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Knox County Joint Primary run-off set for July 31

Just when you thought it was safe to put the local elections away for a few months and turn your attention to the national scene, here comes the call for area voters to turn out again.

There will be a Joint Primary run-off for both the Republicans and the Democrats on Tuesday, July 31. Everyone can vote in the run-off. However, there are a couple of points to remember.

Residents that cast the ballots in the Republican Primary, can only vote in the Republican run-off. Residents that

voted in the Democrat Primary, can only vote in the Democrat run-off.

Area voters are urged to bring your Voter Registration Card, which is probably stamped with your party affiliation. If you did not vote in the Primary election, you can vote in either run-off election. The Primary and run-off are the only times you have to choose a party in order to vote. In the General Election in November, residents can vote for candidates of either party on the same ballot. Because of traditional low turnout

Early voting for the Republican and Democratic Run-off Elections will be July 23-27

for run-offs, the Knox County voting precincts will be consolidated into four polling places, according to the Precinct Commissioner. This is a Joint Run-off with the Republicans and Democrats voting in the same place. Precinct 101 will vote at the Aging Center in Knox

City; Precincts 201 and 202 will vote at the Benjamin Memorial Building; Precincts 301 and 302 will vote at Munday City Hall; and Precinct 401 will vote at the Munday Community Center.

Appearing on the Republican Run-off Ballot will be races for the U.S. Senate between Ted Cruz and David Dewhurst, and the Texas Railroad Commissioner position between Christi Craddick and Warren Chisum. A race for the Railroad Commissioner Unexpired position will also be on the ballot.

Greg Parker and Barry Smitherman are both seeking that spot.

Place 4 as a justice on the Texas Supreme Court will also appear on the ballot. David Medina and John Devine are competing for that spot.

Appearing on the Democrat Run-off Ballot will a race for the US Senate seat between Paul Sadler and Grady Yarbrough).

Early voting is at the Knox County Court House and will run from July 23 thru 27.

TPMC earns national award

The Texas Plant Material Centers in Knox City garnered a prestigious national award recently, garnering the 2012 "Outstanding Team Award."

The Knox City plant was selected as the winner from more than 20 plant material centers in the U.S.

Gary Rea, manager, has been with the center for almost four years. He resides in Haskell with his wife, Linda. Gary graduated from Lubbock Christian College in 1973 with a bachelor's degree in Agronomy. He went on to get a master's degree from West Texas State University in Plant Science and eventually a doctorate from Oklahoma State University in Plant Science with emphasis in Plant Breeding and Genetics.

Brandon Carr, soil conservationist, began working at the center three years ago. He lives in Knox City with his wife, Katie, and three-year-old daughter, Kateleigh. He is

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Stella Carver

Ruth Class honors Carver on her 97th

The Ruth Class of the First Baptist Church in Knox City celebrated Stella Carver's 97th birthday at the Rockin' Grill. Faye Reed, Zana Davis, Estelle Skiles, Carol Duncan, Lou Vail, June Tankersley and the honoree were present to enjoy lunch, cake and good fellowship. Stella is the oldest member of First Baptist and was saved when she was 12 years old. The Ruth Class considers her

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Gayle Hicks is pictured with the mural of the 1841 Texas Santa Fe Expedition which he painted for the Wichita Brazos Museum in Benjamin. Hicks is a local artist and an employee of the museum. He lives in Knox City and says he began drawing in the lower grades.

Hicks presents museum with large mural depicting trials of 1841 Santa Fe Expedition

The Texas Santa Fe Expedition was a key part of Knox County history in 1841.

More than 150 years later, the expedition that helped lead the United States into an armed conflict with Mexico is relevant in the county again, thanks to the efforts of Knox City resident Gayle Hicks.

Hicks drew, painted and produce an 18-foot mural dealing with the failed Texas Santa Fe Expedition recently. Upon completing the project, he donated the historical artifact to the Wichita Brazos Museum in Benjamin.

The Texas Santa Fe Expedition was a commercial and military expedition to secure the Republic of Texas's claims to parts of northern New Mexico for Texas in 1841. It was unofficially initiated by then-President of Texas Mirabeau B. Lamar in an attempt to gain control over the lucrative Santa Fe Trail and further develop the trade links between Texas and New Mexico.

The expedition set out from Kenney's Fort near Austin on June 19, 1841. The expedition included 21 ox-drawn wagons carrying merchandise estimated to be worth about \$200,000. Among the men were merchants that were promised transportation and protection of their merchandise during the expedition.

Although officially a trading expedition, the Texas merchants and businessmen were accompanied by a military escort of some 320 men. The expedition passed through or near the narrows and Benjamin and has become an important part of Knox County history, which is preserved at the museum in Benjamin. Foard County also played a part in the expedition.

Somewhere in the Knox-King county area, the leaders, who originally planned to go north from Austin then turn west when reaching the Red River, decided maybe they had made a mistake by turning west on a river with red water and red banks

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New pad ...

Construction crews have put into place the foundation for the new Knox County Clinic. The clinic will replace the old building, which was recently torn down.

Lamb, goat validation tag orders are needed

It is time for 4-H and FFA sheep and goat exhibitors to order validation tags for 2013 Winter/Spring major livestock shows. The deadline for submitting tag orders to the Knox County Agrilife Extension Office is Aug. 17.

Exhibitors need to submit the number of tags needed in addition to payment in the amount of \$10 for each tag. It is strongly encouraged that exhibitors consider ordering extra tags if there is even a slight chance you might

need them. Late tags can be ordered but cost of \$25 per tag through Sept. 28.

The Sheep and Goat Committee will coordinate a day during the month of October to complete validations.

If you have any questions contact Jerry Coplen at the Knox County Agrilife Extension office at 940-459-2651 or you may submit your tag orders, with payment, to P.O. Box 22 Benjamin, Tx 79505.



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Customer service workshop scheduled for July 19 in KC

When we make a purchase, whether online or at our local coffee shop, customer service matters. We all know how that company or person made us feel during a transaction. Were they helpful? Were they knowledgeable? Were they nice? Did they care I was patronizing their store?

These are things that factor in to our subconscious as we do business. We expect good customer service. Unfortunately, in today's viral society, if a person has a bad experience, they let the

world know instantly. And, people are quicker to point out a bad experience than a good one. This is why customer service is vital.

The Knox County Visioning Group will be hosting its third business development workshop on July 19. It will be held at the Knox City City Hall from 6 to 7 p.m. Vernon College will be teaching the workshop.

The workshop is free, and any one interested in improving their customer service is invited to attend.

"One way we can all be am-

bassadors for our area and local businesses is to treat every customer and person that comes to town like they are special and important. If they just stop and ask for directions, they will remember that you tried to help them, and, they will come back!"

"It's one small thing we can all do to set ourselves apart from other communities and businesses," said Jimi Coplen, KCVG Director.

Area residents are encouraged to join in on the workshop on Thursday, July 19, at 6 p.m.

A little time makes a big difference

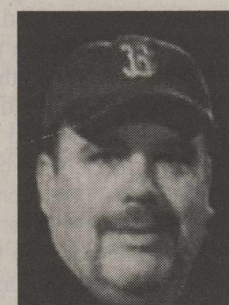
What has happened to America? You know, the one that Norman Rockwell painted. The Stars and Stripes flying in everyone's yard, and kids playing outside and grown ups acting like grown ups.

Has modern inventions killed us? The Internet and cell phones have killed social skills and society, in my opinion. Young people today do not know how to look someone in the eyes and introduce themselves and say, "yes ma'am or no sir."

John Cross Utley, who is 5 years old, is the exception to that rule. It makes me so proud to see young people who have been taught the right way to act around adults. Maybe it's because Terry doesn't have Facebook and spends a lot of quality time with him, and has taught him to us his manners. I don't blame the kids ... I blame us, the parents. We let Xbox and cell phones run our lives and our kid's lives.

I catch myself out with the family and during dinner I am looking at my darn phone instead of enjoying my life. Why? A great example is today if you want to discipline your kid, just take away his game system and cell phone. It will kill them for awhile but will it make a lasting impression? It never did with Zach so I am guessing not.

Just Jeff



By Jeff Stanfield

When I was a kid, you got grounded, or mostly received a good old-fashioned butt whooping. Heck, one time I was visiting my grandparents and I hit a baseball through the neighbor's window. (I wasn't suppose to be hitting ... just playing catch) . My Grandpa Quarti made me get a tree trunk off a willow tree. He called it a switch but I really think it was the trunk. I even asked, "Why do I have to get it?" He said, "you will remember it more."

I was thinking, "I am 12 years old and I am taller and outweigh you by 40 pounds. I am going to break off part of a tree so a 5-foot, 3-inch, 120-pound crazy Italian who is 63 can't beat me with it.

That plan didn't work out so good. Boy, did he ... and guess what? I still remember it. I can

also say that that was the last window I broke. Was it my last spanking? NO. Ol Ron beat me with one of those big meathooks he calls hands when I was 13 ... and I still remember that, too. I made sure It was my last spanking.

I am sure I deserved many more, but I turned out OK.

See, back then you were accountable for your kids and how they turned out. Dad took us fishing and hunting, coached sports and spent time with us. Today, even when we are with our kids, we are on the phone, looking at a computer or distracted by them.

In the old days, you talked with your kids about life and things of interest. I guess that's why I am still a sucker for good old-fashioned road trips with the family. The funniest part of this is that my Grandpa Quarti just turned 96 and my dad is 66, and I still wouldn't want to get a spanking. So, I guess I did learn a life-long lesson.

My point to this is, If you have kids do something with them. Don't just sit in a room or ride around with them ... visit with them and I bet when they get older they will be a lot better off. And you will be a lot happier.

Jeff: "I got whippings when I was little" Stanfield.

Technology gets in to poop war

The Earth recycles naturally. Plants give off oxygen and absorb carbon dioxide. Animals take up oxygen and give off carbon dioxide. Animals eat plants, digest and deposit it as fiber, minerals and nutrients which the plants use to grow. Many examples exist in nature.

However, when man steps into the relationship, even for good reason (food, clothing and shelter) he upsets the cycle. He does it knowing there will be consequences. In rural communities where livestock live, we have learned how to handle the huge amounts of "animal waste" that are produced by our cattle and hogs. Farmers have been recycling since Adam discovered that fertilizing his garden made things grow better. It is part of the cycle of nature.

This 'spreading of manure' is



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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

more difficult in urban housing developments or mall parking lots, but according to Thurman, my authority on the subject, one of his friends has taken on the touchy subject of dogs pooping in their neighbor's yard. In defense of the dog, they are fully aware of the stigma attached to someone who is known for "pooping in his own backyard." But we have desensitized them. After all, humans and cats now poop in the house!

But...the neighbor doesn't care about the dog's stigma, or the natural cycle, or the benefit

of dog poop (DP) fertilizer for Bermuda grass. He's more concerned about hitting the hidden torpedoes with his lawn mower and spackling the side of his house!

Neighbors' dogs are a contentious subject. Enter Thurman's friend who lives in a gated community where pets are allowed. He discovered a company who will DNA-test every dog in the neighborhood. He introduced the idea to the community. It is now a rule that every dog owner inside the development must submit his canine for DNA identification. The idea being that when a homeowner spots a POP (poop on property), they call the PP (poop patrol) and report a drive-by pooping, officially called a PWP (pooping without permission). The PP arrives in the PPR (poop Priors) and, wearing a Hazmat suit, Playtex gloves and using a specially designed PPU (poop picker-upper), they select a specimen and place it in a PPC (plastic poop container) to take to the laboratory.

The DNA is analyzed and compared to the DNA of canine residents, and the guilty owner is punished; \$100 fine or two weeks community service on the PP, in the PPR, responding to PWPs and driving to the scene of the crime where the POP was reported. It seems to be working, despite the occasional bear, coyote, or raccoon drive-by NDP (not dog poop) sighting.

I suggested that maybe this technique could be used on other species. "Too expensive for cows," said Thurman, "And, thanks to the Insane (humane) Society of the US and their "unintended consequences," the last thing those thousands of citizens abandoning their horses in parks and on farms want...is to be identified as the owner! They prefer to think they are recycling!



Emergency responders comb through the wreckage of a tractor-trailer that crash near Memphis last week. The accident closed Highway 287 for about seven hours.

Crash closes U.S. 287 near Memphis for seven hours

At approximately 12:30 a.m. tlast Tuesday the Texas Department of Transportation, Childress District responded to a wreck involving an 18-wheeler that hit the guardrail on a bridge on US 287 and plunged in to the river just East of the City of Memphis. The truck, carrying a load of potatoes, caught on fire and was completely burned. There was minimal damage to the bridge and the driver was able to escape with no injuries.

The wreck necessitated the closing of US 287 between the cities of Memphis and Childress for approximately 7 hours while the wrecker service worked to pull the truck up and out of the river. Traffic was diverted in Memphis to SH 256 north to US 83. Traffic in Childress was diverted to US 83 north to SH 256.

The truck has been removed, and traffic on US 287 in this area is currently moving in both directions.

Knox County Aging Services

The following lunch menus have been listed for the week of July 23-27 for the Knox County Aging Services

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

Monday, July 23 - Char-broiled beef patty/peppers/onion, garlic mashed potatoes, beets, sliced bread, Mandarin oranges.

Tuesday, July 24 - Ham and

beans, seasoned corn, orange/ pineapple cup, country apple crisps.

Wednesday, July 25 - Chicken spaghetti, carrots, zucchini, whole wheat bread, banana pudding.

Thursday, July 26 - Beef stew, turnip greens, cornbread, black forest parfait.

Friday, July 27 - Crispy chicken on a bun, tomato/let-

tuce, potato wedges, carrot/raisin salad, fruit cocktail.

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.

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ACROSS

- TXism: "poured out of the same"
- TXism: "beat it with a stick"
- Dallas eatery: Hard Rock
- "Mingo" on TV's Daniel Boone (init.)
- TXism: "he'd wrestle King Kong"
- bad Corpus Christi hurricane in '70
- NFL Hall-of-Fame is in Canton,
- Dallas girl's prep school: The Academy
- TXism: "suits me - thee-well"
- TXism: "couldn't beat it with a stick"
- TXism: "upon you"
- screen debut for TX Debbie Reynolds: "Bride"
- Fort Worth Zoo has half-acre for birds of prey
- San Augustine: "The of Texas"
- Dodger pitcher Carl who was signee of TX Nokona gloves
- ex-Cowboy lineman Nate (init.)
- Cotton Bowl date: new
- TXism: "would have to prime my mouth to" (thirsty)
- TX became a state in this month (abbr.)

DOWN

- Shirley Laine of TX-filmed "Terms of Endearment"
- TXism: "at the drop hat"
- in Cameron Co. off hwy. 83
- TX Larry Hagman's TV fantasy (3 wds.)
- TXism: "agile as a snake on road"
- Purtis Lake
- ex-Cowboy, now dancer, Smith (init.)
- TXism: "a real lu" (extraordinary)
- TXism: "his IQ is about half his boot size" (2 wds.)
- a TX line dance
- George W. to George H.
- TXism: "tight as a cinch"
- land, TX
- "Streets of Laredo" was "Texas Rangers" make
- TXism: "sling it on the wall and see sticks"
- this Thornton was mayor of Dallas in '61 (init.)
- TX Pride's "Wonder Could Anymore"
- TX Willie held Farm in Illinois
- early TX sign: "This is King Fisher's Road- Take the"
- cremation containers nat. organ. for some TX teachers (abbr.)
- TXism: "come hell high water"
- Lake Hubbard
- thoughts
- alluring quality
- rare birds at Bentsen State Park: groove-billed
- TX Pride's "Where Do Her Memory?"
- George H.
- Mason Co. feud: Hoo War
- TXism: "cut the" (drink)
- TXism: "amigos"
- "lip"
- TXism: "fiddle" (healthy)
- extend subscription to "Texas Highways"
- TXism: "turn about fair play"

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Alfred Foy Elston

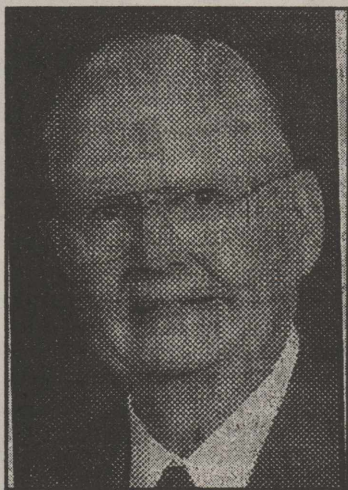
On June 17, 2012, Alfred Foy Elston, passed from this life at the age of 85. He was on June 25, 1926, in Carson, Louisiana, to Luke Stanberry and Surelda Ramsey Elston.

On February 1, 1949 he married Patsy Ruth Green, in Monahans, Texas. They celebrated 63 years together. Alfred worked for Exxon USA for over 34 years, most of which were in the Permian Basin oilfields.

Alfred was a member of the Taylor Street Church of Christ, and served as an Elder there for 14 years. He taught bible class for much of his adult life, but his passion for over 28 years, was being a servant and fundraiser for the NE Thailand Mission Effort.

Alfred worked for Exxon USA for over 34 years, most of which were in the Permian Basin oilfields and the Bateman Ranch west of Knox City. Alfred and Pat lived in Knox City from 1966 to 1989, where their children graduated from Knox City High School.

Surviving Alfred is his wife, Pat, of Hobbs; four daughters, Deborah Faulk of Rocksprings, Texas, Anna Helms of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Laura Alsbrook of Haskell, Texas,



Alfred Foy Elston

and Lisa Rocha of Knox City, Texas; a son, Gregory Elston of Abilene, Texas; thirteen grandchildren, twenty great-grandchildren; half brother, Stephen Elston of Loranger, Louisiana.

Preceding him in death were his parents; two half-brothers, James Herbert Elston, and John Elston; and two half-sisters, Annie Franks and Irene Elston.

Memorial contributions may be made to Thailand Missions, Silver Spring Church of Christ, 100 East Franklin Avenue, Silver Springs, MD 20901-2926.

Send condolences to www.chapelofhopefunerals.com.

It's a little cooler this Monday morning. If we didn't know better, we might think it's fall already; but, of course, we know it's still that hot month of July and plenty of hot days are still ahead. Just a quick "note of thanks" to all who have told me how much they enjoy my column. This past week I had more "kudos" than usual, and I appreciate them all.

On Sunday afternoon our small community was shocked and saddened when we received the news that E. O. Reed had passed away. He died suddenly of an apparent heart attack while he and his wife, Irene, were shopping in Walmart in Stamford. E. O. has had health problems in the past but was doing much better. He was not an idle person. He was always working around his house or in the yard, and you can tell it. They have a home that shows that lots of work has been done there. Graveside services for E. O. will be held in Gilliland at 11:00 AM Wednesday, July 18. Our sincere sympathy to Irene and the children and their families.

Regarding Our Ill

Ken Patterson is a patient at HMC in Abilene, being taken there earlier in the week. A definite diagnosis has not been made, but according to those

who have been to see him, he is improving. He had a high fever when he went into the hospital, but that has dropped. The only thing we have heard (that the doctors said) is that he has a bad intestinal infection, and he is on lots of medication, so he should be ok before long.

Shane Welch had some heart problems last week and was airlifted to Wichita Falls. He had blockage in two arteries. He has had one stint and in six to eight weeks will have another one. He's ok except for being tired. He will have some therapy, and when he gets the other stint, he should feel much better.

John Chilcoat had some back surgery last week in Wichita Falls and is now back in the Knox Co. Hospital for continued recuperation and therapy. We wish John well as he continues on his road to recovery.

Jane Gideon is in Wichita Falls today for a stress test and to consult with her heart doctor. Her blood pressure is running too high, and doctors are trying to find out what's causing it. Hopefully after this test, they will be able to determine the cause and begin to treat it.

Please remember to keep all these friends in your prayers.

Here 'N There

Dave and Sue Oxford are about to celebrate 50 years of marriage, and their family is "throwing them a party." The event will be on Saturday,

July 28, beginning around 6 PM at the Community Center here in Benjamin. According to their niece, Stacia Propps, it started out to be a surprise, but they couldn't keep it quiet so the honorees are well aware of it. They invite all their friends to come join in the celebration. It should be a fun time for everyone.

Mitzi and Shane Welch have

By Gladene Green

moved to Knox City. They got most everything moved on Saturday, but, of course, are still in the process of straightening up. We hated for them to leave us but do wish them well in their new "surroundings". It's not far, and Mitzi will continue to work here.

Bud Conner's daughter-in-law, Brenda (Steve's wife), will undergo surgery Tuesday for a malignancy. The extent of the surgery will be determined by what the surgeons find after they begin. She will be in a Lubbock hospital.

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Wichita Brazos Museum News

The Knox County Historical Commission and Friends of the KCHC met in a combined afternoon meeting at the Wichita Brazos Museum meeting room on Tuesday, July 10.

The chairman's report said more people are stopping to examine the big Comanche arrow located in front of the museum. The arrow marks the Quanah Parker Trail. A descriptive marker and arrow dedication was discussed. The arrow is awarded to an organization, town, or community upon request and proof of Native American (Indian) residence or activity in the county where it is placed. Knox County has proof of Indian camps at many Knox County springs, according to the book, "The Springs of Texas." Also, Texas Indian history

tells of a chase from the Brazos River near Seymour to the Narrows in Knox County between Comanche's and other Native Americans in the mid-1800's

The date of Saturday, Sept. 8, was chosen for annual museum garage sale. The event will be held in Munday at the Perry Patton Center. The garage sale is the second biggest fund-raiser of the year. A hamburger lunch will also be served.

For October's archeological event, an exhibit and talk by local collectors of Indian artifacts was suggested.

The November Veteran's Day event was discussed along

with the usual veterans exhibits. The date of Saturday, Nov. 10, was decided upon since Veterans Day falls on a Sunday this year.

The building that looks like a big ranch house with a long south porch, and mesquite shading the porch attracts hundreds of visitors each year.

We are very proud of the Museum and appreciate the help that each person has contributed toward preserving Knox County history. We encourage everyone to take a look at the new window exhibit of the Texan-Santa Fe Expedition Through the Narrows.

County votes to fund constable position for '13

The Knox County Commissioners Court voted unanimously to retain the county constable position at its July 9 meeting.

As part of the agreement to keep funding the position, the constable position's pay will remain at \$1,800 a year with no vehicle allowance.

Commissioners also voted unanimously to approve the appointment of the Election Judges for upcoming County Elections, and approved Tax Resale Deeds for two properties within the county.

AWARD

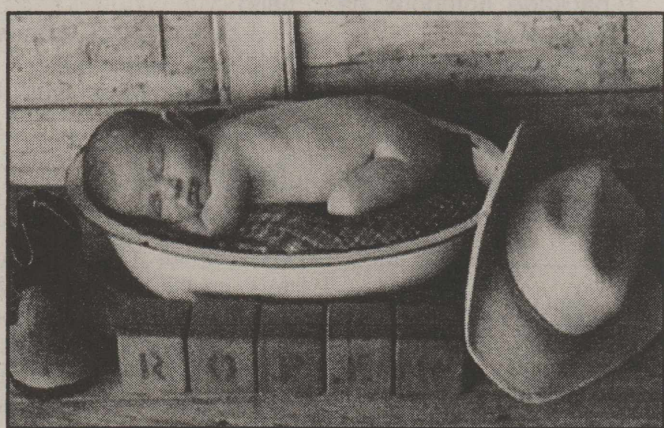
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a 2002 graduate of Lubbock Christian University with a bachelor's degree in Plant Science and a bachelor's degree in Environmental Science.

Randy Kuehler, biological technician, is the final member of the team. He began working at the center in 2010. Randy lives in Rhineland with his wife, Lana. He received a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Angelo State University in 1992.

In all, there are 27 Plant Materials Centers in the United States; three in Texas. The other two Texas locations are in Nacogdoches and Kingsville. The James E. "Bud" Smith Plant Materials Center is responsible for developing conservation plants and cultural techniques for use within targeted Major Land Resource areas including Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Colorado. Staff is available Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. or by phone at (940) 658-3922 ext. 5. The USDA is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer.

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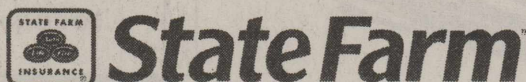
Born Wednesday, June 20, 2012 at 9:21 a.m.. He weighed 7 lbs and 1 ox and was 20.5 inches long. Welcoming their Lil' Cowboy home are proud parents Quentin and Roni Gass and his future riding partners Jaedon, Ryder and Bronc of Tongue River Ranch, Paducah, TX. Ready to spoil are grandparents Poncho and Leisa Morrow of Knox City; Patricia and Floyd Edenfield of Crowell; Butch Gass and Shawna Gass of Gail



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Sunday Evening Worship at 6 p.m. • Mid-Week, Wed. at 6 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST – Benjamin
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KC School Supplies List

Knox City Elementary School Supplies list for 2012-13

Pre-K & PPCD

8 Crayola Twistable crayons (not pencils)
1 pair of Fiskars scissors for kids
8 glue sticks
2 bottles of Elmer's Glue
1 box soft tissue
2 plastic folders with pockets
1 plastic school supply box
1 refill baby wipes (boys)
1 package cheap paper plates (boys)
1 container Clorox wipes (girls)
1 package sip top sandwich bags (girls)
Note - Please buy Crayola brand crayons as the colors are true and easier to learn. They are less waxy than other brands and are easier to color with. Even though they are more expensive, they will last longer.

Kindergarten

3 boxes Crayola brand crayons (no twistables)
10 #2 pencils (not jumbo)
2 pink erasers
1 watercolor paint set
1 pair of Fiskars school scissors
3 bottles "Dab 'n Stic" glue (no glue sticks)
1 bottle Elmer's Glue
2 plastic folders with pockets
1 one-subject spiral notebook
1 plastic pencil box
2 folders with brads
2 large boxes of Kleenex
1 box qt.-size zipper bags (boys)
1 box gallon-size zipper bags (girls)
1 container Clorox/Lysol disinfecting wipes
1 backpack (no rolling backpacks)

First Grade

1 plastic school box
2 boxes of 24 crayons
24 #2 pencils with erasers (yellow pencils only)
2 pink erasers
1 pair Fiskars school scissors
1 bottle white glue
5 glue sticks
1 three-subject spiral notebook - wide ruled
4 plastic folders with pockets (blue, red, green, yellow, no brads)
1 set Prang watercolor paints
1 box gallon-size Ziploc bags (boys only)
1 box quart-size Ziploc

bags (girls only)
2 large boxes facial tissue
2 packages 3x5 index cards
1 container of Clorox wipes
1 backpack (no wheels)

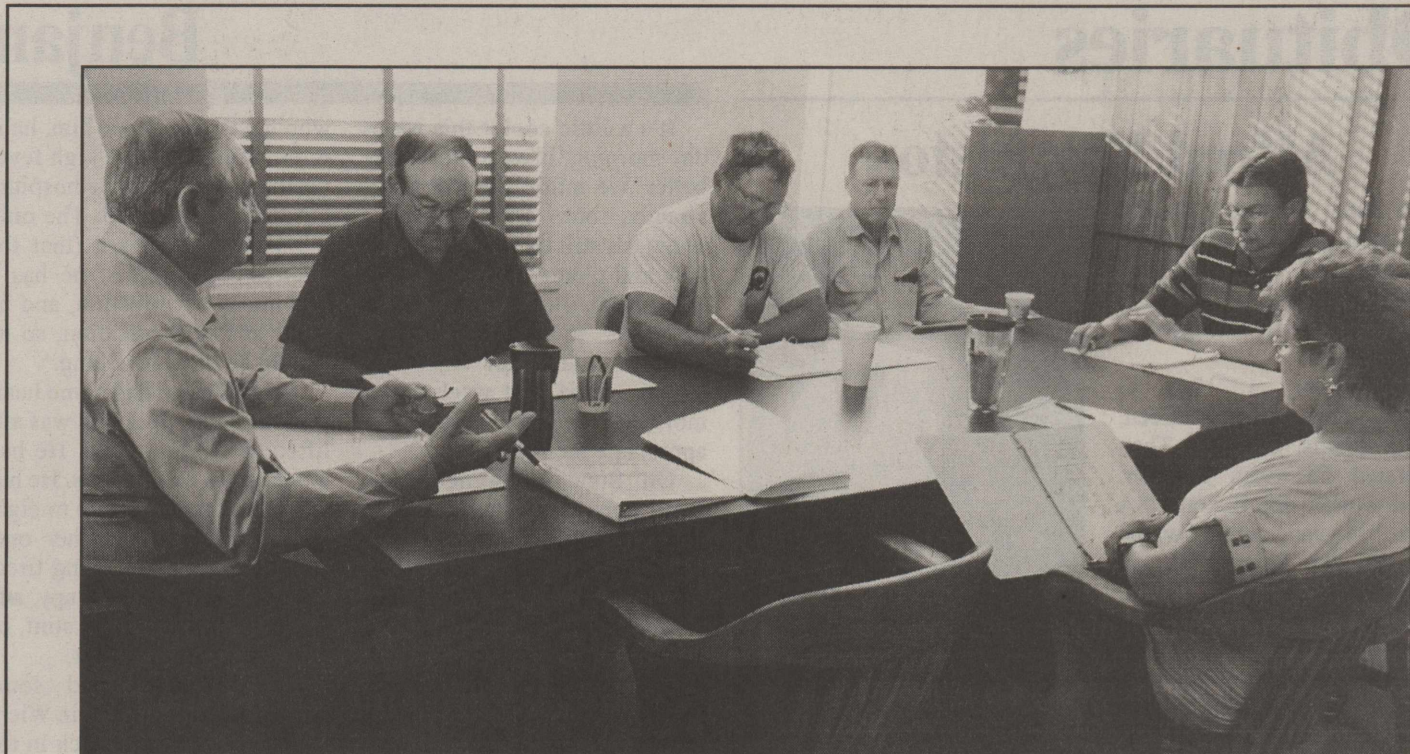
Second Grade

4 plastic folders with pockets (blue, red, green, yellow)
Brads in folders are optional
12 \$2 pencils
2 70-page spiral notebooks
2 glue bottles
10 glue sticks
1 box Crayola brand crayons
1 box markers
1 pair scissors
1 plastic school box (not oversized)
1 box Crayola brand colored pencils
2 pink erasers
1 container Clorox wipes
3 packages of 3x5 index cards
1 large box of facial tissue
1 backpack (no wheels or rollers as they do not fit into lockers)

Third & Fourth Grades

2 pencils with erasers (24 count)
1 box of markers
1 box of map color pencils
1 pink eraser
1 rule (inches/centimeters)
1 bottle glue
2 glue sticks
1 pair of school scissors
2 boxes of facial tissue
2 packages of wide-ruled notebook paper
3 plastic folders with pockets
6 single-subject spirals notebooks (wide ruled)
2 dry erase markers
1 3-inch three-ring binder
4 packages of dividers
1 container of Clorox wipes
1 big rectangle plastic box (KC Variety Store)
1 composition book, 100 pages or more (THIRD GRADE ONLY)
1 box of gallon-size Ziploc bags (FOURTH GRADE BOYS ONLY)
1 box of quart-size Ziploc bags (FOURTH GRADE GIRLS ONLY)

**PARENTS:
PLEASE PUT YOUR
CHILD'S NAME ON
EACH SCHOOL SUPPLY
ITEM BEFORE
HE/SHE COMES TO
SCHOOL**



Budget plans ...

The Knox County Commissioners Court began work on Wednesday, July 11, on the budget for the fiscal year which begins Sept. 1. Shown above are County Judge Travis Floyd, Commissioners Johnny Birkenfeld, Jimmy Urbanczyk, Charles Griffith and Johnny McCown, and District and County Clerk Annette Offutt.

Munday School Supplies List

Munday Elementary School Supplies list for 2012-13

Pre-K

3 boxes of 8 Crayola brand crayons (no Rose Art crayons or jumbo size)
1 3-ring notebook (1.5-inch or larger)
1 plastic school box
1 plain white T-shirt
backpack
GIRLS
1 box gallon-size Ziploc bags
2 black Sharpies
1 container wet wipes
2 bottles of Rubber Cement
BOYS
1 quart-size Ziploc bags
2 containers Play-Doh (any color)
1 box of Kleenex
1 package of paper plates

Note - In Pre-K, we will do activities that are potentially messy every day, such as painting and playing outside. Please keep this in mind when purchasing school clothes. It is best for children to wear tennis shoes rather than flip-flops because we often take walking field trips..

Kindergarten

1 package of pre-sharpened #2 pencils
1 pink eraser
3 pocket folders
1 school box (cigar box size)

1 large backpack (no wheels)
1 nap mat
1 spiral notebook (wide ruled)
1 bottle hand sanitizer
1 box of Kleenex
1 can of Play-Doh modeling clay (no Rose Art, please)
1 box of baby wipes (Boys only)
1 box gallon-size Ziploc bags (boys only)
1 large container of Clorox wipes (girls only)
1 box quart-size Ziploc bags (girls only)

First Grade

1 package of 24-count #2 pencils
1 large boxes of Kleenex
6 folders with pockets
1 spiral notebook (wide ruled)
1 school box
1 large container of Clorox wipes
1 box gallon-size baggies (boys only)
1 box quart-size baggies (girls only)

Second & Third Grades

2 spirals (70 count, wide ruled)
1 package notebook paper (wide ruled)
3 packages of #2 pencils
2 large pink erasers
6 pocket folders
2 boxes of tissues
1 box quart-size freezer Ziploc bags

Note: PTO is providing classroom sets of crayons, markers, scissors, glue and glue sticks for all students. You will not need to buy these items for this school year.

Fourth Grades

1 box of 24 pencils
2 large erasers
2 red pens
1 good pencil sharpener (not electric)
3 boxes of Kleenex
2 packages of wide-ruled notebook paper
3 wide-ruled composition notebooks (preferably three different colors)
1 2-inch hard 3-ring binder
1 package of dividers
2 slick folders with pockets
1 sturdy supply bag (not boxes)
2 Sharpies
\$10 for parties (Due by Dec. 1)

Fifth Grade

1 3-inch 3-ring notebook
1 1-inch notebook (no zipper, for math)
1 3-subject wide-ruled spiral (math)
2 composition notebooks (Science and English journals)
3 packages of wide-ruled notebook paper
1 sturdy folder (slick kind

with pockets)
3 packaged of 12 #2 pencils
1 large eraser
1 pencil sharpener (not electric)
3 large boxes of Kleenex
1 large supply bag (not boxes)
1 box gallon-size Ziploc bags (boys)
1 box quart-size Ziploc bags (girls)
1 container of Clorox disinfectant wipes

Sixth Grade

1 2-inch, three-ring notebook with dividers (no straps or zippers)
3 packages of wide-ruled notebook paper
1 composition notebook
3 packages of 12 #2 pencils
2 large erasers
1 large wide-ruled spirals (more than 70 sheets)
4 box of tissues
2 large plastic supply bags (no boxes)
3 folders with brads and pockets
1 good pencil sharpener (not battery)
1 container of Clorox disinfectant wipes
Note: Please label all school supplies with your student's name.

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and canyons. (They had turned west up the Big Wichita River in the Wichita-Archer-Clay county area). A group was sent north, and they probably entered present Foard County across the North Wichita Fork and went on as far as the Pease River. They turned back and continued with the main party through King and Cottle counties. (They never reached the Red River in their journey).

CARVER

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a blessing and loves her dearly. She attended school at O'Brien and played as forward on a state basketball team. She married Bud Carver in 1934, and they were married 67 years. Stella has one daughter, Barbara Welch, three granddaughters, six great-grandchildren,

The journey to New Mexico during the summer was blighted by poor preparation and organization, sporadic Indian attacks and a lack of supplies and fresh water. The expedition finally arrived in Santa Fe in mid-September 1841, where they were taken prisoners and held in Mexico City until United States diplomatic efforts secured their release the following year. Lamar was widely held responsible for the disaster and the expedition tarnished his presidency.

and three great-great-grandchildren. Her activities include attending Sunday School and church regularly, working daily at the Aging Center, working on Mondays at Pink Ladies, playing 42, and driving herself to Rochester to the beauty shop. Pecan pie and peanut brittle are two of her specialties: Retirement doesn't seem to interest her.

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Maintaining your lawn in a drought

The dog days of summer are upon us. We all like to keep our lawns fresh and green in appearance but know water conservation is also important. The cost of city water, as well as concerns over potential future water restrictions, remind us of the need to irrigate wisely. Even those of us who have well water need to use caution. Ask any farmer dependent on irrigation wells—they are not a bottomless pit. So what are we to do? Fortunately we do have options. I have compiled a list of things that will help us maintain a healthy lawn without depleting our water resources.

- Don't overwater. Studies and experience have shown that home owners tend to put a lot more water on their lawns than necessary.

- Water according to the weather rather than a weekly schedule. It is better to water deeply and less frequently. Water just enough to wet the top 6 inches of soil then wait for the lawn to show signs of slight drought stress. These signs include a change in color of leaf blade from green to a dull blue, slight leaf blade curling, and foot prints remaining after walking across the lawn. When you notice any of these symptoms water deeply again. Ideally you can go at least a week and maybe a little longer using this

method. Obviously, if its 105 degrees with a 30 mph wind you will be watering more frequently. Also, remember that you are managing for health and color not forage production.

- Make it a point to only take the top 1/3 of the leaf blade when mowing. You may have to mow more often but the result will be a thicker lawn with reduced evaporation rates.

- Reduce fertilization if possible. Applying too much fertilizer increases water requirements so avoid excessive amounts of nitrogen during periods of drought.

- Water during the coolest part of the day. In many areas it is discouraged to water at night. However, in our area during the hottest part of the summer, it might not be a bad idea to have the irrigation system come on in the wee hours of the morning. Disease is the biggest concern for night watering but if you are only watering deeply once per week this should not be a problem.

With proper planning and a few changes in our methods, we can still enjoy a beautiful lawn while being good stewards of our most precious natural resource—water.

For more information please Jerry Coplen at the Extension office at (940) 459-2651.

SAMMIE'S KNOX CITY CORNER AND FINAL THOUGHTS

Two weeks behind on news, so bear with me, and I'll try to get as much information out as I can think of and remember.

Starting with my coffee drinkers and how they are doing. I know I don't get to visit with John Turner because he has been under the weather lately. He has a wonderful housekeeper that takes good care of him. He's very happy when he needs alterations needed. His housekeeper brings them to us. We sure miss him at coffee.

Mr. Burkham has been coming out for coffee a little late in the morning, but he's doing great and looks very good. Billy Ray Morrow has also been under the weather, and we do try to deliver him some coffee and a little breakfast some mornings because he is really having a hard time to get around. He is so thankful for a lot of his deliveries that not just me but someone else will take him also. Meals on Wheels does very well on their job as well. He would like to thank all of us from the bottom of his heart. May God bless them and you take care of yourself. We are only a phone call away, Billy. Marvin has given up some of his fishing alone, but he still loves it with all his heart. I'm kind of relieved to see him not go alone because it can be dangerous. He's ok with it because he knows it's because we love him.

If you haven't noticed, our entertainment night for each month at Senior Citizens has gone from first Tuesday of the month to the first Monday of each month. I

haven't gone to any of them, but, hopefully, I'm going to get to make a visit to some of them. I understand everyone has a great time. They also ask that you bring a snack for their break. Everyone is welcome to come and also do some performing.

Amanda and Wesley Espinoza, Sr. and the girls are doing great. The prayers have really been a great healing process for them, and they are so thankful for what their church families and friends have done to help their healing. God has done some wonderful things in their life—especially Wesley. He's been keeping himself very busy outside the house and also with the girls. They are a wonderful blessing. Thank you, God.

The loss of Mary Stone was also a great loss to our community. She was a wonder in our little community. She was a very blessed woman with lots of talents. She will be dearly missed, but God needs his angel back, and we know that we're only borrowed. He put a blessing in our lives from her. It's a great honor to have known her in everything she did.

Rhonda Rodriguez is doing great. I stay in touch with her mother-in-law, Melda. They love her so much. They will do whatever it takes to help her through this hard health time. She is having to go to the hospital for antibiotics given to her by IV connections, but she's doing good. Thank you, God. They do need our prayers always. Thank you

for your concern and prayers.

Casie Casilla's great uncle from Haskell has passed away. Casie is Martha and Charles's daughter-in-law. I don't have a name for the uncle, but please keep the families in your prayers. This has really taken a toll on this family. God has stayed by their side, and our prayers and thoughts have really given them strength to get through their tragedies. Please keep that in mind. They will be very thankful from the bottom of their hearts, and may God bless you. I'm sure she's ready to get well and play with those new twin grandbabies and the older one. I know that's always lots of fun.

The loss of Chris Cruz this week was a very hard loss—the loss of their beloved husband and father. His wife is Rosa Mary Moya Cruz. It's always a very hard process of healing when they are so young and also so loved just as everyone in our lives. May God help this family as they try to heal. Our prayers are always going to Rosa Mary. She is the daughter of Sammy and Lori Rios. Chris was employed by Dale Turner. He will be very much missed. May God help his wife's and daughter's heart and all their family. Please be careful because tragedies can happen to anyone, and in a split of a second. God bless us as we gather to help all these families through their heartache. I thank you for all we do together.

I visited with Gene Ward last week, and he gave me a great report on his wife. She is doing great and slowly having a good recovery. He is so thankful for God and all the prayers out there.

The Casillas from Knox City and Seymour had their family reunion this past weekend. Just visiting with some of them, they were looking for a great time at the Benjamin Ex-Students hall. Everyone made their trips home safely. It's always great to see your family in a great time of memories and great visits. Hope you guys had a great time, and take care.

As we attended church Sunday morning, we had some wonderful talks from our youngsters and some adults that attended camp. It's great to enjoy all the good things that they experience from the camp and their encoun-

ters with God. It was awesome. But remember, not all attends the camp. There are many young and older people out in our community. They are such wonderful servants of God when you least expect it. Things happen with a friend or just a youngster, and the messages are amazing. In the most needed time in your day, someone will touch your heart and your life when you least expect it.

Our Four Square Church has a great servant that has prayed for a message from God, and Trisha Shaver and some of us have jumped on board with her. The name will be called—No Child without New Shoes. This will allow our community to come together and buy a pair of shoes for a school child. The sizes don't matter. They are for boys and girls of all ages—probably from size 9 and up for girls, and boys start at size 6 1/2. Please look down within your heart, or if you like to donate the money, Trisha and I will be glad to come to you. Hopefully, a jar will be out in some of the stores. We know the work area has been very slow. Hopefully, we would love to be able to help any family that needs our help. We are hoping to include all our churches in this project and any business or any family that would like to help. Trisha Shaver's phone number is 657-4031, and my number is 657-5001. We are looking forward to having a great time and making many kids very happy.


We've put this in God's hands, and He will do what needs to be done. Thank you, God.

Albert and Vallia Magana returned from Washington last week from a long visit with their daughters and their husbands and kids, Monica and April. They had a great time, and the girls are doing great. The grandkids probably weren't ready to let them go, but that's grandkids.

Looks like things are coming along pretty good on the downtown road work. Soon all things should be back to normal. You know the saying, "Good things come to those who wait."

As for me, things couldn't be better. Prayers never seem to amaze me in one way or another.

God bless our troops and each of us,
Sammie



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2012 Weekly Weather Report

Date	Temperature (F) Low / High	Rainfall inches
07/02	73 98	
07/03	78 100	
07/04	78 101	
07/05	79 102	
07/06	71 102	
07/07	70 103	
07/08	72 103	0.13
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Total Rainfall for month		0.13
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