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Rural Water Development Becomes Possible Reality

By Sherry Reid

A group of very determined area residents met Monday evening, Nov. 7, to discuss... water! How often do we even consider ... water?

Most of us go to our kitchens, turn a faucet, and voila, water comes forth. Even warm or hot water if that's what we need. We can even go into our bathrooms, turn a faucet or two and have cascades of water for a nice shower, or plain ol' running water to wash our hands.

When we think of people who live without easy access to water, we probably think of a foreign country. But it may be surprising to learn that we have rural neighbors who must haul water to their homes and for their cattle.

One such family is Brittany and Justin Coker who live west of Knox City and must haul water to their home every week. This trek has taken place for more than

a year.

Brittany, the fuel behind this monstrous endeavor, inspired her husband Justin to join her in doing something about their predicament of being in love with their home and area, but looking at a bleak future there without water!

The first major step was consulting a professional who could analyze the situation and advise them whether to proceed or give it up. Kirt Harle of Jacob & Martin Consulting Engineers out of Abilene, Texas was the professional.

Harle conducted a feasibility study free of charge for Brittany and Justin, which resulted in a "green light" to try and make their dream of having water a reality. After many discussions with family, friends and anyone affected by water problems, Brittany walked into the *Knox County News* office with a time and

place set up for this dreamed about meeting.

Last Monday evening, much to this young couple's surprise, 35 to 40 concerned and interested residents

pulled into the parking lot and embarked on this journey with Brittany and Justin. They were so grateful for everyone who came, joined in the discussions,

and became an integral part of putting wings to this endeavor. The "how to go about it" was guided not

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Chelsea's Gift!

By Sherry Reid

Before the Benefit Luncheon for Dionisia Estrada last month, a local resident named Billy Lerma came into the office of the *Knox County News* one morning and told this editor an amazing story about his little granddaughter, Chelsea Casterano. It seems that nine year old Chelsea had a rather "burning" desire to collect money for "cancer". Mr. Lerma went on to explain that she couldn't eat, was so excited, just wanted to do something "for cancer".

Her idea was to buy a poster board, put squares on it and sell the squares for



Mayor Jeff Stanfield and Chelsea Casterano

Looking Ahead

STATE & COUNTY SWINE VALIDATION will be held Sunday, November 13th at the Knox City Ag farm from 1-5pm and at the Munday Ag Farm from 1-5 on Sunday Nov. 20th.

ANNUAL KNOX CITY FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH BAZAAR will take place Sat., Nov. 12th from 9am to 1pm. Don't miss the THIS 'N THAT ROOM filled with crosses, pillows
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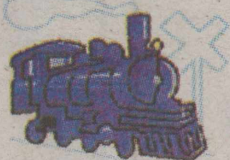


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(Knox City, Texas) – November 04, 2011 – Knox County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director, John Rector, urges producers who want to purchase coverage through the Noninsurable Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) to do so before the sales closing date of December 1, 2011.

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

The following crops have a NAP application closing date of Dec. 1, 2011: grazing and forage/hay on native and improved grass,

honey, potatoes, radishes, grapes and caneberries.

“Purchasing a crop insurance policy is an easy way for producers to practice risk management,” said Rector. “The 2011 crop year has proved that natural disasters can directly affect the profitability and recovery of agricultural operations,” he said.

In order to meet eligibility requirements for NAP, crops must be noninsurable, commercially-produced agricultural commodity crops for which the catastrophic risk protection level of crop insurance is not available.

In the event of a natural disaster, NAP covers the amount of loss greater than

50 percent of the expected production based on the approved yield and reported acreage

Eligible producers can apply for coverage using form CCC-471, “Application for Coverage.” Producers must file the application and service fee by the Dec 1st deadline. The service fee is the lesser of

\$250.00 per crop or \$750 per producer per administrative county, not to exceed a total of \$1,875 for a producer with farming interest in multiple counties.

For more information on sales closing dates and NAP, contact the Knox County FSA office at (940)658-3537.

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BURN BAN LIFTED

KNOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS’ COURT ORDER

LIFTING THE SEPTEMBER 12TH, 2011 ORDER RESTRICTING OUTDOOR BURNING AND AMENDED ASSOCIATED PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS.

During the Special Called Meeting of the Commissioners’ Court of Knox County

Texas on November 4th, 2011, there came for consideration an order lifting the Order Restricting Outdoor Burning (Burn Ban) issued on September 12th, 2011. It is requested that you call 911 and notify them of any control burn that you may have. This is for safety reasons and to reserve resources.

Pursuant to 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, the Knox County Commission-

ers’ Court hereby lifts the Burn Ban due to rain that has been received throughout the county the last couple of weeks. There is adequate moisture and the vegetation is green, making the chance of fire a low risk.

The purposes of this order is the lifting of the burn ban that was established for the mitigation of the public safety hazard posed by wildfires during the current drought and severe weather conditions by restricting use of combustible materials.

Approved and so ordered this the 4th day of November 2011.

Thanksgiving

Early Deadlines

To insure our readers receive their Knox County News before the Thanksgiving holiday and so our staff can enjoy Thanksgiving with their families we will have early deadlines for the Thanksgiving week issue.

Nov. 23rd issue

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Survivors: Husband, Robert E. Merton; daughter, Carley A. Merton; son, Matthew W. Merton and wife, Tabitha; sister, Sheri-Lynn Shelton and partner, Brent A. Alexander; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Thanks for reading!

IGNITION YOUTH CONFERENCE

By Paul Wright

Ignition Youth conference is a one day youth conference held in communities for the sole purpose of reaching young people for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It includes intense worship along with 3 opportunities for the youth to hear 3 different speakers. In addition to the worship and messages, the youth will also have a chance

to be involved in 3 break-out sessions which will deal with real life issues. This FREE conference will also include a "Prayer Walk".

This month Ignition Youth Conference will be held in Stamford Texas at Common Ground, 219 South Swenson St., Saturday, November 12, 2011, from 10:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

We would like to take this

time to invite you along with your youth groups to come worship and embrace the Power of God as He moves among us during this time. Let's lift up the name of Jesus together as One Body with many parts.

For more information, please contact: Paul Wright @325-370-6378, Terri Spalding @325-370-5079 or Shan Newton @325-642-3136.

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The tradition of beginning Veterans Day programs at 11:00 A.M. comes from the historic final day of World War I. On November 11, 1918 it was declared that all fighting would stop on all fronts at 11:00 A.M. World War I ended and on Veterans Day, Americans celebrate not only the ending of WWI, but also the peace that ends any military conflict, and honors the brave men who have fought for our freedom.

Following the program there will be a hamburger meal served at the Benjamin Ex-Students building. The program and meal have become a reunion time for many veterans. If you know a veteran you might ask if he, or she, would like a ride to the celebration with you, since many of our WWII Veterans no longer drive much.

The Museum will be open from 9 to 11 A.M. and 12 to 2 P.M. for viewing the Veterans History display and searching through the Knox County Veterans Albums for information about friends and family members.

For more information, contact the KCHC office at the Museum, at (940) 459-2229 or by e-mail, kchc@srcaccess.net.

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11/02	42	71	
11/03	32	57	
11/04	29	65	
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God's Promises

TEAM-WORK

It's NOT about ME – It's about God and God's TEAM!

By Tom Carter

I have been reflecting the past few days on the Knox City Houndettes volleyball match with the Memphis Lady Cyclones. Watching those young ladies struggle thru those three sets each in a resounding loss, I noticed how there was too much individuality or individualness, than team cohesion. For the greater part each player had THEIR space and position to play, yet too many times, it appeared their feet were glued to the floor and they could not (or would not) respond to the ball in play. The Lady Cyclones were most observant finding the open places in the Houndette defense as FORMIDABLE targets. From my perspective, had the Houndettes seized the opportunity to place as a TEAM rather than INDIVIDUALS they would have quite possibly had better success and even won.

As I have thought on this perspective in relation to our (yours and my) journey with Christ and serving within the church, how much of the time do we take this same INDIVIDUAL attitude, rather than trying to become part

of the TEAM and serve as part of the TEAM? This plays right along with what Pastor Gary Schnable discussed last week, in what is done in private. When we are serving as part of the TEAM and allow the TEAM to get any recognition, rather than trying to be noticed or recognized for our individual service, God gets the glory. And, rightly so, for it is not about me, and it is all about GOD, YAHWEH GOD!

This comes back to the passage of scripture found in Jesus prayer found in the gospel of John; *"I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them"* (17:9-10, NRSV). And, *"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as*

we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you loved me" (John 17:20-23, NRSV).

This same circumstance and situation applies to the local church. We are all called to be the church, that "body of Christ" in the world. When the people forming the church can come together and work as a harmonious unit, a TEAM, then more is accomplished, Christ is glorified, and the kingdom grows. It is not about ME, it is not about what ONE PERSON or INDIVIDUAL is doing, it is about what the TEAM is doing. Jesus sent the disciples out in pairs, in twos, for more can be accomplished by teams than by individuals. Serving the LORD is a TEAM effort, not an individual effort. Just as each member

of the Houndette team had different qualities, gifts and talents to contribute to the TEAM; each member of the church has different physical and spiritual gifts and talents to offer to the TEAM to make the TEAM complete and successful. Yes the contributions of each are important, yet what is more important is how those contributions added to the contributions of the other members of the TEAM are magnified and multiplied. Too many times, I hear the comment in regards to doing church work, *"That's the preacher's job!"* Jesus never said that, and God never said that. If you are equipped to do it, then it should be YOUR job, not something to pass off on the preacher or someone else. The preacher has enough to do, without adding on more tasks and jobs. Think of it all from a TEAM perspective and this is something

WE can do as part of the TEAM. When we make it a TEAM project or effort we make it easier on everyone involved!

When our hearts are right with God, and we have Christ in the CENTER of our life, then we are more able and apt to become a TEAM participant or player. Likewise when we do things with a Christ-like attitude and desire we complete the TEAM and make for a GREATER impact.

The only person that deserves to use the BIG CAPITAL "I" is the GREAT "I AM," Yahweh God. He is the only TEAM that can be a TEAM of ONE! How-

ever, he prefers that it be a TEAM of ALL, which includes you and me!

The old saying "Win one for the Gipper" is talking about a TEAM effort! I say to you: Let's win not just one but all we can for GOD through TEAM unity and TEAM effort!

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Knox City High School Student Council to Honor Veteran's

Friday, Nov. 11, 2011, at 7:30 a.m., the KCHS Student council will host the Annual Veteran's Breakfast in the high school home making room. Any and all area veteran's are cordially invited to come and enjoy this tribute.

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HOUNDS ROLL OVER THE PIRATES

By Tracy Carter

The Greyhounds finished off the Paint Creek Pirates Friday night, to secure a playoff sport. Ryan Ledesma started the scoring with 2yd and a 30yd. touchdown run to go up 14-0 in the 1st qtr. The Hound defense kept the Pirates at bay with some nice tackles by Jarek Wilde, Kyle Harrington and Ledesma. In the 2nd qtr. of action, Ledesma once again found the end zone on a terrific 45yd. TD run. JV running back Isreal Rodriguez

would later take it to the house on a nice 30yd TD score to put the Hounds up 30-0. Tylynne Eaton then made 2 great plays on defense with an interception and a fumble recovery. Also in on the defensive action were Blake Jones and Heath Welch on some great pass rushes. Jose Espinal came in at QB and threw a 30yd TD pass to Ledesma, to put the halftime score 38-0 in favor of the Hounds. Starting the 3rd qtr. the Hounds forced the Pirates to pump and

Josh Schnable would demonstrate his speed & quickness on a 50yd touchdown return. With T.J. Moore's 5th PAT kick on the night, the game would end on the mercy rule 46-0. The Hounds will now head into the playoffs for the 2nd year in a row and will face Zephyr, Friday night @ Trent.

It should be a great game, s come out and watch the home town Hounds get the win and lets keep the "Greyhound Express" rolling!

BULLDOGS KNOCKOUT THE PIRATES

The O'Brien Bulldogs took down the Paint Creek Pirates last Thursday night, playing @ Greyhound stadium under the cameras of ESPN sports. The Bulldogs played an excel-

lent game with some great touchdowns by Jacoby Thomas, Anthony Estrada, Payne Stanfield and some fine plays by Sheldon Baty, Alfredo Martinez, Sam Schnable, Angel Rodriguez

and Zack Overmyer. The final score was 41-19 in favor of the Bulldogs ending the season at 6-2. The Bulldogs had a great year with everyone stepping up and contributing throughout the season.

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Victoria Daniel (left) and Ben Elliott were crowned the 2011 Homecoming Queen and King at Northwest High School in Justin, Texas. Daniel, who is 17 years old and a senior at the school, is the daughter of Haslet, Texas, residents Richard Daniel (a graduate of KCISD) and his wife, Sherri. Miss Daniel's grandparents are Jess and Joy Holloway of Bennington, Oklahoma, Cheryl Daniel of Knox City and the late Ed Daniel.

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Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

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With some lightening in the area (Sun) and a rumble of thunder once-in-a-while, we wonder if we may be in for some rain. So far, we haven't had any, but maybe we will.

Well, it's Monday and no, we didn't get any rain last nite and wonder if we are going to get any at all out of this latest "spell". Right now, it's just a pleasant fall evening.

So good to be able to report that Charles Griffiths' surgery today went well and he should be released from the hospital in a day or so. They will probably stay in Lubbock a few days before returning home.

The latest I have heard from Chad Tolson is that he will be coming to the hospital in Knox City for further recuperation. He has come a long way and still has a lot to overcome, but he is so much more improved over the way he has been for several months that it's just great. Prayers have been answered.

Dutch Young continues to do well and seems content at the Munday Nursing Center. If you are over that way, stop in to see him. He likes company.

JR. HIGH SPORTS

The Jr. High Colts closed out the season Thurs. nite and after winning most of their games, they fell to the Jayton team by a score of 33-12 (or there about). They tell me it was a good game but just didn't end the way we

like for them to.

The football royalty was crowned during half time. Receiving the honor of Sweetheart was Kyra Solis. Hero is Elias Navarez. Both these students are 8th graders.

HERE 'N THERE

Jane Gideon was in Wichita Falls Wed. to see her doctor. She got a good report and doesn't have to go back for 3 months.

Mary Jane Young and her friend, Evelyn Cobb of Haskell returned home Wed. nite from about a ten day trip through Oklahoma, and on to Branson, Mo. They visited Evelyn's brother-in-law and his wife in Oklahoma and in Branson, attended some shows and did lots of sight seeing and just enjoyed the fall foliage. Mary said they attended church there on Sun. They had a great time and were glad to get back on familiar soil with no problems at all.

Judy Barnett, Philomae Roberson and Corrine Parrish were in Slaton Sat. for a bridal shower honoring Jenny Beth Gordon, bride-elect of Jim Bob Conner. Jim Bob and Jenny Beth plan to be married in early Dec.

Randy Barnett told us that his aunt Wynelle Holloway fell and broke her hip one day last week. She's in the hospital in Fredericksburg, where she resides and is doing o.k. Just will take time for it to mend.

Better news regarding

Andy Correll who lives in Vernon. Andy had some problem dizziness, and headaches (to mention a couple) and doctors sent him to Dallas for further tests and diagnosis. The problem was some clogged arteries to his brain and surgery was planned but somehow the arteries re-routed themselves and everything cleared up. He's home now and doing o.k. Doctors told him to use good judgment in his daily activity and he should be o.k. He is the son-in-law of Gene and Olivia Gloria. That kind of news is good to report.

Colton Coldwell, student at North Texas State in Denton, visited his mom, Lana and family and grandparents, Weldon Gideon and Jane Gideon during the weekend.

The annual Thanksgiving dinner and program will be Wed. evening, Nov. 16, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Come one and all. The covered dish meal will precede the program. The event will be, as always, in the Ex-Student Building.

I congratulate the Mighty, Mighty Moguls, their coaches and all their fans on making it to the playoffs. And may you continue to bring home those victories.

And also congratulations to the Knox City Greyhounds. They, too, are in the playoffs. We also wish you all well as you continue to pay. To have both teams in the county in the playoffs is quite an accomplishment!

LOCAL GROUP SHARES TRAVEL

HIGHLIGHTS

By Kay Denton

On October 13, 2011, AP and Kay Denton, David and Gay Denton, Lou Denton Vail and Joe Ann Stapp flew from DFW Airport to Ft. Lauderdale, FL, where we got aboard the Holland American Statendam cruise ship for a trip through the Panama Canal. While waiting to get aboard, we ran into some home folks—Charlie and Cindy Stenholm. Charles and I were classmates at Stamford High School. The Stenholms were waiting to board another ship for a shorter trip.

Our first stop was Oranjestad, Aruba. Yes, we drove right by where Natalie Holloway was last seen at her hotel. We saw the lighthouse and the beaches were so pretty. On October 19 we got to the Panama Canal. It took all day to go through the three locks. The locks were so narrow there was very little room on each

side of the ship. The locks are run by the Chinese, and new, wider locks will open next year. Our ship went under the American Bridge which is the road that goes from the tip of Chile all the way to Alaska. The next port was Puerto Caldera, Costa Rica, where we visited a coffee plantation. Then we stopped at



Pictured left to right while waiting to disembark the Statendam: Joe Ann Stapp, Lou Vail, AP Denton, Jr., David Denton, Kay Denton and Gay Denton.

Huatulco, Mexico, a very small town with 36 beaches, lots of hotels, no crime and very clean. Cabo San Lucas, Baja California, was also a beautiful resort town with good shopping. David and Gay went to the desert and rode a camel along the beach. On October 28 we landed in San Diego, CA, where we disembarked and took a tour of the beautiful city. Our group was joined by AP's daughter, Pattie, and her husband, Ron Crawforth for a nice visit. Lat-

er that day we flew back to DFW. The total distance of the cruise was 4614 miles. We all agreed it was a very nice trip.

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Well, thank God for another Monday and another week. My coffee morning was great. Billy Ray Morrow is awaiting his alert button from the VA clinic. If you know of someone who needs this kind of assistance, you can probably get help from Home Health Care or your doctor will know what to do to help you or one of your loved ones.

I had a great visit with "Nicha" Estrada. She was packing and getting ready

to go stay with her daughter, Diana and West and grandchildren because her chemo this next month will be more often than usual. She will have some hard side effects so that will be a better place to be. Of course, her brother and sisters and all her nieces and nephews have been so helpful. She is so well taken care of, but keep her in your prayers. The doctor said this was a new chemo and she wouldn't lose her hair, so she was glad about that. I give all of you an A+ because you've been so great

including Mark. God bless you guys.

Our weather here in Knox City has turned a little cool and please protect yourself from the winter flu and colds because they are already touching some of our loved ones. Please, if you do get sick, try to stay home and take good care of yourselves. If you take care of someone or do home health, make sure that you get your flu shots. It's important.

Last week I talked about our food donation program. It will be working out of the Four Square Church located in the back of the church with the door to the entrance located on the west side. Hopefully we will start this next Wednesday about 5:30 - 7:30. Also the donations will come from the sacks of groceries that were donated through people or organizations to Lawrence Bros. We ask that helpers provide groceries for the holidays for the less fortunate. You can't imagine how many you will provide a wonderful holiday for. If you are homebound, please call me and I will make sure you receive some groceries. God bless all those who give to help others this holiday season.

The Abila family is doing great and progressing very well. The girls are in school and Alfredo is still having extreme therapy. Hopefully we will see great improvements in the near future. He has to have more reconstructive surgeries so hope that all goes well. Amanda has been in our prayers that all will go well. Linda and Wesley have been at their side to provide the help

they need.

Joe Rodriguez is scheduled to have hand surgery on the 11th of Nov. for more repair, but leave it to Joe. He will be ready to go soon. Those of us that know him, he won't be able to punch with his right hand for a while. Ha. Pray that all goes well.

As for me I'm just like Joe. I will be seen by my orthopedic surgeon pretty soon, but I'm in God's hands and with lots of prayer I'm hopeful it can be repaired. Wish someone could give me new hip joints because mine are giving me lots of trouble, but thank God I can still go out and try to enjoy my life with a little change of activity to my life. But that's okay. I do what I can to get by every day.

Also the news on the little angel of God's from Benjamin named Matthew is doing absolutely wonderful. His grandma works for Kathy and Jack's and her reports are great. Thank you, God.

I visited with Shelia Overmeyer about her little niece who also had a heart valve replaced in one of the children's hospitals but she is also doing great. When she reaches 4 years of age they will have to replace the valve with a larger one as she grows older.

Jame Stafford has returned home from a small set-back, but is all report everything is good as of this week.

Our deepest condolences go out to the Lloyd family for the loss of their loved one, Joyce Lloyd. She was such a wonderful lady with so much beauty in her heart.

She was always smiling to everyone she met. To Delbert and family, we love you and may God bless each of you.

Mr. Bingham, the meat market manager at Lawrence Bros., was visiting with me one day. He lost his aunt in Rule last week and we were exchanging stories about our parents and the years they lived. She was 102 years old. The love and compassion he showed in his face as he spoke of her let you know how dearly she will be missed. We will keep Mr. Bingham in our prayers.

Remember all our ACU students and faculty with prayer as they heal from the tragedy of the accident. May God bless them and may those still hospitalized have a good recovery and return to their homes and families.

This Friday marks our Veteran's Day. Please remember all your loved ones and all our troops that are still protecting our country for what we sometimes take for granted. There will be a wonderful Veteran's Day program at Benjamin, Friday, 11:00 a.m. Lunch will be available at the school cafeteria. We cannot imagine what this program must mean to any Veteran. Thank you to each and every Veteran from our hearts.

Gene Ward's wife had a health problem this past week. She is at home, recovering and taking it easy. Keep her in your prayers. Thank you, Pat, for calling me.

Billy Joe Large is also in need of our prayers. Al-

ways know we miss you in Knox City and have you in our thoughts and prayers. And Linda, take care. God is with you.

Cookie Shaver is also having a health set-back. Just know our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Sunday we got to visit with Caleb Schnable in church. He is doing good with medication and Gary and Amy are thankful for all the prayers and kindness shown. They have become "our" family not just church family, and dearly beloved friends.

Diana Casillas' mother is still in the hospital until she gets adjusted to her medications. Diana has good reports about it but like happens so often, her mother has her good days and bad days. Hopefully she will be able to return to Munday. Diana you are doing a wonderful job. May God bless you and your family as we keep each of you in our prayers.

Well, until next week, please be safe. May God bless our troops and each one of us. Sammie

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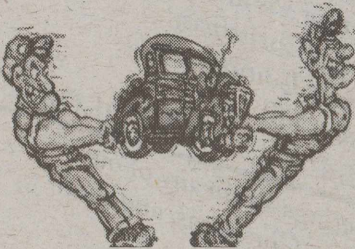
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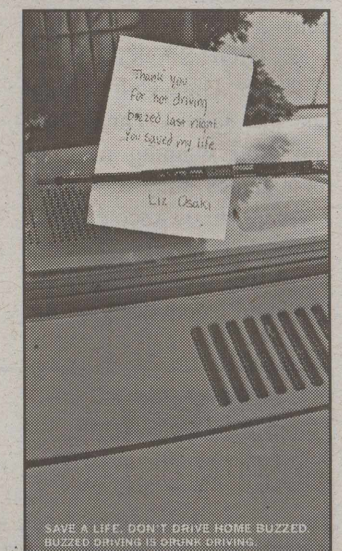
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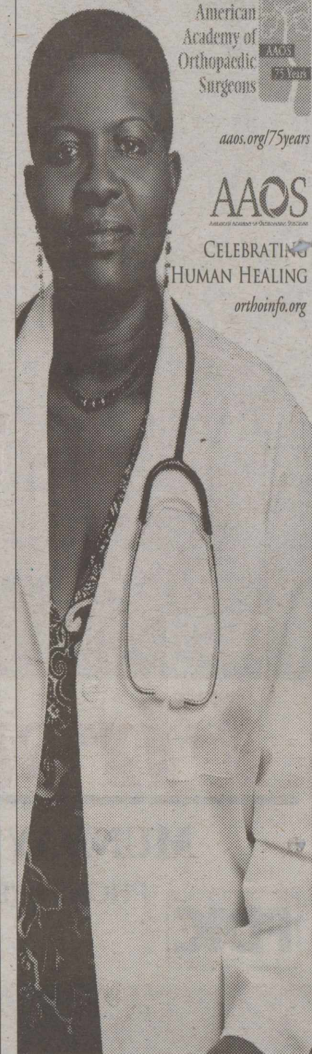
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only by Kirt Harle but also a person he has worked with for many years, Rhineland's head of the North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority, David Kueler.

Kueler was instrumental in bringing rural water to the Rhineland area, which produced 80 miles of water line. With his knowledge and experience combined with Harle's, a proposed plan was suggested for this determined Monday evening group. The initial estimated cost of constructing water lines to serve a minimum of 50 water meters west of Knox City was a million dollars! Undeterred by the cost, the

group went on to discuss possible grants and loans, in addition to how to go about obtaining them.

Finally, this breathtaking cost was "broken down" to what turned out to be a reasonable per consumer amount. Many discussions ensued throughout the evening, all constructive and in complete cooperation one with another.

Finally the question of how much water is available came up. Kueler answered that "yes, there is plenty of water available to service these original 50 meters", but went on to explain how many more meters could


be added to include those in north Knox County, then finally to include an area encircling Knox City which could result in even less cost per consumer.

Meter cost per water consumer was set at \$100.00, but this cost will have to increase in the near future. It must be emphasized that the discussions were informal, and much is ahead of them taking at least 2 to 4 years to come to fruition, perhaps even longer. But it was stated if everyone involved worked diligently together to make it happen, 2 to 4 years was a predicted possibility.

To this editor, there was an air of real determination from everyone in the meeting to see this project through to completion. This same need had been addressed in the past, but failed each time. Before the evening ended, the group voted to elect a committee of seven of those present, to immediately begin to move ahead. The seven were suggested, each accepted the position, and the committee was in place. The seven committee members are:

Brittany Coker, David Albus, Clint Jones, John Rector, Dan Godsey, Dewayne Daniel, and Jerry McCowan. Even the first step of their responsibility was outlined through discussion, and agreed upon. Finally, the meeting closed with an official title, THE KNOX COUNTY RURAL WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION. No time was wasted and "action" was the word of the evening!

The second meeting will be next Monday, Nov. 14, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the red building of Five Star Construction, 1008 East Main St. in Knox City. It was emphasized that this is a meeting open to anyone who would like to attend and are encouraged to do so. For any questions, comments or suggestions, please contact any committee member listed above. Names and phone numbers available at publication time are: Clint Jones - 940-256-0069, David Albus - 940-256-2060, Brittany or Justin Coker - 940-256-1426, Justin's cell #940-256-2790.



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