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Sales tax figures up slightly in Knox County

TOMMY WELLS
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The sales tax figures released by Texas State Comptroller Susan Combs may not be Earth-shattering but, as the old adage goes, a gain is a positive thing no matter how small.

Knox County communities were on the positive side of the ledger as far as sales tax revenue growth, according to Combs. Knox City, Munday, Benjamin and Goree all showed increases in sales

tax totals during the latest reporting period.

The City of Knox City posted a small gain. According to state records, Knox City generated \$24,309.60 in sales tax revenue from sales reported in December. The city's total represented an increase of just over half a percentage point.

A year, Knox City generates \$24,180.82 as part of the February 2011 report.

The City of Munday, like Knox City,

posted a slight gain. Munday's sales tax totals climbed by 0.05 percent as its businesses generated \$17,557.32 this period.

Goree and Benjamin posted the biggest gains in the county in the latest findings. Goree's sales tax totals soared by 44 percent over a year ago. The town brought in \$2,967.27 in sales tax revenue this period - more than \$900 over last year's numbers.

Benjamin's sales tax mark climbed by 11 percent. The community brought in \$2,173.95 in sales tax funds. A year

ago, the northern Knox County town generates \$1,865.24.

While the numbers were positive in Knox County, the figures weren't as good in neighboring Throckmorton County. The City of Throckmorton and Woodson saw their numbers decrease slightly.

Throckmorton's total fell by 1.5 percent to \$11,924.50. A year ago, the community generated \$12,116.19.

Woodson's sales tax figures declined by 0.55 percent, dropping from \$480.88 a year ago to \$478.22.

By the numbers ...

The following is a look at sales tax totals released by the state for area communities.

Town	Feb. '11	Feb. '11
Albany	\$8,874.53	\$41,075.04
Benjamin	\$2,173.95	\$1,865.24
Goree	\$2,967.27	\$2,060.52
Haskell	\$58,539.85	\$48,161.44
Knox City	\$24,309.60	\$24,180.82
Munday	\$17,557.32	\$17,547.45
Seymour	\$18,556.97	\$25,574.13
Throckmorton	\$11,924.50	\$12,116.19
Woodson	\$478.50	\$480.88

MAKING REPAIRS



Knox City administrator Chad Roberts (center) points to a place where a problem with one of the city's water lines occurred on Monday. City employees, battling cool temperatures, snow and lots of water, used a backhoe to excavate the ground around the break.

Brand registration period ends on Feb. 29

The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) reminds ranchers that the next brand re-registration period ends Feb. 29. The state requires that brands be re-registered in the county or counties where the owner operates every 10 years.

Larry Gray, executive director of law enforcement at TSCRA, says that branding is the number one way to prevent livestock theft. Livestock theft continues to be a common problem throughout the United States, especially with recent record high cattle prices. TSCRA was established in 1877 to help prevent and solve agricultural crimes. Since then, the association's law enforcement division has expanded to include 30 special rangers stationed throughout Texas and Oklahoma who work alongside local law enforcement agencies to protect citizens against agricultural crimes, including livestock theft.

Although Texas does not have a statewide brand registry database, TSCRA has market inspectors stationed at 105 Texas livestock auctions that collect brands and other identifying marks on 4 million cattle sold annually. They report this information to TSCRA headquarters in Fort Worth, where it is entered into the nation's largest brand recording and retrieval system. This system currently houses more than 102,000 brands, the largest brand registry in the U.S. This database is the first source checked when livestock is reported stolen, and has aided in the arrests of livestock thieves and the recovery of hundreds of thousands of stolen livestock.

Gray says that while Texas law does not require you to brand your cattle, he highly encourages it as a way to protect your business.

To help guide ranchers through the brand re-registration process, TSCRA has launched www.tscrabrands.com. Working in conjunction with the 254 county clerk offices, this site provides all the necessary paperwork and information to register brands, as well as information on current brands, designing and reading brands.

Knox County farmer wins \$2,500 for MVFD

The Munday Volunteer Fire Department found itself a bit richer recently when the winners of the "America's Farmers Grow Communities" program announced the winners of their contest.

Michael Wilde was selected as a winner in the contest, which gives farmers the opportunity to win \$2,500 for their favorite local nonprofit organization. The donations are available through the Monsanto Fund.

Wilde designated the Munday Volunteer Fire Department to receive the award in Knox County.

Wilde, a Monsanto representative and members of the MVFD will participate in a check presentation ceremony at 6:30 p.m.

on Feb. 20 at the Munday fire station. Members of the public are welcome to attend the check presentation.

As part of the program, farmers could win \$2,500 for their favorite community nonprofit in 1,245 eligible counties in 39 states. The Monsanto Fund expects to invest more than \$3.1 million in local communities.

America's Farmers Grow Communities is part of a broad commitment by the Monsanto Fund to highlight the important contributions farmers make every day to our society by helping them grow their local communities. Nearly 60,000 farmers participated in the second annual Grow Communities program.



Speed bump ...

A Knox City police officer blocks off part of Main Street Tuesday night to prevent area motorists from striking a wild hog that had been hit. City employees cleared the animal off the street.

Water levels down by more than 3 feet

Many questions are being asked about this past summer's lack rainfall and the fall and winter precipitation and their effects on the water table levels.

The simple answer is ... a lot.

The Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District measured water levels in late January to determine the effects from the previous years pumping and the lack of recharge. The results they recorded in the area show just how hard the recent drought has impacted the region.

Wells levels in Knox County had dropped 3.29 feet - or 39.48 inches, since December 2010.

In the 14 years of water mea- See WATER on Page 6

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Redistricting talks move toward a big compromise

AUSTIN — Indications that compromise might not be so far away arose last week in the redrawing of the House, Senate and U.S congressional districts of Texas.

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott, acting on behalf of the state, and the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) and MALDEF (Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund) released statements of commitment to the negotiation process.

The statements were made following orders by Judge Orlando Garcia, U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas, in San Antonio, for plaintiffs and defendants in the redistricting lawsuits to work together to resolve matters and to appear at a Feb. 15 court hearing.

LULAC and MALDEF have petitioned for the maps to be drawn to include more minority opportunity districts allowing citizens more power in choosing who they want to represent them. The state's position has been that redistricting maps drawn by the Texas Legislature are legal and enforceable in accordance with the U.S. Voting Rights Act of 1965.

But Section 5 of the Act requires that in redrawing district boundaries, maps must be submitted to the federal government for preclearance in order to pre-

Capital Highlights



By Ed Sterling

vent discrimination against minorities. The maps enacted by the Texas Legislature last spring were not granted preclearance.

Revised sets of maps have been submitted, talks continue, and although pressure is on to resolve any outstanding matters this week, a complete resolution still could take weeks.

Abbott said he thinks compromise may be achieved in time for the Texas primaries to be conducted in April.

The original date for the Texas primaries was March 6.

Legislators make pipeline plea

Last fall, the Obama administration postponed until 2013 possible approval of pipeline's permit application over unresolved environmental concerns.

On Feb. 6, five state senators and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst sent a letter to U.S. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and House Speaker John Boehner in hopes of urging Congress immediately to approve construction of the Keystone XL Pipeline part of which runs from Canada through the Great Plains and East Texas to the Gulf of Mexico.

In their letter, Dewhurst and

Republican Sens. Bob Deuell of Greenville, Troy Fraser of Horseshoe Bay, Joan Huffman of Houston, Mike Jackson of La Porte and Tommy Williams of The Woodlands, wrote that construction of the pipeline would "create 20,000 jobs, support 118,000 spinoff jobs for local businesses and generate more than \$20 billion in economic output."

Sales tax revenue climbs

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs announced last week that state sales tax revenue in January was \$2 billion, up 9.5 percent compared to January 2011.

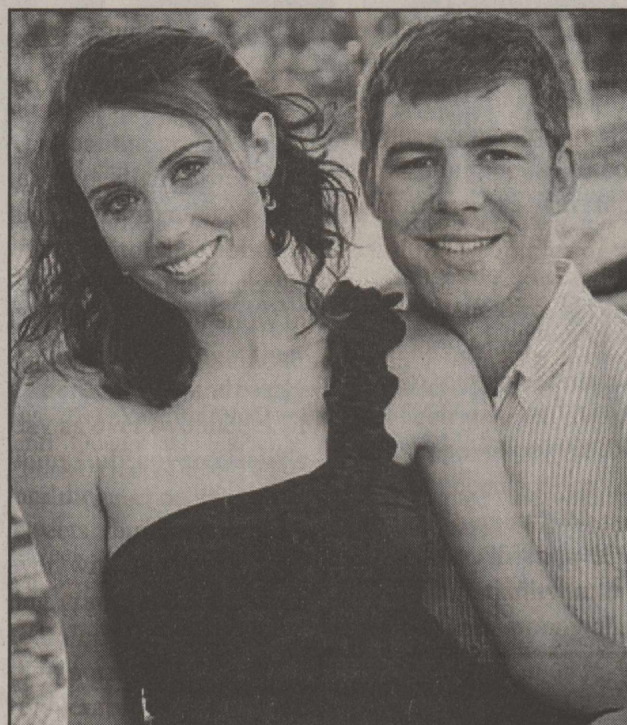
Combs, who said collections have increased for 22 consecutive months, pointed out that the recent monthly increase was led by the oil and natural gas-related sectors, and restaurants and services sectors also showed significant gains.

Combs warns of cost of drought

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs on Feb. 8 released a 16-page document describing the effects of the 2011 drought, current and future water resources in the state and solutions to help solve the water crisis.

According to the document titled "The Impact of the 2011 Drought and Beyond" the state's current water plan predicts demand will increase by 22 percent by 2060 and should Texas experience another "mega-drought" as severe as the 1950s drought, "it could cost Texas businesses and workers nearly \$116 billion in income by 2060."

Engagement



Natalie Chaney and Landon Weiershausen will be exchanging wedding vows in May. Weiershausen is the son of Adlai and Tamie Weiershausen of O'Brien.

Chaney, Weiershausen to exchange vows in May

Allen and Lynda Chaney of Cottonwood, Texas, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Natalie Chaney, to Landon Weiershausen, son of Adlai and Tamie Weiershausen of O'Brien.

Chaney, a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin, is a civil engineer working for an engineering

consulting firm in Houston.

Weiershausen will be graduating in May with a degree in general studies and a minor in business. He will continue refereeing high school football and pursuing his aspirations of entrepreneurship.

A May wedding is planned.

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1 Iowa ___ TX

5 TXism for "against"

6 TXism: "it belongs ___ and the bank"

7 steak order

8 TXism: "call ___ day" (quit)

9 once a label for TX Guy Clark

12 TX Sedgwick directed "___ Pa Kettle" film

17 performance by TX Henley's "Eagles"

19 TX Dunn was 1st to put ___ roses on boots

21 TX Bush: commander ___

22 TXism: "six of one, half ___ of the other"

23 UT Latino fraternity "___ Theta Pi"

28 TXism: "feel like I ___ long drop on a short rope" (sore throat)

29 actor Tim of "WKRP in Cincinnati"

30 East TX flower

31 wife of TX-born president DDE

35 TX Holly genre: "rock and ___"

36 Baskin-Robbins flavor "Jamoca ___"

42 TX-born Scott Joplin's "___ Rag"

44 TXism: "hard as ___"

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46 Don Meredith sang "turn out ___ the party's over"

48 TX Roy Orbison or Buddy Holly

49 TXism: "old as ___"

50 expression of triumph

51 TXism: "I'd have to get better ___"

52 take home pay

53 TX Toomay's "On ___ Given Sunday"

54 TX coast menu item

56 Emmitt ___ for the Cowboys

57 "___ out"

58 UT band fraternity: "Kappa Kappa ___"

DOWN

1 this Green was 1st Miss Texas in '36

2 TXism: "hungry as ___ a concrete pasture"

3 near Glen Rose: "Fossil ___"

4 TXism: "a ___ slapper" (funny)

9 this Mayne wrote several TX-based novels

10 TXism for a special person (4 wds.)

11 fed. agcy of the Waco cult tragedy

12 missing soldier (abbr.)

13 "Athens Fiddlers Contest ___"

14 ___ vera

15 TX-based CAF has ___ aircraft

16 TXism: "gave up the ghost"

18 when repeated, Emmitt and Mark Cuban dance

20 this Noonan was Cowboys 1st pick in '87 (init.)

23 TXism: "hasta ___ vista" (see ya)

24 state where Emmitt ran last (abbr.)

25 TXism: "school ___" (teacher)

26 a cow ___ if it eats too much green grass

27 Greek city

32 TXism: "fits like ugly on ___ ape"

33 medicine man abbr.

34 TXism: "___ he's a rooster he'll crow"

36 Muhammad ___

37 TXism: "crooked as a dog's hind ___"

38 TX rodeo star Larry ___

39 "___ Don" in 46-across

40 Leslie Caron role

41 Gen. Robert ___

43 ___ Centro College

45 George H. Bush, ___

47 Persian rulers in Biblical times

48 TXism: "take a ___ at it" (try)

55 against

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Engagement



Jessica Moorhouse and Brandon Hutchinson will exchange wedding vows on April 28 in Abilene. Moorhouse is the daughter of Mike and Debbie Moorhouse of Benjamin.

Moorhouse, Hutchinson to marry April 28 in Abilene

Mike and Debbie Moorhouse of Benjamin are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica Moorhouse, to Brandon Hutchinson, son of David and Sonya Hutchinson of Xenia, Ohio.

Jessica, age 25, graduated summa cum laude from Tarleton State University in 2009 with a BBA in Accounting and a minor in Mathematics. She is currently a CPA in Tax at Condley & Co., LLP, a public accounting firm in downtown Abilene. Brandon, 28, is a graduate of Fairborn High School and a staff sergeant in the United States Air Force, where he has served for the past eight years. He is currently stationed at Dyess Air Force

Base and serving a special duty as Non-Commissioned Officer In Charge of the Dyess Honor Guard.

Before his special duty assignment, Hutchinson served in Aircrew Egress Systems, installing and maintaining ejection seats in jets and assisted with the Thunderbirds Airshow for several months.

Both the bride and the groom are members at Beltway Park Baptist Church in Abilene, where they met in 2010.

The wedding will be held on April 28, 2012 at the 7th Bomb Wing Chapel on Dyess Air Force Base; Wing Chaplain Boyd C. Short, Lieutenant Colonel in the USAF, will officiate.

Agrilife sets 'last chance' trainings

Many individuals will have their TDA pesticide license expire on Feb 28 if they do not obtain a total of 15 CEU credit hours within 5 years for private applicator license renewal. The 15 total hours must be in Laws and Regulations (2 hrs), IPM or Integrated Pest Management (2 hrs) and any mix of General hours. Commercial and Non-Commercial license applicators must obtain 5 credits every year to renew their license.

On February 21-22, persons with pesticide applicator license will have the opportunity to obtain 5 CEU hours by attending the "Last Chance CEU Program." The program is set to be held at the Knox County Extension Office. There will be two sessions you can attend: Session One will be from 2 pm to 5 pm on Feb. 21 and will offer 1.5 Laws and Regulations and .5 General and 1 IPM credit hour (total 3 credit hours). Session Two will be held on Feb. 22 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and offer 1 hour IPM and 1 hour Drift/General (total 2 credit hours). Cost to attend one or both days is \$15.

Please contact the Knox County Extension office ASAP to pre-register as space is limited by calling (940) 459-2651.

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'Deep in the Heart' coming to theaters

"Deep in the Heart" reveals the true-life story of Mr. Richard "Dick" Wallrath. No one person has ever given more financially to the Texas 4-H and Texas FFA Scholarship Programs than Dick Wallrath. He has also provided tremendous financial assistance to 4-H and FFA members through major livestock show premium auctions.

Haskell County 4-H sincerely requests that both 4-H and FFA families and friends support this emotion-packed full length feature film of Dick's life for two reasons. First, it could have an impact on your own life. And secondly, because of Mr. Wallrath's continued generosity, a portion of all ticket sales will go to both Texas 4-H and Texas FFA to further strengthen their much needed scholarship programs.

DEEP IN THE HEART is a feature film documenting the true story of Texas entrepreneur Richard Wallrath. The movie was filmed on location outside Austin, Texas, with actors Jon Gries (Napoleon Dynamite [Uncle Rico], Taken and September Dawn), Val Kilmer (Top Gun, Batman, Tombstone), D.B. Sweeney (Hear No Evil, Fire in the Sky and Memphis Belle) and Elaine Hendrix (Superstar, The Parent Trap, and Romy & Michelle's High School Reunion) in leading roles.

eBay workshop set for March 1

Do you want to learn how to buy and sell using eBay or just brush up on your eBay skills? The Knox County Visioning Group (KCVG) is bringing Russ Altman, Assistant Director of the Texas Tech Small Business Development Center of Abilene to Monday to conduct a free eBay workshop focusing on buying and selling on eBay.

This workshop is designed for both individuals as well as small businesses on how eBay can help your existing business. It will take place Thursday, March 1, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Perry Patton Center, Munday.

This is the first in a series of five Business Development Workshops hosted by the KCVG. For more information, visit www.thescoopofknoxprairie.blogspot.com, or call (940) 459-4121. Refreshments will be served.

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Obituaries

Amie Taylor

STAMFORD- Amie Taylor of Stamford, formerly of Knox City, went home to be with her Lord and Saviour on Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2012 at the age of 89 years, 2 months, 24 days. A celebration was held 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 10, 2012 in First Baptist Church in Munday with grandson, Rev. Paul Wright officiating. Burial followed in Johnson Cemetery under the direction of Kinney-Underwood Funeral Home in Stamford.

Amie Johnson Taylor was born on Nov. 13, 1922 in Waco, Texas, the daughter of the late Willie and Jewell (King) Johnson. She married Dan Taylor on Feb. 8, 1943 in Waco, Texas and he preceded her in death in 1995. She moved to Stamford from Knox City in 2007. Grandmother, as she was known to her family, liked to crunch on ice and enjoyed popping her chewing gum. She truly cherished the times spent with her family and extended family at Community Care Center and specialized in making tea cakes. She was a member of Liberty Church of God in Christ in Knox City, Texas.

Family preceding Amie in death were her parents; her husband; sons, Eugen Taylor, Robert Taylor; sisters, Bennie Mae Johnson, Erma Archie, Cleola



Amie Taylor

Ware; twin brother, Amos "Uncle L.C." Johnson, brothers, Cleophus Johnson, L.J. Johnson, and Hermon Johnson.

Surviving Grandmother are sons, Billy Taylor of Abilene, Raymond Taylor of Sweetwater, Paul Taylor of Wichita Falls; daughters, Mae Jewell Burrell of Dallas, Dorothy and her husband Charlie Cooks of Munday, and Katie Sanders of Abilene; and host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Sign and view the guestbook at Kinneyunderwoodfuneral-home.com

Emily Elizabeth Everett

Emily Elizabeth Everett, 20, passed away in Knox City, Texas, on Feb. 11, 2012. Services were held at the First Baptist Church at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2012 in Throckmorton with Rev. Peter Parker officiating. Burial was at Throckmorton Cemetery under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes.

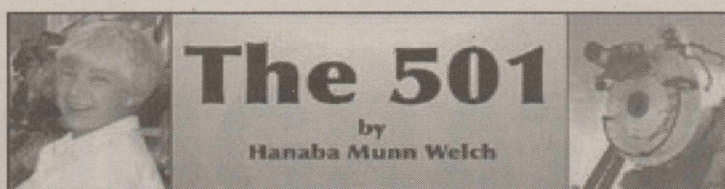
Emily was born on Sept. 6, 1991 in Abilene, Texas, to Dale and Gina Marie Everett. Her mother preceded her in death in 1993. Emily has lived most of her life in Throckmorton and Knox City.

She is survived by her son, Zarron Tyler Haley; daughter, Brileigh Marie Haley; her father and step-mother, Dale and Kim Everett of Throckmorton; one brother, Scott Everett and wife, Shelby, of Throckmorton; two sisters, Kelsey Everett and Kristin Everett, both of Throckmorton; paternal grandmother, Estelle Everett of Throckmorton; maternal grandmother, Norma O'Conner of Knox City; special aunt Lana Barnard of Knox City; several other aunts, uncles and cousins.



Emily Elizabeth Everett

Emily was preceded in death by her mother, Gina Marie (Chancy) Everett; paternal grandfather, Norman Dale Everett, Sr.; maternal grandfather, Doug Chancy.



The nice thing about being an existentialist is that if you decide to be a novelist, you don't have to come up with a plot. That's my take on existentialism. I could be wrong. I'm not one - not an existentialist. I'm not a novelist either. Actually, I'm more certain that I'm not a novelist than not an existentialist.

That said, I've been thinking about writing a novel.

Fiction is not my bailiwick, but I think I could write the truth and let it masquerade as fiction. If truth is stranger than fiction and people like to read strange stuff, it just might work.

For those of you know me and are afraid you'll end up in my fake novel, don't worry. I'm going to change all the names to protect the guilty.

You're worried you'll be recognized anyway? Don't worry. I'll be writing under a pen name. I don't want anyone to recognize me either. I'll change the names of all the places too.

The plot will be the hard part. I'm not good at plots. When I was in the first grade, my classmate Sue and I both saw the same movie at the theater. It was some sort of murder mystery. The next day she told me that she thought the mechanic did it.

Mechanic? I didn't even know there was a mechanic.

That's when I realized the plot-following part of my brain was not yet developed. It still isn't. When my husband and I watch television, he keeps up with what's happening for both of us. Occasionally he gets ahead of the game. To wit, the other night we were watching our favorite investigative team decipher a crime scene. My husband said, "They haven't checked for gunpowder residue to see if he fired the gun."

Ten minutes later they were checking for gunpowder resi-

due. I was still trying to figure out who got shot.

But why am I worried about my plot deficiencies? If my plan is to write about real life and present it as fiction, things will just happen as they happen. Not only will my novel be fake; so will the plot -- a real scenario pretending to be a phony one. I like it already. Call it "slice of life" storytelling, a new genre.

INTERNET PAUSE TO SEE IF THAT TERM IS TAKEN ...

It's taken.

Rats, I really thought I'd come up with something new. Instead, it seems "slice of life" is English for "tranche de vie," a term inspired by the French playwright Jean Jullien (1854-1919), who employed my approach before I did - especially since I haven't yet. So much for originality.

Another term for slice-of-life writing is "kitchen sink realism." Maybe that means I'm not an existentialist. Or that I am.

Either way, maybe I'll write my not-so-novel novel anyway. All I have to do is start, set an arbitrary length and then, when I reach the target number of words, I'll just quit. I think maybe I can do that.

Knox Co. Museum News

By Julie Roles-Holroyd

Plans are about complete for the annual Knox County Museum Barbecue at the Benjamin Memorial Building on Sunday Feb. 5 at 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Take-out plates will be available. Barbecued brisket, sausage, and baked turkey; homemade potato salad and coleslaw; special pinto beans; deviled eggs; and homemade pies will make up the Feb. 5 menu.

You will be able to bid on dozens (over 100 last year) of silent auction items, including antique dishes, jewelry, tools, gift certificates to many popular businesses, and many items donated by businesses and individuals interested in supporting the Wichita Brazos Museum.

The quilt "Jacob's Fans and Flowers," pieced and donated by Mary Cartwright and quilted by Marjorie Lake, will be displayed. Tickets may be bought at this

time, but it will be raffled at the Veterans Day Meal in November. It is a beautiful quilt and time did not permit the sale of tickets that it deserves, so the raffle has been postponed.

Starting at 11 a.m., door prizes will be announced every 30 minutes. These range from \$20 to \$50 bills, and many other items.

As the day draws to an end, if you need some delicious food to feed your Super Bowl football guests, check out the serving tables after the meal. Prices will be posted and containers provided to help you take some home.

Those who want to visit the Wichita Brazos Museum, beneficiary of the fundraiser, will find it open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Feb. 5. This year's theme is "Knox County Entertainment." See what your community has displayed. You or a family member may be featured in the exhibit area.

Lynn, Myers named to BU Dean's list

Knox County had two students listed among the honor students at Baylor University recently, including Knox City's Landon Lynn and Munday's Ashleigh Myers.

Lynn and Myers were among 3,200 students named to the Dean's Academic Honor List for

the 2011 fall semester. Both are attending Baylor's Arts and Sciences programs.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must be an undergraduate with a minimum grade-point average of 3.7, while enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester hours.

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Methodist church to hold meal benefit

The Knox City United Methodist Church will be holding a luncheon for area residents this Sunday, abeginning at noon.

The meal is free of charge, however the church will be accepting donations. All proceeds of the meal will be used to help needy residents of Knox County.

The event is open to all residents of the area, regardless of church affiliation.

United States Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service
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Knox City, TX

2011 Weekly Weather Report

Date	Temperature (F)		Rainfall inches
	Low	High	
02/6	23	53	
02/7	28	55	
02/8	24	47	
02/9	32	61	0.11
02/10	32	53	0.01
02/11	22	36	
02/12	26	35	
Total Rainfall for month			0.12
2011 Rainfall (ytd)			1.16

My name is Don Adkins and I would very much appreciate your vote for County Commissioner, Precinct 1, Haskell County, Texas.

I was born and grew up in Rochester, Texas, and graduated from Rochester High School in 1961. I was first employed at Home State Bank, Rochester.

My background includes a variety of positions which have prepared me for the job as your County Commissioner:

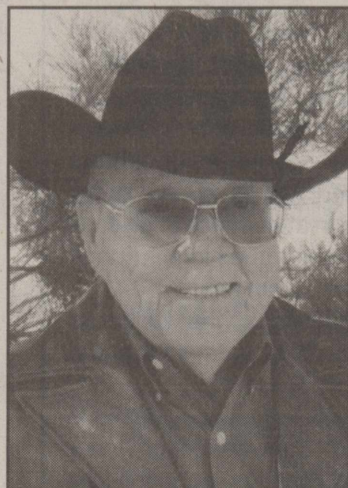
- Worked for the Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Farmed in Haskell County
- Quality Assurance/Quality Control Construction Supt. for Howe-Baker Engineers in oil and gas plant construction; in charge of bidding and design of 18 oil and gas plants:

Duties included job site setup, opening accounts, screening, hiring, testing and assigning workforce and foremen, acquiring machinery and tools, and also preparing final red-line drawings.

Received numerous certifications from OSHA pertaining to safety in the workplace: to test welders and conduct non-destructive weld testing by radiograph, di-pen, magnetic, and ultra-sonic.

- Served as Consultant for the U.S. Dept. of Interior in the South Pacific where I constructed an electrical generation plant and put it on line making electricity.
- Construction Mgr./Supt. for Western Weltek, Inc., Salt Lake City, Utah; served as Project & Construction Manager over all pipelines within the continental United States.
- Maintained Top-Secret security clearance while working for the U.S. Dept. of State; with the Army Corps of Engineers in 19 countries with 150 people employed under me.

With world-wide experience combined with a knowledge of Haskell County, I believe I am the best candidate for County Commissioner, Precinct 1, Haskell County, Texas.





Jay Rick, 4, Luke, 6, and Mayson, 9 are the sons of Michael and Tandy McGaughey of Fort Riley, Kansas. The three are the grandsons of Kerry & Marsha Quade, Mark McGaughey and Rick & Tammy Gonzales.



Kerra Ruth Bishop is the 3-week-old daughter of Russell & Kristin Bishop. She is the granddaughter of Debbie Wilde, Craig & Jami Wilde, and Buddy & Tonya Cypert, and the great-granddaughter of Pansy Hale and Donna Cypert.

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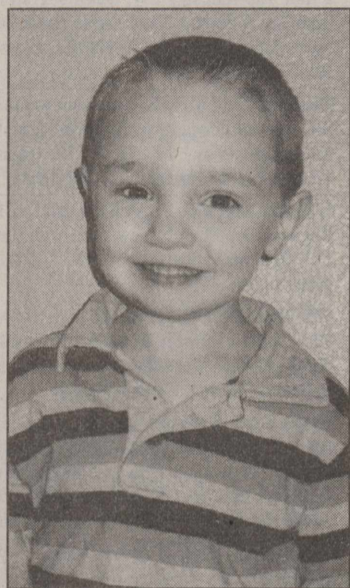


Desi, Alyssa & Kadence Bishop are the daughters of Ashley Bishop of Duncanville. They are the granddaughters of the late Ricky Bishop and the great-granddaughters of Pansy Hale of Knox City.

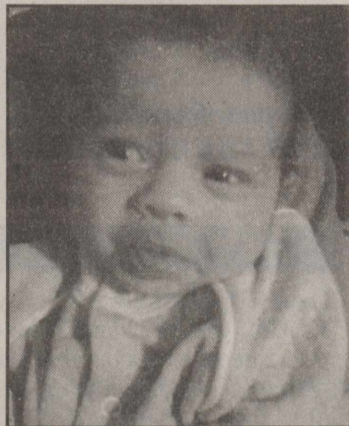
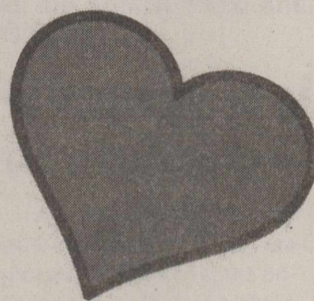


Braden Allen Urbanczyk

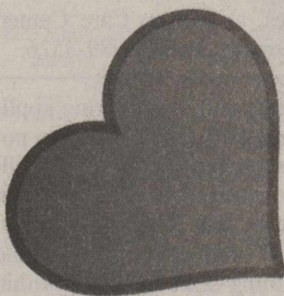
Braden Allen Urbanczyk is the 11-month-old grandson of Kerry & Marsha Quade, Mark McGaughey, Kevin Urbanczyk, Sr. and Wayne & Julie Keeling



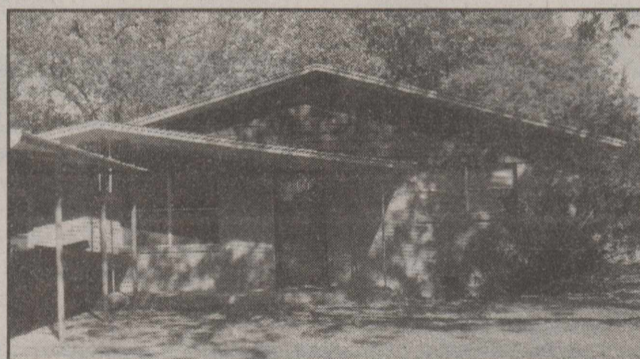
Jathan Bishop is the 3-year-old son of Russell & Kristin Bishop. She is the grandson of Debbie Wilde, Craig & Jami Wilde, and Buddy & Tonya Cypert, and the great-grandson of Pansy Hale and Donna Cypert.



Dominic Rios is the 3-week-old son of Whitney Wells and Jeremy Rios of Big Spring. He is the grandson of Tommy and Patricia Wells, and the great-granddaughter of Ray & Mary Christian of Big Spring, and Faye and the late Bobby Wells of Ranger.



Mallorie Wells is the 4-year-old daughter of Whitney Wells. She is the granddaughter of Tommy and Patricia Wells, and the great-granddaughter of Ray & Mary Christian of Big Spring, and Faye and the late Bobby Wells of Ranger.



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Thank you for the support and interest shown by participating in our Knox County Museum Fund Raiser held on February 5, 2012. The delicious meal was a compliment to our Knox County Cooks. Thanks to everyone who donated door prizes and silent auction items. Thanks to the many volunteers for their donations of time and labor. We also thank those who contributed monetary donations, and the interest shown for the Wichita-Brazos Museum and Cultural Center to preserve Knox County history.

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¿Quién debe presentar la rendición?

Todo dueño de propiedad personal tangible, tal como inventario y equipo, que se utiliza para producir ingresos en la empresa debe presentar la rendición. Si usted presenta la rendición después de la fecha límite, no la presenta, o hace falsas declaraciones puede incurrir en una multa del 10 al 50 por ciento.

¿Existen ventajas en presentar la rendición?

Las ventajas de presentar la rendición son las siguientes:

- ☑ Usted puede brindar su opinión sobre el valor de la propiedad al distrito de tasaciones. En caso de algún cambio en el valor de la propiedad, el distrito de tasaciones debe enviar una notificación escrita y explicarle cómo puede protestar ante la junta de revisión de tasaciones.
- ☑ Usted tiene la oportunidad de registrar la dirección postal correcta para recibir la factura de los impuestos. Si el distrito de tasaciones envía la factura a una dirección incorrecta, usted aún es legalmente responsable de pagar los impuestos sobre la propiedad y la multa por pagos tardíos a tiempo.
- ☑ También puede presentar un informe de valor reducido para notificar al distrito de tasaciones si el valor de la propiedad sufrió una significativa reducción en el 2010. El distrito revisará la propiedad antes de asignar el valor del 2011.

¿Cuál es la fecha límite?

El 15 de abril es el último día para presentar la rendición del 2011. Puede obtener una extensión automática hasta el 15 de mayo (o hasta el próximo día laboral si el 15 es fin de semana) solicitando la extensión por escrito antes del 15 de abril. Cuando un propietario muestra razón justa por escrito, el jefe de tasaciones puede extender la fecha límite por 15 días adicionales.

¿Dónde presento mi rendición?

Presente la rendición al distrito local de tasaciones en:

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Este es un servicio público cortesía de su distrito de tasaciones del condado.

Don't get hit with a penalty! "Render" your taxable property by April 15.

A "rendition" is a report to your county appraisal district that lists all the taxable property you owned or controlled on Jan. 1 of this year.

Who must file a rendition?

You must file a rendition if you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income—such as the inventory and equipment used by a business. If you render late, don't render or file an incomplete or false rendition, a 10 percent to 50 percent penalty may be imposed.

Are there any advantages to you?

The advantages of filing a rendition are:

- ☑ You give your opinion of your property's value. The appraisal district must notify you in writing of any value change and explain how you can protest that value to the appraisal review board.
- ☑ You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address. If your bill is mailed to the wrong address, the law still holds you responsible for paying your taxes on time or paying extra charges for late payments.
- ☑ You can also file a "report of decreased value" to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of the value of your property in 2010. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 2011.

What's the deadline?

The last day for filing 2011 renditions is April 15. You can get an automatic extension to May 15 (or the next business day if a weekend) if you ask for it in writing on or before the April 15 deadline. The chief appraiser may grant an additional 15 days after the deadline for an owner who shows good cause in writing.

Where do you file?

File renditions with your local appraisal district at:

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4.....	Cassidy Carter	Senior
5.....	Terri Romine	Freshman
12.....	Reagan Clark	Senior
20.....	Keelie DeVille	Freshman
21.....	Cassandra Ledesma	Sophomore
24.....	Gabby Moya.....	Senior
32.....	Kelsey Vasquez	Sophomore
34.....	Joanna Trevino	Freshman

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eBay class to be held March 1

Do you want to learn how to buy and sell using eBay or just brush up on your eBay skills? The Knox County Visioning Group (KCVG) is bringing Russ Altman, Assistant Director of the Texas Tech Small Business Development Center of Abilene to Munday to conduct a free eBay workshop focusing on buying and selling on eBay.

This workshop is designed for both individuals as well as small businesses on how eBay can help your existing business. It will take place Thursday, March 1, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Perry Patton Center, Munday.

Knox County Aging Services

The following lunch menus have been listed for the week of Feb. 20 through Feb. 24 for the Knox County Aging Services

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

Monday, Feb. 20 - Closed. President's Day.

Tuesday, Feb. 21 - Chicken fajitas, fajita vegetables, chuck-wagon corn, Spanish rice/flour tortilla. Fruit cocktail.

Wednesday, Feb. 22 - Beef Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, cauliflower/broccoli, wheat roll.

apricots.

Thursday, Feb. 23 - Salmon pattie, baby lima beans, cole slaw, cornbread, tropical fruit.

Friday, Feb. 24 - BBQ on a bun, pinto beans, Grandma's potato salad, Mandarin oranges.

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

Please call in orders by 10 a.m. to 657-3618. Orders cannot be taken after 10 a.m. All orders need to be picked up after 11 a.m.

WATER

Continued from Page 1

Measurements, the average yearly decline in Knox County has been -0.25 foot, or -3.0 inches.

How bad was it last year? Consider this, last year's decline relates to about 13.15 years of average decline.

Well levels in Baylor County dropped -3.92 feet, or -47.04 inches, over the same span. Last year's decline relates to 4.91 years of average decline.

Well levels in Haskell County also dropped in a range of -1.92 feet to -4.65 feet, with an average of -3.12 feet or -37.44 inches.

Last year's decline in Haskell County related to 2.57 years of average decline.

Due to the extreme variability of the Seymour Aquifer, varying rainfall, variations in recharge areas and pumping rates, water levels vary in the three counties.

Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

Did you like the snow? It sure came down and for a while the world around us was a winter wonderland. But after the sun came out on Monday, the snow melted and all that was left by mid-afternoon was lots of mud. The moisture, however, was great and very much appreciated. On Tuesday, we had very dense fog in the area. There's talk of rain later on in the week - very varied weather, I'd say.

My sincere sympathy to the family of Ray Hudson. Ray passed away Thursday after about a year battle with cancer. His funeral was Saturday in Goree.

Regarding our sick, Becky Moorehead has been a patient in the Knox County Hospital for several days. I did not hear yesterday whether or not she's still there. On Sunday, she still was not feeling well but maybe by now there has been a change for the better - please remember her and her family in prayers.

Chad Tolson continues his recovery and seems to be doing real well. Every time one sees him, they are reminded of the power of prayer because he was so bad, so long and though doctors did what they could, everyone is convinced that the prayers of everyone played a large part

in his recuperation process. He and his family still need those prayers.

Despite the snow and cold weather, Sunday night, the "turn out" was great for the community-wide Valentine's dinner and program held at the ex-student building here in Benjamin. Sponsored by the three churches in town, it was a success and everyone "pitched in" to make it so. A taco and bake potato supper, sheet cake and tea and coffee was enjoyed before the program featuring local talent. John, Tim, and Hannah White each sang a solo, Tish Burnett did a poetry presentation, Fred McGreger's guitar students played several songs, and between acts, there were drawings for several boxes of candy so really there was something for everyone. Tracy Cartwright was Master of ceremonies, Troy Culpepper gave the welcome, the Church of Christ minister gave the invocation and Dennis Duke did the benediction. It was a good evening and enjoyed by

everyone. (And I almost forgot! We did a lot of group singing led by Charles Jones with Linda Griffith on the keyboard!)

Here 'N There

Judy Redwine of Crosbyton visited her brother, Bud Connen, and also with me on Saturday. She's doing well. She has retired so she spends a lot of her time with her kids and grandkids. It was good to see her.

I learned Sunday of the death of Dick Harper of Seymour. He was the father of former residents Dickie Propps and Judy Bland, and the grandfather of James Popper. My sympathy to that family.

Chris and Earl Stroop of Midland visited her mom, Lorene Powers, during the weekend. They left around noon on Sunday because of the bad weather that was heading our way.

Colton Caldwell of North Texas State in Denton visited family here during the weekend.

My daughter, Debbie Moorhouse, and I had a "day out" last Tuesday. We went to Wichita Falls and did a little shopping, ate and just enjoyed the day.

I visited with Billy and Penny Trainham on Sunday. They live in Denton now and were here to visit and help Billy's sister, Peggy Hertel celebrate her birthday. They also visited his sister Joy Jones and her husband, Charles on Saturday.

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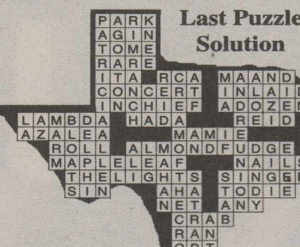
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CUSTOMER NOTICE INCORPORATED AREAS OF THE MID-TEX DIVISION

On January 31, 2012, Atmos Energy Corporation, Mid-Tex Division ("Atmos" or "the Company"), filed a Statement of Intent with each City served by the Mid-Tex Division (hereafter "Affected Cities") with the exception of the City of Dallas. The Company's Statement of Intent proposes to increase its gas rates and implement a new schedule of rates and riders applicable to all customers within the Affected Cities. The proposed effective date of the requested rate changes is March 6, 2012. If approved, the proposed changes will affect approximately 1,194,420 residential, 100,461 commercial, and 705 industrial & transportation customers.

If approved, the proposed rates will increase the Company's annual revenues by \$49,080,069 or 4.36%, including gas costs, or 11.94% excluding gas cost. The proposed change in rates constitutes a "major change" as that term is defined by Section 104.101 of the Texas Utilities Code. In addition to the rate changes, other proposed tariff changes include revision of the Company's residential and commercial rate schedules (Rates R and C), as well as its Rider WNA and Rider GCR to change the current billing rate basis from Mcf to Ccf. The Company further proposes to revise the Rider GCR to: (1) remove the 2009 interest rate reference, (2) clarify that the calculation of (b) Pipeline Cost is inclusive of interest, and (3) update the Upstream Pipeline Charge Allocation (Factor D). Atmos also proposes to modify its Rider WNA to update the heat load and base load factors. The Company further seeks to implement a new Rate Review Mechanism ("RRM") tariff, as well as a new conservation and energy efficiency tariff ("Rider CEE"). In addition, the Company seeks to recover all of its rate case expenses and all city rate case expenses as allowed by law. The exact amount will not be known until the case is completed.

Based on the proposed rate design, the average monthly bill for each customer class within the Affected Cities will change by the amount and percent shown in the table below:

Customer Class	Current Bill **	Proposed Bill**	Difference	Percentage Change with Gas Cost	Percentage Change without Gas Cost
Residential *	\$48.51	\$51.21	\$2.70	5.57%	13.60%
Commercial *	\$241.15	\$246.50	\$5.35	2.22%	9.69%
Industrial *	\$3,703.47	\$3,499.26	\$(204.21)	-5.51%	-14.22%
Transportation	\$1,754.60	\$1,550.39	\$(204.21)	-11.64%	-14.22%

*Includes Rider GCR Part A cost of \$4.5750 per Mcf.
**The calculation of bill impacts assumes average monthly consumption of 4.4 Mcf for residential, 34.2 Mcf for commercial, and 3,897 MMBtu for industrial and transportation customers.

Persons with specific questions or desiring additional information about this filing may contact Atmos Energy Corporation at 1-888-286-6700. Complete copies of the filed Statement of Intent, including all proposed rates and schedule changes, are available for inspection at Atmos' offices located at 5420 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1600, Dallas, Texas 75240 or on our website www.atmosenergy.com/mtx-soi. In addition, customers can contact their City for additional information regarding this rate request.

Éste es un aviso a los clientes de Mid-Tex División de Atmos Energy Corporation, (la "Compañía"), que la Compañía está solicitando un aumento en la tarifa del gas. Este aumento afecta a todos los clientes de la Compañía excepto en la ciudad de Dallas y las áreas no incorporadas. Aquellas personas que deseen comunicarse con la autoridad reguladora que tiene jurisdicción sobre esta solicitud deben ponerse en contacto con su ciudad. Si usted tiene preguntas con respecto a este aumento, por favor llame a Atmos Energy Corporation al 1-888-286-6700.

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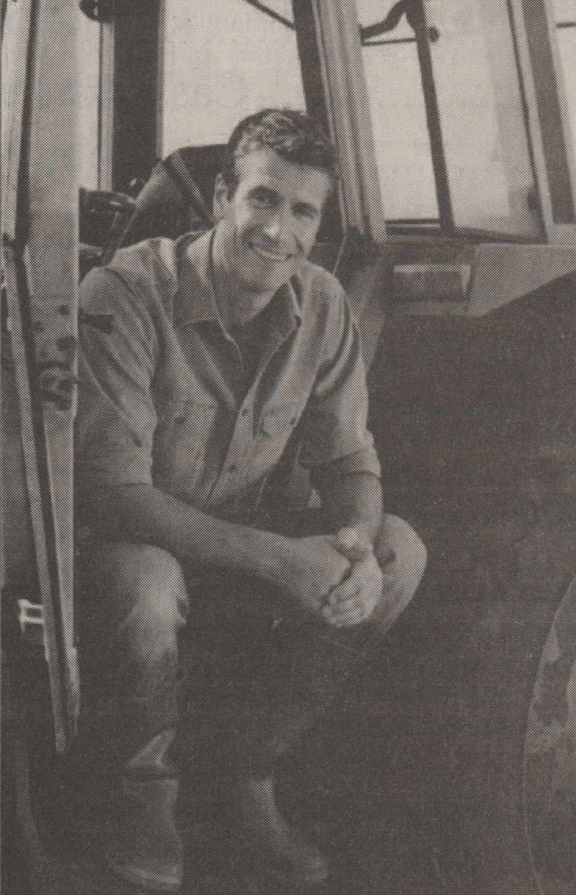
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LEGAL NOTICE

Application is being made to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Beer Retail Dealer's Off Premise license and Package Store Permit by Shari L. Shelton dba Chaparral to be located at 3102 FM 222, Knox City, King County, Texas.

(2-16c)

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NOTICE

The Knox City Economic Development and Community Development Corporation boards are accepting bids for the construction of a community center and pavilion located at the City Park. Information about the bid process, specification sheets and blue prints are available by contacting Chad Roberts, City Administrator at KC City Hall 902 E Main St. Bids are accepted until Thursday March 15, 2012 at 5:00pm

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NOTICE TO BUILDING CONTRACTORS

Invitations to Bid: Sealed proposals for A New Building for Knox County Hospital Clinic, 712 S. 5th Street, Knox City, Texas 79529, in accordance with the Contract Documents prepared by Michael E. Koen... Architect, Inc will be received at the Knox County Hospital Board Room, located at 701 S. 5th Street, Knox City, Texas 79529, until 2:00 o'clock p.m., CST, Wednesday, February 29, 2012.

The Bid opening is public and the General Contractors may attend or they will be notified who is selected. Drawings and Specifications may be examined without charge at the office of Michael E. Koen...Architect, Inc. Two complete sets of Drawings, Specifications and Contract Documents may be obtained by the General Contractor from the office of Michael E. Koen... Architect, Inc., 2211 Midwestern Parkway, Suite 4, Wichita Falls, Texas, upon payment of a deposit of Two Hundred dollars (\$200.00) as a guaranty of the safe return of the Drawings, Specifications and Contract Documents. Additional sets may be obtained by payment of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each set of Specification and the actual cost of reproduction of the Drawings which is (\$5.00) per sheet, and twenty-five cents

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NOTICE TO BE PLACED ON BALLOT FOR CITY OF KNOX CITY GENERAL ELECTION OPEN POSITIONS FOR THREE COUNCIL MEMBER SEATS THE LAST DAY FOR FILING AT CITY HALL, 902 E MAIN ST, MARCH 5, 2012

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Sports



Knox City's Leighton Pepper holds her face while coach Charles Steele talks to the squad following the completion of the first quarter Tuesday in Guthrie.

Greyhounds to begin playoff run on Tuesday

The Knox City Greyhounds will tip off the 2012 basketball postseason on Tuesday when they face off against the Woodson Cowboys in the bi-district round of the Class A playoffs.

According to KCHS officials, the Greyhounds are scheduled to face Woodson on Tuesday

in Seymour. The time for the matchup had not been determined as of press time.

Knox City enters the postseason as the district runner-up. Woodson was the third-place team in their district standings, finishing behind Throckmorton and Aspermont.

Slow start dooms Houndettes

TOMMY WELLS
The Knox County News

GUTHRIE - Knox City head coach Charles Steele knows exactly what hurt his Houndettes most Tuesday evening in their bi-district playoff showdown against Aspermont. It was a lack of offense early.

"We scored six points in the first half," he told his players after the final buzzer. "WE finished with 33. That slow start hurt."

Knox City, the third-place team in the District 13-A race, actually drew first blood in the contest. Gabby Moya staked the

Houndettes to an early 1-0 lead with a free throw.

Unfortunately for Knox City, the points didn't come easy from there. The Houndettes went almost five minutes without scoring before Reagan Clark managed to sink a pair of free throws to ended a 9-0 run by Aspermont.

The KCHS girls didn't help themselves, either. The team committed 13 turnovers in the first quarter.

Clark's free throws puled KCHS to within 9-3 with 1:13 to play in the first.

Aspermont closed out the first quarter with a bang. The

Lady Hornets scored twice in the last 11 seconds to claim a 13-3 cushion.

Clark notched Knox City's first basket of the game midway through the second period when she knocked down a three-pointer. Her basket halted a 14-0 run by Aspermont.

Aspermont, which now advances to face Baird, continued to pour on the offense from there. The Lady Hornets posted a 25-3 run in the second and took a 38-6 lead into the half.

Leighton Pepper helped KC get its offense in gear in the third quarter. The freshman pumped in seven points in the period and

spearheaded a 13-point outburst by the Houndettes.

Cassidy Carter, Clark and Joanna Trevino also threw in baskets in the frame.

Pepper continued to pace the KC girls in the fourth, scoring six more.

Pepper finished the game with a team-high 13 points.

Clark, who finished with nine, Moya, Keelie Deville and Trevino also notched points in the final stanza.

Clark finished with nine points. Trevino tallied four in the contest, while Moya chipped in three, and Carter and DeVille added two apiece.

'Hounds to open '12 grid season with Buffs

There will be no shortage of sportage - or excitement - when the high school football season gets under way on Aug. 30.

That action will include the Knox City Greyhounds.

The Greyhounds, fresh off a run to the state quarterfinals, are among 14 teams set to open the new season by competing in the 9th Annual Jayton Gridiron Classic. The event will be held on Aug. 30 through Sept. 1.

Knox City is scheduled to open its season on Sept. 1 when they face off against the Petersburg Buffaloes in the final bout of the Gridiron Classic. The two teams are scheduled to play at 8 p.m.

The KC-Petersburg matchup will be the second of the day. Prior to the Greyhounds' game, Sterling City will face off against Chillicothe, beginning at 6 p.m.

Football fanatics will be able to get a heavy dose of action on Friday. In all, three games will be played that day, including matchups between Paducah and Newcastle, Highland and Motley County, and Jayton facing Lueders-Avoca.

Two games will be played on Thursday. Defending Division I six-man state champion Throckmorton will face Rotan beginning at 8 p.m.

Borden County will face Crowell in the first game of the event.

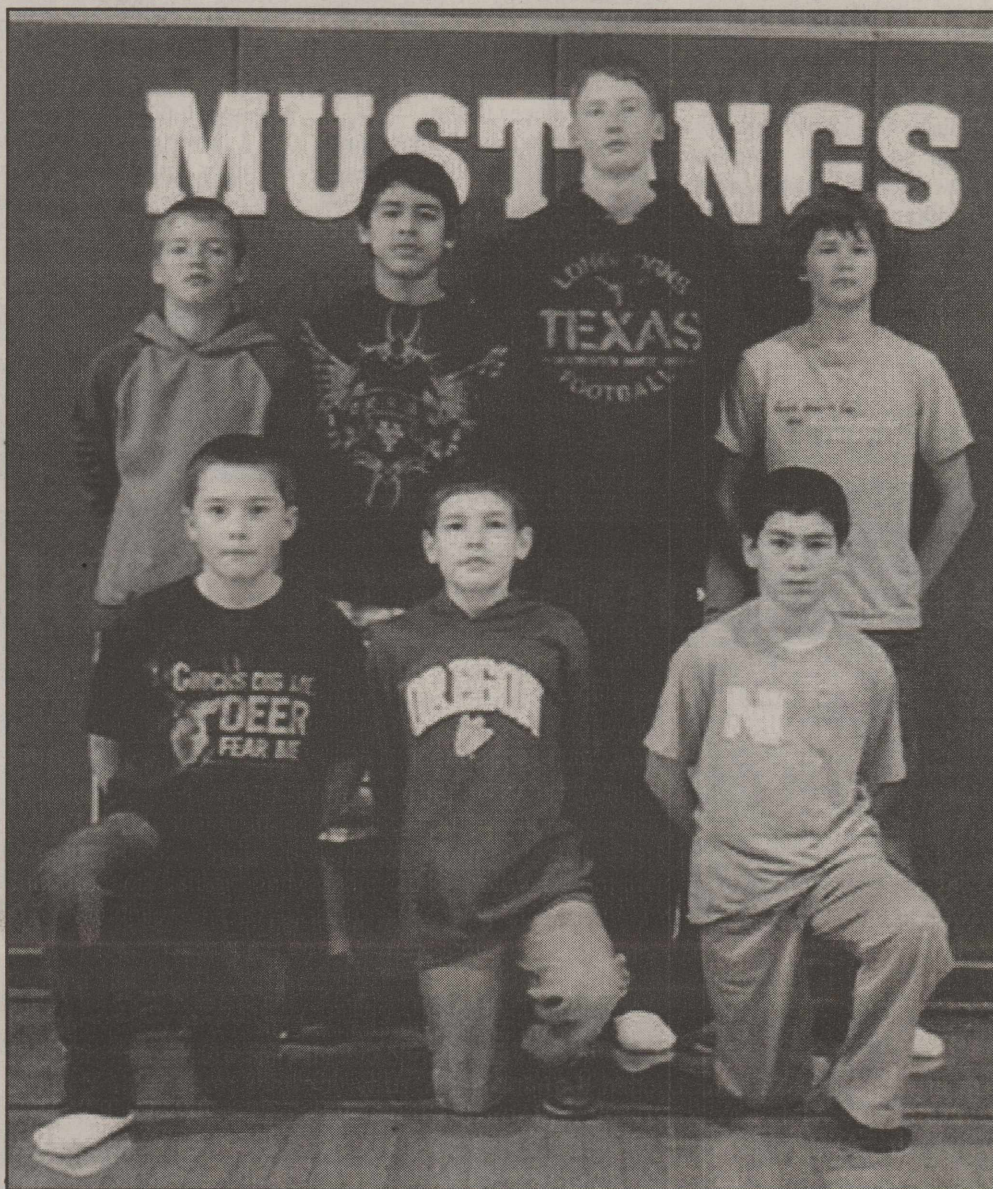


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Unbeaten ...

The Benjamin Junior High School basketball team completed their 2011-12 basketball season recently with a perfect 10-0 record. The Mustangs, who are coached by Benny Grill and Doug Gore, include (back row, left to right) Justin Rainwater, Elias Nevarez, Ryan Heard, Benjamin Vanderpol, (front) Kaleb Whittle, Caleb Barrientez and Joseph Macias.

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Open-House Style Public Meeting Texas Rural Transportation Plan 2035

CHILDRESS - The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration, will host an open-house style public meeting for the development of the Texas Rural Transportation Plan 2035. This plan will identify the transportation needs for all modes in rural Texas through 2035. In addition, the plan will include a prioritized list of highway projects that will allow TxDOT to focus its limited planning funds on the most needed highway projects.

The purpose of this meeting is to present the criteria and process used to evaluate the highway projects, the findings for the non-highway modes, and to solicit comments and input to aid in the further development of the plan. Information will be available for viewing at the meetings including exhibits and handouts about the status and results of the study. Representatives from TxDOT will be in attendance to discuss the development of the plan and answer questions. Forms will be provided for submitting written comments.

The open-house style public meeting in the Childress District area will be held on March 6, 2012, from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at: Childress City Auditorium (Room A)

Information regarding additional meeting locations throughout the state can be found at www.txdot.gov, key word: rural plan 2035 or by calling the project's toll-free information line at 1-855-TX-RURAL (1-855-897-8725).

For those unable to attend the open-house style public meeting, written comments can be submitted on the project website at: www.txdot.gov, key word: transportation plan 2035; by email at: TPP_xtranplan@dot.state.tx.us; or by mail to: Peggy Thurin, P.E., Project Manager, Texas Rural Transportation Plan 2035, 4544 Post Oak Place, Suite 224, Houston, Texas, 77027.

Persons with special communication or accommodation needs may call Barbara Seal (940.937.7288) for assistance. Requests should be made no later than three days prior to the meeting. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate needs.

UIL moves Mustangs into tough new district

Sometimes the University Interscholastic League can deal a team a dose of bad news when it announces its biennial realignment. Then, sometimes, they can make a team smile.

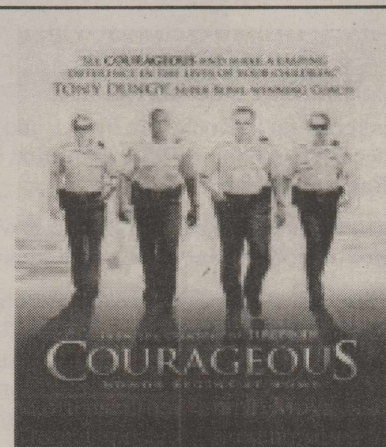
The latter should certainly be the case for the Benjamin Mustangs.

Benjamin was dealt a pleasant surprise when the UIL placed them in a new district for the next two years. It is a district the Mustangs should be able to contend in.

Benjamin, which has struggled with numbers, was placed into a district with Chillicothe, Harold, Rule and Vernon Northside.

Another team that benefitted from the realignment process was the Woodson Cowboys. WHS was put into a district with Newcastle, Forrestburg and Bowie Gold-Burg. The move sends Woodson away from perennial state power Strawn.

Jayton, Guthrie, Aspermont and Patton Springs were all grouped together to form District 9.



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