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Members of the Pink Ladies stand in front of one of the ambulances they helped raise funds to refurbish. The Knox County women raised \$15,000 that was combined with a state grant to upgrade the ambulance, which is owned by the Knox County Hospital District.

Pink Ladies donate \$15,000 to help refurbish KCHD ambulance

Lt. Capt. James Doolittle once said, "There is nothing stronger than the heart of a volunteer."

The Knox County Hospital District Auxiliary, The Pink Ladies, have again donated \$15,000 for the refurbishment of an ambulance.

Funds are raised through the resale of donated clothing and small household items. The organization is staffed by volunteers who contribute many hours each year to raise funds for the purchase of equipment for the Knox County Hospital District.

KCHB president Clint Jones said the hospital district is lucky to have the Pink Ladies' help.

"Every dollar raised by this remarkable organization ultimately touches the lives of our citizens," Jones said. "We are very fortunate to have volunteers who so tirelessly support us".

Stationed in Munday, the ambulance was placed in service on June 28.

As part of the upgrade, the patient compartment of the old ambulance was refurbished and remounted onto a new chassis.

"Over the last 12 months the Pink Ladies have donated over \$45,000 toward equipment purchases," said KCHD administrator Stephen Kuehler.

"I commend them for 32 years of dedication and commitment to rural health. Many of our purchases would be impossible without their assistance."

Funding provided by the Pink Ladies was partnered with a grant from the Texas Department of State Health Services to make the remount possible.

Located at 110 South Central in Knox City, the Pink Ladies accept donations of any clothing or small household item. To join this remarkable group of volunteers or to make a donation, call (940) 658-3403.

Festival set to begin Friday

With apologies to pop singer Pink, the Knox City Chamber of Commerce is about to say what everyone in Knox County has been waiting to hear ... let's get this party started.

The 23rd Annual Knox City Watermelon Festival is scheduled to begin its run this Friday. The event will continue throughout the weekend.

The action will get underway Friday evening with the annual parade.

"Everybody please make plans to attend this year's Watermelon Festival Parade this Friday to kick off the festivities," said parade chairman Michelle Stanfield.

All float entries need to be in front of the Knox City City Park at 5:30 p.m. to begin sign-ups. Knox City head coach Charles Steele reminded all high school athletes to be at the park by 5:30 p.m. so they could participate in the event.

Stanfield said individuals that did not wish to participate in the parade should grab a spot anywhere along the parade route downtown and cheer.

The parade will begin winding its way through the town at 6 p.m.

There will be a dance Friday night at the park.

Festival activities begin again on Saturday morning at 8 a.m.

KC Pharmacy & Supply to move in hospital

Knox County Pharmacy & Supply will be temporarily be operating out of the Knox County Hospital building, which is located at SE 5th in Knox City.

Once the new clinic is completed, the pharmacy will move into that facility. The new Knox City Health Clinic is scheduled to be completed shortly after the start of the new year.

The pharmacy will be a retail facility.

To find the pharmacy go into the front door at the hospital and ask the receptionist for assistance.

News to begin work on its sports preview

The Knox County News will begin offering advertisement space in its upcoming sports preview special section. The section, which will be published prior to the Greyhounds'

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Voters reminded to go to polls on July 31

It's time to go to the polls ... again.

Knox County residents are urged to remember to vote in the Joint Run-off of the Primary Election on Tuesday, July 31. Residents must vote in the same Primary Party that they voted in the May primary election. However, if you did not vote in May you can cast a ballot in the party of your choice in the run-off. Please bring your Voter Registration Card.

Both the Republicans and Democrats are voting at the same polling places. The precincts have been combined into the four county commissioners' areas. Precinct 101

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

Both parties are voting for U.S. Senator. The Republicans are also voting for Railroad Commissioners and Texas Supreme Court Justice. The winners of the races will be on the General Ballot in May.

Your vote will make an impact on the final results because so few tend to vote in a run-off.

Early voting at the Courthouse in Benjamin ends Friday, July 27.

Agency seeks input from locals

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Wichita-Brazos Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) and the Local Working Group invite the public to their annual Conservation Stake-

holder's Meeting at 1:00 PM, August 8, 2012 at the USDA Service Center located at 3950 FM 1292, Knox City.

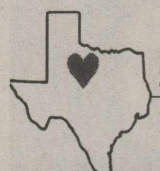
Each year, the Local Working Group hosts a public meeting to

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The open road ...

Texas Department of Transportation workers gave Knox City residents a welcome piece of news last week when they opened Highway 6 to north-south traffic. TxDOT workers are hoping to complete work on the city's main intersection in the coming weeks.



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Texas AgriLife Extension: grasshopper problems in region likely to get worse

If you've got grasshopper problems now, you're probably going to continue to have them until this fall, said a Texas AgriLife Extension Service entomologist.

Grasshoppers are long-lived; they're with us most of the summer, and growers are still battling them, said Dr. Allen Knutson, AgriLife Extension entomologist, Dallas.

Some producers have already had to re-treat two or three times to protect crops, Knutson said.

And because grasshoppers thrive in hot weather, the problems they pose to crops will likely get worse before they get better, he said.

"As we get into the hot, dry summer, more and more of their

wild host plants — weeds and wild grasses — dry up, and that forces them into our crops, especially irrigated fields," he said.

High grasshopper populations are tied to drought for a number of reasons, according to Knutson. The first grasshopper hatch was earlier than normal because spring warmed up sooner than normal. And because many areas had a dry winter, a fungus, *Entomophthora grylli*, that usually causes high grasshopper mortality was not as prevalent in many areas.

He noted that if producers in a particular area didn't have an early grasshopper population boom, they're unlikely to see one later in the summer. Though grasshoppers live two months or

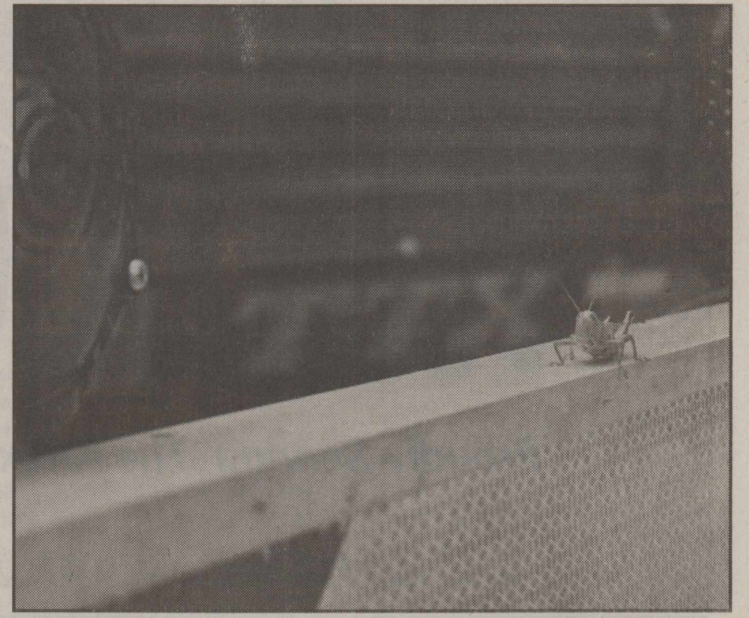
after they reach the adult stage, they are homebodies, rarely travelling more than a few miles from where they were hatched.

More information on the current Texas drought and wildfire alerts can be found on the AgriLife Extension Agricultural Drought Task Force website at www.agrilife.tamu.edu/drought.

AgriLife Extension district reporters compiled the following summary for the Rolling Plains region. "The region remained extremely hot and dry. Without rain soon, it was predicted this year's dryland cotton crop will fail. The only cotton left in the region was under irrigation. Dryland cotton was only about 6 inches tall, with some plants already starting to bloom.

Irrigated cotton looked better, but without rain soon, much of it will likely fail too. Peanut producers reported an average-looking crop with little disease pressure. Producers worried irrigation wells may fail early. They were pumped hard last year, and there hasn't been enough rain this year to replenish the water table. Rural communities were also beginning to have water-well problems. Ranchers weren't any better off as pastures were playing out fast with no grazing left for cattle. Some were providing supplemental feed on a daily basis, while others continued to ship cattle to sale barns or out of state.

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A grasshopper seems to be waiting patiently for a train to pass near Kerens. Grasshoppers are long-lived insects, generally lasting until the onset of cold weather, but they are homebodies, usually not moving more than a few miles from where they hatched, according to Texas AgriLife Extension Service entomologists. (Texas AgriLife Extension Service photo by Robert Burns)

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 30 - Salisbury steak/gravy, mashed potatoes, cauliflower/broccoli, whole wheat roll, apricots.

Tuesday, July 31 - Taco/corn chip salad, seasoned corn, watermelon, peach cobbler.

Wednesday, Aug. 1 - Oven fried chicken, bow tie pasta, broccoli/raisin salad, fruit cocktail.

Thursday, Aug. 2 - Glazed meatloaf, red bliss potatoes, breadstick, country apple crisp.

Friday, Aug. 3 - Cheeseburgers, potato wedges, tomato/wedge salad, melon medley, honey bran bars.

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.



Honored employee ...

Joe Bejar (center) Knox County Maintenance Technician was recently honored with an award for his 10 years of service with the Texas Department of Transportation. Presenting Bejar with the award are Knox County Maintenance Supervisor Gene Ward (left) and Childress District Engineer Marty Smith.

Area farmers eligible for FSA disaster loans

Several area counties have been declared eligible for Farm Service Agency (FSA) disaster emergency loans on July 12, 2012. Generally, that means that farmers who have lost at least 30 percent of their production caused by drought Jan. 1, 2012 are eligible for FSA loans. Proceeds from crop insurance are taken into consideration when determining eligibility.

FSA Farm Loan Manager Kelley R. Boone, is urging farmers who are interested in receiving an emergency loan to submit their applications into FSA as soon as possible. Kelley R. Boone said, "We hope farmers will get their applications in early rather than waiting until near the deadline, which is March 12, 2013. The longer they wait, the more chance there is for long delays.

The FSA office can be reached at (940) 553-3327, ext. 2.

The Knox City Housing Authority (KCHA will receive public comment on the Annual and Five Year Plan at noon, on August 13, 2012 at the KCHA office located at 203 SW 4th Street in Knox City. The Plan is available for review during posted office hours. KCHA is an equal opportunity employer and provider.

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- TXism: "saddle sores eventually"
- In Hidalgo Co. on Hwy. 107
- TXism: "piece" (long way)
- TX jazz pianist John "Kelley"
- TXism: "useless as a screen door"
- TXism: "hissey"
- some TXns fought for this country ("50-53")
- Lone Star state (abbr.)
- Elmer of Six Flags Looney Tunes ride
- having all its parts
- A TX Blue Bell choice
- TXism: "might as well"
- TXism: "walking drunk"
- TX Shelley Duval's "Olive" character in "Popeye" (init.)
- TX-Mex historical tourism project: "Rio"
- gusher: "out"
- TX-based Pizza
- TXism for study
- Mexican leader who claimed Galveston: Don Aury
- TX-born jockey Willie maker
- TXism: "wobbles like a"
- roof supports
- Grand Saline, TX sits on top of a huge deposit
- LBJ named this Warren to head JFK commission
- "Get along home,
- Boerne's Kendall Inn
- rain soaked
- cowboy singers often
- TXism: "a corn to shuck" (big chore)
- Canyon university name before A&M (abbr.)
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- TXism: "trust every- but always"
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- TXism: "chompin' the bit"
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- TX Reynolds book: "If Then"
- short message
- stat for Astro Roger Clemens
- Southwest Airlines specializes in travel
- repents
- John died in Dallas
- 22-down had problems with this Castro (init.)
- UT science credit
- Fort Worth's Carter Museum of Western Art
- Dallas talk radio station (570 kHz)
- TXism: "hits the" (satisfying)
- a TX grass
- TX Trini's "If a Hammer"
- film in '53: "Down"
- transmits
- TX comedienne & actress Burnett
- coffin stand
- fancy cook
- water (toilet)

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Russell and the great pirate

Russ normally would not have kept the heifer he called "The Pirate" but, he did. It was one of those chilly 5:30 spring mornings in southeast Idaho. He decided to make a quick heifer-check before he got his youngest kid on the school bus at 6:30. Russ slipped into his handy fashion farm wear (sweat pants, heavy long-sleeve T-shirt and slip-on boots), and drove down to the calving pasture.

Dang! Sure-nuf there was a heifer down in a low spot on her back and bloated. Russ debouched the truck and walked over to her. She was showing no movement so he gave her a swift kick with his mucky boot. She fired tight back and kicked him mid-thigh!

Through teary eyes he recognized the half-crazy, one-eyed witch, The Pirate. Two little cloven hooves were sticking out from under her tail. She lay right



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the truck, and near the shack with his left arm out the window. The plan was to pull Pirate far enough forward for him to jump out and close the gate. As Russ told me, "I just love it when a plan comes together!"

He backed up. She popped up. He leaped out and raced for the gate, grasping his sagging industrial sweat pants with one hand, and hefted the gate closed with the other! She turned and charged. It was a mighty crash! Pirate hit the gate on her blind side and Russ cracked his Neanderthal brow on the top rail while reaching down to pull up his pants. Fortunately neither was injured. She wheeled

ing instruments ne placed the UB chains on the feet and positioned his calf-puller. With the confidence of a heart surgeon he pulled on the plastic sleeves, pulled up his pants and...his diuretic pill kicked in! Whoa! Stop or Go? He cranked on the come-along, the knees appeared, he pulled up his pants, the "Urge-To-Go" meter reached 25...The nose appeared, he pulled up his pants, the UTG reached 50! The head cleared, he spread his legs to keep his pants from falling below his knees, the UTG hit 75! The shoulders, followed by the slick calf came! It took both hands and all his power to guide the hips through.

The newborn came straight out between Russ's legs, completely stripping his fashionista farm-wear to his ankles. As he tried to untangle himself from the calf, one of its hind legs shot down a pant leg! Thank goodness the boot slipped off!

The calf tromped him thoroughly and escaped. Russ lay crumpled in a heap, slick with mud, amniotic fluid and fecal material. As a fitting climax, he heard the 6:30 school bus honking. Oh, well, he thought, at least the sun was coming up and by golly, the UTG had disappeared!

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first football game, will offer stories, photos and schedules for the area football and volleyball teams.

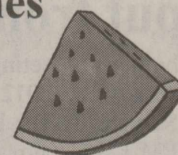
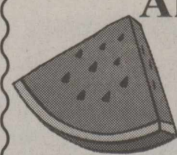
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Four, four, four ... Look Who's Turning 44!

Happy Birthday to She-Who-Must-Not-Be-Made-Mad!!



Obituaries

Donna Gayle Dixon

OLNEY - Donna Gayle Dixon died on Friday, July 20, 2012 in Abilene, Texas. Funeral services were on Tuesday, July 24, 2012, at 10 a.m., in the Chapel of Lunn Funeral Home in Olney with Scotte Clark, minister of the Hamilton Street Church of Christ, officiating. Burial was at Restland Cemetery in Olney, Texas. Arrangements were under the direction of Lunn Funeral Home of Olney.

Donna was born on March 7, 1947, in Olney Texas, to the late Frank and Wyolene (Bufkin) Gray. She was a lifelong resident of Olney and Throckmorton, and was the bookkeeper at Olney Hardware and Supply. Donna was preceded in death by her parents and one son, Jeffrey Don Whitsitt.

Donna is survived by one son, Jason Whitsitt, and wife, Tammie, of Olney; three daughters, Debra Kimbro and husband, Tommy, of Olney, Tamera Felz and husband, Fred, of Norfolk, Virginia, and Talley Dixon of Grafard, Texas; two sisters, Frankie Foster of Breckenridge, Texas, and Lou Harris and husband, Paul, of Olney; 10 grandchildren, Kristen Thurman, Jaci Kimbro, Austin Whitsitt and Justin Whitsitt, all of Olney, Courtney Helm and Husband Trevor of Abilene, Texas, Taylor Felz and partner, Josh, of Norfolk, Virginia, Chelsea Hooten of Lubbock,



Donna Gayle Dixon

Texas, Keegan Harris, Kollin Harris and Karsen Dixon, all of Grafard, Texas; two great-grandchildren, Kelbey Thurman and Kynlee Lauderdale, both of Olney; three nieces and two nephews and her beloved Schnauzer, Stella.

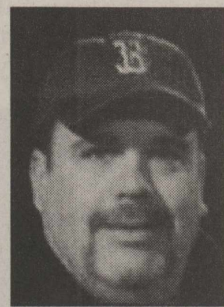
Visitation was on Monday, July 23, from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

The family requests memorial gifts be sent to The American Lung Association, 8150 Brookriver Drive, S-102, LB-151, Dallas, Texas 75247, or the Humane Society of Young County, 120 Craig Street Graham, TX 76450.

Condolences to the family may be made at www.lunnfuneralhome.com

We don't have a gun problem here ... we have a God problem

Just Jeff



By Jeff Stanfield

Well, this past week we had another national tragedy. Some waterhead with a few guns walks into a movie theater in Colorado and started shooting into the crowd, killing 12 and injuring dozens more. It was a horrible incident and just seems to whip up all the anti-gun nuts.

People, guns don't kill people. People kill people! If we are going to outlaw guns, let's also outlaw bombs. Oh, they already are outlawed. But Mr. Holmes had bombs and even booby-trapped his house with them.

See, my point is even when something is outlawed the bad guys still manage to get their hands on them.

Hey, I agree on the fact that a little gun control is not a bad idea. I don't understand why anyone needs an Uzi machine gun? But I also understand if you take away that right then the next thing they will want is your pistol, or your semi-auto shotgun.

Taking away gun's will not stop murders. There were murders before they had guns. They had stabbings and before that, some caveman cracked another caveman in the head with a rock or club. Taking away guns will take away the innocent citizen's right to protect his family and his home.

My solution is to start letting people wear them around their hips, Back in the Old West people thought twice about stealing,

have ZERO appeals and then put to sleep. You wanna argue that he is not mentally stable? No argument from me. The guy is two beers short of a six pack, but does that mean he should get a lighter sentence? Hell, No. I say shock him until his heart blow's up.

Listen, he isn't mentally-challenged. He was working on a PhD in neuroscience (like one of the nerds from the show "Big Bang Theory.") I'm guessing he was just lonely and couldn't get a date or a job ... but insane? No.

Maybe depressed? Heck, do you see our local farmers walking around shooting everything up? No.

Hey, Fred Ledesma got cut for a musical in New York because his six-pack was more like a party ball. Did he go shooting up Pumpers Supply? No.

"We don't have a crime problem or a gun problem - or even a violence problem. What we have is a sin problem. And since we ordered God out of our schools and communities, the military and public conversations, we really shouldn't act so surprised when all hell breaks loose.

raping, bullying and anything else that might offend someone. The problem today is that justice is not served warm. It's freezing cold before they have to pay for the crimes they commit.

The simple answer is give him a fair trial next week ... not next year. If convicted "guilty of murder" then handcuff him to the flagpole in downtown Aurora and let the victims' families give him justice.

I can hear the liberals now, No, we need to give him TV, e-mail and Internet and let him convert to a Muslim and all the other crap that goes along with a Holiday Inn Express that we call a prison.

Hey, he didn't give the victims a second chance so he should

Letter to the Editor

I read Rev. Tom Carter's article in the Knox County News of July 12 and I agree 100 percent. I am not a member of the Pastor's Ministerial Alliance, you can add my name to that list. Some of the powers that be, called the sale of beer and wine good.

After 64 years in the ministry and lots of first-hand experiences of the effects of liquor, I ask, What is good about the destruction of lives? What is good about the destruction of marriage and the home? What is good about a father who uses his money to buy beer or wine and his kids go without food? I have seen all of these over the years as a pastor.

How about the 27,000 lives that are killed on the highways because of a drunk driver?

The Bible says: "Do not look on the wine when it is red ... at the last it bites like a serpent and stings like a viper." Proverbs 31 and 32.

Thank you, Rev. Tom Carter for your letter to the editor.

Dr. H. B. Graves,
Knox City

Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

It's still hot and not much chance of any relief in sight. The lawns and other vegetation are suffering for water. It's just too costly to keep them wet, even though we'd like to, so most of us are just letting them go.

Regarding Our Ill

Jane Gideon spent several days in the Knox County Hospital. She came home Friday and is feeling much better. She just had a terrible time with her blood pressure, but thankfully, it seems to have leveled out and maybe it will stay that way.

Former resident, John Chilcoat, now of Knox City, is continuing to recuperate in the Knox County Hospital. I talked to his daughter, Gayle, Saturday night, and she said he's doing pretty well—just has a problem getting up. He has had some back surgery, and his age is a factor in the healing process. He is 94. We pray his recovery continues.

Kynn Patterson has been released from HMC in Abilene, and I understand has gone to his brother, Lynn's, home in Amarillo for a few days R & R. It's good to know he's feeling better, as he was pretty ill for several days.

Sympathy sent

My sincere sympathy to the families of Billy Ray Morrow of O'Brien and Herby Monet of Knox City. Billy Ray passed away Saturday afternoon after being diagnosed with cancer only a few weeks ago. His funeral is tomorrow (Tuesday) in O'Brien. Herby passed away around midnight Saturday. He, too, had been in failing health for quite some time. He was married to Betty Herring (Albus). His funeral is Tuesday in Rhineland.

Here 'N There

Stephanie Brannan and children of Lubbock visited her great grandmother, Hazel Stockton, on Friday.

Roger and Cindy Potts of Seagraves were weekend guests of Debbie and Mike Moorhouse. They also did some clearing out of some of her Mom's things in her home in Knox City. Her mother was Mary Stone, who passed away recently.

Jimmy and Michele Barrientz and family enjoyed a few days' vacation last week. Getting away from regular everyday activities is always a welcome change.

Brittney Kuehler of Wichita Falls visited her parents, Mark and Teresa, and other relatives and friends during the weekend.

Linda Griffith was in Brownwood Saturday for more softball games. Her granddaughter, Brooke Jones, was playing in a tournament, and as hot as it was, Linda said they played "their hearts out" and came in third. They were tired

young ladies at the end of the day. Linda and Charles were also in Lubbock Friday night to watch their grandson, Blake Jones, as he played in the Six-Man All-Star game there. Blake played on the East team, along with T.J. Moore and Ryan Ledesma of Knox City. These young men represented their school very well.

Ned and Susan Jones also attended their grandson's game in Lubbock.

Mary Young has had her children, Jack, Jr. and Cindy of Round Rock, and Debbie and Barry Neill and grandson, Collin, of Boca Raton, Florida, for several days' visit. Jack and Cindy have returned home, as has Barry. Debbie and Collin remained for another week's visit.

The "Quilting Club's" annual retreat was this past weekend at Ranger Creek, near Vera. According to Carol Dickson, it's just a weekend of fun—quilting, visiting, lots of eating, and just getting away for a restful three days. I think she said there would be 17 attending this year. Attending from Benjamin were Jan Carver, Pam Duke, and Carol Dickson.

I saw (and visited with) Toy Reed Wednesday after E. O. Reed's funeral. Toy is doing well. He has been battling lung cancer for quite some time, but said his last checkup at M.D. Anderson was good, and he was feeling fine. Imagean Young was in Wichita Falls Friday to see her eye doctor. She will be having cataract surgery on August 13. Of course, she will be glad to have it over with.

Connie Porter of Fayetteville, Arkansas, was in here for a while. She is cleaning out her aunt, Omittene Barnett's, house. It has been sold. Joy Lynn Lyles Pool and her

husband have purchased it and will be taking possession before long. It will be good to have Joy Lynn and Kip living here and being a part of our community. Joy Lynn has already begun work as dispatcher for the Knox County Sheriff's Office.

I talked to Jan Carver today, and she said she would be having surgery in Abilene tomorrow (Tuesday) on her leg. It's a place where blood has collected on a vein and his gotten infected, so doctors thought it best to remove it rather than seeing if it will get well on its own—just may continue to get worse. She said she should be in the hospital only two or three days if all goes well. She also said that her daughter, Tammy Lyles, is in Temple with her daughter, Cassie (and Cody) Wainscott. Cassie has a kidney stone and has been pretty sick and in a lot of pain. She had more trouble than some do with that type problem, so will have to have it surgically removed on Wednesday. Remember Jan and Cassie in your prayers.

Jan also said that Judie Whitten was at the quilt retreat. She said her husband, Jack, is doing pretty well. He's had a summer of going to doctors, hospitals, etc., since an accident with a cow early in the summer. Their son, Jay, was going to stay with him while Judie was away. Jay lives in Lubbock.

Former resident, James Redwine, called today just to say "hello" and ask about everyone here. He said he and his wife, Melba, are both retired and have plenty of time to get things done around their home if they will just do it. He sends his regards to all his friends here. It was good to hear from him.



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Greyhounds to kick off football on Aug. 6

Football fever is almost here.

The Knox City High School Greyhounds, along with almost every other high school football program in the State of Texas, will kick off its pre-season preparations in two

weeks, beginning on Aug. 6.

Knox City head coach Charles Steele said the Greyhounds will be practicing once per day for the first four days of summer workouts. Then, on Thursday, Aug. 9, the squad will hold its annual "Midnight

Madness" event.

Steele, noting any player that has not picked up a physical form should do so, indicated practices would begin at 7 a.m. on Aug. 6. The team will practice every morning, starting at 7 a.m. through Thursday.

At midnight, teams can begin practicing in full pads for the first time.

Steel said players and parents can be expecting letters in the mail detailing all the practices and times within the next few days.

Knox City is scheduled to make its first appearance of the 2012 season on Aug. 17 when they compete in a scrimmage. The team's first game will be against Petersburg on Sept. 1 at the Jayton Gridiron Classic.

Physicals to be held on Aug. 2

Athletes in grades 7-12 needing athletic physicals can get them on Aug. 2.

Girls' physicals will start at 1:30 p.m., while the boys' will begin at 2:30 p.m.

Deadlines nearing for Texas public hunt drawings

Hunters hoping to take advantage of economical quality hunts on state-managed lands are reminded of upcoming application deadlines.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will be offering adult

and youth only hunts by special drawing for a wide variety of species as part of its Public Hunting Program. Applications for several hunt categories, including all alligator hunts by 5 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 2. Archery only and crossbow hunts, pronghorn, and TPWD private lands hunts are due by 5 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 9.

All gun deer and youth deer hunt category applications must be received by 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 6.

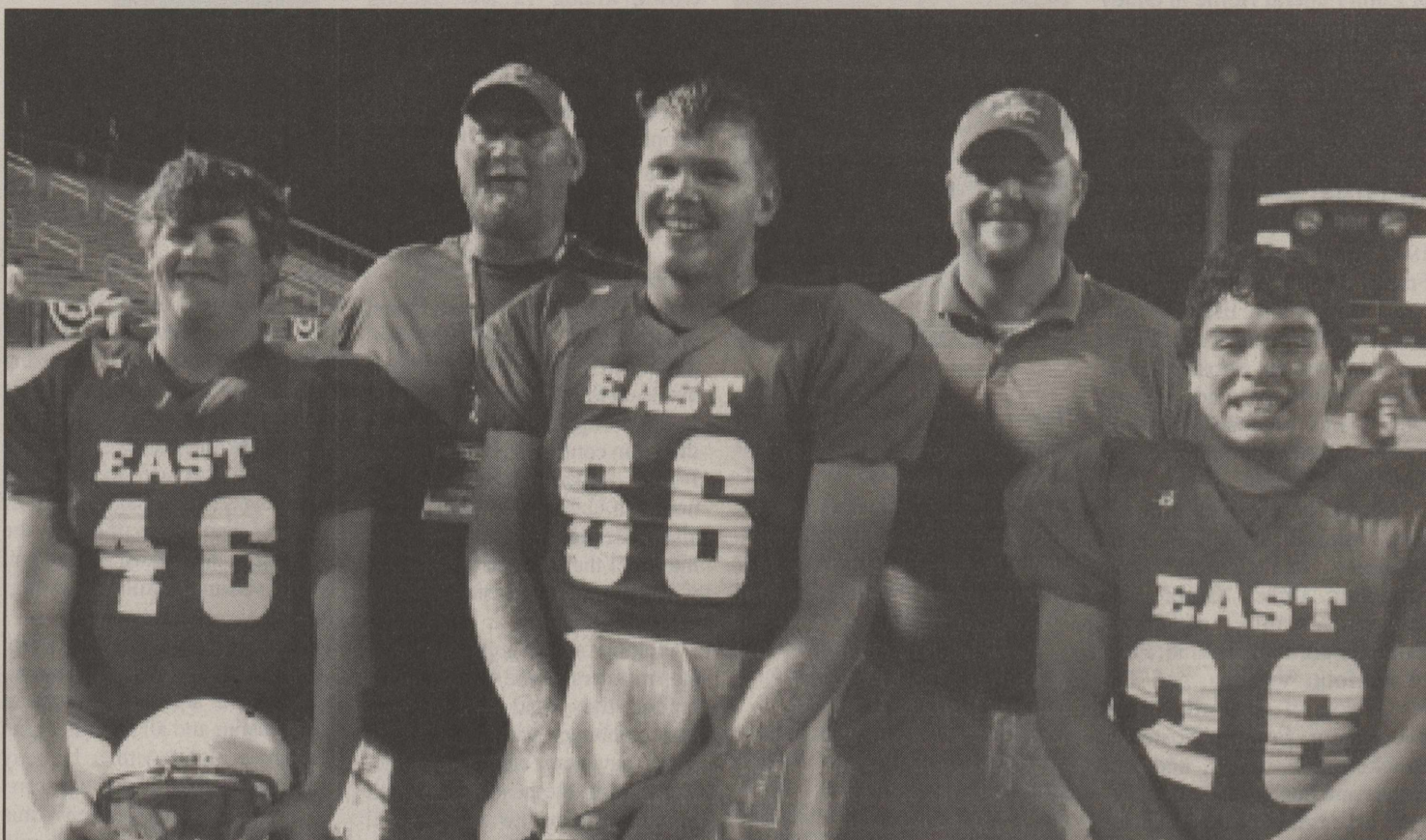
During the upcoming hunting seasons, almost 5,500 hunters will be selected through random computer drawings allowing access to some of the state's high-quality managed wildlife habitat.

Through an application process, hunters can select from among 28 different hunt categories, including eight specifically for youth only, and choose a preferred hunt date and location from hunt areas stretching across the state.

Information and applications for Special Permit hunts are available on the Public Hunting Web site at www.tpwd.state.tx.us/huntwild/hunt/public/public_hunt_drawing

There will be a 5th Sunday Singing at 2 pm on Sunday, July 29, at the First Baptist Church in O'Brien, with a fellowship with games following the singing.

Knox County Watermelon Festival will be July 27 and 28, beginning at 3 p.m. on Friday. The parade will begin at 6 p.m. on Friday. If you want to be in the parade, be at the park at 5 p.m. There will also be a dance Friday night at the park. Festival activities begin again on Saturday at 8 a.m. There will be lots of vendors, live entertainment throughout the day, a train ride, bounce houses, and lots more activities for the kiddos.



T.J. Moore, Blake Jones and Ryan Ledesma all turned in solid performances at the 2012 TSMCA six-man all-star game on Saturday in Lubbock. Ledesma earned the East's Defensive MVP honors.

Ledesma, KCHS athletes shine at TSMCA all-star showdown

WOLFFORTH — T.J. Moore, Blake Jones and Ryan Ledesma may not have walked off the field for the final time with a "W" in his pocket, but he certainly left it with a ton of admirers.

The three Knox City High School standouts helped their team, roll up more than 240 total yards of offense in a 36-

20 loss to the West in the Texas Six-Man Coaches Association's Division I all-star game.

An all-region kicker, Moore tallied two of the East's points by converted an extra-point attempt. Jones and Ledesma also played key roles on the East defense in game that was played in front of more than fans, coaches' and former players at Peoples Bank Stadium at Frenship High School.

Ledesma did well, too. He earned the East's Defensive MVP honors by leading the team in tackles.

"The West win didn't come easy.

Twice Throckmorton's all-state running back C.J. Hantz helped carry the East to within two points of the lead.

Defensively, the East defense answered the bell in solid shape. The team held the West scoreless throughout much of the first quarter.

The West managed to open the scoring on an accidental play on the final play of the opening stanza. With time running out in the frame, Crowell's Caleb Matthews lobbed a pass into the end zone that was tipped into the air — and into the arms of Ropes' Taylor Jackson.

They didn't enjoy the upper hand for long.

After the East had stalled the West's first series in the second

Texas Six-Man Coaches Association's 2012 Division I All-Star Game WEST 36, EAST 20

East	0	6	8	6	— 20
West	8	8	8	12	— 36

First Quarter

W — Taylor Jackson 11 from Caleb Matthews (Zach Glass kick)

Second Quarter

E — C.J. Hantz 44 run (kick blocked)

W — Houston Quintanilla 60 run (Glass kick)

Third Quarter

E — Shay Smith fumble recovery in end zone (T.J. Moore kick)

W — Quintanilla 2 run (kick failed)

Fourth Quarter

E — Hantz 35 run (kick failed)

W — Matthews 2 run (kick failed)

W — Quintanilla 3 run (Glass kick)

into the half with a 16-6 cushion.

Again, the West didn't celebrate the lead long. Just 25 seconds into the third quarter the East defense came up with a big play.

On the second play of the third quarter, a miscue in the West backfield resulted into the quarterback and running back running into each other. The ball squirted loose in the collision and rolled into the West end zone where Aquilla's Shay Smith fell on it.

Moore came on to boot the extra point and pulled the East to within 16-14 with 9:35 left in the frame.

Quintanilla answered for the West later in the third. He scored on a two-yard run to build the West lead to 22-14.

The East was far from through. Hantz breathed new life into the East offense in the early moments of the fourth quarter. After the East offense had moved 26 yards in four plays, The THS standout's name was called again.

He responded with a 35-yard scoring run that cut the West lead to 22-20 with 9:51 left to play.

The West scored twice in the final five minutes to salt away the win.


Man rescued from Davis Mountain

A man rescued by Texas Parks and Wildlife game wardens with help from other agencies is continuing his recovery in an Odessa hospital after falling from a bluff in Davis Mountains Resort July 13.

A Texas Department of Public Safety helicopter aircrew was contacted by Jeff Davis County Sheriff Rick McIvor and asked to assist in the rescue of a man in his 60's, who had not returned from a hiking trip the previous morning.

The injured hiker was discovered on a heavily forested ridge at approximately 7,500 feet elevation with a concussion; his left shoulder, left leg and left hand badly injured; leg and shoulder puncture wounds; three fractured vertebrae; and numerous lacerations and bruises.

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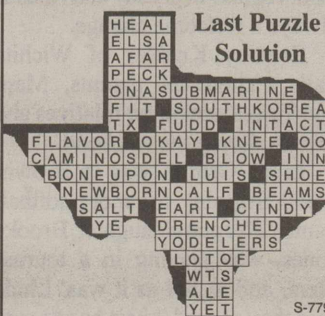
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• HELP WANTED

HELP WANTED

The Knox County News is looking for columnists to provide a general news column on a weekly basis in O'Brien, Munday and Goree. For more info contact Tommy at (940) 329-1540.

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HELP WANTED

Helena Chemical Company has an immediate opening for a temporary truck driver having a CLASS A CDL license with HAZMAT & TANKER endorsement. This position will make deliveries, load and unload product, utilize a forklift and perform general warehouse duties. There is a possibility that this position could become full time. For consideration, please apply in person:

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• PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Unitex Oil & Gas, LLC, 310 W. Wall Street, Suite #503, Midland, TX 79701 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas. The applicant proposes to inject fluid in the Cisco Formation, Bateman Trust Est. Account NO.1 Lease, Well Number 82. The proposed injection well is located 6 miles East of Guthrie, Texas, in the Bateman Ranch (A-Zone) Field, in King County, Texas. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3400 to 3680 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

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GARAGE SALE--Saturday Only, July 28, 8 am - 6 pm at 208 S. 2nd.

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• BID NOTICE

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TDRA PROJECT NO. 710059

Separate sealed bids for the construction of WATER TREATMENT PLANT EVAPORATION POND FENCE will be received by the CITY OF BENJAMIN, TEXAS until Tuesday, July 31, 2012 @ 11:45 A.M. at City Hall, 303 South Hinton Street, Benjamin, Texas 79505, and then at said location publicly opened and read aloud. This project includes the provision and installation of 2,500 LF of 5 wire barbed wire fence with four corners and t-post. A 16' Double Gate shall also be included.

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

JACOB & MARTIN, LTD., Consulting Engineers 3465 Curry Lane, Abilene, Texas 79606

Bids will not be received from contractors who have not obtained original plans and specifications from Jacob & Martin. Bids shall be submitted on original documents and the entire specification book must be returned with bid. No faxes or copies of bid sheets will be accepted.

The Owner reserves the right

to waive any informalities and to reject any or all bids. Bids may be held by the Owner for a period not to exceed 60 days from the date of bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the qualifications of Bidders prior to awarding of the contract.

Copies of the Contract Documents and half size (11 X 17) plans may be obtained from Jacob & Martin, Ltd., 3465 Curry Lane, Abilene, Texas 79606 (325-695-1070), upon payment of \$10.00 (non-refundable) for each set. Checks should be made to the order of Jacob & Martin, Ltd.

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CITY OF BENJAMIN, TEXAS

Signed

Sylinda Meinzer

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• PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Independent Administration for the Estate of Benny David Bradford, Deceased, were issued on July 9, 2012, in Cause No. 2549, pending in the County Court of Knox County, Texas, to: Carol Bettes.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: Geoffrey C. Sansom Attorney at Law Matthews & Associates 3100 Timmons, Ste 310 Houston, Texas 77027 Phone: (713) 238-7767 Fax: (713) 993-0452

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Adventure used to be the name of the game for me

Off The Beaten Path



By Tommy Wells

As many of you may know, I'm a sucker for outrageous and adventurous things ... especially if it helps someone, is incredibly offbeat, or (in most cases) gets me something to eat.

For those of you who don't know, it is true that I once dressed up like a drag queen to compete in a Miss Ugly Big Spring contest. I don't need to tell you I was so ugly that I was the second person eliminated (I outlasted the mayor).

It probably wouldn't come as a big surprise that I entered into a sled dog race once ... and because of the fear of running into a polar bear or getting lost, I ran with the dogs the entire race, sometimes even pulling them so I could stay within seeing distance of the guy in front of me (so if we got lost, it was his fault).

Once I even jumped in 38-degree water to participate in the Polar Bear Plunge in the Bering Sea, and I once went to Russia and tried to put them under the table ... wait, that's another story.

Anyway, I'm up for almost anything most of the time.

A few days ago while She-Who-Must-Not-Be-Made-Mad and I were chilling in Alaska, a friend of ours asked us if we wanted to take his boat out onto the Kuskokwim and dig up some fun.

SWMNBMM said she wanted to go ... so with our minds made up, we went.

I know all about the water in Alaska. SWMNBMM and I (and our kids) lived up there for several years. The only thing you really need to know is it is cold. If you are given the choice of jumping in the water or having an eye surgically removed ... well, you can live with one eye.

Now Dana (our friend who usually refers to me by my Eskimo name) put us all in the boat with his wife, Miss Alice, and their grandson, Edison, and

off we went up the Kusko and through Steamboat Slough to his camp, which is super awesome.

When we pulled up, I jumped out onto the shore and tied us up - just like I did way back when I was in the Navy. I even still remember two knots.

Then we hit the camp ... And Dana set about making us a lunch and Miss Alice and I set about "digging up fun."

Next time we go, I'm definitely going to ask Miss Alice her definition of fun. We took shovels and dug a garden.

At one point, I could have sworn I was bleeding and ran to SWMNBMM in pain. She wiped the sweat off my forehead and sent me back to work.

Well, it felt like blood ... kind of ... I mean, it could have been ...

After finishing "digging up fun," Dana served up a hearty lunch of ... fish.

I'm not sure if I told anyone this but I'm the guy that goes to Long John Silver's and orders chicken.

News tip to people like me, whoever said if you put enough salt, bread, hot sauce and dirt on salmon that you can't taste it ... LIED!

Anyway, the day progressed and we did have an awesome time. I would definitely like to

have a camp like theirs. It would also be nice if it came with a hot tub, barbecue pit and satellite TV.

When the day was done, we decided to head back ... of course, the tide had gone out and now our boat sat half out of the water. The other half was in the mud, which was connected to the ice cold water.

Let's do the math, here. It was Dana's boat ... which means he had to drive it.

Pushing is not an option. Edison is four years old. Pushing is not an option. Miss Alice is in her late 60s. Pushing is not an option. SWMNBMM? Pushing is not an option. Trust me on that.

OK ... that left me, getting into the coooldd mud which was to the coooldd water.

Not just any mud, mind you. Soft mud. You know, the kind that oozes between your toes and laughs at you the whole way until it reaches her hips.

I took a step in and I'm not kidding one bit, my eyes bugged out, my breath escaped and my voice jumped four octaves.

I pushed that boat out into the water in like 2.7 seconds and crawled back onto the bank where SWMNBMM poured glacier water onto my body with a big grin.

After I had regained the color and feeling in my body, we all climbed into the boat and headed home.

A few days later, SWMNBMM told me I was going to be going to Barrow in a few days.

Barrow is the northernmost city in the country, located on Point Barrow in the Arctic Ocean.

I agreed to go.

But I am not going fishing with those guys.

Tommy Wells, who once played football on the frozen Bering Sea, is the editor of The Knox County News.

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determine the resource concerns and needs of the area and how to best address those needs. The NRCS and their local conservation partner, the Wichita-Brazos SWCD, provide agriculture producers with professional consultation and financial assistance through Farm Bill conservation programs to apply conservation practices on their land that address soil erosion and health, water quality and quantity issues, as well as wildlife habitat.

The Local Working Group includes community agricultural producers, owners/operators of nonindustrial private forest land, professionals representing agricultural and natural resource interests, and individuals representing a variety of disciplines in the soil, water, wetland, plant, forestry, and wildlife sciences who are familiar with agricultural and natural resource issues.

All landowners and land managers in Knox County are encouraged to attend and participate in this meeting. This open discussion public meeting will

focus on identifying area natural resource concerns that can be addressed using conservation programs and activities.

"Effective conservation stems from a locally led process," says Charlie Schur, NRCS District Conservationist for Knox County. "The Knox County NRCS office operates on the concept that local residents' best understand local issues and are the key to solving problems."

The NRCS has announced that they will hold their annual Locally Led Conservation Meeting and Local Work Group Meeting at 1 p.m., Wednesday, April 20, 2011 at the LSU Agriculture Center, Rosepine Research Station located on Highway 171 just north of Rosepine.

These meetings provide landowners, agencies, organizations and any other interested individuals the opportunity to help identify natural resource concerns within the parish and how to help direct technical and financial assistance decisions that your local NRCS and SWCD make throughout the year when implementing conservation programs. The Locally Led Conservation Meeting provides landowners, agencies, organizations and any other interested individuals the opportunity to help identify natural resource concerns within the Calcasieu Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD). The Calcasieu SWCD includes Vernon and Beauregard parishes. At this meeting, individuals will be able to voice concerns, provide comments and help to identify conservation issues. The public is encouraged to attend and participate in the meeting.

SAMMIE'S KNOX CITY CORNER AND FINAL THOUGHTS

Monday started with some most unwelcome news, as we missed Billy Ray Morrow at the cafe. The news was not good. After doctor visits and more tests, he was diagnosed with cancer. As I visited with him in the hospital before his trip to Abilene Monday, we talked for a while. He was waiting for his son to arrive. He knew what was ahead, and he was ready to do what he needed to do. His most concern was doing what was best for his children. His love for God will always be with him, and, as we prayed together, the peace and calm in his room was amazing. This man has been the reason for coffee at Bud's Cafe every day. Our prayers are with him as he set his home in Abilene on the 7th floor for a while. He knows we love and miss him. Billy, may God be with you always. Well, in the meanwhile, I was writing Saturday, and I called Abilene to check on him and the family, and one of the nurses was so kind to tell me that Billy Ray had passed on to God's home about 4:30. That was a very sad moment for me because I am really going to miss him as are all the guys at the cafe. To the family, we are very sorry for your loss. Our prayers and our thoughts are with you always.

Our heartfelt sorrow goes out to the Miller family from Rule and to Jeffery and Kassie Rodriguez for their loss. Our love is with you always, and may God be with you always.

I hope y'all get ready for a great weekend of fun this week-

end, because our Watermelon Festival will be in town with lots of fun to come your way and lots of music for all ages. Also, don't forget the first Monday of August. You can join the seniors and anyone else that would like to sit and listen to great music and lots of fellowship at the Aging Center in Knox City. I understand it's lots of fun. Bring a snack and join the fun. They'll be glad to see you.

We have a new neighbor by the pool or park—Tamara—she is Mark and Marsha's daughter. It's great to see some old faces coming back to Knox City. I'm sure there will be more moving back home. We have really missed some of them.

Henry Moya underwent small minor surgery this last Wednesday. Hopefully, he is home and recovering well at home. He is employed by Key Energy. He and his family are great people for Knox City. His wife works for Santa Rosa.

Claudia Tidwell spend a few days in the Knox City Hospital after a sinus infection, but got to go home. She's recovering at home. Take care, and our prayers are with you.

Sonny and Brenda Correll have returned their grandkids, Crystal and Jeffery Meador, back to Colorado. I'm sure they are doing great, but we miss seeing them at the cafe, hanging out with older guys.

Dorothy Harrison has finally retired from Child Welfare or Human Resources. She was there for a long time, and she did a

great job. I'm sure all her associates will miss her very much, but friends will enjoy now to go and visit and have a great time. I'll be the first in line. I really missed her when she left Knox City, and I'm still missing her.

Billie Jean McAuley has been home doing good. I miss her at the bank, but maybe she'll be back to work soon. She's very much missed, and Ann Underwood is trying to hold the fort down.

Betty Albus Monet's husband passed away Sunday morning. I understand his body is in the Monday funeral home. Our prayers go out to her family. She has been such a great caregiver for her husband. He will be missed. May God bless them all. As we look back to years past, they leave great memories of lots of loved ones and friends. Those are great to have with us forever.

To all those families of Colorado as they have suffered a great loss because of some person that has no idea what pain he has caused to ones who are very special always. Our hearts go out to each and every one in this world that needs God's prayers so much. While at the same time, we give such thanks for all our beautiful babies born every day—the greatest blessings from God as years go by.

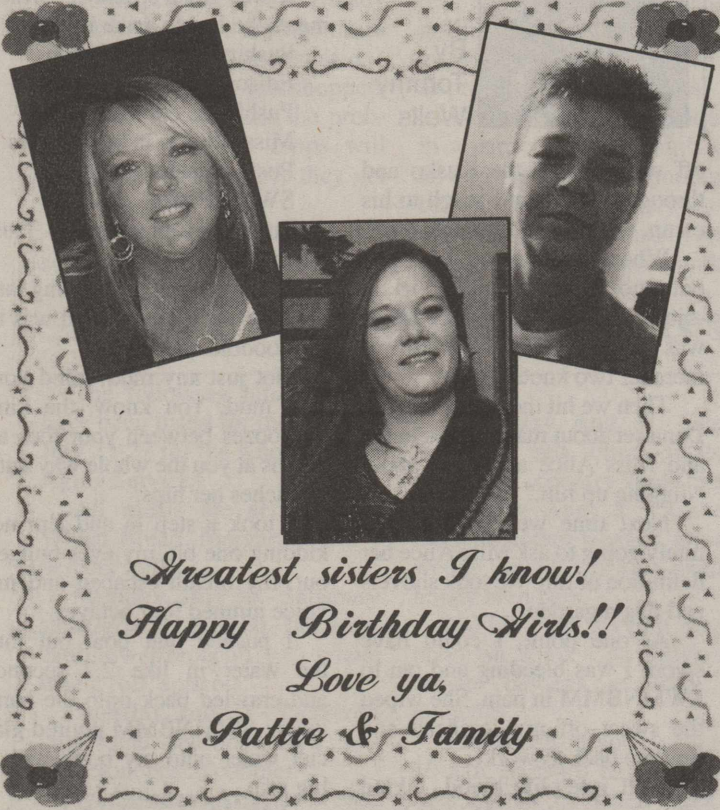
Our Sunday church was a great day. We had a big crowd and a great speaker and his wife from China. May God bless them, may they have a safe trip home, and thanks for the great job they are doing.

If you play golf, you can look forward to a weekend of fun at the Knox City Country Club, starting at 8:30 am on Saturday for the Watermelon Festival Golf Tournament for all ages. It is a great friendship time for those you haven't seen in a while.

Tammy Baker Webb and her husband are really coming along great with their food pantry. I just love visiting with them no matter how hot it is. They always see the good in everyone and everything, and that I love. See you guys soon. Great job. God bless y'all.

Well, I'll see you next week, and stay cool.

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
Total Rainfall for Week		0.13
Total Rainfall for month		0.13
2012 Rainfall (ytd)		9.93

Community Wide Vacation Bible School

Kick-Off & Registration
Sunday August 5th
6pm-7pm at Knox City Airport

Amazing Wonders
Monday Tuesday Aug. 6th- Thursday Aug. 9th
6 pm-8.15 pm
at First United Methodist Church

Kids age 4-8th grade invited!!

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