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## Knox City Clinic open for business

By Michele Fetsch

For the News-Courier

The new Knox City Clinic is now open for business!

The grand opening Sunday drew about 250 people to the ribbon cutting and open house for the new clinic.

"This is a big deal," said Jo Ann Albus, hospital district board member.

During the two-hour event, the halls buzzed with excitement as visitors enjoyed punch and cookies while they toured the new facility.

"We're ready for business," said David Lee, pharmacist.

The new drive-in pharmacy will be handy as customers will not have to leave their cars to pick up their prescriptions. Many overthe-counter health support needs will also be available in the pharmacy store.



Michele Fetsch/ The Knox County News-Courier

Chad Roberts holds the far end of a red ribbon Sunday moments before a ceremonial cutting to celebrate See CLINIC Page 7 the opening of the new Knox City Clinic. Chamber representatives and dignitaries are also shown.

## **County Cotton** Pickin Quilt Show and Cookin Show Slated for Feb. 23

#### **Special to The News-Courier**

The Knox County Cotton Pickin Quilt Show and Cookin Show will be held Saturday, Feb. 23, at the Knox Prairie Events Center in Goree (old Goree School Bldg.)

The event is from 9

a.m.-3 p.m. Over 100 quilts will be on display with a best of show

awarded. The cooking competition this year will be fruit pies.

A cooking demonstration will be presented on Dinner Tonight. It will demonstrate preparing a main dish, vegetable and dessert.

Lunch will be from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Cotton Pickin Cafe (the cafeteria).

Numerous vendors will offer a variety of merchandise. The Knox County Cotton Pickin Quilt Show and Cookin Show is an annual event hosted by Goree Going for Greatness and the Munday Chamber of Commerce.

The quilt show displays the handiwork of area quilters and over 100 quilts are viewed each year with a best of show awarded by votes cast by the public.

"The Knox County Quilt Guild is the backbone of the quilt show and this event could not happen without the work of these ladies throughout the year," said Glenna See **QUILT SHOW** Page 7

# Area cemeteries tell historic story

By Hanaba Munn Welch The Knox County News-Courier

If history is about people, nothing better defines civilization than a cemetery. Knox County has a dozen. They tie past to present, their oldest gravestones standing tall on the prairie.

The cemeteries draw visitors. Some come from distant places to find the grave of a relative. Other visitors make regular pilgrimages from nearby, paying their respects with flowers and simply with their pres-

Across the county, each cemetery is distinguished by its own history and system of organization and maintenance and records, or lack thereof. Funding differs from place to place, with donations and endowments handled differently. Some cemeteries are administered by municipalities. Others are not. For some graves, documentation exists in books at the museum in Benjamin, but not for all. Some graves receive attention from living relatives. Some do not.

Starting with this issue, the News-Courier will look at Knox County cemeteries, one by one, to bring out points of interest and to examine some of the challenges that face the people and organizations charged with the care of these special places.



Hanaba Munn Welch/Special to the News-Courier Brenda Floyd, a member of the Johnson Memorial Cemetery Association and the greatgranddaughter of Andrew Jackson Johnson, 1840-1922, who donated the land for the cemetery, stands Tuesday by his grave as the last rays of the setting sun shine on the tall marble marker. To the left of the monument is a ground-level bronze marker memorializing Johnson as one of many Confederate veterans who fought in the Civil war.

#### **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.

#### **Baked Potato Supper**

Knox City Elementary PTO Baked Potato Supper Thursday Feb. 7th, 5-7 pm at the school cafeteria. Meal includes: baked potato, ham, cheese, traditional toppings, salad and dessert. Purchase tickets from elementary students!

#### One-Act fundy

Drama students at Knox City High School are selling handcrafted KCHS metal keychains for \$7. All proceeds benefit the One-Act Play production. For information, contact Terra Martinez at terra. martinez@esc9.net.

#### Youth Group

St. Joseph's Youth Group will celebrate Valentine's Day a few days early with a Roaring '20s Valentine Dance on Sat., Feb. 9, at the Rhineland Gym. The event will be from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. for elementary school-age children and from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. for junior high and high school age

#### **Immunization Clinic**

Texas Department of State Health Services Flu and Immunization Clinic. Flu Vaccine Will Be Available Thursday, February 7, 10-11:30 AM and 1 - 3 PM at the Patton Center

131 West Cisco Street, Munday. For your convenience please call to schedule an appointment. If no answer please leave a message. Please bring child's Immunization records to clinic. If on Medicaid or Medicare, please bring the card. For More Informa Please call 940-552-8770

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#### Hee Haw Benjamin Style

The Benjamin Parent-Teacher Organization is holding an event called "Hee Haw Benjamin Style" at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 23 at Benjamin School. A dance afterward will feature the Buster Redwine Band, Redwine, an ex-student, is an accomplished Western Swing fiddle player. Tickets to the dance will be \$10. Admission to Hee Haw will be \$5. The P-TO wants to raise money though the event and via an appeal to ex-students to help the school with funding. "Our goal for that Saturday night is \$10,000," said Janice Tolleson, who is helping promote the event. "We're going to do t-shirts."

## Johnson Cemetery Named for Pioneer

#### By Hanaba Munn Welch

The Knox County News-Courier

Johnson Memorial Cemetery, located just two miles west of Munday, carries the name of the Knox County pioneer, A. J. Johnson, who donated the land.

Originally Johnson gave some of his farm land for the building of a Primitive Baptist Church thereon. Then he gave adjacent land for a cemetery. Eventually, the church relocated, with the city of Munday trading land in town for the church site at the cemetery. It was a trade that allowed the cemetery to expand.

The cemetery was known in earlier days simply as Johnson Cemetery. Kelly Johnson, son of A. J. Johnson, wanted the cemetery always to honor the memory of his father. He donated \$350 for the construction of one of the stone and wrought iron entranceways, and the cemetery association paid the

same amount for the other entranceway, essentially the same design. On both arches, the wording is "Johnson Memorial Cem-

Not only is Johnson Memorial Cemetery the site of the first church south of the Brazos River in Knox County; it's also the site of the first school. The church building served a dual purpose, accommodating worshippers on Sunday and students and their teacher(s) during the week. The cemetery land is also approximately where the Johnson family first pitched camp when they moved to Knox County in March 1889.

The initials "A. J." stand for Andrew Jackson. He was better known as "Uncle Jack," a nickname appropriate for the patriarch. Today a prominent monument marks his grave in the cemetery that bears his name.

from the 1890s.



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Stone pillars and a graceful wrought iron arch mark the east entrance to Johnson Memorial Cemetery west of Munday. Some The oldest graves in the cemetery are of the graves date from the late 1800s. On State Hwy. 222, the south side of the cemetery has an identical entrance.

Editor Wayne Hodgin at kcnewscourier@gmail.com.

Knox City City Council will meet Tuesday at 5:30 p.m., and Munday city council will meet Tuesday at 6:30 p.m., both in regular session. Previous Knox Notes had listed er-

#### News on the go



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## **Celebrations**

It's a girl



KNOX LEE LOFTIN

Aaron and Kara Loftin are proud to announce the arrival of their precious daughter, Knox Lee Loftin, on December 11, 2012 at 12:50 a.m. at United Regional Healthcare Systems in Wichita Falls. She weighed 8 pounds 1 ounce and was 21 inches long. She is welcomed by her grandparents Shan and Marty Slaggle of Sey-

mour; Phil and Mary Jane Loftin of Munday, and Danny and Tamara Stocks of Hughes Springs. Greatgrandparents are Alvin and Glenna Jungman and Jean Slaggle all of Seymour, and John and Betty Loftin of Munday. Knox's daddy, Aaron, is a Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Army and is stationed at Camp Casey South Korea.

## Partnership announced

Special to the News-Courier

Hibbitts & Parrott Real Estate of Throckmorton would like to announce that they have a new part-

Upon the receipt of her Texas Real Estate Broker's License; Charles Hibbitts and Byron Parrott have offered Kelly Bland full partnership in Hibbitts & Parrott Real Estate.

Hibbitts and Parrott would like to congratulate Kelly on attaining her Broker's license and welcome her aboard as a partner in

"We offered to change the name to 'Hibbitts, Parrott & Bland,' but Kelly wanted to just keep it like it is," said Parrott. "The signs will look the same, but the names behind the signs just changed to Charles Hibbitts, Byron Parrott, & Kelly Bland."

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Valentine Day

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suffering from PTSD and his heard about.

However, PTSD has affected soldiers forever. It is nothing new and it is all too real for those suffering.

Jan 24, 2013 edition of the Knox will realize the amount of work County News-Courier concernthat is accomplished by the ing the Pink Ladies organization selfless people in our community. People with no personal agenda other than to make this place a better place in which to live. Sadly, a lot of the work is neither noticed nor appreciated. I fully always and thank you for always understand most of these volunteers couldn't care less about personal accolades or public needs from many perspectives is attention, that is not why they

listing them all. I hope people

dedication and vision. If you have not been a part of a volunteer organization you cannot possibly know the magnitude of work that goes into keeping one of these groups going, nor can you imagine the amount of work that goes into the planning, preparation and execution of any event.

do what they do, but we would

be in terrible shape without their

With all that said I would encourage you to find some of these folks and just say thanks. It

would encourage them to keep on keeping on. Our communities are not the same as they were in the past, the number of volunteers has declined and the age of these noble servants has increased. If we are to continue to improve our communities, we all need to be involved. Even the most seemingly minor contribution is significant. One person can make a difference.

All this volunteer talk is simply an attitude, a mindset; adopt the heart of a servant. A pretty radical concept in today's world, but one that still lives in Knox County, Texas. To all of you who serve with endless energy, unquestionable integrity, inspired vision and a desire to make life better for us all; GOD BLESS YOU and lead on!

**Dennis Duke** 

Benjamin, Texas 400 N. Hinton St. 940-454-3561

## The Paperboy

Former Navy SEAL Chris Kyle was trying to help a friend.

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The article published in the

caused me to think of all the

good volunteer organizations

that surround us and are too

often taken for granted. First,

to the Pink Ladies; great job as

being there. The good this or-

tremendous.

ganization does in fulfilling our

Secondly, please stop and

think for just a moment of all

the volunteer activities that em-

brace us. Volunteer Fire Depart-

ments, First Responders, School

Lions Clubs, Masons, Members

of the Knox County Historical

Commission, Hospital Boards,

Water Boards and certainly all

associated with our churches and

the list goes on and on. Forgive

me for not remembering and

the benevolent organizations

Boards, Child Welfare Boards,

Letter to the Editor

Kyle, who was known as America's deadliest sniper, was killed Saturday at a gun range in Erath County, Texas. The suspect, identified as 25-yearold Eddie Ray Routh, is a veteran who served in Iraq and

> Haiti and who has been suffering from some type of mental illness, most likely Post Traumatic

Stress Disorder. CHRIS Kyle was an BLACKBURN advocate for

death has cast the spotlight on something most of us have only

Today, up to 20 percent of our fighting forces suffer from PTSD and perhaps this tragic event will begin a new chapter on treatment and care of those

w/deposit

"The symptoms can range from mildly disturbing to wholly incapacitating," said Dr. Jeffrey Lieberman, chair of psychiatry at Columbia University Medical Center in New York and president-elect of the American Psychiatric Associa-

Lieberman said the nightmares and flashbacks can haunt soldiers long after their return to civilian life. "And we're still limited in our understanding of why it occurs, what it consists of and the best approaches to treatment."

Let us hope that Kyle's death is not in vein and his legacy leads to new discoveries and treatments for PTSD. Our veterans deserve it.

Big news was announced yesterday for U.S. ranchers as the European Union dropped its ban on some U.S. meat

The ban will be lifted Feb. 25, dropping European objections that were based on differing hygiene and husbandry methods in meat production. U.S. farmers and ranchers have long said these concerns are unscientific.

The move should open markets to the U.S. which helps our economy with billions per year on the line.

If the U.S. and E.U. can get the details ironed out, U.S. beef will be in high demand overseas.

U.S. cattle numbers continued to shrink in 2012. Texas has experienced a 22 percent decline over the past three years, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service livestock specialist.

"Continued drought in 2012 took another year's toll on the nation's cow herd, according to the latest U.S. Department of Agriculture inventory report,"

said Dr. David Anderson. "USDA reported that the U.S. had the smallest cattle herd since 1952. The 89.3 million cattle in the U.S. on Jan. 1 was 1.4 million fewer than last year."

Overall, we have the smallest cattle herd in the U.S. in 60 "Where are we headed in

2013? I think again we will contend with tighter supplies of cattle, high feed costs, but hopefully, drought recovery to go with it."

That last one is huge for area ranchers. The drought is by far the biggest reason for the decline in beef production.

It will be interesting to see how the markets react to the news of a decline in U.S. beef production and the potential opening of the E.U. market to producers.

Want to take a guess at the top selling book of all time?

The Holy Bible is by far the greatest selling book in history with over 8 billion sold. That's more than the number of people currently living on the planet.

Second on the all-time list is "Quotations from Chairman Mao Tse-Tung" with over 900 million sold.

"The Lord of the Rings" is third with over 100 million sold followed by the "Guinness Book of World Records" with over 100 million sold.

Coming in fifth is the "American Spelling Book" which has sold just under 100

I'd always heard that the Bible was the top selling book of all time, but I had no idea at how many had been sold. It pleases my eyes when I see such statistics...

Christopher Blackburn is publisher of The Knox County News- Courier and CEO of Blackburn Media Group.

## Emily Elizabeth Everett

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We only have a picture now, a frozen piece of time to remind us of how it was when you were here and ours. How much we miss you being here, we really can not say, but the ache is deep inside our hearts, and never goes away. We need to feel you constantly to get through the day.

We loved you so much, why did you go away?

The angels came and took you, that really was not fair. They took our one and only Emily...our future, our heir. I hope you are watching from above at the tasks we do and let there be no doubt at all how much we've always loved you. We will NEVER forget the day you were born and the day you passed away and all the footsteps in between. We miss you and love you more and more every day.



Dad, Mom, Kelsey & Kristin, Scott, Aunt Lana, Jaadon, Stran, Samuel, Granny, Brileigh, Zarron.



"If there ever comes a day when we can't be together, keep me in your heart. I'll stay there forever."

(Winnie the Pooh)

The families of Amber Nicole Conn wish to express their deep appreciation to this community and this area, for the love, kindness, sympathy, and comfort that has been extended to us. We are thankful for each and everyone of you, and all you have

done. Amber will be missed, and forever loved.

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### The 501

## You'll have to draw me a picture. I'm very visual

s I try mightily to write something meaningful in 501 words, my husband is facing an equally daunting task. It's the farm census. It comes around every five years. He's taking it seriously.

I think they can put you in federal prison if you don't comply. The

deadline is looming.

Deadlines always loom. I see the word "deadline" as a great towering shadowy figure like Father Time, but without a sickle, looming. Since it's the farm census, add the sickle.

HANABA MUNN WELCH

By the time you read these words, the deadline will be past, if you don't consider the same one looming five years from now.

So many deadlines. I'm missing mine for this bit of writing. My personal muse must have flown off my shoulder, if muses fly. I think they do.

On second thought, maybe the very idea (light bulb icon here) of images versus words and text is worth some thought, particularly in a time when so many people describe themselves as "visual." Count me in, even though I suspect non-visuals rule the world.

Those of us who claim to be visual are the ones you hear about these days. Just because we're not in power doesn't mean we're not in

When was the last time you heard someone say, "I'm not a visual person." Do we not hear from the non-visual people because they don't realize they're non-visual and don't care anyway?

At this point, I should admit I really don't exactly know what it all means nor why I'm

convinced I'm in the visual camp. Maybe because I majored in art?

My guess is a visual person understands information laid out in a meaningful way, preferably with graphics and colors and labels, all viewable at once, tacked on a big wall or at least covering a computer screen. The non-visual person, by contrast, grasps the same stuff just by reading about it. Boring. I could be wrong.

INTERNET PAUSE.

Sure enough, the term "visual" has to do with how we learn things. Learning methods are visual, auditory and kinesthetic. If you're kinesthetic, you learn by doing. If you're visual, you've gotta see it. If you're auditory,

Reading must fall in the auditory category. Whatever you read, you hear. Right?

All that said, communication via images is enjoying a renaissance, wouldn't you say? Thank computers.

Remember when an icon was a picture of a saint painted on a little board? No more.

Remember when infographic wasn't a word? It still isn't, but it's getting there. Look it up on Wikipedia. The example shown is the Washington, D.C. metro system, nicely illustrated in colored lines. Beats text.

By any other name, the ancient pictures drawn on cave walls by pre-historic hunters are infographics.

Is our current trend toward pictographs putting us on par with the cave dwellers? Is civilization regressing?

Your answer may depend on what you think of the cave art.

If you had to fill out the farm census, regression doesn't sound so bad anyway.

Hanaba Munn Welch is a contributor and columnist for The Post Dispatch.

## **Benjamin News**

he first Sunday in February is history, and it has been a busy day. The lunch to benefit the museum was another success. Although the crowd may not have been as big as in the past, there was a good attendance, plenty of wonderfully delicious food, lots of door prizes awarded, and many got what they wanted as they participated in the silent auction. The weather was a little cool as a light wind stirred the air, but that did not hinder those who wanted to be here. So all in all, it was a good gathering. Following the lunch, most everyone "took off" to Knox City to attend the grand opening of the new clinic. I confess I didn't make it but am told it was well attended and everyone enjoyed touring the new facility. And when it opens for business today (Monday), I'm sure there will be lots of "oohs" and "aahs" as the patients look things over. Topping the day off was the Super Bowl and a win by my team. I got sort of nervous there for a while, but the Ravens managed to hold on for the win.

#### **About Our Ill**

Corrine Parrish underwent surgery last Sunday in Abilene after breaking her hip a couple of days before. She was able to come back to Knox City Wednesday for therapy and will probably be there several weeks. She is doing well though-Is up and walking and each day does a little more, so in time I think she will be good as new. If you have time when over that way, stop in and see her. She likes company.

Bud Conner spent a couple of days in the Knox County Hospital last week. Had some stomach problems but is feeling better other than being weak. I'm sure it will take a few days to regain his strength.

I checked in on Richie Smith (from Munday) last week when I was at the hospital. He was resting, and that is good. He is in Hospice care and someone is with him at all times. Please keep all these

#### friends in your prayers. **New Arrival**

She's Kallie Beth and she is the newest member of the Jim Bob and Jenny Beth Conner family. She was born Tuesday, January 29, 2013, around 5 pm. She made her arrival at a Lubbock hospital and weighed 6 lb 15 oz and was 20 inches long. She has a brother, Charlie, and 2 sisters, Madelyn and Jaylee, and they all agree she's a "keeper." Her maternal grandparents are Mary and Jack Gordon of Slaton, and paternal grandparents are Judy and Randolph Barnett of Benjamin and Larry and Cathy Conner of Wolfforth. Philomae Roberson, also of

Benjamin is her paternal great grandmother. At last reports, mother, daughter, (and daddy, too!) are doing well.

#### Here 'N There

Blake Jones, student at TSTI in Sweetwater, was home for the weekend with parents, Kemp and Becky, Brooke and Kamryn.

Shelby Russell of Midwestern University spent the weekend with her great grandmother, Hazel Stock-

Shaylee Propps of Graham and Shannon Propps of Panhandle were here for the weekend visiting relatives and friends. Shaylee said she loves her new job as a pharmaceutical rep. She began work there in mid December following her graduation from West Texas State in Canyon.

I saw Rachel Duke Ferris and little son, Zachariah, on Sunday. They live in Wichita Falls and were here to visit her parents, Dennis and Pam Duke.

Jackie Jr. and Cindy Young of Round Rock visited his mom, Mary Jane, last weekend. They came at this time to attend the funeral of a friend's father in Haskell on Monday and visited Mary a couple of days while in the

I visited with Jan Carver Saturday. She's doing lots better. Still can't walk but goes back to the doctor on February 14, and she hopes they will release her to start walking. Of course, she hopes so. It's been a good while since Thanksgiving when she broke that leg. She thinks that's long enough to be "immobile." But she sure doesn't want to prolong her recuperation any further, so she's following doctors' orders closely.

Plans for the Hee Haw are coming right along. The cast is rehearsing, and from the way it sounds, I think it's going to be a fun time. That's Saturday night, February 23, here at the school. Make your plans to attend.

And one more thing before I go—I want to express my appreciation to all who were so willing to help furnish deviled eggs and pies for the lunch Sunday. Almost everyone I called or talked to was so willing, and that sure makes things go better. Some even called me and offered to help. And as we always say, it takes everyone to make this type of thing a success. So thanks again!

Gladene Green is a longtime Benjamin resident and correspondent.

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Gary, Judy and Family Jerry, Nancy and Family Craig, Jami and Family

## **QuickBooks training**



Photo by Hanaba Munn Welch

Gayla Fullerton, certified public accountant, clicks her computer control one last time Tuesday night at the end of a QuickBooks training session on payroll management. Others, from left, are Bianca Harrimon, Patty Mossburg, Chad Roberts and Glenna Decker. Fullerton is senior business consultant at the Texas Tech Small Business Development Center in Abilene. Knox County Visioning Group organized the free event, part of a Quick-Books series. The Knox City Chamber of Commerce provided the space for the early evening meeting.

## First Baptist Church Munday, Texas 220 South 5th Ave.

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Pastor Shane Kendrix

**Service Times:** Sunday

Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Awanas, Pre-K to 6th grade: 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Youth: 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

## Picker's has reopened Wednesday, Feb 6!

We sincerely hope the worst of the cold weather is behind us!

Our regular business hours are: Wed-Fri, 12:30 to 4:00

> We are announcing the addition of several chairs to our showroom, in fact we want to have a



If you have a chair to sell, bring it down earlier and include it in our sale!

Picker's in Munday, 141 S. 2nd St. 940-421-3334 or 940-203-0221

We would like to thank everyone for the gifts of food, flowers, cards, visits, prayers and random acts of kindness after the loss of our Sonny; husband, father, papaw, and greatgrandfather. Blessings to all in Christ's name.

-- The family of **Sonny Crawford** 

### The Idle American

## Well, shut my mouth

enunciate more clearly is about as pointless as requesting New Yorkers to start talking with a drawl. It just "ain't" gonna happen.

Most of 'em have southern drawls, and



**NEWBURY** 

the setting geographically, and the folks up north think the very same thing about us in

Texas.)

all of 'em

swear that

"talk funny."

Yankees

(Change

Pick a coffee place where old-timers gather in these parts, and drawls seem even more pronounced....

Anyway, the upbeat spirit daily at Decatur's Whataburger permeates a gathering of old geezers, some of whom are convinced that any day now, the South will rise again. It's a "come-and-go" deal starting for one or two guys around 6 a.m., expanding to a dozen or so by

Why wouldn't they meet there? Coffee is good—and free—and refills are the same

Clientele have little regard for time (except to kill it) or space, either (as long as there's close-in parking and a seat inside). They don't "cure the world's ills," but believe if asked to do so, they

Delbert White, 80-something and ever-present for java, was the "designated goat" at a recent gathering. Early in the week, he "looked sickly," one comrade said, and comments went down from there.

The others never let up, and Dennis Moffit, a Detroit native and only Yankee in the group, opined Delbert was a stroke victim. Others said he'd been "rode hard and put up wet," and was not "wintering well."

A few days later, Delbert pushed back his half-empty coffee cup, then wobbled toward his vehicle....

DPS Officer Lloyd McKinney insisted on taking him to the hospital, where Delbert underwent a battery of tests.

Later, the patient strained to hear his family's conversation with the doctor. "Burial policy?" he screamed, worried why this topic would come up. His hearing failed him.

"I said it looks like Bell's Palsy," the physician quickly explained. It turned out not to be, and Delbert was back soon with the coffee bunch....

Their topics rarely wander far afield from "way back when." One day, they reminisced about

"long distance phone calls." Making--or receiving-such calls was a "big deal."

One joked about a call from a far-away operator who said, "Long distance from New York

"It sure is," the Texan agreed, and hung up....

Another call, this one from Washington DC's Office of Education, was placed at 8 a.m. to a school superintendent's office in California. The caller forgot that it was 5 a.m. out west, where the phone was answered by a custodian who was cleaning the office.

At once the government guy wanted to know about average daily attendance, security policies, grant applications and such.

Interrupting, the custodian said, "Stop right there. When I said 'hello,' I told you everything I know about this school."...

Still another of the nesters

spoke of bygone days when friends and family dropped by to visit, as well as for meals if they appeared at chow time. Typically, they were mighty welcome. Hostesses would joke that they'd add "more water to the soup."

Strangers, though, were suspect, sometimes defending reasons for their visit through latched screen doors. One day, a man from the government came to take the census. He explained that every 10 years, the government tries to determine how many men, women and children live in this country.

"Well, you've come to the wrong place," the homeowner said, "cause I don't know!"...

Veteran ministers recall stories about questions sometimes misunderstood by his flock. Dr. Charles Somervill, longtime Presbyterian minister, remembers a response during a sermon for children years ago.

"Do you know Jesus?" he asked. A four-year-old, confidently waving his arm, answered, "I know Jesus. We go for birthday parties at Chuck E Jesus!" (Reference, of course, was to the pizza parlor and game room at Chuck E Cheese's.)

Sometimes ministers "humor up" the program without help from anyone else. Somervill once thanked the ladies "for all the beautiful pomeranians decorating the church at Christmas time."When laughter subsided, he corrected with "poinsettias."

He retired recently, and if he lands at early morning senior gab sessions, he'll be the star of the show....

Dr. Newbury is a speaker in the Metroplex. Speaking inquiries/ comments: newbury@speakerdoc.com. Phone: 817-447-3872. Twitter: @donnewbury. Web site: www.speakerdoc.com.

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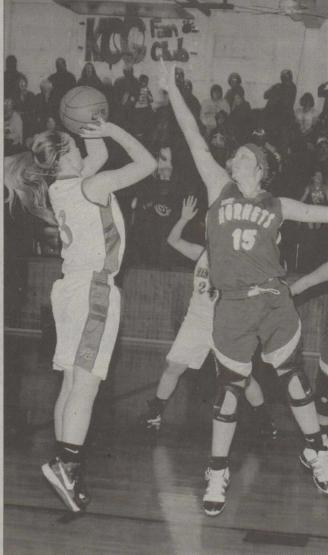


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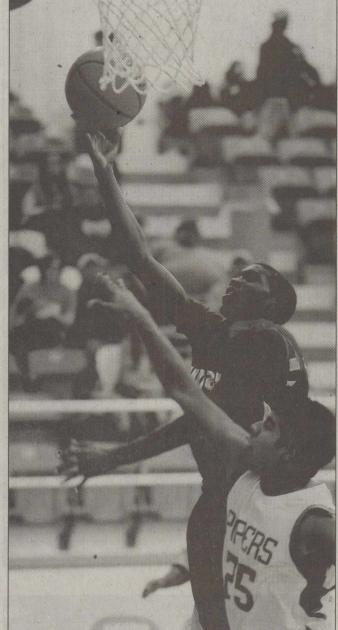
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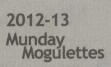
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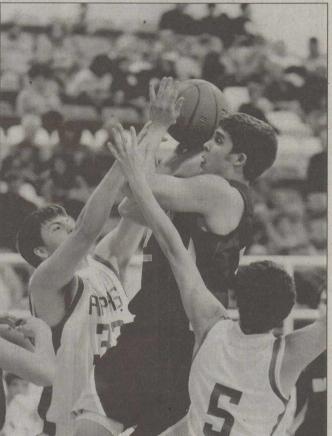
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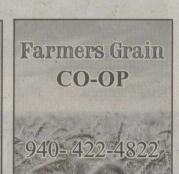






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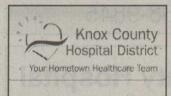
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#### CLINIC From Page 1

The new clinic will serve the Knox County community and surrounding area with a variety of services, including home health, physical therapy, cardiac rehabilita-

tion, speech therapy and the pharmacy. In addition to the pharmacy, the clinic building houses eight exam rooms, a minor emergency room, a large reception area, physician and management offices and a training room.

The Knox City Clinic is a division of the Knox

County Hospital District. The location is 712 S. 5th St., just across from the Knox County Hospital. The phone number is (940) 657-3906. Hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to



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Lupe Serrato, pharmacy tech, demonstrates Sunday how the drive-through window of the pharmacy will speed deliveries for people who chose drive-through service. In the truck is Rick Fetsch, maintenance supervisor for the hospital.



Some of the Knox County Hospital Auxiliary Pink Ladies line up for a picture behind the punch table Sunday at the Knox City Clinic opening celebration.

#### **OUILT SHOW** From Page 1

Decker. "Visitors come from all over Texas and show happen each year," Oklahoma each year to Decker continued. "Laparticipate in the quilt dies, mostly from Munday being served from 11 a.m.

show. It is being expanded the meal each year, which each year. "The competition portion of the cooking show this year will be fruit pies," Decker said. "It is overseen by Lorrie Coop, CEA-FCS. Also, Lorrie will be doing a cooking presentation on Dinner Tonight and will demonstrate preparing a main dish, vegetable and dessert."

This is an all-volunteer project, according to Decker. "People from the whole county volunteer their time to make this and Goree, graciously vol-This is the third year for unteer to make the various consists of chicken spaghetti, frozen fruit salad and three layered desert. Those dishes, along with salad and rolls which are donated by different businesses are the long standing traditional quilt show meal."

A large variety of vendors will be present offering their merchandise. Anything from children's toys and books to fabric, patterns and cooking utensils will be available.

The quilt show and cooking show runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with lunch - 1 p.m.

The event is held at he cooking portion of the dishes needed to provide the Knox Prairie Events Center (old Goree School

For more information, contact Vickie Huffman at 940-203-0463, Glenna Decker at 940-256-0097 or Pat Wild at the Munday Chamber office - 940-422-4540. Information and forms are also available on Facebook at Cotton Pickin Quilt Show and Cookin Show.

**PUBLIC HEARING** Grant Performance and Closeout City of Munday Contract No. 711529

The City of Munday will hold a public hearing at 6:30 PM, February 12, 2013, at the City Hall, for the purpose of reviewing its performance on a recently completed TxCDBG grant, Contract No. 711529. All citizens, particularly low and moderate income residents, are invited and encouraged to attend. Individuals with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact the City Hall at 940/422-4331 to arrange for assistance. Written comments will also be accepted at the City Hall prior to or during the meeting.

#### MUNDAY CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PROPOSALS FOR STUDENT INSURANCE COVERAGE WILL BE RECEIVED BY MUNDAY CONSOLIDATED INDEPEN-**DENT SCHOOL DISTRICT** 

All qualified individuals or firms interested in providing services should respond with a written response to Munday Consolidated Independent School District. Final selection will be made in accordance with the policies of Munday Consolidated Independent School District's School Board and other statutory provisions. Details are available at the Administration Building of the Munday Consolidated Independent School District at 811 West D Street, Munday, Texas.

Responses must be received by February 18, 2013, at 4:00 P.M. at 811 West D Street, Munday, Texas, after which time and date they will no longer be accepted. Late responses will be returned unopened and will not be considered. Responses may be delivered to the Administration Building of the Munday Consolidated Independent **School District or mailed to:** 

MR. ROBERT DILLARD SUPERINTENDENT MUNDAY CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT P.O. BOX 300 **MUNDAY, TEXAS 76371-0300** 

## Mustangs



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Crowell fans look from their side of the gym at Crowell as the Benjamin Mustangs take on the Wildcats in a junior high basketball game Monday night. Benjamin girls and boys played well but lost both games to the larger school up Highway 6.

## Bridge



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Still open for business, the old truss bridge spanning the Brazos on State Hwy. 6 accommodates a southbound truck Tuesday morning. In the distance, a Texas Department of Transportation contractor works on the embankment at the location where a new bridge will stand alongside the old one. The existing structure will stay in place -- not as a bridge for traffic but as a piece of history.

#### NOTICE OF SALE

#### STATE OF TEXAS

#### **COUNTY OF KNOX**

By virtue of orders of sale issued out of the 50<sup>TH</sup> Judicial District Courts of Knox County, Texas, by the Clerk of the Court on the 11<sup>TH</sup> day of OCTOBER, 2012, and in the following numbered and styled suits and to me directed and delivered, I, as Sheriff of Knox County, did on the 12TH day of DECEMBER, 2012, levy upon and will, on the first Tuesday in MARCH, 2013, the same being the 5TH day of such month at the South door of the Knox County Courthouse, in the City of Benjamin, Texas, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., beginning at 10:00 a.m. proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all the right, title and interest of the defendants in the following suits in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of the defendants in each respective suit, to wit:

Suit No.: 9254

Style: KNOX COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT VS. MATTHEW BAXTER ET

Judgment: \$ 15,307.77 (plus interest & costs)

Property: A 100' X 150' tract of land, more or less, out of Block 46, Davis Addition, City of Knox City, Knox County, Texas, as more particularly described in Volume 276 at Page 133 of the Official Public Records of Knox County, Texas;

Suit No.: 9061

Style: KNOX COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT VS. LARRY D STRICKLAND ET AL

Judgment: \$ 3,755.74 (plus interest & costs)

Property: Lot 5, Block 33, Davis Addition, City of Knox City, Knox County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 304, Page 1031 of the Deed Records, Knox County, Texas;

Suit No.: 8934

Style: KNOX COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT VS. ROBERT KAY HENSON ETAL

Judgment: \$ 1,650.46 (plus interest & costs)

Property: All of Lots 5 & 6, Block 21, Original Townsite of the City of Goree, Knox County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 293, Page 423 of the Official Public Records, Knox County, Texas Geo # R000003513

All the property sold will be subject to the owner's right of redemption. The redemption period is two years for homestead, minerals and agricultural use property and six months for all other property. Purchasers shall receive a Sheriff's Deed that is without warranty. Bidders should satisfy themselves concerning title and location of the property and improvements on the property prior to sale.

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Dean W. Homstad, Sheriff Knox County, Texas

## Arrest report

Pursuant to your open records request, the below is a list of those arrested within the indicated time and processed

#### JANUARY 14TH, 2013 THROUGH FEBRUARY 4TH. 2013

- 1. Jones, John Walter, 1/14/2013, Possession Of Controlled Substance, (F-3)Knox County
- 2. Laymon, Steven Don, 1/10/2013, Dwi 1st, (M-A) Knox County
- 3. Culver, Samuel Port, 1/15/2013, Mtr:criminal Mischief, (M-B), Knox County
- Strickland, Amy Lynne, 1/17/2013, Theft-Over 50-500 (M-B), Prohibited Substance In Correctional Facility (F-3), Resist Arrest (M-A), Knox County
- Harris, Jerry Lee, 1/21/2013, Aggravated Assault W/Deadly Weapon/Family Member, (F-2) **Baylor County**
- Thomas, Charles M., 1/21/2013, Dwli, (M-B) Knox County
- Trujillo, James F., 1/24/2013, False Information To Officer (M-A), Public Intoxication (M-C) **Baylor County**

- 8. Reod, Melissa, 1/24/2013, Possession Of Controlled Substance (Sif), Knox County Burglary Of Habitation (F-2), Burglary Of Habitation (F-2)Haskell County Warrants
- Patchett, Cody L., 1/26/2013, Dwli, (M-B) Knox County
- 10. Sanchez-Martinez, Juan, 1/26/2013, Dwli, (M-B) Knox County
- 11. Ruiz, Jonathan Scott, 1/28/2013, Bench Warrant-Stalking, (F-3) **Knox County**
- 12. Tolson, Chad Cannon, 1/31/2013, Dwli 1st, (M-B), (Knox County) Mtag- Burglary Of Habition W/ Intent To Commit Felony Other Than Theft (F-1) Young County Warrant
- 13. Silva Joel Luis, 1/31/2013, Possession Of Marihuana, (M-B) Knox County
- 14. Durr, Ronald R., 2/1/2013, Dwli 1st, (M-B), Potter County Warrant
- 15. Sparkman, Mallorie, 2/2/2013, Dwli W/Previous Conviction, (M-B) Knox County

DEAN W. HOMSTAD, SHERIFF KNOX COUNTY

## **Engine block**

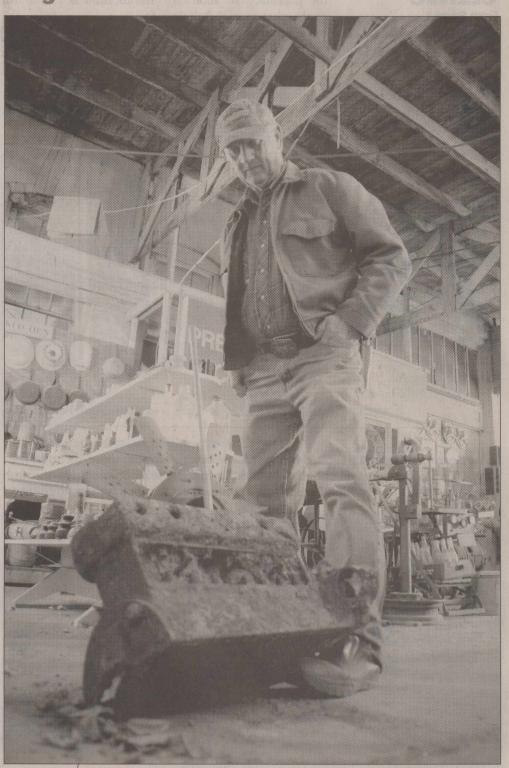


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One of Glen Dell Large's latest acquisitions for his 57 Heaven Museum in downtown Knox City is an old engine block discovered during the replacement of a section of sidewalk along North Central Avenue. Large appreciates vintage items of all sorts, but he's particularly enamored of Ford memorabilia. If Large is correct, the old block is from a Model T. The reason it was buried alongside the street remains a mystery. Why it ended up in Large's museum is easier to explain. "They send me that junk," Large said. "They know I like it."



Casting short shadows at mid-day, six men line up in front of a Texaco Station on North Central Avenue in Knox City. Next door is Darr's Motor Repair. Glen Dell Large has the old photograph on display at his 57 Heaven Museum, three blocks to the south on the same street. Large recently acquired a vintage Ford engine block excavated from the old filling station site when a new sidewalk went into place in front of the old building. Large's caption for the picture partially identifies the men starting from the left: George Whitten, Sipe Griffith, Eddie Shaver, two unidentified men and, at the right end of the line, another man named Griffith.

## Warden

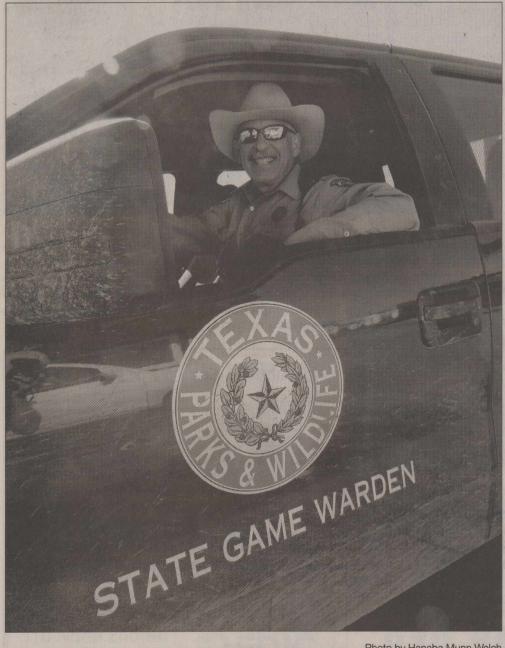


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Splatters of mud on his truck are proof that Jay Oyler, game warden, is still traveling through his rugged jurisdiction, keeping an eye on outdoor activities despite a lag in hunting. Deer season is over and geese numbers are down with only light geese still in season, Oyler said Tuesday. Quail season also continues, but quail are scarce. Hogs, bane of farmers and ranchers, are always in season and always around. Oyler would like to see fewer hogs but doubts he'll get his wish.



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2011-2012 Report

Notice is hereby given that a hearing to discuss the academic excellence indicator system report for the 2011-2012 school year for munday consolidated independent school district will be held monday, february 18, 2013, at 6:00 p.M. In the board room of the administration building located at 811 west

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Bids should be mailed to PO Box 166, Benjamin, Texas 79505, or submitted in sealed envelope no later than February 13, 2013 at noon. Responses will be opened on February 13 at the Regular School Board Meeting at which award selection will be made and notification to selections will follow, Thursday, February 14. (940-459-2231).

A sealed bid was received on the following property: Parcel number #7101Account 00600-00050-00560-000000, further described as being, Blk 17, Lots E 25' of 9 & 49' of 10 Davis, Knox City, Knox County, Texas., The Knox County Appraisal District, acting as trustee for the taxing units is offering this property for sealed bid to all interested parties. Sealed bids may be sent to Knox County Appraisal District, P.O. Box 47, Benjamin, Texas 79505, along with a cashiers check or money order for the amount of the sealed bid. Please put the parcel number on the outside of the envelope of the sealed bid. The taxing units, owners of the property, reserve the right to reject all bids. If your bid is rejected, your cashiers check or money order will be returned. Sealed bids will be opened and considered at least quarterly. For further information please contact the Knox County Appraisal District at the above address or phone: (940)459-3891.

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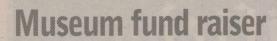
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Slices of pie cover one long table and silent auction items cover another, not to mention the dress hanging on the wall, also an auction item at the annual fundraiser of the Wichita Brazos Museum in Benjamin. The luncheon was held at the Benjamin Memorial Building.



Bound for the lunch line Sunday at the Wichita Brazos Museum annual fundraiser, are Adam and Anna Matthews. Signing up for door prizes are Susan and Tracy Cartwright. In the background are James and Janice Albus. The menu included turkey, sausage, brisket, deviled eggs, homemade pies and other items.



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Part of the younger set at Sunday's Wichita Brazos Museum fundraiser, Jonah Duke takes a bite of lunch while his brother, Daniel Duke, looks away from his plate. Across the table is their mother, Amanda Duke.



# World Trade Center survivor to speak at First Baptist Church

Special to the News-Courier

First Baptist Church is pleased to host Sujo John. Sujo will be here Sunday, Feb. 17 to share his testimony about September 11, 2001 at our 11:00 A.M and 6:00PM services.

Sujo John was on the 81st floor of Tower 1 when the first airliner exploded into flames just above his office. Sujo, whose pregnant wife's office was in Tower 2, will recount the details of the incredible events he witnessed during his narrow escape from death. His covered in the New York Times, The B.B.C. and the London Times, The 700 Club, TBN, Billy Graham Specials and other national and international media. Sujo has spoken nation-



People of all ages load their plates Sunday at a Wichita Brazos Museum and Cultural Center fundraiser in Benjamin. The event is the museum's main fundraiser. Besides the

SUJO JOHN

office was in Tower 2, will recount the details of the incredible events he witnessed during his narrow escape from death. His inspiring story has been covered in the New York Times, The B.B.C. and the wide and around the world to thousands since September 11, 2001. The City of New York had asked him to speak at the dedication of the memorial at Ground Zero on September 11, 2011.

Please come and hear the amazing testimony of Sujo John. If you have questions please call First Baptist Church at 422-4559.



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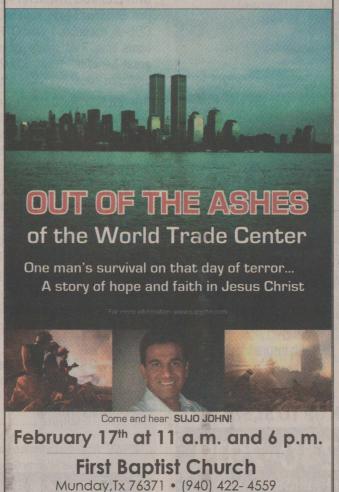
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