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County wants to do away with voting machines

By Hanaba Munn Welch
 The Knox County News-Courier

BENJAMIN—Forget voting machines. A paper ballot will do, and the county won't have to spend the money to maintain expensive voting equipment.

It's not a done deal yet.

Meeting in a regular monthly session, county commissioners unanimously approved a resolution Monday to ask for a waiver that would allow Knox County to quit using the electronic machines and to return entirely to the paper ballot system, the way most people have been voting anyway.

"Fewer than 10 people use the machines,"

Judge Travis Floyd said. "We can put the ballots together and do it ourselves a lot easier."

Other counties similar in size to Knox County have gotten the waivers, Floyd said.

Knox County put the electronic voting machines into service to comply with the Help America Vote Act, federal legislation that followed the Bush-Gore presidential election in 2000.

"We bought the machines that allowed you the choice," Floyd said. "Most people use the paper ballot."

Tallying the vote will still be done mechanically.

"We have a counter that will count the paper ballot whether it is marked by hand or marked

by the machine," Floyd said.

When the switch to electronic voting machines occurred, HAVA paid for the equipment. But now it's up to the county to pay for programming and maintenance — significant expenses the county will not have to pay if the waiver is approved.

"It's not worth spending several thousand dollars," said County Clerk Annette Offutt.

Commissioners met in executive session to consider whether to continue using the Caprock Public Defenders Office. They took no action pending further study of the agreement.

In other action, commissioners

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KCVG seeking public input

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Knox County residents will gather at 6 p.m. tonight at the Perry Patton Center in Munday to refresh their collective vision for the future of the area. Emphasize "collective."

People have been sharing ideas all week, and Jimi Coplen, community development director, has been collecting and recording their input at several meetings at various places in the county.

"We're basically just asking simple questions and collecting info," Coplen said Monday in a regular session of commissioners court. "What do you like about the county? What would you like to see in the county?"

The purpose of the final meeting will be to determine "which projects we want to take on and work on through the (Knox County) Visioning Group," Coplen told commissioners.

"I want to encourage all of you to come," she said. "That's what it's all about."

Students at Benjamin School and Knox City High

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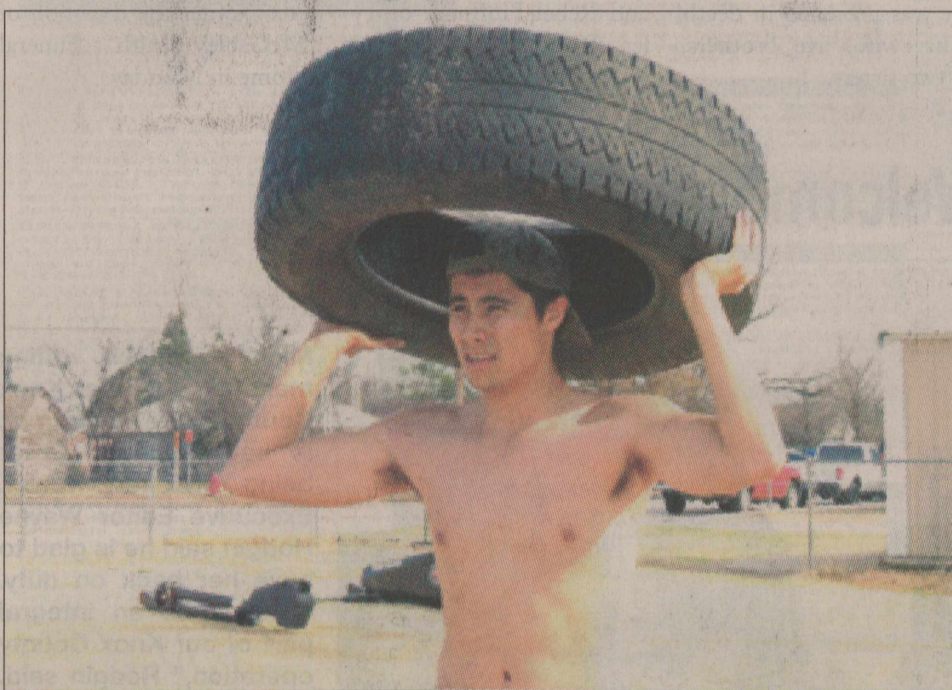


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Jimi Coplen, community development director, writes a check for her lunch Tuesday at the Aging Services Center in Knox City. After gathering input from school students and the oil and gas industry Monday, she interviewed senior residents of the area Tuesday at noon to learn their concerns and wishes for the future of the area — all part of a week-long effort to help Knox County Visioning Group determine the best strategy for future projects. Leaning over Stella Carver's shoulder is Cassandra Sheedy, incoming Aging Services director. Also at the registration table is Glenna Hudson.



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Mike Schweikhard, Atmos Energy public relations manager, heads back to Abilene Monday evening after sharing his thoughts and answering questions about ways Knox County can best plan for the future. Taking notes was Jimi Coplen, community development director. Schweikhard participated in the meeting for the oil and gas industry. The Knox County Visioning Group and partners hosted the round of meetings. A final session at 6 p.m. tonight (Thursday) will conclude the process. Coplen will report the outcome of this week's information gathering effort and will seek input for prioritizing the results.

Dena trains for Marines



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David Dena gazes ahead Monday afternoon as he holds a tire above his shoulders, poised to sprint. Dena hopes to pass physical tests required to be a para-rescuer in the U.S. Air Force.

Former Mogul trains for elite Air Force group

By Hanaba Munn Welch
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MUNDAY — David Dena's exercise regimen gives new meaning to being tired.

To build his strength and stamina, Dena is exercising with tires on his shoulders — just one tire at a time but tires of different sizes to simulate the weight of a backpack or, worst-case scenario, a fallen comrade.

Dena is joining the U.S. Air Force, and he's not content just to make the first cut. He wants to be a para-rescue man — a member of a special force trained to brave all conditions to evacuate the injured.

"You've gotta be more fit," he said.

He's already passed a preliminary fitness test, and he's on schedule to enter the service June 11. The higher his level of physical fitness, the more likely he will be able to serve in the elite capacity he envisions.

"I told them I wanted something challenging," he said.

Meanwhile, his tire exercises have more sig-

nificance than meets the eye.

"When a man's down, you have to lift him up," he said, explaining the reason for running, squatting and standing with the tire on his back.

Also, carrying a tire is like carrying a pack weight-wise — a 50-pound pack for a one-day trek or an 80-pound pack for a three-day patrol, not to mention a 10-pound weapon.

With permission from Athletic Director Patrick Corcoran Dena is exercising at Munday High School in an outdoor training area with plenty of tires. It's not the same as training for football, but no doubt the routines are bringing back some memories from not so long ago.

Dena, a Goree resident, graduated from Munday High School in 2009. He didn't play sports until his last year in school, when he went out for football and basketball to please his father, who has health difficulties.

"Son, I want to see you play" are the words his Mogul father said that propelled him toward sports his senior year, Dena said.

"I got a few hits," Dena said, describing his football career as playing mostly on kickoffs.

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Tuesday afternoon wreck



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Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Larry Adams inspects a wrecked Ford F-150 pickup early Tuesday afternoon at the south edge of O'Brien. Emergency units from Haskell County and Knox City were on the scene by 1:30 p.m. -- fire trucks, troopers, a unit from the Haskell County Sheriff's Office and an ambulance dispatched from Knox City. The accident happened in front of the old Carney house, an overgrown landmark on the west side of State Highway 6. The identity of the driver and information about his condition was not available late Tuesday afternoon.

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.

Relay for Life

Honor and remember those who have fought or are fighting the brave battle against cancer with a luminaria from the American Cancer Society. Luminarias will be shining at the Relay for Life on April 26 in Haskell. Forms can be picked up at the Munday Tire & Appliance, or call Leann Harlan at 203-0142.

Track meets

The Munday Athletic Booster Club will host the Mogul Relays on April 4; field events begin at 3:45 p.m. and running events begin at 6 p.m. The junior high district meet will be April 8; field events at 3:30 p.m. and running events at 6 p.m. The high school area meet for Districts 9 and 10 will be April 18; field events at 11:30 a.m. and running finals begin at 4 p.m. Concessions include Freddie's hamburgers, turkey legs, sausage wraps, homemade burritos, french fries and soft-serve ice cream.

Bone marrow registry

The Seymour High School Student Council is holding a bone marrow registry drive at the city's annual Ag Day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 19 at the Cliff Styles Building at the rodeo grounds. The drive is through the Be the Match organization and the Oklahoma/Texas Blood Institute. For information, contact Sunday McAdams at sunday.mcadams@seymour-isd.net or 940-889-2947. More information on the drive can be found at marrow.org.

Pre-k roundup

The prekindergarten roundup at Munday Elementary School will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 19. Students who will be 4 on or before Sept. 1, 2013, are eligible to enroll for the next academic year. Parents must provide child's birth certificate, Social Security card, immunization record and proof of residency. For information, call Munday Elementary at 940-422-4321.

Spring Fling Saturday

The Noah Project North will have its Spring Fling Saturday on April 20 at the Haskell Civic Center. Doors open at 6 p.m. Event includes a ham dinner with all the trimmings, and entertainment includes duos, solos and groups. Tickets cost \$12.50 and can be bought from any adviser or member or by calling 864-2551.

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Ranch rodeo

The Knox Prairie Ranch Rodeo, sponsored by the Munday Volunteer Fire Department, will be held April 27-28 at the Rodeo Arena in Munday. Call Fire Chief Bill Logan for details at 940-256-8305.

Corrections

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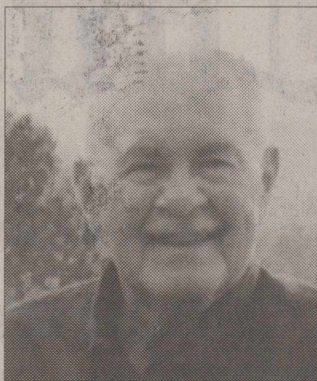
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Deaths

J.D. Allred

TEMPE, Ariz. — John "J.D." Allred, 74, lost his battle with a long-term illness on April 7, 2013. He was born November 5, 1938 in Munday, Texas. He married his childhood sweetheart on December 21, 1957. After moving to Denver in 1958, they had two sons, Devin and David. JD was employed by the Martin Marietta Co. in the aerospace industry. Later, J.D. continued in the industry in Phoenix with Bell Industries and Future Electronics. J.D. was preceded in



J.D. ALLRED

death by his parents, Opal and Dee Allred. He is survived by his loving wife, Joyce; his sons, Devin and David. He also leaves be-

hind a brother, Gaylon "Scott" (Billie Jo) Allred; Aunt Bonnie Glenn and nephews, Joe and Jeff Allred. His sidekick Bingo will miss him very much as well as many friends on his final journey to be with God.

A Celebration of Life was held Wednesday at the Fiesta Resort. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to be made to the Arizona Humane Society. www.azhumane.org.

Arrangements entrusted to Tempe Mortuary.

Billy Huffman

Arvis "Billy" Huffman, 80, passed away Monday, April 8, 2013. Billy was born October 29, 1932 in Jack County to Edwin and Annie Huffman.

Billy married Joyce Faye Shahan on May 17, 1952. Billy was preceded in death by his wife, five brothers, and two sisters.

Survivors include two sons, Glenn and wife, Vickie, of Goree, Dale and wife, Mary, of Munday; one daughter, Teresa and husband, Dave McKee, of Abilene; one brother, Wayne, of Graham; five grandchildren, Brian and Rebel Huffman of Tyler, Amy and Mario Sigala of Munday, Elisha and Ryan

Gromatzyk of Keller, Crystal Graham of Goree and Kyle Speck of Knox City; six great-grandchildren, Zac, Madison, Mackinzi, Brandon, Bailey and Kaitlyn.

Graveside were Wednesday in the Goree Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Smith Funeral Home in Munday.

Welcome Back



Michele Fetsch, office manager for the Knox County News-Courier, is back at work after being off a few weeks. Executive Editor Wayne Hodgkin said he is glad to have her back on duty. "Michele is an integral part of our Knox County operation," Hodgkin said. "It's a peace of mind to have her back in the office full-time." The News-Courier office, located in Munday, is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Wednesday.
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Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

From "down in the 30s" early in the week to 91 degrees, Sunday has been the temperature variation this week. No wonder we have so many colds, coughs and sniffles, and it seems like more cool days are in store for next week.

No word on anyone in the community with real serious aches and pains. Judy Barnett is battling shingles (for the fifth time!), but she is feeling better. She said it nearly ran her crazy for a day or two, but after a trip to the doctor and some treatment, she is improving. Her aunt, Corrine Parrish, continues to make progress back to good health. She's still walking with a cane, but is out and about a little more and that makes her feel better. She was able to be in church on Sunday, and it was good to see her.

Cemetery Association

The reorganized cemetery association met on Thursday evening, March 14, to discuss the plans for maintenance, upkeep, and general operation of the cemetery. A work day is scheduled for Saturday, April 27, to begin at 8 a.m. And continue as long as anyone wants to work. I'm sure if the weather doesn't co-operate, it will be rescheduled (and let's hope for rain to cause a delay). The association also has a box number to which all correspondence, donations, etc., can be sent. That address is Benjamin Cemetery Association, Box 292, Benjamin, TX 79505.

Here 'N There

Kim Lyles of Amistad, N.M., visited family and friends Thursday and Friday. Keith Conner also visited on Saturday.

Sammy Young of Venus visited Mary Young and other relatives and fiends during the weekend.

Cathy Tomlinson of Denton was here for the weekend with her mom, Gloria West. Gloria is making plans to relocate to Denton to be near Cathy. She hasn't moved yet but hopes to get that "mission accomplished" within the next few months. We will miss her when she goes but understand her situation and surely do hope she will be happy after the move.

Cassie Sheedy is busy getting acquainted with her new job — that being the director of the Knox County Aging Service. She will replace Cheryl Daniel, who has had the position several years and is retiring.

Jan Pollock of Iowa Park and Gay Roberts of Wichita Falls were here Friday for the graveside rites for Sammy Bohannon.

Sue Terry of Dallas was here last weekend to visit her dad, Weldon Gideon, and other relatives. After Sue returned home, her mother-in-law passed away after suffering from Lou Gehrig's disease for several years. Sue's husband, Dave, has visited in Benjamin many times, and he is known by many local residents. I extend sympathy to Sue, Dave, and their children.

Debbie Stephenson of Clyde visited the Roger Bohannons on Friday and attended the funeral service for Sammy.

Don't forget the city-wide cleanup Saturday, April 13. Do your cleaning and then meet at the park for a potluck lunch about noon. Just a little work by each of us will "spruce up" the town nicely.

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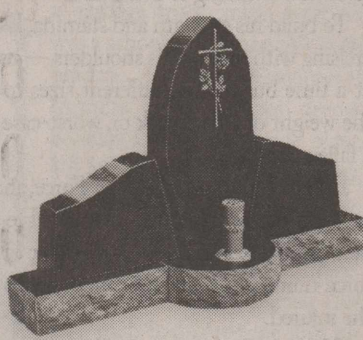
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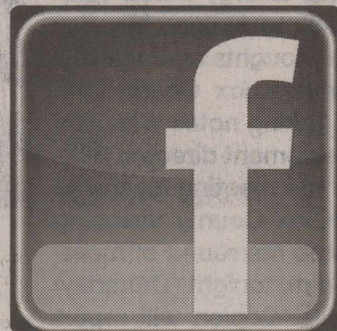
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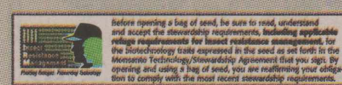


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501 Name and fame a double whammy

Celebrities have it rough. So do their children. They're always in the sights of the greedy amoral paparazzi. A picture of Blue Ivy Carter is worth \$500,000. No kidding. I heard it on TV. It's enough to make you want to invest in a very powerful telephoto lens.

Who's Blue Ivy? The daughter of Jay-Z and Beyoncé. (Forgive the omission of Beyoncé's accent. I'm keyboard-challenged.) In a pop-culture pop quiz, would Blue Ivy be your downfall? I had to look her up. Sure, I gaze at the tabloids along the supermarket checkout line, but since nobody's managed to snap a cover shot of Blue Ivy, certainly not recently, it makes sense I'd never heard of her.

Poor child. It's bad to be hounded by paparazzi, and the 1-year-old also has another burden — an unusual name. Ask anybody who's grown up with one. Ask me.

Yep, I'm identifying with little Blue Ivy because we both have odd names. Guess what else we share.

PAUSE FOR GUESSING.
Our father's names. My daddy was J.Z. too — pronounced like her famous daddy's stage name. Per my research, the rapper-entrepreneur began life as Shawn Corey Carter and later acquired "Jay-Z," inspired by his nickname, "Jazzy." Something like that.

My daddy wasn't jazzy or a rapper. He was Victorian and, along with my mother, believed jazz was inherently sleazy, even immoral. Even so, my parents took me at age 14 to

a Jack Teagarden jazz concert because they both liked Teagarden. I'll forever applaud that child-rearing inconsistency.

Back to accents. At least Blue Ivy doesn't have one. I snuck in some keyboard research, and I'm going to impress you: Beyoncé.

Today's keyboards do it all. Too bad accents weren't available back when so many parents were naming girl babies Renée. You had to get a special typewriter.

I'm thinking of adding an accent to Hanaba. Maybe Hanabá? Think Bogatá. Anything to decrease connotations to the similar-sounding name that brings to mind the guy who took elephants over the Alps or the psychiatrist who got his finger bitten off by the mental patient. I didn't see the film, but wasn't he a psychiatrist, and isn't that what happened? Maybe not, but something happened. And now creepy Hannibal Lecter is going to be a television show. Great. I'm feeling shades of what my friend Sandy felt when they flat out stole her name for that super storm.

There you have it. Name a child something safe like "Sandy," and the next thing you know she's something worse than a hurricane. Life.

Lastly, consider "il papa," as in Pope Francis — the last word in name changes and target of his own set of paparazzi, no doubt. Call them "papapaparazzi."

INTERNET PAUSE.
"Papapaparazzi" is taken. It occurs in Lady Gaga lyrics but not in reference to a papal entourage.

Alas. Just when I was fancying myself to be Hanabá, lexicographic pundit to the pope. Might as well sell that slightly used accent. The price? I'm thinking 500,000 lire.

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

Dixie Divas When Lincoln dies

Charlie Tinker, according to his diary, was feeling poorly on the morning of April 15, 1865. He had left the office on April 12, gone home and to bed. A doctor visited and said he must stay in bed since he had an intermittent fever.



RONDA RICH

Abraham Lincoln, was when the president had comically frolicked out of the telegraph office on the 11th.

"The maid came into my room and said she had heard on the street that President Lincoln and Secretary Seward had been killed at five o'clock that morning," Charlie wrote. He dismissed it as idle talk until his wife, Miss Lizzie, returned from the market and said she had heard a similar story.

Isn't it amazing to think of a time when the assassination of a president was spread via word of mouth and newspapers?

Charlie hurriedly dressed, "swallowed" his breakfast and headed to his office at the War Department. On his way, he saw people on the streets excitedly

discussing "matters of apparent interest."

Let me pause here to point out two differences between Tink's family and mine: First, none of my people ever had a maid. Second, unlike the discreet Tinkers, we would not have minded our own business. We would have stopped on the street and asked, "What's goin' on?" This goes without pointing out the biggest difference here — Tink's people won the war. My people were forced, after a heart-spent effort, to tuck tail and go home.

In front of Secretary Seward's house were guards. One informed Charlie the president was dead. (Seward had been seriously injured in an attack but would live). At the White House, "I met our porter John Bailey coming from the office from whom I learned that President Lincoln had been assassinated in Ford's Theater about 10 o'clock last night by John Wilkes Booth, an actor."

Charlie goes on to accurately detail the events that are historically recorded. Like the Tinkers I know, he did not embellish. He stuck to the facts, and nary a fact was incorrect. Now, my family? We're loathe to stick strictly to the facts because we always think they sound better prettied up.

"Our office feels most mournful," he wrote of that day. "We had learned to look upon him in his daily visits as a companion while we venerated him for his goodness as a father. We had no heart for work, bitter

tears flooding every eye and grief choking every utterance."

Just an aside here: My people would have been weeping, wailing and gnashing teeth. We are unrestrained for we believe in a good, hearty show of grief. Tink's people are more dignified. I already knew that our families didn't have a lot in common but Charlie's diaries underscore that.

April 18th: "The remains of Abraham Lincoln lie in state at the White House. I took Lizzie at noon and we saw him in the East Room."

The Tinkers, as befitting their relationship to the president, were seated near the front at his funeral. Charlie Tinker celebrated the memory of his good friend for the rest of his life. He named his son Arthur Lincoln Tinker and spent the rest of his long life participating in history events about Lincoln's presidency and endowing his legacy in any way possible. After his service in Washington, Charlie moved his family to Brooklyn, where, as typical of most New England descendants of the Mayflower, he was heavily involved in community and was chairman of the deacons of the Washington Avenue Baptist Church.

"Hey Tink," I said as I pulled out a program from a deacons' supper meeting that Charlie had organized. "I have finally found something we have in common."

My great-great grandfather was a Baptist, too. Ronda Rich is a Southern humorist, storyteller and best-selling author.

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•Authorized a sheriff's force of two full-time deputies and six no-cost reserves.

•Tabled action regarding disposal of items stored in Benjamin Precinct Barn.

•Tabled consideration of procedure to disposed of chemicals stored at Precinct Barn.

•Authorized adoption of modifications to Dickens and Knox County Caprock Regional Public Defender inter-local agreement to allow non-participating counties to use the contract for appeal cases.

•Amended the budget to reflect utilization of income from surplus funds and expense to assist Knox County Hospital District in the purchase of the Munday Nurs-

ing Center.

Commissioners heard reports from

•Gene Ward of the Texas Department of Public Transportation regarding upcoming projects, including work on bridges on County Road 1041 and County Road 2400, and regarding National Work Zone Safety Awareness Week, April 23-27.

•Extension Office.

•Community Development Director Jimi Coplen, who reported on visioning meetings already under way for the week, due to culminate with a town meeting in Knox City Thursday at 6 p.m.

•Aging Services Director Cassandra Sheedy, in her first month on the job.

•9-1-1.

•Tax Office.

•Justice Court.

Mike Schweikhard of Abilene, public relations manager for Atmos Energy, offered his opinions Monday night in a meeting designed to get input from the energy sector in particular.

Regarding education, Schweikhard suggested a course for ten to 15 students could train them in fields that need employees — computer related careers and medicine.

"Nursing, it doesn't matter what the economy does or what gadgets are needed," he said.

Schweikhard said that his company is interested in seeing Knox County maintain its population and remain economically healthy because of Atmos's extensive investment in the infrastructure required to deliver gas to customers

Canadian couple intrigued by old vault

By Hanaba Munn Welch
The Knox County News-Courier

BENJAMIN — All that's left of an old corner bank building in Benjamin is brick vault — a piece of history that's listed as a point of interest in the 2013 State Travel Guide. Sure enough, in the late afternoon sun on Monday, a couple from Thunder Bay, Ontario, was eyeing the old structure and snapping a picture or two for their vacation album.

Bob Klapprat was seeing Texas for the first time. For his wife, Carol Klapprat, the trip marked only her second time to see the Lone Star State. Her first trip was in 1968, when, as a young school teacher, she and some of her peers traveled to San Antonio for the HemisFair and to the Rio Grande for a perfunctory crossing. She doesn't remember the place — just the bridge.

"We came back laden with Mexican hats and velvet paintings," she said.

She also remembers the Texas bluebonnets.

But things are different now. Along with her husband, she's just as interested in seeing out-of-the-way places as the standard tourist spots. The State Travel Guide is their bible. He drives; she reads.

Bob Klapprat complimented Texas for its highway system — not just the interstate highways and other major routes, but also the less-traveled two lanes.

"We like secondary highways," he said. "They're all paved. That's a bit of a surprise."

Comparable roads in Canada are more likely to be gravel, he said.

The backroads suit Bob



Hanaba Munn Welch/The Knox County News-Courier

Roads less traveled are the favorite routes of Bob and Carol Klapprat, Canadian retirees traveling through Texas. Monday afternoon found them in Benjamin, where they saw the old jail, the old bank vault and the Quanah Parker Trail Arrow at the Wichita Brazos Museum and Cultural Center.

Klapprat's hobby.

"Bob's been doing a little birdwatching," his wife said.

He's observed several species in Texas.

"I have a list a couple of pages long," he said.

To spot a feathered species much depends on luck, but for the other attractions — things like the old bank vault — the State

Travel Guide makes it easy. The Klapprats have been especially happy with the information in the Pan-

handle Plains section of the booklet.

"The Plains is the best of all for small towns — the best write-ups for the towns we've gone through," she said.

"The next person may not think so," he said. "They caught our eye."

The Klapprats were headed to Copper Breaks State Park to spend Monday night.

"We're working our way back home," he said.

From Canada, they trav-

eled through Minnesota and down the Mississippi to New Orleans and then came into Texas, including San Antonio on their route before heading north into West Texas.

The Quanah Parker Trail arrow at the Wichita Brazos Museum was the first the Klapprats had seen, but Carol Klapprat had already read the story of Cynthia Ann Parker and her son Quanah, Comanche chief.

No surprise, she read it in the State Travel Guide.

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School put together their wish lists Monday morning, dreaming about everything from a Walmart to a Starbucks for Knox County and more community events.

The students also said they'd like to gain job skills through jobs.

"Summer jobs are hard come by for kids in this area," said Lori Coop, county extension agent for family and consumer sciences, who helped conduct the meetings with the students.

Grant money previously funded a program whereby Coop was able to match students to summer work.

"We put 49 kids to work for the summer," she said.

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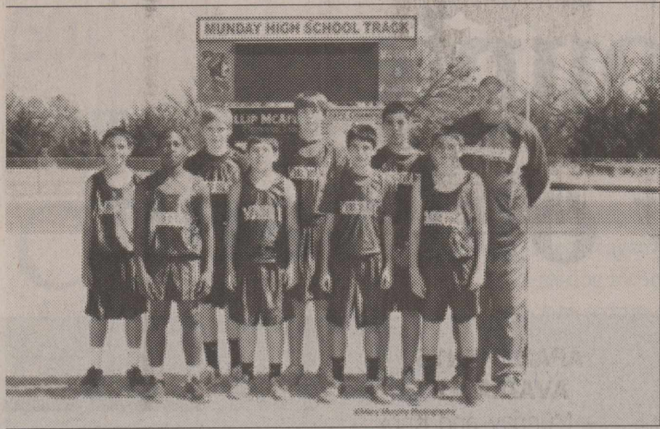
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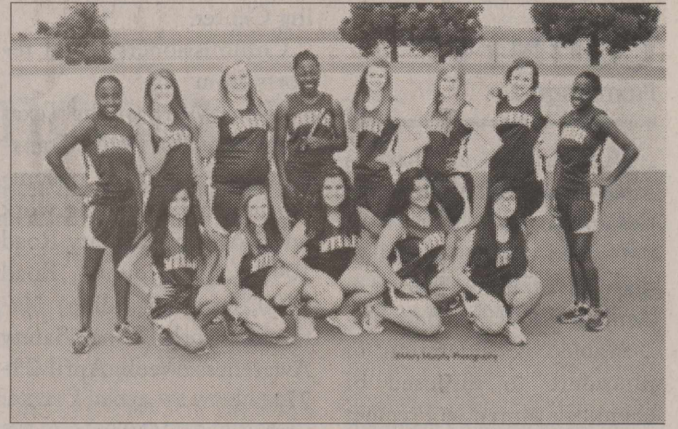
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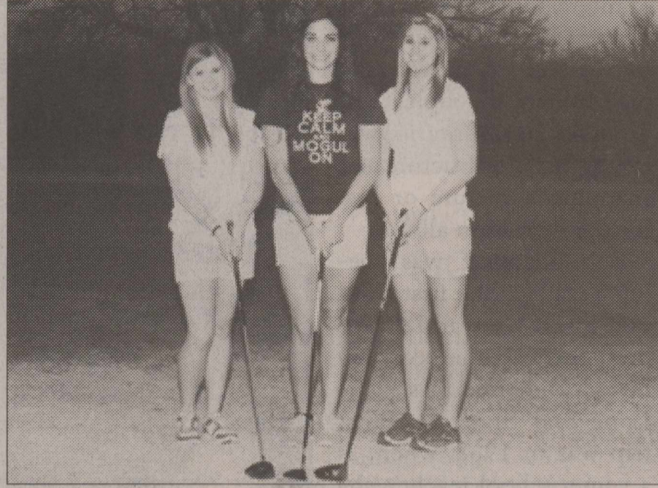
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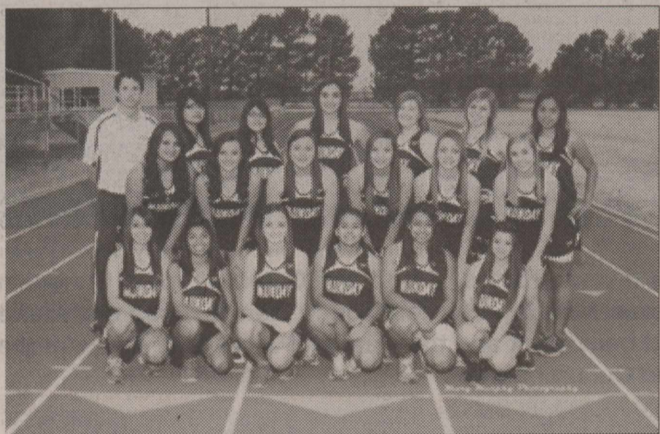
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

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LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas, 78711-2967. (Telephone 512/463-6792)

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF LOUISE KEMLETZ, DECEASED

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All persons having claims against this estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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Notice of Application for Fluid Injection Well Permit

PPC Operating Company, LLC, 10355 Centrepark Drive, Suite 100, Houston, Texas 77043 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Cisco Formation, Bateman Trust Estate Account No. 1 Lease, Well Number 82. The proposed injection well is located 6 miles East of the city of Guthrie in the Bateman Ranch (A-Zone) field, in King County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3,400 to 3,680 feet.

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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 09 Rule 37 Case No. 0281211
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Mar 19, 2013 Status/Permit No. 757059
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Apr 23, 2013
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the CHOLLA PETROLEUM, INC., [RRC Operator No. 150683] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the DISTANCE BETWEEN WELLS requirement for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 66, Bk. 13, H&T RR CO/GENN, F Survey, A-1606, KNOX CITY, WEST (STRAWN) Field, KNOX County, being 11 miles W direction from KNOX CITY, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512) 463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 (512) 463-6751.

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Candace is the daughter of Lonnie and Laura Hines of Seminole, Texas, and David Anderson of Kyle, Texas, and mother of little Gavin Anderson of Sterling City. Her grandparents are the late Jimmy and Georgie Lynn of Knox City, Percy and Doris Anderson of Casper, Wyoming and the late Betty Anderson. Cody is the son of Steve and Jimmie Gail Davis of Coleman, the late Jimmy Hafner, and the late Dan Slate. His grandparents are Mrs. Claudia Rutherford and the late Jim Rutherford of Santa Anna, James Hafner and the late Martha Hafner of Coleman, and Mrs. Ann Slate and the late Darrell Slate of Hobbs, New Mexico.



Candace Kay Anderson

Candace wore a Mori Lee by Madeline Gardner gown which was made from ivory Luxe taffeta. Repeating pleats framed a sweetheart neckline. A voluminous A-line skirt started at the natural waistline flowing into a chapel length train. A blush taffeta sash was adorned at the waist with rhinestones and a vintage-style flower which was pinned to the side. The sash tied into a bow at the back and, along with a column of covered buttons, extended to the floor, completing a picture of elegance. She wore a unique, chic/vintage bib-necklace in shades of ivory, silver and blush with a ribbon rosette as the focal piece surrounded by a pearl & rhinestone brooch, fresh-water pearls, roses, crystals, and antique lace, with a matching hairpiece from Brass Boheme.

The bridal bouquet was a creation of mint green and light purple orchids, white/light pink ranunculus, pink peonies, pink roses, white hydrangeas and mint green snowball hydrangeas with jewels scattered throughout the bouquet. Her bouquet was wrapped in ivory with burlap twine and overlaid with a handkerchief from her late paternal grandmother, Betty Anderson. Attaching this to her bouquet was a pearl brooch belonging to her late maternal grandmoth-

er, Georgie Lynn. Candace also wore the engagement ring from each of her two maternal great-grandmothers, the late Mrs. Mary Benoit Henderson and the late Mrs. Vivian Potts Lynn. The Horwood backyard was beautifully decorated with various garden flowers of different shades of pinks in their natural settings. The poolside alter was an elevated platform surrounded on three sides by the pool and accented with a table which held a heart-shaped container for the sand ceremony symbolizing the union of the bride, the bride's son, and the groom.

Bridesmaids were Heather Anderson of Abilene, sister of the bride, and matron of honor, Angela Patterson of Fort Worth, Gena Driestadt of Abilene, Danelle Davis of Sweetwater, and Cassie Beard of Merkel. Groomsmen were Travis Slate of Voss, brother of the groom, and co-best man with Casey Mund of San Angelo, Travis Dawson of Waco, Brody Smith of Odessa and Dade Cosby of Cross Plains.

Ushers were Lane Horwood of Sterling City, who is also known as "Cupid," and Matt Walsh, Luke Cauley, Kobi Wright, all of San Angelo. Ring bearer was Gavin Anderson, the bride's son, and flower girl was Bryn-

lee Mund of San Angelo. Vocalist was Jordan Bentele of Sweetwater, cousin of the bride. The DJ was Cason Wood of Sterling City. The Top Hat Rentals photobooth was also available for additional entertainment.

The reception was held immediately following the ceremony in the same location. A delicious, catered meal of fajitas, tamales and chicken enchiladas with trimmings was served from the outdoor kitchen. A serpentine table beautifully displayed fruit and cheeses and was flanked on each side by the elegant, vintage-looking bride's cakes decorated with rosettes and strings of pearls with each layer of each cake a different flavor, and the groom's chocolate cake decorated with a camouflage ribbon and the letter "S". A dance followed the meal with Candace and Cody dancing their first dance to a song that he had written and recorded for her called "Packaged Deal".

At the end of the fun evening, the happy bride and groom exited the reception with lighted sparklers and set off for a weekend at the Appian Way-Tuscan Cottage in Fredericksburg, and will later complete their honeymoon in Cozumel in June.

The Paperboy Got news? Let us know!

I spoke to a reader last week who caught a dog stealing her newspaper. Pretty smart dog.

Looks like North Korea is looking for a fight from South Korea, which pretty much means us.



CHRIS BLACKBURN

I guess they don't realize that the outcome of an attack on a U.S. ally in the region would be very bad for them.

Perhaps it's time to get Ambassador Dennis Rodman to resolve the situation. (That will only be humorous if you're aware that Rodman recently hung out with the North Korean dictator.)

We've redesigned each one of our newspapers. The design was the brainchild of Wayne Hodgins, editor, The Post Dispatch. I think the papers look good!

Hodgins convinced me to change The Dispatch and from there we went paper-to-paper.

The last three newspapers were Floyd County, Wellington and Childress. Those papers have substantial page-one advertising and some of our clients frowned upon an offer to relocate.

In the end, we were able to appease the advertisers and pretty much complete the project. We continue to tweak them some, but overall, I like the way they look, and I think the fonts we're using are easier on the eyes.

Idle American Show us the money

Riney Jordan, a fellow speaker who has addressed a few thousand audiences for a quarter-century, varies from the script occasionally—often in the "getting to" or "getting from" engagements.

We chat occasionally, often with "can you top this" conversation starters. He usually comes out on top.

Readers who make it to the end of this piece will agree he's done so again. This time,

I'm glad. We have much in common. Our beginnings were humbler than Abe Lincoln's. His dad drove a garbage truck; mine early on was a school handyman. We both practice depression-engrained frugality, mine perhaps deeper because I'm a half-decade older. We both "out-married" ourselves, have three children and were career educators. Natives of Brown County, we both attended Howard Payne University. During college, each had part-time jobs on radio stations.

In retirement, we both continue to speak—before live audiences, our wives and fence posts.

Riney and I will be heard. He guffawed when I told him about a kind railroad porter who told me to sleep as long as I'd like in Topeka, Kan., where I had an evening speaking engagement. "We're turning your sleeping car loose on a side track there," he laughed. (Surprised I was the only passenger in the Pullman car, I waked in the early afternoon, ordered a pizza and laughed when the delivery kid biked away, muttering "That's the first time I ever delivered a pizza to a train car!")

I had a hard time convincing him that during remarks at a long-ago church service, an el-

derly lady fell forward in her pew, breathing her last.

He called later to admit that he called a mutual friend to make sure I wasn't telling an April Fool's joke. Riney added, "I understand her death was not totally attributed to anything you said!"

I elevate the white flag of surrender at this time, cutting the rope. It is permanently hoisted. With his recent experience, Riney wins. Experiences—for speakers or others—get no weirder.

While I take no delight in stories of bathroom humor, sometimes—when armed with irrefutable facts—the temptation is too great. This is such a time.

Before speaking, Riney ducked into a dimly lighted necessary room. Its appointments were few—a commode, lavatory and towel dispenser.

Afloat in the only porcelain object holding water were several bills of U.S. currency. In a flash, Riney scooped them up, his mind racing. Maybe they'd be big bills! (Remember, we are products of the depravity. In our youth, we'd have swum moats to extract pennies from the bottom.)

He washed each bill in the lavatory before drying them between layers of paper towels—all \$5 worth of them.

Yeah, they were all ones. Sweat broke out. Was he on candid camera? Was a video of his "deed of greed" already racing across the Internet? Was it something his sweet wife, Karen, had set up? Should he tell her?

Well, he still doesn't know if he was set up or if his "money scoop" indeed goes viral.

But he did tell Karen, and she told me.

True confessions help souls, we are taught.

I admitted to Karen that something similar happened to me once—right after I got my tri-focals. And for me, the room was well-lighted. (Show me a man with his head held high, and I'll show you one not used to his tri-focals.)

My "scoop," however, netted but two bills—both play money. Include a golf tournament, good food and a live band. Any money raised will go to scholarships. Expect more information as plans take shape.

Some of the people who have a hand in building your newspaper are unknown to you, yet they play an important part in producing the product.

I think one of the biggest positives I have in this company are people who care. They take pride in their respective jobs and they want to perform.

I place expectations on my employees and more often than not, those expectations are met.

I'm proud of my team, and if you feel like what you have in your hand is improving and a positive reflection of your city, let us know.

Likewise, if you are not pleased or have an issue, we'd like to know that too. Feel free to call your local office or call us here at 888-400-1083.

My wife told me the other day to remind secretaries of civic clubs and organizations to submit write-ups of monthly meetings. I'm doing so now.

Local groups are the backbone of small towns and you need to be recognized for your efforts. Obviously we cannot cover every meeting of every club and group, but we sure as heck can put your news in the newspaper.

Please help us let your community know what your group or organization is doing.

Emailing us your write-ups is the easiest way to eliminate misspelling of names. That is, if the names are correct to begin with.

For those of you who make it a habit of submitting your news, thank you very much for adding some spice to the paper!

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



DON NEWBURY

Don Newbury, former chancellor of Howard Payne University, is a humorist and motivational speaker.

I've ribbed Riney about his "find." We've joked about his "liquid assets" and this new meaning for "money laundering." Was this the ultimate "pay toilet?" We really don't know where that money's been!

He put the five ones in a special envelope, intent on using them to pay bills he thinks are excessive.

Folks at the tax office, beware! So there—funny truths are better than made-up stuff. Some of'em can be better appreciated on life's downhill side.

Riney wins the all-time distinction for stories that wouldn't stand a chance of acceptance without a wife's verification.

We remain good friends—nothing he wouldn't do for me and nothing I wouldn't do for him. Consequently, we do little for each other.

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After graduation, Dena studied one semester at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview before transferring to a Seattle college, where he studied four quarters and lived with his sister. Then he attended Cisco Junior College one year at Cisco and half a year in Abilene. His field of study is nursing.

As college costs mounted, Dena turned to the military—not just to finance his education but also because it felt right.

"I want to contribute something," Dena said. "My nieces and nephews, I want to leave them a world they will be happy with. Everyone's talking gloom and doom. You can't talk gloom and doom and do nothing about it."

On the wall of Dena's room are the words of John Adams, second president of the United States:

"I must study politics and war that my sons may have liberty to study mathematics and philosophy."

grant will require the student to return to Knox County for one year and work in an HVAC field.

Senior citizens musical

The monthly musical fundraiser for the Knox County Aging Center is from 7 to 9 p.m. the first Monday of the month. Local musicians and talent. Bring your own snacks. Tea/coffee will be served. Donations will be accepted for the upkeep of the building. All funds benefit the Aging Center. For information, contact Cheryl Daniel at 657-3618

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Tour of Homes

The Knox County Visioning Group is seeking local homes to feature in the annual tour of homes in December. For information, call 940-459-4121.

Class reunion

The Munday High School class of 1978 will celebrate its 35th reunion July 6. The agenda will

KCVG grant

The Knox County Visioning Group is looking for individuals who have an interest in pursuing a trade in heating, ventilation and air-conditioning. The KCVG is rolling out a grant for \$1,500 available to a Knox County senior in high school or a Knox County resident who is already out of high school and wishes to pursue this training. The

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