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Feds eye two native minnows for protection

By Wayne Hodgin
 The Knox County News-Courier

The federal government is proposing to place two small minnows native to the arid prairie streams of Texas, including the Brazos River, on its list of endangered species and designate as critical their habitat in 11 Texas counties, including Knox.

Based on evidence the sharpnose shiner and the smalleye shiner and their habitats are in decline, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is asking for their protection under the Endangered Species Act, said Lesli Gray, spokeswoman for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service public affairs office in McKinney.

"The two small minnows once were found throughout the Brazos River and several of its major tributaries within the watershed," Gray said. "The two species are currently restricted almost entirely to the contiguous river segments of the upper Brazos River ba-

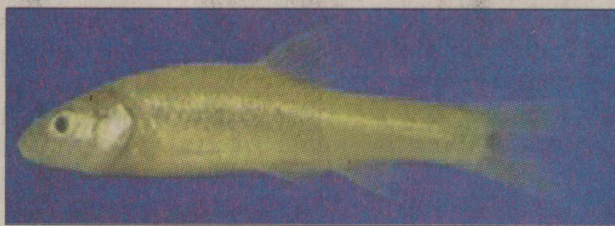
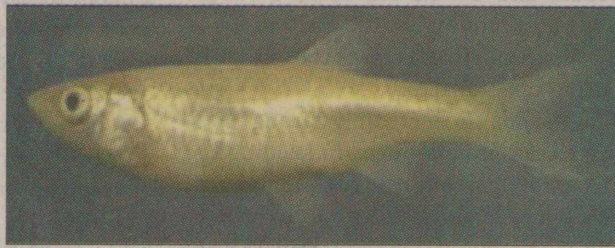
sin in north-central Texas. This represents a reduction from the sharpnose and smalleye shiners' historical ranges of more than 50 and 70 percent, respectively."

It is believed the range for these shiners is restricted to the Brazos River above Possum Kingdom Lake, although they historically occurred within the lower reach of the Brazos River. The sharpnose shiner may also have occurred naturally in the Wichita River within the Red River Basin.

The maximum lifespan of these species is about three years, although many shiners live through only one breeding season.

The sharpnose and smalleye shiners both require wide, shallow, unobstructed flowing waters to survive, grow and reproduce. Federal officials first identified both species as candidates for ESA protection in June 2002.

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Chad Thomas/Texas State University

The sharpnose shiner (top) and the smalleye shiner have been proposed to be protected under the federal Endangered Species Act. The two small minnows, native to the Brazos River, are now contained to the upper portions of the river above Possum Kingdom Lake.

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.

Alzheimer's Support Group

The Munday Nursing Center sponsors a support group for Alzheimer's patients, caregivers, family and friends at 12:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month in Fellowship Hall at Munday First United Methodist Church. Bring a sack lunch. The Next meeting is Aug. 12. Call Ronda Thompson at 940-422-4541 for information.

Small grains meeting

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service of Knox County will host a small grains pre-plant meeting at 1:30 p.m. Aug. 15 at the Perry Patton Center in Munday. Various speakers will present information relative to Knox County production. For information, contact Jerry Coplen at 459-2651 or email jerry.coplen@ag.tamu.edu.

Alzheimer's seminar

The North Texas Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association will present a seminar on managing challenging behaviors of people suffering from some sort of dementia. This free workshop will discuss triggers and communication techniques. Class is ideal for patients, caregivers, family and friends and will be at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 20 at the Munday Nursing Center, 421 W. F St. Call Ronda Thompson at 940-422-4541 for information.

Gospel theater

"Saint John & The Televangelist" is staged at 7:30 p.m. each Friday and at 3 p.m. Saturday through Sept. 14 at the Ragtown Gospel Theater north of Post. Tickets are available and show information online at Ragtown.com or call Ragtown Theater at 877-724-8696.

New exhibit

The OS Museum, 201 E. Main St., Post, offers "The Many Faces of Art" as its 2013 summer exhibit. Viewing hours are 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The exhibit will close Sept. 28. For information, call Marie Neff at 806-495-3570.

Veterans benefits

Wartime veterans or surviving spouses may be entitled to monthly income from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. For information, contact Marsha Mahurin at West Texas Senior Resources at 806-781-3901 or email marsha.mahurin@yahoo.com.

HOW TO COMMENT

U.S. Wildlife officials are requesting comments or information from the public, governmental agencies, the scientific community, industry, or any other interested parties concerning this proposed rule. Comments must be received within 60 days.

Written comments and information concerning the proposed listing and critical habitat proposals will be accepted until Oct. 7 and may be submitted by one of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal at regulations.gov. Submit comments on the listing proposal to Docket No. FWS-R2-ES-2013-0083, and submit comments on the critical habitat proposal to Docket No. FWS-R2-ES-2013-0008.
- By hard copy: U.S. mail or hand-delivery: Public Comments Processing, Attn: FWS-R2-ES-2013-0083; Division of Policy and Directives Management; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, MS 2042-PDM; Arlington, VA 22203.

CRP offers announced at local, state, national levels

By Wayne Hodgin
 The Knox County News-Courier

Texas will accept 2,092 offers on more than 312,000 acres offered under the 45th Conservation Reserve Program that ended in June.

The Texas Farm Service Agency received 2,226 offers on more than 333,000 acres of land. Nationwide, U.S. Department of Agriculture officials accepted enrollment of 1.7 million acres of the nearly 28,000 requests on more than 1.9 million acres requested.

Nancy Birkenfeld, executive director of the Knox County FSA office, said there were about 7,000 acres of CRP land in Knox County.

"During this signup we had nearly 800 acres of accepted into CRP," she said. "We have nearly 2,000 acres that will expire from their 10-year contracts on Sept. 30."

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack said CRP helps conserve the nation's natural resources and helps mitigate climate change.

"For the last 27 years, American farmers and

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Family



Submitted photo

The family of Dot Myers and the late Billie Jake Myers, owner of RAS Trucking of Rhineland, gathered Saturday for a "back to school" picnic. More than 300 years of experience in education is represented with the Myers family. Those present included (front row, left to right) Caroline Cuba, Dot Myers, Mary Myers and Darla Coffman; (middle) Mindy Flowers, Laci Bowman, Rebecca Cuba, Tena Myers and Janet Dillard; (back row) Julie Myers-Kuhn, Drew Coffman, Mark Coffman and Robert Dillard. Not pictured but also having degrees in education are Kyle Myers, Jeremy Myers, Mary Beth Larson, Larry Welch, Ambra Beaty, Kylie Brock, Katie Criswell, Jordan Coffman, Teana Coffman, Riley Coffman and Laura Myers.

Hightower remembered for longtime public service

By Wayne Hodgin
 The Knox County News-Courier

Retired Texas Supreme Court Justice Jack Hightower, a Democrat who also served a decade in Congress under three presidents, died Saturday at the age of 86.

Osler McCarthy, a spokesman for the state's high court, said Hightower died Saturday in Austin from complications due to Parkinson's disease.

Rep. Drew Springer, who serves District 68 in which Hightower lived, asked the House to pay homage to the longtime public servant by gaveling close the third special session of the Legislature in memory of the lawmaker.

"Justice Hightower not only started his career in House District 68, but he was born here as well," Springer said. "It was an honor to recognize such an important figure for his contributions to our region and state."

Other state leaders remembered Hightower for his ability to focus on the law as public rule.

"Texas has lost a true champion among its public servants and the Court has lost a colleague who at his very core was what a judge should be," Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice Wallace Jefferson said. "Jack Hightower had integrity, wisdom and a singular purpose: to serve the public by the rule of law."

Born in the Texas Panhandle town of Memphis in 1926, Hightower served in the Navy

and graduated from Baylor in 1949. He set up a law practice in Vernon served as district attorney of the 46th Texas Judicial District based in Wilbarger County from 1951 to 1961.

Hightower would go on to serve the Texas Legislature in both the House and Senate before being elected to Congress in 1975 where he would serve a decade. He then spent three years as the Assistant Attorney General of Texas before being elected to the Texas Supreme Court in 1988, a role he held until his retirement in 1996.

During his seven-year run on the state supreme court, Hightower wrote more than 100 opinions and is remembered by many as a moderate voice on the panel.

President Bill Clinton in 1999 appointed Hightower to the National Commission on Libraries and Information Sciences, where he served five years.

A lifelong Baptist, Hightower held many significant positions in Baptist organizations, including being a trustee of Baylor University. He has been a trustee of Midwestern University in Wichita Falls and served in several leadership positions in the Masons.

His personal and official papers are housed in Baylor's W.R. Poage Legislative Library.

Hightower is survived by his wife, Colleen, and three daughters.

Funeral services were pending. He will be buried in the Texas State Cemetery.



Photo courtesy of Baylor University

Jack Hightower is shown in this photo from his years in Congress. Hightower died Saturday from complications due to Parkinson's disease.

Corrections

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Lawmakers finally agree to road funding

By Wayne Hodgins
The News-Courier

The third special session of the Texas Legislature since May was gavelled to a close Monday night after passing a measure estimated to increase state transportation funding by \$1.2 billion a year is voters give the measure a nod next year.

Gov. Rick Perry praised members of both the House and Senate for backing House Bill 1 to boost funding for the cash-strapped Texas Department of Transportation without raising taxes or fees.

"(This) sends an incredibly strong message that Texas is committed to keeping the wheels of commerce turning while protecting taxpayers," Perry said.

TxDOT Executive Director Phil Wilson said in a statement that the Legislature's "commitment to funding transportation is a significant step in advancing key mobility and maintenance projects into the future."

After failing to pass legislation during the regular session and last two special sessions, the latest version is estimated to raise about \$1.2 billion a year for TxDOT, which has said it needs about \$4 billion in annual funding to maintain current congestion levels as the state's population grows.

Perry last week estimated the growth at 1,000 new residents a day.

The constitutional amendment will divert some oil and gas production tax revenue already earmarked for the Rainy Day Fund to road construction and maintenance. In addition, the Legislature will have to vote in 2025 to continue the diversion or it would stop.

The \$20 billion TxDOT would also have to find \$100 million in "efficiencies" during the 2014-15 biennium to contribute to its own multibillion-dollar debt.

Combs reports condition

In a July 31 letter to the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the House and members of the Legislature, Comptroller Susan Combs reported the state's oil and natural gas production taxes are performing better than expected this year.

Combs projected those taxes to generate an additional \$900 million in fiscal 2013, one quarter of which is available for general purpose spending. And that amount is in addition to the \$683.1 million available for

general purpose spending and not appropriated in the 2014-2015 biennium.

The additional remaining \$675 million of severance tax revenue available in the current year will be part of a \$2.37 billion transfer into the Economic Stimulus (rainy day) Fund in November, Combs said.

Federal relief to come

President Barack Obama on Aug. 2 signed a major disaster declaration and in doing so overruled the Environmental Protection Agency's June decision to reject Texas' request for relief for the town of West.

A fertilizer plant in West exploded on April 17, causing the loss of 15 lives and widespread damage to buildings and infrastructure.

Gov. Perry, members of Congress and others appealed the EPA's ruling. On Aug. 2 Perry released a statement saying, "This, along with the disaster relief funding provided by the Texas Legislature, will help this community rebuild their infrastructure, school district and public works as quickly as possible."

Race attracts candidates

Three current officeholders have entered the race for Texas attorney general: Railroad Commissioner Barry Smitherman, state Sen. Ken Paxton, R-McKinney, and state Rep. Dan Branch, R-Dallas.

Smitherman's law degree is from the University of Texas, Paxton's is from the University of Virginia, and Branch's is from Southern Methodist University.

Attorney General Greg Abbott, a Republican who has served as the state's chief legal officer since 2002, on July 14 announced his candidacy for governor after Gov. Perry on July 8 said he would not seek another term.

DPS report DWI arrests

The Texas Department of Public Safety on Aug. 1 announced Highway Patrol troopers made 1,124 driving-while-intoxicated arrests, June 28 through July 7, the agency's holiday-related special enforcement period.

During the 10-day period, enforcement resulted in more than 15,700 speeding citations, more than 2,400 seat belt and child safety seat citations, 720 fugitive arrests and 602 felony arrests.

Ed Sterling contributed to this report.

The Paperboy A new normal

I have lost all meaning of the word normal. What is normal? Are you? Am I?

Growing up in a nuclear family, I thought I was normal. My childhood was in the lines of "Happy Days" or "The Cosby Show."

I think now it's probably closer to "Family Guy." Not really. Maybe so.

My dad would be gone for work by 7 a.m. most days. I'd see him when he returned home at 5:30 p.m. We'd have dinner together, and the rest of the evening's events depended on the season.

Almost everyone in neighborhood was just like us. As a child, I suppose my parents kept my sister and me out of a lot of loops. We were sheltered.

I remember my best friend coming to see my mom when I was in fourth grade. He knocked on the door crying. He told mom his parents were getting a divorce. I had never heard that word, and Mom

explained it to me later.

It was about that time — the mid-'70s — when divorces became prevalent in our society. Thus, a new normal was established by millions of Americans.

Today in our society, many couples have babies outside of wedlock. There are many circumstances involved with this trend, but nonetheless, it has become commonplace. So for many of us, that is a new normal as well.

Our society is busy. If you have children and/or grandchildren, I don't have to explain how loaded your schedule can become with activity.

Add in technology and how it has affected families, and I think we're all discovering quickly that normal may be on permanent vacation.

So if nothing seems normal, at least to me, how do we gauge sanity?

If I sometimes question my own sanity, or question the sanity of others, does that make me insane?

For now, I'll say I'm borderline sane and move on.

I guess normal is in the eye of the beholder. And I'm learning it's best to provide stability and love for my family at all times rather than establish some false normal. Regardless of the size of my family, each individual in it needs an abundance of love. As a family, it's up to us to provide that love. To me, if you're sharing and receiving love with your family members every day, everyone feels normal.

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Knox County Aging Services Menus for August 12-16

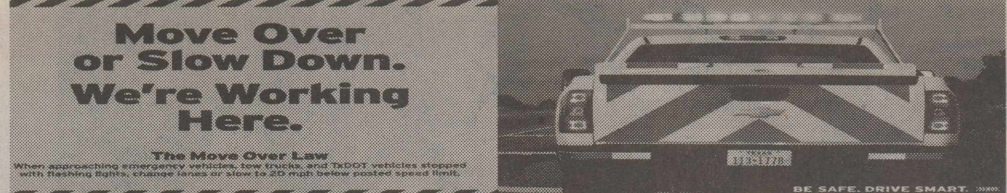
Monday:
Salisbury steak, diced potatoes, English peas, whole-wheat roll, fruit salad.

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Polish sausage, pinto beans, corn bread, peaches.

Wednesday:
Chicken tenders, garlic mashed potatoes, mixed veggies, whole-wheat roll, Mandarin oranges.

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Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

Here we are well into the month of August—Can't believe it's the 5th already. Preparations are being made toward getting a new school year started, and before we know it, the 2013-2014 session will begin. Seems only yesterday teachers, students, and parents were all excited about all the last of school activities of the past year. My how time is flying by!

About Our Ill

Bo Milson is home and according to reports, is doing pretty well. Does have oxygen, but she's ok with that if it makes her breathing easier. It's good to hear she's doing as well as she is.

Philomae Roberson is still having trouble with her sciatic nerve problem. It's getting better, but she still has trouble walking comfortably. Said sitting, lying down, or even driving doesn't bother her, but walking is not too easy yet. Guess it's just going to take a while for it to get back to normal. On Thursday she had cataract surgery in Wichita Falls, and that went well. Says she can see so much better, and she's thankful for that.

Randolph Barnett had knee surgery last Tuesday in Abilene. He's home and doing fine. Will do some therapy, of course, but so far, so good. He's just glad to have it over with and hopefully be back to normal activity before long.

And as far as I know, there's not anyone else with any problems except for the usual aches and pains and the allergies that seem to be bothering lots of folks. There's lots of pollen in the air that's causing sneezing, coughing, and runny noses. Makes one feel plain miserable.

Here 'N There

This past weekend the family of the late Wayne and Carmen Young met at the home of a granddaughter, Cindy and Carl Sanders in Bozier City, Louisiana, for a family get together. (Cindy is Billie

Faye Young Cummings and late Bill Cummings daughter.) Reports from family members are that a good "crowd of kin" made it to the reunion and everyone had a wonderful time. Making the trip from Benjamin were Mary Jane Young, Imagean Young, Deann Lamb, Stephen and Sheila Kuehler, Will and Kinsey, and Enrique, Katelyn and Carter Acevado. Debbie Niel and grandson, Collin, who had visited her mom, Mary Young, two weeks, went to Dallas with Mary, where they met Debbie's husband, Barry, who accompanied them to Bozier City. Barry, Debbie, and Collin left Sunday on their return flight to their home in Florida.

Brandon, Jessica, and Noah Hutchinson of Abilene spent Saturday with Jessica's parents, Mike and Debi Moorhouse. Also visiting the Moorhouses during last week were grandchildren, Lexie, Katy, and Blaze Taylor of Amarillo, Taylor and Westin Herring of Munday, and Kayley Rogers of Snyder.

Debbie Stephenson of Clyde visited her aunt, Betty Bohannon and family a few days last week. Betty said her husband, Roger, is having lots of trouble with his knees and he's probably going to have some surgery at some point in the not too distant future. Said it's bothering him so much, it's hard for him to get around.

Linda Griffith, daughters, and granddaughters enjoyed a "girls time" in Ruidoso this past weekend. Enjoying time away from home and just having fun were Linda, and Becky, Kamryn, and Brooke Jones of Benjamin, Devon Jones of Wichita Falls, and Amy, Kate, and Abby Tyson of Clovis, New Mexico. Daughter Lori LaShomb was unable to make the trip due to a previous commitment.

Jayden and Jacy Holmes are spending a few days with their granddad in Rochester.

Gladene Green is the longtime correspondent for the Knox County News-Courier.

The 501

There is no free lunch

Decades ago, when I was in college, a guest lecturer who spoke in one of our daily chapel services (which weren't exactly "services" in the churchy sense of the word inasmuch as main topics and programs were often secular) said he wanted us students to remember just one thing from his remarks that day if we remembered nothing else:

There is no free lunch. Sure enough, that's all I remember. Indeed, it's really almost all I remember from five years' worth of chapel programs, but what better little truism to retain?

My recall isn't perfectly clear, but I think the chapel speaker said the phrase over and over to burn it into our collegiate brains. There is no free lunch. It worked.

Now that I'm old enough to qualify for the next-best thing to free lunches — senior discounts — the challenge is to continue to remember there really is no free lunch. If something sounds too good to be true, it is.

The no-free-lunch saying is a good life-long defense against scams. Unfortunately, it seems an effect of aging for many is a breakdown in the ability to see through scams.

Not that you have to be elderly to get conned, scammed, duped or whatever. You don't. I know people who aren't that old who've been fooled in various ways. Me, for one, years ago. I'm thinking of the likeable caregiver-forger-thief who got to me and my

mother for thousands of dollars by exploiting my trusting nature — just call me gullible — and my mother's short-term memory loss.

I was more the weak link than my aging mother, whose only brain problem was her memory. When Mother saw her nicely forged signature on the checks in the monthly bank statements for our joint account, she supposed she'd written them all. After all, she couldn't remember what she'd had for breakfast.

We were both stunned when we finally looked closely and realized none of the signatures were my mother's. Not one.

Keep an eye on too-good-to-be-true caregivers.

Forgive the personal digression. Back to scams in general that target the elderly.

A classmate's mother and her husband bought a bogus phone booth in Las Vegas. They decided they wanted their nickel back and pressed charges. Good for them. It's hard to admit you've been tricked.

The widowed parents of other friends of mine have fallen prey to all sorts of schemes of the "free lunch" variety — ways to get rich and win valuable prizes and so on. Yeah, right.

In two cases, charming Jamaicans have been the con artists. They must sound good on the phone. Money laundering seems to be their specialty.

Eventually I myself will land in a rest home. I'll be lonely. I'll enjoy talking to telemarketers. Maybe I'll have a sign in big letters by my bedside table:

THERE IS NO FREE LUNCH.
I'll get confused and try to pay for meals. An unethical caregiver will take my money.

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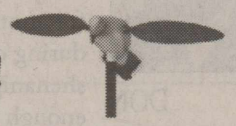
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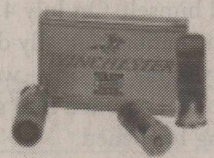
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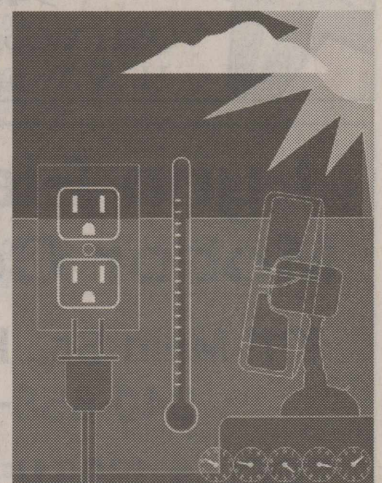
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- Set air-conditioning thermostats to the highest possible comfortable setting and dress accordingly.
- Turn off every appliance you are not using including lights, televisions and radios. Use the "sleep" feature on your computer equipment.
- Only cool rooms that you use. Close vents and doors in unused rooms. Be sure to close closet doors.
- Check your air-conditioning filter every month and replace as needed.
- Keep windows that let the sun in covered when the sun is shining on them.
- Weather strip and caulk around windows and doors to prevent drafts.
- Close your fireplace damper when the fireplace is not being used.
- Use fans to help circulate the air in your house.
- Air-dry dishes in the dishwasher.
- Lower the temperature on your hot water heater during the summer, take shorter showers and wash only full loads in the laundry and dishwasher.



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The Idle American

Uncle Mort ignores birthday 101

My memories of Uncle Mort go all the way back to the onset of World War II — that's when my recall served instead of going AWOL like today.

Nothing has changed; he's still in the memory-making business, fully determined to swim against the current of conventional wisdom. His fun-loving spirit still soars.

If we had a shoe for every time we waited for another one to drop during one of Mort's shenanigans, there'd be enough for most Third World children to be shod. When he keeps us guessing, his life is

fulfilled

For his 101st birthday, though, Mort outdid himself. On July 4 — when he jokes that the nation annually declares a national holiday in his honor — we expected big pots to be crammed into smallest. But nothing happened.

Instead, there was no party. Zilch. Except

for a few Independence Day fireworks hither and yon, it was just another day in the thicket at Mort and Maude's place.

Aunt Maude, who's been hitched to Mort for 80 years, observed her 100th birthday a few months back. Mort forgot about it. As silent as stone-faced Mount Rushmore, she was "unmiffable" yet again. She vowed, though, that if anything was to be mentioned about his upcoming 101st, he'd do it. Turnabout is fair play

This week, Mort called to ask if I remembered Johnny Carson's line: "Anyone can grow up to be president. And anyone who doesn't grow up can be vice president."

Then he drugged up Jerry Clower's old story about the church kids who managed to substitute persimmon wine for communion.

"Ending the service, the preacher asked congregants to stand and whistle the closing hymn," Mort cackled.

Before he could drag up another one, I interrupted to ask about the non-party.

Mort paused for the first time in a long time. He didn't exactly blame the printer; it was more like he laid "approximate" blame there.

On June 15, Mort went into town to pick

up printed birthday invitations he'd proofed a week earlier — mostly to make sure the hated "no gifts please" line DIDN'T appear. What he didn't see was a date error. The "invite" was for 2 p.m. on July 4, 2014.

What to do for an old geezer who climbs over gates to save the hinges?

To mail or not to mail — that was the question. Determined not to waste the invitations, he squirreled them away to use next year.

"Maybe I'll get twice as many gifts, or the ones I get will be twice as nice," Mort opined.

He said he'd gotten several calls about why the party wasn't held. Shoes were dropping all over the thicket

Mort thinks he made the right decision.

"I can't remember a July when folks have had so much on their minds," he said, referencing the weather, forest fires, the guy's defection to Russia and Detroit's bankruptcy.

He then launched into "name-calling" — for England's new royal baby and the Dallas Cowboys' home. "If the Cowboys don't play better this fall, the communications giant springing for naming rights will have every right to be 'AT&Teed' off."

He then switched back to stories he'd been saving up.

Mort said that intake of one pint of buttermilk per day is critical for folks who want to live to be 100.

I told him of a friend who drank a pint of buttermilk daily, but died at 85. "That's it," Mort joked. "He didn't drink it long enough."

"Nephew, always remember that the only thing that can ruin a good story is an eye witness," he joked, handing the phone off to Aunt Maude.

"Before you judge me too cruelly about the non-party, you need to know that I did bake him a chocolate cake, decorated with a single sparkler," she said. "But he had to light it."

Then, lowering her voice to a whisper, she added, "I've decided to wait for a few more weeks to break the news to Mort that mice tore into his box of invitations. I advised him not to print them on cheese-flavored cards, even if they were half off." I'm thinking they are used mostly for invitations to Tupperware parties.

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



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Dispatch garners WTPA accolades

Hodgin named one of the organization's Journalists of the Year

The Post Dispatch

DECATUR — The Post Dispatch was recognized recently with two first-place awards among others in the West Texas Press Association 2013 Better Newspaper Contest.

In addition, Editor Wayne Hodgin was recognized as one of the organization's Journalists of the Year at its 83rd annual convention at the Decatur Civic Center.

The Dispatch is one of eight owned by Blackburn Media Group including the Knox County News-Courier.

Publisher Christopher Blackburn, CEO of Blackburn Media Group, said the latest honors for the Dispatch cap off a tremendous re-building year for the newspaper.

"We've worked really hard over the last year to bring journalistic standards and integrity back to the pages of the Dispatch," Blackburn said. "It really has been a re-building year, and we're very proud our hard work is being recognized by our peers throughout the region and across the state."

"More importantly, though, we hope our readers are taking notice of these standards of change and celebrate with us these latest achievements in journalism for their hometown newspaper."

The Dispatch brought home a first-

place award in the contest's Special Coverage category for Hodgin's series of articles revolving around the water issues in the county and the White River Municipal Water District in 2012.

Those articles not only dealt with the dwindling water supply at White River Lake but also the city of Post's ongoing negotiations with the water district in securing a 40-year water-purchase contract and its work in to ensure an emergency back-up water supply for its customers.

No other newspaper in the Dispatch's division was awarded in this category.

The Dispatch also was awarded first place in features writing for two articles, penned by Hodgin, including a story published March 23, 2012, and headlined "The Power of Prayer." The article focused on local student Adam Smith who was celebrating his 18th birthday with a communitywide party to bring awareness to childhood stroke victims while thanking the faith community for its support during his illness and recovery.

The second entry, published June 15, 2012, and headlined "The Road Less Traveled," was a feature story on 70-something-year-old longrider Gene Glasscock, who was passing back

through the area on his 5,000-mile return journey from the West Coast to the East Coast and back in a covered wagon pulled by two mules.

Other winners in the features category included The Clarendon Enterprise, second; and the Ozona Stockman, third.

The Dispatch also took home an Honorable Mention for news writing for Hodgin's articles on the annual Tabana Yuane wind ceremony from March 30, 2012, and for a story in which local law enforcement officials call out a local organization that ministers to drug and alcohol addicts for a possible increase in the county's crime rate. Other winners included the Ozona Stockman, first place; The Eldorado Success, second place; and the Big Lake Wildcat, third place.

The West Texas Press Association was organized in 1926, and its first convention was held in Colorado City. WTPA is considered the "largest regional association in the world" because of its vast geographic area. The association is composed of weekly, semi-weekly and small daily newspapers in the great West Texas area with Fort Davis, Fort Stockton, Hondo, Gatesville, Perryton, Vernon, Burk Burnett, Decatur and Dallas being the fringe area cities.

Dixie Divas

A changing of fortune

It happened in Memphis. A lot of history and interesting stuff occurs in that magical city that sits grandly on the Mississippi River. Elvis held court there, the blues grew up there and barbecue is queen. Elvis, of course, is still king.

I was there on book tour. I was just back to my hotel after television appearances and book signings, so I had gone downstairs to the restaurant to order a salad to take back to my room. I forgo room service except in rare incidents. Though I was on an expense account from my publisher, I spend their money like I spend mine. That would mean no paying an extra 20 percent just to bring the food to my room. I can carry it myself to the room for free.

Time stretched on, too long for a place that had only four or five customers, so I sat down at a table and waited. I noticed a large, broad-shouldered man sitting several tables back where the light was soft and low. He was alone. I thought nothing of that, for I was alone, too, and that is often the case with business travelers.

He had on a black suit jacket and no tie. His hair was dark black, cut in what was once called a shag — layers that framed his face and fell past his collar — and his face was covered in a beard that was neither too long or too short.

I paid no further attention, choosing instead to focus on two waitresses who were fussing about the weekend schedule with a manager who wore badly scuffed brown loafers with worn down heels.

"How," I asked myself "does a person become a manager in nice hotel wearing shoes like that?" I'd still like to know the answer to that one.

That was only a question that kept me busy until the really important question pushed it out of my mind. I felt someone coming behind me and turned to see the large man stomping in a heavy-footed pace toward the exit. He was about 6-foot-4 and stout. Not fat, mind you. He looked like I imagined Paul Bunyan did when I read about him as a child or that character "Big John" in Jimmy Dean's song of the 1960s. Our eyes met. He smiled kindly, his full cheeks pushing his blue eyes into crinkled squints.

"Hello," he said. "How are you today?"

His words were articulated well and the tone was educated. A worn leather laptop bag hung over his shoulder and immediately brought to mind, "Professor." I smiled back and returned his greeting as he strode past me in long legged strides.

No sooner was he passed than the most objectionable smell filled the air. It was a mixture of dirt, sweat and a long time with no soap or water. It caught me off guard. I turned to see where it was coming from but no one was around. I turned back toward the nice giant and saw what I had missed before: The jacket had huge holes where the elbows were. The hem hung from the back, threads frayed and trailing and the lapels were worn and shiny. He wore knee-length khaki, dirty shorts and flip-flops patched together with duct tape.

The soft lighting had hidden the ground-in dirt on his face. He exited the hotel, which sits in downtown Memphis near the river, and there he met up with another man who looked like he. Homeless, no doubt. The jacket was a remnant of his better days because no thrift store would have in stock one that large.

I grew thoughtful and tried to imagine who he had been and what journey had led him to the streets of downtown Memphis. Then, again, I saw the manager with the scuffed up shoes and thought, "If you're not careful ..."

Ronda Rich is a Southern humorist, storyteller and best-selling author. Her latest book, "There's A Better Day A-Comin'," is available at rondarich.com.

Nancy's Notions

Drying foods at home safely

Drying is one of the oldest and easiest ways of preserving food. Because water is removed from the food, bacteria that can cause food to spoil are unable to grow. Drying reduces water-soluble vitamins, but fiber content doesn't change. Energy (calorie)

content stays the same but becomes more concentrated; therefore, individuals with diabetes or who are watching their weight will need to control portion size.

One benefit of dried foods, however is that they are lightweight and easy to store (compared to canned or frozen foods).

The humid climate in Texas prevents us from drying most foods outdoors. It is possible to dry some foods in the oven or microwave, but for best results consider using a food dehydrator. These easy-to-use appli-

cances can be purchased at hardware, outdoor and discount stores. Styles, sizes and prices will vary, but there are certain characteristics that you want to look for:

- The body should be made of metal or high-grade plastic.
- Heating element should be enclosed so the dehydrator is easy to clean.
- The thermostat should go up to 160 degrees F.
- The unit should have a fan or blower for air circulation.
- Mesh trays made of sturdy plastic that can be easily washed.
- UL seal of approval is recommended for safety purposes.

There are two main types of dehydrators: those with vertical air flow and those with horizontal air flow.

For dehydrators with vertical air flow, air movement is from top to bottom (or bottom to top depending on the location of the fan and heating element). If different foods are dried at the same time, flavors can mix.

For dehydrators with a horizontal air flow, the heated air moves across

the unit from one side to the other. This type of design keeps flavors from mixing so more than one type of food can be dried at the same time. In addition, all trays get the same amount of heat, which results in more uniform drying. Another benefit to this type of dehydrator is that juices or liquids from the food do not drip down onto the fan or heating element.

My family likes dried squash, so I sliced garden squash very thin, sprayed them with olive oil and lightly sprinkled them with sea salt. My dehydrator has five trays, and I filled them as full as recommended. After 12 to 18 hours, I had a very small bowl of squash chips. At the end of the day, there were none left.

It does take a while to cook, but dehydrators use pennies to operate so it is not expensive. What a fun healthy snack. I'm anxious to try okra. I'll let you know how that goes.

Nancy McDonald is the family and consumer sciences agent for the Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service in Garza County.



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Tech study examines infidelity in social media

By Callie Jones
Special to the News Courier

LUBBOCK — Thanks to a new study by Texas Tech University researchers, treating infidelity among couples may change due to the unique aspect of social networking sites, specifically Facebook.

Using data from Facebookcheating.com, researchers found that although the stages of coping with online infidelity are unique, the infidelity itself creates similar emotional experiences for the partner who was cheated on.

"This is very important because there is a line of thought that if the infidelity was discovered online, or confined to online activity, then it shouldn't be as painful," said Jaclyn Cravens, a doctoral candidate in the Marriage & Family Therapy Program and lead author of the

study. During her master's program clinical work, Cravens discovered many of her clients' relationship issues stemmed from online infidelity thanks to an increasing number of people using social media sites, especially Facebook.

"Facebook already has changed the dynamics of relationships," Cravens said. "We see when our 'friends' are getting into a relationship. We say a relationship isn't 'official' until it's 'Facebook-official.'"

She found that many of her clients had discovered instances of their partner exchanging suggestive messages with a third party on the social networking site, even though the two were supposedly in a monogamous relationship.

Cravens found that outside of issues like porn addiction, there hadn't yet been much research to back treatment for

these kinds of relationship problems confined to the Internet.

Surprised at the lack of information about a topic so pervasive in society — Facebook had more than 1 billion users as of March 2013 — Cravens decided to pursue the topic for a qualitative methods course project, along with the help of Kaitlin Leckie, who also is a graduate student in the Marriage & Family Therapy Program and Jason Whiting, an associate professor in the program.

"We used Facebookcheating.com to determine the coping process for people who have discovered a partner's infidelity on Facebook," Cravens said. "We discovered several main themes and were able to create a process model that moves through different stages of the ways people deal with the information."

The model includes the following five stages:

Warning signs: the partner who was cheated on notices gut feelings and/or suspicious behavior on the internet, such as minimizing windows, habitually clearing out browser history and adding passwords.

Discovering infidelity: the individual either takes it upon themselves to investigate the warning signs, or the individual accidentally discovers the infidelity.

Damage appraisal: the individual determines whether the discovered acts was or was not a violation of the relationship.

Acting on appraisal: If the individual determines that the act or acts were a violation of the relationship, he or she either confronts or avoids the partner. Sometimes the individual decides that the evidence wasn't concrete

enough to be able to approach partner. Others retaliate, which typically includes posting messages online or sending a message to the third party, or the third party's partner.

Making a relationship decision: based on how the individual decided to act, they tend to make a decision about the relationship. Some end the relationship because trust was violated, others use monitoring behaviors to ensure it doesn't happen again, and some are uncertain about what next step should be.

"For many couples, step three can be very difficult because couples often don't have clearly established rules about online behavior," Cravens said. "They aren't totally sure whether or not something can count as cheating."

Regardless, Cravens said the emotional impact for the party who has discov-

ered online acts of infidelity is no less severe than acts committed in-person.

"People have ability to be more vulnerable online, which facilitates a greater emotional response," Cravens said. "This can be just as devastating if not more devastating than an offline response."

For a clinical setting, Cravens explained that the research can help counselors treat marital problems that have root causes in online infidelity.

"It's important from our perspective to be able to find out what has been violated," Cravens said. "We need to be able to recognize the emotional experience and process emotions for both partners."

Cravens currently is a visiting lecturer at the University of Nevada in Las Vegas. Her research was published in "Contemporary Family Therapy."

Cowboy balladeer to perform at Copper Breaks

QUANAH — Storyteller, songwriter, educator and Cowboy Balladeer Larry Hannon will present his acclaimed story telling/singing performance, "Cowboy," this weekend at Copper Breaks State Park.

Using both traditional

and original material, putting old stories into lyrics and music, Hannon creates an inspirational history lesson set to music that explores a way of life nearly extinct.

"In Larry's songs and stories, you can smell the cow camp fire, hear the

echo of hoofbeats, and the distant cry of the coyote," said park manager David Turner. "You don't want to miss this."

Back by popular demand, Hannon will perform at 3 p.m. Saturday. The event follows the weekly "Meet the Long-

horns" at 2 p.m. during which park-goers can get up close and personal with Little Bit, Spot, Blanco Besos and other members of the officials state longhorn herd.

Hannon also offers school workshops for grade levels K through

12, teacher in-service training and community concerts.

For information on the Cowboy Poetry performance or other park programs or facilities, contact the park daily during business hours at 940-839-4331.

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CRP assistance extended to livestock producers impacted by drought

Special to the News-Courier

As severe drought conditions persist in certain regions throughout the country, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency will extend temporary assistance to livestock producers through its Conservation Reserve Program.

Under limited conditions, farmers and ranchers affected by drought will be allowed to use certain additional CRP acres for haying or grazing under emergency conditions while maintaining safeguards to the conservation and wildlife benefits provided by CRP.

In addition, USDA announced the reduction to CRP annual rental payments related to emergency haying or grazing will be reduced from 25 percent to 10 percent. Further, the sale of hay will be allowed under certain conditions. These measures take into consideration the quality losses of the hay and will provide needed assistance to livestock producers.

"State FSA offices are authorized, under limited conditions, to expand opportunities for haying and grazing on certain additional lands enrolled in CRP," said state Executive Director Juan Garcia. "This local approach provides both the appropriate flexibility and

ability to tailor safeguards specific to regional conditions. States must adhere to specific guidelines to ensure that additional haying and grazing still maintains the important environmental and wildlife benefits of CRP. These safeguards will be determined through consultation with the state conservationist, state fish and wildlife agency and stakeholders that comprise the state technical committee."

CRP is a voluntary program that provides producers annual rental payments on their land in exchange for planting resource-conserving vegetation on cropland to help prevent erosion, provide wildlife habitat and improve the environment. CRP acres enrolled under certain practices can already be used for emergency haying and grazing during natural disasters to provide much-needed feed to livestock. FSA state offices have already opened haying, grazing or both in 432 counties in response to natural disaster this year.

Given the continued multi-year drought in some regions, forage for livestock is already substantially reduced. The action today will allow lands that are not typically eligible for emergency haying and grazing to be used with appropriate

protections to maintain the CRP environmental and wildlife benefits. The expanded haying and grazing will only be allowed following the local primary nesting season, which already has passed in many areas. Especially sensitive lands such as stream buffers are generally not eligible.

FSA also has taken action under the Emergency Conservation Program to authorize additional expenditures related to drought response to be eligible for cost share, including connection to rural water systems and installation of permanent pipelines. In addition, given the limited budgetary resources and better long term benefits, FSA has increased the maximum cost share rates for permanent practices relative to temporary measures.

FSA encourages all farmers and ranchers to contact their local USDA Farm Service Agency Service Center to report damage to crops or livestock loss. In addition, USDA reminds livestock producers to keep thorough records of losses, including additional expenses for such things as feed purchased due to lost supplies.

For further information about CRP program benefits and regulations, go online to fsa.usda.gov/crp.

economies across the state."

Landowners enrolled in CRP receive annual rental payments and cost-share assistance to establish long-term, resource-conserving covers on eligible farmland. Accepted contracts will become effective Oct. 1.

Under Vilsack's leadership, USDA has enrolled nearly 12 million acres in new CRP contracts since 2009. Currently, there are more than 26.9 million acres enrolled on 700,000 contracts.

In the last four years, USDA has set aside significant acreage under CRP's continuous enrollment programs to target habitat conservation.

For example, in March 2012, President Obama dedicated 1 million acres of CRP conserve wetlands, grasslands and wildlife. This year, farmers and ranchers have already offered more than 370,000 acres under continuous CRP signup, a figure that is impressive given the lack of a farm bill extension last fall meant that CRP enrollment only re-

opened this spring in May.

Lack of a comprehensive farm bill this year has resulted in uncertainty for achieving further enrollment objectives under continuous CRP.

CRP is a voluntary program that allows eligible landowners to receive annual rental payments and cost-share assistance to establish long-term, resource-conserving covers on eligible farmland throughout the duration of their 10- to 15-year contracts.

Under CRP, farmers and ranchers plant native grasses and trees in fields and along streams or rivers. The plantings prevent soil and nutrients from washing into waterways, reducing soil erosion that may otherwise contribute to poor air and water quality, and provide valuable habitat for wildlife.

In 2012, CRP helped to reduce nitrogen and phosphorous losses from farm fields by 605 million pounds and 121 million pounds respectively. CRP has restored more than 2

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Federal wildlife officials propose designating a total of about 623 miles (1,002 river kilometers) of the upper Brazos River basin, including adjacent wetlands areas extending beyond the river channel by 30 meters on each side, as critical habitat in the following Texas

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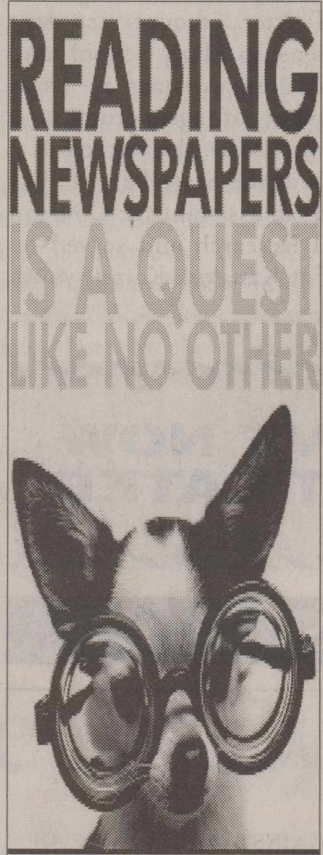
Members of the public and scientific community are encouraged to review and comment on the proposal during a 60-day public comment period. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service officials then will have a public informational meeting, followed by a public hearing, from 5 to 8 p.m. Sept. 4 at

the Abilene Civic Center, Upstairs Conference Room, 1100 N. Sixth St., Abilene.

Federal officials then will make a final listing determination based on the best available science by next August.

"Wildlife officials will make the final listing determination — whether that's placement on the endangered list, the threatened list or no action at all — by next August," Gray said.

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ranchers have recognize the importance of protecting our nation's most environmentally sensitive land by enrolling in CRP," Vilsack said.

State Executive Director Judith Canales said the popularity of the program demonstrates the its continuing appeal as one of the nation's most successful voluntary programs for soil, water and wildlife conservation.

"The positive environmental impacts realized over CRP's 28-year history shows that producers, landowners and the USDA are committed to protecting and conserving our state's natural resources," Canales said. "These new CRP contracts will ensure continued efforts to conserve and protect wetlands and grasslands and improve wildlife habitat, while the annual rental payments to producers continue to support rural

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Extension names new Mitchell County agent

Audra Graves accepts family and consumer sciences post

By Steve Byrns

Special to the News-Courier

COLORADO CITY — The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service has hired Audra Graves as the new county agent for family and consumer sciences in Mitchell County, said Michael Clawson, AgriLife Extension administrator at Lubbock.

Though Graves' official start date was July 9, she will be completing AgriLife Extension's First Step orientation training in Lynn and Terry counties from July 10-Aug. 11, starting her Mitchell County duties Aug. 12.

"Audra has a wealth of varied educational experiences that will make her a natural fit for this key position in Mitchell County," Clawson said. "She was very active in 4-H and FFA programs in Ochiltree County, so she is familiar with our agency and the region. She will have

no trouble managing and expanding the strong family and consumer sciences curriculum Mitchell County already enjoys."

Graves, of Perryton, graduated in May from Texas Tech University with a bachelor of science degree in agricultural communications and teacher certification.

Her work background includes serving as a social media specialist for Talk Back Media Inc., where she conducted research and managed clients' blogs, Facebook and Twitter accounts; student teaching at Frenship High School, and serving as a student assistant in Texas Tech's department of agricultural and applied economics. She also served as a publicity intern at the State Fair of Texas, worked as a lab assistant for Courson Archaeological Research and served on the camp staff at Kanakuk Kamps youth camp.



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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF GERALDINE C. KOENIG:

On July 29, 2013, original Letters Testamentary were issued to Tracey Lampe by the County Court of Knox County, Texas acting in Cause No. 2,577, styled *In the Estate of Geraldine C. Koenig, Deceased*, which is pending in said Court. Tracey Lampe now holds Letters Testamentary and the administration of the Estate of Geraldine C. Koenig has commenced.

All persons having claims against the Estate of Geraldine C. Koenig are required to present those claims to Megan Myers-Bell, attorney for Tracey Lampe, Independent Executor of the Estate of Geraldine C. Koenig, at P.O. Box 208, Abilene, Texas 79604, prior to the expiration of the limitations period on the claims, before the Estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law.

DATED: July 30, 2013

M.M.B.
Megan Myers-Bell, Attorney for Tracey Lampe, Independent Executor of the Estate of Geraldine C. Koenig

2013 Property Tax Rates in MUNDAY CITY

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Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$ 166,644.00
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 30,153.00
Last year's total taxes	\$ 196,797.00
Last year's tax base	\$ 20,266,560.00
Last year's total tax rate	\$ 0.971050 /\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 195,650.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 20,981,670.00
= This year's effective tax rate	\$ 0.932480 /\$100

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)

In the first year a hospital district or city collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ 0.000000 /\$100
= Effective tax rate	\$ 0.000000 /\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 165,495.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 20,981,670.00
= This year's effective operating rate	\$ 0.789750 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$ 0.852930 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ 0.140870 /\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$ 0.993810 /\$100

A hospital district or city that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collects the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following lines:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ 0.000000 /\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$ 0.000000 /\$100

For a taxing unit with additional rollback rate for pollution control, insert the following lines:

+ Additional rollback rate for pollution control	\$ 0.000000 /\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$ 0.000000 /\$100

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PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF BENJAMIN

TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

The City of Benjamin will hold a public hearing at 6:30 PM on August 13, 2013 at City Hall, 303 S. Hinton, Benjamin, Texas, to receive input and support regarding the application for a STEP Grant to replace water transmission line improvement south of the City of Benjamin from the water plant. The purpose of this public hearing is for community members to speak and ask questions about the project and show their willingness to volunteer their time on the actual project. The State of Texas representative for this program, Darrell Dean, will be present and will evaluate the interest of the community in this project by the attendance and participation.

Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to Tami Gaddis, City Secretary, at the City Hall. Persons with disabilities who wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. For further information, contact Tammi Gaddis, City Secretary, at City Hall, (940) 459-3131.

Please plan on coming to the August 13th Public Hearing at 6:30 pm at City Hall, 303 S. Hinton, Benjamin, TX.

2013 Property Tax Rates in GOREE CITY

This notice concerns 2013 property tax rates for GOREE CITY. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$ 30,968.00
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0.00
Last year's total taxes	\$ 30,968.00
Last year's tax base	\$ 2,305,750.00
Last year's total tax rate	\$ 1.343000 /\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 32,663.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 2,501,650.00
= This year's effective tax rate	\$ 1.305600 /\$100

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)

In the first year a hospital district or city collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ 0.000000 /\$100
= Effective tax rate	\$ 0.000000 /\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 32,663.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 2,501,650.00
= This year's effective operating rate	\$ 1.305600 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$ 1.410000 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ 0.000000 /\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$ 1.410000 /\$100

A hospital district or city that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collects the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following lines:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ 0.000000 /\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$ 0.000000 /\$100

For a taxing unit with additional rollback rate for pollution control, insert the following lines:

+ Additional rollback rate for pollution control	\$ 0.000000 /\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$ 0.000000 /\$100

2013 Property Tax Rates in BENJAMIN CITY

This notice concerns 2013 property tax rates for BENJAMIN CITY. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$ 26,107.00
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0.00
Last year's total taxes	\$ 26,107.00
Last year's tax base	\$ 4,160,540.00
Last year's total tax rate	\$ 0.627490 /\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 25,540.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 4,349,190.00
= This year's effective tax rate	\$ 0.587230 /\$100

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)

In the first year a hospital district or city collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ 0.000000 /\$100
= Effective tax rate	\$ 0.000000 /\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 25,532.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 4,349,190.00
= This year's effective operating rate	\$ 0.587230 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$ 0.634210 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ 0.000000 /\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$ 0.634210 /\$100

A hospital district or city that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collects the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following lines:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ 0.000000 /\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$ 0.000000 /\$100

For a taxing unit with additional rollback rate for pollution control, insert the following lines:

+ Additional rollback rate for pollution control	\$ 0.000000 /\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$ 0.000000 /\$100

Wine entrepreneurs receive certification

By Grace Acuna
Special to the News-Courier

FREDERICKSBURG — Texas Tech University recently celebrated the third graduating class to receive professional certificates from Texas Viticulture Certification Program. The graduates were recognized at a ceremony at the Texas Hill Country University Center in Fredericksburg, which will be the new home of the viticulture program.

"There is tremendous growth of the wine industry in the Texas Hill Country, much of it centered around Fredericksburg," said Ed Hellman, a professor of viticulture at Texas Tech's and director of the

certificate program recently relocated to the Fredericksburg campus. "The ability to have the land to establish a teaching vineyard at the Hill Country University Center made it the perfect location."

The program began in 2007 as a collaboration between Texas Tech's Department of Plant and Soil Science and Texas A&M's AgriLife Extension and provides educational training in commercial grape production to entrepreneurs wanting to enter Texas wine industry. Since then, 59 certificates have been awarded to students.

"The program's design has proven quite successful with enrollment steadily increasing to capacity in the

2013 class," Hellman said. "Many of our graduates go on to establish their own vineyards and wineries or work for already established ones."

This year's 30 graduates, from Texas, Colorado and Mexico, completed the six-course program within a two-year period. The coursework ranges from grapevine biology to disease, insect and weed management.

"The demographics of this group largely comprise well-educated successful professionals from other disciplines seeking a college-level education in viticulture without re-enrolling at a university," Hellman said. "We wanted to offer the coursework that fit their availability

so we established a comprehensive curriculum delivered in a combination of online and face-to-face classes."

Not only is the Viticulture Certificate Program is now officially headquartered at the center, Hellman also said now they are developing a companion Winemaking Certificate Program.

"The Hill Country University Center is ideally located for our students and has superb teaching facilities," Hellman said. "This will enhance our educational programs for both the wine industry entrepreneurs and undergraduate students seeking a career in the wine business."

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2013 **Property Tax Rates in** KNOX COUNTY GENERAL & SPECIAL

This notice concerns 2013 property tax rates for KNOX COUNTY GENERAL & SPECIAL. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund	Special Road/ Bridge Fund
Last year's tax rate:			
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 1,137,205.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 221,565.00
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Last year's total taxes	\$ 1,137,205.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 221,565.00
Last year's tax base	\$ 185,122,050.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 181,432,040.00
Last year's total tax rate	\$.61430 /\$100	\$.00000 /\$100	\$.12212 /\$100
This year's effective tax rate:			
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 1,135,525.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 221,946.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 182,031,390.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 179,204,050.00
= This year's effective tax rate for each fund	\$.62398 /\$100	\$.00000 /\$100	\$.12388 /\$100
Total effective tax rate	\$.74788 /\$100		

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)

In the first year a county collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$.00000 /\$100
= Effective tax rate	\$.00000 /\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund	Special Road/ Bridge Fund
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)			
	\$ 1,134,731.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 221,786.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 182,031,390.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 179,204,050.00
= This year's effective rate	\$.62398 /\$100	\$.00000 /\$100	\$.12388 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$.67390 /\$100	\$.00000 /\$100	\$.13380 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$.00000 /\$100	\$.00000 /\$100	\$.00000 /\$100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	\$.67390 /\$100	\$.00000 /\$100	\$.13380 /\$100
This year's total rollback rate	\$.80770 /\$100		

A county that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collects the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following lines:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$.00000 /\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$.00000 /\$100

For a county with additional rollback rate for pollution control, insert the following lines:

+ Additional rollback rate for pollution control	\$.00000 /\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$.00000 /\$100

2013 **Property Tax Rates in** KNOX COUNTY HOSPITAL

This notice concerns 2013 property tax rates for KNOX COUNTY HOSPITAL. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 686,063.00
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0.00
Last year's total taxes	\$ 686,063.00
Last year's tax base	\$ 185,122,050.00
Last year's total tax rate	\$ 0.370600 /\$100
This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 681,077.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 182,031,390.00
= This year's effective tax rate	\$ 0.374150 /\$100

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)

In the first year a hospital district or city collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ 0.000000 /\$100
= Effective tax rate	\$ 0.000000 /\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	
	\$ 680,358.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 182,031,390.00
= This year's effective operating rate	\$ 0.374150 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$ 0.404080 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ 0.000000 /\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$ 0.404080 /\$100

A hospital district or city that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collects the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following lines:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ 0.000000 /\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$ 0.000000 /\$100

For a taxing unit with additional rollback rate for pollution control, insert the following lines:

+ Additional rollback rate for pollution control	\$ 0.000000 /\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$ 0.000000 /\$100

2013 **Property Tax Rates in** KNOX COUNTY DRAINAGE

This notice concerns 2013 property tax rates for KNOX COUNTY DRAINAGE. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 14,934.00
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0.00
Last year's total taxes	\$ 14,934.00
Last year's tax base	\$ 20,168,320.00
Last year's total tax rate	\$ 0.074050 /\$100
This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 14,951.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 21,097,540.00
= This year's effective tax rate	\$ 0.070860 /\$100

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)

In the first year a hospital district or city collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ 0.000000 /\$100
= Effective tax rate	\$ 0.000000 /\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	
	\$ 14,934.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 21,097,540.00
= This year's effective operating rate	\$ 0.070860 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$ 0.076539 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ 0.000000 /\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$ 0.076539 /\$100

A hospital district or city that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collects the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following lines:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ 0.000000 /\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$ 0.000000 /\$100

For a taxing unit with additional rollback rate for pollution control, insert the following lines:

+ Additional rollback rate for pollution control	\$ 0.000000 /\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$ 0.000000 /\$100

2013 **Property Tax Rates in** KNOX CITY

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Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 201,607.00
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0.00
Last year's total taxes	\$ 201,607.00
Last year's tax base	\$ 29,622,870.00
Last year's total tax rate	\$ 0.700000 /\$100
This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 211,375.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 29,879,570.00
= This year's effective tax rate	\$ 0.707420 /\$100

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)

In the first year a hospital district or city collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ 0.000000 /\$100
= Effective tax rate	\$ 0.000000 /\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	
	\$ 210,133.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 29,879,570.00
= This year's effective operating rate	\$ 0.707420 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$ 0.764010 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ 0.000000 /\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$ 0.764010 /\$100

A hospital district or city that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collects the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following lines:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ 0.000000 /\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$ 0.000000 /\$100

For a taxing unit with additional rollback rate for pollution control, insert the following lines:

+ Additional rollback rate for pollution control	\$ 0.000000 /\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$ 0.000000 /\$100

Texas records more job growth in June

State adds 5,800 jobs; unemployment rate left unchanged

Special to the News-Courier

AUSTIN — The Texas economy added 5,800 seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs in June for a total of 303,000 jobs added since June 2012. Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate held steady in June at 6.5 percent. Texas' unemployment rate remained below the nation's June unemployment rate of 7.6 percent. "Economic growth in Texas has proven to be diverse, consistent, and long-term," said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chairman Andres Alcantar. "The annual job growth across all industries continues to provide opportunity for Texas job seekers."

Over the month, seven of the 11 major industries in Texas saw positive growth. Leading the way was Leisure and Hospitality, which posted over-the-month growth for the fifth time in six months and added 4,600 jobs. That industry has added 55,600 jobs over the last year for a 5.1 percent annual growth rate.

"Our economy continues to offer numerous opportunities to job seekers," said TWC

Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. "We encourage those looking for work in Texas to visit a local Workforce Solutions office for help finding the right job for them."

Professional and Business Services employment expanded for a fifth consecutive month with the addition of 3,100 jobs in June. The industry has had an annual growth rate at or above 4.0 percent for five straight months. Additionally, Financial Activities, Information, Manufacturing, and Trade, Transportation, and Utilities all saw positive job growth in June.

"With an annual growth rate at or above three percent since April 2011, Texas' private employers continue to play an important role in our state's expanding job market," said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Hope Andrade.

The Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) had the lowest June unemployment rate in the state at 3.7 percent. The Odessa MSA came in second at 4.5 percent and the Amarillo MSA third at 5.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

The Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District will hold a meeting at 7:00 p.m. On August 15, 2013 at Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District, 135 North Munday Avenue to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2013. The proposed tax rate is .01992 per \$100 of value.

Career and Technical Education Program Effectiveness Monitoring

Munday CISD offers career and technical education programs in Technology Applications & Agriculture Science. Admission to these programs is based on open enrollment.

It is the policy of Munday CISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or handicap in its vocational programs, services or activities as required by Title V of the civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

It is the policy of Munday CISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap, or age in its employment practices as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

Munday CISD will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator, Mr. Robert Dillard at P.O. Box 300, Munday, TX 76371-0300, (940) 422-4321.

Carrera y educación técnica Monitoreo de la efectividad del programa

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COUNTY OF KNOX

By virtue of orders of sale issued out of the 50TH Judicial District Courts of Knox County, Texas, by the Clerk of the Court on the 22nd day of July, 2013, and in the following numbered and styled suits and to me directed and delivered, I, as Sheriff of Knox County, did on the 1 day of August, 2013, levy upon and will, on the first Tuesday in SEPTEMBER, 2013, the same being the 3RD 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.: 9509

Style: Knox County Appraisal District vs. Marion Limon Estate

Judgment: \$104.80 (plus interest and costs)

Property: Geo: R000005153

Lot 1, Block 54, Original town of Goree, Knox County, Texas, as the same appears on a map or Plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk of Knox County, Texas;

Suit No.: 8858

Style: Knox County Appraisal District vs. Virginia Pruitt Et Al

Judgment: \$894.72 (plus interest and costs)

Property: Geo: R000006798

Lot 2, Block 2, Original Townsite to the City of Munday, Knox County, Texas, as the same appears on a map or Plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk, Knox County, Texas;

Suit No.: 9112

Style: Knox County Appraisal District vs. Sam Santisteven Et Al

Judgment: \$5,346.53 (plus interest and costs)

Property:

Tract 1: Geo: R000003699

Lot 7 & 8, Block 19, Original Townsite of Goree, Knox County, Texas, as the same appears on a map or Plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk of Knox County, Texas;

Tract 2: Geo: R000006003

Lot 3, Block 73, Original Townsite of Benjamin, Knox County, Texas, as the same appears on a map or Plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk of Knox County, Texas;

Suit No.: 9369

Style: Knox County Appraisal District vs. Rosabelia Serrato Et Al

Judgment: \$1,451.29 (plus interest and costs)

Property: Geo: R000001968

The South 65 feet of Lots 6, 7, and 8, Block 55, Lee Addition to the City of Munday, Knox County, Texas, as the same appears on a map or Plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk of Knox County, Texas;

Suit No.: 9521

Style: Knox County Appraisal District vs. Donna Stuckey

Judgment: \$8,481.50 (plus interest and costs)

Property: Geo: R000008729

Block A, Lot 13, Reeder Addition, Knox County, Texas, as the same appears on a map or Plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk of Knox County, Texas;

Suit No.: 8937

Style: Knox County Appraisal District vs. Arvill Williams Et Al

Judgment: \$1,331.74 (plus interest and costs)

Property:

Tract 1: Geo: R000009129, 1037, 1515085

Lot 9, Block 38, Elander Addition, Town of Truscott, Knox County, Texas as the same appears on a map or Plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk of Knox County, Texas;

Tract 2: Geo: R00000025, 41

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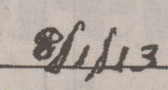
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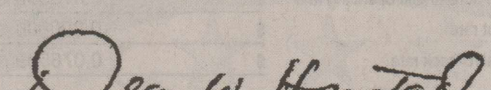
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Tract 4: Geo: R000001428, 1515105

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Notice of Budget Hearing: Notice is hereby given that a public hearing on the proposed budget for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2013 and ending September 30, 2014 will be held on Monday, August 19, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at Knox City Clinic Meeting Room, 712 South Fifth Street, Knox City, Texas. Stephen Kuehler, Administrator, Knox County Hospital District. 081513c

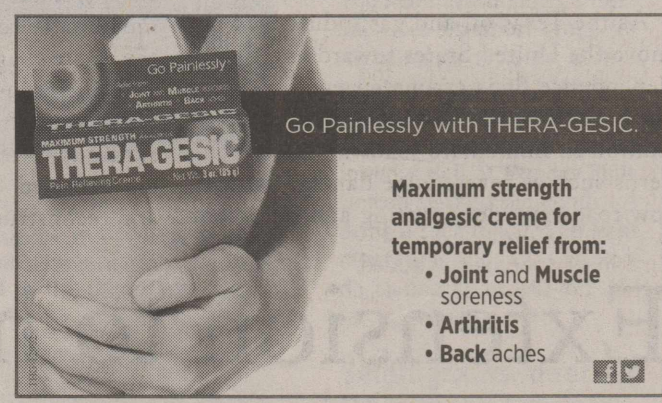
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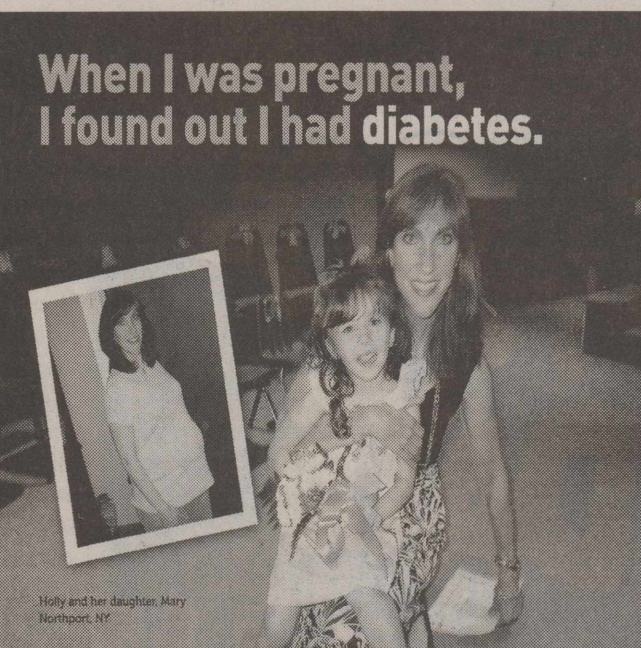
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Roads damaged by energy boom to see repairs

Special to the Dispatch

AUSTIN — Recognizing a growing traffic safety concern in the state's energy-production areas, the Texas Transportation Commission recently approved \$225 million for much-needed road work resulting from the state's oil and gas boom.

The funding, provided by the Legislature, will allow the Texas Department of Transportation to begin repairing and rehabilitating roadways damaged by heavy trucks and increased traffic in these regions.

"The energy sector provides a tremendous economic boost to the state of Texas, but it must be supported in a manner that is safe to everyone on our roadways," said Texas Transportation Commissioner Fred Underwood. "The increased volume of heavy vehicles on aging Texas roads is causing stress on our infrastructure, which over time, can result in unsafe conditions."

As the Texas oil and gas industries help move the United States toward energy independence, it is estimated energy sector traffic across the state has caused \$400 million in immediate roadway safety concerns such as severe edge damage on narrow roadways, deep rutting and pavement

damage.

Estimates show an additional \$1 billion per year is needed to restore roadways heavily impacted by energy development to "good" or "better" conditions.

"While increased energy exploration and production activities are yielding tremendous economic benefits for Texas, the unprecedented volumes of heavy traffic are contributing to crashes and fatalities," said TxDOT Executive Director Phil Wilson. "Fatalities resulting from motor vehicle crashes in Texas rose by 11 percent in 2012 compared to the previous year. We are pleased that our lawmakers saw fit to fund some of these safety-focused rehabilitation and repair projects, and we hope resources that enhance safety will continue to be a priority as our energy industry thrives."

With more than 80,000 miles of highway, Texas has the largest highway system in the nation. In addition to the booming energy industry, more than 1,000 people move to Texas each day, further crowding the state's aging transportation system. The increasing number of vehicles combined with the state's aging highways will continue to require a balanced program of preventative maintenance, rehabilitation and reconstruction.

Extension to host small-grains seminar

BENJAMIN — The Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service of Knox County will host a small grains pre-plant meeting at 1:30 p.m. Aug. 15 at the Perry Patton Center in Munday.

Various speakers will present information relative to Knox County production.

David Worrall, plant breeder and product manager with Agripro/Syngenta, will be presenting information on small grain varieties relative to Knox County production systems.

Clark Neely, small grains specialist with Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service, will be speaking about a variety of topics

including disease and pest management and fertilization requirements.

To round out the day, Nancy Birkenfeld with the Farm Service Agency, will be on hand to talk about available programs and possibly give an update on the 2013 farm bill.

"The meeting should provide a lot of useful information, and all producers are encouraged to attend," Extension Agent Jerry Coplen said.

For information, contact Coplen at 459-2651 or email jerry.coplen@ag.tamu.edu.

The Knox County News-Courier



Back To School

Parents of students enrolling children in classes in Knox County schools for the 2013-14 academic year are asked to equip

their child or children with the following supplies. All supplies should be marked and labeled unless otherwise noted.

Knox City ISD Knox City Junior High

- 1 - 3 ring notebook
- 1 pack of paper
- Blue or black ink pen/pencil (either is OK)
- Box of tissues

Munday ISD Prekindergarten

- 3 boxes of 8 Crayola Brand Crayons (no Rose Art crayons and no jumbo size)
- 1 3-ring notebook (1 V2 inch or larger) 1 plastic school box
- 1 plain white T-shirt
- Backpack
- 1 package wet wipes
- Backpacks are required and expected everyday (large backpacks recommended)
- Girls are asked to bring:
 - 1 box gallon size plastic zip-lock baggies
 - 2 black Sharpies
 - 2 containers Play-Doh (any color)
 - 2 bottles of Rubber Cement
- Boys are asked to bring:
 - 1 quart size plastic zip-lock baggies
 - 2 containers Play-Doh (any color)
 - 1 box Kleenex tissues
 - 1 package (large or small) paper plates
 - 1 package glue sticks

Prekindergarten activities, such as painting and playing outside, are potentially messy everyday. Please keep this in mind when purchasing school clothes. It is best for children to wear tennis shoes rather than flip-flops because children often take walking field trips.

Kindergarten

- 1 package of pre-sharpened #2 pencils
- 1 box of 16 Crayola crayons
- 6 large glue sticks
- One pink eraser
- One pocket folder
- One school box (cigar box size)
- One large backpack - no wheels please
- One nap mat
- One spiral notebook - wide lines
- One box of tissues
- One can of Play-Doh (no Rose Art please)
- Boys also are required to

- bring:
 - One box of baby wipes
 - Quart-size plastic zip-lock bags
 - Girls also are required to bring:
 - 1 Sharpie marker
 - 1 package, small plastic cups

First grade

- 2 packages of 24 #2 pencils
- 2 big erasers
- 2 boxes of Crayons (24 count)
- 6 LARGE glue sticks
- 1 pair of scissors
- 2 large boxes of tissues
- 6 folders with pockets
- 1 spiral notebook-wide ruled
- 1 school box
- Boys: 1 box of gallon-sized baggies
- Girls: 1 box of quart-sized baggies

Second grade

- Parents are asked to label supplies for their child
- 2 spirals (70 count wide-ruled)
- 2 pkg. notebook paper (wide-ruled)
- 3 pkg. #2 pencils
- 4 large pink erasers
- 6 pocket folders
- 3 boxes of tissues
- 1 box of quart size freezer zip-lock bags
- 1 pkg. dry erase markers
- 1 inch binder
- 2 big glue sticks
- 2 bottles of school glue

Third grade

- 2 spirals (70 count wide-ruled)
- 1 pkg. notebook paper (wide-ruled)
- 3 pkg. #2 pencils
- 2 large pink erasers
- 6 pocket folders
- 2 boxes tissues
- 1 large glue stick
- Note: Classroom sets of crayons, markers, map pencils, rulers and scissors are available for all students. Parents are not required to buy these items for this school year.

Fourth grade

- 5 composition notebooks (plain no pictures)
- 2 one-inch 3 Ring Notebooks
- 3 pkgs. Wide Ruled Notebook Paper

- 2 Sturdy/Slick folders with pockets
- 1 pencil sharpener (not battery operated)
- 1 Large Supply bag (not boxes)
- 2 bottles of school Glue
- 2 large glue sticks
- 1 pair of Jr. Size pointed scissors
- 3 LARGE boxes of tissues
- 1 box of baggies (boys-gallon, girls-quart)
- 24 #2 Pencils
- 1 pkg Fine-point markers
- 2 large erasers
- 3 magazines to cut out of (Texas Highways if you have it.)

Fifth grade

- 1 (3 inch) 3 ring notebook
- 1 (1 inch) notebook (no zippers) (Math)
- 3 (3 subject) wide-ruled spirals (Math)
- 3 Composition notebooks (Science & LA)
- 3 Packages WIDE-RULED notebook paper
- 1 sturdy folder (Science) (slick kind with pockets)
- 6 packages of 12 #2 pencils
- 2 large erasers
- 1 pencil sharpener (not battery)
- 3 large boxes of tissues
- 1 large supply bag (No boxes)
- 1 box (zip-lock) baggies (boys-gallon) (girls-quart)
- 1 package map colors
- 1 package fine tipped markers
- 2 bottles of school glue

Sixth grade

- Parents are asked to label all supplies with child's name
- 13-ring, 1-inch notebook with dividers-NO straps, or zippers
- 1 packages of wide-ruled notebook paper, NO college-ruled
- 1 Composition Notebook
- 1 packages of 12 #2 pencils
- large erasers
- 1 LARGE wide-ruled spirals (more than 70 sheets)
- 4 boxes of tissues
- Large plastic supply bags-NO BOXES
- 1 folders with brads and pockets
- 1 good pencil sharpener-NO BATTERY
- 1 boxes of map colors
- 1 Large glue sticks
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