Across America announced last week it would be making a stop in Benjamin on May 4 as part of a week-long run across the country. Tentatively, the participants in the event are planning to be in Benjamin around lunch on May 4. The group will refuel and eat at Ranchland. In addition to NASCAR legend Kyle Petty, reigning Daytona 500 champion Matt Kenseth and former NFL running back Herschel Walker.

More than 175 riders will join the 18th anniversary ride beginning in Napa, Cal., and travel over 2,500 miles before finishing at the Texas Motor Speedway. Founded by the

former NASCAR Sprint Cup driver, the Charity Ride raises funds for Victory Junction, a camp created to benefit children with chronic or life threatening illnesses.

"We started this ride as a small group of friends just riding from track to track," said Petty, who currently serves as a NASCAR television analyst. "It's amazing to see how this event has grown."

Two-time Daytona 500 winner (2009, 2012) Matt Kenseth, former NFL great Herschel Walker, also plan to participate.

"The Kyle Petty Charity Ride makes a real difference in children's lives," said Walker, who's participating in his seventh event in 2012.



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Academic team shines at Region II-A meet

The regional qualifiers from Knox City High School traveled to Abilene Christian University on April 21 to compete in the Region II-A UIL Academic Tournament.

Making the early morning journey were Lyndon Baty (News Writing, Editorial Writing), Zach Carter (Number Sense, Mathematics), Kinslee Cox (Number Sense Team), Andrea Lynn (Poetry Interpretation, Feature Writing), Tanna Moeller (Poetry Interpretation, Number Sense Team) and Jessica Wilburn (Prose Interpretation, Persuasive Speaking). The students were accompanied by UIL Director

and Speech Coach Kay Adkisson and KCHS Principal Rick Moeller.

All of the students performed well, but the performance of the day was by freshman Andra Lynn, who won the gold medal in Feature Writing. By placing first, Lynn advances to the State Academic competition, which will be held in Austin on May 21.

"I have been involed with UIL at Knox City High School for 10 years or more and Andrea Lynn is the first student to qualify for state in an academic event other than Cross-X Debate," said Adkisson. "We are all very proud of her achievement."

Pink Ladies

By Billie Walker

Members of Pink Ladies met April 18 at the Thrift Store and decided to purchase a street light for the store and put Danny Reece's name on the dedication plaque. Danny worked his shift at Pink Ladies every week and was the "fix-it" man for the store as long as he was able. We miss him.

Your contributions are coming again and we thank you. For awhile the contributions were scarce.

We will certainly welcome our completed streets.



Ready to run & roll ...

Now that warmer weather is arriving, Knox City Administrator Chad Roberts would like to remind local residents that a great place to walk is at the city's "Hike & Bike Trail." The trail, which is sponsored by the Knox City EDC and the Texas Department of Transportation, is located at the KC Country Club and is open to the public.

Area seniors to be recognized in special graduation edition

Area high school seniors will get their chance to shine next month when the Knox County News published its annual graduation edition. Seniors from Knox City, Munday, Throckmorton, Woodson and Benjamin will be spotlighted.

Overall, more than 100 area seniors will be showcased in the edition.

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KC Elementary honor rolls

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A Honor Roll First Grade

Bethany Casillas
Devon Martinez
Emili Sanders
Gage Morrow
Kwame Collins
Kylee Roberts
Mario Silva
Orlando Telles
Rebecca Ruiz
Riley Paige Carver
Ross Strickland
Zoe Reid

Second Grade

Daniel Duke
Gannon Pryor
Julia Saldana
Sabrina Sanchez
Anthony Martinez
Brittany Casillas
Carson Carver

Third Grade

Carson Lewis
Chelsey Castorena
Eylen Barnum
Gabriel Ruiz
Gilbert Trevino
Gracie Howeth
Melanie Ruiz

Fourth Grade

Ainsley Manning
Corban Cox
Klarisa Martinez

A/B Honor Roll First Grade

Alicia Garcia-Martinez
Alize' Morelos
Ella Hunter
Gabriel Espinal
Harley Castillo

Second Grade

Briana Contreras
Jonathon Martinez
Kobe Roberts
Matthew Jimenez
Saige Turner
Teresa Landini

Tristian Estrada Third Grade

Adriana Garcia
Angelica Gutierrez
Aracely Rocha
Benjamin Goodnight
Bethenev Ledesma
Dezirey Navarrette
Joey Flores
Kimberly McGavock
Kiyannah Gonzales
Mason Magana
Michael Rutledge
Samuel Barnard
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Fourth Grade

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- this TX Shirley was '75 Miss America
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- the "P" in USPS
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- Cowboys radio announcer Sham
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- cable net.
- coach Tom Landry always wore one
- TXism: "dainty as ..."
- fishin' aid
- act restless
- hot tub
- FM station run by Mesquite schools
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- TXism: "it's a tough ... to hoe"
- "... Abby"
- TXism: "it's high ..."
- TXism: "call ... day"
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- "My ... Sal"
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- this Eddie was married to TX Reynolds (init.)
- former governor " ... Ferguson"
- TX actor Owen of "You, Me & Dupree" (init.)
- small retail store
- Austin's historic "Moonlight ..."
- this Tommy played for TX Buddy Holly
- Cougar univ.
- TXism: "...right boys" (police)
- TX B.J. sang "... So Lonesome I ... Could Cry"
- TXism: "... many irons in the fire"
- roller ...
- go in
- TXism: "he couldn't ... stick horse"
- UT has the desk of ... Allan Poe
- TXism: "gone to ..." (deteriorated)
- Gable of 28-across film (init.)
- TX actor Rip (init.)
- TXism: "so many you couldn't stir ... stick"
- TX Buddy Holly's "Not ... Away"
- Dallas' "Galleria"

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O'Brien MS honor rolls

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Preston Lynn

Sixth Grade

Alexia Jimenez
Elizabeth Jones
Carson Lewis
Andrew Magana
Kailyn Martin

Jordan Ruiz Seventh Grade

Katelynn Baker
Kayla Eaton
Amy Harrington
Sheldon Baty
Cheyenne Camp
Kylie DeVille
Shailee Manning
Makaylie Steele

A/B Honor Roll

Fifth Grade

Jaron Castillo
Tyresha Collins
Priscilla Contreras
Sean Logsdon
Jessie Munoz
Naomi Ruiz
Terry Tatum
Erica Zamarripa
Britney Hawkins
Abigail Manning
Rudy Rodriguez
Rebecca Rodriguez
Jilian Rogers
Seventh Grade
Hailee Cox
Tyler Harvey
Skylin Ledesma
Gabrielle Muhle
Samuel Schnable
Cameron Short
Jacob Thomas
Kirstin Tuckness

Eighth Grade

Jordyn Eaton
Calista Rocha
Jeffery Payne Stanfield
Justin Thomas

Knox County Aging Services

The following lunch menus have been listed for the week of April 30 to May 4 for the Knox County Aging Services

All meals are served with Wheat Bread, Margarine and 1 percent milk.

Monday, April 30 - BBQ chicken, mashed potatoes, carrot/raisin salad, cornbread, baked apples.

Tuesday, May 1 - Baked ham/pinapple, lima beans, chuck wagon corn, whole wheat roll, chocolate chip cookies.

Wednesday, May 2 - Roast turkey, savory bread dressing, sweet potatoes, whole wheat

roll, pinapple tidbits.
Thursday, May 3 - King ranch casserole, spanish rice, pinto beans, tortilla, brownie.

Friday, May 4 - Cheeseburgers, potato wedges, tomato wedge salad, melon medley.

NOTE: New serving time is noon (in Knox City only). Alternate desserts available for diabetics.

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All orders need to be picked up after 11 a.m.

AWARD

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until 1945, he served onboard the U.S.S. Mississippi and earned seven battle stars for action. Following his discharge from the service, Jones spent several years working before joining Amoco's exploration crew, which eventually moved him to Marfa.

In 1961, Jones brought his family to Knox City after Amoco closed its exploration department.

Through the years, Jones has volunteered on numerous projects for the community.

"With Marvin's ongoing dedication to the community he has earned this award," said Knox City City Administrator Chad Roberts.

Roberts was among a large crowd attending the banquet.

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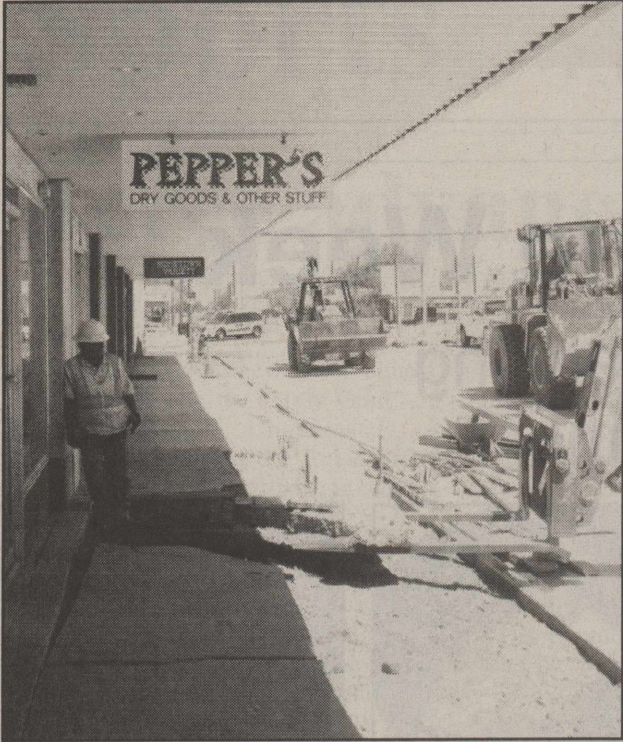
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Benjamin News

By Gladene Green



Work continues ...

The pace is picking up on the sidewalk replacement project in downtown. Residents will be able to resume parking in front of businesses on Central Avenue. The deadline for Street light orders is May 1.

I hope everyone's week is starting off on a positive note. Everything over here seems to be running fairly smoothly. We're fast getting to the end of April and that much - looked - forward - to last month of school. There will be activities "galore" which will keep parents, teachers and especially the kids extremely busy.

About Out Ill

Barbara Ryder is still in the Knox County Hospital following knee surgery in Ft. Worth several days ago. She has had an infection but that is clearing up and she's doing well. She has already begun therapy and will continue to have it for several weeks. It's good to be able to give such an encouraging report.

Jamie Bohannon Brumley is doing better. She's on two or three forms of medication and for a while doctors were having a little problem getting it regulated but after that got lined out she's doing much better.

Jayden Holmes, the 5-year-old daughter of Wes and Erika, will be going to see a pediatrician in Ft. Worth soon. She will go to Cook's Children's Hospital. Jayden has a hearing problem and though she's been under the care of doctors all her life, it seems they can't get that straightened out. Hopefully, this change will have a positive effect on her. Jayden is a Pre-K student at Benjamin Elementary.

Jane Gideon and Imagean Young were in Wichita Falls last Wednesday for doctor's appointments. Jane got a real good report and doesn't have to go back for six months. Since it had been a while since Imagean had been there she underwent a series of tests and will go back in a few days for the results, though no real problem is suspected.

Deann Lamb continues to improve from her bout with shingles. Still, certainly not clear of them, everything is much better and she's surely not

as uncomfortable as she was for which she is very thankful.

Here 'n There

Stephanie Brannan and daughter, Chloe, of Lubbock were weekend guests of Stephanies' great grandmother, Hazel Stockton.

Clay and Melina Conner and baby girl, Adahlee, of Lubbock were here Friday for a brief visit with his mom, Janet Reed. Adahlee stayed with her grandmother Saturday while her parents went on to Dallas on business.

Traci Duty of Lewisville is to be congratulated after completing the Boston Marathon. She ran the 26.6 mile race in 3 1/2 hours. Due to the extreme heat, several were forced to drop out, but Traci, being the runner she is, had no problem. She is the daughter of Ed and Rhonda Broach of Knox City.

Debbie and Mike Moorhouse attended the first birthday party for Kaylee Rogers in Abilene (at the park) on Sunday. Kaylee is the daughter of Michael and

Lynn Moorhouse Rogers and they live in Snyder. After the party, they all made a trip to the zoo.

Colton Caldwell, student at North Texas State in Denton spent the weekend with his mom, Lana Hale and grandparents, Jane Gideon and Weldon Gideon.

Another mistake has been called to my attention. In the Easter news a couple of weeks ago I had Blaine and Gary Hale of Seymour - should have been Blaine and Gary Neal. Would like to blame it on someone other than myself but guess that option is out! Just carelessness on my part and I apologize.

It's congratulations to the Munday One Act Play group for

advancing to State and I, along with all your other supporters, wish you well in that competition as well and also to all the regional track qualifiers who will be competing this coming week-end. We want to hear good things from you!

And last, but certainly not least, it's congratulations to our Matthew Acree who won regional in golf last week and will be going to the state meet on May 3-4. The regional meet was at Shady Oaks Golf Club in Abilene on Monday and Tuesday. The State meet will be at Lions Municipal Golf Course in Austin. Matthew is a Junior at Benjamin High School and is the son of Bob and Ruthie Acree.

KCRSP presents awards to members at April 17 meeting

Several members of our unit won awards that were presented at the April 17 meeting. The Twenty First Century Awards went to W. R. Baker, Margaret Hill and Frances King for rendering outstanding service to the community. Appreciation awards for unusual service to their local unit went to Joanna Delgado, Nell Sloan and Dan Sloan. C.H. Underwood was recognized for the Local Unit Community Volunteer Service Award and Nell

Sloan received the Local Unit Health Care Award.

Knox County Unit won the Silver award for retention of members as well as the Outstanding Recognition and Achievement Award for its contributions and service to the community through their Book Project in contributing books to the county school children, giving Bingo Prizes to the nursing homes, clothing to needy care home residents, helping with church services and birthday parties and serving on boards such as Pink Ladies and our museum.

The Knox County News and the Munday Courier were given School Bell Awards for their positive viewpoint on education and promoted of retired school personnel.

TAX

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an increase, going up 93 percent to \$312.83. In March 2011, the community's take was \$161.42.

The sales tax returns in O'Brien, Rochester and Rule were good. All three communities saw their totals increase. O'Brien's data soared by 110 percent to \$262.66, while Rochester's numbers climbed by 30 percent to \$404.26. Rule's totals rose by 6.4 percent to \$1,520.19.

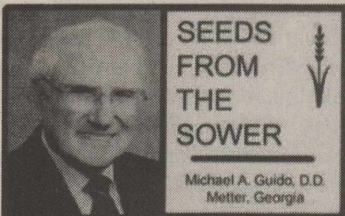
Weinert's totals fell by 25 percent to \$141.46. For the year, however, Weinert's numbers are up by 5.5 percent.

The City of Jayton also showed signs of a booming economy. The community posted a return of \$1,212.92 in the latest report. The total was 36.5 percent above 2011's take of \$888.43.

The City of Stamford's sales tax data was also up. According to the comptroller's office, the city's sales tax totals are up by more than 17 percent from a year ago. In the report, Stamford generated \$63,122.06 - almost \$10 more than the same period last year.

Chillicothe and Quanaah also showed gains. Chillicothe's numbers grew by 4.3 percent to \$3,212.80, while Quanaah's totals increased by 3.23 percent to \$15,628.83.

In Foard County, the City of Crowell also showed signs of growth. The city's sales tax return in the latest report was \$6,099.71, up 18.9 percent from 2011.



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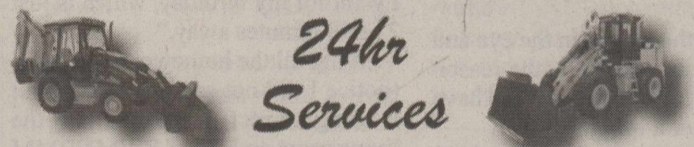
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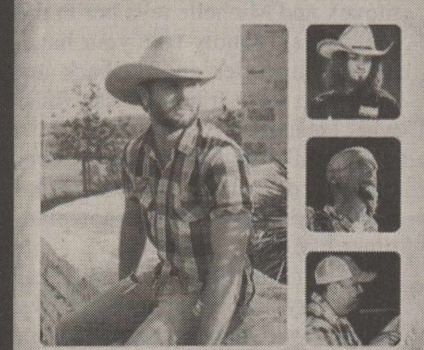
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Opinion

Take a swing at a second career

With about 12 million Americans out of work and another 2.5 million working less than they want, it's surprising that we could be facing a labor shortage in the near future. In just six years, there could be more jobs than people to fill them, according to recent research funded by MetLife Foundation and Civic Ventures.

In addition, as many as 8 million people in this country have finished one career and started a second, says Keith Gockenbach, a chemical engineer who retired to pursue dual second careers as a professional golfer and author.

In his book, *Inside, Outside, and On the Ropes: Life Lessons from Q-School and The Majors* (www.insidetheropesgolf.com), Gockenbach writes about the lessons he learned while trying to make the PGA's Champions Tour. They're lessons that also apply to job hunters and those seeking a new, perhaps more gratifying career.

"I was able to pursue my dream but the odds were long. Looking back, I saw much of what I learned could easily apply to other professions. I learned these things on a golf course but they can work anywhere," Gockenbach says. "Don't sell yourself short in golf or in life."

One he found most personally useful emerged as he battled the frustration and disappointment that come with weekly battles just to make the next tournament.

"You have to fight your way back the same way you'd eat an elephant," he writes. "A little at a time. Patiently. Calmly. Pace yourself. One shot at a time."

Some others:

- Know the rules. Breaking a rule, even inadvertently, can cost you the game — or the job. And in real life, as in golf, ignorance is no defense. Don't break the basic, common-sense rules associated with integrity — for instance, don't lie on your resume. And do take time to learn the rules and expectations relevant to the job you want and the field you want to work in.

- You can only take what the course gives you. You can't live your life looking backward. If you make a misstep during an interview, don't agitate about it all night. Get up the next morning and do something positive for someone.

- Don't scrimp on the important stuff. Buying a high-quality suit and new shoes before an important interview or presentation might cost \$1,500, but it could earn you a better job or promotion. Invest your money where it pays off.

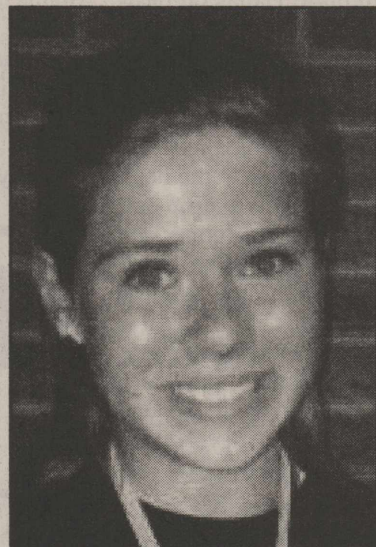
Gockenbach's book chronicles his quest to play in professional golf's Champion's Tour for players 50 and older. It's the story of a day-to-day struggle for someone reviving the dream of his adolescence fairly late in life.

His efforts crystallized in his final lesson: "Chasing a dream is a job, not a hobby."

"It's the extra two or three hours every day that the professionals put into practice (both physical and mental) that make a difference, even when they're playing in a tournament," he writes.

Question of the Week

What are you planning to do this summer?



Des'Rae Richter
Big Spring, TX

"Sleep late every day."



Caitlin Junior
Eastland, TX

"I think we might be moving to Colorado."



Kayme Fountain
Big Spring, TX

"Kill my husband over this photo."



Carson Alldredge
Roby, TX

"Getting ready for college basketball."

12, 11, 10 ... the numbers game is a real pain

There are things in my life that have never really add up. Take, for instance, my children and math.

Every day when they were younger our children come home and beg me to help them with their math homework. They always claimed it was too hard, and that they just didn't understand how to do it. Being the groovy dad I was, I always pulled up a chair and told them to ask their mother.

"Dad, we just don't know math," they would say.

I assured them they did. It is all about adding and subtracting, I said. Even multiplication and division is adding and subtracting, just on steroids.

"Why don't you help us?" they asked.

My excuse (and any of you young guys out there with children needing an excise can feel free to use this) was simply that I didn't want to cause the economic collapse of the world.

"If I helped them do the work," I explained. "there wouldn't be as much of a need for rubber erasers and notebook paper. A lower demand for those two math "musts"

Off The Beaten Path



By
Tommy Wells

would mean fewer trees would need to be cut down. Fewer trees being cut down would mean loggers losing jobs. With the loggers out of work, their families would be go hungry and the bank would foreclose on their homes."

I looked them right in the eye and said, "Do you want to be the reason the logger's kids go hungry and have to sleep under a bridge?"

I'd like to say that explanation worked, but they always took their

case to a higher court ... She-Who-Must-Not-Be-Made-Mad.

I will admit that SWMNBMM forced me to help the kids with their homework. It's her fault the economy stinks, so blame her.

As we were working on the math, our youngest daughter always said (for like the 300,000th time) that her birthday is just 360 hours away. That, she explains, means there are just 21,600 minutes left until she celebrates another birthday.

"I thought you didn't know how to do math?" I said.

"I only know how to do birthday math," she said. "That other math is really tough. I mean, who really knows what pi and all that other stuff is?"

"Pi is 3.14," I said ... doing my best not to let them know I had Googled "pi" on the Internet.

"You worry about pi dad and I will worry about what kind of cake I want for my birthday, which is just 21,998 minutes away."

After all the homework was done (notice I did not say anything about it being correct) I sneaked into the living room and found SWMNBMM sitting on the couch making imagi-

nary tick marks in the air.

"What in the name of Sam Hill are you doing?" I said.

"Counting down the days until my anniversary," she said.

"Are we getting close?" I asked.

(Note to newly married young people: This is never a good way to say "When is our anniversary?")

"It's exactly 1,440 minutes away," she hissed.

Heck, I have plenty of time before next Thursday," I said with a smile.

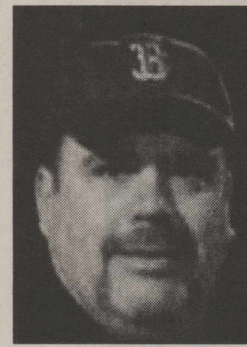
I hope all you younger guys are better at math than I am. Once my arms are out of the cast, I am going to tell our youngest daughter that there was too many people born on May 11 so the policeman was making us change her birthday to April 27. By doing that, she can count down for both events — and since she never forgets her birthday, I'll be safe from future assaults.

By the way, did I ever tell you that I hate math.

(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.)

Customer service has declined over the years

Just Jeff



By Jeff Stanfield

Customer service has hit a all-time low since I have been alive. I am not old by most standards, but 44 is not young, either. I do remember full service gas stations, the milkman, calling someone about a problem locally and same day service.

Last weekend, Michelle and I went to Abilene, ran some errands and bought some groceries. Not at Walmart because we have boycotted them (thank goodness). We usually go to United but this time we went to HEB. As we start checking out, the cashier is throwing all of our stuff in a big heap and nobody is sacking, so Michelle starts sacking.

I am still taking stuff out of the cart and I ask her, "Why are you sacking?"

There are sackers standing around watching some guy buy beer at the next register. She told me she didn't want all the stuff crushed.

The cashier is just chunking groceries like she wants to be the next deep snapper for the Cowboys. Once the cart is cleared, I started helping

buying a 12-pack, comes up to help.

The young lady grabs a can of tuna and asks, "Would you like me to sack those for you?"

I chuckled. Been there and done that.

Michelle replied with that same sound I have heard at least 100 times since we have been married. NO THANK YOU I AM ALMOST FINISHED which means I am going to turn green and become the exorcist chick if you don't back up.

Well, the young lady proceeds to try and take one of the last five items out of Michelle's hand (a rookie move), and Michelle tells her in this evil voice, "Kindly take your hands off my groceries and go back and visit with your friends. I can finish what I started."

I think Michelle's eyes even turned red. I mean, she was mad. I have made her mad but not many times like this.

See, if I get mad, it's no big deal. I am very emotional and get over things fast. Michelle gets mad and

stays mad until it thunders. She just now got over Coach Lee not checking on Zach's broken collarbone last week ... and that has been four years ago.

Where has customer service gone? I mean, it was just bagging groceries but retailers fail when it comes to taking care of their customers. The work ethic stinks these days and nobody takes pride in what they do unless they are in management or self-employed, it seems.

The manager at the store was a great guy and I called to tell him my experience. I guess someone had a talk with the sackers because the Steele's where walking in as we were leaving. When they left, they sacked their groceries, took them to their car and even offered to drive to Knox City and put them upand cook dinner for Melissa!

Jeff "My wife will go off like a Spider Monkey" Stanfield is a local columnist His column does not necessarily represent the views of the newspaper or its publishers.

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Sports

Acree advances to state golf tournament

TOMMY WELLS
The Knox County News

A year ago, Matthew Acree almost found his way to the "Holy Grail" of high school golf. Unfortunately, a shaky second day at the Region II-A Golf Tournament left him in eighth place and thwarted his dream.

There would be no disappointing finishes for the Benjamin High School junior last weekend. He survived a tough first round and then punched his ticket to the state meet in grand fashion - by winning the regional championship.

Playing on the Shady Oaks Golf

Course in Baird, Acree chewed up the final 10 holes and finished with a one-stroke win in the individual standings.

By doing so, he became the area's lone qualifier for the state gold tournament. He will compete in the UIL Class A Tournament on May 3-4 at Lions Municipal Golf Course in Austin.

Benjamin's only golfer, Acree kicked off the two-day tournament a bit slowly. He carded a 76 on his first round.

Then, on the second day, he started slowly again. Through the first eight holes, he stood at 5-over-par.

Things began falling into place for him on the next hole. On hole No. 9,

he pushed in a 25-foot putt for a birdie. From there, he was unstoppable. Acree finished the back nine 2-under par and took a slim lead into the clubhouse, where he waited for the rest of the field to finish.

He posted a score of 72 on the final day and finished with a 148 overall.

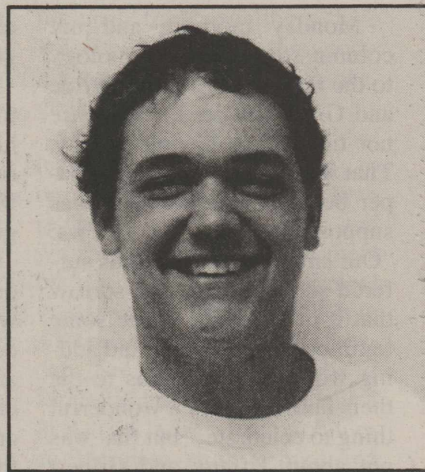
The lead held up. Munday's Dillard Ryder was battling Acree for the regional title through much of the event. He was even-par through the first 17 holes and leading the tournament when he stepped into the tee box at No. 18. Unfortunately for Ryder, he was forced to take a 2-stroke penalty when some-

one picked up his ball following his tee shot.

The penalty dropped Dillard into a tie with Goldthwaite's Quinton Thompson for second with a 149 total. Thompson claimed the playoff on the first hole.

Seymour's Cameron Montgomery posted a round 78 on the second day and finished in fourth place with a 153.

Montgomery led the event after the first day of play with a mark of 75. Throckmorton's Lanham Brown finished fifth in the individual medalist standings. He recorded rounds of 77 and 78, respectively, and finished with a total of 155.



Matthew Acree...
...to compete in state golf tournament in May.



On the court again ...

The Benjamin Junior High Lady 'Stangs returned to the court last week in Knox City to play against Rotan Junior High and the O'Brien Middle School seventh and eighth grade teams. The Lady 'Stang defeated Rotan and O'Brien's seventh grade teams, and suffered a loss to O'Brien eighth grade. Benjamin will be traveling to Rotan on May 1 to continue its season.

KC sending 4 to regional track meet

TOMMY WELLS
The Knox County News

The Knox City High School Greyhounds will be well represented this weekend at the Region II-A Track and Field Championships. The school is sending four athletes to participate in the two-day event, which will be held at Elmer Gray Stadium on the campus of Abilene Christian University.

The regional track meet is scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. on Friday with prelims in several events. Finals will be held on Saturday.

Knox City senior Blake Jones, Tylynn Eaton and Zach Carter will all be competing in the field events.

Jones is ranked among the top performers in Class in the Wichita Falls area. Through the Area meet, the KCHS senior has posted the seventh-longest throw in the area with a mark of 47 feet, 10 1/2 inches.

Like Jones, Eaton is expected to be a force in the Region II-A discus competition. A senior at Knox City, he has recorded the fourth-longest throw of any athlete in the Wichita Falls area (regardless of classification) with a mark of 145-5.

Of the top four throwers competing in the event, three will be from Knox County. Munday as

Regional track to be this weekend

The Knox City High School athletes that qualified for the Region II-A track meet will be in action Friday and Saturday at Abilene Christian University.

The top two qualifiers in each event will advance to the Class A State Track and Field Championships in May.

two discus throwers in the field. Carter will be representing the Greyhounds in the triple jump competition.

Munday's Dee Paul has the longest jump in the area this season at 45-2 1/4.

Essence Ward will be the Houndettes' lone regional participant this season. The KCHS sprinter qualified in the 100-meter dash.

In the 100, Ward will be competing against Crowell's Jasmine Sillemon, the defending District 12-A 100- and 200-meter champion.

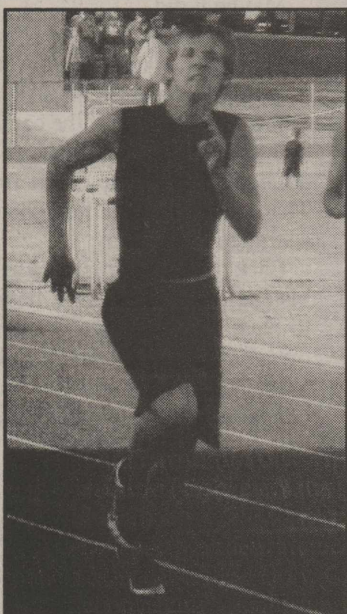
The top two finishers in each event at the regional meet will advance to the state track and field meet.

Ranch rodeo scheduled for this weekend

Ranch rodeo fans will have something to hoop and holler about in a few weeks.

The Knox Prairie Ranch Rodeo is scheduled for April 27-28 at the Munday Roping Arena. The event will begin both nights at 7 p.m.

The event is being hosted by the Munday Volunteer Fire Department.



Bobby Wells...
...to compete in Region II-A Track and Field Meet

Wells to run in 400 at regional

Bobby Wells, the son of Knox County News publishers Tommy and Patricia Wells, will be competing in the 400-meter dash on Friday at the Region II-A Track and Field Championships in Abilene.

A junior at Strawn High School, the 17-year-old is the grandson of former Knox City residents Raymond and Mary Christian, and the great-grandson of the late Ruby Lee Collins.

Knox City to hold 5-K Fun Run/Walk on Saturday

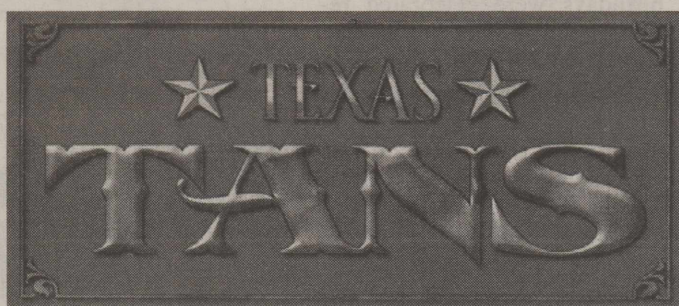
Area runners, walkers, joggers and walkers better break out their sneakers. The fun is about to begin in Knox County.

Knox City will be holding a 5-K Fun Run/Walk at the

Knox City Country Club on Saturday. The event is part of the annual "Knox County Adventure Days" promotion.

Entry fee for the event is \$25 for adults and \$15 for individuals 14 and under.

Registration will be at 7 a.m., with the run/walk scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. Registration forms and fees can be turned in prior to the race at the Knox City Chamber of Commerce office.



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Date	Temperature (F) Low / High	Rainfall inches
04/16	43/75	
04/17	45/82	
04/18	53/89	
04/19	61/96	
04/20	49/75	
04/21	41/86	
04/22	50/856	0.55
Total Rainfall for month		0.55
2012 Rainfall (ytd)		4.13



April 27 & 28

Schedule of events

Friday, April 27th

6 - 8 p.m. Annual Knox Prairie Ranch Rodeo - Hosted by the Munday Volunteer Fire Department

Saturday, April 28th

- 8:00 a.m. 5K Fun Run & Walk - Knox City COC (Knox City Golf Course)
- 8:00 a.m. Munday Trade Days - Hosted by the Munday COC- All day at the Munday Events Center
- 9:00 a.m. Registration opens at the Munday Events Center for the Amazing Grace Race, Photography Scavenger Hunt, Geocaching and Knox County Tours.
- 10:00 a.m. Tour of Knox County - Bus leaves from MEC
- 10:00 a.m. Amazing Grace Race (Teams of 2) \$20 per team
- 11:30 - 1:30 p.m. Fireman's Hamburger Lunch & Cake Auction (FUNDRAISER) Munday Events Center - \$7.00
- 1:00 p.m. Photography Scavenger Hunt (Teams of 2-5) \$20 per team
- 2:00 p.m. Tour of Knox County - Bus leaves from MEC
- 5:00 p.m. Red Wagon Parade - Wagons need to be at the MEC by 3:00 p.m. for viewing and judging.
- 6:00 p.m. Knox Prairie Ranch Rodeo - Munday Rodeo Grounds
- 8:00 p.m. Dance - Cameran Nelson and Guardrail Damage Ahead (Hosted by the Munday COC)

For more information or to register for events call 940-459-4121 or facebook.com/kcvg.catch.the.vision.

SAMMIE'S KNOX CITY CORNER AND FINAL THOUGHTS

Monday morning and my column starts with an apology to the families of Tiffany Wilde and Gilbert Saucedo. They are not the couple having a baby. That was an oversight by the paper because my statement was supposed to read as follows: "Our small community has suffered so much pain and sorrow that it is a wonder to see some families having babies and adding wonderful additions to the their families. It is a wonderful thing to celebrate," but that was not about Tiffany and Gilbert Saucedo. It was a total different statement about our new babies, which included Roger and Kayla Rodriguez, Derrick Stovall and his girlfriend, and also my daughter-in-law in Guam. I am very sorry for the wrong interpretation from my column.

Tom Moorehouse' and his family have lost their beloved Becky and our prayers and thoughts are with them.

My message about Wilma Hogan has been very good. Reports are that she is doing great with her recovery. May God bless them and our prayers are still in full force.

Homer Ralston had gone to Lubbock for a check-up and was informed that he had a 98 percent blockage of his heart arteries. It has been taken care and, hopefully, he is home soon

recovering. Good bless you guys, you are in our prayers.

Will Acree has another tour to Afghanistan. Please keep him in your prayer and his mom, Betty, and all the family. May God protect him and put a guardian angel on his shoulder.

Linda Espinoza had surgery on Thursday and the results were good new after all was done. They got all the cancer and she may not have need any chemo or radiation. God has created wonderful answers, and they are always in our prayers and thoughts. If you visit some of our businesses there are collection jars to help with lodging expenses. Feel free to make any kind of donation you would like. Any little donation is always a great blessing.

Alfredo Avila will be going to Lubbock this week. Doctors will do some surgery on his face as part of a lip construction resulting from an accident. He should return home on the same day as he was an outpatient surgery. Our prayers and thoughts are with them because he's had a hard road with still more to come. He is trying his best to be there for Amanda during the health problems of her mom. He has much love for Linda and Wesley. The stress made him very sick but Amanda has done a great job and I can only

imagine what she was going through trying to help her daddy by taking care of him and making sure Alfredo and the girls were attended to. God has bless them.

I started this column shortly after I broke my right wrist, but now I'm starting to get strength back. I know you have missed my column so I am trying to play catch up and I'm very sorry. Now I can keep you up to date, hopefully. I still have a way to go but with God's blessing, I'm doing better.

A lot of things have happened and I love helping keep up with what's happening.

Today is Easter Sunday and our weekend has been great. Our two boys from here and Munday were with us Saturday, and the others were all far. We miss them very much. I'm sure that some of you did too, but thank God for his blessing and they are all doing good. We missed all our grandkids and great-grandkids.

Mrs. Rodriguez has been doing well. Her son, Roy, is also doing good. Joe has made a visit to his doctor about his hand and is enjoying work.

Evelyn Balis is home recovering from gall bladder surgery and is getting better. Sje really enjoyed going out to Bud's for coffee.

Norman and Sue Tolson were in the process of expecting a new great-grandbaby from Mathew and Priscilia from Rochester. Hope it comes any day now.

Yogi Rogers spent the first part of last week in the hospital in Knox City to control her blood sugar. May God bless you and recover greatly.

My good fellas at Bud's are doing great and enjoying every bit of conversation.

Our Sunday church was great. The church was full and the performers from all our adults, as well as our little ones, was an awesome thing. And the Easter hunt afterward was a lot of fun. The praise and worship

was very amazing. God's blessings are great.

James and Jimmy Klutts have been a little under the weather, but thanks to our wonderful physical therapist and the hospital, they are better Abby, you do a wonderful job. May God bless you.

Linda Espinoza is still in Dallas hospital. She keeps having some setbacks but God is great and he will get her through all this, and our prayers are a wonderful part of it.

This weekend, Amanda made her first trip to go see her mom and dad. I can only imagine how hard it was for her to not be able to see them. We prayed together with her a lot and God made it possible for her to go and be at her mother's side with her dad.

Well, summer is just around the corner so get ready for walking, summers of baseball and golfing. I'm sure there will be something for everyone.

The kids' baseball games have been going great for both the boys and girls. While some parents may have a full day with work, house and spending time at the baseball fields three or four times a week, you know they are loving every bit of it - along with the grandparents.

Well, a lot of things have happened since I was unable to write. I had been doing a little at a time back then, but I've had a little more trouble than I thought. My hand is still very sore. I have some bones broken in my wrist but they seem to be repairing themselves, thank God.

Linda Espinoza is doing very well lately. Hopefully, she can come home soon. Amanda and the girls are ready to see her home.

Our condolences to the family of Julian Hernandez. It was very hard for her family. May God bless them in their time of pain and healing. God bless you all.

As we near the end of the month of April things are very good and exciting. If you attended the Chamber banquet you saw Marvin Jones receive the Citizen of the Year award. His family was as proud of the award as he was. He said he was so excited that night and hardly sleep ... and that says a lot for Marvin. Congratulations, my friend.

The community had a lot of birthdays were celebrated recently, as well as baby showers, visiting relatives and hunters.

Well, if you see Eddie Offield later this week, he'll be turning 75 on the 26th and he's still blowing and going. He's just awesome.

Shelly Rogers is home from the hospital after a scare of being very ill. We thank God for all the prayer for her. They couldn't be more thankful to all the concerns everyone showed. Great to have you home, Shelly.

Janie Williams is home recovering from surgery just a week ago and she looks great - and all full of smiles ... like always. Love you, Janie. Take care.

Well, have a wonderful week ahead and I will see you soon. Until next time, Sammie

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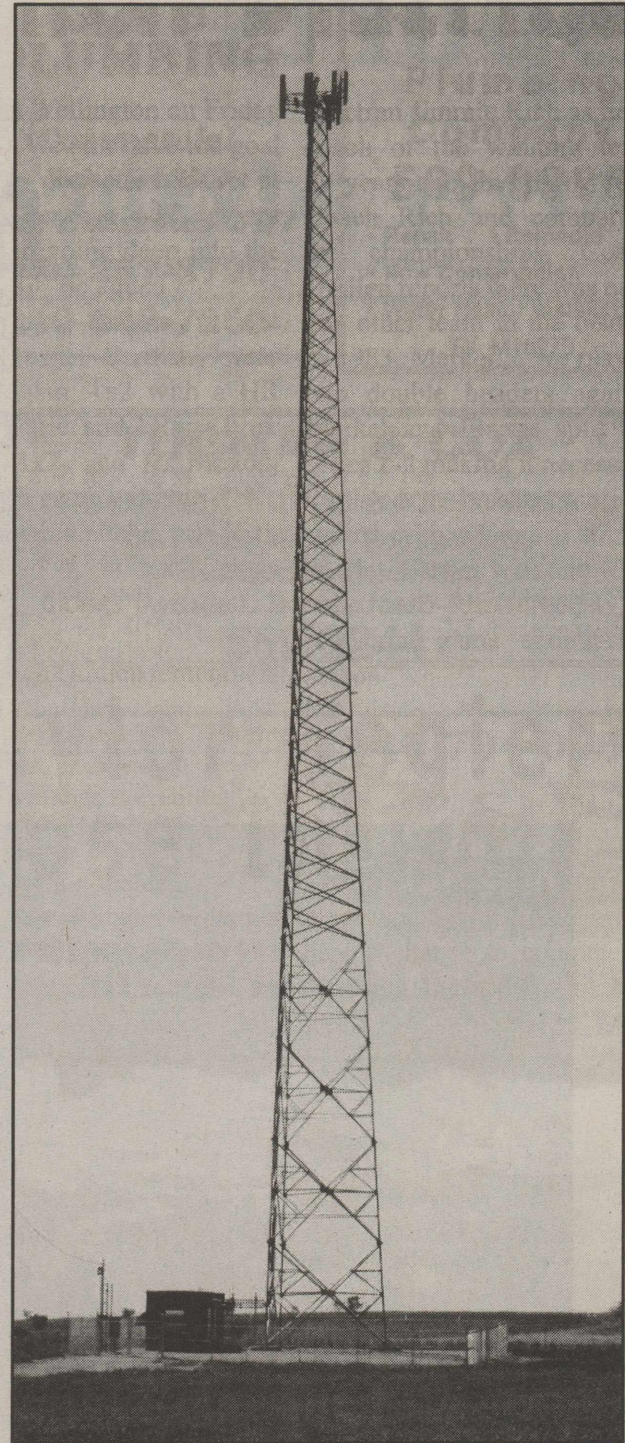
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Early Voting starts May 14 at the Knox County Clerk's Office and ends on May 21. The 2012 Primary elections will be held on May 29.

On March 1, the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas in San Antonio issued an order in the federal redistricting case changing the dates of the 2012 Primary election to May 29, 2012 and the Runoff Primary Election to July 31, 2012.

For more information contact the Voter Registration Office, or if you do not receive your voter registration card by May 14, at (940) 459-2411 and ask for Anita Silva or Mitzi Welch.



The new cell phone tower east of town is beginning to take its place on the Knox City skyline. Construction officials are hoping to have tower operational by next month. The tower is owned by Verizon.

Luminaries available for annual Relay for Life event

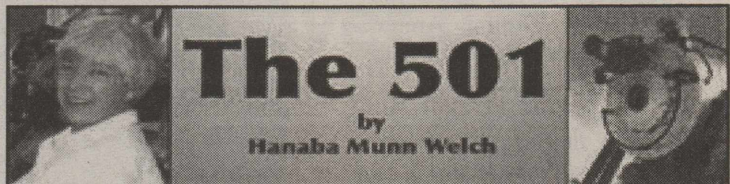
Knox County residents will get a chance to show their support for the ongoing battle against Cancer next month at the 2012 Knox-Haskell Relay for Life event. The annual fund-raiser for the American Cancer Society is set to be held on May 5 at the Munday High School track complex.

At this year's event, which is being called, "Every Candle Will Have a Name," Knox County residents will be able to purchase a luminaria (candle) in honor of a loved one who has died from the disease, or to honor a loved one who has survived - or currently battling - cancer.

At the event, teams from Knox

and Haskell counties will be walking throughout a 24-hour period as part of a fund-raising effort. All funds generated through the event will go toward cancer research, and to help local families dealing with the disease.

Individuals interested in sponsoring a candle in the Relay for Life event are encouraged to contact Linda Jackson at (940) 422-4318, or by sending \$5 per candle requested to Linda Jackson, Knox-Haskell Relay for Life, P.O. Box 43, Munday, Texas, 76731, along with a note with the sponsor's name and address, and who the candle will be in "Memory of" or in "Honor of."



Buying a car is like getting married. Life is better if you don't do it too often. My opinion.

But when you fall in love with a vehicle at first sight - or even after some research - you might as well call yourself engaged. I'm engaged.

Just don't expect me to extol the virtues of the car that has caught my eye. You might go after it too. I prefer to be alone in my pursuit of my intended.

Happily, if I don't get that sweet car I just test drove, I can look for one just like it. Cars, even used ones, are like fish in the sea. If you don't get the one you want, there's another one somewhere.

Indeed, my head is swimming from looking online at a whole school of 2011 models that meet my criteria, all within 500 miles' radius.

Eventually, one will emerge as the very one, depending on which salesman gets his hooks in me. Against my better judgment, I'll probably even agree to a warranty extension. It's all so easy when you're in love.

But I'll stand firm on one point. I will refuse to trade in my current model. You can always get a better deal if you sell your car yourself rather than trading it in. Just ask me.

The only car I ever traded in was a Cadillac with good looks that belied its dubious engine. It was a car I could not conscientiously transfer to anyone but a dealer. Even so, I suggested it

should go to auction.

Maybe it did.

In short order, I got an official letter from somewhere - like maybe the Department of Public Safety -- asking me if the car was still mine. Someone had abandoned it on the side of the road. That letter made me feel good in a strange sort of way.

Back to my expertise as a seller instead of trader-inner, I happen to have some for sale - a three-owner 1946 Chrysler Windsor Club Coupe (my first car) and a companion 1948 Windsor parts car, a 2004 Hyundai Santa Fe and, soon to be on the market, a 2006 Santa Fe. That's not to mention the 1976 hail-bent Cadillac and my classic 1966 Chevrolet pickup, except I don't think I'll sell the Chevy. In other words, call me a vehicular bigamist - or, better said, polygamist. Guilty. It's hard for a hoarder to let go of a car. That's my car quote for the day.

So, if you fall in love, maybe the very best thing is not to look back. Trade in the current one when you buy the new one. Otherwise, it's like keeping pictures of old boyfriends (or girlfriends) in chronological order under the picture of the one currently on display in the frame. Who would do that?

When I die, refer to this column if you get the old picture frames at the estate sale.

If the price of scrap holds, my car collection should pay for the funeral.



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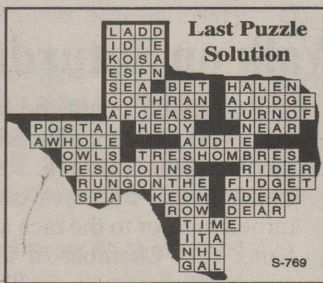
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Legal Notices

• Public Notice

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CHAPTER 10 TRAFFIC CONTROL ARTICLE 10.2700 AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE OF GOLF CARTS/UTV'S IN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOX CITY, TEXAS

WHEREAS: the city of Knoxville, Texas has determined that golf carts/UTV's may be safely operated in a limited manner in the City of Knoxville, Texas.

WHEREAS: the City of Knoxville, Texas desires to provide regulations for the operation of golf carts/UTV's in the City of Knoxville, Texas.

DEFINITIONS:

1. GOLF CARTS: defined as motorized vehicle with three or four wheels that is not designed to be operated at a speed of more than twenty five miles per hour (25).

2. UTV(Recreational off-highway vehicle): defined as a motor vehicle that is equipped with a non-straddle seat for the use of the rider and a passenger, if the vehicle is designed by the manufacturer to transport a passenger. Designed to propel itself with four or more tires in contact with the ground. Designed by the manufacturer for off-highway use by the operator only, and not designed by the manufacturer primarily for farming or lawn care. Designed to manufacturer specifications NOT to operate faster than twenty five miles per hour (25).

2. PROHIBITED STREETS OR ROADWAYS: Golf carts/UTV's shall not be operated upon any City sidewalk or street/roadway with a state designation such as FM or State Highway. However, golf carts/UTV's may only cross state designated FM or State Highways.

3. OPERATION: Golf carts/UTV's may be operated upon the streets/roadways of the City of Knoxville, Texas ONLY by persons possessing a valid Texas driver's license AND be at least sixteen (16) years of age. Operators of a golf cart upon a street/roadway shall ride as near to the right side of the street/roadway

as practicable, exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction. Golf carts/UTV's SHALL NOT be operated on any sidewalk. Golf carts/UTV's SHALL NOT be operated :

a. In a careless way so as to endanger the person or property of another.

b. While under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance

c. If the vehicle has an exhaust system that has been modified with a cutout, bypass, or similar device.

4. EQUIPMENT: Golf carts/UTV's operated upon City of Knoxville streets shall be equipped with the following;

a. A slow moving vehicle sign on the back of the golf cart/UTV.

b. A bicycle safety flag, the top of which shall be a minimum of seven (7) feet from ground level.

c. Golf carts/UTV's shall be equipped with adequate brakes.

d. Golf carts/UTV's shall be equipped with mirrors.

5. HOURS: Golf carts/UTV's may be operated ONLY between sunrise and sunset.

6. SPEED: No golf cart/UTV's shall be operated on any City street at a speed in excess of twenty-five (25) miles per hour. ALL GOLF CARTS/UTV'S SHALL BE OPERATED IN A SAFE MANNER.

7. TRAFFIC LAWS: All golf carts/UTV's MUST obey ALL vehicle traffic laws.

8. PERMITS: No person shall operate a golf cart/UTV on any street/roadway for any purpose unless the operator possesses a City of Knoxville permit to operate the golf cart/UTV within the City of Knoxville, Texas.

a. Golf cart/UTV owners may apply for a permit from the City of Knoxville on forms provided by the City of Knoxville.

b. The City of Knoxville shall not issue a permit until the owner/operator has provided evidence that the operator is at least sixteen (16) years of age, possesses a valid driver's license and proof of liability insurance covering operation of the golf cart/UTV on city streets/roadways.

c. The owner/operator of the golf cart/UTV shall display the City of Knoxville permit prominently on the front or rear of the golf cart/UTV.

d. All permits issued shall uniquely identify the name and address of the owner/operator and the expiration day of the permit.

e. The fee for such permits shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for 1 year and will be renewed every year upon expiration.

9. PASSENGERS: The number of occupants in any golf cart being operated in the City Knoxville shall be restricted to the number of seats on the golf cart/UTV. No more than two (2) occupants per seat. No occupants of the golf cart/UTV shall stand at any time in the seat, floor or back section of the golf cart/UTV at any time the golf cart is in motion.

10. PENALTIES: Upon violation of this ordinance a fine, not to exceed \$250.00, will be issued to the operator of the golf cart/UTV. A fine, not to exceed \$250.00, will be issued to any parent, guardian or owner of golf cart/UTV that allows an underage driver or unlicensed driver to operate a golf cart/UTV. Any violation of this ordinance could result in revocation of the registration permit.

This ordinance has been made by the City Council of the City of Knoxville, Texas for the well being of all citizens of Knoxville, Texas. All definitions of this ordinance shall be followed as defined in this ordinance or a fine, not to exceed \$250.00, will be issued.

BE IT ORDAINED THAT the provisions of this ordinance shall control and govern, should there be any conflict with the provisions of this ordinance and the provisions of any other ordinance now in effect.

READ, PASSED AND AD- OPTED this _____ day of _____, 2012

/s/ Jeff Stanfield
 Mayor

ATTEST:
 /s/ Chad Roberts
 City Administrator (26c)

• Public Notice

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ORDINANCE CHAPTER 10 TRAFFIC CONTROL ARTICLE 10.1401, SECT. 10.1412

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KNOX CITY RESTRICTING THE PARKING OF HEAVY VEHICLES, AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION: A) BELOW, AND PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY

a. Heavy vehicles, for the

purposes of this ordinance require Class "A" licensing to operate and are described as follows:

CLASS A: any combination of vehicles with a gross combination weight rating of 26,001 pounds or more, provided the gross vehicle weight rating of the vehicle or vehicles towed exceeds 10,000 pounds;

b. It shall be unlawful to leave an unattended heavy vehicle, described above, on any of the city streets, thoroughfares or alleyways within the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, Texas, at ANY TIME. Addition-

ally, it shall be unlawful for said vehicles to park on shoulders of state highways within corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, Texas. Any such vehicles remaining parked and unattended upon the streets, thoroughfares, alleyways or shoulders of this city shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this subsection.

c. PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION.

1) Any person, firm, or corporation violating the provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a separate offense for each day * or portion of a day* during which any such violation shall be held punishable by a fine of not less than twenty-five (\$25.00) nor more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00).

d. This Ordinance shall take effect 10 (ten) days from and after its passage and publication in accordance with the provisions of state law, and it is accordingly

so ordained.
 PASSED AND APPROVED in regular session of the City Council on this _____ day Of _____, 20____.

/s/ Jeff Stanfield
 Mayor

ATTEST:
 /s/ Chad Roberts
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CITY OF KNOX CITY CHAPTER 4 BUSINESS & COMMERCE ARTICLE 4.300 PEDDLERS, SOLICITORS & VENDORS ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KNOX CITY, TEXAS REGULATING THE ACTIVITIES OF PEDDLERS, SOLICITORS AND ITINERANT VENDORS WITHIN THE CITY, PROVIDING DEFINITIONS, PROHIBITING THE USE OF PUBLIC WAYS UNLESS EXEMPTED, REQUIRING SALES TAX PERMITS, HEALTH PERMIT AND PEDDLER/SOLICITOR/VENDOR PERMITS AND APPLICATION FEES, PROVIDING THE PROCEDURE FOR PERMIT ISSUANCE, EXEMPTION AND REVOCATION, SPECIFYING WHEN A BOND IS REQUIRED, PROVIDING FOR AN APPEAL FROM THE DECISION OF THE CITY SECRETARY REGARDING PERMITS, PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY OF NOT MORE THAN \$500.00 FOR VIOLATION, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the City Council of the CITY OF KNOX CITY that it is in the best interest of the CITY OF KNOX CITY to enact regulations governing the activities of peddlers, solicitors and itinerant vendors within the City; and NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KNOX CITY, TEXAS, that: The foregoing recitals are adopted and incorporated herein for all purposes.

I. DEFINITIONS

The following definitions shall apply to this Ordinance: Interstate commerce means soliciting, selling, taking orders for, or offering to take orders for any goods, wares, merchandise, photographs, magazines, or things which, at the time the order is taken, are in any federal district or territory, any commonwealth, or in any state other than Texas and shipped or introduced into the city in fulfillment of such orders.

Itinerant vendor or merchant means any individual, whether a resident of this city or not, who offers for sale food, beverages, goods, merchandise, delivery, or services to be performed immediately or in the future, from a certain location which is not within a building or structure. This term shall not apply to businesses that operate from within a building or structure within the city but which display or sell food, beverages, goods, or merchandise, outside the building or structure.

Motor vehicle means any vehicle used for displaying, storing, or transporting of articles for sale by a itinerant vendor which is required to be licensed and registered by the State department of motor vehicles. The term is to include but not limited to trailers, trucks, buses, and automobiles.

Peddler, Solicitor, Canvasser means any individual, whether a resident of this city or not, traveling by foot, wagon, automobile, motor truck of any other type of conveyance, from place to place, from house to house, or from street to street, for the sale of goods, wares and merchandise, personal property of any nature whatsoever for future or immediate delivery, or for services to be performed immediately or in the future, whether or not such individual has, carries or exposes for sale a sample of the subject of such sale or whether he or she is collecting advance payments on such sales. The word "peddler" shall not include individuals traveling to businesses, houses, or places at the invitation of the resident or owner.

Public way means all areas legally open to public use, such as public streets, sidewalks, roadways, highways, parkways, alleys, parks, as well as the interior and areas surrounding public buildings.

Special event means any occasion including, but not limited to, fairs, shows, exhibitions, city wide celebrations, festivals, etc., within a specifically defined area of the city for a period of time established by the mayor or city council.

Stand means any newsstand, table, bench, booth, rack, handcart, pushcart, vehicle or any other fixture or device used for the display or storage of articles offered for sale by a itinerant vendor or peddler which is not required to be licensed and registered by the State department of motor vehicles. Such stands must be located at least ten (10) feet away from all property lines adjacent to a street. All stands must be removed from the property on which business is

conducted each day.

Door-to-door selling shall mean going to one or more residence within the City in person or by the agent for the purpose of peddling, soliciting, or vending, who engages in a business of selling or offering for sale, food, beverages, goods, services, wares and merchandise or engages in soliciting orders for the sale of goods, services, wares and merchandise for future delivery

Merchandise is used in its broadest sense and shall include property of every kind.

Services is used in its broadest sense and shall include any work done for the benefit of another person.

Temporary shall mean any such business for which definite arrangements have not been made for the hire, rental or lease of premises for at least one month, in or upon which such business is to be operated or conducted.

II. USE OF PUBLIC WAYS-PROHIBITED

It shall be unlawful for any peddler, solicitor or itinerant vendor to engage in business within any public way within the city.

III. SAME-EXEMPTIONS

(a) Itinerant vendors may locate within a designated public way in connection with a special event approved by the Mayor or City Council and the appropriate body organizing and implementing the special event.

(b) Farmers may sell agricultural products that were raised or grown by them within a public way and time designated by the Mayor or City Council.

(c) Ice cream vehicles may use the public ways provided they do not remain in one location for longer than ten (10) minutes.

(d) Peddlers may utilize streets and roads to travel from house to house or place to place in pursuit of their business.

IV. NOT TO GO ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY UNINVITED

It shall be unlawful for any peddler or itinerant vendor of merchandise or services to go on private residential property unless specifically requested or invited by the owner or occupant of such private residence or has posted a sign which states "No Soliciting". This warning must be displayed prominently at the entrance to the residence.

V. BUSINESS DISPLAYING "NO SOLICITING" NOTICE

It shall be unlawful for any peddler or itinerant vendor to go to a business or commercial establishment for the purpose of taking orders or the selling of merchandise or services if the establishment has posted a sign which states "No Soliciting". This warning may be displayed prominently at the entrance to the business.

VI. SALES TAX PERMIT-REQUIRED

It shall be unlawful for any peddler or itinerant vendor to engage in business within the city without having obtained and presented a valid sales tax permit issued by the Texas State Comptroller's Office. Such license shall be prominently displayed in a conspicuous place on the premises where business is being conducted.

VII. HEALTH PERMIT-REQUIRED

The application of any vendor engaged in the sale or distribution of food or beverages shall also be referred to the State health department for approval of a valid health permit. The health permit shall be required in addition to the vending license required by this article. Such vendor's equipment shall be subject to inspections by the health department and or a police officer at the time of application and at periodic intervals thereafter. Such license shall be prominently displayed in a conspicuous place on the premises where business is being conducted.

VIII. PERMIT NON-TRANSFERABLE

Each permit shall be nontransferable. No refunds shall be made on unused portions of permit. Each peddler, solicitor, or vendor shall secure a separate license.

IX. RESTRICTIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL VENDORS

(a.) Stands shall not: (1) Exceed 20 feet in length, 10 feet in width or 13 feet in height; (2) Impede access to the entrance or driveway of any adjacent building; (3) Occupy more than half of the available sidewalk width or 20 feet of such sidewalk, whichever is less. (b.) Hours of Operation. - Except for the vending of food or drinks from a motor vehicle or other non-stationary means within construction, manufacturing or similar areas in the manner specified in subsection (h) below, vendors shall be allowed to engage in the business of vending only

between the hours of 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. All vending stands must be removed during non-vending hours. When Temporary Vending Permits are issued for special events under the provisions of this ordinance, the applicant may request from the city an exception to the usual hours of operation and removal of stands and other vending operations during non-operating hours.

(c.) Handicapped Areas - No vendor shall conduct business within 20 feet of any handicapped parking space or access ramp.

(d.) Removal of Trash - All trash or debris accumulating within 50 feet of any vending stand shall be collected by the vendor and deposited in an authorized trash container. All vendors selling food or beverages must provide trash receptacles adjacent to or as a part of their stands.

(e.) Prohibited Areas. A vending permit issued pursuant to this ordinance is valid only on specified public ways or in public places of the City of Knox City. The City shall prohibit vendors from selling on specified public ways or in public places if it determines such prohibitions are necessary for the protection of public health and safety. Vendor stands and motor vehicles are prohibited within 20 feet of a fire hydrant, fire escape, loading zone, or the driveway of a fire station, police station or hospital.

(f.) Noise - No vendor may sound any device, which produces a loud and raucous noise, or use or operate any loudspeaker, public address system, radio sound amplifier, or similar device to attract public attention.

(g.) Motor Vehicles - No vendor vending from a motor vehicle shall:

- (1) Stop, stand or park the vehicle within 20 feet of any intersection, within any other prohibited area, or during prohibited hours;
- (2) Conduct business in such a way as would increase traffic congestion or delay, constitute a hazard to life or property, interfere with an abutting property owner, or obstruct access to emergency vehicles.

X. SAME-EXEMPTIONS

The following are exempt from having to present a sales tax permit:

- (a.) Farmers who sell agricultural products that were raised or grown by them.
- (b.) Nonprofit organizations
- (c.) Any other business or activity exempt by the Texas State Comptroller from collecting a state sales tax.

XI. PEDDLER/SOLICITOR/VENDOR PERMIT REQUIRED

It shall be unlawful for any peddler, solicitor or itinerant vendor to solicit or to engage in business within the city without first obtaining a permit from the City Secretary as provided in this Ordinance. Such permit shall be prominently displayed in a conspicuous place on the premises where business is being conducted.

XI. SAME-EXEMPTIONS

The following are excluded from permitting provisions:

- (1) Newspaper carriers.
- (2) Farmers who sell agricultural products that were raised or grown by them when located within a public way and a time designated by the Mayor or City Council.
- (3) Locally based, non-profit organizations are exempt from the formal (written) permitting process; however, the same are required to provide written notification to the City Secretary of the approximate dates of the fundraising campaign, the areas in which they will be selling, and a description of items to be sold.
- (4) Peddlers and itinerant vendors operating within a designated public way in connection with a special event approved by the Mayor or City Council and appropriate body organizing and implementing the special event.

XII. WRITTEN APPLICATION FOR PERMIT REQUIRED

Any peddler, solicitor or itinerant vendor desiring to engage in business within the city must file a written application for permit with the City Secretary, and which shall provide the following information:

- (a) Applicant's name, telephone number, address, birth date, physical description and either:
 - (1) Driver's license number and state; or
 - (2) Social security number and an official, government-issued picture identification card.
- (b) If the applicant is peddling or making solicitations for any commercial, charitable or political organization, the name, telephone number and address of such organization.
- (c) Full and complete list of goods or services to be sold;
- (d) If different than or in addition to applicant, for each individual

involved as a peddler or itinerant vendor: name, telephone number, address, birth date, physical description, and either:

- (1) Driver's license number and state; or
- (2) Social Security number and official, government issued picture identification card number.
- (e) Description (year, make, type) and license plate number and state of all motor vehicles to be used in soliciting and peddling.
- (f) A statement that the applicant has not been convicted of any felonies of any nature or any other crimes of moral turpitude in this state or any other state; and, if having been so convicted, a full statement as to the place of conviction and crime for which applicant was convicted.
- (g) Itinerant vendors, except for special event, shall provide the following additional information:
 - (1) A letter from the owner of the property on which the itinerant vendor intends to conduct business stating that the itinerant vendor has permission to operate at that location.

XIII. PERMIT FEE

A nonrefundable permit fee is required for all peddlers, solicitors and vendors not exempted by Section XIII. Permit fees shall be valid only for the specific dates paid for and indicated on the permit. Each additional date requires a separate fee.

- (a) One Person each day, \$25.00
- (b) Each additional person each day, \$10.00

XIV. PERMIT EXEMPTIONS

The following are exempt from the permit fee:

- (a) Any individual soliciting or peddling for a philanthropic, charitable, political or religious organization provided such activity is for the sole exclusive benefit of that organization and so long as the person engaging in such activity does not receive compensation in the form of a commission, salary, or other monies paid to him for such activity.

XV. PERMIT ISSUANCE; INVESTIGATION

A copy of the application for permit will be referred to the Chief of Police who will undertake an investigation of the applicant's record and background such as shall be reasonably necessary to protect the public. An applicant for permit under this Ordinance may be reasonably denied if he or she is currently wanted on warrant for arrest, or if the applicant has been convicted of a felony involving theft, fraud, bribery, perjury, or any proof is developed that false information was presented for purposes of permit issuance.

XVI. PROCEDURES FOR PERMIT ISSUANCE

The City Secretary shall review all information relevant to the issuance of a peddlers/solicitor/vendors permit and make the determination of whether said permit is granted or denied. Before any permit is denied, the City Secretary shall consult the City Administrator. Said determination shall be made within three (3) working days of the filing of an application

or registration information. If the City Secretary and the Chief of Police find that all of the conditions precedent to the issuance of an itinerant vendor permit has been met and the applicant is qualified to receive a permit, the City Secretary shall issue the permit. Permits will be issued for a period of dates specified and upon a showing by the applicant of necessity, the City Secretary may approve an issuance of a permit for a period not to exceed one year. Any changes to agents or itinerant vendors must be submitted as an addendum to the original application and subject to the same permit fees and investigation. Failure to register new agents will be grounds for cancellation of the nonrefundable permit.

XVII. BOND REQUIRED

(a) Solicitors requiring cash deposits or payment for future delivery or who require a contract of agreement to finance the sale of goods or services for future delivery, or for services to be performed in the future, shall furnish to the city a valid bond with the application in the amount listed below. This bond is to be signed by the applicant and surety company authorized to do business in the State of Texas, conditioned:

- (1) For the final delivery of goods or services in accordance with the terms or any order obtained;
- (2) To indemnify purchasers for defects in material or workmanship that may exist in the goods sold and that are discovered within 30 days after delivery; and;
- (3) For the use and benefit of persons, firms, or corporations that may make a purchase or give an order to the principal of the bond or to the agent or employee of the principal of the bond.
- (b) If the applicant is a person, firm, or corporation engaging in solicitation activities through one or more agents or employees, only one bond is required for the activities of all the agents or employee solicitors.

(1) The amount of the bond is determined by the number of solicitors acting as agents or employees of the same person, firm, or corporation with a \$1,000.00 bond to be posted for each such person.

XVIII. PERMIT REVOCATION.

After the registration provided for in this article has been issued, the City Administrator of the city or his/her duly authorized representative may revoke such registration if it is found that:

- (a) The registration was obtained by false representation;
- (b) The holder of the registration has violated any Ordinance of the city, or any law of the state in connection with any soliciting by such holder or in connection with the collecting or attempted collection of any account due to such registration holder or his employer or in connection with the repossession or attempted repossession of goods sold;
- (c) The holder of the registration is convicted of a felony or misdemeanor involving a sexual offense, assault, possession or sale of a controlled substance, or any violent act against person or property. Also any judgment based upon or conviction for fraud,

deceit, or misrepresentation or involving moral turpitude; or (d) If the holder of registration has endangered the health or safety of a citizen of the city.

XIX. APPEALS FROM DECISIONS OF THE CITY SECRETARY

If the applicant for a permit under this section or the holder of such permit is dissatisfied with any holding or finding of the City Secretary, he or she shall have the right to appeal to the City Council by filing a written notice of such appeal with the City Secretary within ten (10) days from the making and filing of such decision of the City Secretary.

Upon filing of such notice of appeal, the application for the permit and all papers possessed by the City Secretary in connection with such application and such permit shall be delivered to the City Council. And such matter as may be in controversy shall be heard by the Mayor and City Council at its next available scheduled meeting after the filing of the notice of appeal.

XX. PENALTY

Any person, firm, or corporation violating any provision of this article or failing to observe any provisions hereof shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not less than twenty five dollars (\$25.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and each day or fraction of a day during which this article or any part thereof is further violated shall be deemed a separate offense and punishable as such.

XXI. SEVERABILITY

Should any part, sentence or phrase of this Ordinance be determined to be unlawful, void or unenforceable, the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall not be adversely affected. No portion of this Ordinance shall fail or become inoperative by reason of the invalidity of any other part. All provisions of this Ordinance are severable.

XXII. CONFLICTING ORDINANCES

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in force when the provisions of this Ordinance becomes effective which are inconsistent or in conflict with the terms and provisions contained in this Ordinance are hereby repealed only to the extent of such conflict.

XXIII. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall be and become effective immediately upon and after its passage and publication as may be required by governing law.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED on this 18th day of April, 2012 by a vote of the City Council of the CITY OF KNOX CITY, Texas.

CITY OF KNOX CITY, TEXAS

/s/ Jeff Stanfield, Mayor

Attest:
/s/ Chad Roberts
City Administrator
(SEAL)

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