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Sales tax numbers climb in Knox City

The Knox County News

The national economy may be slowing, but the news was all good as far as Knox City business was concerned in the month of April.

At least, that is what the Texas State Comptroller's office in Austin is saying.

According to data released in the comptroller's June sales tax revenue report, the local economy in Knox City

showed healthy gains in April.

State Comptroller Susan Combs' report showed Knox City businesses generated \$21,723.59 in sales tax revenue during the April reporting period. That total was 4.17 percent - or about \$1,000 - higher than the total reported the previous April.

For the year, the City of Knox City has generated almost 10 percent more this year than the previous in sales tax. Through April, Knox City has generated 2011, according to state data.

\$139,114.91 in payments, compared to

Benjamin was the only other community to show positive growth in the last report. The City of Benjamin reported a 33.57 percent improvement over its previous April mark with a return of

Benjamin's total was \$785.25 in June

Overall, the sales tax totals have dejust \$127,182.46 over the same period in clined slightly for Benjamin this year. The community's overall total is down by 5.60 percent to \$7,124.67.

> The City of Munday saw its sales tax figured dip by 8.98 percent in April, slipping to \$13,365.65.

For the year, however, Munday is .43 percent ahead of last season's total.

Goree's total fell 91.97 percent in April to \$240.75.

By the numbers ...

The following is a look at the local sales tax returns, according to the Texas State Comptroller's June report. The report covers sales made

Town	.Apr '12	Apr' 11	+/-
Benjamin	.1,048.91	785.25	33.57
Goree	.240.75	2,999.95	-91.97
Knox City	.21,723.59	20,853.07	4.17
Munday	.13,365.65	14,684.69	-8.98
O'Brien	.119.57	133.92	-10.71
Rochester	.332.97	340.72	-2.27
Rule	.1,395.15	1,662.70	-16.09
Weinert	.126.06	131.65	-4.24



District 2E-1 Governor-Elect Don Machenberg of Graham stands in front of the Knox City Lions Club banner with club president Tom Carter while attending last week's meeting at the Knox City Aging Center.

District governor installs officers for KC Lions Club

he Knox City Lions Club welcomed in one of the state's top club officials last week at their regular noon meeting on Wednesday. District Governor-Elect Don Machenberg attended the meeting, which was held in the Knox County Aging Center.

Machenberg, who resides in Graham, was recently elected governor of District 2E-1, which covers 19 counties in north central Texas. Including Knox County. He is scheduled to assume the governor duties on July 1.

At the meeting Machenberg, performed several key duties, including the inducting of the local club's newest member, Knox City City Administrator Chad Roberts and the installation of the newly-elected KC Lions Club officers.

After inducting Roberts into the service organization, Machenberg installed the KC Lions Club officers, including President Tom Carter, First Vice President Chad Roberts, Lion tamer Bill Baker, Tail Twister Bill Baker and membership chairman Bill Baker. Carol Felts was re-elected as secretary/treasurer.

Carter will take over as club president on July 1.

In all, eight members and a guest were present for the ceremony.

Lion Louis Baty sponsored Roberts' membership. Baty admonished every member to be a good example and to help Roberts become a good

Lions International is the largest service organization in the world. The organization's motto is "We Serve." The Lions Club a community aware organization that focuses

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meeting with Chad Roberts, the KC City Administrator, was welcomed into the service organization.

Haskell......33,446.49 31,235.49 7.07 Goree to host music camp

Fiddlers and guitarist will descend once again on the town of Goree for the 12th annual Bobby Boatright Western Swing Music Camp set for July 8-12. The camp will be held at the Knox Prairie Events Center.

"I've got a good bunch of teachers," Camp Director J.W. Sollis said. "All of them are qualified teachers and outstanding musicians," he said. "Each instructor has been carefully selected and all are dedicated to preserving the legacy of Western Swing music, a genre popularized by the late band leader Bob Wills."

The camp accepts students 10 years of age and older. The \$425 registration fee includes tuition, housing and meals. The camp begins on Sunday afternoon with a reception and ends on Thursday with a 1 p.m. recital, which is open to parents, friends and the public.

Instructors include some of Texas' top fiddle and guitar players. Lead fiddle instructor is Grammy award-winner Bobby Flores. He studied music theory and classical violin under the late Dominick Saltarelli, jazz guitar with Jackie King and classical guitar with David Underwood. He is featured on over four hundred albums, CD's and singles including performances with numerous artists on major

The lead guitar instructor is Ronny Dale Shultz, whose ability to play several styles of music and several instruments, guitar See CAMP on Page 6

School district starts summer food program

The Knox City-O'Brien Consolidated Independent School District kicked off its Summer Food Program last week at the Knox City ISD cafeteria.

The program offers free breakfast and lunch to all children, ranging in ages 1-18. Breakfast is served from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., while lunch is served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The Summer Food Program will be in operation through June 29.

For more information about the program contact the KC ISD office.



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SYMPATHY EXTENDED

My sincere sympathy to the

families of Ronald Bruce of

Munday and Delbert Hayes of

O'Brien. Ronald died unexpect-

edly while on a truck "run' in

Clinton, Oklahoma. His funeral

was Thursday at Johnson Ceme-

tery at Munday. Delbert died on

Wednesday after several months

of failing health. His funeral

was Saturday in O'Brien.

By Gladene Green

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Here's a day in the life of a city

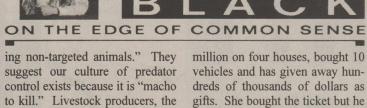
All in the same day the city newspaper carried stories about crime, predators, instant millionaires, mad hikers and oppressed artists.

YOUNG MEN DIE AND KILLERS GO FREE

The front page picture shows a family holding up a photo of their murdered son. Ten witnesses saw who did it but none will testify. This took place in a neighborhood ruled by gangs. Any person willing to testify knows with certainty they will be targeted themselves in retribution.

ANIMAL CONTROL **EFFORTS DEBATED**

The USDA division of Wildlife Services in the last 6 years has trapped, poisoned or shot over ½ million coyotes and another 50,000 animals in "friendly fire" including dogs, eagles and bears. Animal rights groups are issuing demands to stop "needlessly kill-



victims of predation, are trying to

adopt "kindler, gentler," methods

of pest extermination. So far the

most effective, but more gruesome

FAMILY FEUD

methods prevail.

OVER JACKPOT A 76 year-old woman won \$32 million in the lotto. She is suing her grown son, charging him with co-opting her winnings. Records show to date she has received \$125,000 cash, an SUV and a house to live in. He pays her cell phone bill. The son has spent \$2.3

million on four houses, bought 10 vehicles and has given away hundreds of thousands of dollars as gifts. She bought the ticket but he says he gave her the money.

COUNTY AGREES WITH MOUNTAIN PACKERS

For 200 years packers and outfitters have taken men into the high country of our National Parks. They have allowed many hundreds of thousands to reap ethereal and practical benefits of nature's beauty. Hikers are attempting to outlaw the use of horses to what they call "sensitive areas". They realize their restrictions would shut out the majority of "back country lovers", which, of course, is their intention.

TATTOO SHOPS FACE NEW REGULATIONS

The State government has decided that tattoo and body piercing businesses should be regulated like barber shops and restaurants. There has been no demand for the service and complaints are rare but the state wants to make it a public health issue anyway.

SUMMARY

What can we deduce from these stories? First, we have neighborhoods in America that are as dangerous as Baghdad under Saddam Hussein. Despot's rule because the victims don't shoot back. Regarding reducing predator control, the ranchers should declare themselves "non-targeted animals" and sue. As for the disreputable son; just one more reason to believe that in the end God will dispense the proper justice. The packers vs. the hikers is a typical self-righteous "haves" trying to separate themselves from the teeming masses. And last, the public health issue; My question is, how many tattoo artists does it take to pay the salary and benefits for one more govern-

by Charley & Guy Orbison

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Benjamin News

Homecoming 2012 is now in the history books with everyone saying it was a very successful one. As far as I can tell, we had folks from six states (other than Texas) register—those coming the farthest distance were from Minnesota. Registration began at 3 p.m. on Friday afternoon, also, raffle tickets were being sold at the same time. Approximately 125 exes registered, but a number of those present failed to. The rodeo on Friday and Saturday night was well attended, as was the roping Saturday morning. The Saturday morning event proceeds went to the Ex-Student Association.

The highlight of Friday night's activities was the coronation of the Homecoming Queen. Escorted by her grandson, Colton Caldwell, Jane Nunley Gideon from the Class of 1951, received this honor. Colton placed the crown on her head, and she was presented a dozen red roses. John White serenaded her with two songs, and she reigned over the weekend events. Also, the community again furnished free snacks Friday night for those in

attendance. The "Breakfast on the Porch" at the museum on Saturday morning was also attended by many, and what a great opportunity to visit and enjoy the morning meal. The parade at 10 a.m. that morning had a number of participants, and folks enjoyed it as well, as all the other events. The theme of the parade was "Branded with a B," and the winners were:

Best Theme Float—The Bohannon family Best Motorized Vehicle-

Taylor Herring Best Non-Motorized Float-

Pioneer Women Choice—Veterans Judges

Hoofin' It Float (Horse)--Talon and Lexi Collins

Each winner received a certificate of recognition for their entry (and win).

Visiting went on throughout the day, and then at 3 p.m. the business meeting began. The board president called the meeting to order. Cody Propps read a report written by Supt. Olivia Gloria on the accomplishments of the school and the state of where it stands now—attendance wise, etc. (which, by the way, was a positive and encouraging report). Mrs. Gloria was unable to be there due to a family conflict. The nominating committee presented the following names for officers of the association for the next two years.

President—Stephen Kuehler Vice-President-Brittney Sheedy Coker

Secretary—Lorrie Rolston

Treasurer—Joy Lynn Lyles Pool

The president will select the rest of the board later. Those persons whose names were submitted were elected by acclamation and will take over their duties shortly. We owe the "old" board a big "Thank You," as they have done a good job the past two years and did a super job of putting this homecoming together. That group of officers is President Randolph Barnett; Vice-President Sheila Kuehler; Secretary Kaitlyn Acevedo and Treasurer Jim Cox. Board members were Donnie Ryder, Reba Morrill, Mary Young, Stacia Propps and Bert Leaverton.

Concluding the business meeting was the raffle drawing where lots of lucky folks won some very nice prizes, and the Quilt Guild sold tickets on a quilt (which everyone wanted).

Troy Pratt's ticket was drawn for that, and he was very pleased. A able Saturday night for those held Saturday night. Sunday morning worship services were conducted by Terry Cartwright, a super job. A potluck lunch foltheir goodbyes and vowed if all goes well, they will be back in

those out-of-town folks who were here for the weekend. I know I have missed some, but be assured that I did not do it intentionally. I apologize if I missed you!

Peggy Nolan Dillard, Lubbock; Peggy Atkinson Shropshire, New Deal; Mildred Nall Thornton, Prairie Hill, Arkansas; Leroy Yarbrough and Jimmy Golden, St. Paul, Minnesota; Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Hale, Weatherford; Brett Bumpas, Portland, Oregon; Mr. and Mrs. Michael Driver, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Roy Ed Griffin and grandson, Stephenville; Cathy Tomlinson, Denton; Mr. and Mrs. Gary Coppedge, Stamford; Helen Coppedge Green, Guthrie; Fred Louis (Screwdriver) Crenshaw, Abilene; Jerry Kilgore, Austin; Leaverton, Knox City; Ronnie Hamilton, Lampasas; Tommy Benson, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Claude E. Jennings, Weatherford; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jennings, Paradise; Sue Duke Mc-Carthy and Jan Duke Pollock, Iowa Park; Gaye Duke Roberts, Wichita Falls; Mary Duke Sawyers, Hamlin; Troy and Leann Golden, Goree; Kenneth and Ila Mae Benson, Wichita Falls; Jack and Judy Ryder Whitten, Lake Stamford: Sue Ryder Oxford, Lake Arrowhead; Jenna McCanlies, Wichita Falls; Jeff and Marilyn Searcey Goodin. Abilene; Stanton Brown, Early; Billy and Penny Trainham, Denton; Jim Bob and Jenny Conner, Slaton; Eddie Yarbrough, Canton; Buddy Hale, Odessa; Homer and Jan Barton Rolston. Knox City: Rose Ellen Hertel Albus, Lubbock; Bo and Bette Nall, Prairie Hill, Arkansas: John Moorhouse, Seymour; Tom Lyles and Kim Moore, Amistad, New Mexico; Feliz Taylor, Crowell; Marie Golden Perkins, Seymour; Betty Clower Parker, Aspermont; Gene House and Mike House, Mansfield; Dalina Dykes, Willow Park; Joy Lynn Lyles Pool, Lubbock; Terry and Deann Cartwright, Plano; Lois Golden, Connie Golden Harvey, and James Golden, Haskell; Sam and sabro Turner, Kansas; Bar-

bara Pratt, Troy Pratt and fam-

ily, Lubbock; Rita Melton, Lub-

bock; David and Wendy Jones,

Bridgeport; Ishmael and Sheila

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fried chicken meal was availwho wanted it. A dance also was a 1974 BHS graduate, who did lowed, after which folks said 2014.

Following is a partial list of

UNDERGOES SURGERY Pam Duke underwent knee surgery Tuesday in Abilene. She's home already and doing well and very glad to have that Billy Ray Golden, Megargel; behind her. HERE 'N THERE Mike Young spent two or three days in the Knox Co. Hospital last week. He had a blood pressure problem, and they are trying to get it regulated. He is feeling better and, of course, glad to be home. The Keep Benjamin Beautiful group has selected the yard of Mark and Teresa Kuehler as Yard of The Month for June. It is a well cared for yard and shows evidence of lots of hard work. Drive by and take a look. Congratulations to the Kuehlers! Bonnie Howell and family are here for a week's visit with her parents, Roger and Betty

Joe Reid and Pat Jones, Brownwood; David and Delores Dykes and Lucille Golden McCanlies, Fort Worth; Katy Ressell New, Liberty Hill; Mr. and Mrs. Steve Bohannon, and her sister, Ja-Bisbee, Cresson; Jim and Barmie Brumley and family. Also bara Jackson Harris, Sugarland; visiting their grandparents are Jerry Benson, Munday; Wal-Chance and Chase Bohannon of ter and Peggy Trainham Her-Eastland. tel, Munday; Geraldine Polster Jack Whitten was here on Sat-Penick, Midland; Irene Polster urday, but not "stirring around" Penick, New Mexico; Mr. and much. He has had a run-in with Mrs. Billy Ward, Ft Collins, Colorado; Barbara Norris Hogard, Andrews; Randal Gore, Weatherford; Bert and Judy

a steer. I think somehow it got through a fence and kicked him on the leg, mostly affecting his knee. He was in Lubbock several days and MRI results are not all in, but he is pretty uncomfortable and not sure what lies ahead as far as taking care of the problem. We wish him (and Judy) well. Think Judy is doing a lot of his work! While visiting with Stanton

Brown on Saturday, I learned that his wife, Penny, is having a good many health problems, and he will go back to MD Anderson on June 18 for his six-month checkup. He is doing well. He stays busy with his job. He said Shari is going great. She is living in a facility for persons with special needs, and she has a job that she loves. Knowing Shari, I imagine she keeps things going! I was glad to get that report on

The Clower reunion was also this past weekend. Hosted by local "kin," Lorene Powers, Gloria West, and Debbie Clower, it was a fun-filled time. Enjoying the family get together and also many of the Homecoming events were Cathy Tomlinson and Jody and Ryan Tomlinson of Denton; Sammie and Jennifer Tomlinson of Dennison; Betty Parker of Aspermont; Sabra and Sam Turner of Euless, Kansas; Chris and Earl Stroup, Curt, Chasity, Jager, MaKayla and Max Robertson and Danna and Stetson Edwards, all of Midland; Steve Powers of Gardendale; Shelli, Scott, Heather, Hunter, and Draven Keys of Branson, Missouri; Sara Clower of Abilene; and Helen Green of Guthrie.

Visiting Judy and Randolph Barnett Friday night and Saturday and attending some of the Homecoming activities were Jim Bob and Jenny Beth Conner of Slaton, and Roger and Deann Daughtery of Crosbyton. Jim Bob and Roger are roping buddies and entered in the roping Saturday morning.

Kemp, Becky, Brooke, Kamryn, and Devon Jones, Chasity Tolson, Charles and Linda Griffith, and Ned and Susan Jones attended the Greenbelt Football Classic in Childress on Saturday night. Blake was chosen to play in this annual event and represented his team well.

KC News sets new office hours

With the addition of Linda Griffith the Knox County News office will be open from 8 a.m. to noon on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesdays.

The office is closed on Fridays. During non-office call please contact us at (940) 329-1540.

Obituaries

Delbert Arville Hayes

KNOX CITY - Delbert Arville Hayes, 90, passed away early Wednesday morning, June 6, 2012 at Knox County Hospital in Knox City. Services will be at 10 a.m., Saturday, June 9, 2012 at O'Brien Baptist Church with Bro. Jim Reid and Rev. Shane Kendrix officiating. Burial will be at O'Brien Cemetery under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes. Visitation is planned for Friday evening, June 8 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the funeral home in Knox City.

Delbert Hayes was born west of Knox City on April 17, 1922 to John Wesley and Hettie Cathrine (Vance) Hayes. On November 3, 1942 he entered the U.S. Army where during his 3 year enlistment he toured the Philippines; Asia, Australia and also was stationed at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii. Delbert honorably received the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with 3 Bronze Stars; Philippine Liberation Medal with 2 Bronze Stars; Good Conduct Medal; Victory Ribbon; 5 Overseas Service Bars; and 1 Service Stripe. Delbert was Honorably Discharged on November 14, 1945 as a Staff Sergeant and returned home to Knox City where he returned to

Delbert married Hazel Virginia Tate on November 9, 1949. They resided in O'Brien for 68 years where Delbert served on the O'Brien school board, O'Brien CO-OP gin board; was a 30 year member of the American Legion and served many years on the O'Brien Cemetery board. Hazel preceded him in death on July 26, 1992.

Also preceding Delbert in death is his son, Rayland Hayes who passed away December 8, 1994; his father John Wesley Hayes who passed on October 12, 1965 and mother, Hettie Hayes who passed on Decem-

home on June 4, 2012.

He was a loving father and

grandfather. Both his parents,

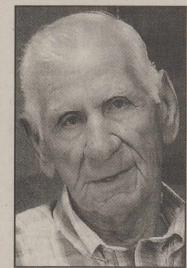
Ona Lewis McPherson Sr. and

Grace McPherson; his baby

brother; and his sister, Barbara

French, all preceded him in

He is survived by his son, Eric



Delbert Arville Hayes

ber 9, 1965; his brother, J.W. Hayes, Jr.; and sisters, Deloures Page, Wanda Brooks, and Felda Wilson; and a daughter-in-law, Mona Studer Hayes.

Survivors include his son, Delbert Ray Hayes of Seymour; daughter, Pam Reed and husband Mark of Munday; 3 granddaughters, Misty Tucker and her husband Spencer of Seymour, Amber Reed and husband Logan Burdino of Boulder, Colorado, and Brooke Hayes of Lubbock; great-grandchildren, Blayne and Zayne Styles of Muenster, Texas, Sidney, Slade and Creed Tucker of Seymour, Texas, and Korbyn Hayes of Lubbock; brother, John Hayes and wife Kathleen of Amarillo; brother-in-law, Charles Tate of Seymour; special friend, Nettie Lee of Anson and her daughters, Rhonda Weaver of Hamlin, and Donna Lee Shipp of Abilene.

Friends are welcome to gather at Pam's home, 1661 W. Main in Munday to visit with Delbert's family.

If desired, memorials may be given in Delbert's name to the O'Brien Cemetery Association at P.O. Box 5, Weinert, TX 76388.

Funeral service were held at

2 p.m. on Saturday, June 9, 2012

at the Grove Hill Funeral Home

in Dallas, Texas, where the fam-

ily will also receive friends one

hour prior to the funeral ser-

his family at Wanette Cemetery

He will be laid to rest with

Things have changes through the years

Man, have we seen a few changes since I have been alive?

In 44 years, I remember growing up when things where so much simpler. We didn't have remote controls for our TV, which could explain why everyone was so much thinner then. I figure i change the channel at least 1,000 times a day. That is a lot of exercise by itself. That's 1,000 trips to the TV, 1,000 up and downs from recliner.

Darn, thank God for remotes. I was getting skinny just thinking about that much work.

Not only did we not have remotes but we had a black-and-white TV, and only three channels. We did have some great shows, though ... Sanford and Son and Archie Bunker (back when everyone's skin was a little thicker and people had a sense of humor.) With only three channels and PBS, it was no wonder why kids played outside, everyone had a garden, and you visited with the neighbors.

Imagine life without the cell phone. Oh, I understand it has its value but teenagers cannot survive without a phone. Text, text and the occasional call. The funny thing is they never work when a parent calls.

How important is a cell phone to a teen today? Next time your teen get in trouble take away that cell phone. It works better than removing their bedroom door.

The Internet would have been great as a kid. Imagine how many times we wanted something and our parents said, "they where sold out," or "they didn't have your size." That crap doesn't fly at our house. Payne always manages to find exactly what is sold out or no longer available.

Wouldn't it have been nice for the Griswolds to have looked up the open dates to Wally World before making that month long trek across America to find out the "park is closed, folks. Moose out front should have told you."

It's not just technology. People are not as tough as they use to be. When I was in Little League we would ride in the back of a pick-up at 55 miles per hour with at least 10 kids to ball games. Nobody called CPS. We had solid steel dashboards but did we buckle up? Heck no. If you bumped your head, you

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Have a News Tip for the KC News?

McPherson, Eric's wife Brandy; in Oklahoma. grandchildren Brock and Brylee Knox County

Ona Lewis McPherson, Jr.

62, passed peacefully in his Mary, Monta, and Francis.

Ona Lewis McPherson, Jr., McPherson; and three sisters,

Aging Services

The following lunch menus have been listed for the week of June 18-22 for the Knox

County Aging Services
All meals are served with
Wheat Bread, Margarine and 1

percent milk.

Monday, June 18 - Charbroiled beef patty/peppers/onions, garlic mashed potatoes,

broiled beef patty/peppers/onions, garlic mashed potatoes, beets, sliced bread, Mandarin oranges.

Tuesday, June 19 - Baked

Tuesday, June 19 - Baked chicken and dumplings, tossed salad, whole wheat roll, fruit cup.

Wednesday, June 20 - Sloppy Joe on a bun, country potato salad, carrots/zuchinni, creamy fruit square.

Thursday, June 21 - Macaroni/beef/tomato casserole, lime beans, whole wheat roll, fruit oatmeal bar.

Friday, June 22 - King Ranch casserole, spanish rice, pinto beans, tortilla, brownie.

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

Please call in your orders by 10 a.m. to (940) 657-3618. Orders cannot be taken after 10 a.m. and need to be picked up after 11 a.m.

Clower selected to Hardin-Simmons President's List

Sarah Clower, of Benjamin, Texas, has been named to the Hardin-Simmons University President's List for the spring 2012 semester.

mester.

The President's List is comprised of students carrying 12 or more semester hours who obtain a perfect GPA of 4.0.

These items will be on special for \$5.95

from June 6 to June 20.

Fried chicken with French
fries, gravy, and toast

Steakfingers with French fries, gravy, and toast

Chicken strips with French, fries, gravy, and toast

ries, gravy, and toast BBQ sandwich with French fries.

B & P BBQ

HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

As a courtesy to our readers

The Knox County News would like to notify readers that there will be an early deadline for the June 27 edition of The Knox County News.

The deadline for news and advertising materials for the June 27 issue of The Knox County News will be 5 p.m. on Friday, June 22.

Also, the paper will be distributed a day earlier as part of **The Knox County News'** July 4th preparations.

Readers are also reminded that The Knox County News will not be published the week of July 4.

Just Jeff



By Jeff Stanfield

kept a going. I don't remember anyone without teeth unless they where close to a 100.

Today, you see all kinds of people toothless. I saw a guy yesterday that looked like he could eat corn on the cob through a picket fence ... and he was about 25.

I guess when you brush your teeth with Comet and battery acid, or whatever else these people snort or smoke, you should expect the side effects of your teeth falling out. I doubt if meth or crack had a posted warning about smiling at someone and not being able to decide to smile back of kick a field goal if it would make much difference.

Did we get whippings? Every day ... and most time we deserved it. Kids today are rotten. They get into trouble at school

and mom or dad come bail 'em out. Thirty years ago, if your parents had to come to school, your dad would take turns paddling you with the principal.

A lot of things we miss from the good ol' years of the 70's. Kids were innocent until they

Kids were innocent until they where at least in seventh grade, and they were kids.

We still said the Pledge of

Allegiance, God was someone we talked about at school. Maybe that is why we didn't have as many problems back then.

For all the unsafe things we did, God was part of our every day life and he always had our

Jeff "I got a full set of chompers" Stanfield is a local columnist.

I don't know where Fathers go when they die.
I have an idea that after a rest - Wherever it is he won't be happy unless there is work to do.
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be busy there, too, repairing streets, oiling the
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Sports

South rolls to Greenbelt Bowl victory

CHILDRESS — It didn't end quite the way Knox City High School standout Blake Jones might have wanted, but the first of his three all-star appearances is in the books.

Jones, an all-state performer last fall for the Greyhounds, opened his summer all-star season with a 28-7 loss as a mem-

CHILDRESS — It didn't ber of the North team at the dquite the way Knox City 63rd Annual Rotary Greenbelt The City View st the opening kick at

The South, led by City View running back D.J. Brown, scored 14 unanswered points in the first quarter and rolled to the victory.

Brown gave the South plenty of momentum early in the

Greenbelt The City View standout took the opening kick at his own 20 and returned it 63 yards to the North 17. Five plays later, he punched the ball into the end

zone from a yard out.

Brown was far from through. Later in the first quarter, he caught a 58-yard touchdown pass and staked the South to a 14-0 lead.

The South never let the momentum slip away from there.

The North defense stiffened in the second, holding the

South offense in check for the

remainder of the half.

The North, which amassed just 230 total yards, looked to have hit stride in the third.

South 28, North 7 South14 0 0 14 — 28 North0 0 7 0 — 7

First Quarter

South — D.J. Brown 1 run (Conner Hollabaugh kick) South — Brown 58 pass

from Talon Dooley (Hollabaugh kick)

Third Quarter
North — Diondre Singleton
15 pass from Jace Lang-Swan

Fourth Quarter South — Brown 18 run (Hollabaugh kick)

(Herbierto Romero kick)

South — Kaleen Jones 10 run (Hollabaugh kick)

Spearman's Jace Lang-Swan

hit Wichita Falls' Diondre Singleton with a 15-yard touchdown pass and pulled the North to within a touchdown at 14-7.

Brown tallied his third touchdown of the game midway through the fourth to salt away the win.

Brown was named the Dub Nelson Most Valuable Player in the game as he scored three times and accounted for 236 all-purpose yards. In addition to his two first-quarter TDs, he also had a 44-yard punt return, and an 18-yard touchdown run

Amarillo Caprock's Kaleen Jones added a 10-yard run with seven seconds to play capping the scoring at 28-7.



Blake Jones played in Greenbelt Bowl on Saturday.

Texas 'O' comes up short in Oil Bowl

For much of the last 6 years, the Oklahoma all-stars suffered the bulk of the losses in the annual Oil Bowl all-star football game.

2012 was anything but a normal year.

Oklahoma stunned the Texas all-stars last Saturday by claiming a 30-20 win in front of a crowd of more than 7,000 in Wichita Falls. With the win, the Oklahoma team collected just its 19th win in 66 years

Unfortunately for Former Knox City High School standout

and current Stamford head coach
_ Wayne Hutchinson, the memories from the Oil Bowl won't be
as pleasant. Hutchinson served on
the Texas coaching staff as offen-

sive coordinator.

A former standout at KCHS,
Hutchinson saw the Oklahoma
defense limit Texas to just 262 total yards and 10 first downs.

Despite their struggles, Texas still had a chance to win late in the contest. Oklahoma converted a crucial third-and-12 call late in the fourth and then scored to blow open a tight 17-14 contest.

Overall, Texas is 46-19-1 in the Oil Bowl contest.

TPWD will continue talks on quail populations

The Texas Parks and Wild-life Commission's Upland Game Bird Advisory Committee and an ad hoc group known as the Quail Roundtable met jointly recently in Austin to discuss what additional actions are needed to advance quail conservation in Texas. TPWD Executive Director Carter Smith moderated the day-long meeting. The two groups agreed that research remains important to finding ways to help bobwhites recover in Texas.

Established in 2010, the Roundtable's primary purpose is to act as a clearinghouse of information and forum of the exchange of ideas on the part of a wide variety of quail interests. Members includes representatives from the Quail Coalition, Wildlife Habitat Federation, Rolling Plains Quail Research Ranch, Texas Tech University, UNT Quail, the Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute, Oaks and Prairies Joint Venture and the National Resources Conservation Service, along with various other conservation and landowner organizations, ranchers and quail enthusiasts.

Participants supported TP-WD's focus-area development approach to quail conservation which is in line with the national model of quail restoration. Additional information on the national model of quail restoration is available at www.bringbackbobwhites.

The group also agreed on the value of developing on-theground action teams similar to those supported by TPWD and partners including the Wildlife Habitat Federation.



Hot in the 'City ...

The Knox City swimming pool was a popular place to be last week as temperatures in the area began climbing into the triple-digit range. Above, two young girls splash in the water while their grandparents sit close by.

County residents, thanks to

the University Interscholas-

official web site, Knox City,

tic League.

06/10

UIL groups all area

spikers in same district

volleyball schedule got a 6 for the next two years. whole lot easier for Knox Joining the area teams in the

Keeping up with the area all be competing in District

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The 2012 high school vol-

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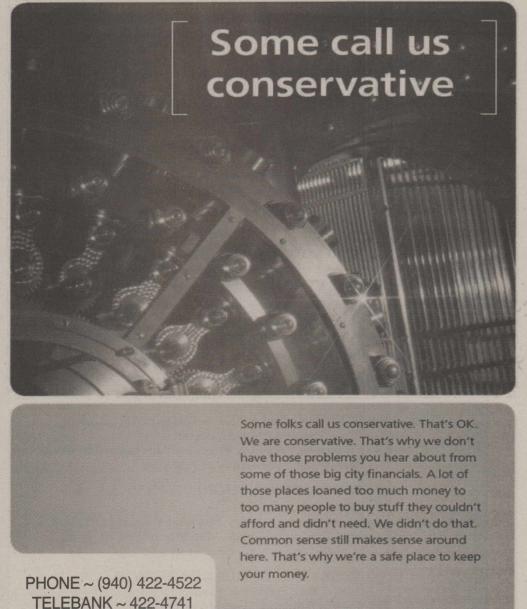
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from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.



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Multi-county West Texas Livestock and Range Conference set for July 17 Street, then departs on a tour

The Texas AgriLife Exten- ence July 17 in Garden City. sion Service will conduct the multi-county 2012 West Texas at the Glasscock County Com-Livestock and Range Confer- munity Center, 117 S. Myrl

The program starts at 8 a.m.



science. The less know-how and equipment you have and the more unwieldy the structure, the greater the art part. Or maybe the greater the science. The more I think about it, the harder the question. But I know this:

In the hierarchy of house moving, chicken houses are somewhere near the bottom. Doghouses don't count.

In case you think it was on skids or wheels, it wasn't. Pity.

Skids and wheels make chicken house moving almost routine. If vou don't believe me, check You-Tube. One video shows somebody hooking onto a chicken house with a nifty little vintage tractor and slowly putting across nice green New England grass, towing not only the chicken house but also the screened-in addition with all the chickens still in it, stepping along smartly. Good for them. Now that I think about it, maybe that chicken house wasn't even on skids. But what's 30 feet in the backyard, even with chickens? Instead, try loading and moving a big non-braced A-frame sturdy plywood chicken house 53 miles cross-country. Not routine. Not even on a calm day.

My renter-slash-friend Terri and I could have taken a shorter route and hauled the thing right down the highway, but we chose evade-arrest back roads instead, intent on lessening the possibility of death by chicken house. We didn't fear for our own lives. After all, we'd survived loading it. Rather, we imagined the hefty structure flying off the trailer and

House moving is an art and a wiping out an unsuspecting motorist. Picture a chicken house big enough to envelop a smart car. In fact, maybe we should have marketed it as a garage.

> But even if someone had wanted a chicken house-garage, delivery still would have been up to us. When you want to get rid of a chicken house, you get takers. You don't get movers. Quote me.

Hmmm. Divide the world into Yep, we moved a chicken two kinds of people. The movers and the takers.

Back to the chicken house. It was a \$300 chicken house. We couldn't just toss it. Terri's son, Gary, had helped build it. He wanted it.

The chickens? Long gone. First there was the chick-eating snake, then dogs and coyotes. The structure had become superfluous - a not-so-ornamental yard ornament.

Gary lives with his father. We didn't ask him if Gary could have the chicken house. No need to complicate things.

The day we delivered the chicken house, Gary's friend Josh was there to help. If two strapping young teenage boys want to manhandle a chicken house, stand back. Short lengths of oilfield pipe made good rollers. Gary and Josh had the house on the ground in 30 seconds. Nice.

Notice I called it a house? That's the plan. Gary already has coops for his chickens. The little A-frame will be his backyard getaway. He's already announced plans to add an air conditioner. Think vacation home.

Wow. I think I may want it back. He'll have to deliver it. That's

the rule.

(First publishd in The Knox County News on June 7, 2012)

Separate sealed bids for the construction of WATER TREAT-MENT PLANT will be received by the CITY OF BENJAMIN, TEXAS until Thursday June 21 @ 12:00 A.M. at City Hall, 303 South Hinton Street, Benjamin, Texas 79505, and then at said location publicly opened and read aloud. This project includes

Treatment Plant Building.

The Contract Documents, consisting of Advertisement for Bids, Information for Bidders, Bid Proposal, Bid Bond, Contract, Performance and Payment Bonds, General Conditions, Notice of Award, Notice to Proceed, Plans, Specifications, Wage Rate Determination, Addenda (if any) and Project Contracting and compliance Provisions may be examined at the following lo-

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of the McDowell Ranch at 8:50 a.m. and returns to the center at 11:45 a.m. for lunch and the remainder of the program. Counties involved with the program are Glasscock, How-

ard, Midland, Martin, Upton, Reagan and Ector.

"Conditions have sure changed since last year's conference when we, like most of Texas, were getting hammered by the record-setting drought," said Rebel Royall, AgriLife Extension agent in Glasscock County. 'We visited three stops on the McDowell Ranch last year when conditions were going from bad to worse. This year, we're going back to those same three stops to see what conditions are like after some moisture.

"This year's overall theme will center around range health and recovery, basically where we go from here in terms of ranching in Far West Texas."

The McDowell Ranch tour topics will be brush and weed management, proper cattle stocking rates and determining forage production and the treatments needed to increase pro-

The afternoon program topics and speakers will include: feral hog damage to native range, Tim McDermott, Wildlife Services, Howard County; pesticide laws and regulations, Perry Cervantes, Texas Department of Agriculture; Can a \$2,500 Cow Breakeven?, Drs. Stan Bevers and Rob Hogan, AgriLife Extension economists at Vernon and Fort Stockton, respectively; rangeland health, Dr. Alyson McDonald, AgriLife Extension range specialist, Fort Stockton; beef cattle herd health and management, Dr. Bruce Carpenter, AgriLife Extension livestock specialist, Fort Stockton; and brush and weed control chemicals to be presented by chemical company representatives.

To preregister and for more information, call 432-354-2381.

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USDA seeks applications for grants to create jobs

Vilsack announced the USDA is accepting applications for grants to help promote sustainable economic development and job creation in rural communities.

"Cooperative enterprises often lead economic growth and job creation in rural areas," Vilsack said. "USDA is offering grants to help organizations start cooperatives, expand existing ones or help develop business opportunities in rural areas."

USDA is offering Rural Cooperative Development Grants (RCDG) to non-profit corporations and institutions of higher education. The grants also may be used to conduct feasibility studies, create and implement plans.

One-year grants up to \$175,000 are available. In most

Agriculture Secretary Tom cases, grants may be used to pay for up to 75 percent of the cost of establishing and operating rural cooperative development centers. Recipients are required to match 25 percent of the award amount. The grant period should begin no earlier than Oct. 1, 2012, and no later than Jan. 1, 2013.

Many RCDG recipients have a long history of job creation and economic development. In Great Falls, MT, the Montana Cooperative Development Center has helped 123 entities and guided the formation of 37 cooperatives since its inception in 1999. One of these cooperatives, the Last Chance Café, in Sunburst, MT, would have closed without help from the center and its USDA Rural Cooperative Development



Fiddlers and guitarist will descend once again on the town of Goree for the 12th annual Bobby Boatright Western Swing Music Camp set for July 8-12. The camp will be held at the Knox Prairie Events Center.

CAMP

Continued from Page 1

to trumpet, keep him working as a session player and performer. Also a vocalist, Shultz has played with Bob Will's Texas Playboys, David "Fathead" Newman, Claude Gray, Red Stegall, and many other name musicians. Shultz owns World Records Recording Studio in Crowell, Texas.

Other instructors will include Linda Steen, who instructs beginning fiddle students. Glenn McLaughlin will be making his third year at the camp, and he will be working his magic with the beginning guitar students. Also returning is Jess Meador, noted for his versatility and ability to improvise. He has won many awards and honors such as Texas State Junior Fiddle

For more information, visit www.bobbyboatrightwesternswingmusiccamp.com or contact Sollis at jwsollis@yahoo. com (940) 839-7870.

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Squash Cook-Off slated for June 15

Squash chefs, get ready. The seventh annual Squash Cook-off will be held on June 15 at the Village Primitives in

To enter, bring your squash dish, with your recipe, by 11 a.m. Judging will be at 11:30 a.m.

For more information, please call (940) 996-2428.



SAMMIE'S KNOX CITY CORNER AND FINAL THOUGHTS

Monday and I'm back in the saddle again in redneck style but hey I like it this is what I call home and my roots are here and so is all my love for just about all the community. So get ready cause I'm going to be here for a long time with gods help.

This past week it was slow down time for Knox City after reunions and funerals, some were happy times and memories and some were sad but that's okay we can handle anything because god want give us any more. Guys you all are always in our prayers and our thoughts are

You know my coffee guys are

the start of the day after a wonderful wake to my husband and

This weekend Benjamin got ready for their homecoming and it was going great.

my family is doing great.

Ron Bruce we was Rhonda Rodriquez and Ron Bruce Jr. Father lived in Munday and a truck driver had a massive heart attack he was taken home to be at our father's side we know that always a great part of healing but families our love and thoughts are with you all.

Another of our old friends dies. The father of Pam Hayes Reed and Delbert Hayes Jr. of Seymour passed away last Tuesday night, also after a heart atpray our loved ones don't suffer and God has been good.

Hayes family, we are praying and thinking of you all through your road ahead. But know with God all things are possible.

Rhonda Rodriguez, Augie Rodriquez's wife, has been but, hey, I can wait... hospitalized in Hendricks in Abilene. She has what some call a staff infection and causes her health to be jeopardized because her dialysis. They are treating her with lots of antibiotics before they can take care of the problem that started the whole process. But God is our greater doctor and He is on our loved ones' doctor's shoulder. Keep

them in your prayers. Roy Rodriquez, my brother, has also been transferred to Hendricks in Abilene. Hopefully, when I visit Monday, I will be able to have some answers and we can control what ever the problem is, so if you call the house please feel free to call me if you need some information. As of Sunday, the doctors were keeping him comfortable and pain-free until he sees all of his doctors. Let me tell you, he knows how to double up on my gray hairs but, hey, that's OK. I want him to be okay and to be able to be home. Please help us pray. It has been a long hard road for me, and I know Eddie has stood by my side. I couldn't have asked for anything better from God.

We love you all. Thanks for you're prayers and phone calls.

Linda Espinoza has now been in a coma and free of pain as I visited with Amanda Abila by

phone. They are so strong and staying together. Our prayers have really given them strength to lean on each other for support and love. Thanks to God.

The Knox City hospital staff, One Tuesday evening Mr. doctors and everyone has been great toward all the families, and that makes you very grateful in a small community. That's very important because it is like we are all families and very close friends. So be thankful for hat we have because some small communities don't even have a clinic. Please don't take it for granted.

I'm looking forward to our new facilities. It will be great.

I had a huge garage sale this past weekend. By Friday evetack hit him hard. We always ning, I was so tired but it went great, thanks to my wonderful girls. Patty and Aubri Garcia spent most of the week days with me, and I sure thank God for them. It has been hard since the back surgery and broken wrist. It is all healing at a slow process

Our neighbors, Logan and his wife and kids, were on a kids' missionary trip this week and Jennifer Unlaty was also gone to visit some of their grandparents and family. It was pretty lonely on our block.

Looks like Romaine Stubbs' granddaughter, Skyler, came to spend some time in Knox City this summer. I'm sure Romaine will really enjoy that.

Look what's coming up. Tammy Baker and her husband (I can't remember his name. Hopefully, I will learn it soon) are trying to put together a food pantry behind the chamber building. He could probably use a couple of strong high schoolers, or graduates, to help out with some of the heavy lifting. Please stop by and

see if you can help. Parents, get ready! Our baseball youth are getting ready for their championship game, and according to some parents, it will be held in Hamlin this year. Some parents have said they are

going. It has been a wonderful week, and has been a great day of garage saling. I have had enough

and tomorrow is another day. Please take care and be careful.

God bless our troops and each of us, Sammie

Pain seminar to be held on June 21

Haskell Memorial Hospital, in Haskell. Featured speaker along with Texas Agrilife Extension Service, will be sponsoring a seminar on "Understanding and Managing Persistent Pain." The seminar is scheduled for Thursday, June 21, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Haskell Memorial Hospital Education Building

for the free seminar will be Dr. Rene Flores. For more information area Haskell Memorial Hospital at

residents may contact the (940) 864-2621 or Texas AgriLife Extension Service - Haskell County at (940) 864-2658.

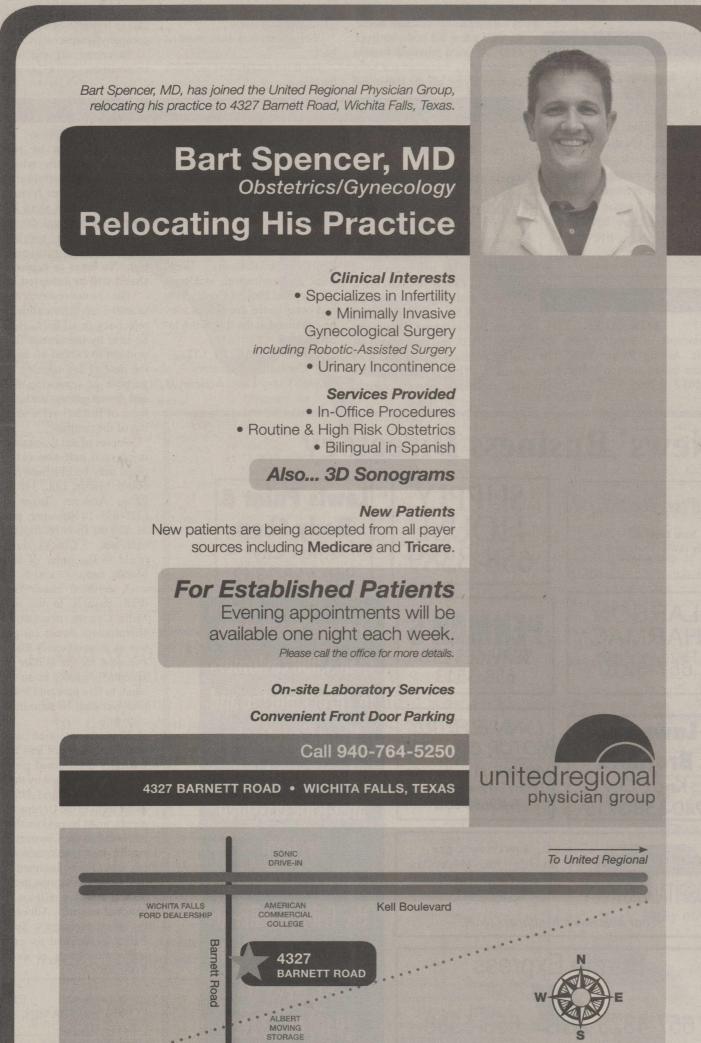
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on community service, including purchasing glasses for children who cannot afford them, making eye appointments and, if needed, driving children to the optometrist.

The KC Lions Club, which will be celebrating its 75th anniversary next year, also supports the Lions camp in Kerrville which caters to handicapped children, diabetic, cancer, burn victims and those who are handicapped in whatever way.

The Knox City Lions are looking for new members who want to serve the community. Prospective members should attend any Wednesday noon meeting at the KC Aging Center, or contact a member of the local organization.



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