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Knox City High School Homebound Student Attends Classes via Robot



Lyndon Baty controls the robot at a press conference at the Haskell-Knox SSA office last Friday to show media how the robot works and how this technology will not only benefit him, by the student body as a whole.

Haskell-Knox Shared Service Arrangement (H-KSSA) and Knox City – O'Brien Consolidated Independent School District's Knox City High School in Knox City, Texas, has teamed up with Vgo Communications, a provider of visual communications solutions, to deploy a distance-learning program for special needs students who cannot attend school in-person.

New Technology is allowing a

medically fragile high school student to attend classes at his local high school campus via the Internet and "Robotic Telepresence". Vgo Communications (www.vgocom.com) has recently begun to market an affordable visual communications solution that is controlled via wireless high-speed networks. A recent series of events happened to fall into place to enable a

See **ROBOT** on page 11



A new "face" appeared in the halls of Knox City High School last Tuesday. A "Vgo" robot controlled wirelessly by Lyndon Baty, a student who is homebound due to a kidney transplant rejection, is now able to attend class and have social interaction which his illness has prohibited him from doing in the last few years... all from the safety of his own home.

Pictures Courtesy Of The Haskell-Knox Ssa

LOOKING AHEAD

The January meeting of Knox Co Retired School Personnel will be on Tuesday, January 25th, at 2:30 in Benjamin TX at the Front Porch Quilt Shop. Please note that the January and February meetings have been switched due to a scheduling conflict. Hostesses for this meeting will be Pam Duke and Carol Dickson. If members have not already done so, each should bring their miles walked for the past year and the total number of volunteer hours so the report can be submitted to the district offices.

Texas AgriLIFE Extension Service in collaboration with See **LOOKING** on page 11



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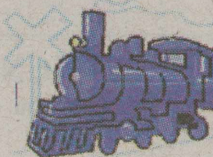


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12/18/10
Unlawful carrying of Weapon (M-A)

Knox County

Isabel, John Wayne
12/20/10
Theft (Surety off bond) (M-B)

Knox County

Patty, Steven C.
12/20/10

Possession of Controlled

substance (F-2)
Knox County

Franks, Bradford
12/21/10
FTA: Harassment (M-B)
Baylor County

Martinez, Michael
12/21/10
MTR: Child Support (SJF)

Foard County

Rocha, Adam
12/22/10
MTR: Possession of
Controlled Substance

Willis, Carlon
12/30/10
Traffic Violation/ Munday
P.D.
Knox County

Simmons, Amber
12/31/10
Forgery of financial
Instrument (SJF)
Baylor County

Delgado, Marie
1/1/11
Agg. Assault against public
servant (F-1)
Baylor County

Delgado, Peni
1/1/11
Endangering a child (F-3)
Baylor County

Vest, Colton
1/2/11
Possession of Marijuana (M-B)
Baylor County

Odam, Scott Alan
1/2/11
Possession of Marijuana
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Castillo, Fabian
1/5/11
Public Intoxication (M-C)
Knox County

Lopez, Romero, Oscar
1/6/11

Intoxicated Assault (F-3)
Baylor County

Williams, Bryan, S.
1/8/11
DWI (M-B)
Foard County

Garcia, Antonio, Jr.
1/8/11
Assault with Bodily Injury
(M-A)
Knox County

Woodhouse, Andre J.
1/8/11
Assault with bodily injury
(-A)
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-Submitted by Dean Homstad,
Knox County Sheriff

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Obituary



Rena Tankersley
Rena Tankersley of Waco, passed in to the arms of her Savior on January 17, 2011. She was born in Knox City on October 27, 1922, grew up on a farm in Haskell County and graduated from high school in Weinert. She spent most of her life in Knox City and was a member of First Baptist Church. In recent years, she lived in a retirement home in Waco.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Roy and Mildred Tankersley, and her brothers; Floyd, Loyd, and Hershel. She was preceded in death by her husband of many years, Jack Fisher of Knox City. She is survived by her son in Waco, Jackie Fisher, his wife Vivian, grandsons Ryan and Jason, and a great-granddaughter Lexie. She is also survived by her son in Dallas, Danny Fisher, his wife Linda, granddaughter Deanna, great-grandson Colby, and great-granddaughter Linley. A graveside service will be at 1pm, January 19, 2011 at the Knox City cemetery with Rev. Barry Camp and Don Hawkins officiating under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes, Knox City, Texas. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church of Knox City.

A SHORT STORY ABOUT A
MOTORCYCLE.
AND A SUDDEN TURN.

When she was a young college student, Elisabeth Marra had a serious motorcycle accident that ultimately changed her life. Two years after the crash, her painful open fractures had failed to heal. Then she heard about a new and complex surgery pioneered by a surgeon who used a patient's own stem cells to concentrate the healing process. This time, her surgery and subsequent therapy were successful.

Elisabeth's experience caused her to redirect her own career aspirations. Inspired by the medical professionals who helped her reclaim her active lifestyle, she changed her major to study physical therapy—a profession where her own experience could help other patients prevail through difficult recoveries.

We tell Elisabeth Marra's story here to illustrate two of the most profound messages we know. Don't give up, and remember to give back. If reading it inspires just one more person to achieve something special, then its telling here has been well worth while.



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Museum News

David Garren

Fronted by mesquite trees and a long porch just two blocks east of the Knox County Courthouse the Wichita Brazos Museum and Cultural Center building draws local and out of county visitors. Over 700 people visited the Museum in 2010. It represents a long held dream of a historical museum come true for the people of Knox County. It was made a reality by past and present Knox County residents,

Friends, and the families of Knox County pioneers through such events as the annual barbecue now set for February 6, 2011. The barbecue is one of the longest held events

which helped raise a building and now helps support and operate the historical museum, to preserve the history of this land, from the time it was covered by a salty sea to the present. Other fund raisers included a homemade ice cream booth at the Watermelon Festival in Knox City, a garage sale and hamburger stand at the Munday Perry Patton Center, yearly historical calendars, cookbooks, pot holders, postcards, and note cards, and our newest items are the Knox County collage of historical sites. The museum staff and members have diligently been collecting new names of Veterans for

the Knox County veteran's information albums, and had the usual big celebration Nov, 11 of Veterans Day, plus the hamburger meal. At the barbecue you will get the usual delicious meal, and see the new historical calendars on Champions of Knox County. Purchase a cookbook with brief histories of each of Knox County's towns, or take part in the silent auction, and maybe win a door prize. Come enjoy the meal, get in lots of visiting and maybe take home some barbecue to eat while you're watching the Super Bowl. And by the way Feb 6th, the museum will be open from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Many of you probably know who I am. My name is Brandon Gutierrez and I grew up and went to school at Knox City - O'Brien. I'm currently incarcerated in a Texas Prison in South Texas near Corpus Christi serving a 12 year sentence.

I receive the Knox County newspaper every week. My reason for writing this is to get people to "never say never". I wasn't a bad kid growing up, but I did make a lot of mistakes along the way. I was also a good athlete and after high school I moved and started working and got a job working for Ford Motor Company.

I also worked on music with an underground record label in Houston, Texas where I was living.

I thought I had it made.

I didn't have a worry in the world. Then that one night on April 21, 2005, my whole world came down and now I'm here suffering the consequences.

I never dreamed I'd be in a place like this. You know when

you're in school and they have those assemblies where they have inmates come and talk to you about life in prison?

Well, I bet most of you were thinking, "I'll never be in a place like that," because for one, you never do anything wrong, or two, you've never got caught. Am I right?

I see a lot of young people come and go from here and I just wanted to reach out to people especially young teens because I just hope that whoever reads this will change their ways of thinking and stop doing things that they shouldn't be doing.

The biggest thing that people need to be careful with is alcohol. People like to have a good time and there's nothing wrong with that, but when you decide to drink and drive that's a problem because you're not only putting your life in danger, but you're endangering the lives of the people riding with you as well as other people on the road.

I just want people to keep in mind to never say never

because one little mistake can change your life and the lives around you quicker than you think. I pray and hope that none of you ever have to experience life surrounded by razor wire fences. I hope this little article will reach out to someone if not more. If anyone would like to reach me you can write me at:

Brandon Gutierrez
#1382749
Smith Unit
1313 County Rd 19
Lamesa Tx 79331

Anyone can feel free to write me anytime. Thank you for taking the time to read my article. To everyone, you have only one life so, take care and God Bless!

"Life has its lessons but prison doesn't have to be one of them."

Sincerely,

Brandon Gutierrez

(Reprinted from July 26, 2007- Brandon is up for parole this month- Letters concerning his parole can be sent to : The Board of Pardon and Parole 5809 Southwestern, Suite 237 Amarillo TX 79110)

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Sammie Offield

On Monday afternoon, Eddie and I settled down for the day after we got out and delivered bags of groceries that were at the church. We delivered to mostly homebound and folks that are less privileged. It's always a pleasure to see some smiling faces. I understand that the Baptist Church has a food pantry that will be glad to help. All you have to do is go by and get some

goods- or donate what you have. We have all, at one time or another, been there. At the cost of living today, it probably will come in very handy to many folks to have a little help. If you are homebound, you can always call me or one of the churches and they can contact me, and I will make a delivery to you with pleasure.

Monday I received some good news and some dangerous findings

concerning Alfredo Abila. He has almost kicked his cancer into remission, but they have now discovered a blood clot in his leg. Hopefully the medication he is receiving will dissolve it, but he is staying in bed with his leg up until then.

I understand that Alice Wilson and Don Railsback are in the Munday Nursing Home doing their recovery and are very well taken care of.

Eva Flores has brought me back good news from Ray and Idela Escobar. They are both doing good. Ray is hoping to come to Knox City in a couple of weeks so he can visit with all his friends which he has missed very much. We wish them both a speedy recovery,

Well, looks like everything in Duckwalls is almost gone. I hope and pray that someone will put something good there. God knows, we need

to keep our small town alive. I'm still receiving small gifts from friends and neighbors who wish me well in my recovery, and I thank you from the bottom of my heart. God has been good to me, I'm coming along just wonderful. Thank you for all

your prayers and concerns. Well, after all the Abila family's close calls with Alfredo's health, they finally had family Christmas with all their kids on Friday night. We pray that the new year will bring them a better year

See SAMMIE on Page 11

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Tuesday Jan. 25th Pork Chops/Rice Pinto Beans Salad Cornbread Jello/Fruit	Friday, Jan. 28th Hamburgers Cheese Slices Chips Lettuce, Tomato, Onion & Pickles Dessert
Wednesday Jan. 26th Chicken Enchilada Casserole Salad Sweet Peas Crackers Cookies	New serving time is 12 noon (in Knox City only). Alternate desserts for diabetics. Please call in your orders by 10 a.m. to 657-3618. Orders can't be taken after 10 a.m. and need to be picked up after 11 a.m.
Thursday, Jan. 27th Salmon Croquettes	

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2010 Weekly Weather Report

Date	Temperature (F) Low / High	Rainfall inches
11/22	46/84	
11/23	35/68	
11/24	47/84	
11/25	23/58	
11/26	18/58	
11/27	21/65	
11/28	33/69	
Total Rainfall for month		0.40
2010 Rainfall (ytd)		36.43

Big Country Music Revue to launch in 2011

A family variety show, Big Country Music Revue will begin operation in January 2011. Owner and operator, Jerry Burke and wife, Carol, are developing a variety show in Rule, Texas. The couple obtained the Methodist Church building in the community about a year ago. After meeting with several people, they felt there was a need for a quality, wholesome variety show in the Big Country Area. "There is a lot of talent here in the area," says Jerry Burke; "too many talented people don't have a place to perform. We want to offer a wholesome environment and feature several styles of music."

Joining Jerry and Carol Burke in this effort will be several seasoned musicians for the area. Dr. Lana Ness

will currently serve as music director and Ray Clark will supervise audio and facility. House band rehearsals will begin January 15.

Auditions for performers will be held Saturday, January 22 at 1:00 p.m. at the Big Country Music Revue facility at 1000 Union in Rule, Texas. Those who wish to audition will take a number upon arrival and then will be heard by the music committee in numerical order. Singers and singing groups are asked to prepare two songs of different tempos for the audition. Bands, comedians, ventriloquists, spoon players, cloggers and "whatever talent you have" are encouraged to audition as well. For more information, call Jerry Burke at 940-863-4191 in the evening.

Issue identification forum

Texas AgriLIFE Extension Service in collaboration with the Knox County Visioning Committee will hold an Issue Identification Forum on Monday, January 24, 2011 at 6:00 PM at the Perry Patton Community Center, 131 West Main, Munday, TX, to assist local Extension Agents and the Knox County Visioning Committee in identifying the most critical issues affecting our local citizens in Knox County. The local Extension program has a rich history of providing educational programs that address our most critical issues related to Agriculture and Natural Resources, Families and Health, Youth Development, and Community Resource and Economic Development. In order to make sure that the programs being planned for the future are on target, we invite all interested community members to participate

in the forum. We welcome your input and opinions on what issues are facing our county. Community participation is vital to the success of this process and will provide us with valuable insight into the issues facing our citizens. Please join us on Monday, January 24, 2011 and let your voice be heard. If you have any questions about the Forum process and to R.S.V.P., please contact Lorrie Coop, CEA-FCS, or Anthony Munoz, CEA-AG/NR, at 940-459-2651.

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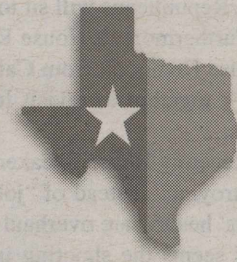
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A little civility?

By **CHRIS BLACKBURN**

Members of Congress are doing the right thing in their recent gestures of civility.

As a resident of this great land and a voting taxpayer, I sincerely hope these gestures lead to a new culture in Washington. One which has the people's business at heart.

During the State of the Union speech next week, a leader of the Senate Democrats and one of the Senate's most conservative Republicans will sit together.

Furthermore, a House Republican from Pennsylvania and a House Democrat from California said Sunday that they would work together to revisit federal and state laws on mental illness.

Recently House Speaker John Boehner used the phrase "job-destroying" instead of "job-killing" in reference to the Democrats' health care overhaul in a speech to colleagues.

It seems the shooting in Arizona that killed six in a failed assassination attempt on Representative Gabrielle Giffords has shifted the political dynamic in Washington and across the nation. It is a welcomed change.

The venom has spewed in Washington for over a decade. I think back to President Clinton's impeachment as one event in a series which has led to the current climate in U.S. politics. The Clinton impeachment angered many Democrats.

More feelings were hurt following the 2000 election (debacle). Democrats across the country were angry with the outcome.

Likewise, Republicans became angry at what they saw as a mainstream media attack on all things President Bush during his final term.

The GOP remained angry, with the culmination of that anger evident after Obamacare was passed and the manner in which it was passed.

Years of anger and hurt feelings have led to discourse and division.

And who suffered because of all the ill feelings? You and I.

A dose of civility and leadership would go a long way in changing Washington for the better for all of us. I firmly believe there are far more issues most Americans agree on than not.

Am I wrong to make that assumption? The vast majority of us want a safe and prosperous country where we can live free and rear our children in a healthy environment. Within that model lies a lot of common ground.

Democrats and Republicans are never going to agree on all of the issues. That's okay. However, with the right attitude and having the common decency and respect to listen and acknowledge the other side, the people's business can be done.

It would be wonderful if the tragedy in Arizona led to a new era of politics with both sides coming together as one on the most important issues.

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Michigan is in a financial mess, and Detroit is at the epicenter of that mess.

There is currently a plan on the table to close nearly half of the schools in the city in the next two years. A move that would

increase high school class sizes to 62 students per teacher by the following year, under a deficit-reduction plan filed with the state.

The plan, part of a monthly update Emergency Financial Manager Robert Bobb gives the Department of Education, was filed last week to provide insight into Bobb's progress in his attempt to slash a \$327 million deficit in the district to zero over the next several years. The district would slim down from 142 schools now to 72 during 2012-13 as part of the plan.

Can you imagine facing six or seven periods of 62 teenagers each five days a week? Brutal!

Here's the breakdown on the increases in class size as part of the plan:

Grades 4-5 from 30 students to 37 in 2012-13 and 39 in 2013-14.

Grades 6-8 from 35 students to 45 in 2012-13 and 47 in 2013-14.

Grades 9-12 from 35 students to 60 in 2012-13 and 62 in 2013-14.

No child left behind huh?

We may not have the perfect school system here, but when compared to school districts across the U.S., I'd say we have it far better than most.

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Obama's Rubber Stamp

By **BILL WILSON**

Should the Senate just be a rubber stamp?

On January 25th, the Senate will be voting on a proposal to severely weaken the filibuster — the process whereby 41 Senators can block dangerous pieces of legislation and radical appointments from being voted on or even debated on the floor of the "most deliberative body".

Now that Senate Republicans have 47 members in their conference, the ability for Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell to wield the filibuster as leverage has significantly increased. The effectiveness of the filibuster was on display when the then-41 member Senate Republican Conference blocked the \$1 trillion omnibus spending bill in December.

Because Minority Leader McConnell kept the entire Senate Republican conference in line, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid had to abandon his plans to have one last spending spree in 2010.

But now, Senate Democrats are intent on making sure that never happens again. New Mexico Senator Tom Udall is proposing a rules change that would eliminate holds on presidential appointments, including lifetime judicial nominations, and cloture votes on motions to proceed to debate on important pieces of legislation. Cloture votes require 3/5 majorities, or 60 votes to proceed.

Making matters worse, Senate Democrats want to weaken the filibuster with a simple majority vote, instead of the traditional two-thirds required to amend Senate rules. This is a transparent move to squash any dissent or opposition in the Senate.

This will allow the Senate majority under Reid to all but rubber stamp all of Barack Obama's radical nominations to the federal bench and bureaucracy, and to bring any piece of legislation he wants to floor without having to consult with Senate Republicans.

Right now, the very threat of the filibuster can be utilized by Republicans to achieve con-

cessions in exchange for allowing certain items to come to the floor. These will prove critically important as votes on a budget continuing resolution prior to March 4th, and on raising the national debt ceiling prior to March 31st come up this year.

Republicans have said they want such proposals to be accompanied by significant spending cuts, but that will be harder to achieve if Reid can bring them to the floor and use his majority to defeat any Republican amendments. Whereas now Republicans have a seat at the table in terms of what even comes to the floor. This is a critical distinction.

Even more dangerous is Udall's proposal to make it impossible to block federal nominees to the judiciary and executive branch. Senate Republicans successfully blocked several radical appointments in the last session: Robert Chatigny and Goodwin Liu to the judiciary, Errol Southers to the Transportation Security Administration, and Dawn Johnsen to the Office of Legal Counsel. Since Senate Republi-

cans placed holds on these nominations, Senate Democrats needed a full 60 votes to proceed, a hurdle they could not achieve even with their then-59 seat majority.

It is imperative that the Senate not become a rubber stamp for the Obama Administration's radicalism. The rights of the legislative minority need to be protected.

In 2011, to live up to their campaign promises, Senate Republicans will need to use the leverage they have. But that will only work if they have any leverage left to wield. Hopefully, cooler heads will prevail, and the Senate will keep its status as legislation's cooling saucer.

As the Left cries crocodile tears over alleged hyperpartisanship, Senate Republicans need to make a very big deal about this very partisan power grab taking place under the guise of making the Senate more "efficient". That is, if they want to have any influence at all in the 112th Congress.

Knox City Chamber Minutes

The Knox City Chamber of Commerce members met Monday with 19 members present. The Chamber would like to welcome new members Lezlee Moore, Greg Oliver and Mark Tucker. The members elected a new Board of Directors including Craig Bosworth, Barbara Barnard, Leona Burkham, Lezlee Moore, Greg Oliver, Mark Tucker and Faby Vasquez. Marla Hawkins, Steve Pepper and Dale Turner agreed to serve as advisors to the newly elected board for a term of one year.

The Chamber of Commerce was established in 1967 as a membership driven organization established to advance the commercial, industrial, civic and general interest of Knox City and the surrounding area. Members present signed up to serve on a committee for one of the chamber sponsored events for 2011. The spring annual banquet currently has 7 committee members, the summer festival has 3 committee members, the summer classic car show has 3 committee members, the fall golf tournament

has 4 committee members and the winter Christmas in November has 2 committee members. Members not present at the meeting will be given the opportunity to select the event for which they would like to serve.

The meeting culminated with door prizes provided by Pepper's Dry Goods, Turner Custom Builders and Lighthouse Graphics. Congratulations to the winners DiAnn Stewart, Romain Stubbs, Gail Turner and Leona Burkham.

The chamber office is receiving requests for information on things offered in our community. Currently the requests center around hunting leases. Anyone who would like the chamber to refer inquiring parties to them and what they offer is asked to let the office manager, Emily Nelson, know. You can contact the office through the website, www.knoxcitychamberofcommerce.com, by e-mail at kcchamber@srcaccess.net or call the office at 940-658-3442. Office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Munday PD to initiate new technology

Tamara Smart

Recently, Munday Police Department applied for and was approved to subscribe to the Omi base program in order for them to more efficiently serve and protect the citizens of Munday.

With the newly allowance to enact the OmniBase system in their jurisdiction, Munday Police are able to contract with Texas DPS for the FTA program. Through this

database, Munday is able to flag violators who have an FTA (failure to appear) on record as soon as they apply for any state issued license (everything from a drivers license to a cosmetologist license to a nursing license). After that violator applies for the license, the flag is enacted and the department is then able to take that person into custody to deal with the offense.

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Legal Notice

Public Meeting Notice 2012 Unified Transportation Program

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will host an open-house style public meeting to solicit public comments and input on the development of the 2012 Unified Transportation Program (UTP), which covers fiscal years 2012 through 2021.

The 2012 UTP is a comprehensive ten-year plan for the development and construction of State of Texas transportation projects including roadways, aviation, public transportation, waterways and coastal waters, and rail projects and includes specific funding levels for each fiscal year.

The public meetings will be held from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. on the following dates and locations:

Thursday, February 3, 2011
El Paso MPO Office
10767 Gateway Blvd. West, Suite 605
El Paso, Texas 79935

Wednesday, February 9, 2011
TxDOT - Bexar Metro Office
9320 SE Loop 410
San Antonio, Texas 78223

Thursday, February 10, 2011
TxDOT - Lubbock District
Training Center, Mesquite Room
Building D - 058083
135 Slaton Road
Lubbock, Texas 79404

Tuesday, February 15, 2011
TxDOT - Houston District
Auditorium
7600 Washington Avenue
Houston, Texas 77007

Thursday, February 17, 2011
TxDOT - Fort Worth District
Regional Training Center
2501 SW Loop 820 (at McCart Ave.)
Fort Worth, Texas 76133

Beginning promptly at 6:00 p.m., TxDOT staff will conduct a brief presentation on the purpose and development of the UTP. Additional information and exhibits will be available for public viewing and TxDOT representatives will be on-hand to discuss the development process and answer questions. Forms will be provided in order to receive written comments. All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

For additional information, please go to www.txdot.gov/public_involvement/utp.htm or call the toll-free information line at (800) 687-8108.

Written comments may be submitted on the UTP website at: www.txdot.gov, using search engine keyword: 2012 UTP; by email at: FIN_UTP@txdot.gov; or by mail to: David Plutowski, P.E., UTP Engineer 150 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas, 78704. Public comments will be received until March 3, 2011.

Persons with special communication or accommodation needs may call David Plutowski at (512) 486-5043 for assistance. Requests should be made no later than three days prior to the meeting. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate needs.

Knox City Houndettes 3-0 in District Play

Tamara Smart

The last two weeks have been very profitable for the Knox City Houndette basketball team. Last Tuesday, January 11 Knox City beat Chillicothe at Chillicothe 35-31. This win was only possible with the high scoring efforts of Cassidy Carter, who alone was responsible for 8 of those points illuminating the scoreboard. Chastity Tolsen and Lacey Piece also put up a number of points, each scoring 7 toward the win. Reagan Clark earned 6 points and Camille Ward won 3. The KC high School rising star, freshman Cassandra Ledesma gained 3 points on the finally tally, making this the second win for the girls during this district

tournament.

The Houndettes hit the court again on Friday in the Knox City lair, this time taking on Harrold. The final core of that game left the Houndettes overcoming the Harrold Hornets by 19 points, a final score 47-18. Lacey Pierce was again essential toward this victory, putting the ball in the hole for a total of 15 points, followed by Chastity Tolsen who brought home 11 points. Reagan Clark had 8 points; Cassidy Carter cleared 6 points and again, freshman, Cassandra Ledesma held her own, earning 4 points in the game.

The Houndettes are undefeated in district play with a record of 3-0, and they are 9-8 on the season.

O'Brien Lady Bulldogs beat Harold Hornets

Tamara Smart

On January 17, the Harrold Jr. High basketball team saw defeat as the O'Brien Lady Bulldogs brought home a win for the Jr. High. The final score after the battle left the illuminated point tally as 43-21. Andrea Lynn was the high scorer in the game with 9 points, closely followed by Leighton Pepper who earned 8. Kinsley Cox scored 6 points; Kaylee Steele, Jordan

Eaton, and Joanna Trevino all gained 4 points each. Shaylee Manning and Marley Steele also were essential in the win, both bringing home 3 points, and Jessica Wilborn scored 2.

The Lady Bulldogs are 6-3 on the season and 5-2 in district play.

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CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Lubbock

Contract 6221-75-001 for TOTAL REST AREA MAINTENANCE, OPERATIONS AND REPAIR in CROSBY County, etc will be opened on February 09, 2011 at 1:00 pm at the State Office for an estimate of \$3,936,000.00. All prospective bidders are encouraged to attend the pre-bid conference for Contract 6221-75-001 to be held on January 25, 2011 at 2:00 pm at the 150 EAST RIVERSIDE DR, ROOM 1B.1, AUSTIN TX.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.
NPO: 35192

State Office

Constr./Maint. Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540

Dist/Div Office(s)

Lubbock District
District Engineer
135 Slaton
Lubbock, Texas 79408-0771
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BENJAMIN NEWS

By Gladene Green

We are finally coming out of that deep freeze that held us in it's grip so many days last week. And according to the TV, we may be in for more cold (and maybe wet) weather the last of this week. We surely do need the moisture. The wheat is suffering from the dry weather. Maybe we will get some rain, snow or some form of wet stuff before long. Let's hope so.

It's been pretty quiet over this way the past week or so. Guess everyone is still resting up from Christmas and New Year's. Basketball is going on as usual. We've played Harrold and Crowell the last two games. Though both times Benjamin suffered the loss, we don't complain. With the limited amount of players we have, I think we do well. Matter of fact, on Friday night, against Crowell, our kids finished the game with 3 players (the other kids had fouled out) and only lost by 7 points. Pretty good, I'd say.

Here 'N There

Charles and Linda Griffith were in Austin for Charles to attend some schooling prepspring him for his new duties as commissioner of Precinct 2. Linda just had a week to do "just as she pleased".

And I'm sure she enjoyed doing just that.

Kenneth Struck and his son, Kenny, who live in Oklahoma, visited their Aunt, Earlene Meinzer on Friday.

Karson and Sharon Bivens of Tatum, N.M. were here again this past weekend, doing some work on his mom and dad's (the late Leon and Olga Bivens) house.

Gilbert Navarez and Will Moorhouse who are attending TSTI in Sweetwater were home for the weekend.

Get Together Planned

The three Benjamin churches are planning a treat for the folks of the community. On Sunday, February 13, we will be having a Valentine Dinner and a short program. The food will be furnished so all you need to do is be there with an appetite and we'll take care of the rest. It will be a way for everyone to get together for an evening of food, fun and fellowship. It will begin about 6 p.m. at the community center- Also if you desire there will be babysitters available at the Baptist Parsonage. Mark your calendars and plan to join us for this "looked-forward-to" evening.

Alzheimer's Support Group Meets Jan. 24

The Haskell County Alzheimer's Support Group will meet on Monday, January 24 at the Haskell County Extension Office located at 101 S. Avenue D in Haskell. The one hour meeting will begin at 3:00 p.m. Caregivers, family members and friends of individuals with Alzheimer's or a related dementia, should consider attending this meeting that is open to anyone in Haskell County or the surrounding area.

The support group meets the 4th Monday of every month from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The monthly meetings offer a confidential environment where participants can share

their concerns, support each other, and learn ways to cope with the challenges associated with long-term caregiving.

For more information you may contact Jane Rowan, County Extension Agent/FCS at (940) 864-2546 or Alzheimer's Association

North Central Texas Chapter at (325) 672-2907 or 1-800-272-3900.

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Separate sealed bids for the construction of **IRRIGATION IMPROVEMENTS** will be received by the **CITY OF MUNDAY, TEXAS** until 1:00 P.M., January 20, 2011, at City Hall, 121 E. Main Street, Munday, Texas 76371 and then at said location publicly opened and read aloud. This project consists of installing a center pivot system, floating irrigation pump, electrical and piping to the pivot.

The Contract Documents, consisting of Advertisement for Bids, Information for Bidders, Bid Proposal, Bid Bond, Contract, Performance and Payment Bonds, General Conditions, Notice of Award, Notice to Proceed, Plans, Specifications, Wage Rate Determination, Addenda (if any) and Project Contracting and compliance Provisions may be examined at the following location:

JACOB & MARTIN, LTD., Consulting Engineers
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Bids will not be received from contractors who have not obtained original plans and specifications from Jacob & Martin. Bids shall be submitted on original documents and the entire specification book must be returned with bid. No faxes or copies of bid sheets will be accepted.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities and to reject any or all bids. Bids may be held by the Owner for a period not to exceed 60 days from the date of bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the qualifications of Bidders prior to awarding of the contract.

Copies of the Contract Documents and plans may be obtained from Jacob & Martin, Ltd., 3465 Curry Lane, Abilene, Texas 79606 (325-695-1070), upon payment of \$40.00 (non-refundable) for each set. Checks should be made to the order of Jacob & Martin, Ltd.

A certified check or bank draft, payable to the order of the City of Munday negotiable U.S. Government bonds (at par value) or a satisfactory Bid Bond executed by the Bidder and an acceptable surety in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid shall be submitted with each bid.

Bidder's attention is called to the fact that not less than the federally determined prevailing wage rate, as issued by the Texas Department of Rural Affairs and as set forth in the Contract Documents, must be paid on this project, and that the Contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Adherence to the grant recipient's Section 3 Policy is required for contracts and subcontracts in excess of \$100,000.00

CITY OF MUNDAY, TEXAS

By: Buddy Norville
Mayor

Date: January 5, 2011

Thanks for reading!

MUNDAY

For every offender captured through this database service, a \$30 fee will be charged. From that \$30 fee, the state collects \$20, OmniBase base gets \$6, and the City reaps \$4 of the fine.

According to the literature behind the OmniBase creation, "The FTA program is the result of a significant loss of revenue caused by violators. The intent of this program is toward a system that requires the violator

to appear before the originating court or a final disposition." Through this program, an estimated 95% to 98% of the FTA offenders will be forced to comply with the political subdivisions that contract with the OmniBase program.

It is currently estimated that as few as 25% of the warrants issued are brought to final deposition. That means that over one and three quarter million offenders are not brought to justice.

Along with endorsing the OmniBase program in Monday, the City Council also approved the Police Department to subscribe to a program known as CopSync. CopSync allows different DPS groups to contract with each other and be able to communicate through a laptop system placed in each of their vehicles. The program allows those DPS groups to correspond in such matters as high-speed chases, accidents, offense reports. The system can show a map of the entire state of Texas and be able to show pictures of incidents to which the DPS group is responding. This system will cost \$500 for the next 5 years, after which, the council will have to consider renewal.

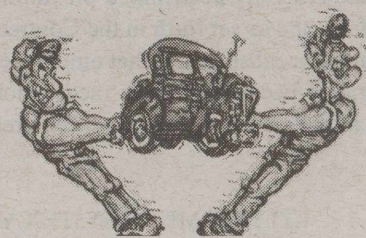


Tuesday, Jan. 25
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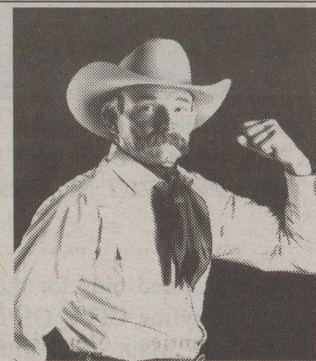
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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

by Baxter Black,
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HEADIN' AND HEELIN' ON THE HIGH PLAINS

Imagine the header clinging to the rack on the back of a flat-bed, chasing a cow across the high plains of Colorado with the hazer banging along beside him in a quarter-ton Ranger with a vet-box in the bed. Cowboy stories are about wrecks; horse wrecks, cow wrecks, dog wrecks, financial wrecks, Tyranosaurus Wrex, and flat-bed, mad cow, Ranger-with-a-vet-box-in-the-bed, wrecks!

Rancher Tom had Dr. Stan-the-Man out to his place. Whilst there, they spotted a cow with a big lump on her jaw.

"Better lance it," suggested Doc to Tom, "Ya never know." It was getting late, no way to gather the bunch. "Just rope her" said Doc.

Tom put his son, Junior, in the back of the flat-bed. Son had been roping since high school and Dad figured maybe he could reap some payback for all the miles, horses and entry fees it had cost haulin' him to junior rodeos since he was 12!

Tom got the cow runnin' down the tracks of the feed wagon. Junior was leanin' out like a flag pole on the Titanic! The deck rocked violently as Tom swerved and slid to stay on the left side of the cow. In one wild lunge, when the flat-bed hit a dip and came off the ground, Junior threw his loop! "A beeyootiful catch!" thought Tom, as he turned off and watched the slack go out of the rope.

Back on the deck Junior realized he had about as much control of the situation as he would have ropin' a doggin' steer off a bareback bronc...no place to dally!

They regrouped. "I'll try and run over the draggin' rope with a tire!" said Tom.

Junior clambered back on the flat-bed and Dr. Stan lined up on Tom's right side. Across the plains they flew! Tom chased that rope, duckin' and divin', sluicing and careening in hot pursuit like a pinball machine gone haywire!

The cow reached a cross fence and turned in front of the flat-bed. Tom's right front tire caught the rope at the same time that Dr. Stan, who was hazing, hit the fence, cutting off her escape!

It took several minutes to heel the cow, restrain her and untangle Doc's windshield wipers, side mirrors and antennae from the bob wire. They congratulated themselves for the great job, as only cowboys would do after such a successful wreck. Oh, and the abscess popped itself in the collision, so lancing was not necessary. Talk about efficient! They all took credit, of course, and Doc sent'em a bill for consulting and navigation.



It's official. Recess is a good thing.

No, I'm not talking about the courtroom kind, although anybody who's ever been on a jury knows that the greatest words spoken during long and tedious trials come from the bench:

"We're going to recess now for ... minutes."

When it comes to judges' decisions, that one's always my favorite. It's not just because I'm always ready for a break but also because the word "recess," whatever the setting, always makes me think of my favorite kind of recess – the grade school kind.

Until recently, the jury apparently was still out on the benefits of recess for school kids. But newly reported research confirms that children suffer from being cooped up in the classroom all day. I could have told them that when I was 6. Indeed, a child interviewed in the study said that without recess he would be spending all his classroom time fidgeting and planning what to do upon release. Honest kid.

One research finding said children who enjoy recess are less likely to bully others. Hmmm. Maybe that's true. I don't remember any bullies at our school. There were some enjoyable fights. They happened during recess. Generally it was the same two guys. We'd make a circle around them. They'd grapple in the dirt. Then a teacher would break it up. But they weren't bullies. I think they just liked to fight.

Punishment in grade school was missing recess – a sobering experience. It

happened to me once. There I sat at my desk, gazing fixedly at the erasers resting on the blackboard tray, which wasn't as bad as it sounds. The backs of the erasers sported construction paper designs. But it was still pretty bad.

When I grew up and got a job, I discovered the adult equivalent of recess was the coffee break. We took two – one in the morning and one in the afternoon. We solved world problems on break, if only verbally, and otherwise talked mostly about restaurants. The place was New Orleans. That's what everybody talks about in New Orleans. Restaurants.

Coffee breaks of that caliber exist no more inasmuch as we were integrated. We had smokers and non-smokers.

A friend of mine believes the world's most interesting people are smokers. She's herself crosses the line, switching back and forth between smoking and not, so that makes her an expert. I rather suspect she's got it all figured out.

Or maybe not.

But it did seem to me back then that the smokers made the keenest observations and enjoyed breaks the most, puffing on their brands of choice as the delicate blue smoke rose above their heads. Secondhand smoke didn't bother me so much then. I just stayed below the cloud.

Now we are a nation riven, and even though I wouldn't have it any other way, it still strikes me as sad that we can't all take our coffee breaks together.

Kids, enjoy your friends at recess while you can. Someday you'll be divided.

ROBOT

deserving Knox City High School student to return to school for this spring semester – virtually using a Vgo.

Lyndon, a freshman has a rare medical condition, Polycystic Kidney Disease that required a kidney transplant prior to his ever being able to attend a regular classroom back when he was 7 years old. His prior education was provided by the school's special education Shared Service Arrangement homebound programming. Following a successful transplant, he was able to attend the public schools until last year when he began having symptoms of transplant rejection. Doctors ordered him to go back to a homebound setting as his immune system has become severely suppressed. Although the school has provided staff to go out and instruct him on a limited schedule, a large portion of the responsibility fell heavily on his parents.

The Haskell-Knox Shared Service Arrangement, provider of special education for the member district, Knox City-O'Brien CISD was intent on getting some type of technology in place. It was needed so that Lyndon could stay up with the instruction his peers were receiving. Several attempts with different types of assistive technology were considered, tried or failed to get the desired results. Then in December, H-KSSA's Director, Jeanne Snyder contacted Mike Campbell, a consultant with Region 9's Educational Service Center in Wichita Falls, Texas. After explaining the need for the student to get classroom lectures and notes, Mike agreed to come

out and consult.

A sales rep visited Mike the following day and asked to show him a new technological piece of equipment he had with him. It was a Vgo. This robot is a new invention from a small town company in New Hampshire that fit the needs of a boy in a small town in Texas to a "T"! So quickly things fell into place. In less than a month the Vgo is located on the High School Campus, but the student can be anywhere – his presence is transmitted and controlled using his laptop computer. The robot has wheels so Lyndon can drive down the hallways and into classroom. It has a monitor that shows Lyndon's face and speakers to project his voice as he converses. In turn the camera allows him to "see and hear" what the other students are experiencing. He can interact as if he was there. All this is from his secure environment whether it is home or the hospital or wherever his current location may be so long as he can access the internet.

Last Tuesday, he was allowed to try it out for the first time. The biggest obstacle was having Lyndon find classrooms in a building where he's never attended class. Once a map of the building was prepared for him he has had no problems getting from class to class to the docking station where his "robotic self" recharges until the next time he needs to attend.

"You cannot imagine the empowerment and social life it has given back to this student and his family," reports Snyder. He is now able to take notes in science class and observe

labs as they take place. He is also able to joke with classmates and faculty. Last week Lyndon joked about one of the drawbacks of the system, when a coach asked him if he wanted a door opened. "Yeah, I don't have any arms!" replied a smiling Lyndon as the classroom door was opened for the robot to go through. Students, staff and others freely respond to the Vgo as if it is the actual teenager. Lyndon now experience the classroom firsthand while responding directly. One of his teachers explained that the student body has readily accepted the virtual student, and studying Shakespeare lends itself so much easier with participation in class discussions.

Lyndon's mother may have summed it up best when she reports: "the Vgo has integrated Lyndon back into the classroom where he is able to participate in classroom discussions and activities as if he were physically there. Most importantly, the Vgo has given back his daily socialization that illness has taken away. It allows him to interact with his peers in the classroom, and hallways and it opens up a whole new world of opportunities for him. Vgo has given him a reason to get up in the mornings so he can go to school. I wish everyone was as excited about school as Lyndon."

What next? Lyndon is interested in participating in extracurricular activities, band, stock shows and more. Who knows? He is sure to have many more doors opened for him.

H-KSSA provides specially designed

instruction and services to those eligible under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA, part B) a federally funded special education program. Member districts include five rural school districts in Haskell and Knox Counties – Benjamin ISD, Knox City-O'Brien CISD, Munday ISD, Paint Creek ISD and Rule ISD. Haskell-Knox was the first rural group of schools in Texas to join together as a consortium in order to pool resources to meet the needs of students in special education starting in 1971. This original pilot project continues to succeed 40 years later.

Knox City – O'Brien CISD provides public education to students in these North Central Texas rural communities. Located in both Knox and Haskell counties, these Pre-K through 12th grade schools are a recognized district by the Texas Education Agency. Students are encouraged to excel in all they do, whether they are enrolled in the elementary, middle, or high school. KC-O'B pupils have demonstrated excellence with academics, athletics and other initiatives.

Vgo Communications, Inc. develops and markets visual communications solutions for the workplace. Based in Nashua, NH, just north of Boston, MA, Vgo Communications is leveraging the recent trends of widespread wireless high-speed networks, lower specialized component costs and the universal acceptance of video as a communications medium to deliver solutions to a new market category called "Robotic Telepresence".

LOOKING AHEAD

the Knox County Visioning Committee will hold an Issue Identification Forum on Monday, January 24, 2011 at 6:00 PM at the Perry Patton Community Center, 131 West Main, Munday, TX, to assist local Extension Agents and the Knox County Visioning Committee in identifying the most critical issues affecting our local citizens in Knox County.

The Knox County Stock Show is scheduled to take place on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 21 and 22. It will take place at the Munday Show Barn in Munday.

SAMMIE

We pray that the new year will bring them a better year for Alfredo, his wife, and their family.

Saturday morning another fire broke out on North 4th and Ave G. The whole home didn't catch fire, but enough to have damage for the owner. I wonder now if metal roofs are such a good idea, because the metal roof on this house kept the fire hot on both sides for a long time.

Well, I spoke to Glenda

Sunday, February 6th will mark the annual barbeque and fundraiser at Benjamin, TX, for the Wichita Brazos Museum, 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M., at the Benjamin Memorial Building. At the meal will consist of the usual brisket and sausage, turkey, deviled eggs, pinto beans, onions and pickles, and "homemade potato salad", coleslaw, and desserts. Silent Auction to follow

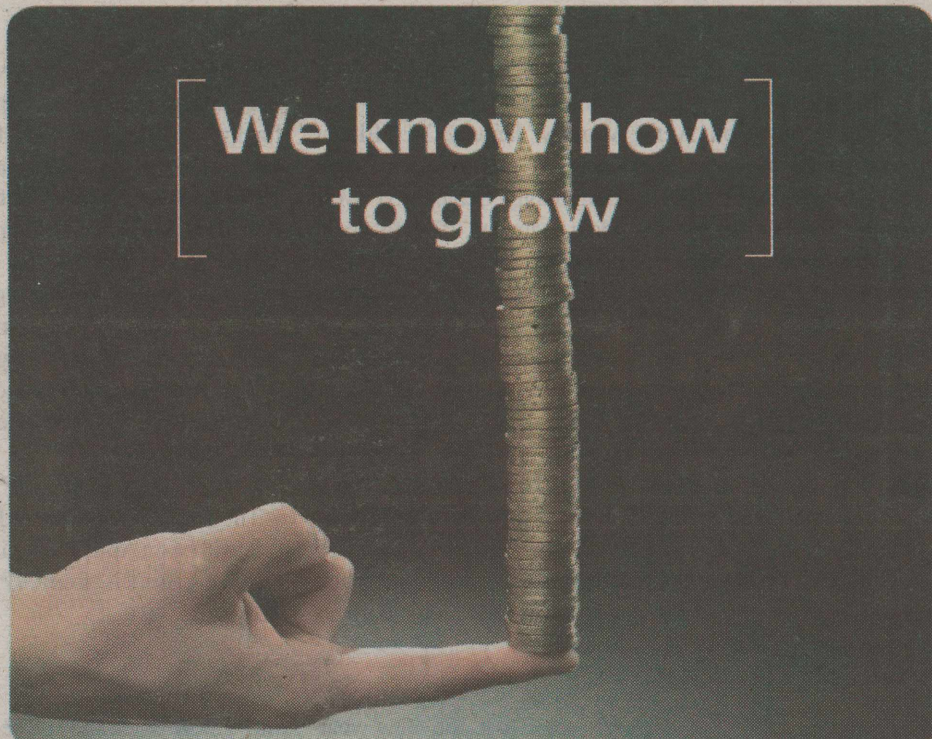
The Haskell/Knox Relay for Life will be on April 1 at Indian Field in Haskell from 7PM until 7AM.

and she said Danny Reece was still having to do chemo, but our thoughts and prayers are that all this will be gone soon. Not just for Danny, but for everyone who is battling some kind of sickness.

Well, it's Monday morning and all the talk is about the Arizona shooting and the missing Colorado City girl. Please be careful and protect your families.

God Bless our troops and all of us.

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Knox City Local Stock Show Results

(Swine)

Chester White

Kinlee Eaton- 1st place
(Breed Champion)

Duroc

Matthew Jimenez- 1st place
(Breed Champion)
Kaetlin Ledesma- 2nd place
(Reserve Champion)
Preston Lynn- 3rd Place
LaQuita Roberson- 4th Place

Hampshire Lt. Wt.

Tylynne Eaton- 1st Place
(Breed Champion)
John Cross Utley- 2nd
Krystable Vasquez- 3rd Place
Skylin Ledesma- 4th Place
Reylee Ledesma- 5th Place
Sheldon Baty- 6th Place

Heavy Wt. Hampshire

Denise Havner- 1st Place
(Reserve Breed Champion)
Saige Turner- 2nd Place
Cheyenne Roberson- 3rd
Place
Weldon Fitzgerald- 4th Place
Landon Lynn- 5th Place

Poland

Laura Mayberry- 1st Place
(Breed Champion)
Chance Baty- 2nd Place
(Reserve Breed Champion)

Spot

Skylin Ledesma- 1st Place
(Breed Champion)
Laura Mayberry (Reserve
Breed Champion)
Whitney Collins-3rd Place

York

Austin Valimont- 1st Place
(Breed-Champion)
Rachel Rodriguez- 2^{ns} Place
(Reserve Breed Champion)
Rebecca Rodriguez- 3rd
Place

Lt. Wt. Cross

John Cross Utley- 1st Place
Reylee Ledesma- 2nd Place
Ashton "Boo" Pepper- 3rd
Place
Melissa Rogers- 4th Place

Heavy Wt. Cross

Kaetlin Ledesma- 1st Place
(Breed Champion)

Tanna Moeller- 2nd Place
(Reserve Breed Champion)
Seirra Boyd- 3rd Place
Alexia Jimenez- 4th Place

Overall Champion Swine-

Tylynne Eaton (Lt. Wt.
Hamp.)
Overall Reserve
Kaetlin Ledesma (Heavy
Wt. Cross)

(Goats)

Lt Wt Goats

Bradyn Durham- 1st Place
Bradyn Durham-- 2nd Place
Bradyn Durham- 3rd Place

Heavy Wt. Market Goats

Carson Lewis- 1st Place
(Breed Champion) (Overall
Champion)
Carson Lewis- 2nd Place
(Reserve Breed Champion
(Overall Reserve)

Jr. Showmanship-

Alexia Jimenez

Sr. Showmanship-

Austin Valimont

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