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## City won't move to Stage 2

TOMMY WELLS  
The Knox County News

The Knox City City Council received a bit of disturbing news on Tuesday evening. They didn't, however, feel the need to spread the bad news to Knox City residents ... yet.

Council members decided not to elevate the city's drought contingency status to Stage 2, meaning city residents won't face stricter water conservation rules. Currently, the city is in Stage 1 of the Drought Contingency Plan.

According to Knox City City Administrator, Stage 1 calls for a voluntary reduction of water consumption by 10 percent from each city customer.

The North Central Texas Municipal Water Association brought the issue to a head by writing the city council a letter recommending the city's governing body examine its drought plan.

Knox City and Munday are in relatively good shape as of now. The two communities are in the first of the five stages in the state's drought plan. The two communities receive their water from Miller Creek.

Other area communities haven't been as lucky. The City of Throckmorton is at Stage 3 (alternating days of watering at restricted times). With Lake Throckmorton at just 28 percent of its capacity, the city is nearing a point which it will have to blend water purchased from Graham.

The City of Crowell is also under water restrictions, as is Rule, which instituted Stage 1 recently.

In other business, the city council reappointed Dr. Zeke Duke as Mayor Pro-Tem, and reappointed Joe Barnard to the NCTMWA board. The council also approved the police department's new policy manual.

The council also voted to renew its employment contract with Roberts, who has served as city administrator for the past year. Roberts' contract was extended two years.

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The sale of alcoholic beverages became a reality in Knox City last Friday when Penman's Services received a shipment. The sale of alcoholic beverages for off-premise consumption was approved by local voters last month.

## BOOZE BOOM

### Alcohol sales spur sales at local store, could lead to growth in jobs

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If anyone had any doubts whether the city's approval of off-premise alcohol sales would help local business, they don't need to wonder any more. They definitely help.

"They (sales) have been good," said Penman's Services manager Roland Marion. "It has definitely increased the sale of other things. People usually don't just come in to purchase beer, they buy other things so it's been good for us."

Penman's Services was the first Knox City business to obtain its alcohol sales permit from the state.

The business received its license last Wednesday and received its first truckload of alcoholic beverages on Friday morning.

Marion said he was thankful the alcohol sales issue passed. The economy had slowed sales, so the ability to add alcohol sales was a welcomed revenue stream.

"Our survey indicated it (alcohol sales) would increase the sale of other items," he said. "I'm just glad the people here, and the churches, realized this was something that would help."

The sale of alcoholic beverages was approved by Knox City residents last month in the primary election.

The increased activity could lead to another huge gain for the local economy. Marion said increased sales

have Penman's officials looking to add employees.

"Hiring some more people is something we are looking to do," he said. "We have five employees right now and they all worked overtime last week. I feel we will add more employees because of this."

Penman's Services will be expanding its alcoholic beverage selection even more in the coming days. Lindsey Penman said the business had received its license to sell wine, and will begin offering it for sale on Friday.

"We're looking forward to offering it to our customers," said Penman. "It's something we think will help the business."

A second Knox County business (Allsup's) is expected to obtain its license later this week.

## C of C seeking sponsors for Watermelon Festival

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Here's a news flash for you. There's going to be a huge party in Knox City next month. And the Knox City Chamber of Commerce is looking for a few good people to help pay for it.

The chamber has kicked off its preparations for the 24th annual Donald Johnson Memorial Watermelon Festival, and is currently seeking sponsors to help fund the event.

"The Knox City Chamber of Commerce is getting ready and very excited, hoping to have a great festival this year. But, of course, we need sponsors to help

fund the festival," chamber officials wrote in a flier that was distributed to local businesses.

The festival is scheduled for July 27-28.

According to the chamber, there are several sponsorship packages available to businesses. Businesses can become a full sponsor by pledging \$500 or more. The sponsorships can range from \$50 to \$400.

To reserve a sponsorship package send a copy of your company logo and business information, along with the check for whatever amount you choose, to the KC Chamber of Commerce at P.O. Box 91, Knox City, Texas, 79529, or call (940) 658-3442.



Work on the road at the main intersection in Knox City continued to move along this week. TXDOT employees have put down one strip of concrete and are preparing the rest of the road for paving.

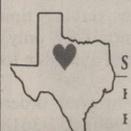
## June brings welcome rain to county

The month of June has been kind to Knox County through its first 17 days. Very, very kind.

Knox County has received almost one-third of its total precipitation during the first half of the month, taking in 2.96 inches.

For the year, Knox County has accumulated just 9.79 inches.

The bulk of the rainfall in the county came on June 14 when a storm dumped 1.04 inches of precipitation. Just over half an inch fell on June 12 and June 13, bring the three-day total to more than 1.5 inches.



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# Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

After a rainy—somewhat “stormy-like” week, today, Monday, looks pretty good. It’s much cooler, but very little wind and is actually very pleasant. We did have rain off and on all last week, and though I’m not sure how much we got, it was nice. Enough to make the grass (and weeds) grow and, of course, that means mowing. We know we’re apt to have a mosquito outbreak—seems that always happens after rain. We’ll just have to deal with it.

### SYMPATHY EXTENDED

My sincere sympathy to the Espinosa and Pack families this week. Linda Espinosa passed away last week after a few months’ illness suffering from pancreatic cancer. Her funeral was Thursday. Lela Mae Pack also passed away last week after having a stroke. Her funeral was Saturday. And former Benjamin resident, Nicky Leaverton, died on Wednesday. He had been ill quite some time. He lived at Granbury. A memorial service will be held later—a time and place to be decided. Of course, sincere sympathy to Nicky’s family.

### HERE ‘N THERE

One correction from last week’s column—In listing the

names of those who registered for Homecoming, Irene Polster’s married name was given as Penick. It should have been Greenhaw. Her sister Geraldine’s name is Penick. Anyway, that’s not bad as many names as there were, but I do apologize for the mistake.

Mary Young had a three-class party at her home on Saturday of the Homecoming weekend. Representatives of the classes of ‘51, ‘52, and ‘53 met for visiting, food, and just a real good time. There were some ‘drop-bys’ from other classes who joined in on the fun. Mike Gideon of Bryan spent Fathers’ Day with his Dad, Weldon, and other family members.

Brett Bumpas told me his Mom, Sue, is in a nursing facility in Jacksboro and doing fair. He says she’s still mentally alert but has some physical problems. She has had both hips replaced and never really did too well after that. She’s 90 now. He visited her on his way to Benjamin for Homecoming and was going back and visit longer before returning to his home in Oregon.

Brandon and Jessica Hutchison of Abilene spend the weekend with her parents, Mike and Debi Moorhouse. Nathan and Liz Herring and children of

Munday were also over here for lunch on Sunday.

Mike and Debi Moorhouse and Dillon Keys were in Dallas Thursday for Dillon to see his kidney doctor. He got a good report, and unless a problem shows up, he doesn’t have to go back to Dallas for a year. He will, however, keep checking with local doctors from time to time to be sure all is going well.

Judy and Randolph Barnett and Philomae Roberson were in Lubbock Saturday for a birthday party honoring Jaylee Kate, daughter of Jim Bob and Jenny Beth Conner. Jaylee turned three, and lots of family and friends joined in to help her celebrate. The party was held at an activity center, and a catered meal followed. Cayden Conner spent several days last week with grandparents, Judy and Randolph. He returned home on Saturday. Judy said they also visited the Pioneer Museum in Crosbyton and that it was a very nice and interesting facility.

Bill and Sue Roberts, who live near Austin, have been here a few days visiting family and friends. They also took Bea Parks to see his parents (Bea’s sister), Kenneth and Jessie Roberts in the Knox City Care Home. Bea loves company and likes to visit in person or on the phone, so if you get a chance, drop by to see her or give her a call. She gets pretty lonesome, especially with the Roberts away from their home, Nancy in Germany for several weeks, and Pam still recovering from her knee surgery. (I think she is doing quite well—just can’t do much yet.)

### Pain seminar slated

Haskell Memorial Hospital, along with Texas Agrilife Extension, will be sponsoring a seminar on “Understanding and Managing Persistent Pain” for Thursday, June 21, beginning at 6 p.m.



### Fading to black ...

Downtown Knox City will be losing a familiar sight in the near future when KC Video and Gifts closes its doors. A sign in the front window of the business notifies customers that the video store/gift shop will be “going out of business.”

## Of black cattle and white bears

My friend and utility consultant, Stevo, often points out the obvious in a sea of obfuscating shrapnel. For example, upon seeing a sailing vessel on the high seas, I noted that sailors in the old days often did not know how to swim. Stevo commented, with the wisdom of my shoe-shine lady, “Probably made them better sailors!”

Not long ago, in Erath, we were discussing cattle genetics and breeding. In South Louisiana one can see the influence of the Brahman breed. They are bred to be heat resistant. I noted that Brangus is a popular cross in the south and southwest. He struck a pose, not unlike Rodin sitting on a chamber pot, and observed, “Did it ever occur to you that we spent decades breeding and selecting a bloodline that was heat resistant, and then made him black?”

Which immediately lead me to why are polar bears white? By all rights they should be black to absorb the sun’s rays in the frigid Arctic. The same logic applies to Norwegians. They should be a dark-skinned



## BAXTER BLACK

ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

race. The closer a human lives to the equator, the lighter their skin should be.

Somewhere back in the Jurassic period when cowmen began crossing braymers (Bos indicus) with the English and Continental breeds, the subject of color had to come up. Obviously, everyone had their own box of crayons; Santa Gertrudis, Charbray, Beefmaster, Brayford, Simbrah, Gelbray, Jerbray, Brostein, Brangalo, and White Tail Breer!

Today, in my short-sided view, it is easy to see why breeders wanted the Brangus breed black. It is the same reason most purebred breeds have accepted a black version of their own breed...MARKETING.

All things being even in a sale barn, black cattle bring a little more money than anything

else. It is the “illusion of Angus.” Their reputation for grading higher has soaked into our psychomoseeze. It derived from the fact that Angus were smaller, matured quicker, and therefore started depositing fat sooner. At an equal weight and age the Angus graded higher.

Nowadays the Certified Angus Beef has built a value-added facet. It is logical to assume that other breeders will also take advantage of the color and the name. We’ll see Black-White-face Angus, Black Fine Wool Angus, Black Spotted, Roan, Yellow, and Buckskin Angus. I wonder if Red Angus has a black version?

All of this defies the logic of breeding a black-beat resistant cow, which takes us back to the polar bear. Maybe they can sense global warming and will keep migrating south where their white hide can reflect the equatorial sun. Nature is finally making sense. They will imitate the centuries old phenomenon of all the migrating snowbird farmers who flock to Brawley, CA, Yuma, AZ and McAllen, TX in the winter. RV parks are filled with ¾ ton Pickups...and they’re all white!

### 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.

### Knox County Aging Services

The following lunch menus have been listed for the week of June 25-29 for the Knox County Aging Services

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

**Monday, June 25** - Taco/corn chip salad, seasoned corn, watermelon, peach cobbler.

**Tuesday, June 26** - Cheeseburger meal, potato wedges, tomato/wedge salad, melon medley.

**Wednesday, June 27** - Baked chicken breast, baked potato/sour cream, peas, pineapple tidbits, chocolate pudding.

**Thursday, June 28** - Salmon patty, lima beans, cole slaw, cornbread, tropical fruit.

**Friday, June 29** - Chicken fajitas, fajita vegetables, chuckwagon corn, spanish rice/flour tortilla, fruit cocktail.

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

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**ACROSS**

1 TXism: "wouldn't know him from \_\_\_"

5 Houston gymnastics coach Karolyi

6 Olympics organization (abbr.)

7 "\_\_\_ to Texas"

8 TXism: "\_\_\_ Katy bar the door!"

9 slogan: "Houston, So \_\_\_ to Explore"

17 classic western: "High \_\_\_"

19 TXism: "thick \_\_\_ back"

20 TXism: "\_\_\_right boys" (police)

21 singers: "\_\_\_ of the Pioneers"

22 metroplex airport on Arbor Day, you're supposed to \_\_\_ tree

30 Maverick Co. seat

34 this Ames was Mingo on "Daniel Boone (init.)"

35 in Comanche Co. on 6

36 \_\_\_ and Abel

37 TXism: "couldn't lick his \_\_\_ lip"

39 TXism: "\_\_\_ as Red River mud"

43 concrete foundation

44 San \_\_\_

45 TXism: "I'm fixin' \_\_\_ do it"

46 TXism: "\_\_\_ do in a pinch"

**DOWN**

1 TXism: "snug as \_\_\_ a rug"

2 so. of Dallas on I-35

3 early TX mapper: "\_\_\_ Leon \_\_\_"

4 defensive weapon for some TX women

9 first female gov.: "\_\_\_ Ferguson"

10 Washington house of TX Cornyn

11 pork or karate

12 TX Caroline Hunt once owned \_\_\_ Ranch in Hawaii

13 TXism for "Mrs."

14 TXism: "always \_\_\_ with the short end of the stick"

50 hearing organ pains

53 French fleur-\_\_\_lis flew over Texas

54 TXism: "\_\_\_ way Jose"

55 "double-dog" challenges

56 switch to SMU from UT

59 modesty is not a common \_\_\_ among Texans

60 TXism: "the ball \_\_\_ chain" (spouse)

61 TXism: "he could sell \_\_\_ cubes to Eskimos"

62 Lavaca River first called "\_\_\_ Veches" (the cattle)

14 TXism: "come hell \_\_\_ high water"

15 \_\_\_ and reel

16 weaken

18 TXism: "he's a \_\_\_" (useless)

23 TX Audie Murphy: World \_\_\_ II hero

24 Gov. Price (init.)

25 Houston's last wife Margaret

26 in Wood Co. on 69

27 TXism: "never sign anything in the glow of a \_\_\_ light"

28 Dallas Stars were highly \_\_\_ in '98

41 family member

42 where you find fruit stands in TX

47 \_\_\_ Ross was gov. from 1886-90

49 \_\_\_ Lavaca, TX

51 Huckleberry's river transport

52 TXism: "his facts \_\_\_ elastic" (liar)

57 TXism: "skinny as \_\_\_"

58 TX-born John \_\_\_ Garner was 32nd VP

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DEADLINES—The deadline to submit news and advertising is 4 p.m. on Fridays. Exceptions may be granted only by permission from the Editor.

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.

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# Obituaries

## William Charles 'Nick' Leaverton

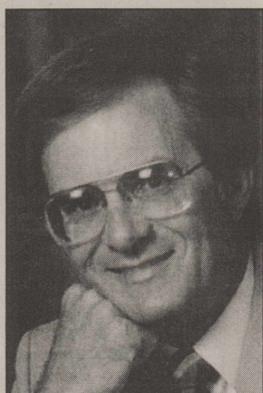
GRANBURY -- William Charles "Nick" Leaverton, 74, passed away at his home in Granbury, Texas, on June 13, 2012 after a year-long battle with cancer.

A celebration of his life will be held at Wiley Funeral Home, 400 Highway 377 East, Granbury, Texas 76048 on Wednesday, July 25, 2012, at 2 p.m.

Mr. Leaverton is survived by his wife of 35 years, Jan Leaverton of Granbury, Texas, and his first wife of 20 years Shirley Leaverton Jordan. His son, Richard Leaverton and his wife, Janice, of Littleton, Colorado, grandsons, U.S. Army PFC James Leaverton of Colorado Springs, CO. and Daniel Leaverton of Ft. Collins, CO. daughters, Julianne Hall and her husband, Kendall, of Delta, Colorado, and Jenifer Metz of Bloomington, IL., as well as grandchildren, Paige Metz and Austin Metz, also of Bloomington. Two brothers, Bert Leaverton and his wife, Judy, of Knox City, Texas, and Jerry Leaverton and his wife, Cindy, of Wichita Falls, Texas, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Nick was preceded in death by his father, William Clarence "Sam" Leaverton, his mother, Ludie Leaverton, his sister Linda Sue Leaverton Blanton, and his beloved Aunt Essie Mae Walters.

"Nick" as everyone but immediate family knew him, was born and raised in rural Knox County, Texas. As a young family man, Nick moved to California in the 1950's, making a name



William Charles 'Nick' Leaverton

for himself in the photo-finishing industry; first with Technicolor and later Custom Color and Berkey Photo. At the age of 40, Nick was ready for a career change, he and his wife Jan purchased a Kwik Kopy Printing franchise in Lufkin, Texas. Later they added another Kwik Kopy in Nacogdoches, Texas. During the late 1970's and early 80's their family business grew as "Kwik Nick" commercials aired on local TV and radio stations in East Texas. In the late 1980's Nick and Jan decided to "retire" to Pismo Beach, California, in order to be near Jan's folks, but the smell of ink and the roar of the presses called Nick again, and lured the duo back into the printing business. The couple purchased several print shops over a 10-year span and consolidated them into Santa Maria Printers. In 1999, Nick gave retirement one more go-around,

they moved back to Texas to enjoy the East Texas Piney Woods and their grandchildren.

After his retirement, Nick kept busy traveling and visiting with friends and family. Not one to be idle too long, Nick convinced Jan to go back to work, soon they dabbled in the concession business as food vendors on First Monday Weekends in Canton, Texas, and running the concession stand at the baseball park in Chandler, TX for two years. Nick's last few years were filled with wonderful memories of golf games with friends, trips to visit grandchildren, and relaxing on the patio with his wife Jan and their dogs Barkley and Lacy.

Always civic minded, Nick was a member of the Lufkin, Texas Chamber of Commerce and graduated in the Chamber's first Leadership Lufkin class in 82-83. He was involved in other service organizations: the Lufkin Noon Lion's Club and the Santa Maria Breakfast Rotary Club, Nick represented the Santa Maria Rotary Club as the organization's president at the International Rotarian's meeting in Nice, France in 1996.

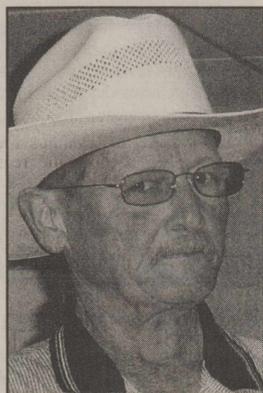
William Charles Leaverton will be remembered fondly as husband, father, friend and the unique individual that he was by all that had the fortune to cross paths with him.

Please make any memorial contributions to Rotary Club International (memorials@rotary.org) or The Ex-Students' Association of Benjamin, Texas.

## Timothy (Tim) Darwin Watson

Timothy (Tim) Darwin Watson, 60, passed away Sunday morning, June 17, 2012 at his home in Vera. Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, June 20, 2012 at the Red Springs Baptist Church in Red Springs with Rev. Gary Schnable and Pastor Shannon Waters officiating. Interment followed at the Vera Cemetery under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes of Knox City. Visitation was planned for Tuesday evening, June 19, from 6 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Tim was born on Feb. 12, 1952 in Knox City to Thomas Paul (T.P.) and Nettie Mae (Langley) Watson. He lived in Knox City most of his life and was a rig supervisor for Basic Energy Services. Tim married April D. Tears in Knox City on Feb.



Timothy (Tim) Darwin Watson 14, 1998.

He was preceded in death by his father, T.P. Watson; one brother, Randy Watson; and two

sisters, Phyllis Gaston and Teresa De Los Rios.

Tim is survived by his wife, April D. Watson of Vera; mother, Nettie Mae Watson of Knox City; two daughters, Misty Watson Rocha of Tuscola, and Melissa Northrup of Wichita Falls; three sons, Aaron Watson of Tuscola, Donnie Northrup and Derrick Northrup, both of Seymour; three brothers, Tom Watson of Midland, Arly Watson of Springtown and Terry Watson of Haskell; two sisters, Cathy Watson of O'Brien and Martha Casillas of Knox City; seven grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

If desired, memorials can be given in Tim's name to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123.

## Lela Mae Pack

One of Knox County's longest native citizen, Lela Mae Pack passed away Monday, June 11, 2012 at the age of 94.

Lela Mae Simmons was born in Sunset on Sept. 21, 1917 to Jeff and Mary Simmons. She married W.E. (Pete) Pack on Sept. 28, 1935. Pete passed away in 1999. Pete and Lela Mae were married for 64 years and had three boys, Don, Gary, and Randy. Lela Mae worked as a nurse for Knox County Hospital for 30 years, retiring in 1989. She loved having served so many neighbors and friends. One of her proudest moments in life was being valedictorian of the LVN class of 1970 at Vernon Regional College. Lela Mae was active in the Knox County Hospital Auxilliary and the United Methodist Women. She loved her neighbors and appreciated the community of Knox City. She has been a blessing to her son Randy's household for the last four months and will be missed.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Pete Pack; parents, Jeff and Mary Simmons; and her son, Gary Pack.



Lela Mae Pack

Lela Mae is survived by eldest son Don Pack of Houston, her youngest son, Randy Pack and his wife, Suzy, of Odessa and their daughters, Emily Ann and Katie; Gary's widow, Linda Pack of Kilgore and their daughter, Crystal Johnson and her husband, Nathaniel, of Las Vegas, Nevada and children, Christain,

Jayden, and Trenton Bell; daughter, Amber Browning, and husband, John, of Lindale and son, Aaron; and their son, Gary Lynn Pack, Jr. and his fiancée, Hollie Hunter, of Kerrville and their son, Carter Pack. She also leaves several nieces and nephews and special friends, Lois Cypert and the ladies of Knox City's UMW.

The family will welcome friends from 6 to 7 p.m. on Friday, June 15, at the funeral home in Knox City. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m., Saturday, June 16, 2012 at the First Methodist Church with Rev. Tom Carter officiating. Interment will follow at Knox City Cemetery under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes.

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# White House bound in 4 years

I have decided that I will run for president in four years. I would make a good president. They say a poor politician is an honest one. These are my campaign promises. If you are not a legal citizen of this country and are not willing to sign up for a temporary work visa and provide proof of working and a payroll stub showing you are paying your fair share ... you get the boot.

Foreign Aid is done. All that money will be put into the Social Security account and will only take about 10 years to get that back in the black.

These are the only ways you will get a check for foreign aid.

If you do not fly the Stars and Stripes, you get nothing in the way of aid. So, if we don't have a military base on your soil, don't ask for anything. If we give you aid and ask for a favor you better comply or the base, the financial aid and our security forces are gone.

If you want tax breaks for a corporation, then build your product in the U.S.A. You can sell it overseas but too qualify as a American corporation 80 percent of all your goods have to be manufactured here.

If you want to get financial aid for college, make a 80 or better in all of your classes and

## Just Jeff



By Jeff Stanfield

we will make sure you get a college loan at 1 percent.

If you want to live in government housing, make sure you can pass a drug test. If you want a government check for not working come on down to the nearest city hall or county barn we will have a shovel and hoe and you can earn that check each week.

If you want free birth control we can arrange that. It will work like this: If you live in government housing, or get any kind of assistance, then expect to be on birth control. If you can not afford to provide for yourself, why should you have children.

Healthcare is the tricky one. In 2012, we should have healthcare for everyone that is affordable, so I will raise taxes by creating a 1 percent sales

tax on everything and everyone will get a voucher good for any health insurance they want from any provider. This should keep good healthcare down to about \$100 per person per month.

If you want a government job, it will go to the most qualified, regardless of color, religion or sexual preference. No longer will we hire a man or woman with separate tests.

If you go to prison, expect to work on a chain gang and to attend church every Sunday and talk about God. We will have freedom of religion in prison, too - choose between the Old or New Testament.

Jeff Stanfield is a local columnist.

## News office to be closed over 4th of July week

Knox County News publisher Tommy Wells has announced the newspaper office will be closed from July 2 through July 6 to allow the owners and employees to observe the Independence Day holidays.

The newspaper will not be published on July 5. It will return to its normal publishing schedule on July 12.

# KC AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

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Tex Cox, Pastor

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening Classes 5:00 p.m. • Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Warriors 6:00 p.m.

### FOURSQUARE CHURCH - Knox City

Gary A. Schnable, Pastor

Sunday Morning Worship at 10:50 a.m.

Sunday Evening Worship at 6 p.m. • Mid-Week, Wed. at 6:30 p.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast 6:00 am. Wednesday Morning

### SANTA ROSA CATHOLIC CHURCH BILINGUAL - Knox City

Aju Prince Phillips, Sacramental Minister • Deacon Ben Vasquez Sunday Mass at 11 a.m.

### LIBERTY COMMUNITY C.O.G.I.C. - Knox City

Gene Ward Jr., Pastor

Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. • Sunday Morning Services - 11 a.m. Monday Evening Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

### ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH - Rhineland

Aju Prince Phillips, Sacramental Minister • Deacon Jim Novak Monday through Friday mornings, 8 a.m. Mass Saturday Mass at 6 p.m. • Sunday Mass at 9 a.m.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - Benjamin

Sunday School at 10 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 11 a.m.

### FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - Benjamin

Thomas Carter, Pastor

Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m. • Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.

### GILLESPIE BAPTIST CHURCH - Gillespie

Matt Harrington, Pastor

Sunday School at 10 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship at 6 p.m. • Mid-Week, Wed. at 6 p.m.

### CHURCH OF CHRIST - Benjamin

Bible Study at 9 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 10 a.m.

### THE BELIEVERS' CHAPEL - Highway 222

Shannon Waters, Pastor

Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. - Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m. Mid-Week, Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

### O'BRIEN BAPTIST CHURCH - O'Brien

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## COUNCIL

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The council tabled a measure seeking sealed bids for city-owned lots and property until next month. They also tabled its approval of the transfer of trust property, and the purchase of new equipment.

The Knox City City Council meets on the third Tuesday of each month in the city council chambers. The KC City Council's next meeting will be on July 17.

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# Sports

## Grid galas becoming popular

There was a time when the first game of the high school football season meant one of two things. You were either going to be at home after the game wondering how everyone else did, or you were driving back from someone else's field wondering how everyone else did.

Thanks to Jim Ed Ferguson and Nike, such isn't the case anymore for many six-man football teams in Texas. That's because many of them are traveling to a single site to participate in Opening Day jamborees.

When the 2012 high school season gets under way on Aug. 30, there will be no less than 25 teams participating in five tournament-style events at various sites in the state.

The Knox City Greyhounds and Throckmorton Greyhounds will be among the teams heading to a single site. Knox City and Throckmorton are both scheduled to participate in the Jayton Gridiron Classic.

In Jayton, 10 of the top teams in the state are scheduled to face off over a three-day span to begin the 2012 season.

Borden County, the defending Division I six-man state runner-up, will open the Jayton Gridiron Classic on Thursday with a matchup against Crowell, beginning at 6 p.m.

Throckmorton will begin defense of its state crown following that contest, with an 8 p.m. showdown against Rotan.

Knox City will kick off its season on Saturday evening, beginning at 8 p.m. with a game against Petersburg.

Paducah, Newcastle, Highland, Motley County, Jayton, Lueders-Avooca, Sterling City and Chillicothe will open the year at the Jayton festival.

A total of 12 teams will kick off the year at the 2012 McCamey West Texas Shootout. Those games are scheduled to begin on Aug. 30 and run through Saturday.

Among the teams that will

be playing in McCamey are Water Valley, Garden City, Fort Davis, Sierra Blanca, Marfa, Grandfalls-Royalty, Rankin, Balmorhea, Klondike, Sanderson and Buena Vista.

Happy will be debuting its six-man shootout this season, showcasing eight teams from the Texas panhandle.

Happy and Lefors will begin the event on Aug. 31. Miami, Loop, Amherst, Follett, Kress and Meadow will be the other teams playing.

And, of course, there is the granddaddy of all of the six-man football showcases - the Hico Super Saturday gala.

Now in its 10th year, the festival will feature four games on Sept. 1.

Gordon will open the tournament gala with a showdown against Ira beginning at 10 a.m. Following that game, Abbott and Dallas Covenant will face off.

Beginning at 3 p.m., the Strawn Greyhounds will open

### McCamey Six-Man Shootout

Water Valley vs. Garden City, tba  
Ft. Davis vs. Sierra Blanca, tba  
Marfa vs. Grandfalls, tba  
Rankin vs. Balmorhea, tba  
Klondike vs. Sanderson, tba  
Lubbock (?) vs. Buena Vista, tba

### Jayton Gridiron Classic

Thursday, Aug. 30  
6 p.m. Borden Co. vs. Crowell  
8 p.m. Throckmorton vs. Rotan  
Friday, Aug. 31  
4 p.m. Paducah vs. Newcastle  
6 p.m. Highland vs. Motley Co.  
8 p.m. Jayton vs. Lueders-Avooca  
Saturday, Sept. 1  
6 p.m. Sterling City vs. Chillicothe  
8 p.m. Knox City vs. Petersburg

### Happy Kickoff Classic

Friday, Aug. 31  
7:30 p.m. Happy vs. Lefors  
Saturday, Sept. 1  
1 p.m. Miami vs. Loop  
4 p.m. Amherst vs. Follett  
7 p.m. Kress vs. Meadow

### Hico Six Man Super Saturday

Saturday, Sept. 1  
11 a.m. Gordon vs. Ira  
1 p.m. Abbott vs. Dallas Covenant  
3 p.m. Strawn vs. Walnut Springs  
5 p.m. Valley vs. Jonesboro

their season against the Walnut Springs Hornets.

The Valley Patriots will close out the event starting at 5 p.m. with a game against Jonesboro.

## Benefit golf scramble set for July 9

A four-man golf scramble tournament has been scheduled for July 9 in Concan, Texas, to benefit Greg Scarlett.

A former resident of the area, Scarlett and his wife, Angie, had been serving as house parents at the Big Springs Ranch for Children. He was recently diagnosed with throat and tongue cancer. Proceeds of the tournament will go toward his medical expenses.

Scarlett is the former owner of Scarlett Butane in Throckmorton. For more information about the tournament call (830) 232-4471. An account with the First State Bank of Uvalde has also been created for those that would like to help.



Above is a collage of photos from the recent Haskell FUMC Vacation Bible School.

## Haskell FUMC's iChurch VBS is deemed a success

iChurch Vacation Bible School at Haskell 1st United Methodist Church was June 5, 2012. In all, 92 children grades pre-k through 8 and 31 workers were in attendance.

Amy Sloan was in charge of getting everything organized and keeping it moving. Classes, crafts, art, music, community service and fitness were the highlights of the all-day learning event, which lasted from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Pastor Dustin Wilhite welcomed the group and then stayed busy helping all day long. Burgers were cooked by him the night before with help from Don Ballard.

Lunch, snack time, and a family cookout kept everyone happy. Many church members brought homemade ice cream for the evening meal.

Sith, seventh and eighth grade classes did community service (cleaning the park) and had a fun time swimming at the Lane's home pool.

Workers were Cathy Bartley, Shannon Sanford, Jen-

nifer Rowe, Shelia Homeyer, Laurie McBroom, Madison Homeyer, Paula Everett, Taylor Burson, Lane Burson, Lauren Weir, Melissa O'Brien, Laurie Newberry, Josh Dameron, Shannon Sanford, Sandra Fry, Kathryn Schonerted, Shirley Sloan, Sherry Adams, Alice Ballard, Marjane Cunningham, Sharon Lusk, Vickie Josselet, JoNell Roberts, Ember Medford, Kristi Gibson, Kathryn Medford, Jennifer Bridges, Renee Gober, and Myranda Wilhite.

If you would like to see pictures online from VBS, email sfryrochester@yahoo.com

For "This Century's Vacation Bible School" the entire group of 123 students and workers ended the program with an amazing music event.

VBS 2012 was so successful this year that students, parents, and workers have fond memories of a great day at Haskell 1st United Methodist Church.

## Wheat and Stocker Cattle Conference to be held July 31

Refocusing after the drought will be the focus of the Cattle Trails Wheat and Stocker Cattle Conference, a joint effort between the Texas AgriLife Extension Ser-

vice and the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service, to be held July 31 in Wichita Falls.

The conference, which alternates between Texas and Oklahoma each year, will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the MPEC Center, 1000 5th St. in Wichita Falls.

This annual conference provides wheat producers and stocker cattle operators with the most up-to-date information on topics that influence their operations profits, said Stan Bevers, AgriLife Extension economist in Vernon.

The slogan of the annual conference is "Driving your operation to profits," however Bevers said the target for this year's conference will be refocusing on production and profitability after last year's drought.

"Many production areas have received adequate rainfall, but the drought has left some lasting impressions including fewer calves for grazing," Bevers said. "Coming out of last year's drought will require a new level of understanding and pencil pushing."

Registration is \$25 per person and includes educational materials, printed proceedings, a noon meal and refreshments. Additional information can be obtained at <http://agriscience.tamu.edu>.

Key speakers presenting information include: Dr. Larry Sanders, Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service economist, discussing the general economic outlook for agriculture; Paul Coleman, chief operations officer and partner, Fontera Feedyard, Muleshoe, discussing the current challenges in the feedlot industry; and Dr. J.P. Pollreisz, veterinarian for Pfizer, Inc., Amarillo, discussing challenges for maintaining the health and productivity of stocker cattle.

## Texas Cowboy Reunion

Stamford, Texas

July 3, 4, 5, 6, & 7, 2012

### SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Western Art Show and Sale - Art Gallery, Pavilion Building

July 4, 5, 6, & 7, - Preview Party and Sale, July 3, 6:30 p.m.

#### Tuesday - July 3rd

A.M.  
9:00 Team Roping in Main Arena  
P.M.  
6:30 Art Preview Party - Pavilion Building

#### Wednesday - July 4th

A.M.  
9:00 Coffee and Fellowship for Old Timers at Bunkhouse  
9:00 Sponsors Barrel Race - Main Arena  
11:30 Hamburger Lunch at Bunkhouse Shed  
P.M.  
4:00 Grand Parade - Downtown  
6:00 Chuckwagon Dinner at Ranch Chuckwagons  
8:00 Rodeo Performances  
9:30 Dance at Pavilion - Brazos Stone Band

#### Thursday - July 5th

A.M.  
8:00 Slack Roping in Main Arena, Calf Roping & Double Mugging  
9:00 Coffee and Fellowship for Old Timers at Bunkhouse  
10:00 Old Timers Directors Meeting at Bunkhouse  
10:30 Old Timers Gen. Membership Meeting - Bunkhouse  
11:30 Barbecue Lunch at Bunkhouse Shed  
P.M.  
1:00 Slack Roping - Main Arena  
6:00 Chuckwagon Dinner at Ranch Chuckwagons  
6:30 Kids Rodeo Activities - Pavilion  
8:00 Rodeo Performances  
"Big Country Tough Enough to Wear Pink Night"  
9:30 Dance at Pavilion - TBA

#### Friday - July 6th

A.M.  
8:00 Slack Roping in Main Arena, Calf Roping and Double Mugging  
9:00 Coffee and Fellowship for Old Timers at Bunkhouse  
10:00 Memorial Service for Old Timers at Bunkhouse  
11:00 Gospel Singing at Bunkhouse  
11:30 Barbecue Lunch at Bunkhouse Shed  
P.M.  
1:00 Slack Roping - Main Arena  
3:00 Horseshoe Pitching - Chuckwagon Grounds  
6:00 Chuckwagon Dinner at Ranch Chuckwagons  
8:00 Rodeo Performances  
9:30 Dance at Pavilion - Jody Nix & The Texas Cowboys

#### Saturday - July 7th

A.M.  
8:00 Old Time Cowboys Calf Roping and Breakaway Roping Eliminations - Main Arena  
9:00 Coffee and Fellowship for Old Timers at Bunkhouse  
10:00 Ranch Horse Competition in Main Arena  
10:00 Old Timers Fiddler's Contest - Bunkhouse  
11:00 Barbecue Cook off Judging - Chuckwagon Grounds  
11:30 Barbecue Lunch at Bunkhouse Shed  
P.M.  
12:00 Chuckwagon Lunch at Ranch Chuckwagons  
12:00 Chuckwagon Cookoff Judging - Chuckwagon Grounds  
3:00 Cowboy Symposium - Bunkhouse  
6:00 Chuckwagon Dinner at Ranch Chuckwagons  
8:00 Rodeo Performances  
9:30 Dance at Pavilion - Joey Green Band

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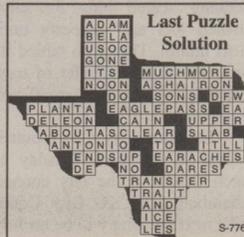


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### 2012 Weekly Weather Report

Date	Temperature (F)		Rainfall inches
	Low	High	
06/11	76	101	
06/12	68	88	0.23
06/13	65	93	0.32
06/14	66	100	1.04
06/15	67	96	0.27
06/16	69	96	0.26
06/17	67	95	0.1

Total Rainfall for month 2.22  
Total Rainfall for month 2.96  
2012 Rainfall (ytd) 9.79







**Class of '62 ...**

Members of the Knox City High School Class of 1962 held a reunion during the recent KC-O'Brien School Reunion. Attending the reunion were (front row, left to right) Charlotte Perdue Seay, David Denton, Charles Reeves, and Joe Tidwell, (back row) Earline Lewis Rister, Doris Marion Duke, Nellie Reyes, Jackie Givens Snailum, Donna Verhalen Albus, Sandra Wilson Abbott, and Frances Perez Munoz.

**SAMMIE'S KNOX CITY CORNER AND FINAL THOUGHTS**

Monday morning and my week has started as always ... busy and traveling to Abilene and back. I'm tired but I wouldn't do anything else.

Monday evening God called Linda Espinoza home in a peaceful sleep. God did not let her suffer. The services were held Thursday morning and as you looked around, you could tell she was loved. Her services were absolutely beautiful. For such a wonderful woman, wife, mother, grandmother and sister to know that God has called another angel home, it was beautiful. May her family have peace in their hearts and a lot of memories. She wouldn't want it any other way. God bless you all and our prayers will always be with you.

Roy Rodriguez came home from the hospital in Abilene with the results of his test. Everything was good and he is doing much better. I was very thankful for everything that was done from the bottom of my heart. Now it is time for him to recover at home and take care of himself. You cannot imagine the praise and worship that is done every minute of every day all over the world. It is awesome. Our God is an awesome God.

Ila Pack also went home with our Heavenly Father at the age of 94. She had three sons and one daughter. One of her sons, Gary Pack, preceded her in death. Her other sons are Don Pack and Randy Pack, and a daughter, Our prayers go out to them. May God bless you all.

Ila was a wonderful nurse and a great friend to many. She was very proud of her children and her children were just as proud of her. She was living in Midland but was brought here to Knox City for burial. May God be with you all.

Alfredo Aviles is still coping with his health and doing a good job. May God bless them all.

Tim Watson has entered into God's gates and another angel has gone home. As we express our deepest condolences to the

families and pray for them. Our loved ones are important to us, but we understand this is part of our lives and the journey we all travel but the last one is all you could ever have and never hurt. No more sadness, anger or being hurt by anyone else. It is over here in this world and the beauty began and the chain links start coming together at home forever. I guess you all noticed the fundraiser set out for Tim's family. If you haven't seen it and need some information I will be glad to provide that to you.

Also, I visited with the girls at Texas Tans and saw a picture by Alex Ledesma that is being used as a fundraiser for an employee of Jeremy Eaton's that became ill and has no insurance. His wife has gone to work, but they are in need of our help. The young man has had to have surgery for something to do with his brain stem. It will be a long road ahead.

Remember, God is watching over our every need. Help if you can ... and to have one of Alex's oilfield pictures would be awesome because I know how hard he works, and does a beautiful job. Sometimes we don't realize what talents we have and out of nowhere there it is. Only God knows. But it is awesome. Great job, Alex.

As I drive through town on a cool afternoon, I see some houses are under contract. I hope we get a chance to meet the new owners. Maybe they are new, or perhaps they are coming back to retire and enjoy the West Texas skies. There are a lot of homes still for sale and a lot that needs to be cleaned up. There are still some properties that need attention, but our city employees have their hands full with their work, but if you need some help I bet our chamber or city manager would be glad to have your information and pass it on. At least, that is where I would go if I needed help.

Hey kids, you want a few dollars? All you need to do is go out and ask and someone will need

you. I always said that was "just another dollar I didn't have."

It is great to have the Morrow and Ulety families back home. Our neighborhood was pretty quiet so it is great to see the kids home and doing great. We missed you all.

Tracy Carter and his family made it home after a week's vacation in Las Vegas and his nieces' wedding. They all had a great time. They probably came home to go to work and, as Eddie says, get some rest. Why Paula, Cassidy and Jack have gone to take them to basketball camp, they stopped by to visit with Khristy and Chris and the boys. While here, Jodi was visiting with Paul and Sandra and attended church on Sunday. It was great to see all of them.

James Klutts is still a little under the weather. He is having a hard time coming around. We have him, and all of the families in our community, in our thoughts and prayers. I know everyone can use our prayers.

Sonny and Brenda Corral have their daughter's two children home for some of the summer. I'm sure they are having a lot of fun.

Diana Casillas has been home for a few days after having a nasty fall at the KCCC pool. The cement was wet and she fell on it. That is why they always say don't run around the pool, and don't wear flip flops because they can be dangerous. She is still very sore, but I hope she gets better soon.

Ramon and Sandy Garcia are sure enjoying their grandson. He is as cute as a bug. Both the baby and his mom are doing great. He looks like Kayla ... and that is great.

Well, we have really enjoyed all of the rain. Thanks to God, and He can bring it on any day He wants and we'll take it.

Till next time, have a wonderful week.

God bless our troops and each of us,  
Sammie

**Alzheimer's support group sets meeting**

The Haskell County Alzheimer's Support Group will meet on Monday, June 25, at the Haskell County Extension Office located

at 101 S. Avenue D in Haskell. The one-hour meeting will begin at 3 p.m. A short program on "Activities and the Person With

Dementia" will be presented. Caregivers, family members and friends of individuals with Alzheimer's or a related dementia, should consider attending this meeting that is open to anyone in Haskell County or the surrounding area.

The support group meets the fourth Monday of every month from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. The monthly meetings offer a confidential environment where participants can share their concerns, support each other, and learn ways to cope with the challenges associated with long-term caregiving.

For more information you may contact Jane Rowan, County Extension Agent/FCS at (940) 864-2546 or Alzheimer's Association North Central Texas Chapter at (325) 672-2907 or 1 (800) 272-3900.



Where: First Baptist Church O'Brien  
Date: June 24th through 27th  
Time: 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Pre-Registration: Registration will be held at a Pool and Pizza Party on Friday, June 22, at the Knox City Pool from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

If needed, ride to and from VBS provided. Includes children who have just finished pre-school to 6th grade

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**Conditions 'normal': hot, dry with high winds**

There's good news and bad news when it comes to vegetable and melon production in the Winter Garden area of Southwest Texas, according to a Texas AgriLife Extension Service expert.

"The crops are actually doing pretty good, though it's getting extremely dry again," said Dr. Larry Stein, AgriLife Extension horticulturist specialist, Uvalde.

"Our water tables are dropping, and some of our wells are pumping a bit of air," he said. "We need runoff to replenish rivers and reservoirs, although we will finish the spring and summer crops okay."

The situation is becoming reminiscent of last fall, when growers worried if they'd have enough water to plant and to get crops emerged, he said.

Two-minute MP3 Texas Crop & Weather Audio Report for June 19, 2012

Conditions varied widely in the rest of the state, according to weekly reports from AgriLife Extension county agents. Parts of North and East Texas were in excellent to good shape, with rains filling stock tanks and promoting crop growth.

Parts of the Panhandle, South Plains and Rolling Plains also received some rain, but in many cases it was accompanied by high winds and damaging hail. In Hale County, north of Lubbock, hail hammered about a quarter of the county's 400,000 acres of cotton.

East of Lubbock, Motley County had winds gusting near 90 mph. The winds, aided by hail, destroyed nearly all cotton in the county, according to Ryan Martin, AgriLife Extension county agent.

More information on the current Texas drought and wild-fire alerts can be found on the AgriLife Extension Agricultural Drought Task Force website at <http://agrilife.tamu.edu/drought/>.