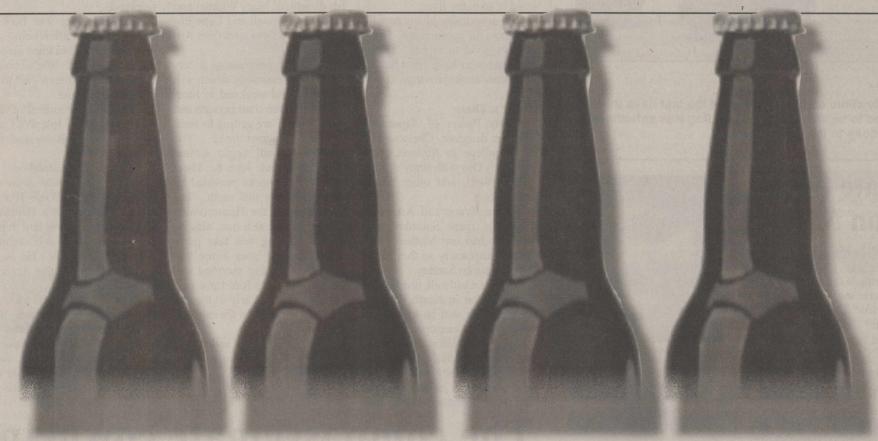
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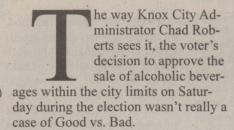
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KC pops the top!

BY THE **NUMBERS** Knox County voters narrowly approves the sale of beer, wine within city limits

TOMMY WELLS The Knox County News



It was more of a case of economic reality for everyone. Tough times call for tough decisions.

"I don't think it was anyone winning as much as it was the voters realize we can't afford to leave anything on the table," said Roberts, who filed the necessary paperwork with the State and the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission on Wednesday to allow local businesses to seek permission to sell beer and wine for offpremise consumption. "The economy is tough right now, and every little bit helps, regardless whether it's the city or local businesses."

Knox City voters approved the measure by a 92-62 margin. A total of 156 votes were cast - with two of them being provisional. Approximately 7 percent of the city's population, cast ballots in the election.

With the decision, at least two Knox City businesses, including Penman's Convenience Store and Allsup's, indicated they would apply for a license with the TABC to sell alcoholic beverages.

"Our main business is selling fuel to farmers and residents," said Penman's Manager Roland Marion. "With the drought and the economy, our business is down. This isn't the

Number of 'dry' counties is dwindling

The number of "dry" counties in the State of Texas has steadily been decreasing over the past decade as more and more seek to take advantage of increased sales tax revenue through the sale of alcoholic beverages.

According to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, there are just 22 counties in the state which are considered "dry," meaning the sale of alcoholic beverages are forbidden with any part of the county. That number is down by 29 since 1993.

Of the counties that do not allow alcoholic beverages to be sold, three are near Knox County. Throckmorton, Kent and Fisher counties are all listed as "dry."

A majority of Texas' 256 counties, including Knox, are listed at "partially wet."

perfect answer for anyone, but its something."

Roberts agreed, saying the voter's decision to allow alcoholic beverages to be sold would be an added shot in the arm to the city tax revenues. The increased taxes from the sale of alcoholic beverages will only enable the city to serve its residents better.

"It will generate sales taxes that could provide for better infrastructure and streets," he said.

The Knox City City Council met at noon on Tuesday to canvass the

election results, with election Judge Pat Gonzales presenting the results to the council. Once the city files the necessary paperwork with the TABC, Roberts said the next move would belong to the local businesses.

"They will have to file for a licens with the TABC," he said. "We don't have all that much else to do with it."

The move by local voters brings Knox City in line with several other area communities offering alcohol sales, including Goree, Haskell, King County, Breckenridge, and Newcastle. Many of those towns have offered alcohol sales for years.

An added plus to legalizing local sales could be a reduced number of alcohol-related incidents involving motor vehicles. Prior to the election, Knox City residents wishing to purchase alcoholic beverages were forced to travel about 12 miles - to Goree or across the King County line, or travel to Haskell.

Knox City may not be the last community in the county to face the wet/dry issue. A petition has been started to have the issue placed on the ballot in Munday in the November election.

The "Local Option" decision was the only issue before the Knox City voters on Saturday. Races for the city council and Knox City-O'Brien Consolidated School District's board of trustees were not necessary.

Roberts said despite a lack of issues, he was happy with the turnout for the election. The number was surprisingly higher than in previous elections, when approximately 80 to 100 people would turn out to cast

Area schools to send off grads

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Knox County will officially usher to its alumni rolls in the coming weeks as Knox City, Munday and Benjamin all hold their 2012 commencement ceremonies for graduating seniors. In all, more than 50 young men and women will graduate from the county's three high schools.

Benjamin Independent School District will be the first to graduate its seniors. The BHS Class of 2012 - consisting of Andrew Chandler, Tyler Kinnibrugh and Toni Brown - is scheduled to receive its diplomas at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 25, at 7 p.m. in the Benjamin Ex-Students Building.

Benjamin will hold its kindergarten and eighth grade graduations on Thurs-

day, May 24, at 7 p.m. Knox City-O'Brien Consolidated ISD seniors

GRADUATION next on the DATES county's graduation **Knox City** agenda. May 26, 7 p.m. The KCHS senior class

is sched-

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across the

stage in the

high school

auditorium

at 7 p.m. on

Saturday,

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Benjamin May 25, 7 p.m. Munday

June 1, 7 p.m. O'Brien

The junior May 25, 7 p.m. high school

graduation ceremony is scheduled for Friday, May 25, at 7 p.m.

Munday ISD will be the final Knox County school to hold its graduation services. Munday's senior class will hold its commencement exercises at 7 p.m. on June 1 in the high school auditorium.

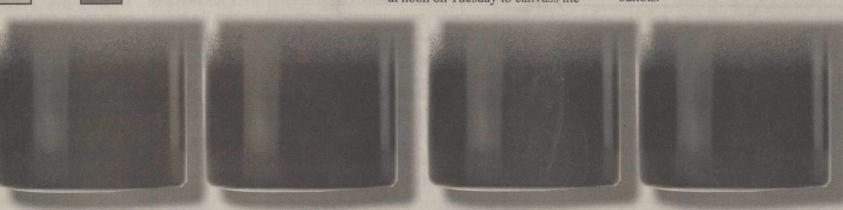


Augie Rodriguez

Augie Rodriquez sworn in as KC's new councilman

The Knox City City Council gained a new member on Tuesday afternoon when longtime Augie Rodriguez was sworn into

Rodriguez, who is employed at Brazos Valley Care Home, will assume the position held by former councilman Danny L. Reece, who passed away recently.





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Coming down ...

Cars sat in front of the Knox City clinic on Monday, one of the last days the current clinic building ws scheduled to be standing. The building was scheduled to be torn down as part of renovations in the community.

Burton to graduate from STC law school on May 19

graduating from May 19, 2012, from the South Texas College of Law. The graduation ceremony will be conducted at 11 a.m. the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston, TX 1001, Avenida de las Americas. A recep-

Amber J'Na Burton will be tion will be held following the ceremony.

Burton is the daugher of Brenda Harris and Donald Burton of Longview, TX., and the granddaughter of Lealtus (Sug) Harris and the Late Leo Harris of Knox



Amber J'Na Burton

\$1,000 prize offered in poetry contest

A \$1,000 grand prize is being offered to the last poet standing in a poetry contest. Poems of 21 lines or fewer on any subject and in any style will be judged by the

contest director. Send one poem by June 18 deadline to: Free Poetry Contest, Box 761, Medford, OR 97501 or enter at www.rainbowpoets.com.

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under way at Knox City pool

in summer swimming lessons

According to KC Swimming Pool manager Charles tact Steele at (940) 658-5540.

Steele, classes will be offered for \$10 per week throughout the summer. Classes will be held Monday through Friday

Swim lesson registration now

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

at varying times.

For more information con-

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Benjamin News

Monday afternoon. Just hope it gets a little heavier and continues to fall, but the clouds look pretty thin. It may be short lived. It's very cool though, and that is

My sincere sympathy to the families of Jimmy Burt of Knox City and Gloria Herring of Munday today. Jim passed away last Monday. His funeral was Wednesday. Gloria died on Thursday night, and her funeral was today. Their deaths leave a void in so many lives.

No news today of any new illnesses in the community. That's always good to report. Seems the ones who have been having problems are improving.

Here 'n There

Betty Parker of Asperment and her daughter, Chelsea, who is in college in Abilene, spent Mother's Day with Betty's mom, Gloria West, and other family members.

Diane Evans and Ashlee of Childress spent Saturday with me. We had our Mothers' Day get together early so they could be at home on Sunday.

Colton Coldwell finished up his first year at North Texas in Denton. He will be here a few days with his grandparents, Jane Gideon and Weldon Gideon, and his mom, Lana Hale and family.

Cassie Sheedy told me she and Steve will be moving into the K.E. Woolley home now

The rain is falling lightly this owned by the Spike Box Ranch. She's ready, as the one they have been living in is small. It was the only option they had after their house on the ranch burned several years ago.

Janet and Gary Reed and their children, Blaine Neal and family of Seymour and Michele Barrientez and family who live here, spent Mothers' Day with their mother and grandmother, Edith Broach, of Knox City.

Mothers' Day weekend guests of Reyes Barrientez were her daughters, Mary Widmer and family of Coppell and Lupe Polacious who lives near San An-

tonio. Plans are progressing nicely

for the homecoming, which will be the second weekend in June. The committee chair persons and their "crews" are getting to work on their assigned tasks. The registration will begin around 3 pm on Friday, June 8. There will be free snacks provided by the community that night. The coronation of the Homecoming Queen will be at 6 p.m, also on Friday. Visiting will take place until everyone goes home that evening. Saturday morning will bring lots of activities for everyone's pleasure. Early in the day will be breakfast on the porch at the museum.

That's always fun and a good chance to visit. There will also be a rodeo going on, and a parade is scheduled for about 10 a.m. There will be several class

By Gladene Green

parties during the noon hour. A business meeting will be at 3 p.m. and also a raffle that afternoon. A dance will take place on Saturday night, and church services on Sunday morning, with Benjamin graduate, Terry Cartwright, bringing the message. A pot luck lunch will follow the service, after which the goodbyes will be said, with everyone already looking forward to the next one. We hope to see a lot of ex-students and friends here for that much-looked-forward-to weekend.

Barbara Ryder was back in church Sunday after being out several weeks from knee surgery and recuperation. She's coming along nicely and sure glad to be back out and about.

I attended the funeral of Gloria Herring at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Rhineland this morning.

Belated congratulations to Matthew Acree, who won 6th place in the State Golf Tournament. Matthew is a Benjamin High School junior and represented our school and community well in Austin. He is the son of Bob and Ruthie Acree of Knox City.

Also congratulations to the Munday track team, who brought home the gold from the state meet this past weekend. It's always good when these honors are won by kids in our own county. Says a lot for the athletes and their coaches.

The compassionate cowman

Willie is a great example of the compassionate cowman. He should be a poster boy for St. Francis of Assisi, except St. Francis is in Kansas and Willie lives in Colorado. During calving season he observes certain procedures that he has perfected when a heifer needs help.

The calving lot is near the house. He makes regular checks out the window using a spotting scope and binoculars. When his services are needed he stealthily approaches the recumbent heifer from behind carrying two calving chains. He wraps one around each wrist and puts a handle in each pocket. He only moves closer when she is pushing and her head is down. He is careful not to let the chains make noise as he double wraps each foot above and below the fetlock. Then pulling only when she pushes, he facilitates the delivery. They are a team, he thinks, he and the heifer. A bond is formed between the shepherd and his flock. He imagines her gratitude!

His wife has always encouraged him. She watches through the scope. "You are really good at that, Honey," she says. "Yes," he thinks to himself, "I am."

Picture that same scene being enacted, except after dark. Girding his loins he dresses warmly

The following lunch menus

All meals are served with

Monday, May 21 - Char-

Tuesday, May 22 - Chicken

Wednesday, May 23 - Turkey

broiled beef patty/peppers/onions,

garlic mashed potatoes, beets,

spaghetti, carrots, zuchinni, whole

sandwich, tomato/lettuce/pickle,

broccoli/raisin salad, pineapple

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have been listed for the week of

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and engages the use of his calving jeep. He drives in the calving lot and carefully parks so the jeep lights do not reflect his shadow as he begins his stealth-

Using his proven method, he hangs the two chains on his wrists, puts a handle in each pocket and noiselessly sneaks up on the heifer. This particular night he manages to double-wrap a chain on one of the protruding front feet, when the heifer lifts her head and looks back at her molester. Her eyes shine like Wylie Coyote's just before he gets hit by a train!

There was a moment when time stood still. Willie could clearly see the wrapped calf's foot, his wrist and the chain slack laying loosely on the ground. The next moment he was jerked from his feet and drug 150 yards like a bass lure going through a welder's boneyard!

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Thursday, May 24 - Rigatoni/

Friday, May 25 - Crispy

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missing, his belt broken, his jeans down around his ankles, glasses gone, Scotch cap gone, calving handles gone, his white legs sandpapered, scratched and scraped, but thankfully, he still had the ability to move his He limped into the house

aching for some comfort. Some assurance that his cause was noble, that his sacrifice worth it, maybe even some praise. His darlin' wife looked at him and trying to offer some solace said, "You're lucky to be alive." Willie conjured on that, then

asked as only a survivor of Titanic or Katrina could relate, "If I was dead, would you come and look for me?"

"Of course," she said, "When Desperate Housewives was

KC Class of '67 to hold 45th reunion

The Knox City High School Class of 1967 will be holding its 45th class reunion in Knox City on June 2, at The Wooden Nickel. The reunion is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. and run through 5 p.m.

Local residents are invited to stop by and visit with old classmates.

For more information, or to register for the Class of 1967 reunion, please contact Twyla Barnard at (254) 212-9124 or write: Class of '67 Reunion, c/o Twyla Barnard, 1102 N. Memphis Ave. #5108, Lubbock, Texas, 79415.

Seniors to appear in special edition

Area high school seniors will get their chance to shine next week 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 seniors will be showcased.

Area individuals, parents and businesses will be able to place ads in the edition.

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One of my favorite "Mad" magazine cartoons, circa 1963, shows a guy reading the instructions for a hand towel dispenser: PULL DOWN, TEAR UP.

The following frames of the cartoon show him doing just that. He rips the dispenser from the wall, and then he tears it up. Then he walks off.

The cartoonist was the late Don Martin. I always liked his cartoons. Not only were his creations outrageous and comical; his characters had long supple feet that were funny to see.

Sometimes even today - especially today -- the paper towel scenario comes to mind. If Martin could create a memorable cartoon based on one person's experience with an innocent inanimate traditional towel dispenser, what would he do with one of today's electric eye-controlled I'm-smarter-than-you models?

You know the kind. You want a paper towel, but first you've got to do the proper hand signal. Only then does it roll out a small towel just about right for drying one hand, which is hard to do without the other hand. To simultaneously dry both dripping hands which is what two-handed people do -- you need one more towel. But to get the second towel right after the first, you have to wait a couple of seconds for the dispenser to regroup. As soon as the little light goes off, you pretend to be another person in need of a little towel. The dispenser doesn't know any better, and it gives you one. You've outsmarted it, but the one-eyed device has wasted your time and tried your patience.

Life has enough patiencetrying experiences without the way. recurring paper towel ordeal.

Question:

Are those dispensers factoryset to give people half as much towel as needed? If so, can the installer change that setting? Can the time between activations be shortened? Or is the pause precisely calculated to discourage children from playing with the dispenser just to see the towels

We could pause now to search for the answers you-know-where. But I'm just as content to remain ignorant and complain.

Now for some good news. Only yesterday I figured out how to get a big enough towel to dry both hands without waiting for the second towel. Yes! You simply take matters into your own

Once the dispenser acknowledges your presence and starts rolling out the first paltry towel, just grab it and pull the old fashioned way until you have a big enough length to dry your hands. No waiting for a second towel.

It's over. DISCLAIMER:

My method may not work everywhere with every dispenser, but it worked for me yesterday, no problem.

PROVISO:

If this information is new to you, feel free to try it. Just don't be wasteful, not that you would be. Show the paper towel gods you can, all on your own, judiciously extract just the right amount of toweling to dry your

You'll get a good smug feeling - the next-best thing to ripping the dispenser off the wall.

Here's to Don Martin any-

Making progress ...

Construction workers continued installing new sidewalks and curbs in Knox City this past week. Currently, the crews are working near city hall.

Obituaries

Horace Spells, Jr

Horace Spells, Jr., 56, passed away Sunday morning, May 13, 2012 in Abilene. Graveside services will by held at 2 p.m., Friday, May 18, 2012 at Rule Cemetery in Rule officiated by Rev. Russell Stanley. Arrangements were made under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes. The family will be receiving visitors on Thursday evening, May 17 from 6 - 7 p.m. at the funeral home in Rule.

Horace was born July 14, 1955 in Munday, Texas to Melvina Thomas and Horace Spells, Sr. He married Julie Cumba on Sept. 19, 2003 in Seymour and has lived in the area most of his

He is preceded in death by his parents, Melvina and Horace Spells, Sr.; 3 brothers, Clarence Smith, Jessie Polk, and Robert Spells; and 2 sisters, Shirley Williams and Mary Ann Sim-

Horace is survived by his wife, Julie Spells of Rule; six sons, Tavaous McKinney of Wichita Falls, Davalin Spells of Dallas, Tommy Spells and Horace Spells III, both of Rule, Jeremy Hardamon of Rule, Quinten Hardamon of Venus;



Horace Spells, Jr

a daughter, Felicia Spells of Dallas; three grandchildren; two brothers, Jimmy Stinnett and wife Dorothy of Stamford, Donal Spells and wife Norma of Abilene; four sisters, Ida Watson and husband Robert of Munday, Bertha Spells of Munday, Helen Cavanaugh and husband Artis of Abilene, Doris Wardand husband Gene of Knox City; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

'Oyster Festival' to be May 18-19

The 10th Annual World Championship Rocky Mountain Oyster Festival will be held on May 18-19 at the Frank Rhoades Memorial Rodeo Arena in Throckmorton.

The event is open to all area 'fryers" and chili cookers.

Awards will be presented to winners on Saturday evening, beginning at 7 p.m.

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11th Grade Matthew Acree 12th Grade Tyler Kinnibrugh

What's for Lunch?

The following is a look at the Knox City-O'Brien CISD breakfast and lunch menus for May 21-25.

Breakfast

May 21 - Pork sausage biscuits or Berry Puffs cereal bowl, mixed fruit,

May 22 - Biscuits w/ sausage gravy or Lucky Charms cereal bowl, peaches, juice, milk. May 23 - Breakfast taco or Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal bowl, sour green applesauce, juice, milk

May 24 - Golden waffles w/ syrup or Cocoa Puffs cereal bowl, majestic

May 25 - Breakfast biscuit w eggs or Trix cereal bowl, original applesauce, juice, milk

Lunch

May 21 - Spaghetti de Italiano w/ roll or Italian Antipasto Salad w/ salami or Energy Meal with bologna and cheese, sweet corn, green beans, mixed fruit, original applesauce, Slushy, milk.

May 22 - State Fair corn dog or fajita chicken salad or Energy Meal with turkey and cheese, glazed carrots, pork and beans, fruit, whole wheat crackers, Slushy, milk. May 23 - Baseball park hot dog or zesty tuna salad or Energy Meal with

tuna salad, scalloped potatoes, whole wheat crackers, sour green applesauce, peaches, Slushy, milk. May 24 - Chicken strips w/ gravy and roll or zesty tuna salad or Energy

Meal with tuna salad, mashed potatoes, whole wheat crackers, fresh fruit, eaches, Slushy, milk. May 25 - Sack lunches.

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Sports

Knox Cty Youth Baseball Schedule

Date	Time	Teams	Place
May 17	5:30 p.m.	Aspermont vs. KC Dirty Devils	KC
May 17	7:30	KC Thunder vs. Anson Black	Anson
May 18	7:30 p.m.	KC Knights vs. Hawks	Haskell
May 19	9 a.m.	Spartans vs. KC Rangers	KC
May 21	5:30 p.m.	KC Dirty Devils vs Bears	Haskell
May 21	5:30 p.m.	Hamlin Green vs. KC Thunder	KC
May 22	7:30 p.m.	Stamford vs. KC Knights	KC
May 24	7:30 p.m.	KC Rangers vs. Bulldohs S	tamford
May 28	5:30 p.m.	Yankees vs. KC Thunder	KC
May 28	5:30 p.m.	KC Dirty Devils vs. Bulldogs S	tamford



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Knox City's Tylynne Eaton was named the boys' track and field MVP on Tuesday at the KCHS Sports Banquet. The top male and female athletes for 2011-12 were honored at the event.

Jones, Clark earn 'Athlete' honors

Blake Jones and Reagan Carter penciled their names into Knox City High School athletic history on Tuesday evening. Deep

Jones and Clark were named the school's 2012 boys' and girls' "Athletes of the Year" at the KCHS Sports Banquet. In all, more than a dozen awards were handed out to members of the Knox City High School athletic programs.

Jones was among the big winners in the boys' awards ceremony. In addition to winning the boys' "Athlete of the Year" honors, the senior also shared the Greyhounds'

football award with Ryan Ledesma and tennis accolades with Jarek Wilde.

Ledesma was presented the 2012 "Fighting Heart" award, while Wilde shared the 2012 MVP honors in baseball with Brandon York.

T.J. Moore was named the boys' basketball award recipient.

Tylynne Eaton, fresh off an appearance in the Region II-A Track and Field Championships, was the boys' track MVP, while Zach Carter was tabbed the boys' gold

Clark earned the girls' "Athlete of the the Year."

Year" honors after turning in a solid year. She was named the Houndettes' top player in basketball, and shared the tennis honors with Kelsey Vasquez.

Cassidy Carter also emerged from the banquet with multiple awards. She was presented the Houndettes' "Fighting Heart" award, and the volleyball accolades.

Freshman sprinter Essence Ward ran away with the KC girls' track award.

Rick Reid was also honored as the "Volunteer of the Year," while Chad McGhee was named KCHS' "Superfan of

NOTICE OF A REQUEST FOR RECONCILIATION OF ADVANCED METERING SYSTEM COSTS FILED WITH THE PUBLIC UTILITY **COMMISSION OF TEXAS**

On April 30, 2012, AEP Texas Central Company ("TCC") and AEP Texas North Company ("TNC"), regulated electric transmission and distribution companies, filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("PUCT") a request for the reconciliation of the costs and investments TCC and TNC have incurred in connection with the deployment of their advanced metering system ("AMS") through December 31, 2011. TCC and TNC are not requesting any change to the AMS surcharges that were approved by the PUCT in December 2009 in PUCT Docket No. 36928. As described in the PUCT's Substantive Rule 25.130, the purpose of the AMS reconciliation proceeding is to review the costs recovered through the AMS surcharges.

TCC and TNC's filing of the request for reconciliation is required by the PUCT's order approving their AMS Deployment Plan and AMS surcharges in PUCT Docket No. 36928. A copy of the request for AMS reconciliation is kept at TCC's office at 539 North Carancahua Street, Corpus Christi, Texas 78401, and at TNC's office at 901 Energy Drive, Abilene, Texas 79602. A copy of the request for AMS reconciliation can also be inspected at the AEP offices at 400 West 15th Street, Suite 1520, Austin, Texas 78701.

Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon this proceeding, which is PUCT Docket No. 40261, Application of AEP Texas Central Company and AEP Texas North Company for Reconciliation of Advanced Metering System Pursuant to P.U.C. Subst. R. §25.130(k)(6), should notify the PUCT as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline of June 14, 2012 has been imposed for this proceeding. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the PUCT at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the PUCT at (512) 936-7136.

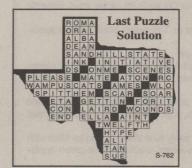
Former Roby standout earns spot on RC squad

onto the college basketball court. He just didn't expect it to take so

Alldredge, who graduated in 2010, proved never giving up on your dreams can pay off last week when he earned a spot on the Ranger College basketball team as a walk-on.

A 6-foot-5 forward, Alldredge was one of five players selected during a special tryout by Rangers' head coach Robert Reid.

"I'm pretty excited about it,"



Former Roby High School said Alldredge. "I have always standout Carson Alldredge al- wanted to play college basketball, ways knew he would find his way and now I am one step closer to doing it."

A former member of the NBA's

Houston Rockets, Reid saw Alldredge and a friend playing basketball in the gym earlier this spring and invited him to tryout.

"When they told me I made it, I was pretty excited," he said.

Alldredge will be a member of the RC junior varsity team as a freshman.



Carson Alldredge

Wild Horse Prairie Days set for June 1-2 in Haskell The 17th Annual Wild Horse ting Horse contest will start at 9

Fair Days Ranch Rodeo will be held on June 1-2 at the Haskell Expo Center. As part of the event, a West Texas Barrel Racing Association contest and the 2012 John Wallace Memorial Calf Roping will be held.

The two-day event will get under way at 8 a.m. on Friday, June 1 with a craft and trade show in the Haskell Civic Center. The Sam

a.m., with the parade getting under way at 5 p.m.

The WRCA Ranch Rodeo will begin at 7 p.m. On Saturday, June 2, the Rach

Horse competition will be held at 9 a.m., and a Junior Rodeo will start at 11 a.m. A chuck wagon meal will be served from 5 p.m.

A dance will be held from 9 "Snakey" Graves Memorial Cut- p.m. to 1 a.m.

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Date	Temperature (F)	Rainfall	
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05/10	52/79	0.21	
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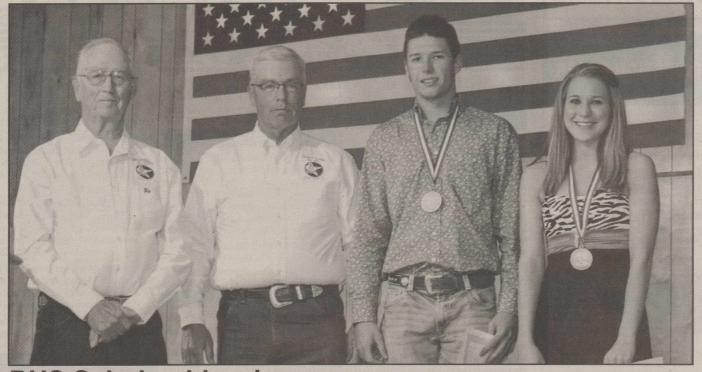
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BHS Scholarship winners ...

Toni Brown (far right) and Tyler Kinnebrugh were presented the 2012 Shriner's Scholarship last week at the Benjamin Athletic Awards Banquet. Brown and Kinnebrugh were among a group of BHS athletes honored at the event.

SAMMIE'S KNOX CITY CORNER AND FINAL THOUGHTS

Knox City is still here and everyone is trying to get back in the groove of getting ready for the end of another school year and our seniors and parents are wondering what is going to happen next. Well, let me tell you, you'll miss them but they will only be a phone call away. That is the best part and your kids will always remember what you have taught them. They may not say so, but they do take it to heart. Thank God for his guidance and blessings.

Our deepest condolenses to the family of Jim Burt and Donna Banks and their families for the loss of her dad. The pain and sorrow take a while to ease, and never really go away, but the memories are so wonderful that it always make it a better day. I know I've been there, but you never ever forget them and that is what I have learned from them. They take you a long ways and you'll probably see them in your children, or next generation to come, and that is wonderful.

On Wednesday, Eddie and I attended the elementary school awards day in Munday to congratulate our granddaughter, Aubrie Garcia. She received an award for a 97.4 average for the year. There were so many kids, and they all received awards for a great job. Well done!

Aubrie is the daughter of Ruben and Patty Garcia of

Our week has been a very good one with a little rain. That is always a plus! The wheat harvesters are in town and doing their jobs. The rain has caused a little delay. Hopefully, they will get into the fields soon and it will be time to plant cotton. We pray our farmers will have

a wonderful year this year. Our small community had a great Mother's Day weekend.

Amado Gonzalez Jr. was here this weekend visiting his mom, Linda Gonzalez, and some of his family.

Mrs. Rodriquez had a full house on this weekend. Her children started coming in Friday evening, and spent Sunday with her.

of the weekend with her mom out of town, along with her sister, neices and her daughter, Marya, and returned in time for church on Sunday morning. They all had a wonderful time. While most of our men called

their moms, aunts, grandmother, don't forget those chosen kids. They are wonderful, too. As moms, we can get pretty spoiled but we enjoy it very

Our Knox City florist was pretty busy and they did a great job. I got some of them. Great job, girls. We all thank you for your hard work. They were

Well, did you vote on Saturday? It doesn't matter the outcome only that we did our best. I really don't like talking politics anyway.

Our Sunday service at church was great as usual. Thank God for all of his blessings. We should thank God every day, not just on Sundays:

Joe and Melda Rodriquez spent the weekend in Abilene while their son, Armando, barbecued for his mom and his wife, Tessa, as the guest of honor. Isn't that great. All of us Amy Schnable spent part moms were guests of honor.

> Peggy and John Grindstaff returned home last weekend from attending the wedding of Landon Weisinhausen, the son of Tammy and Addie. They said their grandson's wedding was beautiful and that they had

News traveled by phone and today it wasn't good. My brother called me to say that Mrs. Alfredo Montalvo has become very ill and the doctors have put her in God's hands. The Montalvos used to live here years ago, and most of their kids graduated in Knox City. They were great friends to a lot of people. They now live in San Benito, Texas. Our thoughts and prayers are with

On Thursday and Friday, Evelyn Balis had a visit from her sister-in-law, Ingram Bradford, from Wisconsin. Seeing her again was a great visit.

Mom, I hope you had a won-

God bless our troops and each of us, Sammie



KC heavyweights take bite of out WF

Well, this past weekend three of Knox City's best golfers... err, I meant heaviest golfers ... attacked the Wichita Fall High School Alumni Golf tourney. Tony, Coach Steele and myself showed up at River Creek Golf Course and, make no mistake, we showed up to bring the trophy back to KC.

It was a going home for the three of us. Tony and I are Coyotes and Coach Steele went to junior high in Wichita Falls. Chance Pruitt, a lifetime friend who was Tony's teammate and college roommate, joined us as our fourth player.

We were the loudest and heaviest team entered, for sure. Chance was our "A" player. The rest of us where piggybacking. (Chance is built like us so carrying around some extra weight was no big deal

Tony only had one shot that we were able play If I remember correctly, but it was a great one. On the 165-yard, par 3, he put the ball 10 inches from the cup and won the closest to the pin. The winning prize? Steaks! What more could a fat boy ask for?

This was the craziest tourney I have ever played in. They had a skeet shoot where a golfers shoot at a clay pigeon before teeing off. This for Tony and I was the most stressful ... we were expected to do good at this and we smoked

They had a Punt, Pass and Kick hole. Steele removed his shoes and punted the ball 40 yards. Then we

Just Jeff



By Jeff Stanfield

got to tee off.

I am telling you right know if they had a Olympics for 400-pounders, I am putting my money on Steele. You ever see a guy eat three hot links, shoot skeet, play 18 holes and punt a football barefoot? And, to top it off, he had a five-scoop ice cream cone from Braum's!!

All in four hours!!

They have triathalons but, to me, Coach Steele's effort was was more more impressive. All the money raised was for the football booster club. For me, I cannot think of a better way to spend a

Golf. Shooting and football ... all in one fundraiser.

My kind of day!!

And, by the way, the boys from Knox City won the tourney by three shots and will be defending their title next spring.

Jeff "Skinnier than Steele" Stanfield is a local columnist.

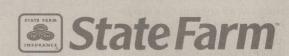


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