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Early voting begins Oct. 22

Knox County voters take notice. Your chance to cast your ballot in the 2012 General Election is almost at hand.

Knox County Judge Travis Floyd notified voters of the early voting period and the county's voting places in a legal publication in the Knox County News. According to the release, the start of early voting for the 2012 general elections will begin on Monday, Oct. 22 and continue through Friday, Nov. 2.

Early voting will be held in the Knox County Clerk's office at the courthouse in Benjamin. Voting will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

On election day, voters will be able to vote in their respective precincts from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. According to Floyd, voters must vote in the precincts they are registered to vote in. The polling sites are:

- Precinct 101 - KC Aging Center in Knox City.
- Precinct 201 - Memorial Building in Benjamin.
- Precinct 202 - KC Aging Center in Knox City.
- Precinct 301 - Munday City Hall.
- Precinct 302 - Vera Community Center.
- Precinct 401 - Munday Community Center.

Local voters wishing to obtain an early voting ballot via the mail should request an application from Annette Offutt, P.O. Box 196, Benjamin, 79505 by Oct. 30.

Additionally, photo identification as required in Senate Bill 14 will not be required in early voting or on Election Day. To cast a ballot during early voting or on Election Day, voters should present their voter registration card or in lieu of a voter registration card, at least one of the following:

- A driver's license or personal identification card issued to you by the Texas Department of Public Safety; form of identification that contains your photograph and establishes your identity; a birth certificate or other document confirming birth that is admissible in a court of law and establishes the person's identity; or United States citizenship papers or a valid United States passport.

KC students seeking box tops for fund raiser

Knox City Elementary is collecting Box Tops for Education and would like the help of local residents. During the past few years, Knox City Elementary students have raised money by participating in the "Box Tops for Education" program. Each box top collected by the students is worth 10 cents and can add up in a hurry. In the past, the students have raised hundreds of dollars. The students' goal this year is to reach \$1,000.

Local residents can help the project by saving box tops and giving them to an elementary student in their neighborhood, church or by dropping them off at the elementary school.

For more information about the "Box Tops for Education" please contact the Knox City Elementary School.



Benjamin ISD students joined other residents of northern Knox County in attending a meeting on Monday to discuss the fate of the town's post office. Ernie Jones, the USPS operations manager in San Angelo, told people that the post office will not be closing any small offices, but that many would see reduced hours as part of a 'Post Plan' designed to help the USPS cut costs.

USPS: Key to saving Benjamin facility is to 'use your post office'

TOMMY WELLS
 The Knox County News

BENJAMIN - The residents of Benjamin had a message for Ernie Jones, the manager of Post Office Operations from San Angelo, he stopped in the community to discuss the post office's future. They want the post office to remain open.

Jones had a message for them, too. Use it, or risk losing it.

Jones was present at a noon meeting on Oct. 16 to inform the citizens about the status of the post office at Benjamin. Many residents, and other concerned citizens, attended the meeting, including school children from Benjamin Independent School District. The students held signs they made urging postal officials to keep the Benjamin facility open.

Benjamin residents, as well as those at several

other area post offices, got the news they wanted to hear. The USPS, Jones said, will not be closing any post offices despite the financial difficulties the postal service faces.

From previous years, there is a \$30 billion total that the post office needs to make up. The plan to close smaller post offices, Jones said, has been scrapped and replaced with the a plan dubbed the "Post Plan," which Benjamin, O'Brien and Weinert fall into. Under the plan, the Benjamin post office is scheduled to stay open four hours per day, and there will be no change in Saturday operation.

Jones said of the 37,000 post offices nationwide, about 13,000 will have see reduced hours under the "Post Plan." Out those 37,000, only 10 percent are making a profit.

In recent years, USPS officials have consolidated several area and district offices in an effort

to cut expenses. The Abilene mail processing plant will be consolidated with Midland in the future.

According to Jones, the "Post Plan" leaves the fate of the post office in the hands of the community.

Each year USPS officials will review the local operation. If the volume of mail shows the community need the post office to be open more hours, its operation hours could be increased to six hours operation, then the next year to eight hours. The operational hours could also decrease should the volume not be sufficient, Jones said.

Should the Benjamin facility have low volume, Jones said the office hours could be cut to as little as two hours per day.

"Door swings are very important and can be a positive factor in helping to increase the hours of operation," Jones said. "If you want to save your post office, use your post office."

Republican party gets new start in Knox County

James Frank, Republican candidate for the Texas House of Representatives in District 69, spoke in a "Meet and Greet" setting to a group of 16 Republicans on Thursday, Oct. 11, at the Aging Center in Knox City. Frank discussed his business background and his conservative outlook for working in Austin should he be elected, then answered questions from the audience. He will be on the ballot in the General Election on Nov. 6.

The Knox County Republican Party got a restart after Frank's presentation. Anthony Logsdon gave the invocation, and Bill Baker led the pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags. Elected official Travis Floyd, Knox County Judge, was recognized. Lou Vail, Knox County GOP chairman, called the meeting to

order and went over the structure of the Republican Party, including the "grass roots" of the county and precinct organizations.

The first activity of the Knox County Republican Party is to participate in the statewide "Get Out the Vote" phone bank which will be held on Saturday, Oct. 27. The group will meet from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Aging Center in Knox City with their cell phones, calling to remind registered voters of the election on Nov. 6.

Vail says new members are very welcome to join the Knox County Republican organization, or to help with the phone project. Just bring your cell phone and join the fun and useful purpose. Prospective members can call vail at (940) 658 5507 for more information.



Dust busters ...

Members of the Knox City Lions Club spent part of their day last week selling brooms and mops at the Knox City post office. The annual broom/mop sale is one of the Lions' major fund raisers.

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Indian history ...

Ervy McGregor of Crowley displays his extensive arrow and Indian artifact collection at the Wichita Brazos Museum on Sunday, Oct. 14. Frances Parker of Munday, whose husband is a relative of Quanah Parker, gave a brief history of how the Parker family was instrumental in the settlement of Texas. Ben Grill of Benjamin spoke at the Quanah Parker Trail Arrow dedication. This represents the verification of Comanche and other Indian tribes in this area.

USPS plans to increase price of stamps in January

Beginning early next year, the Postal Service will introduce a First-Class Mail Global Forever Stamp. The new stamp will allow customers to mail letters anywhere in the world for one set price of \$1.10, and is among new mailing and shipping services filed with the Postal Regulatory Commission.

The price for First-Class Mail single-piece letters will increase by a penny when prices change in Jan. The new 46-cent Forever stamps will allow customers to mail letters to any location in the United States. Forever stamps are always good for mailing a one-ounce letter anytime in the future regardless of price changes.

Highlights of the new single-piece First-Class Mail pricing,

effective Jan. 27, 2013 include: Letters (1oz.) — 1-cent increase to 46 cents, Letters additional ounces — unchanged at 20 cents, Letters to all international destinations (1oz.) — \$1.10, Postcards — 1-cent increase to 33 cents

KC Retired Teachers to meet

Knox County Retired Teachers Association will meet Tuesday, Oct. 23, at 2:30 in the Knox City Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Jerry Coplen, Knox County Extension Agent, will discuss drought conditions.

Everyone is urged to attend. Everyone is invited.

Benjamin PTO's Fall Festival set for Oct. 27

The Benjamin Parent-Teacher Organization will bring the fun and games to town later this month when they sponsor their annual fall festival. The event will be held on Oct. 27 at the Benjamin school.

A carnival will be among the main attractions at the festival. The carnival will be in operation from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on the BISSD school grounds.

Once the carnival winds down, the 2012 coronation ceremony will be held. The coronation is scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m., with the

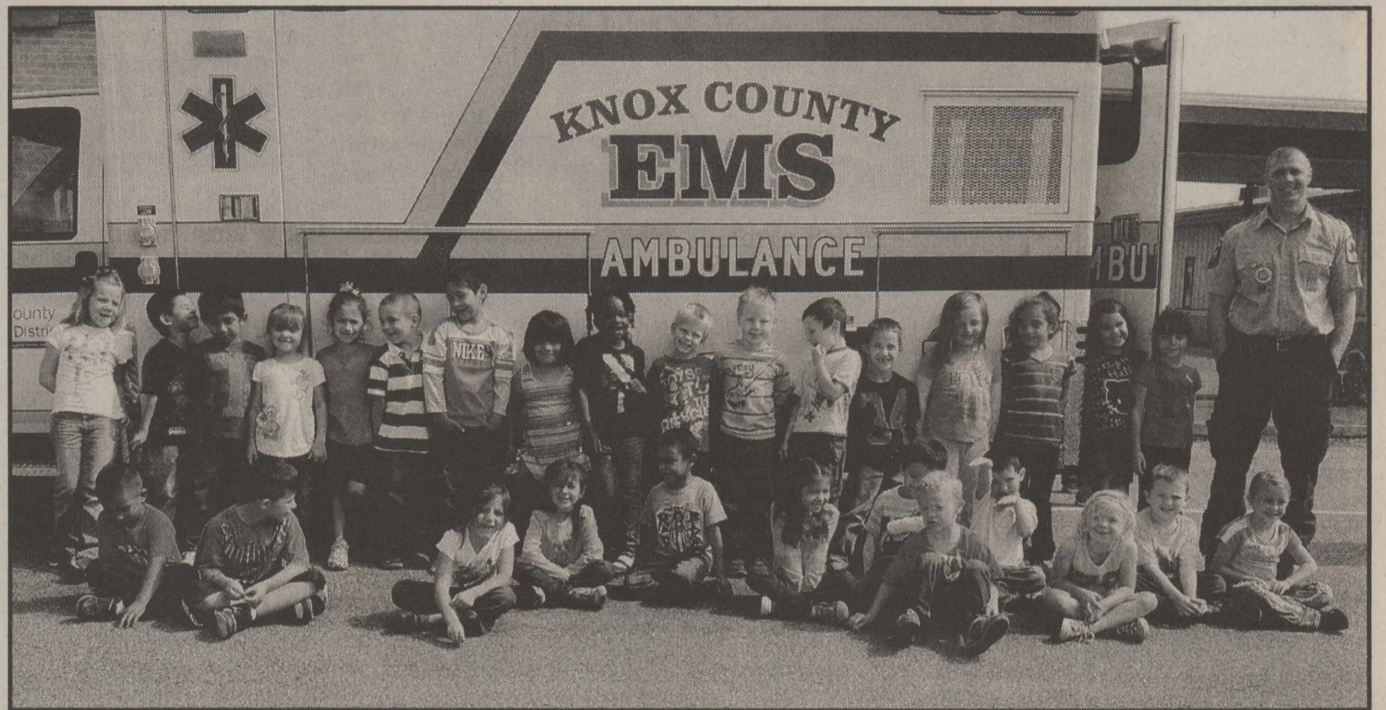
program scheduled to get underway at 8 p.m.

Bingo games will be held following the program.

The PTO will also be holding a "Cow Patty Bingo" game this year at the festival. Interested people can buy their bingo square early. The cost for each square is \$50. There are only 50 squares available.

The cow will be turned loose on the tennis court the night of the festival.

If interested contact Brannde Estrada at 657-4390 or Wendy Benson at 459-4305.



Emergency tour ...

The Knox County EMS gave the kindergarten classes of Knox City a tour of their ambulance on Thursday, October 11. The children enjoyed getting to see the ambulance up close and getting to go inside the ambulance and have their blood pressure taken. The kindergarteners have been "on the road" this semester. They have toured the Knox County Hospital, Terry Utey's pig farm, and have gotten to tour the ambulance. They have many more tours to make during the coming months.

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- Claudia Taylor Johnson ("Lady Bird")
- Berkman led Astros in these in '06
- this Glen wrote "The German Texans"
- TXism: "slinger" (writer)
- TXism: "if _____ better I couldn't stand it"
- Tex Ritter sang theme to film "High"
- TX Longoria '06 film: "The _____"
- TXism: "leave _____ stone unturned"
- Okie town
- UT has glasses of _____ Arthur Conan Doyle
- TXism: "_____ just fact"
- TXism: "got _____ for" (urge)
- gov. (1894-1898) _____ Culbertson
- this country's language is Greek to Texans
- TXism: "let _____ (leave it alone)"
- TXism: "beats anything _____ saw"
- TXism: "popular _____ daughter"
- TX Ginger film role: "_____ Castle"
- '80s boy hair style

DOWN

- seat of Falls Co.
- Snyder has _____ buffalo statue
- TXism: "could put a loop over _____ a stepper"
- _____ mule's back" (good roper)
- homemade liquor: sour _____
- TXism: "get while the gettin' _____ good"
- Saturdays & Sundays
- Waco-born leading lady Gwynne
- Bob Lilly's old Cowboy position (abbr.)
- "plastic money" card
- TX Rangers used the Walker _____ Revolver
- TX Ginger's dancing partner Fred (init.)
- _____ gotta do it"
- TX Pat Toomay's "On Given Sunday"
- TXism: "mortgage _____ the hoof" (cattle)
- _____ no fuss"
- Astro bull pen starting pitchers
- TX Ranger: "Lone _____ McQuade"
- pie _____ mode
- network that had soap opera "Texas"
- TXism: "take a look _____"
- TX Barry Corbin film: "_____ Crazy"
- TX Willie's "Farm _____" was in '87
- ex-Cowboy Nate (init.)
- TXism: "does a wet dog stink?"
- TXism: "_____ a stepper"
- driving, hunting or fishing permits
- TXism: "_____ feathers on a frog"
- Green who brought Stars to Dallas (init.)
- TXism: "come hell _____ high water"
- polar or grizzly
- a former TX river channel that still holds water
- TXism: "jumpy as _____ ice"
- TXism: "treat it with kid gloves"
- money machine
- Rockets' assoc.
- TXism: "sweating bullets"
- TXism: "got Romeo blood in his _____"
- horse morsel
- TX Kenny's "The Gambler, Part _____"
- coach Landry's countenance
- TXism: "blaze _____ trail" (explore)
- TXism: "change range"
- TX-MX mafia: El _____
- bank transactions
- TX Pride's "_____ Leaving Alone"

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House panel to review what state does with its revenue

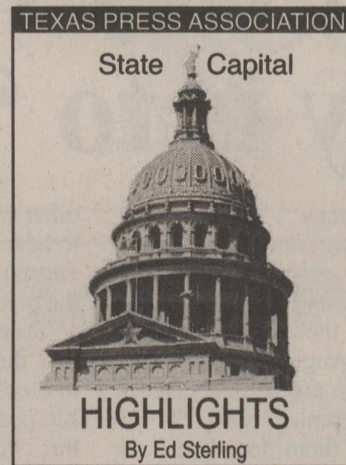
AUSTIN — Money paid in state taxes and fees doesn't necessarily fund exactly what Texans think it will fund.

So, Texas House Speaker Joe Straus last week appointed an Interim Committee on General Revenue Dedicated Accounts as part of an effort, he said, "to make our state budget more transparent and accountable to taxpayers." The committee will report its findings and recommendations to the House in early January.

Straus explained that for more than 20 years, the state has allowed money that sits in general revenue-dedicated funds — nearly \$5 billion in the current fiscal biennium — to be used to certify the rest of the state budget.

"The practice of 'funds consolidation' has evolved from a one-time accommodation and turned into a decades-long bad habit in our state's budget process, and now is the time to move toward a fairer, simpler and more straightforward approach for Texas taxpayers," Straus said Oct. 9.

State Reps. Drew Darby, R-San Angelo, and John Otto, R-Dayton will co-chair the committee. Darby said the state "should provide the services people and businesses expect on those taxes and fees dedicated for a specific purpose. Truth in taxation also requires that we bring these revenues in line with



State Capital HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling

fiscally responsible appropriations."

Sales tax revenue grows

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs announced Oct. 10 that state sales tax revenue in September was \$1.96 billion, up 11.6 percent compared to September 2011, and that state sales tax revenue has increased for the 30th month in a row.

She said continued strength in the manufacturing and oil and natural gas sectors led to the sales tax revenue increase, while collections improved thanks to consumer spending at restaurants and retail stores.

Voting 'application' debuts

Secretary of State Hope Andrade on Oct. 3 announced the launch of SmartTXVoter, an

English and Spanish language smartphone application "to help Texans stay informed about statewide voting information like registration deadlines, early voting dates and candidates or amendments on the upcoming ballot."

SmartTXVoter, viewable in English or Spanish, is formatted to be accessible for Texans with visual impairments. The app is part of the "Make Your Mark on Texas" program meant to educate Texans about voting pursuant to the federal Help America Vote Act.

Drought disaster continues

Gov. Rick Perry on Oct. 5 renewed — for yet another month — the emergency Disaster Proclamation he originally signed on July 5, 2011.

The proclamation certifies that exceptional drought conditions pose a threat of imminent disaster in specified counties in Texas. Some 138 of the state's 254 counties are named in the current proclamation.

Court hears Fisher case

The U.S. Supreme Court on Oct. 10 heard oral arguments in Fisher v. University of Texas, a case contesting the university's admissions policy, which allows the institution to consider an applicant's race as a factor in choosing which students to admit.

Counsel for the plaintiff maintained the policy unfairly discriminated against Abigail Fisher, a white female student from Sugar Land, who scored higher on tests and other factors than some black and Hispanic students that gained admission.

Counsel for UT defended the university's policy of "holistic individualized consideration" of each student application and asserted that race "doesn't invariably make a difference with respect to every minority applicant."

Some court watchers predict that if the court rules in favor of the plaintiff, it could spell the end of affirmative action policies.

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Knox County Aging Services

The following lunch menus have been listed for the week of Oct. 22-26 for the Knox County Aging Services

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

Monday, Oct. 22 - Chicken/rice casserole, blackeyed peas, carrots, whole wheat rolls, fruit cocktail.

Tuesday, Oct. 23 - Stew, turnip greens, cornbread, black forest parfait.

Wednesday, Oct. 24 - Spagetti/meat sauce, Italian vegetables, broccoli, garlic toast, autumn Jell-O.

Thursday, Oct. 25 - King Ranch casserole, pinto beans, Spanish rice, tortilla, brownie.

Friday, Oct. 26 - Turkey sandwich/wheat bread, tomato/lettuce/pickle, broccoli/raisin salad, pineapple delight.

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



Hospital helpers ...

The Pink Ladies Hospital Auxiliary served refreshments at the Knox County Hospital District's Health Fair. The Pink Ladies were the recipient of the Walk-a-thon registration funds this year. The money was deposited in the Pink Ladies' account so that it can be of assistance the next time the hospital needs assistance. Members of the Pink Ladies said they hoped everyone enjoyed the punch and cookies at the recent Health Fair. In all, 200 cookies quickly disappeared as well as several bowls of punch and pots of coffee.

Busy days here in Knox County

It has been a fairly busy month here in Knox County. We started off with several local youth attending the State Fair with their livestock projects. Congratulations go out to Elissa Sepeda who won the Lightweight Duroc class and Tori Thompson who took fourth place with her Heavyweight Duroc. Over at the sheep barn, Kristen Kuehler placed first with her Fine wool cross. Trey Tidwell and Shannon Reeves also competed well in the State Fair Livestock Judging contest. The Jimenez family took their steers to the King County Fair in Guthrie this past weekend where Alexia placed second in the middleweight exotic class and Matthew took a second with his heavyweight Hereford.

Our 4-H program for the month is a rabbit workshop at the MEC this Saturday, Oct. 20, at 9 a.m. It should only last a couple of hours but I think it will be worth attending. I have several families from surrounding counties that will be there as well. It is open to the public so if you know anyone who has an interest in rabbits please invite them. Pam and Joe Heaton of Huntsville have graciously offered to drive up and give of their knowledge and experience gained over the past 25 years. They are also the breeders of our county

rabbit projects this year. We hope to see you there.

For you ag producers, we will be hosting a cotton field day on Wednesday, Oct. 24, to showcase our variety trials for the year as well as a cotton root rot project. The plots are located behind the old USDA building on the east side of Munday, just off of US 277. The meeting will begin at 1 p.m.

and Dr. Gaylon Morgan of Texas A&M Agrilife Research will be the presenter. The cost will be \$10 and we are offering 2 CEU credits. These are very good test plots and we invite you to come out and spend the afternoon with us.

As always, if we can be of any help at all contact us at the Knox County Extension Office at (940) 459-2651.



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2012 Weekly Weather Report

Date	Temperature (F) Low / High	Rainfall inches
10/08	34 / 67	
10/09	48 / 88	
10/10	54 / 62	
10/11	59 / 85	
10/12	69 / 86	
10/13	63 / 87	
10/14	53 / 82	

Total Rainfall for Week 0.00
Total Rainfall for month 0.00
2012 Rainfall (ytd) 17.29

Never trust a vest that can double as a thong on a fat man

This weekend, we decided to do the haunted houses at Six Flags. They were a lot of fun but Coach Howeth, Coach Steele and I decided we needed a little more fun (what a stupid idea that was).

After doing the haunted houses, we decided we would ride the Dive Bomb Alley. Yes, that is right. We got outfitted in these jump suits with a harness that fits you like a ski jacket. No problem, right? Well, they attach you to a wire/steel cable and lift you up. Still doesn't sound to bad, huh? Well, let me walk you through the drama leading up this.

Steele walks up to the girl working at the counter and asks, "Hey, can all three of us do this?" She said sure, why not?

I am thinking because our combined weight is about 1,000 pounds, give or take 1-3 pounds. Then Steele asks if they have our size vests?

Again ... Sure, why not? Next thing I know, we are getting fitted into a vest that loops in under your privates and has you cinched and bound up like a wacko at a mental hospital. As we are doing this, Howeth asks what are the weight limits for this? The 16-year-old teen girl working the counter says, "oh, it like a whole bunch. We have never been close to a limit so you are fine."

The give us this little radio to talk to them when reach the heavens, or 15 stories to be exact. Then tell us when to release the hook!

When we get past the 20-foot mark, I have decided I should have peed. When we passed the 50-foot mark, I realized that Michelle would have a blast spending all that life insurance money. When we get almost to the top, I could look down and see that idiot fixing to set the world record for a free fall. I am telling you we where almost in outer space.

Then, when they come across the speaker and said release the cord, I asked something we

Just Jeff



By Jeff Stanfield

should have asked 12,000-feet ago.

"What is the weight limit for this cable?"

Some adult comes on the radio. "This is Johnny. I'm the manager. What was the question?"

"How much weight is the maximum amount for this ride?"

"850 pounds," he answered. "Just pull the cord and enjoy the ride!"

Heck no!! Howeth reaches for the cord ... I look at Steele, who is sweating like a fat kid in Phoenix in the summer. He tries to grab Howeth's hand but too late ... 1,000 pounds of Knox County came dropping down.

You know the song, "It's raining men?" Well, I don't think this is what The Weather Girls (or Ginger Spice, depending on your age) had in mind when they sang the song. It was raining "fat guys." We hit the speed of sound and when we reached the bottom I felt my belly scrape the bottom of the first set of buildings. I was sucking in for all I was worth but we were bottoming out.

We pushed the ride for all it had. When I opened my eyes, we were over the third lane of traffic on I-30 and Steele's right foot hit a Peterbuilt. The whole contraption started to make noises and my vest, well ... it was now part thong and part bow tie ... was disintegrating before my own eyes.

Cottle Co. 4-H Horse Show set for Oct. 21 in Paducah

By Dana Wright

The Cottle County 4-H Horse Club will host an Open Horse Show on Sunday, Oct. 21. The club original date was rained out.

The show will be held at the Paducah Rodeo Arena, with books opening at 12:30 p.m. The show will start at 1:30 p.m.

The Horse Show and Roping is open to youth from Cottle and surrounding counties. There will be three age divisions in the Open Show: Pee Wee - 8 & under, Juniors 9-13 and Seniors 14-19 years of age. Events include: Halter, Pee Wee Walk-Trot, Showmanship at Halter, Western Pleasure, Western

Horsemanship, Reining, Poles, Barrels, Stakes and Flag Race. Roping Events include: Breakaway Calf Roping, Double Mugging, Tie-Down Calf Roping and Goat Tying.

Entry fees are \$5 per event or \$40 for everything. Buckles will be awarded to the high point Pee Wee, Junior and Senior in the Open Horse Show and custom headstalls to the high point Junior and Senior in the roping. Prizes will be awarded to top three places in each event during the day.

For more information, contact County Extension Agent, Justin Nash (806) 492-3151 or Frank Wright (806) 346-6216.

It was then that I made a promise. If I survive I would never trust a cable and metal frame with my life since the company who had the lowest bid got the job.

After 15 minutes of back and forth, we survived. I do want to apologize to the people below ... I told Howeth not to eat Mexican food before rides but he never listens.

The sad thing was it cost Steele a Peterbuilt window ... and a set of drawers. I didn't ask for details on his underwear.

Jeff "Scared of heights" Stanfield

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tory in their gym bags. Not sure just how the scoring went, but who cares—we won, and that's what is important. The junior high boys played Harold on Thursday night, and though they lost, did their best, and that's very important. They play Chillicothe Thursday.

Our friends, Buster and Dottie Lowrey of Knox City, are in HMC in Abilene. He suffered a fall, and I believe had some surgery following. He is doing better. Dottie has been pretty ill for several weeks and also has had a couple of surgeries. The last I heard, she was holding her own. I ask your prayers on their behalf.



Knox City Area Church Directory



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Jerry Vincent, Pastor
Sunday School at 10 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship at 6 p.m. • Mid Week, Wed. at 6 p.m.
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406 2nd Street • 658-3517
knoxcity-fumc@hotmail.com-umckc.net
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Monday, Breakfast Bible Study 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Morning Bible Study 10 a.m. Wednesday, Youth Fellowship 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Worship Team Rehearsal 7 p.m. Wednesday, Outreach Lunch 12 noon every 3rd Sunday
No Sunday Evening Service

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Tex Cox, Pastor
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Wednesday Junior High Youth 5:45 p.m. • High School Youth 7:15 p.m.

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Knox City

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Sunday Evening Worship at 6 p.m. • Mid-Week, Wed. at 6:30 p.m.
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Monday Evening Bible Study 6 p.m.

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Saturday Mass at 6 p.m. • Sunday Mass at 9 a.m.

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Thomas Carter, Pastor
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day School at 10:30 a.m.

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Matt Harrington, Pastor
Sunday School at 10 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 11 a.m.
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Sunday Morning Worship at 11 a.m.
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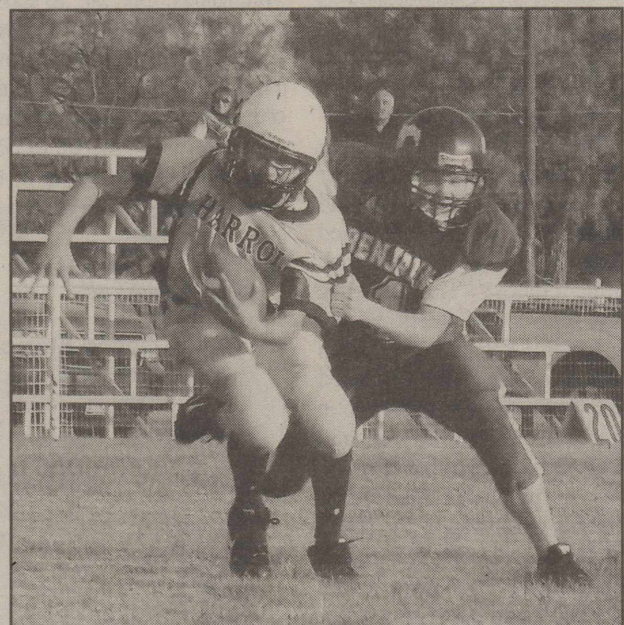
Munday, KC ranked among state's best teams

The Munday Mogulettes and Knox City Houndettes remained among the top-rated teams in the state in volleyball, according to the Texas Girls Coaches Association.

Munday entered this week's Class rankings ranked No. 16 in the TGCA poll. Knox City is ranked No. 20.

The Water Valley Lady Wildcats earned the poll's top spot. Water Valley edged out Round Top Carmine and Jewett Leon for the No. 1 position.

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Nabbed ...

Benjamin's Daniel Jackson drags down a Harrington running back from behind during the team's game last Thursday.

Greyhounds splash through Paint Creek

TOMMY WELLS
The Knox County News

PAINT CREEK — When Knox City head coach Charles Steele looked at his schedule this pre-season, he thought his team had the talent and ability to be among the best teams in District 8-A.

Through the first week of district play, the veteran head coach is correct in his thinking.

Jose Espinal threw for three touchdowns and rushed for another on Friday and helped power the Greyhounds to an easy 46-0 shutout of the Paint Creek Pirates.

The win enabled Knox City to move to 4-3 for the season and, more importantly, climb into a tie for the District 8-A lead with Throckmorton for the district lead.

As a whole, Knox City hit on all six cylinders on both sides of the ball against the Pirates. The team rolled up 355 total yards on just 24 plays from scrimmage. Paint Creek, which fell to 0-7 for the season, managed just 113 total yards in the contest, including just four via the pass.

Espinal and the KCHS offense didn't have any such trouble.

Knox City drew first blood in the contest quickly. After taking the opening kick, the Greyhounds marched 60 yards in just three plays to snare an 8-0 cushion.

Chris Lewis started the KCHS onslaught on the first play from scrimmage by scampering 19 yards to the Greyhound 39. Two plays, Espinal rocked the Pirates' ship by reeling off a 37-yard

'Hounds to play host to Bryson on Oct. 26

Knox City will return to District 8-A action next Friday with they play host to the Bryson Cowboys at Greyhound Stadium.

Knox City, 4-3 overall, is favored to win the contest, according to www.sixman-football.com. Bryson, 2-5 for the season, plays Paint Creek this week.

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

Zach Carter made the Pirates pay for the miscue. He upped Knox City's lead to 22-0 on the Greyhounds' next play by hauling in a 30-yard scoring pass.

Overall, Espinal completed seven of his nine passes for 128 yards.

The Pirates managed to stop the bleeding in the second quarter by holding KC scoreless.

The Greyhounds held a commanding 22-0 lead heading into the half.

The Knox City defense took the air out of the Pirates' sails early in the second half, however. The Greyhounds turned back the PC offense on a fourth-down play, giving KCHS the ball at the 37.

touchdown romp.

Zacagry Rodriguez's PAT gave Knox City an 8-0 lead with 8:47 to play in the opening frame.

Paint Creek's problems only got worse from there. The Pirates' first possession ended with a punt that pined KC at its own 20.

Stran Jones didn't leave the Greyhounds pinned for long. On the first play of their second series, he took a pitch from Espinal and outraced the PC offense 60 yards for a touchdown.

Jones finished the game as KC's top rusher, netting 77 yards on two tries.

The Pirates found themselves in even more trouble less than 30 seconds later. Following Jones' TD run, the Pirates fumbled away the ball on their next snap, giving Knox City a first down at the PCHS 30.

After an illegal procedure penalty had backed the Greyhounds to their own 38, Espinal lit up the Pirate defense, completing a 22-yard touchdown pas to Krys Campos. Rodriguez's ensuing PAT gave the Greyhounds a 30-0 lead 6:15 left in the third.

Campos created havoc again for the Pirates less than 2 minutes later when he pulled in his second TD reception of the quarter, a 31-yard strike from Espinal.

Campos finished the contest with two receptions for a team-high 53 yards.

The Greyhounds closed out the scoring with 2:59 remaining when Carter torched the PC defense again, scoring his second TD via a 43-yard romp.

The game was called at the half due to six-man football's 45-point mercy rule.

Greyhounds ranked 28th in state polls

The Knox County High School Greyhounds continued to hold their own in the six-man state rankings this week. Follow-

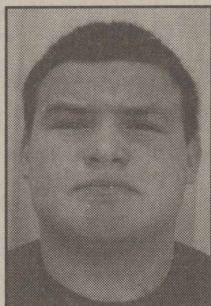
ing its 46-0 win over Paint Creek, the Greyhounds were ranked No. 28 in the online poll's ranking of all 64 Division I teams.

The Water Valley Wildcats were ranked No. 1 in the poll. Ira and Throckmorton were ranked No. 2 and No. 3, respectively.

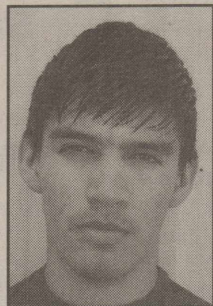
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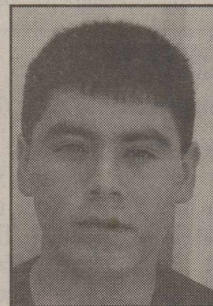
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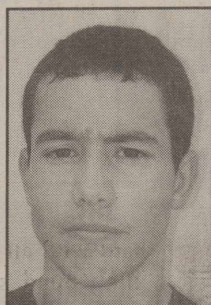
A.J. Rodriguez
Offense MVP



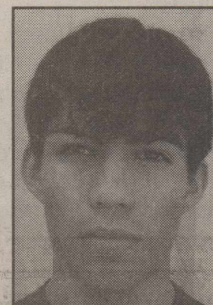
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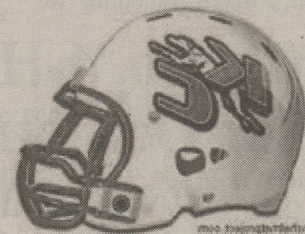
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The Knox County News is looking for columnists to provide a general news column on a weekly basis in O'Brien, Munday and Goree. For more info contact Tommy at (940) 329-1540.

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Munday Nursing Center is now taking applications for full-time LVN. Paid holidays, vacation, insurance available. Come by Munday Nursing Center at 421 West F Street and fill out an application and talk to Rachel Gray, RN, DON or Lezli Meers, RN, EOE.

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City of Benjamin is giving notice of the city's intent to submit a Community Development Fund application for a grant from the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program. The grant application requested is \$275,000.00 for water improvements in the City of Benjamin. The application is available for review at City Hall during regular business hours

(10-18c)

• PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION)

To the registered voters of the County of Knox, Texas:
 (a los votantes registrados del Condado de Knox, Texas)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on November 6, 2012, for voting in a general election to elect presidential electors, Members of Congress, Members of the Legislature, and state, district, county, and precinct officers;

(Notifíquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 6 de noviembre 2012 para votar en la Elección General pa'ra elegir electores presidenciales, Miembros del Congreso, Miembros de la Legislatura, y oficiales del estado, distrito, condado y del precinto.

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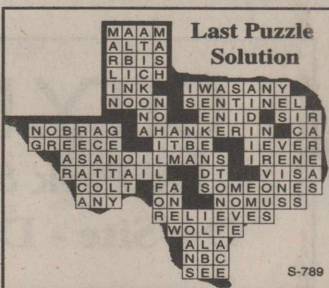
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A lot of ball left to play

Sorry that I wasn't at this game on Friday, guys. I was taking care of some personal business.

The heart, passion and drive that every one of you has is greater than anyone else. Why? Because you're playing for God and for His Glory. I've seen the look in your eyes, guys, and no one has what you have.

I'm very proud of you for 45-

ing Paint Creek.

There's a lot more ball to be played so rest up nicely, boys. This week you have a bye, but remember you have Bryson the next week.

Something tells me you guys are going to dominate, annihilate and assassinate all night long.

YEAHHHHHHHHHHHHH-HH!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

SAMMIE'S KNOX CITY CORNER AND FINAL THOUGHTS

My coffee time at Bud's has been my start of the day, and the guys are doing great. I'm really going to miss them for a while. By the time you read my column, I'll be in Baylor Hospital in Grapevine after back surgery. I'll go in at 11:45 Monday and probably spend five or six days there. I'll have my cell phone with me, but Eddie will be with me Monday and Tuesday. Cell number 203-0291—my cell is 203-0292 for calls after Tuesday. God will be with us all the way. Thanks for your prayers and thoughts—love y'all. Thank God for all of y'all, and may He bless y'all.

Great job to our football team and all their supporters. They did a great job, and may they all be blessed with such great work and everything you put into your work, and how proud we all are of y'all.

I'm trying very hard to keep my mind on my column, but it's hard with all I've got going on in my mind, so please bear with me.

If you visited Tex Cox's church last week, Dave Duell was touching people's heart and their mind and their body. It was very much enjoyable, and his granddaughter did a great praise and worship, also, great Christian entertainment. We had a wonderful time. Thank God.

He, some of our younger kids are playing soccer, and my grandson, Jacob, has been playing at Seymour every Saturday. He loves it very much. I don't know how many there are from Knox City, but I'm so happy for them, and may they do a great job, and may God bless them and take care of everyone, including all parents and supporters.

Our Knox City Variety Store is closing, and that is a shame. I wish we could have done more to help, but God bless them. Their thoughts and hearts were in the right place. Sometimes things just aren't meant to hap-

pen the way we plan. Daddy always said, "You may have one plan, but God may have completely different plans." Y'all did a wonderful thing. May God bless y'all, and He may have a big blessing for all. Thank God and go on. It will get better. Believe, trust, and faith. But I know all Knox City thanks you from the bottom of our hearts. Take care and may God bless you with another blessing.

The Mini Mall is going to start opening up, and hopefully come in with some clothing and other accessories that everyone will enjoy. It will have a new manager. She does have great plans and lots of styles to keep Knox City busy and going. May God bless her and take care of her.

O'Brien ex-students had a school reunion this past weekend, and it sounded like there was a good group. They had a wonderful time, and they were looking forward to the weekend.

Our oilfield guys are staying very busy, and this cool weather has really helped a lot. A little rain doesn't stop them from getting their work done—whether they go out early or later in the morning. They are all grateful and very thankful they have a job. May God bless them and watch out in their job. Take care guys and be careful.

Allen Rhodes has been transferred to Hendrick Hospital in Abilene over his diabetic problems. I have no more information on his condition. Keep him in your prayers, and may he have a speedy recovery.

Well, this has been a short column. Until I get home with God's blessing for my recovery, may God keep all my family in his blessing as they work and wait for my return home.

God bless our troops and each of us,
 Sammie

Thank You!!

I would like to take this time to thank all of the special people who have kept Mark Taylor and his family in your prayers. I know God has heard every prayer and thought. God has been a great comfort to us while we sit and watch all of the miracles He has performed.

When Mark arrived to Lubbock UMC, they didn't give us much hope. They told us he was in God's hands and didn't know what God had in mind for him. He was burned 80%, then they found out that his lungs were burned, so it went to 100%. I never gave up hope that God would save my child. I knew He could, there is nothing He can't do. The doctors and nurses can't understand except to say God is a great physician.

Mark has never been on a life support machine, only a ventilator to help with lung strengthening and to breathe easier. The doctors said he is a great fighter and it is coming with a lot of strength.

His vitals, kidneys, heart, and B/P have been strong and good. They use kidney dialysis twice a week to keep his kidneys strong, just as a preventative factor. This doesn't happen in 3rd degree burns we were told. So far it has been 5 weeks and no infections.

They said he would have to have plastic surgery on his face. It is healing nice with no scarring so far, it looks wonderful. He is still having grafts on his arms and they are taking it from his chest that has already healed. They said in two weeks they can go back in the same place and take it again, it heals that fast.

He is also having therapy on his arms, hands, and legs. One of Mark's therapists is Travis Hawkins of Knox City. It is so nice to see his sweet smile and kind manner when he is working with Mark.

We know we will be here for quite a while. Mark is still very critical, but God has continued to bless us each day as Mark heals, and some days are very hard. Thank you so much for your prayers and for being there in our time of need.

God Bless You,
 Shirley Taylor and Family

Benjamin News

with Gladene Green

Are you like me? Enjoying this gorgeous fall weather. Just comfortable, warm days with cooler evenings (perfect football weather). A prelude to what we know lies ahead—cold, windy, and possibly freezing moisture as the year progresses. Not something I look forward to. October is definitely my favorite month of the year.

REGARDING OUR ILL

Lorene Powers is a patient in HMC in Abilene, having been admitted last Wednesday. The problem is her heart, but not real sure of the extent of her illness. She is undergoing more tests today, and the results of the tests will decide when she will be dismissed. Please remember her in your prayers.

No other illnesses in the community that I am aware of. As

I've said on numerous occasions, we all have our aches and pains, but nothing out of the ordinary.

FALL FESTIVAL

The annual PTO sponsored Fall Festival will be held in the local gym on Saturday, October 27. The doors will open at 5:30 for the carnival, which will last until 7:30, at which time the festival royalty will be crowned. A program will follow at 8 PM, and after it is over, there will be Bingo until all the prizes are gone. The various committees are probably going to be calling asking for donations, and if they do, please be cordial and do what they ask. We all have had to call on folks at one time or another. Please plan to attend the festival.

HERE 'N THERE

I saw Deann Stamps on Satur-

day, and she said her dad, Dee, is at his home in Post following pancreatic cancer surgery a couple of months ago. Doctors have decided not to do any post-operative treatments on him, as they feel like at this time, it would not be a good idea to put him through that process. Deann said he has lost a lot of weight but is feeling fine—all things considered.

Bud Conner's daughter-in-law, Brenda, is undergoing chemotherapy and doing pretty well with it. She will have a series of chemotherapy followed by radiation, then be on oral medication for quite some time—that as a preventive measure. Brenda and Steve live in Big Spring.

My sincere sympathy to the family of Modelle Barton today. Modelle died on Saturday. Her health had been failing for several months. Her funeral was today

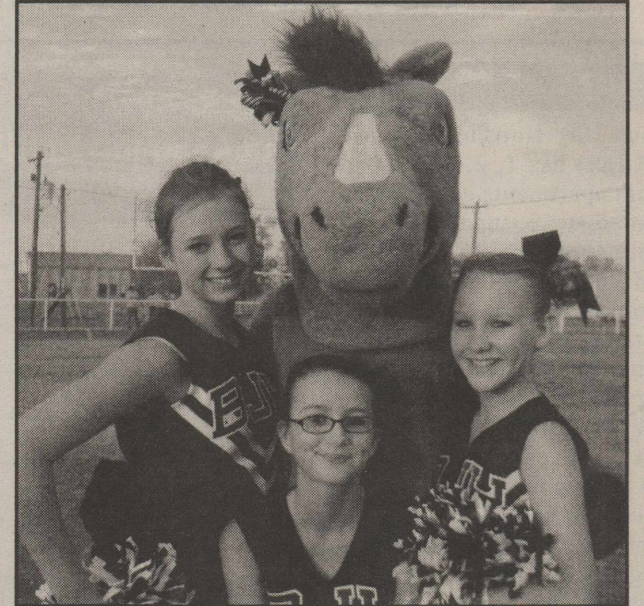
(Monday) at Rochester, where she resided.

I think the O'Brien Homecoming turned out to be a success. Lots of friends were back home to renew acquaintances and make new friends (if the opportunity presented itself). And the weather was good, so that made it extra pleasant.

The Baptist Church is having a study on the life of King David. We meet on Wednesday night at 6 PM, and we have only had two or three lessons, so you might say we are just getting started. If anyone would like to join us, we cordially invite you to do so. We meet in the parsonage. Linda Griffith is directing the study, and it is very interesting. That hour goes fast!

The junior high girls went over to Rotan Saturday for a volleyball game and came home with a vic-

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Pride of BJHS ...

Members of the Benjamin Junior High School cheerleading squad are Courtney Andrews, Alyssa Casillas (Giddy Up), Hayden King and Lexy Mendoza.

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