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Plans ongoing for salinity solar ponds

Truscott Brine Lake could provide electricity for AFBs, jobs for Knox

By Hanaba Munn Welch
The Knox County News-Courier

A plan to put Truscott Brine Lake saltwater to work to generate electricity isn't dead in the water.

Far from it. Things could start happening as early as May, and the eventual result could be 50 to 70 good-paying permanent jobs for Knox County and neighboring Foard County.

County Judge Travis Floyd spoke Tuesday of the status of a project backed by Good Earth Mechanics, a New Hampshire-based company with a plan to utilize the nine-acre artificial lake to create salinity-gradient solar ponds.

"Maybe you thought everything was dead," Floyd said. "It's not dead. Things are moving forward."

The mechanics of creating electricity from the solar ponds depends on a natural saltwater phenomenon. In shallow, salty lakes, such as Truscott Brine Lake, the salt on the bottom of the lake traps heat rather than letting it circulate upward via convection as it would in fresh water.

The naturally occurring heat, sometimes nearly enough to boil the water, can be utilized to generate electricity using mechanical systems that are similar to refrigeration systems — a low-cost, low-maintenance way of producing electricity once the equipment is in place. Even though Good Earth Mechanics is a private company, politics still are part of the scenario.

"That's one of the things that's slowed it down," Floyd said.

Expense is also a factor, but it hasn't stopped the project.

"It's \$500,000 just to put the application through," Floyd said. "They do have funding for that. They're ready to go."

Good Earth cannot launch the project without a long-term contract from a customer willing to buy electricity.

"They're only asking for five megawatts," Floyd said.

Sheppard Air Force Base is willing to be the customer. Buying salinity-pond electricity from Good Earth would enable Sheppard to meet its requirements for meeting a certain percentage of its energy needs with power produced from

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Moguls 48, Wellington 6

State Bound!



Terry Messer/For the News-Courier

The No. 1 Munday Moguls hoist the Semifinal trophy into the air following Munday's 48-6 victory over the No. 2 Wellington Skyrockets Friday in Wichita Falls. Munday is set for a rematch with Tenaha Thursday at noon at Cowboy's Stadium with a state title on the line.

Moguls send Skyrockets flying in semifinals

By Chris Blackburn
The Knox County News-Courier

WICHITA FALLS — For the second straight year, the Munday Moguls defeated the Wellington Skyrockets in the state semifinals to advance to the Texas Class 1A Division II State Championship against Tenaha (10-4).

"It's hard to get back to some place you've already been, especially when everyone is after you," Mogul head coach Patrick Corcoran told his players after the game. "Now, we have one job left to do."

Munday (14-0) gashed the Skyrockets (13-1) for 453 yards on the ground led by quarterback Dee Paul with 195 yards on 21 carries and fullback Tyrone Dockins with 169 yards on 11 carries.

Paul recorded touchdowns of 34 and 23 yards while Dockins score on runs of 6, 65 and 53. Perhaps Paul's most memorable run came on a two-point conversion

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Sealy steps into city manager role

By Hanaba Munn Welch
The Knox County News-Courier

BENJAMIN — Kim Sealy has a pair of muddy boots to fill. He's following Ronnie White as city manager of Benjamin.

The two worked on a water leak Friday close to downtown, both getting muddy.

"It's a one-man job here," Sealy said.

The city manager does virtually everything, in other words.

When it comes to water, it's about more than fixing leaks. Sealy must oversee both the system that supplies residents with water and also the wastewater system. White has both a waterworks license and a wastewater license, per the requirements of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the

state agency that regulates water systems and enforces environmental regulations that protect the state's water resources.

Sealy is working on getting both licenses. White, appointed to fill the City Council position vacated by Sealy when he took White's job, is helping Sealy as he learns the ins and outs of the work of city manager.

"We just traded places," Sealy said.

Sealy's previous job was manager of the nearby Spikebox Ranch, where he worked 24 years.

"I look forward to serving the citizens of Benjamin," he said.

White's role as Sealy's mentor will fade as Sealy learns the ropes and gets the required licenses from the state.

Benjamin recognized White for his years of service at a retirement party last Thursday at the Wooden Nickel in Knox City. It wasn't White's first time to quit the job. Over a 34-year period, White has been city manager off and on, spending a total of 19 years in the position.

"I told them yesterday (at the retirement party) this was the first time I hadn't been run off," White said, smiling and reporting that one councilman said, "You seen it a comin'."

But White, usually in overalls, will continue to be a presence in Benjamin.

"I volunteered to stick with them if there's anything I can do to help from now on," he said.

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Knox Notes

Events are listed free of charge for nonprofit civic organizations, schools and community events. Submit listings at least two weeks ahead of the date. Listings will run through the date of the event. Emailed submissions are preferred to kcnewscourier@gmail.com.

Christmas services

All are welcome to join members of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rhineland and Santa Rosa Catholic Church in Knox City for Christmas liturgical services. Christmas Eve services will be at 7:15 p.m. Dec. 24 at Santa Rosa in Knox City with Christmas caroling and Blessing of Lights and Manger; 7:30 p.m. Mass at Santa Rosa; 9:30 p.m. caroling and Blessing of Light and Manger at St. Joseph with 10 p.m. mass. Christmas morning services will begin with a 9 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph.

Christmas Eve service

Everyone is welcome to attend the Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service at 6 p.m. Dec. 24 at O'Brien Baptist Church, 902 Grand Central Ave. For information, contact the Rev. Lance Rogers 940-658-3553 or 658-3725.

Christmas meal outreach

Believers Chapel is sponsoring its third annual Christmas Meal Outreach designed to provide a holiday meal for any widows, shut-ins or others who have a special need on Christmas. Deliveries will be made Dec. 23 in Munday and the surrounding communities. For information, contact Shannon Waters at 940-422-4885 by Dec. 22 and leave a contact name, address and phone number.

Recycling center hours

The Munday Recycling Center is now open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursdays and 10 a.m. to noon Fridays. Plastic grocery bags are no longer being accepted. Most other recyclable materials are accepted, including No. 1 and 3 plastic containers and most electronics, including cell phones. For information, contact Cindy Zuniga at 940-445-3666

Correction

Michelle Solis Esquivel, 42, of Knox City was arraigned Nov. 28 in 50th District Court in Benjamin. Esquivel, a former county employee, has been charged for embezzling more than \$20,000 from the county's "hot check fund." A story in last week's edition was inaccurate.

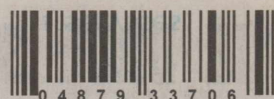
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Held by her grandmother Annelle Welch and wearing her own Moguls shirt, Aaryn Jae Urbanczyk cheers for the team at the Munday vs. Hamlin game at Abilene Wylie Stadium on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 30. Urbanczyk is said to be one of the Moguls biggest fans and has brought MHS good fortune with her attendance.

Celebrations

Guesses celebrate 70 years of marriage

Rebus and Leora Guess will celebrate a special event Dec. 31. Seventy years ago, on that date in 1942, with a little clever maneuvering, Rebus was able to secure a marriage license and precious promises were made.

Eighteen-year-old Rebus and Leora, 17, knew they wanted to marry, but things had to work out just right in order for it to happen. Transportation would be necessary, and, on this day, Rebus' dad, Rebus Guess of Mattson, was away from home with buddies, hunting deer, so his vehicle was "available."

A license was mandatory, so Rebus headed to the courthouse. But, the Haskell County official was a friend of the family and well aware Rebus had not reached the legal marrying age of 21. So, though Leora's dad, John Stiewert, had signed for her, Rebus walked out of the courthouse wondering how he could overcome this obstacle.

Standing on the north steps of the Haskell County Courthouse was another friend. Rebus stopped, exchanged some small talk, and said, "Say, how old am I anyway?"

"Well, now, I can't claim to be sure about that," answered the family friend.

"I believe I am 21. Isn't that right?" Rebus prompted.

"Yes, yes, I think that is right," was the sincere response.

"Come with me," Rebus requested and took his friend back to the clerk's office, where the friend signed an affidavit stating



Rebus was indeed 21 years old. A marriage license was issued by a smiling clerk.

Rebus and Leora went immediately to the parsonage of First Baptist Church.

Bro. Whatley usually accompanied the men on the deer-hunting trip but had stayed home this time which worked out well for the young couple. Fern Cobb and

E.L. Bassing, school friends of Rebus and Leora who themselves would later have their own wedding, happened to be passing by the parsonage and noticed the Guess car parked in front.

Suspicious of what might be going on, they stopped and knocked on the door. Bro. Whatley invited them in to be witnesses of the wedding ceremony.

After a honeymoon in Denton, where Rebus had attended college, they moved into a house on the farm, across the field from where Rebus grew up with his three brothers and six sisters at Mattson. He raised cattle and farmed for his dad.

Leora's parents had taken eggs to Trice nursery to be hatched in their incubators. John helped Rebus build a nice chicken coop and they had themselves 180 baby chicks, which provided lots of eggs to sell. In 1943, Rebus's profession changed temporarily to soldiering.

Rebus and Leora enjoyed some years living in Goree, many years in Munday, where their girls attended school, and the last 30 back in Haskell County.

Both of their daughters, Jennifer Burgess and Kim Bassett, live in Haskell. The

Guesses have been blessed to watch their six grandchildren in all their activities and contribute lots of time to their raising. They feel most fortunate to have spent the last 70 years together and give thanks to God for all his goodness toward them.

If you would like to add to their celebration, you are welcome to send a card to 705 N. Ave E, No. 5, Haskell, TX, 79521.

Deaths

James Fred Reddell Jr.



JAMES FRED REDDELL JR.

STAMFORD — James Fred Reddell Jr. 85, of Fort Worth, Texas, passed away on Thursday, December 13, 2012 in Fort Worth. Graveside services were held 2:00 p.m. Monday, December 17, 2012 in Gillespie Cemetery in Knox County with Rev. John Erwin officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Kinney-Underwood Funeral Home in Stamford.

James Fred Reddell, Jr. was born April 30, 1927, in a farmhouse close to Sunset Community, the second of five children born to James Fred Reddell, Sr. and Iva Goldie (Huckabee) Reddell. After graduating from Sunset School, he attended Draughn's Business College in Wichita Falls. On July 29, 1945, Fred enlisted in the United States Army, serving in Berlin, Germany during World War II. While serving in the Army, he played trumpet for the Army Band. After honorable discharge from the Army, Fred returned to Knox County and ran the general store in the Thorp community for a few years. He then became the manager for the Farmers Coop Gin in Munday. Fred moved to Ft. Worth to further his education at Texas Christian University and while taking voice lessons, he met and fell in love with his piano accompanist and love of his life, Velma Maxine Smith and they married in Munday, Texas on October 1, 1977.

As music had brought this union together, Fred and Maxine used their musical talents by participating in a musical group of folks named "Taps and Tunes". Fred would play his "horn" as he called it and Maxine would accompany him on the piano, entertaining for various groups with singing songs such as "Unforgettable" and "Tenderly". He was a member of the River Oaks Masonic Lodge #1311, earning his 50 year pin in 2006. Fred was instrumental in teaching many young

men to be raised a Master Mason.

Fred was preceded in death by his parents; two infant sons, James Fred Reddell, III, and Scott Shane Reddell; and a sister, Jeanette Phillips.

Family left to cherish his memory are his wife, Maxine Reddell of Ft. Worth; daughters, Rheasa Lynne Onder and husband Joe of Wichita Falls, Rochie Lea Underwood and husband Chico of Stamford, Shirley Paschal of Cresson; son, Wayne Horner of West Linn, Oregon; four grandchildren, Joshua Stocks and wife Sara of Hughes Springs, Stephanie Boatman and husband David of Claremore, Oklahoma, Luke Spraberry and wife Betsy of Anson, Molly Spraberry of Anson; five great grandchildren, Kyle, Avalynne, and Tyler Stocks, Natyleigh and Brooklyn Boatman; two brothers; Royce Reddell and wife Neldra of Palestine, Leo Reddell and wife Mary of Seminole; a sister, Loyce Richardson of Knox City; and nineteen nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be given to Vitas Innovative Hospice Care, 6100 Western Place, Suite 800, Fort Worth, Texas, 76107 or St. John's United Methodist Church Christmas Dinner, 201 South Ferguson Street, Stamford, Texas 79553.

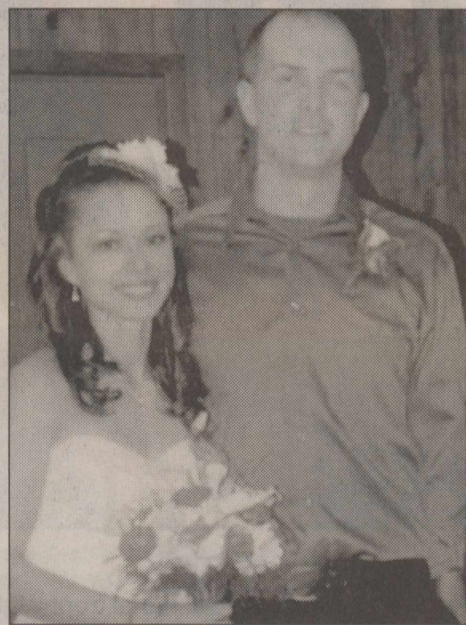
View and sign the guestbook for Mr. Reddell at www.kinneyunderwood-funeralhome.com

Lankford, Albus wed

Sondra Kay Lankford and Richard Alan Albus II were united in marriage Oct. 28, 2012, in Knox City.

The Rev. Dan Bullock of First Baptist Church of Weinert officiating the ceremony at the home of David and Irene Lankford.

Sondra is the daughter of David and Irene Lankford of Knox City. She is the granddaughter of Jackie and Patsy Lankford and Pablo and Guadalupe Garcia. Sondra is a graduate of Knox City High School and Texas Tech University with a degree in English



with a concentration in creative writing. She is a published author and continues to work in the writing field.

Alan is the son of Richard and Cathy Albus of Munday. He is the grandson of Hazel Cypert and the late Oscar Cypert and the late C.J. and Loretta Albus. Alan is a graduate of Munday High School. Alan is employed A-Plis Auto and Farm Supply in Munday.

Only immediate family attended the small, intimate affair. Guests included: David and Irene Lankford, Richard and Cathy Albus, Audrey Lankford, Joey Heron, Jason, Angela and Ashlynn Young.

Sondra wore a short white chiffon dress with a sweetheart neckline. The Lankford's home was beautifully decorated with white column candles, white calla lilies and purple and white balloons. The bride carried a hand-tied bouquet of white and purple flowers.

The white three-tiered cake was decorated with a purple scroll pattern and a unique bride and groom topper. A champagne toast was offered by Richard Albus to celebrate the beginning of a happy and long life together.

Guests marked their attendance by placing their thumbprint on a family tree to later be framed to decorate the couple's home in Munday.

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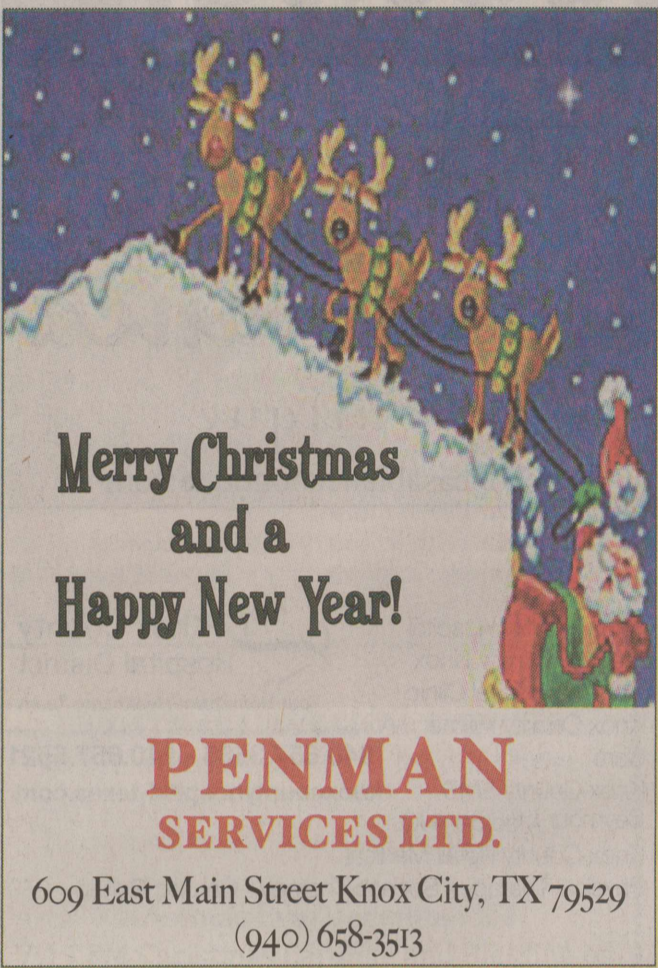
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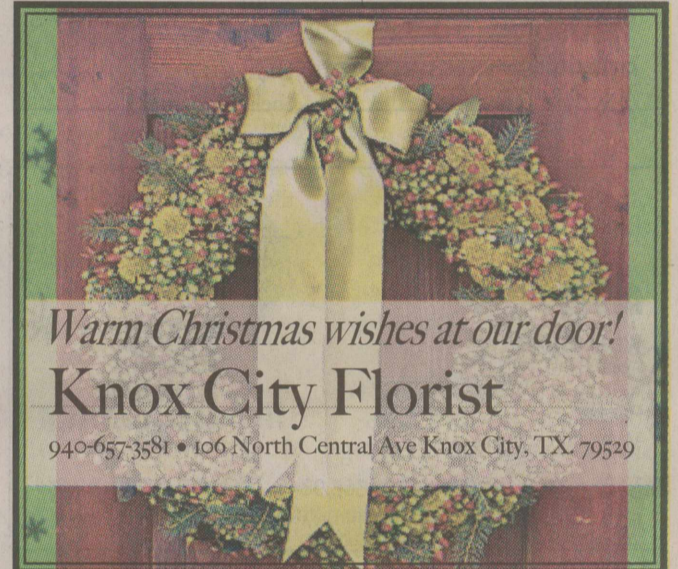
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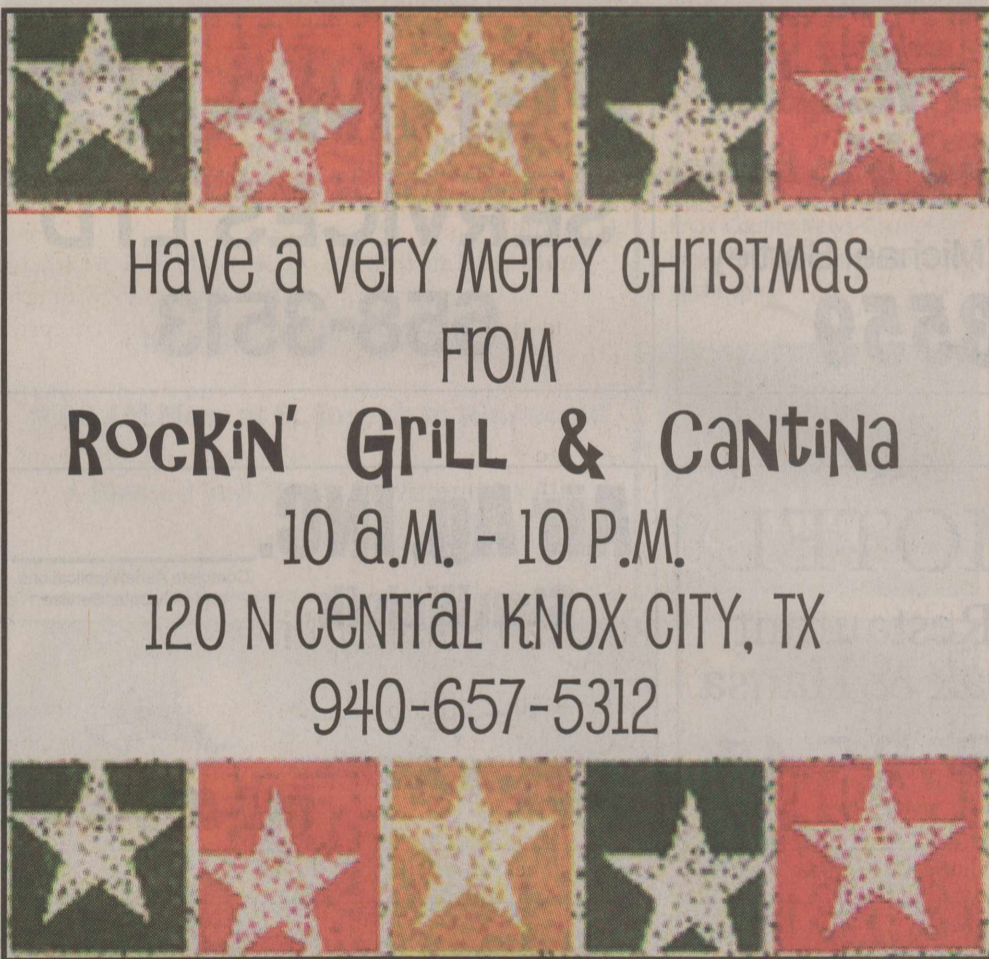
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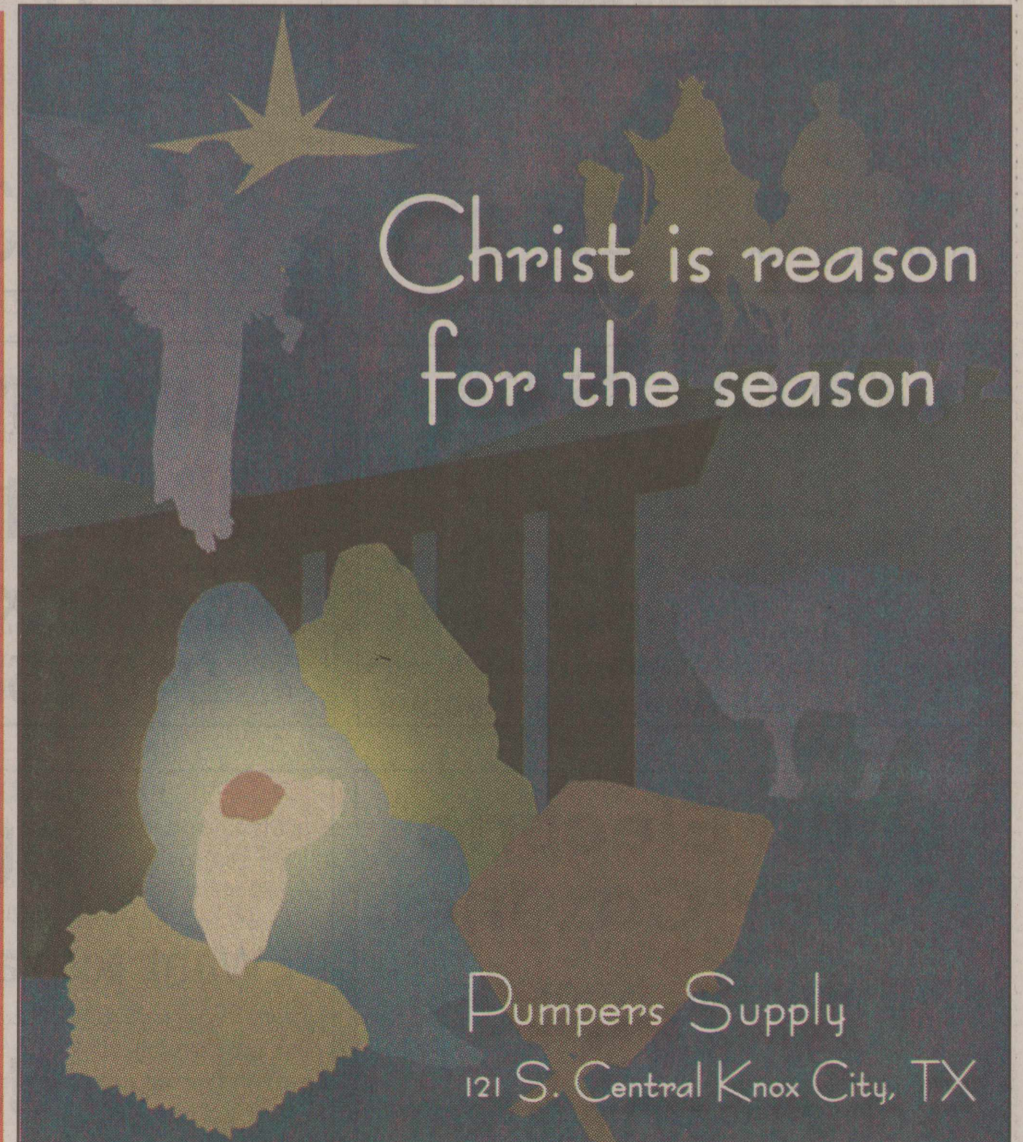


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renewable sources.

Randolph Air Force Base also comes into play.

"Randolph is the one that does all the contracting for all the military bases," Floyd said. "They aren't so sold on it."

But George Nitschke, representing Good Earth, remains undaunted.

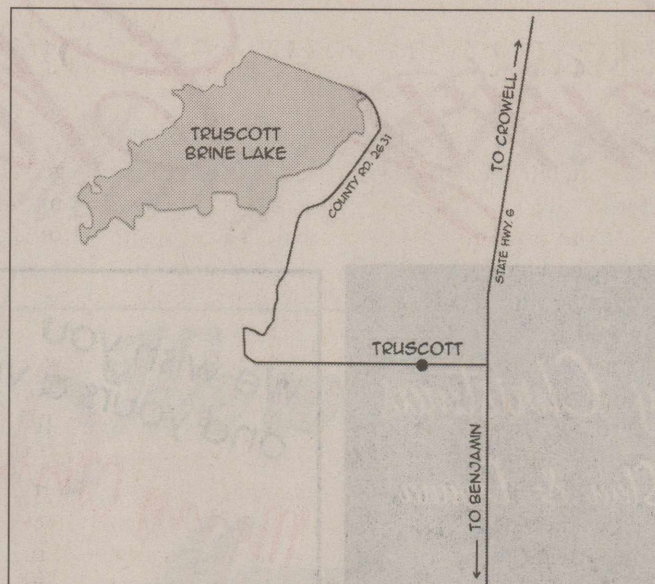
"Nitschke said it's going to go," Floyd said. "It's just a matter of when. He's looking for the May time frame of 2013 for breaking ground. They'll be building pond after pond for several years. They're

going to do separate ponds within the big pond."

The brine lake is part of the Red River Chloride Control Project executed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to capture saltwater rather than let it flow into the Red River.

The Red River Authority of Texas owns the rights to Truscott Brine Lake. The aim of chloride control is to reduce salt levels in the Red River enough to allow the river water to better meet the water needs of municipalities.

If the lake can be utilized to produce electricity, it will be a significant by-product of the whole decades-long, still-underway Texas and Oklahoma desalination project.



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Munday restaurant owner's bread recipe a close-guarded secret

By Hanaba Munn Welch
The Knox County News-Courier

(Editor's note: Knox City butcher Cecil Bingham was the focus last week of the first story in a three-part News-Courier series inspired by the nursery rhyme about "the butcher, the baker and the candlestick maker." This week, the spotlight's on Karen Shahan, a baker in Munday. Next week, a story about local candle maker Stephany Rowland will conclude the series, a tribute to three special people whose talents make Knox County a better place to live.)

MUNDAY — Karen Shahan bakes for the Li'l Red Hen in downtown Munday, where the family bread recipe distinguishes much of the fare, from dinner rolls to loaves for hoagies. Handed down from a Cherokee ancestor with the Trail of Tears in her background, the treasured recipe isn't normally shared with anyone outside the family. Shahan is the exception. She didn't have to marry into the family to

learn it, but she had to work for it.

"I was working at the first Li'l Red Hen," Shahan said, referring to a restaurant owned by her mother- and father-in-law, Phyllis and Allen Shahan, in Evanston, Wyo.

Like some young men who historically have lied about their ages to enlist in the service, teenager Karen Shahan lied about her age to get hired, telling her future mother-in-law she was 16 when she was only 14.

"I put her to work," Phyllis Shahan said. "She worked circles around everybody else."

When baking became part of Karen Shahan's job, she was happy to do it.

"I've always liked to bake," she said. "I love doing desserts. I'm not afraid to try anything once."

Now, long since married to Stephen Shahan and an integral member of the family, Karen Shahan finds herself transplanted from Wyoming to Texas, from one small town to another, arriving in Munday in time for two very hot summers in a row.

"I miss the change of seasons," she said. "In the cold, you can put on clothes. In the heat, there is only so much you can take off. When you bake, you have to bake no matter how hot it is."

But despite the Texas heat, Karen Shahan is still making a hand and fitting into a family that doesn't shirk when it comes to running a restaurant — work that's hard enough whether the bread and desserts are homemade or purchased wholesale.

The only bread not baked on site at the Li'l Red Hen is the ordinary light bread used for toast on the breakfast menu. Otherwise, all Li'l Red Hen bread is from the Li'l Red Hen's own oven, all baked by Karen Shahan.

"Wonderful cookies and cheesecakes and cakes and pies, she does all the bread," Phyllis Shahan said, praising her daughter-in-law's work. "Hoagies, hamburger buns, homemade biscuits, dinner rolls, coney's."

And if the duties of baking weren't enough, particularly during the holidays when catering jobs and spe-

cial orders add to the workload, Karen Shahan also is the waitress at the Li'l Red Hen.

The remodeled space itself shows her talents, from the paint on the walls to the laminate floor — the third such floor Karen Shahan has installed.

The name of the restaurant is no accident. It reflects the philosophy of all the Shahans, who identify with the traditional children's story about the self-sufficient Little Red Hen. The legend glorifies the work ethic of the hen, who got no help from her barnyard companions when it came to the tasks of planting the seed, reaping the harvest, grinding the grain and baking bread.

When all was said and done, the storybook Little Red Hen declined to share her fresh-baked bread with any of the lazy animals that wouldn't help her with any of the work.

Neither are the Shahan's giving away what comes from their oven, but it's all on the menu for a price, served with a smile by the baker herself.

Fair enough.



Hanaba Munn Welch/The Knox County News-Courier
Karen Shahan displays a package of dinner rolls from her oven at The Li'l Red Hen in Munday. The bread recipe has been passed down for generations in the Shahan family and, Wyoming to Texas, the family has put the recipe to use in the restaurant business.

Hospital district hosts banquet

By Michelle Fetch
The Knox County News-Courier

The Knox County Hospital District hosted a banquet Dec. 11 to honor Service Excellence Adviser graduates.

Customer experience skits were performed by the SEA teams to emphasize customer service opportunities in a fun, effective way. Moving forward, the newly graduated group will serve as instructors for hospital employees and will monitor and track service and quality improvements.

During a series of educational sessions, groups of hospital management teams, care providers and volunteer services have participated in specialized training focused in customer satisfaction and quality improve-

ments under national guidelines.

Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems promotes standardized methodologies in measuring hospital care from a patients' perspective.

On-site consultants presented the training designed from information collected from peer-to-peer surveys, customer feedback and data analysis of the patient experience and to help support improvement ideas.

Knox County Hospital District has already begun to implement improvements by expanding services such as speech therapy, an on-site, outpatient pharmacy and the acquisition of the Munday Nursing Center to better serve the community and surrounding areas.



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Back Row: Logan Morrow, EMT-I; Laurie Urbanczyk, Speech Therapist; Renita Brow, CNA; Cassidy Lerma, LVN; Mary Serrato, Home Health Office Manager; Angela Hatfield, Munday Clinic Office Assistant; Cheryl Sciba, RN; Middle Row: Don Awalt, DME Delivery Tech; Theresa Stephens, Pink Ladies Auxiliary Volunteer; Betty Thompson, Pink Ladies Auxiliary Volunteer; Jo Ann Albus, Board Member Front Row: Michael Bayer, MBA, CSP, Custom Learning Systems

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Dear Santa

Dear Santa,
My name is Seth. I am 6 years old. I just had a birthday on December 14. I live in Knox City. You go down to the thing where there are four turns. You go to the road where there is a black and white house and that is mine. I have been good this year. I would like a PS2 game and vortex Nerf gun, and blocks. I also need a sweater, blue jeans (I don't know what size), and an Under Armour cap.
Merry Christmas!
Seth Logsdon

Dear Santa,
My name is Paisley. I live in Knox City. I am 6. I have been good this year. My Elf (Ellie) has been watching me! I would like for you to bring me an electric guitar, Just Dance 4, and tennis shoes. I need shirts, pants, chapstick, and a jacket. I will leave cookies and milk on the table beside the fireplace.
Merry Christmas!
Paisley Morrow

Dear Santa,
I am Addysen. I am 5 years old. I live in Knox City by Bud's Café. I have been good this year. I get paid for my allowance when I take care of my baby sister and baby cousin. I would like for you to bring me a Furby, a scooter, and a stuffed unicorn. I need some shoes, some pretty shirts, and some hair bows. I will leave cookies and milk in the living room. I wish you Merry Christmas!
Addysen Ledesma

Dear Santa,
My name is John Cross. I live in Knox City. I am 5 years old. I have been a good boy. Did my elf Frisbie tell you? I would like a drum set, a wrestling set, and a basketball hoop. I need some blue & red boots and some tennis shoes. I will leave cookies and milk by the chimney.
Love,
John Cross Utley

Dear Santa,
My name is Bailey Marie Castorena. I am 5 years old. I live in Knox City. How are you reindeer? I have been good! I would like a Barbie, a pillow pet, and Elf on the Shelf, and a puppy. I need some paper to draw on, earrings, and a shirt. I will leave cookies and milk for you on the table.
Love,
Bailey Castorena

Dear Santa,
My name is Railee. I am 6. I am in Kindergarten. I have been a good girl. Thank you for giving everyone presents. I would like some make-up, an i-pad, and a baby doll. I

need an Elf on the Shelf. I will leave cookies and milk under the Christmas tree for you.
Love,
Railee Arrieta

Dear Santa,
My name is Tyana. I am 5 years old. I live by the hospital by the red car in Knox City. I will leave you cookies and hot chocolate on the table in the kitchen. I would like a trampoline, a baby doll, and make-up. I need clothes, shoes, and socks. I love you,
Tyana Hawkins

Dear Santa,
My name is Kinlee. I live out of town in the last house on this side. I am 6 years old. I would like for you to bring me legos, a piano, and a doll house with an elevator. I need some clothes like pants, shirts, and shoes. I have an Elf on the Shelf at my house. I will leave you and my Elf, Emily, Christmas cookies and milk on the table in the kitchen. I think that's it.
Love,
Kinlee Eaton

Dear Santa,
My name is Reyna. I am 6. I live in Knox City. I would like a Nintendo DS and some games. I need some winter boots. I will leave cookies and milk in the fridge. My mama will leave you a note.
Happy Christmas!
Reyna Alvarez

Dear Santa,
My name is Abbey. I have been a good girl. I live at my MiMi's house. I am 5. I would like an I-pod touch, pink cowgirl boots, pink and white puppy Stompeez slippers, and a rainbow umbrella. I need some new clothes and shoes. I will leave you cookies and milk by the Christmas tree.
Love,
Abbey Abila

Dear Santa,
My name is Jaydon. I live in Knox City. I am 6 years old. I have been a good boy. I would like an X-Box 360, a Playstation 4, and a game pad for a Wii. I need a new house and a chimney. I will leave hot chocolate and tamales in the living room.
Love,
Jaydon Paul Perez

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Munday students meet at UIL event

The Knox County News-Courier

Munday Elementary School students recently competed in the University Interscholastic League Academic Meet held in Anson. Results are as follows:

- Second grade Creative Writing — Riston Sanchez, second
- Third Grade Oral Reading — Justin Tidwell, sixth
- Fourth Grade Oral Reading — Claire Redwine, first; Carlie Willison, third
- Fourth Grade Ready Writing — Claire Redwine, second; Carlie Willison, third
- Fourth Grade Number Sense — Carlie Willison and Claire Redwine, tied

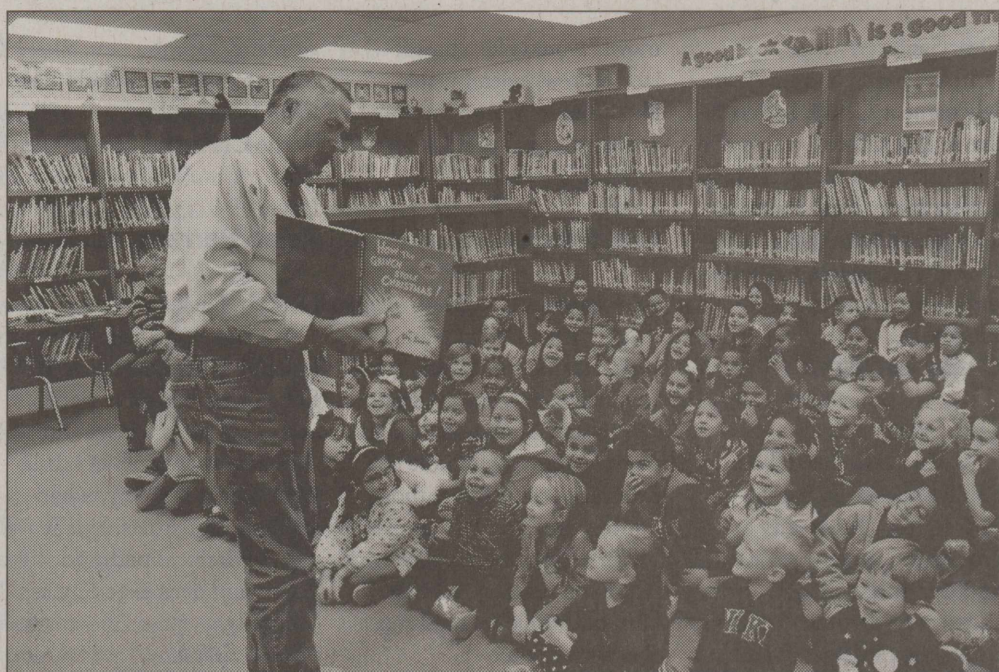
for second; and second-place team with Trinity Rodriguez

- Fifth grade Dictionary Skills Madelyn Mendoza, fourth; Bryanne Cude, fifth; and third-place team with Karsyn Sanders
- Fifth Grade Listening — Madelyn Mendoza, first
- Fifth Grade Music Memory — Emily Cottingham, sixth; and second-place team with Isabella Nunez and Madelyn Mendoza
- Fifth Grade Oral Reading — Evan Hunter, fourth; Karsyn Sanders, fifth; Madelyn Mendoza, sixth
- Fifth Grade Spelling — Isabella Nunez, tie for fifth; and second-place team with Evan Hunter and Sydney Thompson.
- Sixth Grade Art — Emily Scott tie for fifth
- Sixth Grade Calculator

— McKenna Zeissel, sixth

- Sixth Grade Listening — Emily Scott, first; and third-place team with Josh Hernandez and Zoe Cedillo
- Sixth Grade Maps, Graphs, and Charts — Emily Scott, sixth
- Sixth Grade Number Sense — Emily Scott, first; and second-place team with Zoe Cedillo and Seth Salazar
- Sixth Grade Ready Writing — Zoe Cedillo, sixth
- Sixth Grade Spelling — Sidronio Rangel, first; and first-place team with Madison Thompson and Seth Salazar
- Sixth Grade Social Studies — Branson Speck, first; and first-place team with Seth Salazar and Josh Hernandez

Reading time



Munday ISD Superintendent Robert Dillard reads "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" recently to a group of Munday Elementary students.

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Dear Santa

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. My name is Chase. I am 6. I live in Knox City. I would like a 22 rifle and a wall race track for my room. I will leave you a lot of Santa brownies, a lot of cookies, and lots and lots of milk. That is all I have. I love you,
Chase Ledesma

Dear Santa,
My name is Creed. I am 5. I live out of Knox City. You go from Knox City and around the curve, up that hill and down that hill and across the river bridge, turn and go across the cattle guard and there is my house. I would like for my cousin Macey to get a new heart so she can come home. I would like a scooter and for her to get a scooter too because she likes scooters. I also want my granddad Jack to get rid of cancer, so we can

mow. I would like a motorized four-wheeler. I would like a remote control hummer and a little goal post for my football. That's it.
Love,
Creed Coker

Dear Santa,
My name is Evan. I am 5 years old. I live in O'Brien. I would like an excavator that can go over big humps and it won't fall down, a remote control truck that is fast without a string, and a remote control backhoe that has a cool song when you press the middle button. I will leave milk and cookies for you.
Love,
Evan Casino

Dear Santa,
My name is Kaleb. I am 5 years old. I live in Knox City. I want a Leap Pad, cars, Toy Story 3, and a remote control

air plane. I want a new bike. I need some shoes and clothes. I will leave cookies and milk by the Christmas tree on the table.
Love,
Kaleb Herrera

Dear St. Nick,
I hope you had a great year. I would like a water gun, 3 DS games, nerf guns, books, and shoes pleas. Have a fun ride. Sincerely, Colby G. Bills
Dear Santa, I hope you had a Merry Christmas. I want a D.S. Mario, a ipod, and Legos and deer. Good luck. Sincerely,
Mario Silva

Dear Santa,
I love you very much and I hope you have a Mery Chrtsmas. I want an Amarin girl doll and a pink train.
Sincerely,
Zoe Reid

Dear St. Nick,
I hope your reindeer are good. I hope my elf told you I was good this year cause I would like a Star Wars Wii game. You and the elfs have fun.
Sincerely,
Gage Morrow

Dear Santa,
I hope the ranedirs are doing good. I wood like a ipod tuch, shoos and a elf and clos for my mericin doll, a swimming pool and close and a bed spered. I hope that the ranedirs are doing good.
Sincerely,
Ella Hunter.

Dear St. Nick,
I hope that you and Miss Claus and your family have a great Christmas and tell the elfs that I said Merry Christmas to you and your

reindeer. Plase, plase can I have a iphone and shorts and shirts and I love you very much.
Sincerely,
Devon Hernandez

Dear St. Nick,
I hope you had fun asking all the kids what they want. I want Just Dance 4 and 3 and Just Dance Disney, 1 more D.S. game and a Kindle Fire with a T.C.U. cover, please. Or if you can't make a Kindle Fire, I would like an American doll that looks just like me. I hope you and your help-ers are having very fun.
Sinsirely,
Riley Paige Carver

Dear Kris Kringle,
How are you today? I've been realy good. Please may I have a tablet, phone, a skateboard, new shoes,

new back pack, and a pair of steal boots. Good luck
Kris Kringle.
Sincerely,
Kwame Collins

Dear Santa,
I hoep you had a good day. Have a Merry Christ- mas Santa. I want an X Box, Dsi, muny, a book. I love you so much. You are nice. You are funny to.
Sincerely,
Gabby Espinal

Dear Santa,
How are you doing sinc the book Grumpy Santa came out? I hope you arnt grumpy enough to get me a horse. The rest of my presents are rapped and under my tree. The horse is the one I want the most. I will leave you cookies.
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Dear Santa

Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year, I would like a red wig, shiny dress, Wii games, headphones, a watch, I-pod, make-up, shirt, skirt, stompiez, and lipstick.

K'Lee Grimsley

Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year, I would like a Batman toy, a Power Ranger and a Superman.

C.J. Nicholson

Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year, I would like a Barbie, make-up, a head band, a Barbie car, some nails, a baby and stroller and could you bring my brother a big truck and tractor.

Aubrey Lerma

Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year, I would like a trampoline, Stompies, Barbie house, I want to be a rock star. I also want a remote control helicopter, a leap pad game, and a Snow White comforter.

Isabelle Weaver-Lindsay

Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year, I would like a pink mermaid, Barbie and a paint set. I would also like for you to bring me an I-pod. I would like for all of my friends and family to have a Merry Christmas and I hope they get what they want.

Jaiden Alligood

Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year, I would like Angry Bird, Star Wars, Hungry Hungry Hipos, a lot of Angry Birds, a candy cane with sprinkles, a train, a new star for my Christmas tree, a new blanket, clothes and please bring all the children toys in the world.

Gene Hicks

Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year, I would like an optimus prime transformer, a bumble bee transformer, a cop car, horse game, monster truck jam, a big truck, helicopter, a play house, a swing set, a fire truck and race cars.

D.J. Gaston

Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year, I would like a 4-wheeler, a Barbie that glows, stompies, Doggie Doo game, a cell phone, and a swimming pool.

Kamryn Pepper

Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year, I would like a Spiderman and Iron man, a truck of transformers and a little car and a doll for my baby sister.

Octavious Guzman

Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year, I would like some glue on nails, make-up and a dress. Oh, and a red lip stick and please bring my sister a baby dog.

Crystal Ramirez

Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year, I would like a ball, a new American Girl doll, and a Santa doll. I love you a lot. Rose the Elf played my alphabet game last night. Can you bring Aryanna a new toy too? I also am sending you a hug for when you read my letter.

Gabi Martinez

Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year, I would like a kindle fire, a big truck that drives, Hot Wheels, a "Thomas the Train" train track that goes by itself, a toy that says honk-honk! I would also like a toy box. Thank you for all that stuff.

Ayden Montanez

Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year, I would like a Sponge Bob Christmas game, a big trampoline, a Star Wars Lego game, and a Sponge Bob movie. I wish snow could come. I wish it snowed so I can throw snowballs. I want a Texas Tech hat. I want a tractor and a truck. I want the Sponge Bob Christmas puppets.

Coltan Cox

Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year, I would like a Nintendo DS and games and some winter boots and some ear muffs and gloves to keep me warm this winter.

Lilliana Alvarez

Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year, I would like lots of Barbie Dolls, a Justin Bieber doll and some Tinkerbell toys. My sister says to tell you that she has been good and would like the One Direction dolls.

Sadie Reign Hulbutta

Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year, I would like Tinker Bell, a Ninetendo DS, a Dora Explorer, Sponge Bob, and a playhouse.

Juliana Flores

Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year, I would like a Dream-lites puppy, a Tonk-a-truck, a tractor, and a toy tool shop. I will leave you cookies and milk.

Mauricio Silva

Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year, I would like new toys, shoes clothes, and make-up. I want new books and a X-Box 360 for me and my brother Tristin. Oh yeah, please bring something for my mom and dad. Merry Christmas!!! P.S.

Bring a bone for our dog, Lil Girl.

Jaden Baxter

Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year, I would like a DS, Optimus prime game, transformer, Christmas hat, and a lot of Transformer toys. I will leave you some mild and cookies.

Elijah Trevino

Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year, I would like some Barbies and some toys. My brother Caiden is 10 months old and he would like some baby toys. My name is Jacelynn Sanders and I am five years old and go to school in Knox City, TX. I will leave milk and cookies.

Jacelynn Sanders

Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year, I would like a remote control motorcycle, a new dumptruck toy and a tractor. I can ride on and dig in the dirt. My name is Cordell Collins and I live at 906 S.E. 5th in Knox City.

Cordell Collins

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The 501 Stonhenge explained, sorta

There's no place like Stonehenge.

If the name weren't so clunky, it'd probably be in more songs. Or if more people believed in everything revolving around the solstices, then maybe there'd be Stonehenge spin-offs here and there and everywhere.

My only solstice-like experience happened during the decade I worked for the post-office. Certain times of the year were marked by the sun shining right in my

eyes as I boxed the mail. I could have been annoyed, but I decided to be glad it was still coming up every morning and following the same pattern each year.

There's comfort in routine.

As for Stonehenge, I'm glad I've not been yet. They're just now getting

things figured out. Yes, it's been understood for a long time that the orientation of the big cylindrical circle of upright stones has to do with the summer solstice, although even that point is argued by some doubters.

Now archaeologists have dug deeper, scratching both the earth and their brains, to figure out how Neolithic man moved the stones into place and why.

Here's my version of what I just saw on educational television as to how it all went down. Or, better said, up. Round stone balls found in the Stonehenge area aren't thought to be remnants of Neolithic croquet but rather ball bearings.

Put them in two long parallel races hewn from sturdy oak and build a platform to glide atop the track and you've got a way of moving some really heavy stuff.

I wish I'd had something like that when we moved the chicken house.

I'm impressed the builders of Stonehenge came up with the ball-bearing solution, if that's really how things happened.

Or else those balls really

were for croquet. That's also a good story — Neolithic man with time for leisure pursuits, betting on the outcome of croquet matches.

But let's stick with television's ball-bearing theory and move to chapter two — the remodeling of Stonehenge.

No, it's not about to happen. It already has. All the smaller upright stones standing within the circle of the original taller ones went into place hundreds of years after the first one. They were carted in from a dismantled grouping of stones from nearby and set in place to compliment the original Stonehenge configuration.

If you ask me, they detract.

Can't you picture the original Stonehenge architect, looking down from Druid Heaven in dismay as work crews follow the directions of a lesser designer, or maybe even a committee, to add that second batch of stones among the original stalwart greater ones?

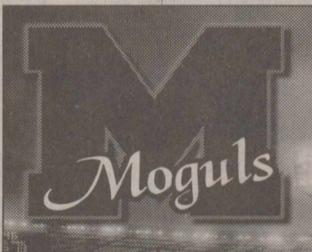
Then along came refined metals like copper and brass, and Neolithic man lost interest in monumental things built of dreary old stone, thus abandoning Stonehenge.

So they said on TV.

It's the same old pattern. Something gets built according to a grand design. Then it falls out of vogue and gets remodeled, usually for the worse. Then it gets abandoned and falls into ruin.

Sometimes there is no comfort in routine.

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Dixie Divas

Appalachian Christmas

When Mama was a small girl growing up in the Nimbleshill Valley in the Appalachian foothills, it was the midst of the Great Depression. As she often said, "Times were hard but it's all we knew so we didn't know how poor we were."

Mostly, they were a self-sufficient bunch, growing most of what they ate and bartering for what they



RONDA RICH

couldn't produce on the little rented farm they had. My grandmother had been gifted a small farm from her father, a mountain merchant and postmaster, but when times turned bad, the farm was lost to taxes. My grandparents, hard working and earnest, spent the rest of their lives, living in small rented houses.

"I would walk a couple of miles to the store, carrying a chicken or fresh eggs, and trade them for coffee, tobacco or flour," Mama once said.

That is all to explain that each year when Christmas arrived for Mama and her family, there was no money for gifts. They celebrated the holidays with a fresh cut tree and focused on what they, as born again Christians, believed the day to

commemorate: the birth of Jesus in a stable in Bethlehem.

"We'd usually have a stocking — really a sock — filled with fruit and nuts," she remembered. Once her little brother, Doyle, who at three, mixed up his consonants as kids sometimes do, delivered a memorable line. He had poured out his sock and was delighted with the treats because fresh fruit and a couple of pieces of hard candy were a bounty to those who seldom knew treats. A bit later, he discovered that a large orange had stuck in the toe of the sock. It was as though he had found a new toy.

"Wook!" he exclaimed, clapping his little hands together and dancing around with joy. "It's another wrangle!"

Daddy, raised in an adjoining mountain county, was not as rich. He seldom received anything for Christmas, therefore, tainting his view of Christmas gifts for the rest of his life. "Bunch of foolishness," he often said about exchanging gifts. Practical man that he was, though, when his kids insisted on giving him gifts, he asked only for necessities like underwear and socks. One year when he needed a new pasture fence, he, in an unusual manner, embraced the tradition of exchanging gifts.

"I want bob wire," he said, using the rural slang for barbed wire. We laughed off the request but his green eyes sparked with deep seriousness. "Do you know how

much a roll costs? I've got to put in a new fence at the farm. It's what I need."

So, on that memorable Christmas day, Ralph Satterfield was gifted with enough rolls of barbed wire to build his fence. It was the only Christmas where I saw his eyes dance with pure joy over gifts.

When Tink suggested that we not exchange gifts this year, I was unruffled by it. "That's fine," I said, smiling. "I have Christmas every day." For it's true. Unlike my parents back in those days, I can buy a new dress that I fancy if I'm willing to spend the money or whatever groceries we want. A day or two later, I decided to take a page from my parents' book.

"I need a new pair of running shoes," I said. My others have holes in the soles and are coming apart at the seams. "And I need some lip balm." I figured that I was going to have to buy them anyway so I might as well get them for Christmas.

Tink nodded. "I don't need anything so don't buy me a gift. Promise?" I refused, though, to promise because I know exactly what Tink needs — a big box of Dove soap bars and antibacterial liquid soap. He likes clean better than anyone I've ever known.

And, maybe if he's really good, I'll throw in a couple of oranges.

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CHRISTMAS LITURGICAL SERVICES

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9:30 PM Christmas Caroling and Blessing of Light and Manger at St. Joseph in Rhineland

10:00 PM Mass at St. Joseph in Rhineland

Christmas Day/December 25

9:00 AM Mass at St. Joseph in Rhineland

A Blessed and Merry Christmas to All!

Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

(Editor's note: Apologies to Ms. Green and readers of her weekly column for the weeks-long absence of the Benjamin News.)

It's been an indeed sad two weeks for our community. With the deaths of two of our friends, the loss has been hard on everyone.

Anthony Lamb died in a pickup accident two weeks ago, and one week later his great aunt (and my dear friend) Jane Gideon died after a month's illness. She was in United Regional of Wichita Falls. Her funeral was Thursday, Dec. 13, just one week after Anthony's. I extend sympathy to their family.

I just learned of the death of another dear friend, Lorene Powers in Midland. Lorene had been in failing health for several months but was doing better and was looking forward to coming home after Christmas, but that just wasn't to be. We will certainly miss her as she was a big part of everything in our community. Of course, my sincere sympathy to her family. Funeral services are pending. Please remember all these families in prayer.

Regarding our ill

Weldon Gideon is a patient in Knoxville County Hospital. He, too, has been in failing health for a while, and doctors admitted him to check him out and see if they could get him to feeling better. He was better on Friday.

Reports on Troy Oxford are that he is having some post-treatment problems. He has undergone chemo, and I believe radiation, as well, for a malignancy in his throat, and the after-effects have made him very uncomfortable. Troy is a native of Benjamin, about 40 years of age. His parents are David and Sue (Ryder). These friends need our prayers also.

Open house

As they have done in the past several years during the Christmas season, Dennis and Pam Duke held open house at their home Saturday night, Dec. 15. Always beautifully decorated and with all kinds of refreshments, it is a perfect time to put everyone in a holiday mood if they are not already. Many folks enjoyed the evening and much appreciation for making it a fun time.

Christmas program

The annual Christmas program was last night (Sunday) at the Methodist Church under the direction of Nancy McGreger. Many elementary school age children were a part of it and did an excellent job with their parts. Deck the Halls was the name of the presentation. Tibb Burnett also did some poetry and played some Christmas carols on his harmonica, and Caleb Barrientez, guitar student of Fred McGreger, played several carols on his guitar. It was all very good and enjoyed by a good crowd.

Refreshments followed the program when friends continued to visit for a while.

Here 'n' there

Kim Lyles of Amistad, N.M., was here on Friday for a brief visit and to get her girls, Shelby and Samijo and son, D.J., who returned home with her to spend Christmas.

Sara Clower, student at Hardin-Simmons University, is home for the holidays. Said she was glad to have a break for a few days.

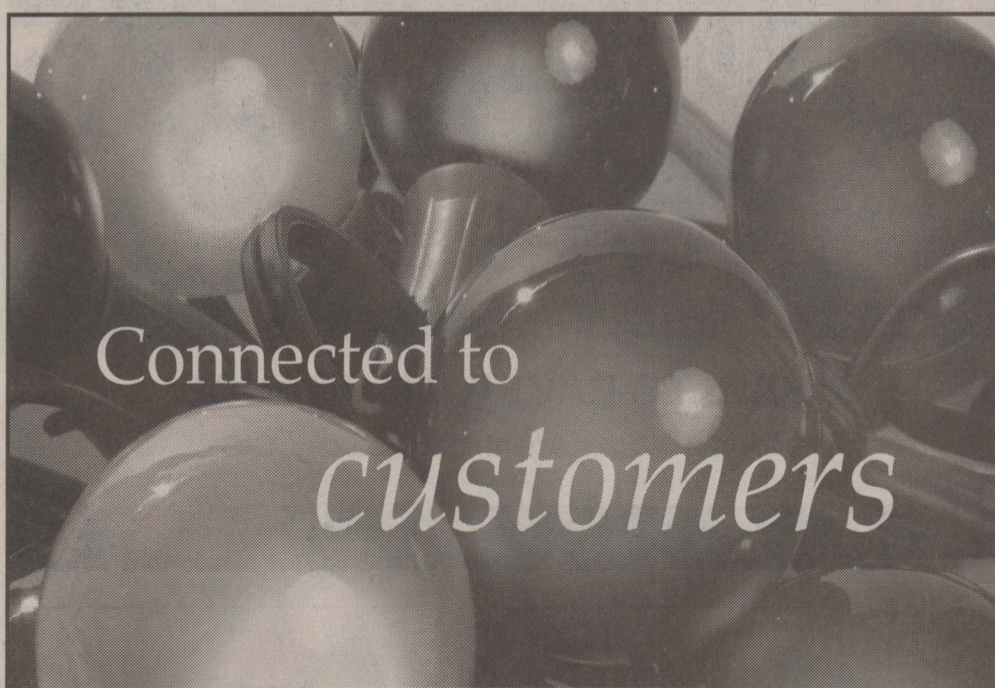
Former resident, Lois Golden, passed away last week. She had been living in Haskell several years. Her funeral was Thursday in Seymour with burial in the Benjamin Cemetery. Sympathy goes to Lois's family during this time.

And I have also learned of the death of Donovan Whitworth, formerly of Munday, who was living in the Seymour area. Donovan was younger than I (by about two years), but we did attend Munday High School together. His funeral is today (Monday) in Munday.

We have a new city manager here in Benjamin. As of Dec. 1, Kim Sealy is now filling that position. Ronnie White, who was the manager, resigned and has gone to work for Ray Penman. It's good to have Kim in that capacity and urge all to cooperate with him in his endeavor to keep the city going.

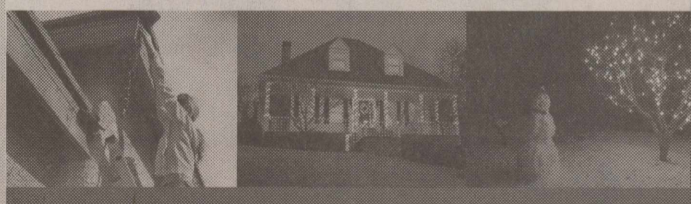
The local post office will have new hours beginning on Jan. 12, 2013. It will be open from 9:30 a.m. till 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and the mail will be put up on Saturday morning as usual. This will be a change but certainly better than not having it open at all.

And a great big "Hope You Win" to the Mighty Moguls. Look forward to Thursday and really believe you will bring that State Championship Title home to Knoxville County.



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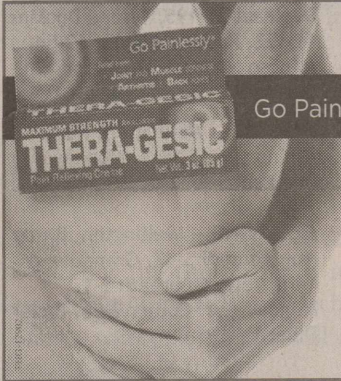
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MANAGER
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White and his family manage Penman's Ranchland service station and convenience store in Benjamin and also have a restaurant adjacent to the service station, the Benjamin Deli, open on weekends.

White's son John is the chef. He fires up the pizza oven to serve customers from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday evenings, serving pizza baked on

stone. John and his brother Tim spend time behind the counter of the service station and so does their sister, Hannah, 17, the baby of 11 siblings.

When asked about their dad, both boys had good things to say last Friday evening.

"Growing up with him, he never asked us to help him," Tim White said. "We just did because we liked to be around him."

John White echoed his brother's remarks.

"I agree," he said. "One of the

most treasured times for me with Dad was when we were able to go out and read the county meters ... talking about things that were going on, talking about the Lord, the lives of people."

Although Ronnie White's retirement signals the end of his managerial career with the city, at least officially, the family will continue to work together, not only in managing the two business in town but also doing ranch work, primarily for the Penman family and also on their own acreage.

MOGULS
From Page 1

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Dockins put the final nail

in Wellington's coffin with his 53-yard scoring rumble. The failed kick made it 48-6.

"Going into the game we felt like we could do some things offensively and we were able to execute," Corcoran continued. "Defensively we did an excellent job holding a very good offense to just six points."

"Hats off to Munday," Williams said. "They figured out what we were doing. I thought we played three really good quarters and never did our guys think they weren't in the game. I'm proud of the kids and the run they had."

The Moguls face the Tenaha Tigers in the state title game at noon Thursday at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington. Tenaha, which has only three seniors, is 10-4 on the year and extended their winning streak to eight games.



Special to the News-Courier

Displaying a plaque recognizing his years of service as city manager of Benjamin is Ronnie White, after he was feted at a retirement celebration last Thursday at the Wooden Nickel in Knox City. Others on the back row, from left, are Benjamin city Councilmen Jerry Parker, Fred Carver, Charles Griffith and Dick Dickson and former Councilman Kim Sealy, incoming city manager. Standing in front of the men are Mayor Sylinda Meinzer and City Secretary Tami Gaddis.



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Benjamin's new city manager, Kim Sealy, adjusts the placement of a ladder to fix a water leak last Friday in Benjamin. Operating the backhoe is the former city manager, Ronnie White, now a member of the City Council.

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Munday 48, Wellington 6

W	0	6	0	0-6
M	14	14	14	6-48

First quarter
M - Tyrone Dockins 6 run (run failed)

Second quarter
W - Terry Gilbreath 1 run (pass failed)

Third quarter
M - Paul 34 run (Dockins pass from Paul)

Fourth quarter
M - Paul 23 run (run failed)

Third quarter
M - Dockins 65 run (Paul run)

Fourth quarter
M - Dillard 16 pass from Dee Paul (pass failed)

Fourth quarter
M - Dockins 53 run (kick failed)

	W	M
1st Downs	10	21
Rushing	31-135	54-453
Passing	63	42
Total Yards	198	495
Comp - Att - Int.	6-13-1	3-4-0
Penalties	5-45	9-87
Fumbles/lost	4-2	0-0

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING — Wellington, Terry Gilbreath 20-97, Klark Ashmore 8-20, Smilie Granadoz 3-10, Brady Montgomery 1-1. Munday, Dee Paul 21-195, Tyrone Dockins 11-172, Roddrick Taylor 12-54, Alfonso Nunoz 5-27, Victor Garcia 2-3, Jarrett Macias 1-1.

PASSING — Wellington, Klark Ashmore 6-13-59-1. Munday, Dee Paul 3-4-42-0.

RECEIVING — Wellington, Brady Montgomery 3-42, Granadoz 1-16, Terry Gilbreath 2-1. Munday, L.J. Collier 2-26, Ryder Dillard 1-16.



Terry Messer/For the News-Courier

Mogul quarterback Dee Paul walks a tightrope up the sideline during Munday's 48-6 victory over the No. 2 Wellington Skyrockets Friday in Wichita Falls. No. 1 Munday is set for a rematch with Tenaha Thursday at noon at Cowboy's Stadium.



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