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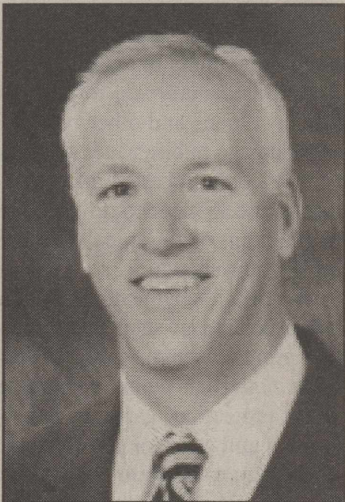
## Frank to visit Knox County on Oct. 11

Knox County was moved into District 69 in the recent redistricting in Texas, putting the county in James Frank's district. Frank is a Wichita Falls businessman running unopposed for the State Representative from District 69 on the Republican ticket.

A "Meet and Greet" will be held for Frank from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 11, at the Knox City Aging Center. Frank has been to Knox County before, but he would like to get to know

the people of this area better.

At 7 p.m. at the KC Aging Center, a meeting will be held to organize a Republican Party in Knox County. All Republicans in the county who want to participate are invited. A precinct chairman from each of our six Knox County voting precincts is needed. If you would like to be a part of the group but cannot attend, or for more information, please call Lou Vail at (940) 658-5507.



Shannon Reeves ...  
... 4-H Ambassador

## County's rainfall totals climb slightly over last two months

The drought that has plagued most of Texas and the Southwestern United States for much of the past two years is far from over, but at least the local precipitation totals are improving.

According to data supplied by the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Knox County has received nearly one-fourth of its yearly precipitation total in the past two months. During the last 60 days, the county has received 4 inches of moisture, including

2.53 inches through Sept. 26.

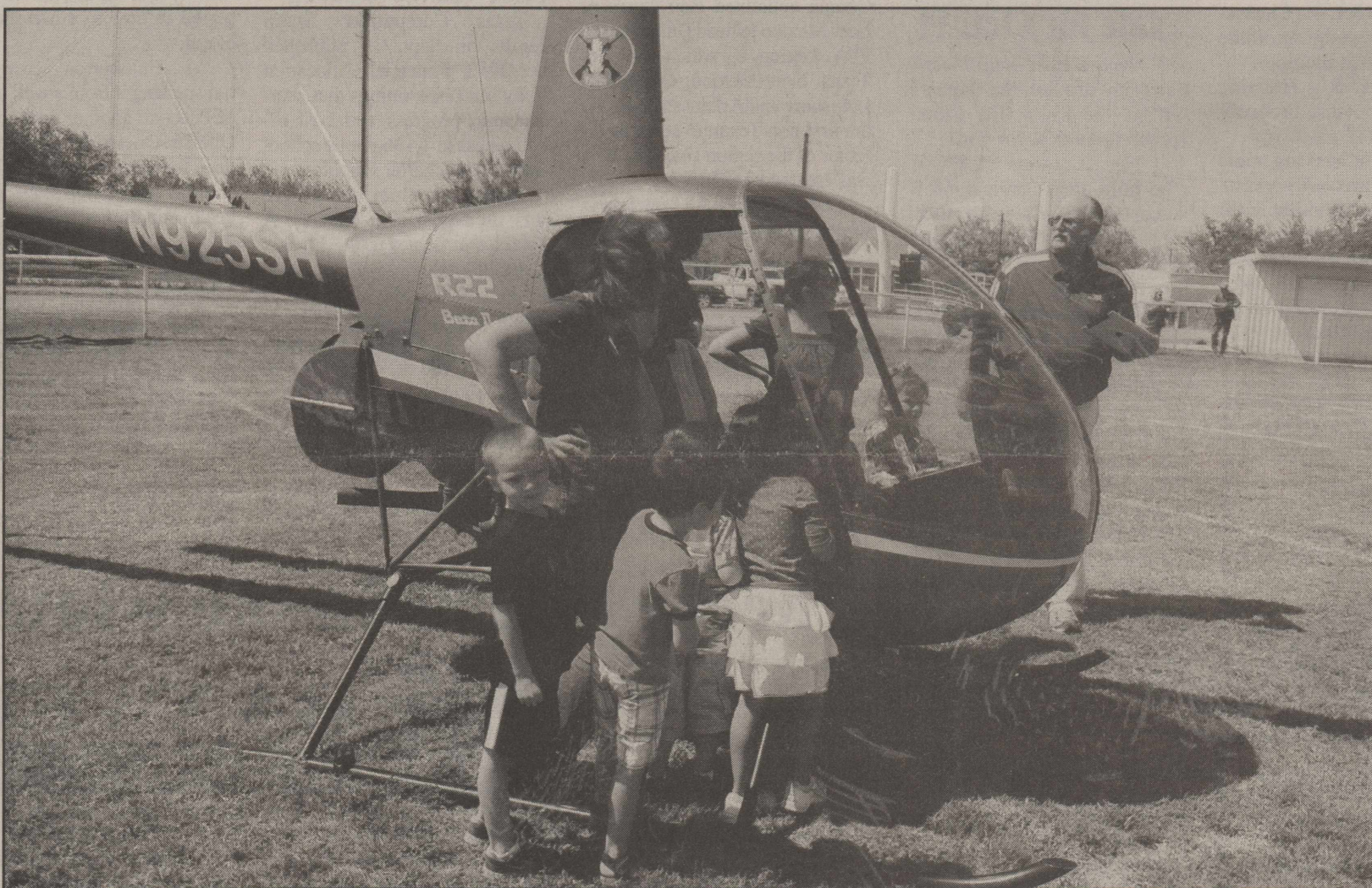
Through the end of July, Knox County had been one of the hardest hit areas in northcentral Texas. The county's rainfall total for the first seven months of the year was just over 11 inches. In response to low rainfall totals, high temperatures and dropping water levels, many communities in the region, including Knox City, Throckmorton, Munday and Rule, went on strict water conservation plans. Many counties also imple-

mented burn bans to battle the threat of wildfire.

In August, the precipitation levels began increasing. During the final week of August, .68 inches of rain fell, bringing the monthly total to 1.47.

With the August rainfall totals, Knox County's precipitation levels heading into September stood at 12.54 inches.

According to NRCS data, September has been good for the  
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### Flying interest ...

Benjamin School hosted a fly-in at Ben Grill Field, courtesy of Cedar Ridge Aviation, last Friday afternoon. Two helicopters, piloted by Russell Flanery and Shane Williams, landed on the Benjamin football field on Sept. 21. Dustin Johnson, owner of Cedar Ridge Aviation, was also on hand to help with the event. This was the culmination of kindergarten and pre-k students studying about the letter 'H'. Pictured above are some of the Benjamin elementary students as they learned about helicopters. The school, along with the entire Benjamin community, were able to learn more about helicopters and aviation operations.



## Rolling Plains SWCDS to meet on Oct. 3

The Rolling Plains Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (RPASWCDS) will meet Oct. 3, for their business meeting and tour of the Air Tractor manufacturing plant located at Olney.

"Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. at Air Tractor after which the soil and water conservation district directors representing 16 soil and water conservation districts (SWCDS) will tour Air Tractor's manufacturing facility," said Steve Marten, president of RPASWCDS.

Marten said that a representative of Air Tractor will welcome the group and then lead the conservation district directors on a tour of the facilities. For more than 50 years, Air Tractors have been manufactured in Olney. With a history of some 2,700 aircraft built, Air Tractor produces the most extensive line of Ag aircraft with 400, 500, 600, 800 and 1,000-gallon capacities all of which are powered by Pratt & Whitney piston or turbine engines. The aircraft manufactured are used for a variety of purposes to include agriculture spraying, firefighting, and for military and other purposes.

Currently Air Tractor aircraft are working over fields and forests across the United States and around the globe to include Canada, Mexico, Central and South America, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Spain, Eastern Europe, Saudi Arabia and South Korea.

Following the tour, the SWCD directors are expected to receive updates on national and state soil and water conservation issues from representatives from the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.  
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## 'Career Day' hosts 260 students from the region

JIMI COPLIN  
Special to The Knox County News

A collection of students and school counselors packed the Knox Prairie Events Center on Sept. 12, 2012, to explore a variety of careers at Career Days 2012. The Knox County Visioning Group, Texas AgriLIFE Extension Service and the Knox City High School hosted the event.

In all, 18 different careers were featured from 9 a.m. to 1

p.m. A college fair was hosted from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Students were able to pick their top three career choices.

One hot career of interest was anything pertaining to the Department of Public Safety and Texas Parks and Wildlife. That session boasted approximately 80 participants. Local Knox County DPS officer, Nick Jimenez, and Texas Ranger Corey Lain were on hand to tell the students about their careers, along with local Game Warden Jay Olyer.

Students flocked to sessions regarding the medical professions. They got to hear from Dr. Zeke Duke on what it takes to be a doctor. Sheila Kueler and Chris Scott spoke on nursing and Abby Dudensing spoke on physical therapy. Each explained what they do on a daily basis as well as the college courses needed to work in the profession. They also talked to the students about potential salaries.

"This event was different that others because students actu-  
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Students hear about GenerationTX from Lubbock High student Alejandro Trevino at a 'Career Day' event on Sept. 12. The event was sponsored by the Knox County Visioning Group, Texas AgriLIFE Extension and Knox City High School.

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## Hospital Auxiliary sets banquet for Oct. 6

BILLIE WALKER  
KCHA Reporter

Knox County Hospital Administrator Stephen Kuehler met with the members of the Knox County Hospital Auxiliary on Sept. 19 at the Thrift Store.

A banquet for the hospital employees and the auxiliary was discussed. The date of Oct. 16 was set. The Health Fair on Oct. 6, 2012, at the hospital was mentioned. The Pink Ladies will do the guest registration and serve refreshments in the foyer of the hospital. Education for diabetics and heart patients will be stressed at the Health Fair.

One or more of the auxiliary members were invited to attend Customer Service Training to be held at the hospital.

As always, we thank you for helping us with your donations and purchases so that we can help our hospital and clinics.



### Coming up ...

Construction crews continue to make progress on the new Knox City clinic. Workers have erected much of the interior walls and are putting up fiber board on the outside.

## Knox County Aging Services

The following lunch menus have been listed for the week of Oct. 1-5 for the Knox County Aging Services

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

**Monday, Oct. 1** - Salisbury steak, dice potatoes, English peas, whole wheat roll, fruit cocktail.

**Tuesday, Oct. 2** - Polish sausage/cabbage, pinto beans, cornbread, peaches.

**Wednesday, Oct. 3** - Meatloaf/tomato sauce, red bliss potatoes, mixed vegetables,

whole wheat roll, banana pudding.

**Thursday, Oct. 4** - Cheeseburgers, potato wedges, tomato wedge salad, fruit medley.

**Friday, Oct. 5** - Hot dog meal, baked potato, broccoli, Jell-O.

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.

## Lions set mop, broom sale for Oct. 11

Need a little help cleaning up around the house? If so, the Knox City Lions Club has a deal for you.

The KC Lions Club will be holding its annual Mop and Broom Sale on Oct. 11. The sale will begin at 8 a.m.

All mops and brooms sold at the sale are fully guaranteed, and are made my vision impaired residents of the U.S.

Among the items that will be offered for sale will be mops, brushes and various other items, including cleaning aids for home, businesses or commercial properties.

For more information contact a member of the Lions Club or see the ad on Page 2 of this edition of the KC News.

# Texas receives funds from EPA for 'Drinking Water'

AUSTIN — The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency last week announced its award of \$57,041,000 to the Texas Water Development Board to support the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund program.

The funds are for loan assistance to eligible water systems for infrastructure improvements needed "to ensure safe drinking water is available to Texas residents." The fund program was established under the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996 authorizing the EPA to award capitalization grants to states, which in turn are authorized to provide low-cost loans and other types of assistance to public water systems to finance the costs of infrastructure projects needed to achieve or maintain compliance with the act's requirements.

States are also authorized to use a portion of their capitalization grants to fund a range of set-aside activities including source water protection, capacity development and operator certification. The program helps to ensure that the nation's drinking water supplies remain safe and affordable and that public water systems that receive funding are properly operated and maintained, the EPA said.

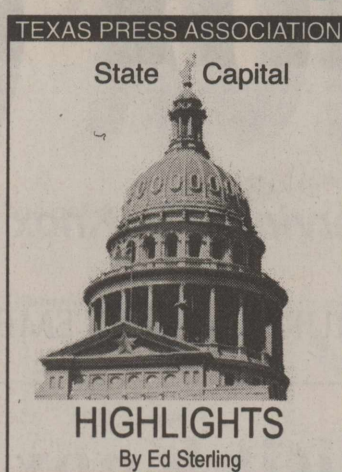
In other news, President Obama appointed Ron Curry of New Mexico to head Dallas-based EPA Region 6, which includes Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Arkansas. Curry is the first non-Texan to serve as director of the region since the EPA was created in 1970.

Curry succeeds Al Armendariz who resigned six months ago.

### Texas leads in job gain

Texas added 38,000 seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs in August, leading the nation in number of jobs gained for the month, the Texas Workforce Commission and U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported last week.

Closest to Texas in monthly gains were Florida with 23,200 jobs gained, and Missouri with 17,900 jobs gained.



HIGHLIGHTS  
By Ed Sterling

Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 7.1 percent in August, the same as for the month of July. A year ago, Texas' unemployment rate was tabulated at 8.1 percent.

Texas' job growth rate has been positive for 28 consecutive months and has been at or above 2.0 percent since December 2011, Texas Workforce Commission reported Sept. 21.

Among the states, the largest over-the-year percentage gains in overall employment occurred in three states where oil and gas exploration are robust: North Dakota, 6.7 percent, followed by Oklahoma, 2.9 percent, and Texas, 2.5 percent.

### 'FAST' ratings released

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs on Sept. 19 published the 2012 Financial Allocation Study for Texas ratings that chart academic progress and cost effectiveness in 1,136 public school districts and charter schools.

Ratings are from one to five stars, in half-star increments. A district that achieves the highest rating of five stars ranks among the top 20 percent of all Texas school districts in academic progress, while keeping expenditures among the lowest 20 percent of fiscally comparable districts.

Forty-five districts received the highest rating of five stars. Rating information for all Texas public school districts, campuses and charter schools, which is meant "to fairly compare the state's di-

verse school districts" is available at <http://www.FASTTEXAS.org>

### Federal funds up for grabs

Texas Department of Transportation on Sept. 14 announced that Texas communities may apply for federal aid for their transportation related projects such as pedestrian and bicycle trails, roadway landscaping, water runoff abatement and historical preservation.

Up to \$70 million in funding through the federal Transportation Enhancement Program is earmarked for cities across Texas.

Selected projects are eligible for reimbursement of up to 80 percent of allowable costs, TxDOT said, and applications must be received by Nov. 16.

### Radioactive cylinder missing

The Texas Department of State Health Services on Sept. 13 reported it is looking for a piece of equipment lost Sept. 11 by an oil and gas crew in a rural part of West Texas.

The stainless steel cylinder and attached plug about seven inches long and an inch across, contains Americium-241/Beryllium. The device is not considered highly radioactive but could expose someone who comes in close contact with it for an extended period of time to a harmful dose of radiation.

"A Halliburton crew was transporting it from a well outside of Pecos to another well south of Odessa. On arrival, the crew noticed the shielding was not locked and the device was missing," the health department reported.

### High court justice resigns

Texas Supreme Court Justice Dale Wainwright earlier this month announced his intention to leave the high court at the end of September to join an Austin law firm and return to private practice.

Elected to the state Supreme Court in 2002, Wainwright earlier was a district court judge in Harris County.

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**Soil workshop  
set for Sept. 26**

Conservation Agronomists  
Ray Archuleta and Willie Durham of the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) will be holding a Soil Health Workshops.

The clinics begin on Sept. 26 at the Chillicothe Research Station in Chillicothe.

# Cherry bombs in the winter

Back in the days of yore in a high mountain valley of Colorado lived a ranch kid named Sparky. In the winter time his valley would be covered with snow. The evergreen forests, blue skies, frozen ponds, and snow-white meadows looked just like the pictures you have on your calendar. The kids ice-skated. School was let out on Friday so they could go skiing. It was a bucolic life. The country was inhabited by mule deer, elk, beaver, muskrat, bear, coyote and abundant wildlife.

Like all ranch kids Sparky was part of the family team. Each had their chores to do. He helped his dad feed the cows in the winter off a horse drawn sled. As he grew older he took on more responsibility. They were hardy people. There were no slackers on the ranch. They put up hay in the summer to feed the cows in the winter. But, their wild-life neighbors also were hungry. Baby calves were easy plunder for the wiley coyote, all manner of birds covered the barnyard and elk found the stacked hay easy pickins.

Game wardens were co-oper-



## BAXTER BLACK

ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

ative and furnished ranches with bags full of cherry bomb firecrackers to scare the elk off the haystacks. A cherry bomb looks like a larger-than-life cherry with a fuse. It has left and is designed to be lit and thrown. It makes a loud bang that sounds like a gunshot to elk and deer.

Sparky and his brother Rod were given the job of chasing elk off the haystacks at least twice a day, early and late. They used the ranch snow-mobles. There were several haystacks in the meadows. On one glorious morning the boys mounted, grabbed a bag of cherry bombs, and took to the snow! They came down on the feeding elk like fighter pilots dive bombing a Nazi submarine strafing the herd with cherry bombs!

As the elk ran away, the boys followed, firing, lighting up and throwing. The cherry bombs

were carried in their shirt pocket and they were allowed to smoke cigars as a punk to relight. They were glorious days.

Sparky said on morning after chasing the elk, he was welding on a broken Hydrofork lifter above his head. The sparks were showering down over his mask. Somehow he heard a hiss over the welding shower. His subconscious connected chasing elk-lighting fuse-cherry bombs in jacket pocket! Wisely, he did not reach into his pocket, but pulled the sleeve off, turning it inside out. However, the sleeve hung up on the welding glove he forgot to remove and the cherry bomb ensemble exploded and blew a hole in his jacket big enough to pull a bobcat through!

He walked into the house and asked his mom if she could mend his jacket. She took one look at what resembled a Confederate battle flag, and declined.

Years later, when Sparky had taken over the ranch, he was driving home one winter night and saw elk gathered around one of his haystacks next to the road. To avoid throwing a bunch of cherry bombs into the deep snow where they might smother, he rubber-banded a handful to drop on the plowed road. Great plan. He banded them, lit the fuses, leaned out the window and tossed them on the road. Super, he thought, then he heard the hissing. He looked down to see one of the cherry bombs nestled between his legs jubilantly throwing sparks like it was the 4th of July!

All Sparky would say about the damage was, it blew a hole in the seat cover.

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1 TXism: "hot enough to \_\_\_\_\_ mercury"

5 in Wood Co. on 69 at age 36, Houston married one \_\_\_\_\_

7 TX-born actress Chiles (init.) \_\_\_\_\_

8 TXism: "worn \_\_\_\_\_ frazzle"

9 TXism: "busy \_\_\_\_\_ tender on pay day"

15 cattle enclosures \_\_\_\_\_

16 TXism: "does \_\_\_\_\_ milk? (no) \_\_\_\_\_ saw"

19 TX Scott Joplin: "King of \_\_\_\_\_"

21 TX Quaid & Corbin film: "The Night the Lights Went \_\_\_\_\_ Georgia"

22 TX Roy Orbison's were tinted \_\_\_\_\_

27 TXism: "beats anything I \_\_\_\_\_ saw"

28 scornful facial expressions \_\_\_\_\_

29 TXism: "shindigs" \_\_\_\_\_

30 repeat or annual \_\_\_\_\_

32 TX electronics co. \_\_\_\_\_

33 TXism for "graveyard" \_\_\_\_\_

36 wander \_\_\_\_\_

37 police department \_\_\_\_\_ shot \_\_\_\_\_

38 TXism: "sticks like manure" \_\_\_\_\_

39 TX Dabney was in \_\_\_\_\_ Pond"

41 Bowie had his \_\_\_\_\_ carried over Travis' Alamo line \_\_\_\_\_

**DOWN**

1 TX Meat Loaf's "\_\_\_\_\_ Out of Hell"

2 Grand \_\_\_\_\_ Opry

3 TX B.J. Thomas' "Home Where \_\_\_\_\_"

4 newspaper in Dallas Co. town on state hwy. 342 \_\_\_\_\_

8 iced & green \_\_\_\_\_

9 Houston sporting store: "\_\_\_\_\_ Fitch"

10 "me casa es \_\_\_\_\_ casa"

11 Cliver of "2020 Texas Gladiators" \_\_\_\_\_

12 TX Farrah was this and an actress (2 wds.) \_\_\_\_\_

13 chills & fever \_\_\_\_\_

14 solemn ceremony \_\_\_\_\_

15 Christmas gifts \_\_\_\_\_

16 this Ed starred with TX Fess on "Daniel Boone" \_\_\_\_\_

17 moral qualities \_\_\_\_\_

18 TX Hagman film: "\_\_\_\_\_ Pulver"

20 TX Judith in "Flags of Our Fathers" \_\_\_\_\_

22 Dallas was named after this VP (init.) \_\_\_\_\_

23 Rio Grande: "Rio de \_\_\_\_\_ Palmas"

24 Progreso mascot: "Fighting Red \_\_\_\_\_"

25 \_\_\_\_\_ whiskey \_\_\_\_\_

26 TX Trevino earned millions on the \_\_\_\_\_ PGA Tour \_\_\_\_\_

28 "hit a \_\_\_\_\_"

31 charged atoms \_\_\_\_\_

34 bank draft (abbr.) \_\_\_\_\_

35 TXism: "call \_\_\_\_\_ day"

37 Labor Day telethon organization (abbr.) \_\_\_\_\_

40 TX James Frank Dobie was authority on TX folk \_\_\_\_\_

43 it can be criminal evidence (abbr.) \_\_\_\_\_

44 TXns Larry McMurry and O. Henry \_\_\_\_\_

50 wide-brimmed sun hat \_\_\_\_\_

51 objective for the Cowboys or the Texans (abbr.) \_\_\_\_\_

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# Benjamin News

with Gladene Green

It's Monday, and the wind is blowing—a typical fall day here on the Knox Prairie. There are a few clouds drifting around, but they are probably "teasers." Don't think we have much chance of any rain for several days.

It's good to report that, as far as I know, there are no serious illnesses in the community. Jane Gideon was released Wednesday from a Wichita Falls hospital, again without a definite diagnosis. She didn't have to have stints after all, and her blood pressure is still high, but doctors do not know the cause. She goes back this week for more tests but is feeling fine. Hazel Stockton was back in Abilene to see her doctor at the Wound Clinic about the place on her leg that has not healed. Abilene doctors say it's now looking better and doing better. When she goes back in two weeks, she hopes to be released.

Sympathy to the family of Munday resident, Lonnie Collier, who passed away the last of the week. A long-time Munday area resident, he was well known, and will be missed by many family and friends.

### HERE 'N THERE

Shelby Russell, student at Midwestern University, was a weekend guest of her great grandmother, Hazel Stockton, and her granddad, Bud Conner. SamiJo Russell and D. J. of Matador, and Keith and Pam Conner and Casey, Lacy, and Carson Conner of Midland, also visited Hazel and

Bud.

Recent guests of Mary Jane Young were her son and his wife, Jackie Jr. and Cindy Young, of Round Rock.

Colton Coldwell, student at the University of North Texas in Denton, was a weekend visitor of his Mom, Lana Hale, and grandparents, Jane Gideon and Weldon Gideon.

Curt Robertson of Midland visited his grandmother, Lorene Powers, on Wednesday.

Janice Tolson told me today that Buddy is still improving, but they still don't know the results of all his tests. They still are thinking it could have been Rocky Mountain Spotted Tick Fever, and if it was, the strong antibiotics he was put on when he first got sick probably were what took care of it as quickly as it did. He goes back in a few days for more blood work to check his progress. Main thing though, he is feeling much better.

Debi Moorhouse, Dillon Keys, and Beckie Smith of Munday, were in Amarillo Tuesday. Debi's son, Cody Taylor, underwent some surgery on his hand (that he broke in July while playing baseball). It's doing fine now, and he should have full use of it again pretty soon.

Cindy and Roger Potts of Seagraves visited Debi and Mike Moorhouse Thursday and Friday.

The Benjamin Junior High Colts hosted the Patton Springs team Thursday night and sent their guests home with a loss. I'm not sure of the score, but that doesn't

matter, as long as we won!

Betty Bohannon and her niece, Debbie Stephenson of Clyde, returned home Thursday from a several-days visit with Betty's daughter, Bonnie Howell, and family in Nebraska.

Superintendent Olivia Gloria told me the P.T.O picnic last Monday night was well attended, and folks got a chance to meet the new teachers and see what is going on in and around the school. On Friday the kids were treated to a "helicopter show" when Dustin Johnson of Cedar Ridge Aviation came over and gave them some information on helicopters and how he uses them in his business. The kids (especially the younger ones) oohed and aahed a lot!

And it's congratulations to the Moguls for winning their game Friday night.

The Newcastle Bobcats outscored the Knox City Greyhounds in a hard-fought game by a score of 46-40.

The Mogulettes won their volleyball game Saturday morning. I went to those games, and though the 9th grade team and Junior Varsity lost two out of three sets, they played well, and the Varsity won theirs, so that's good. I don't know about Knox City volleyball. It was good to see a Cowboy victory and also, another Rangers' win Sunday. Someone said the Cowboys didn't play well, but I say, they won and, hey—that's the object of the game. Right? I think so.

# Obituaries

## Ruby May Pierce

Ruby May Pierce, 94, of South Central Avenue, Knox Denton, passed away on Monday, Sept. 24, 2012. She was born on Aug. 20, 1918 in Goodlett, TX to Calvin Dawson and Cynthia Millican Dawson. In 1934, she married Estel Leo Pierce, who has preceded her in death.

Visitation was on Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2012 from 6-8 p.m. at DeBerry Funeral Directors in Denton. The funeral service will be on Thursday, Sept. 27, 2012 at 1 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 200

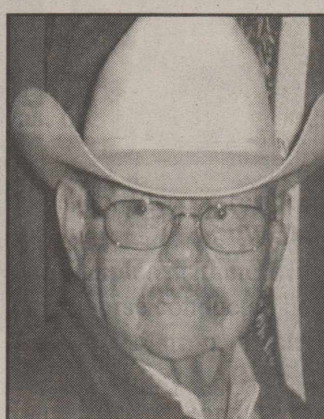
South Central Avenue, Knox City, TX 79529. Burial will follow at Gillespie Cemetery in Knox County.

Ruby is survived by her daughters, Edna Hovenkamp, Mary Bolton, and Nina Rosenbusch; and son, William Leo Pierce; one sister; one brother; several grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband; her parents; brother and sisters.

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I spent 30 years in the Natural Gas Liquids Division for Cities Services, Occidental and Conoco Oil Companies. I was born, raised and lived my entire life west of Rochester on the family farm, where I raised mostly wheat, cotton and cattle.

I have been a member of the Haskell County Historical Commission for 19 years, a member of the Haskell County Historical and Genealogical Society for 17 years, and am serving my 14th year as President of this organization. I am also serving my third term as a member of the Haskell County Appraisal District. I served on the Haskell County Junior Livestock Board of Directors for 9 years and was co-chairman of the lamb show for 2 years. I still support 4-H and FFA as two of the best programs for our youth.

I have been married to my childhood sweetheart, Teresa Martin, almost 52 years. We have one daughter, Michelle Dunnam of Haskell, and one precious granddaughter, Shalee Dunnam.

If re-elected I will continue to devote my time to improving the roads in Precinct #1, and to work with Commissioners' Court to handle the county business as efficiently and economically as possible. Your vote and support will be greatly appreciated.

Thank You, Johnny Scoggins

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## Tyson among semifinalists for National Merit Scholarship

Clovis High School's Abigail Tyson and Lucas Donaldson were named as semifinalists in the 58th Annual National Merit Scholarship Program. The "academically talented high school seniors" are amongst approximately 1.5 million juniors in more than 22,000 high schools who entered the 2013 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2011 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®), which served as an initial screen of program entrants. The nationwide pool of Semifinalist, representing less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest-scoring entrants in each state.

Tyson, the granddaughter of Benjamin's Charles and Linda Griffith, and Donaldson will have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 8,300 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$32 million that will be offered next spring. Semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the Finalist level.

According to NMSC officials, approximately 90 percent of the semifinalists are expected to attain finalist standing, and more than half of the finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar title.

National Merit Scholarship winners of 2013 will be announced beginning in April and concluding in July. Currently there are more than 291,000 distinguished young people who have earned the Merit Scholar title.

### Circle of Friends of TEEA slated to meet on Oct. 4

The monthly meeting of the Circle of Friends of TEEA will be on Oct. 4 at 7 pm at the Doug Meinzer Building at 203 SW 4th Street. The program will be "Christmas in October."

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# Opinion

## Project Vote Smart aims to make election data simpler

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As the 2012 presidential election draws near, Knox County Texas Extension Education Association hopes to help voters make the best decision they can when they go to the polls by introducing Project Vote Smart's new program, VoteEasy, the interactive tool for voters to instantly see which presidential candidate they are most compatible with. Utilizing thousands of hours of research and a vast collection of data assembled by Vote Smart researchers, this interactive tool allows the general public to quickly and easily see which presidential and congressional candidates align with their views on key issues such as abortion, immigration, and the environment.

If you are interested in learning more, come to the Civic Engagement program sponsored by Knox County TEEA to be held at the Knox County Aging Center in Knox City on Oct. 10 from 2-6 p.m. This is a Come and Go event, taking approximately 15 minutes of your time.

At the event, residents will have the opportunity to access non-partisan information from candidates through the Vote Smart website to see how your candidate measures up. A member of the Knox County TEEA Club will be available to assist with the computer for those desiring help.

For more information call Lorrie Coop at 459-2651 or Cathye Williams at 657-3157.

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## Question of the Week

Are you concerned about the level of water in the area's lakes?



**Belinda Self**  
Knox City, TX

"Yes, I have been to the lake and seen the water level, and it is low compared to the year before."



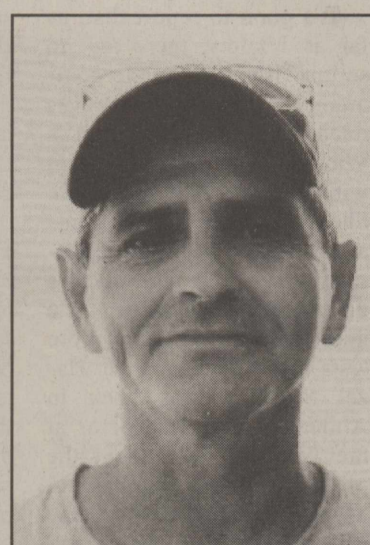
**Cathye Williams**  
Knox City, TX

"Yes, water is going to be the new oil. It is replenishable, but our area is still in a drought."



**Elisha Grimsley**  
Knox City, TX

"I definitely am concerned."



**Billy Lerma**  
Knox City, TX

"Yes. We can't afford to run out of water."

## SWMNBMM's actions have me worried

When we were younger, I'm pretty certain She-Who-Must-Not-Be-Made-Mad wanted me to hang around. With four children tearing down the house, it was probably necessary to have me around so we could play the "good cop, bad cop" routine with the kids.

Now that the kids are getting older, I'm not so sure anymore ...

First of all, let me assure you that I (like almost every man I know) tend to have the worst illnesses on the face of the planet. When I get sick, I'm probably the sickest person ever in recorded history.

Anyway, as you can imagine this past weekend I was sick. Starting on Thursday evening, I developed the mother of all flu cases. My body ached. My head hurt. My sinuses sinused. And my temperature temped.

By Friday morning, I was ready to call the coroner, order a coffin and have a closed casket ceremony. I kid you not, I was that sick.

I moped around the house like someone had stolen my energy. My nose ran faster than Usain Bolt. I was so hot (not in a good way, ladies) that I couldn't lie on the couch. I had to crawl on the laminant flooring in our house trying to soak up every cool

spot. I actually watched Baywatch in hopes of seeing cold water.

Through all of this, SWMNBMM would walk by once in a while, nudge me with her foot see if I was still breathing and to judge whether it was time to get rid of all my "cool" sports memorabilia. I know she secretly hates my Colt 45 trading cards, my Dallas Cowboy cheerleader posters and that 1985 Ranger football jersey.

Somehow .... probably out of sheer toughness and determination ... I survived Friday.

Saturday was no better. I'm not sure I even crawled out of bed on Saturday morning. Then, on Saturday evening, I swallowed a couple of energy drinks and forced myself to go watch the Throckmorton play its football game.

There are some things guys just have to do, you know. If it involves football, Cowboys, cheerleaders or broccoli and cheese, you just gut it out and swear to fight the Grim Reaper to the death with a tooth pick.

On Sunday morning, I managed to escape from bed and crawled into the living room, where I once again laid spread eagle on the cool floor.

As fate would have it, about 7 p.m. that evening our youngest son, Bobby,

## Off The Beaten Path



By  
**Tommy Wells**

came out of his room and approached his mother with a odd look on his face.

"Mom," he said. "I think I'm getting sick. I feel kind of odd."

Without batting an eye, SWMNBMM felt of his face, and reached for her purse.

"Here son," she said. "I have some medicine the doctor gave us the last time you guys were sick. Take this and you will feel better."

"Really?" I croaked. "I've been on the verge of dying for the past three days, and you had medicine..."

"I forgot about it," she said, smiling sweetly.

I guess I could buy that answer. Like most women, she doesn't forget - or allow me to forget - much.

I started changing my thinking on Monday, though. While driving to work, we stopped at the store to get something to snack on. Being that I still had one foot in the grave, I elected to sit in the car while SWMNBMM went inside.

Bobby got something. Kayme got something. She-Who-Must-Not-Be-Made-Mad got something.

"I forgot to get you something," she said after we had made our way down the road a bit.

I was sick and got no medicine. I was hungry and got no food.

Is anybody else seeing a pattern develop here?

*(Tommy Wells is the editor of the Knox County News. Everything in this column is true, except for the parts that are fabricated, exaggerated or just plain lies.)*

## In any case, it's worth some rumination

Sheep and cows are alike when it comes to all their stomachs, but when it comes to accepting strangers, they react differently.

First, let's deal with those stomachs.

Did your mother ever tell you cows have four? Mine did. But calling every feature of a cow's digestive system a stomach is an oversimplification. Suffice it to say both cows and sheep are ruminants, meaning they relax and chew their cud to give a second chewing to all the regurgitated grass and stuff they ate in haste the first time around. That's how I understand it. Once they chew it up good, it goes to a different stomach. Or something like that.

When cows and sheep chew their cud, they look content, as if they are taking time to think about things, which must be where our word "ruminate" comes from, which makes us humans ruminants too, figuratively.

When it comes to dealing with strangers, cows and sheep take differ-

ent approaches - at least from what I've seen.

Sheep get scared.

Several years ago, when sheep were the animal of choice on our farm, we introduced a black-faced Suffolk ram into our pure white Dorset-Rambouillet cross flock. They ran from him until they realized he was just another sheep.

It's not always about color. Sheep are suspicious of anything that's not their norm.

One winter our ewes ate cotton burrs drizzled with molasses. Interestingly enough, sheep can lick up but not down. They licked the syrup off their noses but couldn't reach their own chins, if sheep have chins. If you have syrup on your jaw and you've got your nose in fluffy cotton burrs, you pick up enough lint to acquire a beard, of sorts. They looked bizarre, all munching away at the troughs, each with a cottony beard. Cotton looks like wool anyway. Maybe that's why they didn't

## The 501



By Hanaba Munn Welch

scare each other.

We used a white plastic Dairy Queen pickle bucket with a bail to pour the molasses onto the burrs. One sheep discovered the syrup bucket and stuck her head in it to lick it clean. Not a bad idea, but the bucket stuck on her head, meaning she couldn't see where she

was going.

As the bucket-headed sheep went various directions, the rest of the flock scrambled to get away. They weren't taking any chances with something that had a bucket for a head - even if it was the molasses bucket.

Cows are different. More like humans, I'd say.

We just introduced 20 Charolais-longhorn heifers into our small herd of mature longhorns and crossbred offspring. The resident cows and calves didn't run from the newcomers. Instead, they stood their ground, literally. At one point, the old cows blocked the entrance to the water tanks, horns touching, not letting the new heifers get a drink. Talk about unfriendly and territorial. Even our two smallest homegrown spring calves butted heads with the new heifers.

Instinct or learned behavior?

For cows, sheep or humans, who knows? In any case, it's worth some rumination.

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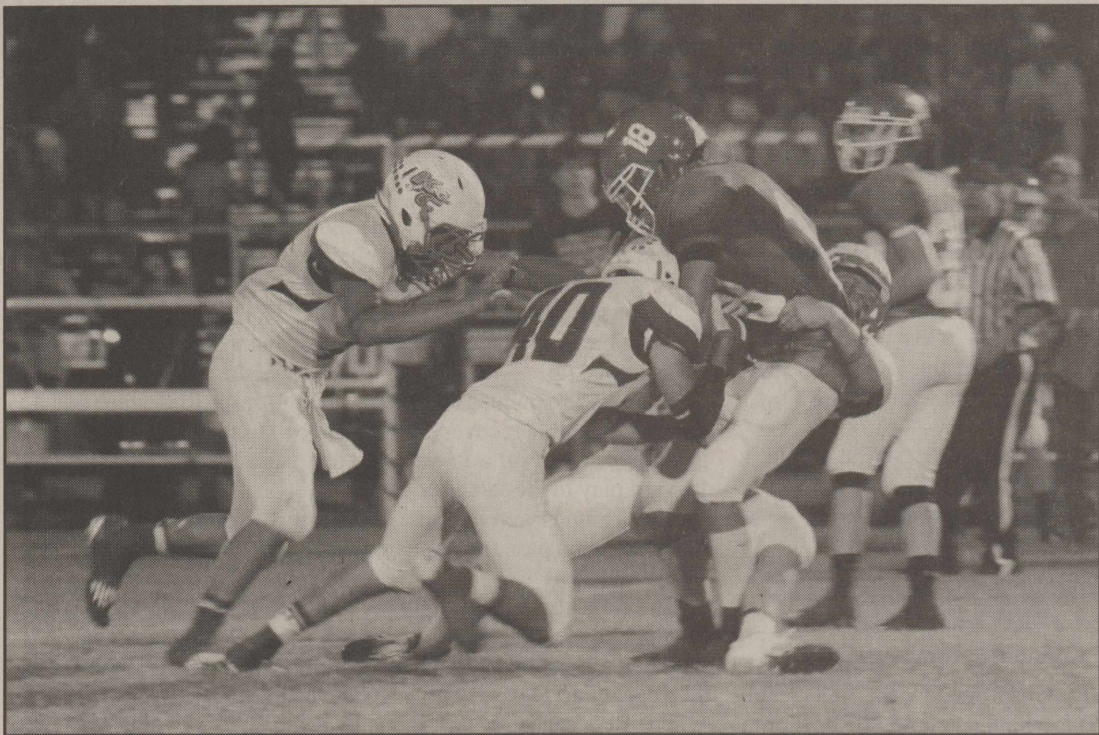


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A trio of Knox City defenders swarm Newcastle running back Michael Moreno during the second half of Friday's non-district contest. Newcastle held off two KC threats in the second half to claim a tough 46-40 victory.

## Bobcats hold on to take 46-40 win over Greyhounds

**TOMMY WELLS**  
*The Knox County News*

NEWCASTLE - The Knox City High School Greyhounds did everything needed to put a W in the win column Friday at Bobcat Stadium. Everything but drive the final nail into Newcastle's coffin.

Newcastle survived two fourth quarter scares on Friday and held on to claim a hard-fought 46-40 non-district victory.

"We played a good game," said KCHS head coach Charles Steele. "I thought we played

well enough to win. We just missed some opportunities that cost us."

With the loss, Knox City fell to 1-3 for the season. Newcastle, a preseason pick to win the District 10-A, Division II race, improved to 2-2.

The Greyhounds threatened to spoil Newcastle's celebrations late in the fourth quarter. Knox City drove inside the Bobcat 30 twice in the final four minutes of play only to see both drives stall.

With the score knotted at 40-40 with 4 minutes left to play, Knox City looked as if it would

### Hounds to travel to Chillicothe next

The Knox City Greyhounds will return to the football field this Friday when they travel to Chillicothe for a non-district matchup.

The game will start at 7:30 p.m.

take the upper hand. The Greyhounds marched into Newcastle territory.

See **GAME** on Page 6

## Top-ranked Moguls steamroll Bronte

**TOMMY WELLS**  
*The Knox County News*

BRONTE - The Munday High School Moguls made easy work of the Bronte Longhorns on Friday, claiming a 46-0 shut-out.

With the victory, the No. 1-ranked Moguls ran their season record to 4-0. Bronte fell to 3-1.

The Moguls, who rolled up more than 400 total yards of offense, jumped on Bronte early. After stopping the Longhorns' first drive at midfield, the Moguls struck quickly. Munday needed just two plays to grab a 7-0 advantage.

Munday added two more scores in the first quarter and built their lead to 21-0. Dee Paul helped the Moguls notch

their third TD by lofting a 39-yard strike to Jake Myers, who made an acrobatic catch at the goal line.

Paul finished the game with four touchdowns. He also rushed for another.

The Moguls will return to action this Friday when they travel to Holliday for a matchup with the Eagles. The game is scheduled for a 7:30 p.m. start.

## Houndettes ranked 19th in latest TGCA poll

The Knox City High School Houndettes' volleyball team continued to be ranked among the state's elite Class A teams this week. The team was ranked in the top 20 for the second straight week.

The Houndettes, under the

lead of head coach Samantha Baumgartner, was ranked No. 19 in the latest Texas Girls Coaches Association's weekly volleyball poll.

Knox City is ranked one place behind another familiar team, the Munday Mogulettes.

The Water Valley Wildcats held onto the poll's top spot. Water Valley edged out Round Top Carmine and Jewett Leon for the No. 1 position. Iola and Burton rounded out the top five.

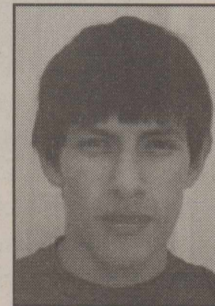
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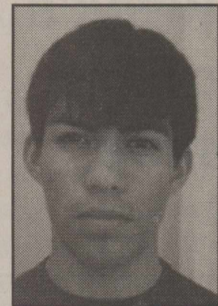
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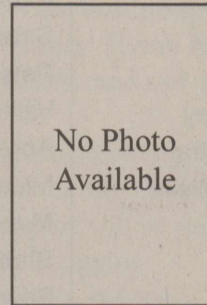
Jose Espinal  
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**Playing up ...**

The Knox City junior varsity team will be playing a mixture of the Newcastle varsity and junior varsity this Thursday in Newcastle. The game will be played at 7:30 p.m.

**KC, Munday to open district play on Oct. 2**

District volleyball play will get under way with a bang for the Knox City Houndettes and Munday Mogulettes next week.

The two state-ranked team will open district play against each other on Oct. 2 in the MHS gym. The game will begin at 5 p.m.

Knox City is ranked No. 19 in the latest TGCA poll. Munday is rated No. 18.

Knox City's first home district game is Oct. 6 against Aspermont.



**Greyhounds refuse to give up against Newcastle**

Both teams were ready for this showdown and it was action-packed from the very beginning, and the Greyhounds were right there every step of the way with Zach Carter having a real good game.

Tylynne Eaton was on Fire ALL NIGHT LONG! He had a good tackle in the first quarter. The show-stopping machine was only getting warmed up.

With 7:54 remaining in the first quarter, Jesus Rodriguez had a very good fumble recovery, giving the ball to the Greyhounds. Israel Rodriguez reeled off a 15-yard run play. Jose Espinal also had a nice 15-yard play in the same series.

The 'Hounds weren't quite done. With 5:52 left on the clock, Eaton caught a pass for a touchdown, making the score Knox City, 6-0.

The Bobcats weren't about to let this stand for long. After a long run, Newcastle took an 8-6 cushion.

Eaton put the pedal to the metal with a 55-yard run. Zach Carter then caught a TD pass to give KC the lead.

The Bobcats came back to tie the game at 14-14 with 1:48 left in the first quarter.

At the start of the second quarter, Krys Campos started a KCHS drive with a run for a first down. Espinal hit Eaton once later to inflate the Knox City lead to 20-16.

The Bobcats refused to let the 'Hounds. The Bobcats regained the lead, at 24-20, with a touchdown.

Stran Jones help spark the KCHS game later in the second by recovering a fumble. One play later, Eaton scored on a 25-yard play and gave the Greyhounds a 26-24.

The Knox City Greyhounds showed that it just isn't a saying, its pure fact, they are the mighty red, white and blue.

To start off the third quarter, Donovan Stallings turned on afterburners and ran for 50 yards. Moments later, Isreal Rodriguez ran in for a Greyhound touchdown with 7:04 left. The score gave Knox City a 32-24 advantage.

The Bobcats still had fight left in them. Newcastle notched a touchdown with 5:10 left in the third that tied the game at 32-32. Jones had a very nice catch to start the fourth quarter, helping set up a score that gave Knox City a 40-32 lead.

Newcastle fought back, knotting the game with 6:13 left at 40-40.

I have never been so proud of the Greyhounds as I was on that night. By playing the way you boys played on that field. Never giving up, holding your heads high and giving those Bobcats a fight every time that ball was snapped. If you play that way every team we face (doesn't matter who it is) you will be unstoppable.

Chillicothe is next.  
Never rear, I'll see you guys there!

**Junior high, JV teams to hit the field this Thursday**

The O'Brien Junior High School football teams will be in action this Thursday in O'Brien.

The OJHS eighth grade squad will face off against Chillicothe beginning at 5:30 p.m. The Bulldogs' seventh graders will face Benjamin starting at 6:30 p.m.

The KCHS junior varsity will face off against a mixture of the Newcastle varsity and junior varsity on Thursday. The game will be at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday.

**2012 Pigskin Pickin'**

**This week's schedule of games**



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Brant Thurmond



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Strawn at Gordon	Strawn	Strawn	Strawn
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Burkburnett at Mineral Wells	Mineral Wells	Burkburnett	Mineral Wells
Munday at Holliday	Munday	Munday	Munday
Cisco at Stamford	Stamford	Stamford	Cisco
Seymour at Hawley	Seymour	Seymour	Seymour
Haskell at Olney	Olney	Haskell	Olney
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Arkansas at Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Arkansas	Arkansas
Ohio State at Michigan	Ohio State	Michigan	Ohio State
Texas Tech at Iowa State	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech
Texas at Oklahoma State	Texas	Okla. State	Okla. State
Tennessee at Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston
San Francisco at NY Jets	San Francisco	San Francisco	San Francisco
Chicago at Dallas	Dallas	Chicago	Dallas
<b>Last week</b>	<b>13-7, .650</b>	<b>13-7, .650</b>	<b>16-4, .800</b>
<b>Overall</b>	<b>51-24, .680</b>	<b>49-26, .653</b>	<b>54-21, .720</b>

**GAME**

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Unfortunately for KCHS, the Greyhounds came up short on a fourth down play and turned ball over on downs.

NHS running back Michael Moreno turned the Greyhounds' misfortune into points one play later. He took a handoff from Tyler Mayes and raced 50 yards for a TD and a 46-40 lead.

Knox City staged another threat from there. The KCHS offense - playing without running back Heath Welch - took the ensuing kickoff and marched into NHS territory again.

The drive again failed to produce points. Newcastle intercepted a KCHS pass to preserve the win.

"We had opportunities to get the win," said Steele. "We just made a few mistakes along the way. But we played a lot better."

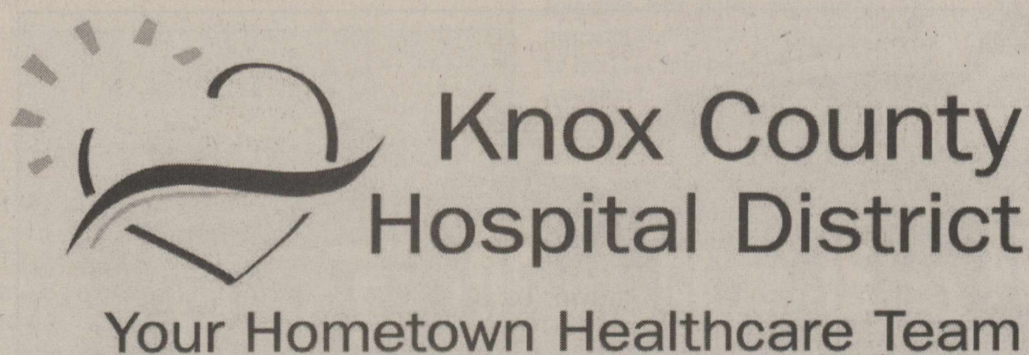
Knox City proved it could score early in the contest. The Greyhounds scored twice in the first 10 minutes.

Knox City added two more TDs in the second half and carried a 26-24 lead into the half.

Tylynne Eaton opened the Greyhounds' scoring by hauling in a touchdown pass from Jose Espinal.

Eaton starred for the Greyhounds' offensively. He finished the game with three receiving touchdowns.

Zach Carter and Israel Rodriguez also starred for KC. Carter collected a pair of touchdowns, while Rodriguez tallied another.



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Knox City High School principal Rick Moeller talks to a group of students during the 'Career Days' event. Students from throughout the area attended the event.

**CAREER**

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ally got to listen to professionals speak about their careers, as well as ask questions. This was valuable to the students," said Ms. Howeth, Knox City High School counselor.

The college fair featured trade schools, colleges and one university. Workforce Solutions had students spin a wheel and answer questions pertaining to job searches, resumes, and interviews. Upon answering the question, they were given a gift.

Students were able to talk individually with each group to find out more about what courses they would need for particular professions. Colleges on hand included Cisco College, Job Corp, Texas Tech College of Agriculture, Workforce Solutions, Texas AgriLIFE, Department of Public Safety, AHEC, Texas State Technical College, Vernon College, Texas School of Cosmetology and Generation Texas.

Schools participating in this event included Knox City, Munday, Benjamin, Aspermont, Paint Creek, Rule, Guthrie and Jayton. Students ranged from freshman to seniors in high school.

"This event would not have been possible without professionals willing to come and share their profession with students. It's a great way to pay it forward to the next generation," said Jimi

Coplen, KCVG Director.

Coplin said KC Visioning Group officials hope to host the event again next year.

For more information, visit [www.thescoopofknoxprairie.blogspot.com](http://www.thescoopofknoxprairie.blogspot.com).

**A 'Taste of Country' set**

The Haskell Chamber of Commerce, along with the Noah Project, will be presenting "Taste of Country" on Tuesday, Oct. 9, at the Haskell Civic Center. The event will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 for adults in advance. \$15 at the door. Children are \$8 in advance.

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**2012 Weekly Weather Report**

Date	Temperature (F)		Rainfall inches
	Low	High	
09/17	59	88	
09/18	59	80	0.41
09/19	58	88	
09/20	61	94	
09/21	65	94	
09/22	59	93	
09/23	58	92	
Total Rainfall for Week			0.41
Total Rainfall for month			2.53
2012 Rainfall (ytd)			15.07

**SWCD**

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Local Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) coordinate the implementation and deliverance of coordinated natural resource conservation programs to farmers and ranchers. Additionally, SWCDs participate in planning, implementing, and managing programs for preventing and abating agricultural and silvicultural nonpoint sources of water pollution. Soil and Water Conservation Districts also participate in a water

supply enhancement program through the targeted control of water-depleting brush. SWCDs also work to ensure local flood control dams are protecting lives and property by providing operation, maintenance, and structural repairs.

Sixteen soil and water conservation districts in the Roll-

ing Plains region of the state are members of the RPASWCDs. Counties which the SWCDs serve include Callahan, Jones, Shackelford, Stephens, Palo Pinto, Parker, Haskell, Throckmorton, Young, Jack, Knox, Baylor, Archer, Clay, Wichita, and Wilbarger Counties.

**RAIN**

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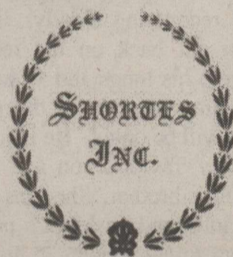
county. Just over 2.5 inches of rain has fallen this month, in-

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Through the first nine months of the year, Knox County's measurable rainfall total stands at 15.07 inches.

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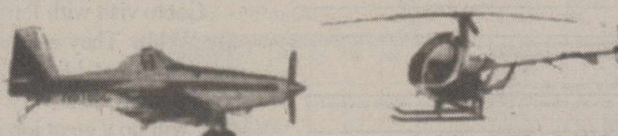
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