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Haskell-Knox Relay for Life to spring into action on Sat.

best foot - and more than a few valuable prizes - forward this Saturday in Munday as the 2012 Haskell-Knox Relay For Life gala gets under way.,

In all, 12 teams from throughout Haskell and Knox coun-American Cancer Society fund throughout the day at the Munday athletic stadium.

Among the teams scheduled to compete are Mark Out Can- event will also have a wide vacer, Camo Chics, Castaway Cancer (the Munday Church of

Area volunteers will put their Christ), Flaming for the Cure, First National Bank-Munday, Haskell National Bank, Hawaiian Punchers, Medical Milers, Rule Champions Wear Pink, The Scrubs, Haskell Church of Christ and Sal's Pals.

Among the items scheduled ties will be participating in the to be raffled off at the event are an X-Box, PlayStation, a Savage raiser. The event will be held 243 rifle, a gas frill, two tickets to a Texas Rangers' game, a

> Teams participating in the riety of food items available at the Relay for Life.



Judging stars ...

The Knox County Senior Livestock Judging Team of Shannon Reeves, Parker Finley, and Trey Tidwell did well at the District 3 meet recently. The team earned several honors. See story on Page 6.

Swim lesson registration now underway

Knox City parents interested in enrolling their children in summer swimming lessons can begin reserving spots in the upcoming class.

According to KC Swimming Pool manager Charles Steele, classes will be offered for \$10 per week throughout the summer. Classes will be held Monday through Friday at varying

For more information contact Steele at (940) 658-5540.



County is rated as "food insecure." Overall, the report indicated that approximately 610 people in the county struggle to afford enough food for an adequate diet. Also, as part of the report, TFBN officials estimate that 74 percent of the residents in the county are below the Supplemen-

(SNAP) threshold of 165 percent "This new data shows how widespread hunger is in Texas,'

tal Nutrition Assistance Program

said Celia Cole, CEO of TFBN. "No county is untouched." Statewide, 18.5 percent, or 4.7

million Texans experienced food insecurity in 2010. According to the report, San

Augustine, Zavala, Starr, Sabine and Marion counties had the highest food insecurities rates.

"Food insecurity is one of the leading public health challenges in the United States due to the physical, mental damage and behavioral problems it may cause," said report author Dr. Craig Gundersen, Associate Professor of Agricultural and Consumer Economics at the University of Illinois. "By ascertaining the extent and distribution of food insecurity at the county and congressional district level, we can better direct our resources to alleviating this serious problem."

The report was released as Congress debates key legislation affecting the federal nutrition safety net.



Knox City City Administrator Chad Roberts (far left) talks with hospital leaders on Tuesday morning about the damage the facility suffered from high winds on Monday night. A section of the hospital's roof was blown off by winds that hit an estimated 80 miles per hour.

High winds rip through Knox City

TOMMY WELLS The Knox County News

Knox City residents found themselves recovering from another blow from Mother Nature on Monday evening. Strong straight line winds blew across the county causing major damage to buildings and trees in Knox City and Munday.

The Knox County Hospital suffered the brunt of the damage caused by high winds, which were estimated at about 80 miles per hour when they hit at approximately 10 p.m. The winds ripped a 200-pound section of the roof from the hospital causing an unspecified amount of damage.

Hospital officials were trying to assess the damage to the building as of Tuesday afternoon.

Several other businesses in Knox City suffered some damage, including Penman's Conoco. The high winds caused a branch to fall on a wall near Penman's Conoco. The cinder block wall had several chunks dislodged.

Additionally, the winds ripped shingles and metal from roofs. A piece of metal was blown off the side of the First National Bank in Munday. Several tree limbs were also snapped.

The storm system that generated the high winds also brought several lightning strikes, which cause small wildfires in the Knox City area.



The Knox City Housing Authority was among many places in the community that suffered roof damage due to the high winds that swept through Knox County on Monday.

State moves to address impacts on roadways

Communities will begin to see repair and rehabilitation take place on roadways used frequently by the energy industry after the Texas Transportation Commission gave approval last week for \$40 million for maintenance and safety improvement projects related to the industry's activities.

The energy industry has helped Texas remain an economic leader among states, but subsequent impacts on roadways and bridges, traffic, safety, and study the issue and is partnering phase of work, we will continue class state agency.

about a need for collaboration to lessen the impacts.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will begin the work this summer, as contracts are signed and executed to repair and widen some to find ways to address the situroads, and make intersection improvements to others. The funding will support projects located in north and south Texas.

an executive-level task force to

the environment have brought with representatives of the De- partnering with industry and partment of Public Safety, the Department of Motor Vehicles, the Railroad Commission, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, counties, and the energy and trucking sectors

"This funding is a down payment to try and address part of the issue now," said Phil Wil-TxDOT also recently formed son, TxDOT executive direc-

government leaders to build a longer term sustainable strat-

TxDOT, working to fulfill its mission to work with others to provide safe and reliable

transportation solutions for Texas, thinks this collaborative effort will allow the agency to meet its goals of maintaining a safe system, addressing congestion, connecting Texas commutor. "Even as we begin this first nities, and becoming a best-in-

Petty Charity Ride to visit Benjamin on Friday

get a taste of NASCAR tomorrow.

The Kyle Petty Charity Ride Across America will be making a stop in Benjamin on Friday as part of a weeklong ride across the country. Tentatively, the participants in the event are planning to be in Benjamin around

Knox County is going to lunch. 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 which begins in Napa, CA.



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God's Promise

By Gary Schnable, Pastor of the Foursquare Church

Live It Now And Not Lose It All In The End!

speaking: whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it' For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?" ~ Matthew 16:25 (NKJV)

I just recently read an article by George Otis Jr.. He and his group search the world over for places that have experienced a true outpouring of God's Spirit likened to the day of Pentecost in Acts 2. They have seen some astounding transformations by the hand of God!

Sadly, they have found ONLY TWO true revivals in the western world among the many places that have encountered God in epic proportions. They have seen places/villages of crime, abuse, teen suicide, drug use & devastation to the land, like the poisoned streams & dying coral around Fiji.

these places unprecedented move of God took place that changed the lives of the people of the villages, towns and even a nation! These communities have closed down bars, pubs & jails because the communities had been transformed by the "Love of God"; Places where parents are seeing their children and youth living for God and not for the world's allure of youthful and destructive pleasures; Places where broken families and cities are healed and good families are finding that purpose of life that was missing.

BUT...why not in America or other Western nations? Yes, we have seen God move in Pensecola, FL or Smithton, MO (A town of 532 in 1999) started in an old garage until moving because of growth to Kansas City. Yet, they pale in comparison to the move of God in places outside the Western

AGAIN WHY NOT HERE??? To Otis the answer is simple; we are a self-sufficient people and see no need for any help, let alone God's. It goes against our independent mindset, our tough cowboy image and our image as the leader in the world (For now

So, with this mindset, those who do not know Christ make choices as though this life is all they really have. In reality, our life now is our introduction to eternity, be it Heaven or you get the picture. Our eternal state will be determined by how we live this small amount of time now... however brief or long that may be! It's not, "What's in your wallet", but the question becomes "Who's in your heart?"

Jesus asks us, "Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?" Have we become so focused on the highest social and civic honors, accumulation of trophies or wealth, prestige, degrees, changing relationships, chasing pleasures that we miss the real reason for living...an authentic intimate relationship with God! Are we grabbing for these things to fill our empty hearts and time, when all we are really missing is to be truly happy is the fullness of God's love?

What will it take for God to get our attention in life? Will it be a loved one or a close friend to die or life altering tragedy? I've seen too many times where God allowed things, people or health to be taken away from people in order to get their attention because. Why? Because He loves us too much to let us become satisfied where we are!

My heart aches to see God's Spirit move in our area. He has so much He wants to bless us with! We have seen a few glimmers in recent weeks in our church services...some thought we were having revival. Though it's been exciting...true revival comes when people are desperate for God to be first before anything else in our lives. When we lay our lives down and put Him first, He will bring everything else in our lives into order! We can begin to experience the sweetness of eternity now... are you interested???

Listen..."He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches"

TEXAS

CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison

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Several Knox City residents attended the TMCN luncheon on April 26. Overall, 38 attended the luncheon held at the Imprint Ministry Building. Attendees came from Throckmorton, Albany, Aspermont, Breckenridge, Haskell, Knox City, Munday and Stamford.

Regional network luncheon held in Throckmorton on April 26

Throckmorton hosted one able to member communities. Munday, Stamford and Throckof six network luncheons sponsored by Texas Midwest Community Network this spring. Knox County representatives from Knox City and Munday were in attendance. The luncheon at the Imprint Ministry Building in Throckmorton was last Thursday. Immediately following lunch discussion focused on "Communities of Achievement".

The informal program included a brief video about TMCN and information about the awards program availThere was an in depth discussion about the importance of rural West Texas cities being prepared for the future with the projected outflow from metropolitan areas of the state. Also discussed was the need for rural communities to have vision with a cross-section of the community leadership being involved and "on the same

Cities represented at the Throckmorton luncheon included Albany, Aspermont, Breckenridge, Haskell, Knox City, visit www.texasmidwest.org.

morton. The meal was catered by Fowler's Bar-B-Q.

Texas Midwest Community Network is a one-of-a-kind regional organization founded in 1994 for economic development, tourism development, regional awareness & promotion, and legislative awareness. It is an organization of "communities working together to accomplish what one community cannot do alone.'

For more information about TMCN call (325) 795-8626 or

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The following lunch menus have been listed for the week of May 7-11 for the Knox County Aging Services

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

Monday, May 7 - Salisbury steak, dice potatoes/skin on, English peas, whole wheat roll, fruit salad in juice.

Tuesday, May 8 - Beef stew, turnip greens, cornbread, Black Forest parfait.

Wednesday, May 9 - Polish sausage, pinto beans, cole slaw, up after 11 a.m.

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Thursday, May 10- Beef soft taco, Spanish rice, broccoli, Mandarin oranges/topping.

Friday, May 11 - BBQ on a bun, tater tots, carrots/zuchinni,

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

Please call in orders by 10 a.m. to 657-3618.

Orders cannot be taken after 10 a.m. All orders need to be picked

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Benjamin to hold pet vaccination clinic

Knox County pet owners take notice, the City of Benjamin is about to make your pet's life a whole lot better.

The City of Benjamin will be holding its annual Pet Vaccination Clinic on May 19. The clinic will be held from 9 .m. until 11 a.m. in the Benjamin City Hall, which is located at 303 S. Hin-

The clinic will be held by Dr. James Gober of the Haskell Veterinary Clinic.

According to city officials, residents will be able to obtain several shots at the clinic, including those for rabies, distemper/ parvo and feline leukemia.

The cost for a rabies vaccination for dogs will be \$10. The distemper/parvo vaccination will cost \$15. The rabies and FVRCP ing regular business hours.

vaccinations for cats is \$12, while the Feline Leukemia vaccine will be administered for \$19. In addition to the shots, local

residents will also be able to register their pets with the city. For more information please contact Benjamin City Hall dur-

Benjamin ISD sets Pre-K signups

Benjamin School District will be holding registration pre-kindergarten

Independent for the 2012-13 school year on Ma7 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the

> BISD administration building. Children must be four years of age prior to Sept. 1, 2012 to register for the pre-K class

> For more information, contact the BISD office at (940) 459-2231.

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B&P BBO to be closed thru May 7

Knox City residents will have to live without one of the favorites few a few more days. The owners of B&P BBQ announced they would be closed through May 7 as Billy recovering from

The business initially closed on April 27.

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Since AEP Texas and the 1,700 AEP employees in Texas are directly connected to the many communities where we live and serve, we'd like to share some information on how you can help manage your electric bills through active retail choice and where you can go for additional help if need be.

One of the best ways to lower higher electric bills is to shop around for a less expensive retail electric provider (REP). Finding different offers can be done quickly and efficiently.

1) Visit the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) electric choice website at www.powertochoose.org. If you don't have access to a computer, you can call the PUCT's Electric Choice hotline at 1-866-PWR-4-TEX (797-4839).

Use the information you receive to contact different REPs to collect more information on various services and offers. Also contact your current REP at the number listed on your electric bill for other offers that may be available. Ask about contract terms and prices and be sure to look at the REPs' Electricity Facts Labels to make a good comparison.

Need some help?

Customers having trouble paying their electric bills and wishing to avoid disconnection should discuss their concerns with their current retail electric provider. All REPs are required to offer deferred payment plans to eligible customers who express an inability to pay. REPs also offer balanced billing plans, which allow eligible customers to pay an average amount each month year-round.

Additionally, many community action agencies may be able to help with electric bills or energy efficiency programs. For more information, contact the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) at 1-800-525-0657, e-mail at info@tdhca.state.tx.us or visiting one of the following websites.

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Obituaries

Esperanza 'Hope' Rocha

Hope Rocha, 69, passed away Wednesday, April 18, 2012. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday at St. Andrew Catholic Church. Interment was in the Laurel Land Memorial Park. Rosary was held at 7 p.m. on Monday at Thompson's Harveson & Cole Funeral Home.

Hope was born Jan. 21, 1943, in Edinburgh to the late Refugio and Longina Barrios. She served as teacher's aide in the Fort Worth Independent School District, where she retired. She was a member of St. Andrew Catholic Church and recently attended Mass at St. Francis Village.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Rene Barrios, and a sister, Rebecca Gonza-

Survivors include her husband, Simon Rocha Jr.; one son, Simon Charles Rocha and wife, Cindy; a granddaughter, Lisa Aurora Rocha: two brothers, Ismael Barrios and wife, Janie, and Arthur Barrios and wife, Mary; two sisters, Berta Cortez and husband, Raul, and Oralia Allen and mother-inlaw, Aurora Rocha. She was



Esperanza 'Hope' Rocha

the sister-in-law of Lupe and Carolina Rios of Knox City.

Hope is also survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins; and her four adoring puppies.

Should friends desire, her memory may be honored with a gift to Community Hospice of Texas, 6100 Western Place, Suite 105, Fort Worth, Texas



'Hat Ladies' ...

Donna (Verhalen) Albus and Roy Helen Ackers visited Knox City on Tuesday as part of the First Baptist Church's 'Women in Action' program. Albus spoke on the many hats she must wear with the West Texas Rehab Center. Ackers is the author of the weekly column, 'Mischievous,' in the Abilene Reporter-News.

USDA crop certification deadline for is May 15

Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director, John Rector, reminds producers that the annual crop certification deadline for small grain crops is May 15,2012.

Producers who file accurate and timely reports for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage can prevent the potential loss ofFSA program benefits.

"I encourage all producers to visit the Knox County FSA office to file an accurate crop certification report by the May 15 deadline in order to comply with FSA program eligibility requirements," said Rector.

Producers are also reminded to report crop losses insured through Federal Crop Insurance and the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) within 15 days ofthe disaster or

KCAC musical slated for May 7

The Knox City Aging Center will hold its next musical on Monday, May 7, beginning at 7

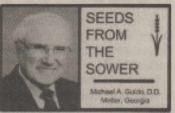
Persons are asked to bring a snack or finger food.

Donations are also appreci-

Knox County USDA Fann as soon as the loss is apparent.

Producers with interest in multiple counties should check the crop certification deadline for each county because there are three deadlines statewide.

For an appointment to certifY your 2012 small grain crops, please contact the Knox County FSA office at (940) 658-3537.



A balloon salesman took a white one, filled it and let it go. He took a black one, filled it and released it. Then he floated a red

A little Korean looked at the ballons and asked, "Could you fly a yelow balloon?'

"Yes, son," he answered "It's not the color of the balloon. It's what's inside that counts."

What's inside of you, or who is inside of you determines whether you'll overcome or be overcome.

The Bible says, "You have overcome; because greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the

Benjamin News

I start off this week with a respect of an article from last week's news. Most of the information was correct except the last part so I opted to re-write it in its entirety so the family will have a correct account of the activity.

Traci Duty of Lewisville is to be congratulated after completing the Boston Marathon. The 26.6 mile race was run in 3 ½ hours. Due to the extreme heat, several were forced to drop out. But Traci, being the runner she is, had no problem. Traci is the daughter of Ed and Rhonda Broach of Spring Branch, niece of Gary and Janet Reed of Benjamin and grand daughter of Edith Broach of Knox City.

Now on to this week's happenings.

It was a busy weekend for my family as we all prepared for and attended the wedding of Jessica Moorhouse and Brandon Hutchinson in Abilene on Saturday night. The military ceremony was held at the 7th Bomb Wing Chapel at Dyess Air Force Base with the reception being held at the Heritage Club were a wonderful assortment of food awaited the guests - music for listening or dancing (if you wanted to) was provided by a DJ. The young couple left on Sunday morning for their honeymoon in Jamaica.

Here 'N There

I have no news of any new illnesses in the community. Seems right now, everything is going along pretty well. The last of school activities will begin to be a priority in the students and teachers lives as May approaches. And those four weeks will go pretty fast.

Shelly Russell, student at M.U. was home for the weekend. Has only one more week, then finals and it's out for the summer. Think she (and I imagine all the students) are ready for a break.

Charles and Mary Sue Flannery of Alvin visited her aunt, Earlene Meinzes on Sunday.

Visiting Mike and Debbie Moorhouse and Dillon Keys last week were Dave and Sonya Hutchinson and Bob Ravenscraft who live in Ohio. Also visiting were Brandon Hutchinson and Jessica Moorhouse of Abilene and Liz Herring and family of Munday.

My daughter and granddaughter, Diane and Ashlee Evans of Childress come on Saturday morning and they and I and my great granddaughter Randi Johnson of Munday went to Abilene for the wedding, (Randi's mom, Beckie Keys was unable to go due to a prior commitment) we came home Sunday afternoon.

Those from Benjamin who also attended Jessica's and

Brandon's wedding were Kim Sealy and Tina Siemans, Tracy and Susan Cartwright and Nan-

cy McGreger.

Little Adahlee Conner celebrated her first birthday Saturday with a party in the park in Knox City. Family and friends from all over the area came for hamburgers and the trimmings and birthday cake. Adahlee is the daughter of Clay and Melina Conner and they live in Lubbock.

Linda and Charles Griffith had a week away from home last week. She was in Lubbock to visit and see her doctor - and he was in Odessa for the Judges and Commissioner's meeting. They got back to Abilene in time to see grandson, Blake Jones participate in the Regional track meet. Blake throws the shot and though he didn't qualify for state, he did okay and they are proud of him. He represented KCHS. They stayed in Abilene for granddaughter Brooke Jones softball tournament. She plays with an Anson team and her team won 3rd place in the tour-

By Gladene Green

ney. Blake and Brooke are the children of Kemp and Becky.

Though I haven't seen her, I'm told that Katrine Hudson Pagel has moved back to Benjamin and will be living in the Wade ?? house. Katrine has been living in Killeen the past several years.

I talked to Hazel Stockton today and she is suffering with a terrible cold - said it has been bothering her about a week and she's tried to "wear" it out but believes she may have to see her doctor before she's rid of it. Sure has made her feel bad.

Tuesday morning - after a stormy night, the morning has dawned clear. We had high winds all over the area last night. I'm sure we'll hear of some roof damage - do know there were some tree limbs torn off and lots of loose objects blown around but so far, no report of any real serious damage. And no rain - that's what we needed and maybe we'll get some tonight – that's according to TV reports.

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Sports

UIL approves small-school state track meet

to get their due when it comes to track and field.

Last week, the University Interscholastic League announced plans to split the Class A track and field ranks into two divisions, beginning next spring. The decision will create a smallschool, or Division II, field at the state track meet next May.

"I think it could be a positive thing," said Knox City Athletic Director Charles Steele. "I think it will certainly make it easier for some of the athletes at the smaller schools to earn a trip to state."

UIL officials, which had been discussing the change to the track and field format for more than a year, has said the Division II field will be operated much in the same way the Division I-Division II split is in six-man football. Schools with ADM numbers below 99.5 can compete in the small-school division.

As part of its decision, the UIL meet.

will return to the field later this

hold 6-on-6 passing tournaments.

6 season on Saturday, May 12

May will kick off the 6-on-

when they hold a one-day event. divisions.

month when May and Rising Star

Get ready Texas athletes, the reworked its spring sports classtate's small schools are about sifications. Knox City and Benjamin were placed in a district that reflects the same schools the two will face in basketball. Joining KCHS and Benjamin in the new District 10 track district are Chillicothe, Crowell, Harrold, Rule and Vernon Northside.

> Munday High School will be in Division I's District 9 with Albany, Anson, Hamlin, Haskell and Stamford.

Under the plan, track and field teams are free to compete in any meet during the regular season. Once the district meets begin, however, the schools would advance to area and regional in their respective divisions.

Had the Division I and Division II format been in place this spring, KC's Tylynne Eaton and Blake Jones would have qualified for the state meet.

Eaton was fourth in the Class A discus. Jones was sixth in the shot out at the Region II-A track

are scheduled to participate.

ment will be held on May 19.

Rising Star's 6-on-6 tourna-

Both tournaments are looking

to field varsity and junior varsity



Knox City sophomore Tylynne Eaton prepares to throw the discus at a recent meet. He finished fourth in the final standings at the Region II-A Track and Field Championships. Eaton was one of four KCHS athletes that participated

Knox City athletes shine at Re ion II-A track meet

TOMMY WELLS The Knox County News

ABILENE - The future is bright for Knox County High School boys' and girls' track and field programs. Extremely

Knox City had four athletes turn in stellar athletes at the Region II-A Track and Field Championships at Elmer Gray Stadium in Abilene.

"I'm very proud of the way

our athletes did," said KCHS Athletic Director Charles Steele. "All four of them did very well."

Sophomore Tylynne Eaton and senior Blake Jones both came within a whisper of qualifying for the state track meet. Both posted top six finishes in their respective events.

Eaton, one of the top discus throwers in the region, placed fourth in the overall standings. He posted a throw of 137 feet Mun Day wins Re ion II-A title

The Munday Moguls won the boys' Region II-A track title on Saturday. The Moguls had six athletes qualify for the state meet, including Dee and Blanford Caul.

and 7 inches, and finished just

4 feet shy of a state berth.

Jones starred in the shot put competition. After qualifying for the finals, he finished sixth overall with a 46 feet and 1 1/2

Sophomore Zack Carter and freshman sprinter Essence Ward also did well. Carter finished 10th in the triple jump with a leap of 38-11 3/4.

Ward was 11th in the girls' 100-meter dash. He final time was 13.33 seconds.

4x200 Relay - 1, Dallas Gateway 1:43.86. 2, Seymour 1:46.70. 3, Hamlin High School

1:47.24. 4, Goldthwaite 1:47.93. 5, Windthorst

400 - 1, Schkade, Albany, 57.85. 2, Wright, Meridian, 58.97. 3, Spitzer, 1:00.16. 4, Goode,

Cross Plains, 1:01.72. 5, Stewart, Highland,

1:03.04. 6, Hoekman, Gustine, 1:04.66. 300 Hurdles - 1, Norton, Albany, 44.42. 2,

Taylor, Winters, 46.03. 3, Forbes, Gail Borden, 46.77. 4, Rhodes, Crowell, 48.16. 5, Hartman,

Santa Anna, 48.89. 6, McCartney, Throckmor-

200 - 1, Sillemon, Crowell, 24.89. 2, Robinson, Dallas Gateway, 25.29. 3, Collier, Munday,

25.70. 4, Schkade, Albany, 25.90. 5, Baldwin

Seymour, 26.02. 6, Spitzer, Newcastle, 27.27.

Lee, TLCA, 13.09.

1:51.79. 6, Chico 1:51.86.

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REGION II-A AREA TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS Zephyr, 12.72. 3, Harris, Roby, 12.97. 4, Bustos, Petrolia, 12.97. 5, Spitzer, Newcastle, 12.98. 6,

BOYS
TEAM TOTALS - 1. Munday 146, 2. Stamford 74, 3. Haskell 35, 4. Borden Cty 32, 5. Throckmorton 30, 6. Albany 26, 7. Zephyr 24, 8. Meridian 22, 9. DeLeon 20, 10. Loop 18.

3200 - 1. Ontiveros, Loop, 10:29.98; 2. Perez, Rule, 10:33.45; 3. Clark, Olney, 10:41.29; 4. Santiago, Paint Rock, 10:45.10; 5. Burkett, Gail Borden, 10:55.44; 6. Pena, Haskell, 10:57.98. 4x100 Relay - 1. Munday 43.32; 2. Stamford 43.58; 3. Zephyr 44.25; 4. Rotan 44.41; 5. Bronte 44.81; 6. Meridian 44.96.

800 - 1, Vidal, Chico, 1:59.11. 2. Williams, Zephyr, 2:01.84. 3. Bell, Haskell, 2:02.46. 4. Sed-

berry, James, DeLeon, 2:05.93. 5. Smith, Gavin, Albany, 2:06.00. 6. Hall, Highland, 2:06.15. 110 Hurdles - 1, Farquar, Throckmorton, 14.80. 2. Richey, Gail Borden, 15.11. 3. Hunter,

Dallas Gateway, 15.16. 4. Tyler, Gail Borden, 15.70. 5. Miller, Olney, 15:98. 6. Jones, Electra, 100 - 1, Bumguardner, Albany, 10.99. 2, Lee, Rotan, 11.12. 3, Williams, Rule, 11.16. 4,

Morris, Ira, 11.19. 5, Morrison, Irving Universal, 11.32. 6, Peterson, Irving Universal, 11.54. 4x200 Relay - 1, Stamford High School

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1:30.33. 2, Munday 1:31.33. 3, Haskell 1:31.53. 4, Bronte High School 1:33.73. 5, Ira 1:33.87. 6, Lamesa Klondike 1;34.07.

400 - 1, Bumguardner, Albany, 49.49. 2 Simpson, DeLeon, 50.47. 3, Washington, Stamford High S, 51.24. 4, Jesko, Zephyr, 51.57. 5, Paula, Hamlin, 51.95. 6, Carnes, Dylan, Slidell, 300 Hurdles - 1, Paul, Munday, 39.28. 2,

Farquar, Throckmorton, 39.51. 3, Richey, Gail Borden, 41.08. 4, Hunter, Dallas Gateway, 42.64. 5, Vasquez, O'Donnell, 42.80. 6, Deller, Bronte, 43.16.

200 - 1, Ramos, Stamford, 21.97. 2, Hutcheson, Trent, 22.36. 3, Hutchinson, Stamford, 22.36. 4, Gill, Eula, 22.96. 5, Stinnett, Mun-

day, 23.08. 6, Johnson, Dallas Gateway, 23.31. 1600 - 1, Losoya, Goldthwaite, 4:41.92. 2, Ontiveros, Loop, 4:43.35. 3, Clark, Olney, 4:43.41. 4, Santiago, Paint Rock, 4:47.65. 5, Rodriquez, Poolville, 4:53.60. 6, Rhodes, Priddy,

4x400 Relay - 1, Munday 3:24.90. 2, Haskell 3:28.40. 3, Meridian 3:28.46. 4, DeLeon 3:29.18. 5, Albany 3:30.20. 6, Winters, 3:32.37. Discus - 1, Collier, Lawrence, Munday, 154-

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2, Farquar, Throckmorton, J6-02. 3, Sheppard, Itasca, 6-00. 4, Senclair, Cross Plains, J6-00 5, Randolph, Priddy, 5-10. 5, Lowry, Panther

Long Jump - 1, Paul, Munday, 23-06.25. 2, Weaver, Munday, 22-01.50. 3, Ramos, Stamford, 21-10.75. 4, Pitts, Irving Universal, 21-08. 5, Stinnett, Munday, 21-05.25. 6, Morris, Ira, Pole Vault - 1, Gill, Brandon, Clyde Eula, 14-

06. 2, Barker, Seth, Meridian, 13-06. 3, Cude, Munday, 13-00. 4, Jones, Blackwell, 12-06. 4, Freeman, Roscoe, 12-06. 6, Howard, Highland, Shot Put - 1, Neskorik, Munday, 54-11. 2,

Paul, B., Munday, 52-05. 3, Roberson, Gail Borden, 48-00.50. 4, Basquez, Gail Borden, 47-08. 5, Bulliner, Munday, 46-09. 6, Jones, Knox City,

Triple Jump - 1, Washington, Stamford, 45-09.50. 2, Paul, Munday, 44-06.25. 3, Stinnett, Munday, 44-01.50. 4, Taylor, Throckmorton, 42-08.75. 5, Pitts, Irving Universal, 41-06.50. 6, Morris, Ira, 41-03.50.

GIRLS

TEAM TOTALS -. Hamlin 97, 2. Albany 74, 3. Crowell 62 4. Dallas Gateway 48, 5. Seymour 40.5, 6. Goldthwaite 30, 7. Meridian 28, 8. Zephyr 23, 9.

Windthorst 18, 10. Winters 18. 3200 - 1. Villarreal, Hamlin, 11:52.49; 2. Halfmann, Garden City, 12:07.63; 3. King, Zephyr, 12:34.31; 4. Flores, Hamlin, 13:06.45; 5. Baker, Wellman-Union, 13:13.81; 6. Hill, Haskell, 13:21.67.

4x100 Relay - 1. Dallas Gateway 49.60; 2. Crowell 50.53; 3. Hamlin 50.77; 4. Seymour 51.17; 5. Gail Borden 51.80; 6. Munday 52.62. 800 - 1. Wilson, Goldthwaite, 2:18.39; 2. Stevenson, Hamlin, 2:20.36; 3. Hoekman, Gustine, 2:22.24; 4. Morales, Roscoe, 2:24.02; 5.

nan, Miles, 2:28.87; 6, Anderle, Windthorst, 100 Hurdles - 1. Norton, Albany, 14.58. 2., Taylor, Winters, 14.91. 3., Peters, Seymour, 15.90. 4. Foster, Throckmorton, 16.41. 5. McCartney, Throckmorton, 16.52. 6. Cisneroz,

100 - 1. Sillemon. Crowell. 12.13. 2. Hanks.

1600 - 1, Villarreal, Hamlin, 5:31.75. 2, King, Zephyr, 5:37.10. 3, Siegert, Seymour, 5:42.30. 4, Flores, Alicia, Hamlin, 5:52.78. 5, Gass,

Gail Borden, 5:54.78. 6, Pennatrz, Windthorst, 4x400 Relay - 1, Hamlin 4:04.06. 2, Albany 4:07.31. 3, Goldthwaite 4:09.19. 4, De-Leon 4:11.79. 5, Munday 4:14.86. 6, Windthorst

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High Jump - 1, Norton, Albany, 5-02. 2,

Schroeder, Windthorst, 5-00. 3, Rhodes, Crowell, J5-00. 4, Rodgers, Hamlin, J5-00. 5, Weatherred, Windthorst, J5-00. 6, Peters, Seymour, 4-10. 6, Williamson,, Blum, 4-10. Long Jump - 1, Wright, Meridian, 18-11.50. 2, Sillemon, Crowell, 17-10.50. 3, Norton, Alba-

ny, 17-04.50. 4, Reeves, Saint Jo, 16-10.25. 5, Taylor, Winters High Sc, 16-09.50. 6, Rodgers, Pole Vault - 1, Randolph, Water Valley, 10-06. 2, Ayers, Albany, J10-06. 3, Hartman, Santa Anna, J10-06. 4, Johnston, Loraine, 10-00. 5,

Abbott, Strawn, 9-06. 5, Patterson, Itasca, 9-06. Shot Put - 1, Reeves, Saint Jo, 38-04.50. 2, Posey, Rotan, 36-02.50. 3, Johnston, Loraine 35-00. 4, Gilpen, Blum, 34-03.50. 5, Rhyne, Ranger, 33-09. 6, Lakey, Roby, 33-05.50. Triple Jump - 1, Wright, Meridian, 37-10.

2, Sillemon, Crowell, 36-04.25. 3, Williamson, Blum, 34-08.75. 4, Rodgers, Hamlin, 34-07.50. 5, Warren, Newcastle, 33-10.75. 6, Lee, TLCA

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There's nothing to fear ... as long as I'm in the attic

By nature, I'm not very afraid of bugs, insects, heights or close spaces. Of course, I wouldn't want to be buried in a casket on top of a mountain. Don't take that to mean that I would be fine being buried in a casket filled with bugs on a mountain. I wouldn't ... mainly because I would prefer not to be buried at all while I'm

Still, I'm learning that the things we are afraid of can be great motivational tools. Take for instance, a few days ago my oldest son and his best friend, Carson, were playing basketball in the front yard. After an errant shot had sent the ball rolling into the road, the two (who are planning to walk-on at Ranger College this fall) entered into a conversation to find out who should go retrieve the ball.

"I think you should go get it," Bubba said.

"I think you should go get it," Carson retorted.

"You shot and missed so you go get it," Bubba said.

"You're uglier than me," so you should go get it," Carson

Understand, both of the guys are 6-foot-5 and determined to stand their ground. Giving in would mean the other was anything less than the Alpha male. I know all you ladies out there know a few men like that, right?

After about 45 minutes of arguing who should go get the ball, Bubba decided to end the argument. He threw up his arms and the trash was still there.

Off The **Beaten Path**



Tommy Wells

started walking ... to the creek that runs behind the house.

A few minutes later, Bubba marched back into the yard, looks at his friend and says, "I think you are going to go get the ball.'

"No, I'm not," Carson said. At this point, Bubba reached into his pocket and pulls out a small frog and begins walking toward Carson.

I'm not saying Bubba's friend is afraid of frogs, but someone with the initials of "Carson" screamed like a little girl and began running all over the yard like his hair was on fire.

The same treatment worked for my youngest son a few days later. Bobby, one of the handfull of teenagers that the doctor gave us instead of a bill so many years ago, was asked to take out the

One hour ... two hours... and lies.)

"Tommy Joe! (That's what She-Who-Must-Not-Be-Made-Mad calls me when she wants to stress something) Can you get your son to take out the trash? I asked him to do it a long time ago and he still hasn't."

Being the cool male parental unit that I am, I didn't raise my voice or anything like that. My blood pressure never rose a bit.

All I did was use a little psychology ... and a small spider that I found. I told him if he didn't go before I counted to five, I would throw it on him.

Needless to say, he went immediately.

Of course, my approach upset SWMNBMM.

"How would you like it if I got something you were afraid of and threatened to throw it on you?" he asked when he got back.

"Like what?" I said. "I'm not really afraid of anything."

"Mom!" he yelled. "Dad just spilled coke on your couch!!"

I have to admit that was a good one.

Just as soon as SWMNBMM gives up searching for me with that ax, I' swear I'm gonna crawl out of this attic and go postal on

that kid.

(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

Remember those who help us

Monday night was a perfect example of how important our volunteer fireman are to our community. After the storm hit Monday night, the volunteer fireman were called out to help in the removal of limbs, parts of the hospital roof, grass fires and the most dangerous thing, downed electric lines.

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Monday night while most went to bed, they were making the rounds clearing roadways, alleys and fighting grass fires. When the lighting was busting around, they were the ones checking for electrical fires and going down every street making sure we were all safe.

When is the last time you told one of these men thanks? When they do their fund raisers, do you donate or turn the other way and tell yourself they are just out acting like boys? These men have saved countless lives. They are the first to most accidents. They go into a burning building to save a life! Can you imagine going in a burning house? Can

Just Jeff



By Jeff Stanfield

you think of anything that would be more dangerous?

In the winter, if we have a ice storm they are the ones on the ice getting to someone stranded or helping with accidents. On Christmas eve, if the pager goes off they are the ones leaving family and friends to help some-

Last summer, they spent their days and nights fighting brush fires in the 110-degree heat.

We, as citizens, take for granted when we dial 911 that someone will respond. In bigger cities, they are paid for these jobs. In the country, we depend on our neighbors and friends. They might be a plumber, oilfield worker, a preacher or a teacher. It doesn't matter ... they are there for all of us. Please thank these men and tell them you appreciate all that they do.

Then get in your wallet and show them how much it means to you to have them watching our back. Every volunteer fire department in this area can always use more funds. They wear out equipment everyday. Can you imagine the tires they went through last summer?

I understand the fireman are not the only ones who help during difficult times. We have the EMS personal, city workers and utility workers and, of course, our law enforcement officers. We are lucky to have all of them.. Please donate to your local volunteer fire departments.

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Knox County was well represented by six local youths. The senior team consisted of Parker Finley, Shannon Reeves, and Trey Tidwell. These guys had an outstanding day by bringing home firstplace honors overall, and by earning the right to advance to the State Judging Contest to be held during the State 4-H Roundup at Lubbock

Reeves was awarded second place individual lyoverall and first place in the Reasons category. Tidwell was fourth overall individually and placed fifth in Reasons.

Finley earned 13th overall individually.

In the intermediate division, Heath Bivens was the fifth high individual in Reasons and 12th overall. Holt Bivens came in 13th. Grace Tidwell together with Heath and Holt brought home fifth place overall.

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.

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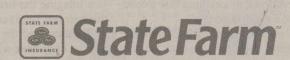
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This week been a great week and all at the little home place are good. The guys are all doing good, and coffee is still good, along with all the conversation.

Gary Conn had a minor problem a while back but the heart doctor reports that every thing is good, and now he is just waiting on his next check-up on his eyes. Hopefully, things will turn out great and he can go back to what he does best ... draw.

Linda Espinoza has returned home and is doing just great. I know Amanda and the girls are happy to have her and Wesley home, and so are all of us. Our God has awesome powers and our prayers were very well listened to and never doubted by anyone. Thank you, God. Linda and Wesley it is great to have you back home. Take care.

Karen and Clifford Byrd had a small fire in the basement in Rochester last week and they have moved into her mother's house, Jo Evelyn Patterson, for a while but, thank God for no injuries to anyone.

Shellyn Rogers has returned to the Hendricks hospital with a minor problem that, with God's help, may be taken care of for good. She has got to be tired of being away from home and the kids are also ready. Our prayers and thoughts are with you guys. We love you guys and miss you in church. Hope to hear from you all soon.

Our new neighbor on South Fifth, Mrs. Broach, has really been feeling great. She has been working on her yard just as hard as everyone else.

All the yards are looking

As I drove past our park, there are always lots of kids having a great time with all of our new play equipment. The party celebrations for birthdays have grown every weekend. It is so great to see.

Have seen Alfredo Abila and I know he's doing good and coming along OK. I have seen him at the baseball games and he seems to be doing good, thanks to God.

Well, speaking of baseball, our kids are having a wonderful time and doing the best they can. As I use a lawn chair, I you have no idea how much fun it is. We visit with Dorothy Carver, Betty Poe, Estella Carver, Mrs. Broach, her daughter and, of course, Eddie and I. It is a great time and we look forward to it every week.

Stan and Donna Wojick made an anniversary trip to the Florida Keys, and will probably visit with Stan's parents. Hopefully, they are all doing good. I know they been down on their health. Maybe a good visit from their kids will make them feel so much better. Hey guys, if you read my column, we love you and may God bless and take care of you.

Well, looks like our downtown streets are really looking good. I know everyone will really enjoy it and, hopefully, when all of our visitors come home to reunite in June or any other weekend they will really enjoy it. I know we will. Nothing is inconvenient when you know its going to be great later when its all done. Good job,

Derrick Magases was home for the weekend again, visiting Chuco and Mae. He's still all smiles, just like always. It is great to see him. He is doing great and enjoys his work.

On Sunday, we attended the meal at the school sponsored by the band students and their parents. It was wonderful and the crowd was huge. I'm sure they did a great job getting things just right for all their guests, and also to put on a concert afterward. They really did put on a great performance, as always.

As the week ends and we get ready for another, we give thanks every day as we live one day at a time.

My wrist is doing much better, and is improving slowly but surely, thanks to God.

God bless our troops and each one of us.

Sammie

Question of the Week

What are you planning to do for Mother's Day?



Jo Stephens O'Brien, TX "I don't know, but I'm going

to have fun."



Emily Lewis Knox City, TX "I'm going to Dallas."



Judy Leaverton Knox City, TX "Not sure. Probably talk to

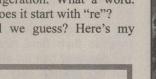
my children on the phone"



Martha Trevino Knox City, TX

"I don't know yet."

Refrigeration. What a word. Why does it start with "re"? Shall we guess? Here's my





Alex Ledesma has been a resident of Knox City for

40 years. He is married to Juli Ledesma and together

they have four children, soon to be five in August. He

is an employee of Kinder Morgan and has a part-time

job for the City of Knox City. Alex has always had a

passion for photography and has let that lead him into

his great photography skills that he has today. It all

began when he began taking pictures of wildlife, land-

scaping and oilfield on his smartphone. Soon after

that he decided to buy a Canon Rebel that he is cur-

rently still using to this day. Romaine Stubbs, owner

of Art Stall noticed Alex's pictures and asked if she

could display them in her shop To this day, Romaine

frames and displays his pictures up at her shop. If you

would like to see them or purchase them, you can go

downtown Knox City to the Art Stall and see them.

Alex's work has also been on display at Citizen's

Bank in Knox City.

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Refrigeration started out as a way to make things cold that were inherently supposed to be cold but had lost their coldness - sort of a "make frigid again" concept.

DICTIONARY PAUSE.

Surprise. Either I'm right or close to it. Go back to Latin, and you've got "refrigerare," with "re" meaning "back" and "frigus" and "frigor" meaning "cold."

Ergo, picture Julius Ceasar taking a package of Caesar salad out of his refrigerator and grabbing a bottle of Caesar dressing from the shelf in the door. Why not? Would the Latin-speaking

world have given us a verb for "refrigerate" if they didn't do some refrigerating?

Meanwhile, the electrified world has gotten a bit carried away with a good thing, if you ask me. We refrigerate every-

thing. We miss a lot. Me, I'm a room temperature person. Lots of things taste better at room temperature. Consider tomatoes. Cold ones may feel better when you chomp down on them, but room temperature tomatoes taste better. Same thing goes for bananas. They've got more flavor when they're not cold and crispy like some pickles we know. For that matter, I

don't care that much for cold pickles either. At this very moment I'm

viewing a pineapple, an ear of

corn, an onion, some tomatoes, a banana and three squashes all unrefrigerated and sitting defiantly on top of the nonworking refrigerator in our little camp trailer. Admittedly, I'm the one who's projected the element of defiance into the still life arrangement, quite attractively displayed on a red and white checked dishtowel. Did I mention it's a red onion? Anyway, if you asked the fruits and vegetables, I think they'd tell you themselves they prefer to be where they are, complimenting each other's colors, rather than tucked away in a cold dark chilly drawer. They're ripening even as we speak. Why spend money on energy to keep them cold when they can add good looks and faint nice aromas to

this little living space? OK, if the refrigerator happened to be working I might put the corn and squash in it to keep them cool until cooking time. On the other hand, why? If something doesn't have to be kept cool, why waste the energy to make it happen?

When my father was a child, they kept milk cool in the well. That was how everybody kept milk cool back in those days. Cool, huh?

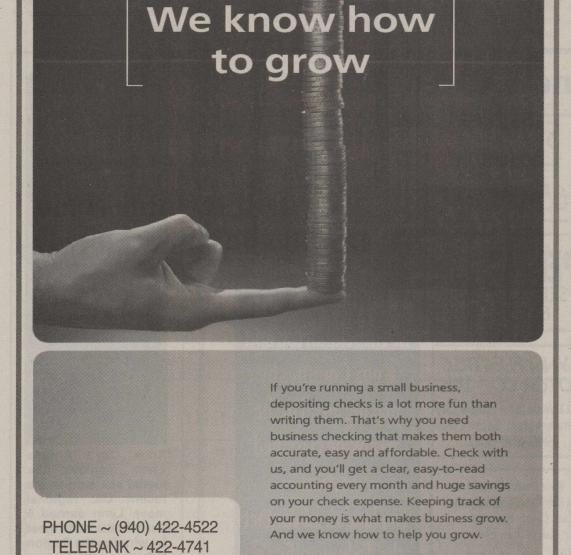
When I was a child, potatoes and a few other things, like apples and onions, lay in a threeshelf vegetable bin in the pantry. We had a refrigerator, but we didn't use it for absolutely every perishable food item.

Enter global warming. We must reduce fossil fuel use to keep the glaciers from melt-

So, why don't we hear more about refrigerating less? Probably because somebody is afraid someone will eat a rotten tomato

and sue somebody. Here's to that risk. Disclaimer: Don't eat any rot-

ten tomatoes.



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