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Knox City's Hometown Variety store will be closing soon. The store's owners have indicated the merchandise will be sold off and the store closed in about 30 days.

## Hometown Variety closing its doors

TOMMY WELLS  
The Knox County News

The sluggish economy, and the appeal of shopping out of town, will soon take its toll on another Knox County business.

The owners of the Hometown Variety store in Knox City announced on Monday that they would be closing the downtown business in the coming weeks due to poor sales.

"We all regret having to close it, but we just didn't have enough foot traffic. We just didn't get

enough community support to keep it going," said Marla Hawkins, one of nine local investors who formed a partnership in 2011 to create the store.

The Knox City Economic Development Board was notified of the store's pending closure on Monday. The KCEDB, which owns the building, has said it will try and find another entity to go into building.

"We hate that we are going to have this beautiful building in downtown that is going to be empty, but we just didn't have a

choice," said Hawkins.

The Hometown Variety store initially opened in June 2011 when the group of local investors pooled their resources to create the store, which was needed after Duckwall's decided to close. Duckwall's operated in the building from 1998 to 2011.

Hawkins said the store was created with the idea that it would pay its own bills, and not so much as generate a profit. Unfortunately for Knox City, that never happened.

"In December, we had a great

month but that was the only time it did," she said.

The downtown renovations didn't help, either, investors said. For approximately four months, state workers had much of Central Ave. blocked for repaving and sidewalk replacement projects, making it hard for would-be customers to get into the business.

The store never recovered.

According to Hawkins, the merchandise in the store will be sold off over the next few weeks before the store closes.

## Wichita Brazos Museum to hold ceremony

The Wichita Brazos Museum at Benjamin is inviting everyone to a special afternoon at the Museum on Sunday, Oct. 14 at 2 p.m.

The three-part program will begin with the dedication of the giant arrow located on the south side of the museum grounds. To be awarded the giant, colorful arrow, the museum had to provide proof of the presence of Indians in the county.

Among these proofs is a story from Salt Pork to Sirlain, the History of Baylor County (Page 42, and column 1). It was in the Baylor County Banner in 1936, when it was taken from an Aug. 10, 1883, Seymour Weekly Crescent.

In 1855 (154 years ago), 300 Comanche, some Indians from a reservation near the present site of Graham, and Capt. Sul Ross and a company of men under him were camped near Seymour Creek in Baylor County. A Comanche chief, Pa-hah-yau-ca, attempted to kill Capt. Ross. During the incident, the chief's horse was shot down, and a reservation Indian killed the chief. The reservation Indians, and presumably Capt. Ross and his men, were soon engaged in a running battle that began at about the present site of Seymour and lasted for miles, reaching to the Narrows in Knox County.

The dedication on Oct. 14 will include a special guest, a descendant of famed Indian Quannah Parker. Doug and Frances Parker, of Munday, will tell about the Parker connection and research.

Following the dedication, Ervy McGreger, a former Knox County resident, now of Crowell, will speak to visitors about his collection of Indian artifacts. He will also exhibit artifacts he has collected in Knox County and nearby areas.

If there is time following his presentation, McGreger has indicated he will answer questions from people attending the dedication ceremony.

## Caleb Hodges hired as Knox City police chief

TOMMY WELLS  
The Knox County News

Law enforcement in the City of Knox City got a new face last week when city officials hired a veteran peace officer to fill its vacant police chief duties.

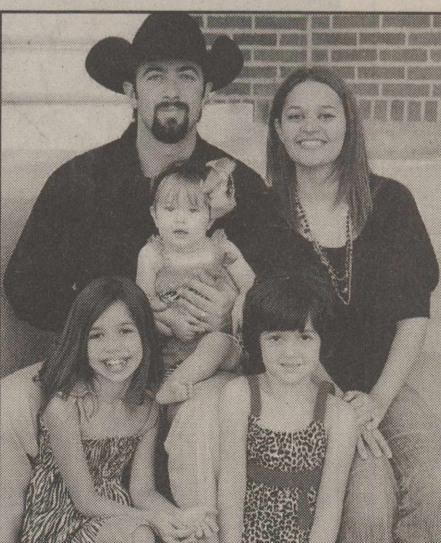
The Knox City City Council approved the hiring of former Wheeler County deputy Caleb Hodges as the city's new chief of police. His first day on the job

was Oct. 1.

"We're excited about having him," said KC City Administrator Chad Roberts. "We think he will do a great job here."

The son of newly-elected Throckmorton County Sheriff Ricky Hodges, Caleb is a six-year veteran of the law enforcement profession. Prior to taking the position with Knox

See CHIEF on Page 2



Caleb Hodges was sworn in as the new Knox City Chief of Police last week. A former deputy sheriff in Wheeler and Throckmorton counties, Hodges, shown at left with his wife, Jeana, and their three daughters, Allie, Bailee and Caisley, began his job on Oct. 1. The 29-year-old is a six-year veteran of law enforcement.

## More than 200 attend KCH health fair bash

Despite the cooler temperatures, approximately 200 area residents attended the Knox County Hospital District Healthfair on Saturday. A total of 32 booths were available to those in attendance and participants were provided with health-care related educational materials, health screenings and flu shots.

Children of all ages, including Dr. Ezekiel Duke, braved the cold to work off energy in

the bouncy house. The hospital auxiliary, The Pink Ladies, registered guests and provided punch and cookies. A total of 28 dedicated individuals participated in the Health Walk that kicks off the fair each year. Proceeds were donated to The Pink Ladies.

"The annual Healthfair gives us an opportunity to bring the citizens of Knox County and the surrounding area a wide variety of health services." See FAIR on Page 3



## 2012 Knox City homecoming royalty ...

Allison Lynn (third from right) and Jose Espinal (third from left) were crowned the 2012 Knox County Football Sweetheart and Football Hero on Friday evening during homecoming activities. Lynn and Espinal were among several candidates for the honor, including Tylynne Eaton, Heath Welch, Haley Ledesma, and Chasity Tolson. Also crowned during the ceremony was the 2012 KCHS Band Sweetheart and Beau. Lynn, the daughter of Scott and Lawri Lynn, was also crowned the Band Sweetheart, while Zach Carter was tabbed the KCHS Band Beau. Carter is the son of Tracy and Paula Carter.



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# Benjamin News

with Gladene Green



## Miss Firefighter in action ...

Allison Lynn, the 2012 Knox City High School 'Miss Firefighter' selection, lights the large KC sign at the homecoming bonfire on Wednesday night. The bonfire was one of many activities held during the week.

## 'Elvis and Beyond' set for Nov. 3

Legendary entertainer Johnny Rogers will present "Elvis and Beyond," a history of Rock and Roll/Country on Nov. 3 at 7:30 p.m. at the Wilbarger County Auditorium in Vernon.

"Elvis and Beyond" will fea-

ture the music of many great artists such as Elvis Presley, Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens, Big Bopper, Roy Orbison, Jerry Lee Lewis, Johnny Cash, Hank Williams Sr. and many more.

Rogers has a high energy

show that is perfect for all ages. His shows have thrilled audiences across the globe.

Reserve seating is not required for the show, which is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. Tickets for these show are \$20 for adults and \$10

## 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

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percent milk.

**Monday, Oct. 15** - Pork chop, black-eyed peas, spinach, cornbread, baked apples.

**Tuesday, Oct. 16** - Rigatoni/meat sauce, lima beans, salad, garlic bread, Mandarin oranges.

**Wednesday, Oct. 17** - Chicken tenders/gravy, baked Talapia/lemon slice, whole kernel corn, coleslaw, hushpuppies, cherry crisp.

**Thursday, Oct. 18** - BBQ

chicken, mashed potatoes, carrot/raisin salad, cornbread, banana pudding.

**Friday, Oct. 19** - Sloppy Joe on a bun, country potato salad, carrots/zucchini, creamy fruit square.

NOTE: New serving time is noon (in Knox City only). Alternate desserts available for diabetics. Please call in your orders by 10 a.m. to (940) 657-3618. Orders cannot be taken after 10 a.m. and need to be picked up after 11 a.m.

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**Mother Society Country Store**

We have had a little taste of winter during the last three or four days. On Saturday, with the wind blowing, the temperature seemed much lower than the forty-plus degrees showing on the thermometer. But today (Monday) I think it may start to warm up for a few days. The cotton farmers will be glad, as they still need some warm days before the harvest gets in full swing.

My sincere sympathy to the family of Wilma Hogan of Munday. Wilma passed away Thursday after a courageous battle with cancer. Her funeral was Saturday in Munday. Wilma was such a nice person and well liked by everyone. She will be missed by so many.

### HERE 'N THERE

Lorene Powers spent last week in Midland. She went out there, not only to visit her children, but to keep her regular dental appointment. However, she had to cancel it as she had a heart problem and had to come back to Abilene to see her cardiologist. From the tests he did, he didn't find any new problem, but she will have more extensive tests done later this week. I ask your prayers for Lorene during this time for her. She's always going strong, so when she slows down, we know she feels pretty bad. Hopefully, it won't be long before she's back to herself.

Kelly Moorhouse Livingston of Seymour underwent a liver transplant early last week in Dallas. According to her Uncle Tom, she's doing well and was to be put in a room yesterday (Sunday). Kelly is the daughter of John and Carolyn, and her husband is Reno. We also ask your prayers for her and her family.

Hazel Stockton was in Abilene Wednesday to see the doctor at

the Wound Clinic. Her leg is finally about well, and needless to say, she's glad. It's been about a three-month "ordeal" trying to get it healed.

Sara Clower, student at HSU was home for the weekend to visit her Mom, Debbie, and other relatives and friends.

Mary Young and Imagean Young visited with Butch and Letha Young in Saginaw during the weekend and attended the wedding of Cody Graves and Linda Urizar in Bedford Saturday afternoon. Cody is the grandson of Butch and Letha. This was also a chance for a "mini" family get together for several of the Young kin.

Kenneth Tipton of Foustburg visited Bud Conner Friday night. He had been to Guthrie to the 6666 Horse Sale. Kenneth is the son of Sammy and Clara Tipton—Sammy is a former Benjamin resident of several years ago.

Brandon and Jessica Hutchinson of Abilene visited her Dad, Mike, (and Debi) Moorhouse during the weekend.

I talked to Susan White Friday. She's working in the office at Penman's in Knox City and says she really likes it.

Mike Young's family honored him Tuesday night with a dinner in the home of his Mom, Imagean. Fish and all the trimmings and cake was the menu. Present were Mike, Imagean, DeAnn Lamb, and Anthony and Jessica Lamb of Seymour. Just a few days before, DeAnn had a birthday and a few of us enjoyed a salad luncheon in her home. Attending were DeAnn, Imagean Young, Jane Gideon, Lorene Powers, and Gladene Green.

I talked to Jimmie Klutts Saturday, and she said James is not doing too well. He has lots of

back problems that keep him pretty well "housed" in. Doctors are not sure just what to do for his pain because he has problems with pain medication.

Valerie Mendoza and Cory Thomas and baby girl, Tayah, of Abilene were weekend guests of her Mom, Lana Hale, and other relatives and friends.

Former resident, Heath Welch, now of Knox City, was a nominee for Football Hero Friday night, representing the Greyhounds. Though he wasn't elected, the fact that he was in the running speaks well for his popularity and ability. He is the son of Mitzi and Shane Welch. Also, Chasity Tolson was a nominee for Football Sweetheart. Chasity's Dad is Chad Tolson, who escorted her Friday night, (along with her Mom, Sylvia Garcia). Again, although she wasn't chosen, the nomination was an honor. It's good to have kids with Benjamin "ties" do well.

I saw Edith Broach Friday. She's had cataract surgery on one eye and will have the other one done in a week or so. She is the mother of Janet Reed, and a big supporter of her grandkids, Caleb, Jalyn, and Maddie Barrientez, and all their activities. Edith lives in Knox City.

I understand new residents are moving into the Collins Moorhouse home on Hwy 6. Their name is King, and they have some children in school, and that's all I know. It will be good to have them in our community.

And one final remark—Is everyone as stunned, frustrated, aggravated, and sad as I am about the Rangers? I could not believe after the season they have had, that they are now OUT! Oh well, we'll see what 2013 brings, and I still like 'em—win or lose.

## State revises way of purging rolls

AUSTIN — The State of Texas last week agreed to drop its recently adopted practice of using "weak matches" of Social Security Administration data in purging names from voter rolls as required by a 2011 state law.

What precipitated the agreement was a lawsuit filed Sept. 20 in a Travis County district court by Austin attorneys Buck Wood and David Richards on behalf of four plaintiffs who were among some 70,000 Texans who were mailed a letter from the state's chief elections officer, Secretary of State Hope Andrade, instructing recipients to fill out a form and send it to their local voter registrar within 30 days — or be presumed dead — and consequently stricken from the list of registered voters.

Pursuant to the agreement, Andrade stopped using weak matches, or part of a name and part of a social security number, to identify deceased or possibly deceased voters.

Names on voter rolls that have been "strong matched" through Social Security Administration death index data will get a letter and have 30 days to respond.

Meanwhile, Oct. 9 was the last day to register to vote. Looking forward, on Monday, Oct. 22, early voting begins.

And, on the subject of voting, Texans last week saw the campaign season move to the front burner with the first of three scheduled debates between incumbent President Barack Obama and

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HIGHLIGHTS  
By Ed Sterling

Republican challenger Mitt Romney taking place on Oct. 3 and the first of two debates between U.S. Senate nominees, Democrat Paul Sadler and Republican Ted Cruz on Oct. 2.

### School fund finishes strong

Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. Da-Texas Education Agency on Oct. 2 announced "an outstanding return on the investments" of the Permanent School Fund for fiscal year 2011-2012, closing with a value of \$25.5 billion and a return of 9.44 percent on its investments.

### School offers \$10,000 degree

Gov. Rick Perry on Oct. 2 praised Angelo State University's new \$10,000 degree program and called on more Texas universities to follow suit, the governor's office announced Oct. 2 in San Angelo.

Joined by Texas Tech University System Chancellor Kent Hance, Angelo State University President Joseph C. Rallo and state Rep. Drew Darby, R-San Angelo, the governor applauded Angelo State "for joining the growing list of universities that are thinking hard about how to educate more Texans at a reasonable cost."

Under the program, Perry said, any qualifying student could enter Angelo State as a freshman and in four years leave with a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies for less than \$10,000 in tuition and fees, starting in the fall of 2013.

### Enforcement numbers come in

Data released by the College BoTexas Department of Public Safety on Oct. 2 reported troopers made 1,859 arrests of motorists for driving while intoxicated during an Aug. 19 to Sept. 5 enforcement period that included the Labor Day holiday.

Increased patrols in high-risk locations also netted an estimated 25,000 speeding citations, more than 3,800 seat belt and child safety seat citations, 1,190 fugitive arrests and 877 felony arrests, the DPS reported.

### Dewhurst names panel chairs

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst on Oct. 4 announced the appointment of Senate committee chairs for the 2013 legislative session. The appointees are:

Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, Higher Education; Robert Nichols, R-Jacksonville, Transportation; Tommy Williams, R-The Woodlands, Finance; Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, Government Organization; Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, Open Government; Craig Estes, R-Wichita Falls, Agriculture, Rural Affairs and Homeland Security; Dan Patrick, R-Houston, Education; and Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa, D-McAllen, Intergovernmental Relations.

Also, Glenn Hegar, R-Katy, Nominations, Royce West, D-Dallas, Jurisprudence; Bob Deuell, R-Greenville, Economic Development; Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, Health and Human Services; Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, State Affairs; John Carona, R-Dallas, Business and Commerce; Troy Fraser, R-Horseshoe Bay, Natural Resources; Kevin Eltife, R-Tyler, Administration; John Whitmire, D-Houston, Criminal Justice; and Leticia Van de Putte, D-San Antonio, Veterans Affairs and Military Installations.

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**Yuletide cheer on a budget ...**

The Knox County Chapter of the Texas Extension Education Association Inc. met Thursday at the Doug Meinzer Building in Knox City, where Vera Reid gave a hands-on demonstration of how to make Christmas ornaments for less than \$1. Shown are Margaret Hill and Barbara Collins of Munday, and Pam Mongrain and Vera Reid of Knox City making Christmas ornaments. TEEA was organized in 1926 and works with the Texas Agrilife Extension Service to strengthen and enrich families through educational programs, leadership development, and community service. The Circle of Friends Knox Extension Education Association meets the first Thursday of the month, and everyone is welcome.

**God's Promise**  
By Gary Schnable, Pastor of the Foursquare Church  
**How to know God loves you**

*"And you have forgotten that word of encouragement that addresses you as sons: 'My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when He rebukes you, because the Lord disciplines those He loves, and He punishes everyone He accepts as a son.' 7 Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father? 8 If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons"*

As a teenager, I worked for my dad in the summer at the auto parts store he managed. Over the two summers I worked for him, I saw what a good leader in business looked like. I learned a lot from watching him; however, there was one thing I observed that I thought was strange at the time. Over time I have come to realize it was very Biblical.

I saw my dad strongly correct and discipline a couple of employees for incorrect behavior, attitude or salesmanship. Working in the secular world for many years, I unfortunately came to realize that this is needed at times. It wasn't the correction that took me back, but what I saw my dad do within minutes after each incident. He was laughing and working side by side with those he corrected. As a teenager I thought that was just plan weird?

What I came to realize over time is that my dad wanted these men to succeed and if they continued on the wrong path they were taking, it would cost the company, that person would be fired, or demoted at best, and would reflect poor leadership on his part. Ultimately my dad cared about his employees and wanted the best for them, as he did for our family.

This is very much the way our Heavenly Father treats us also. His greatest desire for our success is in accomplishing His will, success

in our personal achievements and that we live a good example to those who are watching. If you are a true Believer...others are watching your every move to catch you in a fault or to catch the good life you are living!

Have you been strongly disciplined by God? If you have been rebuked you are in good company. Even better is if you received it and still honored God like David did by the Prophet Nathan over his adultery and murder (2 Samuel 12); Naaman (2 Kings 5:1-15) was gently rebuked by his servant; Jesus rebuking Peter for standing in the way of God's plan (Mark 8:33).

If we do not respond properly we can be like Baalam (Numbers 22). He was rebuked by a donkey who saved his life; Religious leaders numerous times by Jesus who missed Heaven because of it! It's very sad to think that these men who were supposed to represent God to the people, Jesus called children of the devil (John 8:44)!

I know what it feels like to be rebuked...I do not like it, but after I have accepted it I realized that God loved me enough to try to make me a success in spite of my failures. Case in point, while working in the beef industry we were teasing a guy who had tried all kinds of crazy things to find the truth. This guy who stood 6'4" got in my face and said to me, "I'm trying hard to get right with God and you are not helping!" I was ashamed and felt the sting of the Father's rebuke through Bryn. We came to be very close brothers in the faith and encouraged each other in our walks with God!

A rebuke is hard to accept, but when it comes by God's hand through a person or even a child, through circumstances or maybe an old donkey talking to us... accept it because His correction could be the difference between our success or failure! Remember, God rebukes/disciplines us because He loves us and is helping us to achieve victory in life!

**Obituaries**

**Wilma Ruth Measles Hogan**

Wilma Ruth Measles Hogan, 72, passed away on Oct. 3, 2012 in the Knox County hospital.

Wilma was born on Oct. 23, 1939 in Olton, Texas. She was the youngest of five children born to J.G. and Mary Measles.

She married Bud Hogan on March 17, 1962. Wilma had great administrative and people skills and during her life she worked at various businesses including the Plainview Chamber of Commerce, Plainview ISD, and a law firm to name a few.

In 1986, Wilma and Bud moved to Munday where

Wilma opened a barber shop and became active in the local chamber of commerce and involved with her community and church. Wilma was a life-long volunteer whose passions were channeled into work with the Relay for Life, the Republican party, the Emmaus community, Munday's Vacation Bible School and her home church, Believer's Chapel.

Wilma is survived by her husband of 50 years, Bud Hogan, her two daughters, Lana Jordan and Jana Nelson, her sister, Mary Lu Grant, her brother, Bob Measles, 10 grandchildren, three great grandchildren and numerous beloved nieces,

nephews and cousins.

Visitation was held on Friday, Oct. 5, 2012, from 5-7 p.m. at McCauley-Smith Funeral Home in Munday. Funeral services were held on Saturday, Oct. 6, 2012 at 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Munday. Burial followed in the Johnson Memorial Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Smith Funeral Home in Munday.

Donations can be given in Wilma's name to Samaritan's Purse or Believer's Chapel.

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**O'Brien homecoming slated for this weekend**

The 2012 O'Brien High School homecoming, dubbed "Melodies and Memories," will be held this weekend at the school.

Organizers of the event are encouraging all O'Brien graduates and former students to attend the event, which will feature the celebration of the 1972 O'Brien football team that won the state's first-ever six-man football championship.

The O'Brien reunion will get underway on Friday at 6:30 p.m. with bingo and a snack meal. Persons attending the bingo games are asked

to bring a "White Elephant" donation that will be used as prizes for winners.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday. A \$5 registration fee is being charged to help cover the cost of the event. Following registration, a brisket/sausage meal will be served in the O'Brien school cafeteria, and then at 2 p.m. the reunion program will commence. During the program OHS classes and teachers, memorials and a business meeting will be held. The reunion attendees will also recognize the 40th anniversary of our 1972 state football championship.

**AgriLife Extension's Fisher County Ag Day set Oct. 16**

A varied slate of topics is on tap for participants at this year's Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Fisher County Ag Day, set for Oct. 16.

The program will start at 8 a.m. in the Roby First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall in Roby and then divide into simultaneous cotton and range tours before reconvening back at the church for lunch, said Josh Beaty, AgriLife Extension agent in Fisher County.

"It's been a long two years for our producers with fire and drought, but it's started raining again and things are looking up," he said. "This year's program will have an optimistic look to the future with its good mix of crops, livestock and land issues in general, so I think there will be a little something

for everybody."

The program topics will include a wildfire recovery update, restocking the beef herd, wheat and cotton outlooks, an orchard and vineyard alternative crops session, agency updates, and sessions on oil well fracturing and injections wells.

The preregistration fee is \$5 and RSVPs should be made by Oct. 12 by calling (325) 776-3259 or (325) 721-8936. Thereafter and at the door, the fee will be \$10.

**Auxiliary banquet set for Oct. 16**

The Knox County Hospital Auxiliary announced last week that its annual banquet would be held on Tuesday, Oct. 16.

The banquet is for hospital employees and members of the Knox County Hospital Auxiliary.

For more information contact the KC Auxiliary or The Pink Ladies.

**FAIR**

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ety of health topics," said Knox County Hospital CEO Stephen Kuehler.

Attendees received information on Breast Cancer Awareness, West Nile Virus, Fall Prevention, Safety, Social Services, Health Screenings and much more.

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Benjamin**

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

**FIRST UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH  
Benjamin**

Thomas Carter, Pastor  
Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m. • Sun-

day School at 10:30 a.m.

**GILLESPIE BAPTIST  
CHURCH  
Gillespie**

Matt Harrington, Pastor  
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# Opinion

## Laughing is good for your brain health

You've probably heard the old saying that you should laugh more because laughter is the best medicine. Laughing is a good remedy for many things in life—we all need humor and levity to combat daily stresses. Laughing is not only a great release; it is available to everyone, anywhere, anytime.

If you've wondered if laughter is good for your health, you're not alone. Can laughter really have hidden benefits other than simply being an automatic emotional response to seeing or hearing something funny?

University of Maryland Medical Center (UMMC) researchers say yes. They studied people who laugh every day, several times a day to see if there was a connection between laughter and health benefits.

What they found was that on a biological level laughing introduces additional oxygen into the body. Lymph fluids are circulated and increased levels of oxygen boost immune system function. Laughing, in a sense, 'pumps' oxygen through vital organs and tissues, which need the oxygen to repair damage, fight infection and keep you feeling healthy.

People who laugh on a consistent basis tend to have lower blood pressure than those who laugh occasionally.

Humor and laughter may also have powerful effects on memory, brain health and aging. If the mental effects of laughter are as positive as the physical, then it is time to learn a few new jokes, gather some friends and start improving your brain health the easy way. Make them laugh. Polish those punch lines and improve your brain health.

Use these tips to add more laughter in your life:

- Find humor in everyday things.
- Be a child again—find amusement in the most ordinary things.
- Increase your exposure to comedy such as funny books, movies, and live theater.
- Make sure you have funny friends.
- Take time each day to laugh.
- If you hear a joke that makes you laugh, remember it, chances are it will make someone else laugh too!

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## Our son could start with more than us

This may shock some of you, but at one time, She-Who-Must-Not-Be-Made-Mad was actually young, which means that many moons ago we were once a young couple.

Of course, being a young couple we didn't have much of anything. Actually, everything we owned really belonged to our parents who "gave" it to us so we wouldn't think about moving back in with them.

It's a story as old as time itself. Boy meets girl. Girl tells boy she is rich. Boy marries girl. Girl has kids and no money.

Having the "no money" part was (still is) a bummer, you know. You have to make choices that aren't always fun.

We first got hitched we were so financially challenged we couldn't pay attention. You heard of "champagne taste with a beer budget?" We couldn't even afford beer.

We had one bed for all six of us, and the only alarm we had was my parents beating on the door every morning.

I remember once when we were poor (I simply refuse to believe that

we are now) we only had \$1.34 cents to our day with more several days to go before payday. What to do? What to do?

Being the manly man that I am, I wasn't to "big" to admit I needed help and call my family. In fact, if I hadn't developed an intense illness that robbed me of my voice, I would have called. As it was, SWMNBMM was forced into emergency action to call our banker (my younger brother) to wire us some money - which he always did.

Even though Bodeen always sent us money, this particular day was pretty tough. We had six mouths that wanted to chew on vittles, and four of those were under the age of six. It is amazing how calm the kids were facing this dilemma, and how spastic SWMNBMM was.

I am happy to say we survived, though. I took out \$1.34 and walked to the store and bought a couple packages of Ramen noodle. While I was out, I stopped by the convenience store and "borrowed" a handful of sugar and salt packets and then headed over to the office where I worked, where I found

## Off The Beaten Path



By Tommy Wells

a half-used bottle of lemon juice.

With all my goodies in place, I returned home and presented them to SWMNBMM.

To my surprise, she turned that meager stuff into a real meal. She crumbled the Ramen noodles into a pot (remind me to tell you later that I hate Ramen noodles), mixed in the contents from the salt packets and stirred. Then, to my surprise, she opened the

refrigerator door and pulled out half a stick of butter and chunked it in. Then she took the lemon juice, mixed it with water and sugar and made lemonade.

The lemonade was good.

Any way, I tell you this story because my youngest son, Bobby, and his girlfriend may have an easier time, if at some point down the road they decide to get hitched.

Not only did Bobby learn how to make Ramen noodle/butter soup, he already knows how to call dad for money.

Not only that, they has an alarm clock that can wake the dead.

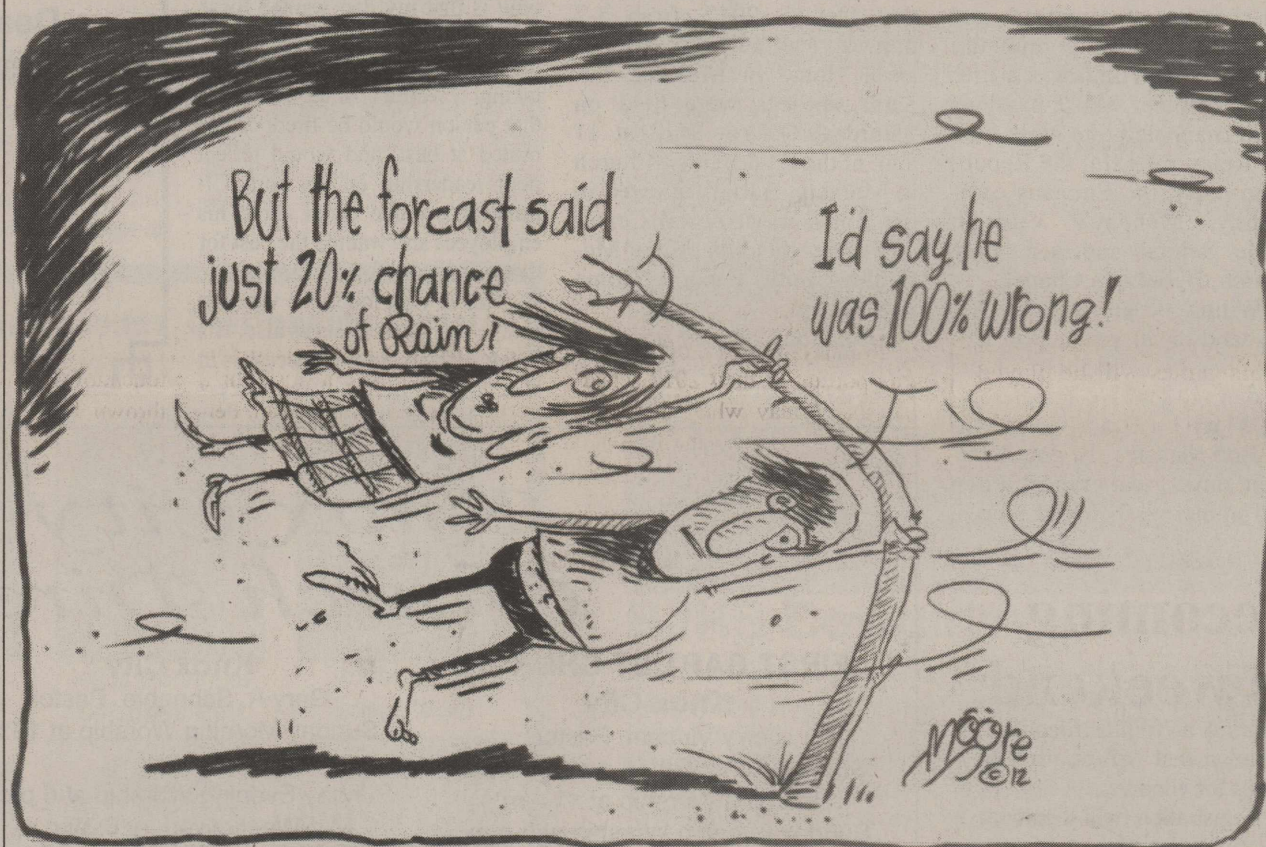
We found this out the hard way last week when Willis (I promised I would say her name is Chelsea in the story), fell asleep in the floor. All of a sudden, she posterior end erupted loud enough to wake herself up.

And us, too!

I promise that will wake you up ... poor or not!

(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.)

## Moore Texas by Roger Moore The strongest wind gust ever recorded in Texas was at Aransas Pass on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1970..... 180 MPH...big blow!



## Letter to the Editor

Thanks for the article each week (about the Lions Club's Mop & Broom Sale). Will try and get you a total after next Thursday. Maybe things will slow down and we can get a story in once in a while.

Carol Felts  
Knox City

## Lions' mop, broom sale slated for today

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 by 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.

## Learning from the land of 'fruit and nuts'

Gas prices hit \$6 a gallon in San Diego on Columbus Day. That is almost hard to swallow and the problem is regulation. My biggest fear is that we will not learn from the granola crunchers out west and get sucked in by some liberals in Austin and join in.

The taxes on a gallon of unleaded gas is 66 cents per gallon in California compared to just 38 cents in Texas. The average SUV or truck (this is Texas, you know) has a 25-gallon tank, so we pay \$8 per fill-up just to Uncle Sam.

Don't blame the oil companies ... they make less per fill-up than our government. Exxon makes a whopping 8 cents per gallon profit on a gallon of gas, or \$2 profit when we fill up. Yet the government always demonizes the oil companies.

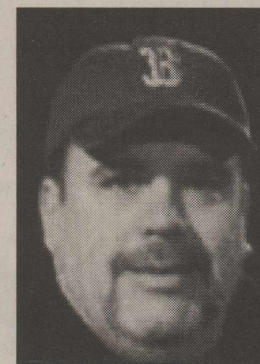
I don't get why anyone would complain about making 66 cents profit for every gallon of gas sold

in California when the people that produce, distribute and sell the product - and have all the risks - make 8 cents?

The biggest problem we face with gasoline is refining it. We do not have a oil shortage, we have a shortage of places to make the product. The nut huggers out west have made the regulations so strict they have closed down some refineries in California, and have had some pipelines broke, sabotaged. It has hit the working people's wallets. That is the reason the huge jump in gas prices, imagine if the EPA (Obama's gestapo) decided to shut down 10 percent of the refineries nationwide? Seriously, would you be surprised? I wouldn't.

The biggest issue is getting new refineries built. In the last 30 years, we have seen gasoline consumption in the US go up 50 percent. Yet, we have not built one new refinery. What we have done is close them down. In

## Just Jeff



By Jeff Stanfield

1945, we had 345 refineries. Today, we have around 150.

Wonder why the price is going up?

Hey don't blame it on the oil companies, dirty air and all that other hogwash they feed us. The emissions from today's refineries are less toxic

than a baby's rear end.

Hey, I want clean air but we live in West Texas so we get dust with ours. I say build a refinery out here. Hell, we produce the oil so let's make the gas here. I drive by a refinery in Three Rivers, Texas, at least once a year and everyone seems to be healthy (matter of fact, most of the people I noticed are built like me - healthy). It refines 100,000 barrels of crude a day and employees 300 people.

That folks would be a common sense approach to fixing the gas prices, letting people have great jobs, and allow them to get out of the cities to raise their kids.

Maybe our government needs to stop trying to regulate so much and just enjoy spending the profits of taxing us to death.

Jeff Stanfield, Nobama 2012, is a local columnist.

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# Sports

## 'Hounds reach .500 with win over Cowboys

TOMMY WELLS  
The Knox County News

Krys Campos and the Knox City High School Greyhounds picked the perfect time to find their offense.

The Greyhounds rolled up 327 total yards and six touchdowns and rolled to a 38-31 victory over the Woodson Cowboys on homecoming night at Greyhound Stadium.

With the win, Knox City notched its second straight win and rolled into the start of district play with a plenty of momentum. Overall, Knox City improved to 3-3 for the season.

The loss dropped Woodson to 4-2 for the year.

The Greyhounds drew first blood in the contest late in the first quarter. After forcing Woodson to turn over the ball on downs on their first series, Knox City went to work, reeling off three first downs before Tyllyne Eaton capped the effort by hauling in a 14-yard strike from Campos with 3:17 left in the opening frame.

Campos turned in his best performance of the season since

### 'Hounds to open District 8 play with Paint Creek

The "real season" is at hand for the Knox City Greyhounds.

Knox City will kick off District 8-A action this Friday with a game against the Paint Creek Pirates. The Greyhounds enter the contest at 3-3 overall, while Paint Creek is 0-6.

Knox City is a 45-point favorite to win the contest, according to [www.sixmanfootball.com](http://www.sixmanfootball.com).

The game is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. at Pirates Field.

taking over the quarterbacking duties. He completed nine of his 14 passing attempts for 122 yards and a career-high four TDs.

Knox City's offense struck again in the second quarter.

Just three plays after Woodson had pulled to within 8-6 on a 29-

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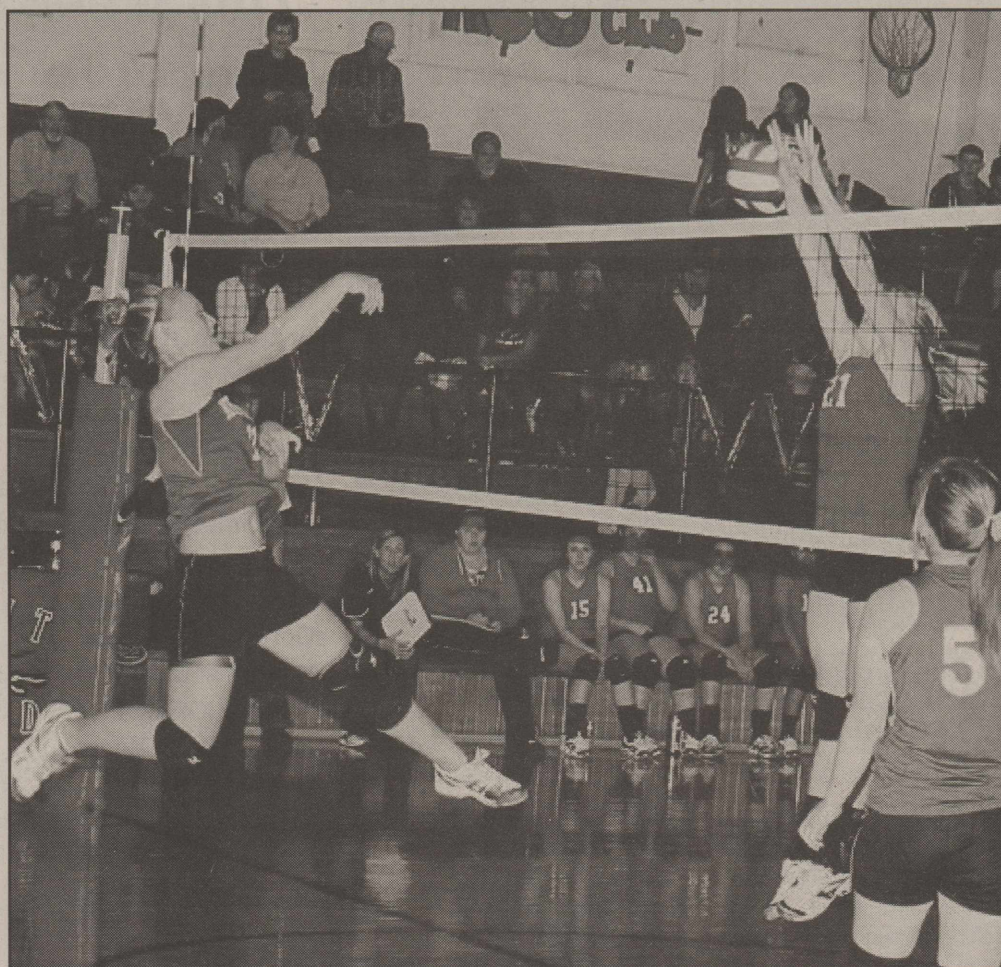


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### Power play ...

Leighton Pepper drives a ball past an Aspermont defender during the Houndettes' district game on Saturday in the KCHS gymnasium. Aspermont managed to notch a win over KCHS in three games and moved into second place in the district standings. The Houndettes played Rotan on Tuesday.

## KC slips to No. 28 in 6-man rankings

What does a 7-point win over a Division II playoff contender get you? Not what you would think.

Despite a win over Woodson on Friday, the Knox City Greyhounds slipped two spots in the latest [www.six-manfootball.com](http://www.six-manfootball.com) state rankings. A week ago, the Greyhounds had been ranked No. 26 in a ranking of all 71 Division I (large school) programs in the state.

Water Valley continued to hold onto the top spot in the Div. I rankings. The Wildcats improved to 6-0 with a win last week.

The Ira Bulldogs were second in the poll, placing just ahead of Throckmorton. Petersburg and Valley rounded out the Div. I top five.

Throckmorton claimed a win over Windthorst in a 6/11-man exhibition game last Friday.

The Richland Springs Coyotes were the top-rated Division II team. The Coyotes are 6-0 heading into this week.

The entire poll can be seen at [www.sixmanfootball.com](http://www.sixmanfootball.com).

## Tickets to state football championships now on sale

Tickets for the 2012 Conference 1A-5A UIL Football State Championships being played at Cowboys Stadium are available for purchase, according to a release from the UIL. Tickets may be purchased online through [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com). The 2012 state championships games will be played at Cowboys Stadium in December.

The six-man state championships will be played on Dec. 15 at Shotwell Stadium. The Division I game will be played at 7 p.m. The Division II game will start at 2 p.m.

## Top-ranked Moguls set to open district play

After five weeks of dominating non-district opponents, the Munday Moguls are ready to beat up on teams that really matter. Their District 8, Division II, stablemates.

Munday will kick off the district portion of their 2012 schedule this Friday when they host Perrin-Whitt. The game will start at 7:30 p.m.

Munday, the top-rated team in

Class A, enters the game with one of the most potent offenses in the state. The Moguls have averaged more than 446 yards per game through their first five outings.

In Perrin-Whitt, the Moguls will be facing a Pirates' team that is hoping to make a push for a postseason berth this season. Perrin-Whitt went 3-2 in non-district play.

The Moguls are led offen-

sively by quarterback Dee Paul. The MHS senior is ranked among the area's leaders in passing and rushing according to the Abilene Reporter-News.

An SMU signee, Paul has rushed for 721 yards and seven touchdowns in five games. He has thrown for 579 yards and eight scores.

Munday entered Week 6 of the season as the state's top rated

program. The Moguls received 20 of the 25 first-place votes cast by pollsters in the latest Associated Press rankings.

As a team, the Moguls received 244 points in the poll and finished 24 points ahead of second-ranked Mason. Unbeaten Wellington was third.

Stamford, which is coached by KCHS graduate Wayne Hutchison, is fourth.

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**Knox City running back Heath Welch runs through the grasp of Woodson's Toby Jones during the Greyhounds' 38-31 win over the Cowboys on Friday night in front of a large homecoming crowd. Welch and the KCHS running backs gained 200 rushing yards against Woodson's defense.**

**GAME**

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yard touchdown pass by senior Brady Hibbitts, the KCHS offense proved it had quick-strike ability of its own.

Zach Carter pulled in the Greyhounds' second score of the first half, snaring a 20-yard scoring pass from Campos with 5:22 left in the half.

Hibbitts kept Woodson close in the third. He opened the second half by tossing a 29-yard TD to Spencer Smith and pulled the Cowboys to within 14-12.

Knox City took control from there, however. The Greyhounds scored on their next two series and pushed their lead to 26-12.

Israel Rodriguez started the KCHS run by catching a 19-yard TD pass from Campos midway through the third. Heath Welch capped the 12-0 run with a 1-yard TD plunge later.

Woodson battled his way back late in the third. Hibbitts tossed two long scoring strikes in the final four minutes and puled Woodson to within one, at 26-25, at the start of the final 10 minutes of play.

Hibbitts finished the game with a career-high 367 yards and 5 touchdowns through the air.

The Greyhounds took the air out of the Cowboys' sails early in the fourth. Knox City picked up a 1-yard touchdown run from Chris Lewis and an 8-yard TD reception

by Rodriguez en route to building a 38-25 cushion.

Woodson notched its final TD of the game on the game's final play, making the score closer.

Lewis finished the game as Knox City's top rusher. He gained 76 of the Greyhounds' 200 rushing yards on just 15 carries.

Zachary Rodriguez and Carter both enjoyed stellar efforts on the receiving end on Campos' passing attempts. Rodriguez had a team-high five receptions for 47 yards. Carter finished with 46 yards on two catches.

Woodson's Spencer Smith was the game's top receiver. He netted 184 yards and two TDs on six receptions.

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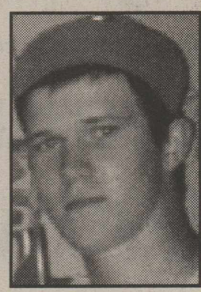
**This week's schedule of games**



**Tommy Wells**



**Brant Thurmond**



**Tommy Wells, Jr.**

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Lueders-Avooca at Woodson	Woodson	Woodson	Woodson
Strawn at Brookesmith	Strawn	Strawn	Strawn
Perrin-Whitt at Munday	Munday	Munday	Munday
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Gorman at Ranger	Gorman	Gorman	Gorman
Hawley at Cisco	Cisco	Cisco	Cisco
Texas at Oklahoma	Texas	Oklahoma	Texas
Okla. State at Kansas	Okla. State	Okla. State	Okla. State
Oregon St. at BYU	Oregon St.	Oregon St.	Oregon St.
TCU at Baylor	Baylor	Baylor	Baylor
S. Carolina at LSU	LSU	S. Carolina	S. Carolina
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Dallas at Baltimore	Dallas	Baltimore	Baltimore
Green Bay at Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston
NY Giants at San Francisco	San Francisco	San Francisco	San Francisco
<b>Last week</b>	<b>15-5, .750</b>	<b>15-5, .750</b>	<b>16-4, .800</b>
<b>Overall</b>	<b>83-32, .721</b>	<b>79-36, .686</b>	<b>83-32, .721</b>



**BJHS Cowgirls ...**

Members of the Benjamin Cowgirls 4th through 8th grade drill team are (top row) Lexy Mendoza, Courtney Andrews, Hayden King, (middle row) Haley Macias, Melissa Rogers, Grace Estrada, Dejah Willings, (bottom row) Madison Barrientez, Nevaeh Willings, Breanna Pryor, Lezleigh Brumley. The Cowgirls are coached by Emily Brandt and Melissa Everson. Come and see the Cowgirls dance at the half of Benjamin's game with Harrold on Oct. 11 in Benjamin.

**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 this week by the

Texas Girls Coaches Association. The Houndettes, under the lead of head coach Samantha Baumgartner, was ranked No. 19 in the latest TGCA weekly

volleyball poll. Knox City is ranked two places 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 Avery rounded out the top five.

The new poll was released on Tuesday, Oct. 8

**TGCA poll**

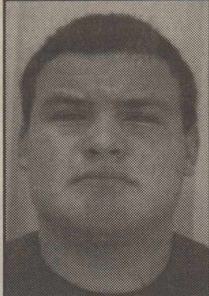
The following is the latest Class A rankings, according to the Texas Girls Coaches Association.

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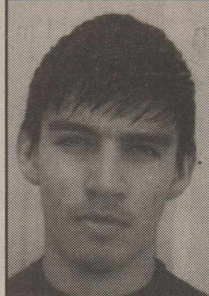
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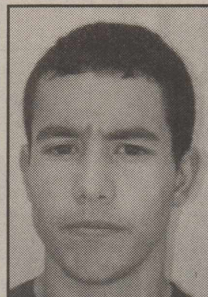
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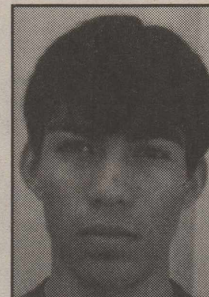
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SAMMIE'S KNOX CITY CORNER AND FINAL THOUGHTS

Our deepest condolences for the Hogan family from Munday. Wilma was very much loved and a wonderful friend anyone could ask for...

This was a very busy past week for our little Knox City community and our Greyhounds with Homecoming. Everyone was busy doing something to show off our Greyhounds...

I'm sure we had lots of our ex-students in for Homecoming, and I'm sure our businesses were busy downtown. Nancy Peters said she had quite a few T-shirts to get done for different groups of classes...

Bud's Cafe sure stayed busy for coffee and breakfast every morning, and really just having fun. Sitting with some of my friends and having their kids or grandkids with them...

Well, the cafe got broken into last week at Bud's and also not too much later, Pumper's Supply also. Be extra careful when you enter your place of business because nowadays...

the intruder. Please keep your doors locked and be extra careful. May God bless y'all and be careful.

Roy Rodriguez was in the hospital a couple of days last week—a little set back on his health, but he is now home and, thank God, everything went good and all taken care of.

We lost a sister-in-law this past week, Mrs. Manuel Rodriguez (Mary Valdez). She was my oldest brother's wife—my Mom's stepson, and also Dora Rios's aunt—her father's sister. We've shared a lot of great years together...

The Health Fair at the hospital went very good. There were lots of people getting their shots. The hallway was just absolutely full, and they had a huge turnout.

Well, looks like our weather has really turned cool. Out first frost was this morning, and it was cool outside. So get out your blankets and your jackets...

As as this week passed by, it has been a hard one, but with God, we just go on and heal our pain. May He bless everyone, and take care and be careful.

God bless our troops and each of us, Sammie

Sheriff's Report

- Pursuant to an open records request, the following is supplied to make note of those booked in through the Knox County jail in the indicated time period of Sept. 12, 2012 to Oct. 8, 2012. 1. HOWARD, RONALD LEE, 9/18/12, MTR/POSSESS CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE, (SJF) FOARD COUNTY...

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## Munday, Rule VFDs receive funds

The Munday and Rule volunteer fire departments both pocketed some needed funds recently when they were among 18 Texas

fire departments selected to share in \$45,000 in a Monsanto Fund-sponsored program.

According to data, rural com-


munities have a fire death rate twice the national average, according to the U.S. Fire Administration and National Fire Protection Association. Firefighters in these communities are also often less likely to have the necessary firefighting equipment and training. To help combat these challenges, the Monsanto Fund is investing in rural fire departments and helping to keep farming communities safer through America's Farmers Grow Communities.

As a result of the worst drought in 50 years, more than 700 of the 1,271 Grow Communities counties have been declared natural disaster areas by the USDA. Winning farmers from these counties will have the opportunity to direct an additional \$2,500 donation to a second nonprofit of their choosing to assist with community needs that have surfaced due to the drought.



### BJHS Cowgirls ...

Members of the Benjamin Cowgirls 4th through 8th grade drill team are (top row) Lexy Mendoza, Courtney Andrews, Hayden King, (middle row) Haley Macias, Melissa Rogers, Grace Estrada, Dejah Willings, (bottom row) Madison Barrientez, Nevaeh Willings, Breanna Pryor, Lezleigh Brumley. The Cowgirls are coached by Emily Brandt and Melissa Everson. Come and see the Cowgirls dance at the half of Benjamin's game with Harrold on Oct. 11 in Benjamin.





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2012 Weekly Weather Report

Date	Temperature (F)		Rainfall inches
	Low	High	
10/01	60	80	
10/02	55	77	
10/03	53	85	
10/04	59	72	
10/05	56	64	
10/06	47	55	
10/07	40	49	
Total Rainfall for Week			0.00
Total Rainfall for month			0.00
2012 Rainfall (ytd)			17.29

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