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Are you ready for some football?

News kicks off start of new season with first-ever preview issue

Football will return to the Texas landscape this week as teams from across the state take to the field for the start of the 2012 regular season.

The Knox County News, for the first time ever, is helping local residents get into the spirit by publishing its 2012 Knox County Fall Sports Preview in this edition of the paper. The 12-page section offers an inside look at Knox City and Munday's football teams, and a glimpse of the KCHS, Munday and Benjamin volleyball programs.

"We are excited to be able to do this again," said News publisher Tommy Wells. "It is always a treat for us to publish this section, and to shed some extra light on the athletes in this county."

Wells said he would like to thank Knox City head coach Charles Steele and all the area coaches for taking time out of their busy schedules to allow us to put the issue together. He also said he wanted to thank each of the advertisers for their support.

"Please, if you enjoy this section, tell the advertisers

how much you appreciate their support," he said. "Without the generous advertisers here in Knox County this issue wouldn't be possible."

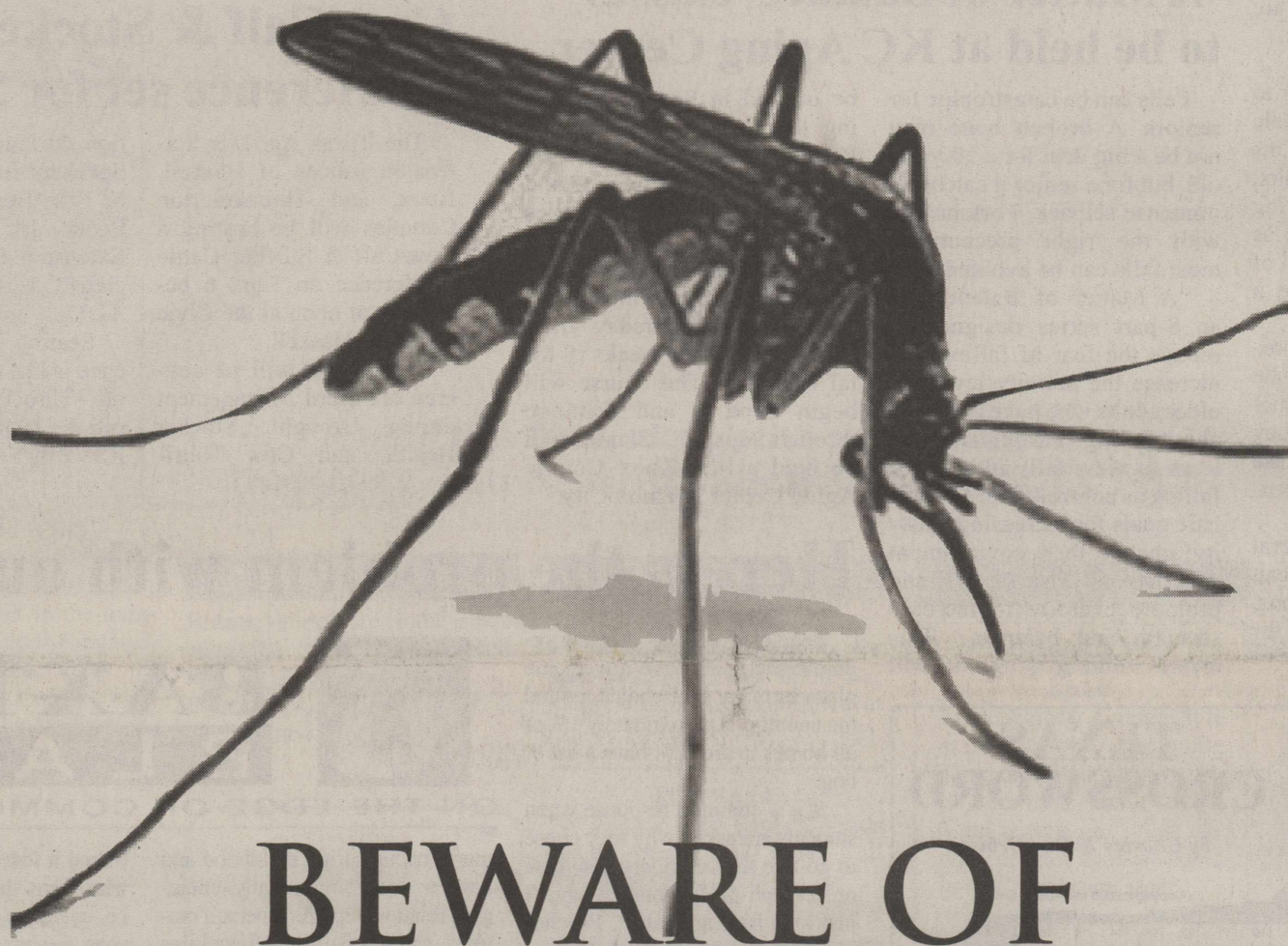
Knox City will begin its 2012 season on Saturday in Jayton against Petersburg. Munday plays Windthorst Creek on Aug. 31.



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BEWARE OF THE BITE

Texas communities scrambling to battle mosquito population as West Nile cases increase

TOMMY WELLS
The Knox County News

With the recent rash diagnosis in the Dallas-Fort Worth area causing many Texans to take a closer look at the West Nile Virus ... including area physicians.

Physicians in the Knox County area are urging area residents to be cautious. Though no cases have been reported in the immediate area, medical officials with the State Department of Health Services contend that an ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure.

Especially when it comes to the mosquito-born West Nile Virus.

"Preventing mosquito bites is the best way to avoid becoming infected with the West Nile virus," state officials stated in a press release distributed to area hospitals. "Cases of West Nile neuroinvasive disease usually occur in the late summer or early fall. However, Texas has a variety of climates; when temperatures are mild, West Nile virus can be transmitted year round. It is best to try to protect yourself all year."

Last week, officials in Austin treated a 17-year-old Giddings teen, John Armstrong Jr., for symptoms similar to the virus. The youth had been visiting family in the Eastland area and then fell ill after returning home. Later tests ruled out the West Nile Virus as a cause of his ailment.

A junior at Giddings High School, the teen is

still hospitalized. His father was visiting KC when his son suddenly blacked out and tumbled down a flight of stairs. He suffered a fractured skull and numerous cuts and bruises from the fall.

West Nile virus is a virus commonly found in Africa, West Asia, and the Middle East. It is not known how long it has been in the United States, but the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) believe the virus has been in the eastern United States since early 1999. It is closely related to St. Louis encephalitis virus found in the United States. The virus can infect humans, birds, mosquitoes, horses, and some other animals.

According to CDC experts, the best way to prevent getting the illness is to remember the "Four See VIRUS on Page 3

City outlines conservation plans to customers

The City of Knox City took an additional step to alert local residents of the drought conditions hampering the area. They sent everyone a letter detailing restrictions now in place under Stage 3 of the drought contingency plan.

In the letter, KC City Administrator Chad Roberts said it was important that local residents conserve the water resources. Under Stage 3, the community required to reduce by 25 percent its total water usage.

As part of the restrictions, customers will be required to comply with the requirements and restrictions on certain non-essential water uses provided when water supply of Miller Creek Reservoir is equal to or less than 6,000 acre-feet.

Among the restrictions is the limiting of watering landscaped areas to one time a week. Customers are requested to limit irrigation of landscaped areas to Sundays with street addresses ending in an even number and Saturdays with street addresses ending in an odd number.

Irrigation of landscaped areas is permitted at anytime if it is by means of: a hand-held hose (no sprinkler), a faucet filled bucket or watering can of five (5) gallons or less or drip irrigation system.

However, all watering is prohibited between the hours of 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., due to high evaporation. Individuals irrigating from a water well, must place a sign on their property notifying that, "Irrigation is being done by Water Well."

The use of water to wash any motor vehicle, motorbike boat trailer airplane or other vehicles are prohibited except by approval from the mayor or city administrator for commercial customers use. The filling, refilling, or adding of water to swimming pools wading pools jacuzzi-type pools is also prohibited, as is the operation of any ornamental fountain or pond for aesthetic or scenic purposes is prohibited except where necessary to support aquatic life and where such fountains or ponds are equipped with a recirculation system.

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Salinity ponds could create about 30 jobs

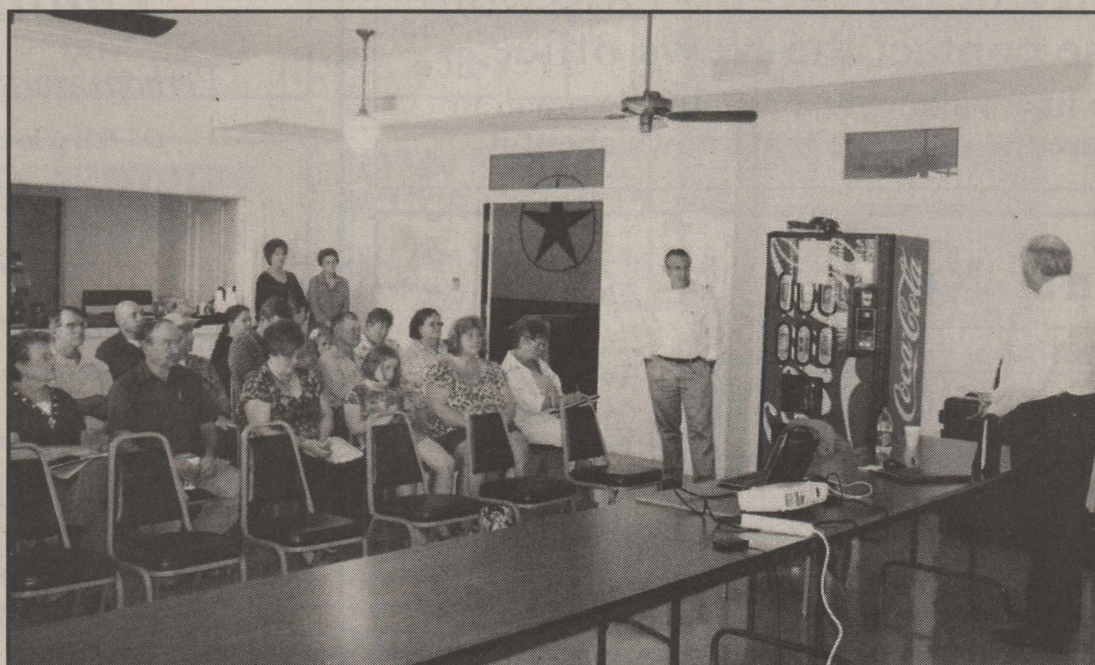
BENJAMIN - About 35 interested individuals from Knox and surrounding counties met at the Benjamin Courthouse on Wednesday, Aug. 22, to learn about the Salinity Gradient Solar Pond (SGSP) project that is planned for the Brine Lake in Truscott.

Dr. George Nitschke, P. E., and President of Good Earth Mechanics, LLC, (GEM) informed listeners that SGSP solar thermal energy is a renewable and low-cost alternative for producing electrical energy. For instance, kilowatt hours produced per year per acre from wind energy is typically 34,000 KWH; whereas kilowatt hours produced per year per acre from SGSP

technology approaches 149,000 KWH. Installation costs, operating and maintenance costs are about the same between the two. The SGSP systems require a lot of salt for construction, so one of the benefits of this system is that it would help mitigate saline contamination in the Red River region and achieve chlorine control by using the salt for SGSP construction. It is cost-effective, integratable, renewable energy which would provide jobs, income, and tax revenue for the area.

Dennis Duke, Project Manager, Corp of Engineers, said that the Truscott site would be ground zero for the SGSP com-

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Residents from throughout the Red River area met in Benjamin on Aug. 22 to discuss the latest news involving a proposed gradient solar pond project at Truscott Lake. Officials estimate the ponds could create as many as 30 new jobs and help provide energy to the area.

KCRWSC meter fees may increase soon

The Knox County Rural Water Supply Corporation is going to increase the water meter fees on Sept. 15, 2012, for any of those who may be interested in getting a water meter in the surrounding area of Knox City. If you do not already have city water and are interested please contact Brittany Coker at (940) 256-1426 or visit Texas Tans in Knox City.

The current price per meter is \$100. The future price will be set at \$150 per meter.

Coker reminded potential meter buyers that should the project not materialize, funds would be returned, and if a customer cannot be served for any unforeseen reason there fees would be refunded.

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Economist: It's producer 'decision time' for livestock

Texas ranchers considering restocking options should think profitability first and foremost before writing a check, according to a Texas AgriLife Extension Service economist.

Stan Bevers, AgriLife Extension economist at Vernon, told producers at the Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course the outlook for beef cattle prices is positive given current supply and demand.

"The U.S. calf crop is at 34 million compared to 46 million during the 1981 period," Bevers said. "The next couple of years the calf crop, including dairy calves, is projected to be at 32 million to 33 million. What's feedlot capacity in this country? That's a hard number to come up with, it's not recorded anyway."

Making some assumptions, you'll come up with 38-42 million head.

"Feedlots are going to have to chase calves that are fewer and fewer and now deal with higher prices for corn and roughages. Do what you can do to hold onto what you've got as best you can because you will be rewarded."

That, added with a positive outlook for cattle prices over the next couple of years due to supply and demand, should aid the decision-making process.

"If I choose to restock, I want some assurance of high probability of that female giving me a calf each of the next two years," Bevers said. "I think we will have pretty good prices for the next two to three years. I want to be in the game."

Looking at Food and Agricultural Research Policy Institute projections, beef cattle prices are forecast to continue a steady climb upward near \$170 per hundredweight by 2014. Bevers said cattle prices have seen

some softness lately in price due to the uncertainty of the current corn crop. However, there will be a larger corn crop in the future and national cattle inventory levels are at their lowest since the 1950s, which signals high prices for the next couple of years.

When ranchers consider restocking, Bevers said it's important to consider the cost of the initial investment, annual income the investment will generate, and the salvage value at the end of the useful life of the investment.

"Collectively, is she a good investment?" Bevers said, is the question each producer should ask.

Some factors Bevers said to consider when looking at potential replacement cows are:

Annual cow costs. These are \$588.22, according to Standardized Performance Analysis.

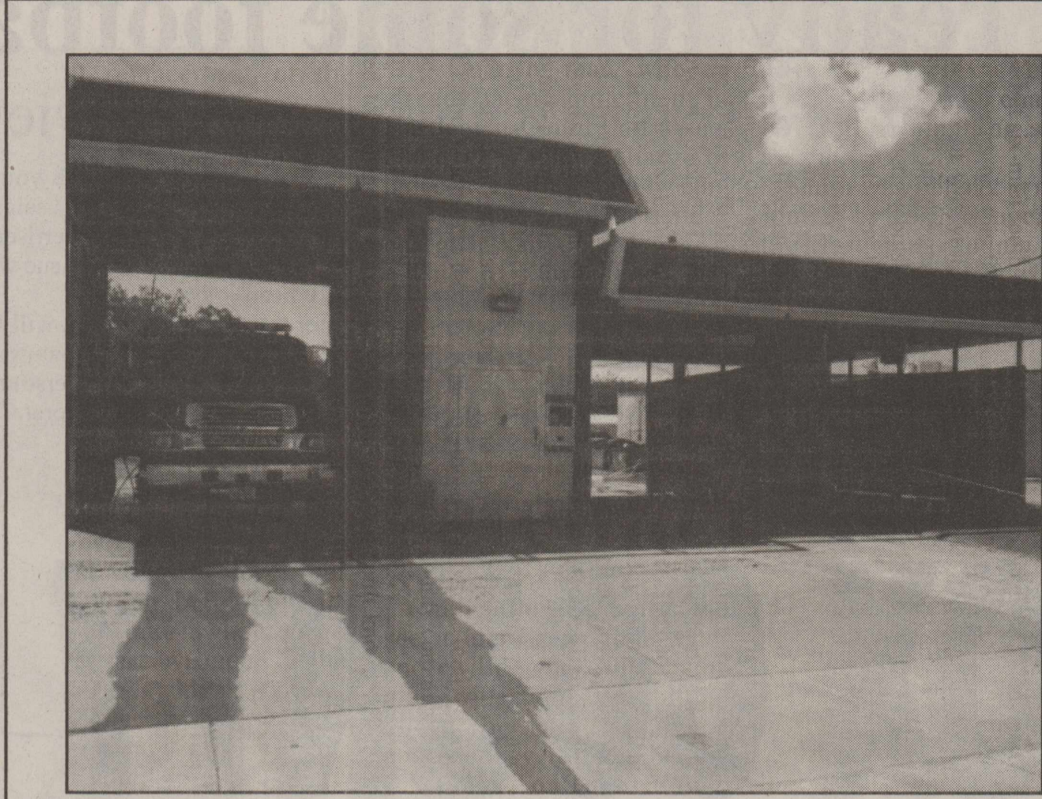
Weaning percentage and weaning weights. The Texas Standardized Performance Analysis database averages are 82.1 percent and 525 pounds.

Future calf market prices.

Bevers said another factor to consider is what type of female do you want to purchase? This could include cow-calf pairs, bred cows, or those requiring a development phase, such as heifers. He said longevity of ownership also needs to be a consideration.

"The longer you keep a productive female, the cheaper she is to own," Bevers said. Producers should also consider if they borrow the money to purchase the cow and its genetic potential.

Bevers said he has several spreadsheets that producers can use to evaluate their options. Visit <http://agrisk.tamu.edu> for this and other information.



Water is on ...

Conservation of water continues in Knox City. The rains in the area are greatly appreciated, and the cooler temperatures are much more comfortable. However, no run-off was collected in area lakes. This means conservation of water is still critical. On a more positive note, the Knox City City Council did vote to keep the car wash here in Knox City open. Only the west bay will be closed. Residents can still wash their cars as needed.

'A Matter of Balance' classes to be held at KC Aging Center

Falls can be catastrophic for seniors. A broken bone may not be a big deal for a 10-year-old, but for a senior it can be an immense setback. Fortunately, with the right precautions, most falls can be avoided.

"A Matter of Balance" is an 8-part series designed to reduce the fear of falling and increase the activity levels of older adults who have concerns about falling. Participants will learn to view falls and fear of falling as controllable; set realistic goals for increasing activity; change their environment to reduce fall risk factors; and promote exercise to increase strength and balance. This award-winning program will

be offered in Knox City during the month of September. Participants must be at least 60 years old to participate and must pre-register for the series of classes.

The "Matter of Balance" series classes will meet each Tuesday and Thursday from 1-3 p.m. for four weeks (8 total classes). The course will begin Sept. 4 and continue through Sept. 27. Classes will be held at the Knox County Aging Center in Knox City.

Cow/Calf & Stocker Conference set for Sept. 6

The Texas AgriLife Extension offices of Haskell, Knox, and Throckmorton Counties will be hosting a Cow/Calf & Stocker Cattle Conference on Sept. 6 beginning at noon at the Civic Center in Haskell.

Topics that will be covered are Herd Management during Drought, Stocker Health, and Cow Nutri-

tion during times of stress. Speakers for the event will be Stan Beavers, Extension Economist, Ted McCollum, Extension Beef Cattle Specialist, and Mark Daniel, ADM.

Seating for this conference is limited so please call the Throckmorton County office (940-849-3321) to RSVP by Sept. 4, 2012.

Here's the problem with our pets

People love pets. Let me rephrase that, pets have a welcome place in many households around the country. Approximately 1/3 of all homes in the U.S. have a cat or dog.

It is a common response when students are asked why they chose to go into the veterinary medicine or vet tech professions, to say, "I just love little animals!" Psychologically it is possible for some humans to literally "love animals." They can develop an extreme attachment to them or, more likely, to one individual pet be it a dog, cat or horse.

I would guess the preponderance of these very close attach-



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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

ments occur during childhood and have a deep, emotionally entangled relationship. As a person matures, starts a family and acquires grown-up responsibilities, a pet affection must compete with other important demands on their heart. A person may still enjoy the company of a dog or cat. I have been surrounded by dogs and cats most of my life. I had one or two that

I shed a tear for, and many more who were "part of the farm life," i.e. cowedogs, barn cats, strays, ravens, rabbits, fish, a good horse, county fair animals and the occasional "marker" beast. I figure if we gave the animal a name, even ones like Born to Buck or Lead Foot, we have elevated them in our consciousness.

In a recent study, over the last ten years pet ownership is down 2.4%. Analysts concluded it is the economy and changing demographics, i.e. two parent families with children are the most likely to have pets. As America and Canada move away from traditional households, pet numbers decline. It can be an expensive hobby these days for the average family.

However, fear not that they are in danger of extinction. There are still 70 million dogs and 74 million cats living in our homes and, to our consternation, millions more are being dumped on our farm roads and/or taken to the local Humane Society (not to be confused with the much-maligned Humane Society of the U.S.).

There are radical animal rights groups who want to outlaw the raising and selling of registered breeds of dogs. Their convoluted logic is that people who would like to own a dog of their choice should be forced to buy a pet from a local animal shelter instead (see Missouri Prop B 2011).

Those of us who live in the country realize irresponsible pet owners, just like irresponsible horse owners, will neither neuter nor spay their pets. And if they become a nuisance, they will drop them off down a country road. They assume the animal will find a home. The truth is, we who are being dumped-on usually take on the responsibility of humanely disposing of your unwanted, abused or neglected animals. We do it for the animal's sake, just like the local Animal Shelters do. And let me tell you, we do not take pleasure in killing the animals.

So, the decision you make when you consider a pet is not, 'how will you raise and care for it', but 'what will you do when you decide you don't want it anymore, even though your children just love little animals.' We all will thank you.

ACROSS

1 TXism: "salt some"

5 Spanish

6 TXism: "goes together like a kid ___ candy store"

7 TX JoBeth film: "___ Crazy"

8 This agency has a mess of data about Americans (2 wds.)

17 ___ City, TX

18 TXism: "two ___" (alike)

21 TX Stephen of CSN & Y (init.)

22 TXism: "he ___ cut the mustard"

23 Dallas conspiracy area: "___ knoll"

24 This TX Paul was a Clinton consultant

29 TXism: "big frog in the ___"

30 stop horse!

31 TX Barbara Mandrell's "I Don't Want to ___ Right"

32 TXism: "what ___ comes around"

34 "___ Wild"

35 Hawaiian food

36 S&Ls and credit unions

37 TXism: "feel like ___ chewed up and spit out"

38 TX actor Rip

39 TX "Stone Cold" actor/wrestler

41 flip-flop sandal

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DOWN

1 this drains into the Frio River (2 wds.)

2 in Runnels Co. on hwy. 83

3 northern Houston suburb

4 New ___ Eve

9 TXism: "___ at 'em juice' (coffee)"

10 TXism: "don't ___ a boy to do a man's job"

11 inhabitant of Austin's Congress Avenue Bridge

12 ___ 77 goes from Brownsville to Dallas

13 grazing or drilling

14 Houston co. guilty of accounting fraud

15 Azle h.s. class

16 "___ and downs"

19 old rocker Ozzy 20 coloring

22 eat or purchase

24 Gazzara of "Road House" with TX Swayze (init.)

25 ___ Siecke State Forest

26 TXism: "___ up with the chickens"

27 Galveston mansion: "___ Villa"

28 "Streets of ___"

35 Rains Co. town during the Civil War

37 TXism: "pay ___ mind"

38 TXism: "___ in the towel"

40 TXism: "green around the gills"

41 35-across is made from ___ corn

44 Lucy's best friend

47 song lyrics: "a cowboy's life is ___ thing ..."

49 TXism: "horse ___" (western)

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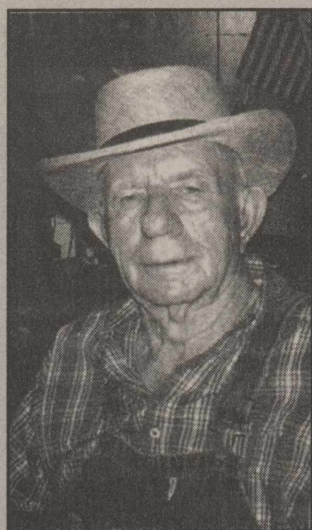
James Deward Wallace

The funeral service for James Deward Wallace was held at 10 a.m. on July 2, 2012, at Beaty Funeral Home in Mineola, Texas. Visitation was from 6-7 p.m. July 1 at Beaty Funeral Home, with interment at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Mineola.

James Deward "Papaw" was born July 14, 1926 in Lampkin, Texas to Floyd and Cordia Daniel Wallace. He died on June 28, 2012 in Quitman, Texas. James served in the U.S. Army, stationed in Germany. He raised his family in Graham and later lived in Knox City. James worked all his life in the oil field, starting with Taubert & Steed on March 1, 1955 until Oct. 31, 1986, then Energy Production from Nov. 1, 1986 through March 31, 1996. After retiring, he continued to work as a pumper for several years when needed. James loved our lord, Jesus, and his family. He enjoyed fishing, dominoes, gardening, and especially, the Daniel Family Reunion held every August.

Known as "Papaw's Kitchen," James went to BBQ cookoffs for several years and even won a few trophies. He was loved by all who knew him, and he loved people.

James was preceded in death by his parents, bro-



James Deward Wallace

thers Clifford, Odell, Phillip, and sister, Quada. He is survived by his four children with Audrey Lue Canaday Wallace—David Wallace and his wife, Donna, of Graham, Brenda Wallace of Mineral Wells, Linda Parkinson and her husband, Bob, of Marshall, and Donna Williams and her husband, Craig, of Knox City. He is also survived by 12 grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren, and one great-great grandson, all of whom will dearly miss their Papaw. He is also survived by one brother, Jerry Max, three sisters, Patricia, Waldean, and Deborah, and numerous nieces and nephews that fondly knew him as Uncle Deward.

USDA reminds producers of Sept. 4 sales closing date for non-insurable crops

Knox County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director, John Rector, reminds producers that they have until Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2012, to purchase coverage through the Non insurable Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP). The sales closing date is actually Sept. 1, 2012, but producers have until Tuesday, September 4, 2012, to purchase coverage this year because Sept. 1 falls on a weekend and the following Monday is a holiday.

NAP provides financial assistance to producers of noninsurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory or prevented planting occur due to normal disasters.

"Purchasing a crop insurance policy is an easy way for producers to mitigate risk," said Rector. "The past few years have shown that natural disasters can severely impact an otherwise successful operation," he said.

The following crops have a NAP application closing date of Sept. 4, 2012: All Small Grains

Bloodmobile to visit KC

The Meek Blood Center bloodmobile will be at the Knox County Hospital on Tuesday, Sept. 4 from 1 p.m. until 6 p.m..

Blood donors are needed on a daily basis to take care of patients with a variety of medical needs and conditions. The need for a blood transfusion is usually immediate, and adequate supply of all blood types that has been processed and tested must be available at all times. There is no artificial substitute for human blood. All blood products used for blood transfusions must come from volunteer donors. Meek Blood Center supplies all of the blood used for patient care at seventeen area hospitals covering fourteen counties, including Knox County Hospital.

Donors can enter a drawing for a Texas Rangers prize package which includes four tickets to see the Rangers play the Seattle

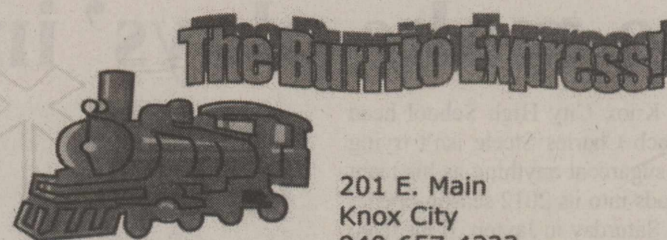
(Wheat, Oats, Barley, Rye & Triticale), Beets, Broccoli, Brussel Sprouts, Cabbage, Canola, Cauliflower, Garlic Sod Grass, Greens, Herbs, Kohlrabi, Leeks, Lettuce, Onions, Radishes, Strawberries, Turnips and Value Loss Crops (Christmas Trees, Crustaceans, Fin Fish, & flowers).

In order to meet eligibility requirements for NAP, crops must be noninsurable, commercially-produced agricultural commodity crops for which the catastrophic risk protection level of crop insurance is not available. If the Risk Management Agency (RMA) offers coverage for a crop in the county, then NAP coverage is not available for that crop.

In the event of a natural disaster, NAP covers the amount of loss greater than 50 percent of the expected production based on the approved yield and reported acreage.

Eligible producers can apply for coverage using form CCC-471, Application for Coverage. Producers must file the application and

service fee by the Sept. 4 deadline. The service fee is the lesser of \$250 per crop or \$750 per producer per administrative county, not to exceed a total of \$1,875 for a producer with farming interests.



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Mexico has it right on immigration rules

Here are a few ideas that I have come across on Immigration laws and thought I would share with you

1. There will be no special bilingual programs in the schools.
2. All ballots will be in this nation's language.
3. All government business will be conducted in our language.
4. Non-residents will NOT have the right to vote no matter how long they are here.
5. Non-citizens will NEVER be able to hold political office.
6. Foreigners will not be a burden to the taxpayers. No welfare, no food stamps, no health care, or other government assistance programs. Any burden will be deported.
7. Foreigners can invest in this country, but it must be an amount at least equal to 40,000 times the daily minimum wage.
8. If foreigners come here and buy land.. options will be restricted. Certain parcels including waterfront property are reserved for citizens naturally born into this country.
9. Foreigners may have NO protests; NO demonstrations, NO waving of a foreign flag, no political organizing, NO bad-mouthing our president or his policies. These will lead to deportation.
10. If you do come to this country illegally, you will be actively hunted and, when caught, sent to jail until your deportation can be arranged. All assets will be taken from you.

Are these too strict? I am sure some of the liberals are saying that is just not fair and inhumane. I am sure many are saying Jeff is just cold-hearted and is just an inbred hill jack. You wanna know what is funny about all of these rules? These are not my ideas or rules, No, these I found with some research but I thought I would share since it is so ironic. See these are Mexico's laws ...yes, Mexico's own government. It's funny they forget about this when they want us to open our border with them but there southern border is closed. Why?

Imagine Rule 6 by itself, how much money would that save the State of California? You see, I am just a fat boy here in West Texas but common sense tells me that the Mexican government is correct on the 10 rules that they have. Maybe we should try that here. No, that wouldn't work because our government does not have

Just Jeff



By Jeff Stanfield

the sack or the spine to follow through with what would fix a ton of our problems by just using the Mexican laws.

And for the record, I think if someone wants to come over here and work and join our tax pool then we can use all of that we can get. The sad thing is we have a ton of people in free housing, eating free food and getting free healthcare and braces (which makes my blood boil) that won't work. Maybe we just need to start sending Mexico all of our deadbeats and the ones that want to work regardless of citizenship we keep them here...

Braces ... what a joke. I have never heard of straight teeth being a necessity. Heck, maybe we ought to just give everyone tanning beds, fake boobs and cell phones (another thing that, for some reason, we are already doing).

Jeff "Hill Jack" Stanfield, is a local columnist.

Rabbit orders for livestock show starting

It is time to order rabbits for the Knox County Livestock Show. Delivery will not be made until early December but our supplier needs our numbers now to plan enough litters to fill orders.

The rabbits will be \$160 per pen of four. A deposit of \$50 per pen will be required when ordering with the balance due at delivery.

"We are using a very reputable breeder this year and they have offered to put on a workshop later on in the fall to assist local 4-H members with their rabbit projects, so this a great opportunity for our county," said Texas Agrilife Extension agent Jerry Coplen.

For more information contact Coplen at 940-459-2651 by Friday Sept. 7 to place your order.

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Sports

Steele: Offense 'will have to make plays' in opener

Knox City High School head coach Charles Steele isn't trying to sugarcoat anything as his team heads into its 2012 season-opener on Saturday in Jayton. If his team is to emerge with a win over Petersburg, the burden will likely fall squarely on the shoulders of a young offense.

"The key for us will be our offense," said Steele. "I think our defense will play well enough, but we're going to have to make some plays on offense."

The Greyhounds, who lost more than a handful of offensive players to graduation in May, will kick off the 2012 campaign at 8 p.m. on Sept. 1. The Greyhounds are one of several area teams set to compete in Jayton's annual Gridiron Classic weekend.

Jose Espinal and Heath Welch

'Meet the Greyhounds' slated for Friday

The annual "Meet the Hounds, Houndettes & Band" pep rally will be held Friday at 3:10 in the high school gym. The football game vs. Petersburg is on Saturday night at 8 p.m. in Jayton.

will lead the Greyhounds into the contest. Espinal will make his debut as the Greyhounds' starting quarterback. Welch was a part-time start a year ago, and played a key role in Knox City's ability to advance to the state quarterfinals.

Throughout the preseason the KCHS offense has struggled to find a consistent attack. In their final scrimmage last Thursday, the Greyhounds scored on every team but missed some clutch opportunities.

"Offensively, we still trying to find our niche," Steele said.

Steele said he expected a physical contest when his team takes to the field. Petersburg, he said, was an experienced team with plenty of size.

"They return pretty much everyone," said Steele. "They also have some size, and they're pretty physical. They are going to be a pretty good test for us."

Knox City's second week opponent, Rotan, will play Throckmorton tonight (Thursday) in Jayton.



Benjamin football ...

The Benjamin Junior High School football team began preparing for its 2012 season earlier this week. Members of the BJHS squad are (left to right) Dylan Kuehne, Braden Garza, Abraham Nevarez, Kaleb Whittle, Weldon Fitzgerald, Benjamin Vanderpol, Justin Rainwater, Caleb Barrientez, Joseph Macias, J.C. Espinal and Jalen Barrientez.

2012 Pigskin Pickin'

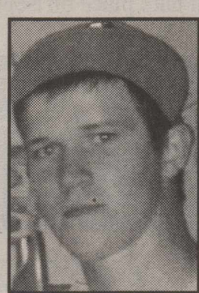
This week's schedule of games



Tommy Wells



Brant Thurmond



Tommy Wells, Jr.

Borden County vs. Crowell	Borden Co.	Borden Co.	Borden Co.
Throckmorton vs. Rotan	Throck	Throck	Throck
Paducah vs. Newcastle	Newcastle	Newcastle	Newcastle
Highland vs. Motley County	Motley Co	Motley Co	Motley Co
Jayton vs. Lueders- Avoca	Jayton	Jayton	Jayton
Sterling City vs. Chillicothe	Sterling City	Sterling City	Sterling City
Knox City vs. Petersburg	Knox City	Petersburg	Petersburg
Fort Davis vs Sierra Blanca	Fort Davis	Fort Davis	Fort Davis
Garden City vs Water Valley	Water Valley	Water Valley	Water Valley
Rankin vs Balmorhea	Rankin	Rankin	Rankin
Marfa vs Grandfalls-Royalty	Marfa	Marfa	Marfa
Klondike vs Sanderson	Klondike	Klondike	Sanderson
Gordon vs. Ira	Ira	Ira	Ira
Abbott vs. Dallas Covenant	Covenant	Covenant	Abbott
Strawn vs. Walnut Springs	Strawn	Strawn	Strawn
Valley vs. Jonesboro	Valley	Valley	Jonesboro
Last week	0-0, .000	0-0, .000	0-0, .000
Overall	0-0, .000	0-0, .000	0-0, .000

Ticket prices set for Gridiron Classic

Knox City High School Greyhounds football fans will be able to get three days of football madness under their belts for a little of nothing beginning next week.

Officials with the 9th Annual Jayton Gridiron Classic announced ticket prices for the series. A total of seven games will be played over three days.

Single game ticket prices are \$4 for adults and \$2 for students.

A pass good for all three days will cost \$8 for adults and \$5 for students.

Throckmorton, the defending six-man state champion, will be one of several big-name teams at the event. Motley County will also be in action.

The Gridiron Classic gala will get under way on Thursday when the Borden County Coyotes square off against Crowell, starting at 6 p.m. Throckmorton

will play Rotan in the nightcap.

On Friday, Paducah will play Newcastle at 4 p.m., while Highland will face off Motley County. Jayton and Lueders-Avoca will play in the nightcap.

Sterling City and Chillicothe will play at 6 p.m. on Saturday.

Knox City and Petersburg will close out the affair with an 8 p.m. start.

Greyhounds shine in final preseason outing

The Knox City High School Greyhounds turned in a strong effort last Thursday in Afton in their final preseason scrimmage. At the scrimmage, the KC squad faced off with teams from Motley County, Happy and Jayton.

"I think it (the scrimmage) went pretty well," said KC head coach Charles Steele. "Offensively, we scored against every team we played, and on defense we played very well. We were flying around the ball."

The Greyhounds defense

was stellar in their outings against Motley County and Happy. KCHS did not allow either team a first down in their first offensive series.

"We played some pretty good teams," said Steele. "I think it helped us being there."

Tolson nets all-tourney award at Harrold

Knox City High School volleyball standout Chastity Tolson turned more than a few heads this past weekend en route to helping the Houndettes claim third in the final standings at the Harold tournament.

Tolson was named to the event's all-tournament squad for her efforts.

KCHS went 2-1 at the meet.

TGCA Volleyball Rankings

The following is a look at the latest Texas Girls Coaches Association's volleyball rankings.

Class 1A

1. Water Valley
2. Round Top Carmine
3. Jewett Leon
4. Iola
5. Burton
6. Wink
7. Avery

8. Milano
9. Miles
10. Windthorst

Class 2A

1. Pot
2. Brock
3. Bushland
4. White Oak
5. Lago Vista
6. Centerville
7. Crawford
8. Nocona
9. Pattonville Prairiland
10. Commerce

Class 3A

1. Abilene Wylie
2. LaGrange
3. LaVernia
4. Longview Spring Hill
5. Argyle
6. Decatur
7. Wimberley
8. Seminole
9. Diboll
10. Carthage

Class 4A

1. Lucas Lovejoy
2. Cedar Park
3. Boerne Champion
4. Amarillo
5. Hutto
6. Canyon Randall
7. Longview Pine Tree
8. Friendswood
9. Richmond Foster
10. Dallas Highland Park

Class 5A

1. Southlake Carroll
2. Coppell
3. New Braunfels
4. Houston Cypress Woods
5. The Woodlands
6. SA Lady Bird Johnson
7. Smithson Valley
8. Cypress Ranch
9. El Paso Franklin
10. San Antonio Reagan

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New look ...

Knox City mason Donald Whipkey prepares to place a stone while working on the front of the Knox City Chamber of Commerce building. Whipkey is putting a new rock front on the chamber building, much as he has done for many of the businesses in downtown Knox City.

SAMMIE'S KNOX CITY CORNER AND FINAL THOUGHTS

In Knox City it's great to see people come and go. Some have decided to make Knox City their home again, and some come here to start a life. Well, from my point of view, a small town is a great place to start and sometimes stay or come back to.

Sitting at the cafe and watching parents and grandparents, the kids are ready for school. It's such a blessing to have a small-town school for your child to at least have a one-on-one learning experience. It's hard when a child has a bad experience with a teacher or some teachers, but with prayers, things will change. Our children are our future, and if no one cares, it's hard. This is no attention to any one teacher, but from experiences. To have the advantages that they have now is great, so help our kids to use them for the good of their benefits. It's possible if you help. As a teacher and a student, you will be greatly blessed.

O'Brien has had some come back also. Parents and kids will join our school. John Casillas and his wife have two children that will go to school in Knox City. Welcome home, guys—great to have all of y'all here.

Charles and Martha Casillas' grandkids will also come to school here. It's great to see their smiles.

Our school comments were pretty good. Emily Shaver can't wait to start. She says she will have lots of fun and already has everything she needs to start with, where the boys are just happy to move up another grade and learn more and maybe even

play some football.

Cyle Adkins was not wanting to acknowledge that he would start Monday. Seth and Sean Logston are ready and eagerly awaiting to start Monday morning. Their parents, Tony and Sandra, were on an anniversary celebration on their own, with the boys with Grandma Walter. She is really enjoying the time spent with the boys. Lucky Grandmas. I know it's lots of fun.

I got to have my granddaughter, Aubria Garcia, from Munday with us Wednesday, but I was hurting so bad from my back, she just kept me company, and that alone was a great feeling. I know she made my day at least better. She is all excited to be moving on to the high school campus for 7th grade. She is a great student. We are very proud of her.

Isn't our rain a wonderful blessing from God? He works in mysterious ways, but He always answers prayer with lots of love and lots of blessings in every way possible. The wind and smell in the air was so wonderful that you just wanted to stay outside and take it all in. Thank you, God.

I understand that our Shoe Ministry that Trisha Shaver had worked so hard at has worked. It is so wonderful. Thank God for those most fortunate who have been able to help others with new shoes for school—no names mentioned. I promise you God has blessed each and every one in one way or another. If you know someone who needs this

blessing from God, please call Trisha and if she's at work, call me. I'll make sure she gets the message. I know with jobs and small families, time runs short. I've been there and done that. My prayers and thoughts are with each of us, and may God bring y'all lots of blessings.

Hey, guys, aren't y'all enjoying our sweet shop, because it is great to have a great roll with coffee in the morning. I know our oilfield guys like it as much as our burritos places and coffee shop.

Diana Casillas is off to Abilene to celebrate another birthday party with grandson Jordan and spend a couple of days with the kids, getting the little ones off to school—some for the first time. That's going to be a lot of fun.

Knox City Country Club held its first glow ball tournament Saturday night. While it was raining, they took a break and went back after the rain and finished the golf game. Things went pretty good, and everyone had a great time.

Sunday, they were hosting a one person tournament at the Munday Country Club. I have no idea how that turned out, but when it comes to golf, they will have fun no matter where it's played.

Well, as I leave y'all on Monday morning, take care and see you soon.

God bless our troops and each of us,
Sammie

PONDS

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mercial deployment. It is emerging technology, and the project at the Truscott Brine Lake will be the largest one in the world. The task of the US Army Corp of Engineers at Truscott has been and will be to capture salt from the water upstream of the Brine Lake. This currently amounts to about 200 tons of salt per day. The Corp of Engineers will not be directly involved with GEM's use of the salt for SGSP systems producing energy from the salt.

Good Earth Mechanic's task will be to concentrate the brine

from the lake and place it into salt gradient solar ponds, which will then be used to generate electricity. The salt-stratified ponds will have heavier brine in the bottom layer of the ponds, which is able to store solar energy to the point of the bottom brine becoming boiling hot. They will pump the bottom layer brine through an off-the-shelf Organic Rankine Cycle heat engine that uses the heat energy to produce electricity, and then return the brine to the pond bottom for reheating. The pond bottom area needed to generate a "base-load" megawatt of electricity is 50 acres. The term "base-load" means

that a megawatt of electricity is produced 24/7 continually year around. The SGSP systems can operate in a base-load fashion as they are essentially large thermal batteries that collect, store, and deliver solar thermal energy. A base-load megawatt of electricity will provide the electricity for 600-700 homes.

Phase One, officials feel, will create 8-12 construction jobs, and 15 permanent full-time jobs.

to operate the SGSP systems. As more megawatts are added - in Phase Two and Phase Three, more construction jobs and permanent full-time jobs will be created. Operation and maintenance will be 24/7 and GEM is planning to develop/train the SGSP operators using local personnel. Each megawatt added represents a \$4 to \$5 million investment.

It was noted that the present transmission lines and planned construction of new lines will be adequate to serve the development.

Good Earth Mechanics and Red River Authority of Texas signed an initial agreement in July 2012, and the Red River Authority of Texas is preparing an application for submittal to the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers for an easement at Truscott to do the SGSP development. The next steps will be to find customers to sign a 25-year fixed rate contract to purchase electricity, and to fund the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers-Red River Authority of Texas easement application process.



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2012 Weekly Weather Report

Date	Temperature (F)		Rainfall inches
	Low	High	
08/20	62	94	0.17
08/21	67	79	0.08
08/22	64	88	
08/23	70	93	
08/24	75	94	
08/25	73	100	0.04
08/26	70	89	0.39
Total Rainfall for Week			0.68
Total Rainfall for month			1.47
2012 Rainfall (ytd)			12.54

4-H sign-ups begin on Sept. 4 in KC

It is time to kick off the new 4-H year and there are many exciting programs planned. All area youth are encouraged to sign up and join in the fun.

If you are in Knox City, mark your calendar for Tuesday Sept. 4, from 4:30-6 p.m. at the elementary school to sign up. Munday youth will enroll on Monday, Sept. 10, at 7 p.m. at the school computer lab. Benjamin registration has yet to be determined but will take place very soon.

The first 30 youth to sign up will receive a complimentary 4-H water bottle.

"We will also be selling pizzas this year as a fundraiser with cash prizes going to the top sellers," said Jerry Coplen. "Remember that

actual enrollment is done online through 4-H Connect but our sign up dates are still important because you will need to fill out a list of the projects you are interested in. This will insure that we keep you updated on contest dates and other fun events.

Parental involvement is need, as well. The key to a successful 4-H program is a solid adult volunteer network.

Your County Extension Agents can only do so much and we want every member to have a fulfilling experience.

If you have any questions contact Jerry Coplen at (940) 459-2651 at the Texas Agri-Life Extension Service.

VIRUS

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Do's of DEET - Dress, Dusk and Dawn, and Drain;

Experts recommend applying insect repellent that con-

tains DEET, picaridin, or oil of lemon eucalyptus. People should spray exposed skin and clothing with

repellent. Another option is to use permethrin, which should be applied only to clothing. They also recommend that persons dress in long sleeves and long pants when you are outside, and that they stay indoors at dusk and dawn, times when infected mosquitoes are most active, and that residents drain standing water in their backyard and neighborhood; old tires, flowerpots, and clogged rain gutters as these placed are mosquito-breeding sites.

Most people infected with West Nile virus will not have any signs of illness. About 20 percent of people who become infected will have mild symptoms such as fever, headache, body aches, and occasionally a skin rash on the trunk of the body and swollen lymph glands.

The symptoms of severe infection (West Nile neuroinvasive disease) include headache, high fever, neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, coma,

tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness, and paralysis. Only about one out of 150 people infected with West Nile virus will develop the more severe form of the disease.

The incubation period of West Nile virus in humans is three to 14 days. Symptoms of mild disease may last a few days. Symptoms of severe disease may last several weeks, although neurological effects may be permanent.

West Nile virus is spread by the bite of an infected mosquito and can infect people, horses, many types of birds, and some other animals. There is no evidence that West Nile virus can be spread from person to person or from animal to person.

According to CDC officials, people older than 50 have the highest risk of severe disease, and people with weakened immune systems are at an increased risk for West Nile virus.

For more information, contact your local health department. West Nile virus information can be found at www.dshs.state.tx.us.

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Another stipulation potential customers should be aware of is the suspension of new con-

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too.

Engineers are currently working on the project. A total of \$30,000 has been received to help with studies.

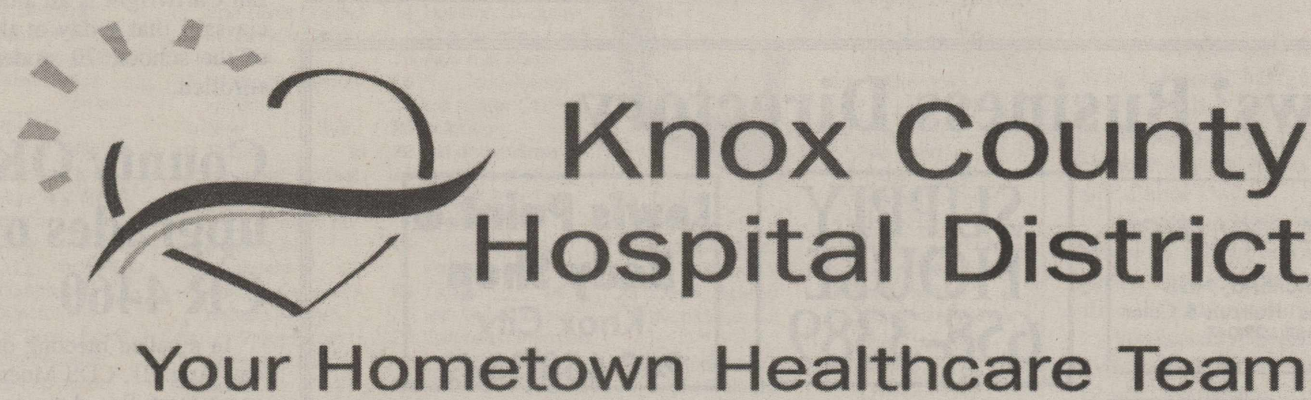
"The project is coming along great and looks very promising," Coker said.

Meter fees can also be mailed to KCRWSC, P.O. Box 403, Knox City, TX 79529.

nections to the city water system. Under Stage 3, applications for new, additional, expanded, or increased-in-size water service connections, meters, service lines, pipeline extensions, mains, or water service facilities of any kind shall be denied, and time limits for approval of such applications are hereby suspended for such time as this drought response stage or a higher-numbered stage shall be in effect.

"Please assist us in conserving ground and surface water," Roberts wrote in the letter.

Roberts also noted that the city water utility department plans, in the near future, to get the city's water wells back online to supplement and mix ground water with surface water in the KC system.



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