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Knox, Baylor to reap wind farm windfalls

By Wayne Hodgins
The Knox County News-Courier

BENJAMIN — Knox County stands to gain a financial windfall from the planned 300-megawatt wind farm expected to be constructed on the Knox-Baylor county line.

Austin-based Pioneer Green Energy Corp. is investing between \$400 million and \$450 million into the project's development with a planned construction date of mid-2014 with turbines up and running by 2015.

Knox County commissioners have approved a 10-year tax abatement agreement with the company that will generate between \$870,000 and \$1.74 million

for the county over that period.

County Judge Travis Floyd said the abatement gives the company further incentive to continue moving forward on the project.

"Abatements are considered a welcome mat to companies looking to invest mega-bucks into local economies," Floyd said. "We want them here, and this is our way of saying 'Welcome home.'"

"After that 10-year period, the company would be required to pay the regular tax rate set forth by the local government and the appraisal district."

A tax abatement is an agreement — usually between a local taxing entity and a company — to a reduction of, or exemption from, taxes for a specified period of time. Local governments often use these

subsidies to attract new industry and commercial enterprises and are agreed to by the company and one or more taxing districts in which the company's property falls.

Officials with Pioneer Green have estimated that about a third of the planned wind farm will be constructed in Knox County with the remainder being constructed in Baylor County. Company officials said they expect to construct 100 to 150 turbines within the reinvestment zone with each turbine, depending on its size, generating between 2 to 3 megawatts of power per year — enough to supply electricity to thousands of homes and businesses.

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Knox Notes

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

Golf tourney

The Knox City Chamber of Commerce will have a three-person scramble at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the Knox County Country Club. Fee is \$120 per team. Free fajitas and sausage wraps. Call the Chamber at 658-3442 or the Country Club at 658-3911 to register or for information.

Retired teachers

Members of the Knox County Retired School Personnel will meet at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday in Fellowship Hall at First United Methodist Church of Knox City, 404 SE Second St. Knox City Police Chief Caleb Hodges and K-9 officer Eddie will be the featured presentation. Yearbooks also will be distributed, so all members are encouraged to attend. For information, contact Joanna Delgado at janadelgado@msn.com.

Cottage food workshop

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will conduct a cottage food law workshop from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Sept. 24 at the Garza County Extension Office, 215 W. Main St., Post. Cost is \$10 and limited to 15 people. Call 806-495-4400 for information. New laws take effect Sept. 1 and Jan. 1.

Photo workshop

The third annual Wyman Meinzer Photography Workshop will be at 5 p.m. Sept. 28 at the Heritage House in Post. Event is sponsored by the Caprock Cultural Association for \$100 per participant. To reserve your place, call 806-495-4148 or email ccarts@poka.com.

Noah Project

The annual Taste of Country fundraiser for the Noah Project-North will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Oct. 8 at the Haskell Civic Center with area restaurants participating. All proceeds benefit victims of domestic violence in the five-county area. Tickets cost \$12.50 and are available from any committee member or at the Haskell Noah Project office. Tickets also will be sold at the door for \$15. Call Donna Sue Anders at 940-864-2551 with questions.

Old Glory events

Area residents are encouraged to attend a dance from 7 to 10 p.m. every second Thursday of the month at the Old Glory Community Center. Live music and entertainment and concessions. The Old Glory Musical is held on the fourth Saturday of each month, also at the Community Center. For information, call Miti Dunham at 989-2816.

Alzheimer's Support

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.

Corrections

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Goree students benefit from Career and College Day

By Geoff Baumgartner
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GOREE—It was an eventful day in Goree for the students of Haskell, Stonewall and Knox Counties.

The Annual Career/College Day kicked off this last Wednesday and gave the students of the Big County a chance to learn about beneficial careers in West Texas. There were numerous representatives from many fields such as: Nursing, Pharmacology, Law Enforcement, Marine Biology, Agriculture, Architecture, Advertising and Marketing, and Wind Energy Technology—a budding field in West Texas.

"It is a great way for our kids to be exposed to new rural technology. We would not normally get this kind of exposure in Knox City," said Knox City Mayor Kent Deville.

Out of all the areas, though, Environmental Science and Technology seemed to be the most popular among the students.

The representatives from Texas State Technical College were there offering students an insight into agriculture, oil, gas, and most recently wind technology, which had the kids very excited. With the construction of a new wind turbine field commencing in mid 2014, and expected to be complete by the beginning of 2015 in Baylor and Knox Counties, it is no wonder the students are interested.

Since the "green" movement has begun within the last decade, jobs in the Environmental Science field have exploded. Furthermore, since many water con-

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Geoff Baumgartner/The Knox County News-Courier
Recruiters from Texas Tech's School of Pharmacology advise students about the upcoming changes in the American health care system and how it may affect their careers in the field.

Greyhounds hammer Hornets, 64-22

By Geoff Baumgartner
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ASPERMONT—The Knox City Greyhounds came to Stonewall County and made a statement with a 64-22 victory.

The first quarter started off quick, with Knox City scoring two touchdowns, while also making good on the second extra point attempt. This put Knox up to an early 14-0.

Aspermont struck back with a long drive capped off with a William Harris TD with 3:24 remaining in the first quarter. After a successful 2-point kick, Aspermont was on the board 14-8.

With 2:34 left, the Greyhounds had a 35 yard run touchdown get called back on a penalty. This did not deter the drive, however, as Chris Lewis ran in another touchdown with one minute remaining. Knox City faked the kick and passed for the extra point, making it 21-8 to end the quarter.

The second started off with an unsuccessful drive by the Hornets, eventually having to turn the ball over on downs. With 7:47 left on the clock in the second quarter, the Greyhounds were able to capitalize when quarterback Zack Carter threw a long ball to Krys Campos #21 for

the reception in the end zone. The accompanying 2-point kick was good and the Greyhounds were up 29-8.

Knox City kept the pressure on another brilliant offensive drive. With 5:57 left in the first half, the Greyhounds' Zach Carter was able to catch the pass and run it in from 30 yards out for the Knox City touchdown. An unsuccessful kick attempt by the Greyhounds left the score 35-8. In a repeat of what happened earlier in the first quarter, Knox City had another touchdown called back because of penalties with 3:31 left on the clock.

With 2:23 left in the first half, Knox City put up another score with a successful 2-point kick bringing the game to a 43-8 Greyhound lead.

Aspermont fired right back with a touchdown pass to make the score 43-16.

The 3rd quarter was a slower, more defensive effort by both sides. Aspermont only allowed one Knox City touchdown, in the third, which only came with 10 seconds remaining in the quarter. Knox City forced an Aspermont fumble Greyhounds recovered and managed to put up their only TD in the third quarter. The extra point was good and Knox went up 50-16.

The Hornets closed the score to 50-22 in the



Shari Batty/For the News-Courier
Isreal Rodriguez follows the blocking of Zach Carter to gain yardage against the Aspermont Hornets during a gridiron match-up on Friday night. The Greyhounds blasted the Hornets 64-22.

fourth quarter.

Knox City continued to press hard and had a touchdown run in by Israel Rodriguez with 4:28 left in the game. The extra point was no good, and the score went to 56-22.

One last stop by the Knox City Greyhound defense, and the ball turned over on downs. Lewis was able to find the end zone for the final TD. The kick was good and the game ended with the Knox City Greyhounds getting the win 64-22.

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In memoriam



Submitted photo
Knox City Elementary students gather around the flagpole in front of the school on Sept. 11 to observe the 12th anniversary of the U.S. attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. Most, if not all, of those students in attendance were not yet born when the attacks occurred.

Young students observe 9/11 with moment of silence

By Wayne Hodgins
The Knox County News-Courier

KNOX CITY — Elementary students gathered last Wednesday morning around the flagpole in front of their school to observe the anniversary of a day the world will never forget, yet they themselves weren't yet born to remember.

As they crowded in around each other at the hour and minute that first plane crashed into the north tower of the World Trade Center in New York City exactly 12 years ago to the day, there likely were a number among those 5- to 11-year-old students who were hearing that tragic tale of American history for the first time.

Principal Marsha Quade, in words crafted to be clearly heard by young ears, understood by young minds and absorbed by young hearts, recounts that fateful day through tears also shed by more than a few.

"Today marks the 12th anniversary of the attack on innocent Americans by a group of individuals that wanted to hurt our great nation. Almost 3,000 people, including eight children, lost their lives on

that day in New York City, Washington, D.C., and in a field in Pennsylvania," Quade told the students.

"All across America today, words are being shared and silence is being observed. The words help comfort us, and the silence gives us a chance to reflect and remember."

Gathered there around the school's flagpole — a place that in recent years has become the epicenter for spiritual reflection among many of today's youth — the students and teachers, heads bowed and eyes closed in respectful repose, observed a moment of silence for those victims whose mortal bodies were forever lost but whose immortal souls will not soon be forgotten.

As fourth-graders led their peers in recited renderings of the Pledge of Allegiance to both the American and Texas flags — themselves clothed symbols woven with the blood of the many men and women whose ultimate sacrifice paved the way for a democratic repository of national ideas — the children returned to their respective classrooms, renewed with a spirit of that which can only come from remembering America's crimson-stained past.

Benjamin News

By Gladene Greene

Due to a technical error, the Benjamin News column was inadvertently omitted from last week's edition. The article intended for the Sept. 13 issue is printed after this week's column as a courtesy to Ms. Green and her loyal readers

This Monday has brought us more grim news coming from Washington, D.C. The shooting at the Navy Shipyard reminds us once again of how unsafe the world really is. We all need to pray without ceasing for our country. Things are certainly getting more and more out of hand.

It's a cloudy day today, and so much cooler — my favorite time of the year. The chance of rain excites us, but of course, we hope nothing happens like it has in Colorado. That is another tragic happening.

Good to report that there are no reports of serious illnesses in the community today. And to my knowledge, there have not been any deaths in the area the last few days.

Here 'n' There

The garage sale to benefit the Knox County Museum (held Saturday in Munday) proved to be another success. No word on how much money was made, but I know a lot was taken in. The hamburgers were an added attraction to the event. Much work went into the organizing and preparing for the day, and I think everyone involved deserves an "attaboy" for a job well done. The museum is an outstanding facility, and everyone is invited to drop by and visit and see what's there anytime it is open. You will enjoy it.

I talked to Geneva Kuehler (Mrs. Cecil) last week. She's out and about but still recovering from a rattlesnake bite she got on her ankle about 3 weeks ago at her home at Rhineland. She said they were seeing lots of snake skins, and that reminds us to be careful. The snakes are on the move now trying to get to their dens for the winter. She's doing ok and feels very fortunate. She was in an Abilene hospital about 5 days.

Irene Reed is in Abilene today to see a retina doctor. She has a problem that her regular eye doctor thought needed the attention of a specialist. Hopefully it will be something that can be taken care of without much trouble.

My great grandson, Dillon Keys, of Munday was in Dallas Thursday to see his kidney doctor. He got a good report and unless he has some problem, he doesn't have to go back to Dallas until March.

Imagean Young was in Wichita Falls Monday to see her pain management doctor. He increased her medication, and if that doesn't help, she may have some surgery later on. Her main problem is severe pain in her back.

Randolph and Judy Barnett were in Alvin last week for him to see his dentist and also attend to some chores around their home there. They returned to Benjamin on Sunday.

I was in Munday Saturday afternoon for the first birthday party for Isabel Gallegos, the daughter of Michael and San Juana. They had a great meal of brisket, beans, potato salad, hot rolls, and tea. A large crowd enjoyed it in the beautiful backyard setting of their home. The kids all had fun in a "bouncy house", and, of course, the main thing was seeing the pleasure "Izzy" got from opening her gifts. It was fun.

We have learned that former resident, Don Ervin has been diagnosed with a malignancy. No late word on his condition, but he does need our prayers. He lives in the Metroplex. His wife, Marilyn, passed away recently after failing health for several years.

Hazel Stockton was pleasantly surprised Saturday when most of her immediate family "showed up" at her house for a family get together. They all came with food, and when it was all put on the table, it was a feast fit for anyone. Everyone had a good day. Those on hand to enjoy the mini-reunion were Keith and Pam Conner and Casey, Lacy, and Carson Conner of Midland, Clay and Melania and Adaleah Conner, and Stephanie Brannan, Blake, Dakota, Chase and Chloe of Lubbock, Blaine Niell of Seymour, and Jimmy, Michele, Caleb, Jaylyn, and Maddie Barrientez, Kim Lyles and Shelby Russell, and Bud Conner, all of Benjamin. Steve Conner and his wife, Brenda, of Big Spring were unable to be there, as well as a few other family members due to other plans for the day.

Larry Conner of Thalia (and Wolf-forth) visited his brother, Bud, Friday. Larry's mother-in-law, Pat Hammonds, of Crowell is quite ill in a Wichita Falls hospital. She needs our prayers as does her

family, who are with her all the time.

And last of all, I apologize for not having any news in the paper last week. My typist sent it to the wrong email address, so it was not available for KC News Courier to print it. Thank you all for asking about it and saying you missed seeing it. Maybe it won't happen too often.

From the week of Sept. 13

I've said it before, and it's still true — these Monday mornings sure seem to come mighty often. This has been a pretty slow week news wise. School is well underway, and the Benjamin Junior High Colts do have a victory to boast about. They travelled to Patton Springs for the game last week and came home winners. It's congratulations to them and their coaches. We look forward to a good year for them.

Regarding Our Sick

Deann Lamb is not ill, but has had some episodes when she has gotten choked on her food, so she saw a specialist in Wichita Falls Thursday for a series of tests and exams. Nothing out of the ordinary was found. Doctors told her just to be careful when she is eating, and she's promised to do just that. Getting choked is a scary thing.

No one else that I'm aware of is "under the weather" this week. Lots of folks are bothered by allergies, but maybe one of these days (after frost, I imagine) those will all get better.

Here 'n' There

Sammy and Clara Tipton and their son, Gene and his wife, all of Forestburg, visited Bud Conner on Saturday. Sammy lived here when he was younger, and a lot of their time together Saturday was spent talking about their younger days. Sammy said he sees Tommy Joe Bufkin (Kathy Rainwater's dad) often, and he said tell everyone in Benjamin "hello." He doesn't get back here very often, as he stays pretty busy.

My Sunday guests were daughters, Diane Evans and family of Childress, Debi and Mike Moorhouse of Benjamin, and grandson, Cody Taylor of Knox City. With everyone so busy with their own families, it's hard to get everyone together at the same time. It was a good day.

I saw little Vista Jones on Wednesday, and she's really growing. She had kind of

a slow start right after she was born— guess she just had to get adjusted to her nourishment, but she has "taken off" now and getting to be a "big girl." She's the baby daughter of Jess and Lanham Jones. Jess said oldest daughter, Canyon, is loving school. She's in Pre-K.

Erika Holmes had to make a trip to the ER today (Monday) about 3 am. She had an asthma attack, and her home medication wasn't doing what it should. So she got a shot and rested most of the day and is feeling better.

Lupe Palacios of Johnson City is spending a few days here with her mom, Reyes Barrientez, and with other relatives and friends in the area.

Weekend guests of Sonny and Doris Bufkin were their daughter and granddaughter, Debbie Goforth and Megan, of Haltom City. They also visited Michele Brown, Kelsey and Emily.

Lonnie Bohannon of Abilene spent the weekend with his parents, Betty and Roger, and helped put a new roof on their house. Probably not the way one wants to spend their weekend, but I'm sure everyone involved is glad it's done.

Several from over this way joined many other area residents on Sunday for lunch at the Knox County Aging Center. The meal of turkey and dressing and all the trimmings was to benefit the Aging Center program in Knox County. That is a good program and a wonderful way for citizens to meet, have a good meal, and enjoy a time of fellowship. I urge support for any fundraiser that is given for this program.

I congratulate the Knox City Greyhounds on their victory Friday night against Rotan. Munday lost to Stamford, and we'll see what happens next week. Good luck to both teams. And the Cowboys started off the year with a win against New York. Now if they can just keep it up the rest of the season. That, however, remains to be seen.

Finally, don't forget the garage sale in Munday on Saturday to benefit the museum here in Knox County. The Historical Commission members have worked tirelessly in preparation for this event. Hamburgers will also be available. I hope to see lots of friends over there.

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

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Knox County Aging Services

Menus for September 23-27

Monday:

Tilapia, whole-kernel corn, slaw, hushpuppies, fruit crisp.

Tuesday:

Chicken fajitas, vegetables, chuck-wagon corn, Spanish rice, fruit cocktail.

Wednesday:

Charbroil beef patty, peppers and onions, garlic mashed potatoes, beets, bread, Mandarin oranges.

Thursday:

Baked chicken, baked potatoes with sour cream, peas, pineapple

Friday:

Turkey sandwich with lettuce, tomato, pickle, broccoli-raisin salad, pineapple delight.

Meals are available to the public for purchase. Call-in orders by 10 a.m. and pick up after 11 a.m. only.

School Menus

September 23-27

Benjamin ISD

Call school to request menus be printed.

Knox City-O'Brien Breakfast

Monday: Choice of sausage biscuit or Fruit Loops cereal bowl, toast, fruit, juice, milk.

Tuesday: Choice of Biscuit with sausage gravy or Lucky Charms cereal bowl, toast, fruit, juice, milk.

Wednesday: Choice of breakfast pancake wrap or Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal bowl, toast, fruit, juice, milk.

Thursday: Choice of golden waffles with syrup or Cocoa Puffs cereal bowl, toast, fruit, juice, milk.

Friday: Choice of breakfast pizza or Trix cereal bowl, toast, fruit, juice, milk.

Lunch

Monday: Choice of Rib sandwich, antipasto salad or bologna and cheese sandwich; sweet corn, green beans, mixed fruit, red slushy, milk.

Tuesday: Choice of Frito chili pie, fajita chicken salad or turkey and cheese sandwich; glazed carrots, lettuce topping, fresh honeydew, red slushy, milk.

Wednesday: Choice of chicken quesadilla, or garden pasta salad or ham and cheese sandwich; Mexicali corn, refried beans, applesauce, red slushy, milk.

Thursday: Choice of steak fingers or tuna salad; peppered gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, fresh cantaloupe, red slushy, milk.

Friday: Choice of pepperoni pizza, chef salad or po-boy; sweet tater tots, baked beans, pineapple tidbits, red slushy, milk.

Munday CISD

Breakfast

Monday: Golden waffles with syrup, honey graham, fruit, slushy, juice, milk.

Tuesday: Lucky Charms cereal bowl, honey graham, fruit, slushy, juice, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast pancake wrap, applesauce, slushy, juice, milk.

Thursday: Cocoa Puffs cereal bowl, honey graham, fruit, slushy, juice, milk.

Friday: Breakfast pizza, honey graham, fruit, slushy, juice, milk.

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Football Friday Sale!

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Thanks to all for the Masses, prayers, telephone calls, cards, visits, flowers, food and gifts and words of encouragement. May all be blessed.

Genevia Kuehler

The 501 The Gopher Complex

Gophers are the poor man's prairie dogs. That's what I thought as a child. Gophers, it seemed, were second-rate burrowers that didn't have what it took to break into great literature or the movies. So, growing up with gophers, I grew up with a bit of a gopher complex.

It still gnaws at me. Prairie dogs once lived on my grandmother's half of the farm, but they had faded into legend by the time I was old enough to roam the far pasture to look for the remains of their colony. I found nothing. I wished for prairie dogs, icons of the Old West. They had enough nerve to get out of their holes and scurry around and stand up in the sunshine and, what's more, bark. I'm not sure how I knew they did all that since we didn't have any. We just had gophers. Their mounds and tunnels scarred our yard. The gophers might have been likeable if they'd ever emerged. I was 30-plus when



HANABA MUNN WELCH

I first saw one. Haven't seen one since. My childhood dog Spot dug furiously into every fresh gopher mound, burying his nose deep in pursuit of whatever gopher he no doubt could smell just fine. Spot never saw one either. Mother Barn Cat showed greater patience. Her tactic was to sit on a gopher mound waiting for the unsuspecting creature to sidle out his front door. I don't know if she ever nabbed one. I didn't have the patience to watch her. If only the gophers had been moles instead.

Moles showed up in cartoons — Elmer Fudd and Bugs Bunny, for example. Moles also appeared in children's books from time to time. But nobody wrote about gophers.

I grew up thinking moles lived only in the yards and gardens of people who had basements with furnaces — Yankees, in other words. We folks who lived on the western edge of the Old South were stuck with gophers. Nobody wrote about us.

I'm out of touch with children's literature, but I'm guessing that's pretty much still the case. Unless an author comes up with something like "The Armadillo from Amarillo," children's books revolve around stereotypical people in stereotypical places where the stereotypical burrower is a mole, albeit with nods to political correctness per the inclusion of more ethnicities as far as the human characters are concerned.

Gophers, meanwhile, continue to be marginalized. Am I right? RESEARCH PAUSE.

If you search via Google for "moles in children's literature," the first thing that pops up (pun intended) is "Hedgehogs, Porcupines & Moles," compliments of Barnes & Noble. There you have it. Moles find themselves in good company with exotic hedgehogs and fascinating porcupines. Gophers aren't even mentioned.

Search for "gophers in children's literature," and the first thing you get is a book about a gopher tortoise. The second search result is "Greasy Grimy Gopher Guts." No kidding.

If I never amount to anything, I guess I can blame it on the gophers. Or the prairie dogs for leaving town.

Hanaba Munn Welch is a columnist and contributor to the Blackburn Media Group family of newspapers.

The Paperboy New apps read BAC levels and hail taxis

Today's technology is incredible, and smartphones and what they can do is very impressive. Now, there is an application that can be downloaded onto the phone and a piece of hardware that can connect to the phone — both of which can save lives.

Let's say you attend a party and you have a few drinks. Are you OK to drive? Now you can breathe into the device connected to your smartphone, and the phone will test your blood-alcohol level before you get behind the wheel and endanger lives.

Not only can it tell you how much you've had to drink, but it also can automatically call you a cab (assuming you live in a city).

Breathometer, for both the Apple- and Android-based platforms, and the iPhone-exclusive BACtrack display your blood-alcohol level within seconds through a smartphone-connected breathing apparatus.

"People think, 'Oh, I'm driving around the corner,' but it's not until they get pulled over that they realize they're over the limit," said Charles Michael Yim, chief executive of Breathometer.

More than 1.2 million people were arrested in the United States in 2011 for driving under the influence of alcohol.

The Breathometer plugs into the smartphone's headphone jack while the BACtrack connects to the iPhone via Bluetooth technology.

According to their respective companies, both use sensors that meet U.S. Food and Drug Administration standards and can detect blood-alcohol levels to within an accuracy of 0.01 percent.

Breathometer's breathing device is about the size of a car key. The app can detect a user's GPS location, order a cab and estimate how long it will take for the user to become sober.

"Just checking blood-alcohol levels can help you be more aware of your body. If you blow 0.02 percent or 0.04 percent, you might think, 'I better stop drinking,'" Yim said.

More than 10,000 people died

in drunk-driving accidents in the United States in 2010, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. A blood-alcohol level above 0.08 percent is considered over the legal limit in all 50 states. The National Transportation Safety Board is recommending the limit be reduced to 0.05 percent.

The Breathometer app reads signals after the user has blown into the breathing device. An ethanol sensor embedded in the device detects alcohol on the breath and converts this into a signal, which the app processes.

The app, which will cost \$49, will be released worldwide in October.

BACtrack, founded in 2001, was the first company to receive U.S. government clearance to sell blood-alcohol breathing tests for personal use. The handheld device retails for about \$150.

The company's new mobile app can also track a user's drinking habits in a graph and can estimate when a user's blood-alcohol level will return to zero. Users can also share their blood-alcohol levels through text message, Facebook or Twitter.

I don't know who in the world would want to do that, but it's an option.

"It's not about whether you're at 0.05 or 0.08 percent. If you even have 0.01 percent, you should not be driving," said Yim.

Of course with all of this technology, it makes you wonder if your phone can tell the authorities on you. I can see this device being recorded by the government as they track our habits — or lack thereof. But overall, it's a device that should save lives.

If you really let your imagination run wild, there is no telling what's in store for future apps on smartphones. Heck, one day they might be able to tell you that you're getting ready to have a stroke or heart attack.

For better or worse, there really is no end in sight in technological development.

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Nancy's Notions

Supply vs. demand vs. affordability

For years, Chipotle restaurateurs touted naturally raised beef, promising its customers that the beef in their burritos would "never, ever" have been treated with antibiotics. Not for growth promotion, nor for disease prevention, control or treatment — all of which are FDA-approved uses of antibiotics in animals raised for food.

In August, Chris Arnold, a spokesman for the national chain of restaurants, said the burrito-seller will now begin using meat



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from cattle treated with antibiotics for an illness.

Why the switch from a social issue and marketing angle to a practical stance? Perhaps because the

U.S. beef production is projected to drop to a 21-year low, or maybe because the U.S. beef herd is at its all-time low in 40 years.

These factors, coupled with Chipotle's ever-increasing number of restaurants, just could not meet the supply demands of what the restaurant originally said they would serve.

"Every year we need 20 to 25 percent more of everything than we did the year before, and the beef supply isn't keeping up as well," Arnold said.

This is the situation worldwide. The world's population is growing, especially its middle class. Is the production of meat and poultry as a source of protein keeping pace to prevent food insecurity?

When the supply of food is unlimited, and when our resources to purchase food are unlimited, then we can have "social consciences" that allow us to dictate that our food is organically raised, hormone-free, raised without antibiotics, cage-free, gestational-crate free, all-natural, locally grown, yada yada.

But when our food supplies are limited, and we are hungry, as is the case in many parts of the world, or when our fiscal resources to purchase food are limited, as they are for 14 percent of Americans, then should our main concern be whether our produce is a GMO product or not? Should we be concerned with whether our beef came from another country or not, or whether our meat animal received an antibiotic or not.

Chipotle's announcement was simply recognition of the reality of supply and demand versus affordability.

"Never, ever" is a nice concept, but if the burrito competitor across the street is less expensive than Chipotle, where will you go? Maybe the "never, ever" previous position recognized that fact and made an exception to their social statement to keep their bottom line intact? Or maybe their new stance keeps them just a little bit more

mainstream as we try to feed a hungry world? I hope so.

We have too many groups trying to undermine American agriculture's efforts to produce more with less and its efforts to feed a very hungry world.

The source of this thought provoking information is "Meatingplace." While working on my master's in animal science, this was a recommended source for many assignments. "Meatingplace" is the premier multimedia information source for the red meat and poultry processing industry. Focused on the U.S. and Canadian markets, but read worldwide, "Meatingplace" delivers news, technical information and strategic insights through a monthly print publication, website and events.

You might want to reference them at some point.

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The Idle American Goose-Googling children miss out on the Mother of all tales

Perhaps it is a trivial thing, this business of "Goose" and "Google" beginning with the same three letters — or maybe not.

The former — with "Mother" in front of her name — is a remnant from centuries past. For hundreds of years, printed words — and those from the lips of loving parents and others putting children to bed — provided stories that activated vivid imaginations. On the winds of what was, what is and what might yet be whirled thoughts of young minds swept up in play-like worlds of make believe.

The latter, "Google" — a word so often attached at the hip to "it" — may play a more critical role than we realize. We may eventually count greatly on Google for details of the Mother Goose who used to be during glory days of youthful innocence. Here lately, she's flown the coop, with absences ever lengthening.

Mother Goose was the property of no one — and everyone. A feathery grandmother of make believe, she was at home

on many continents, her verses unquantifiable, a compilation of the thoughts of many minds.

Her fables, verses and rhymes were born in minds of many generations. Their words — some clever, or ridiculous or even absurd — seemed worth writing down, repeating and remembering.

They're collected in that big memory repository so tenderly guarded by Mother Goose. Somehow, they've survived the centuries.

Her words were handy when we spent more time putting children to bed. The old bird was on good terms with the Good Book, lovingly linked for bedtime application.

Today, bedtime rituals more likely call for technicians. Buttons are pushed to access sounds, and pages — formerly turned — slide silently across the touchscreens of tablets as children drift off to dreamland.

Those still in footed PJs are more likely today to recognize the AFLAC duck than the goose offering nursery rhymes.

Mother Goose, never pushy, was more of a go along to get along type. She'd be saddened today in a world where fear dominates. Children furrow brows now like their elders, rarely breaking into robust laughter like they used to.

Circumstances — something we've always lived under — are authors of fear. They grow ever more ominous, and we're afraid far more often than we're joyful.

Children learn early on take too much too seriously.

The other day, I heard a quiet conversation by a couple of youngsters, perhaps second-graders. I was surprised at their leisurely conversational pace, as well as the topic, "Humpty-Dumpty."

As I was waiting in the mall for my wife to finish shopping, I resisted the impulse to mention to them that this is one of the hundreds of "Mother Goose" poems. Besides, these youngsters already had a grandfather in tow.

Alas, the conversation grew serious. "I've heard that Humpty-Dumpty was pushed," one said.

"Maybe so," said the other. "And I'm sad for the first-responders. Don't you know they felt like they were walking on eggshells?"

"Wow", thought I. Here was a kid who imagined, just as the old goose would hope.

My wife and I walked to our car, clicking to unlock the door a few feet away, then drove home, cruise control on and radio news blaring.

My mind hearkened back to simpler

days and to my long-departed grandfather, a man ever proud of his Hamilton pocket watch. It was chained to a belt loop, lifted dozens of times daily from its pouched resting place.

It was done methodically. Poppa stared at the timepiece, usually saying nothing. It didn't even have a second hand, nor was one needed. He had seconds to spare, this man whose activities rarely involved "punching in." Quite simply, he worked from early 'til late, usually six full days a week.

He always seemed happy. Though uneducated, he learned life's hardships early on.

Widowed at age 45, he was left with nine children, three of elementary-school age. He had reason to be pensive, this man so very much at home in the cotton fields and on land dotted by cedar trees.

It was his to pick the bolls of cotton, and, with his ax, turn the trees into cedar posts. As he stared at his watch, he was in deep thought.

And we thought he was checking the time.

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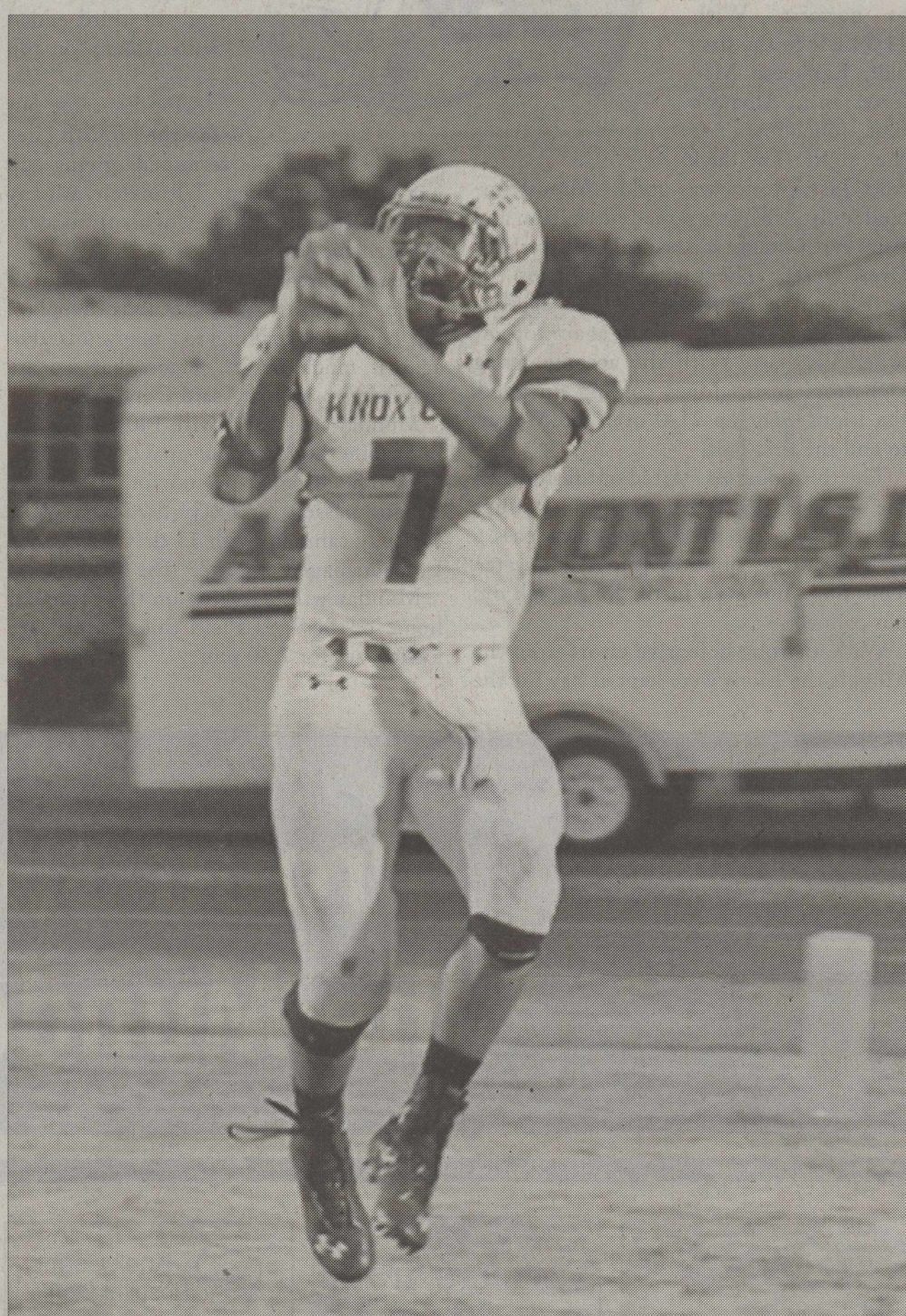
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Road Moguls fall short to Lions

By **Geoffrey Baumgartner**
The Knox County News-Courier

ALBANY — It was a tough loss for the Munday Moguls, as they took on the Albany Lions this last Friday. While the Moguls were trying to capture their first win of the season, it was Albany that eventually took home the W, beating the Moguls 48-8.

The game started off slowly, with each team putting up no points in the first quarter. However, that soon started to change in favor of the Lions, even with Munday giving a hard fought defensive effort.

With Munday putting pressure on the Albany offense, they soon started to perform. With 11:34 left in the first half, Rahkeese McCree ran in Albany's first touchdown of the night. The kick from Justin Jones was good. Almost immediately, Albany regained possession and Alex Faith caught a pass from quarterback Drew Neece. Then, with 6:17 left on the board and in what seemed like déjà-vu, Neece connected with Faith again for another TD pass. With the accompanying kick from Justin Jones coming up good, the Lions went up 21-0 over the Moguls to end the first half.

The third quarter started out faster than the second, with Albany's Stevie Phillips managing to run in a touchdown pass a little over five minutes into the quarter. This time, however, Justin Jones kick did not connect.

With a strong defensive effort from the Moguls the Lions were kept at bay for the

next 5 minutes. It was not until 5:25 left in the third that Albany's McCree ran in another TD.

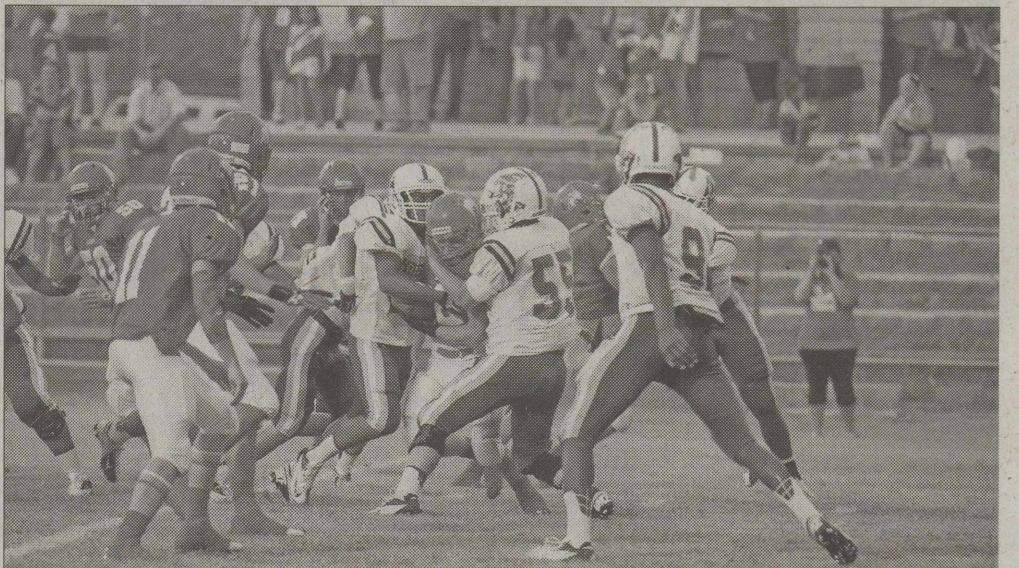
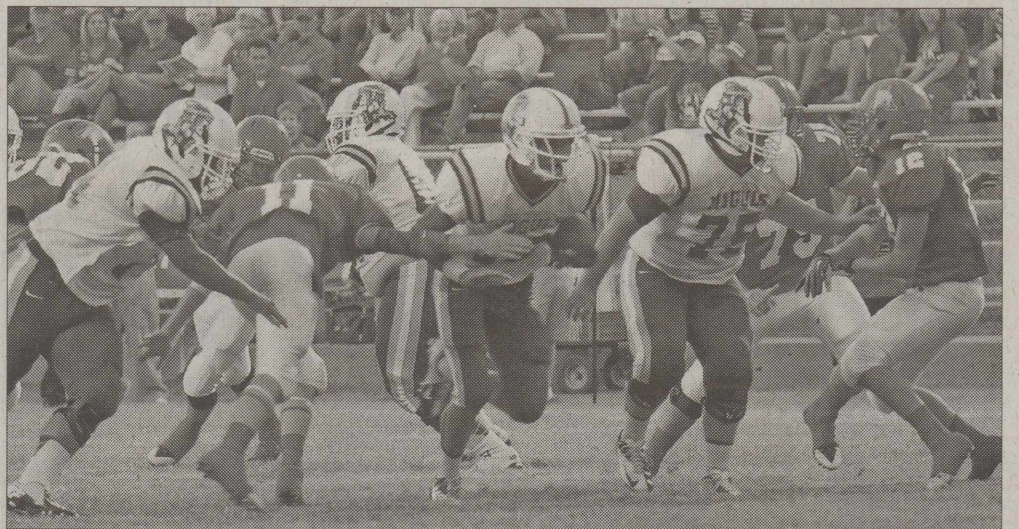
This touchdown, however, would not go unanswered by the Moguls. With 3:30 remaining in the third, Munday's Alfonso Nunez managed to break free from the Lion's defense and run in the Moguls only score of the evening. Instead of going for the extra point, Zach Edgar managed to get two-point conversion, putting 8 on the board for Munday in a hard-fought offensive push. The Lions struck back within the minute and with 2:19 left in the third, Albany's Michael Cotter caught a touchdown pass from Drew Neece. Justin Jones kick was good this time and the third ended with Albany on top 41-8.

Munday came out in the fourth determined giving up just one touchdown. Ultimately, Albany came out on top in the Moguls third away game of the season, 48-8.

Coach Corcoran was proud of his guys. "For the most part, our kids are playing hard, just making too many mistakes against much bigger teams that we are matched up against," said Corcoran.

Munday came away with 140 yards rushing, while the Lions put up 375 yard rushing. The Moguls passed for 107, while Albany passed for 67 yards. And while Munday came up with 13 first downs, the Lions managed to get 23 first downs.

Munday will be taking on the Bronte at home on Scruggs Field this Friday with kickoff set for 7:30 p.m.



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Where Charlie Tinker lies buried

(Editor's note: The following is the first of a second series of three columns written by the author about her husband's great-great-grandfather, who became a confidant of President Lincoln. The first three-part installment published March 15, April 5 and April 12. Back issues are available at the newspaper office.)

It was during mid-flight, perhaps somewhere over Virginia, that a thought hit me, and I turned suddenly, excitedly toward Tink.

"Let's visit Charlie Tinker's grave while we are in New York!" I exclaimed.

The notion sank into his brain and washed slowly across his face. Silently, he nodded in agreement.

For all of the hundreds of columns I have written, nothing has struck the fancy of readers as did the three-part series I wrote from the diaries of my husband's great-great-grandfather, Charlie Tinker, who worked closely with Abraham Lincoln in the White House.

I was surprised, even stunned by the reaction of readers who wanted to know more about this man who had touched the black cloth of history and had been diligent enough to record what he saw and heard.

As one of four telegram dispatchers in the War Department, Charlie

had a front-row seat to a war that devastated our nation and a shoulder-to-shoulder friendship with the president. In our safe deposit box are two handwritten notes from Lincoln to Charlie proving the closeness of their friendship.

So it was that on a cold, rainy winter's day, we took a cab from Manhattan to the historic cemetery where Charlie is interred. The cab driver dropped us at the grand stone entrance, a place that looks like it would sit most comfortably among England's ancient buildings. As the cab drove out of sight and the rain gained intensity, the guard searched the directory of Green-Wood Cemetery, a place where famous men like Samuel Morse (ironically, the inventor of the telegraph that gave Charlie a place in history) are buried.

"Follow this road," the guard began, proceeding to give us the names of streets we were to follow. "It's a 45-minute walk."

Thunderstruck and chilled, Tink and I gaped at each other. Forty-five minutes? There was no choice, though. Like the children of Israel, we had come too far to turn back now. I pulled my hat closer to my ears, Tink drew his jacket hood over his head, and, together, we carried forth. Had anyone ever told me I would walk in the cold winter's rain for one and a half hours to visit a dead Yankee, I would have retorted, "Right. And Sherman never owned a pack of matches either."

But there I was. Journeying to see the final resting place of a man whose 30 diaries have been entrusted to our care. The graveyard was filled

with monuments of all types from simple markers to high-rising statues and grand, enormous tributes to those who there lie buried.

"What kind of grave stone do you think Charlie will have?" Tink asked.

Charlie, as I know him from his own words was man of class, dignity and humility so it made it easier to venture a guess. "He'll have a towering monument. One that will honor his family but not seem arrogant or overdone."

Lo and behold, that's exactly what we found. In the center of the section of Green-Wood where Charlie and his immediate family lie was a 12-foot high monument sitting beneath the shadow of towering oaks, some with limbs broken and scattered on his grave.

As I dragged them away, I thought of my own great-great-grandfather buried in the cemetery of a tiny church that is within hollering distance of where the Appalachian Trail begins in North Georgia. His plain stone is small and leans precariously to the side. It is smudged in black from 150 years of weather and now is hard to read. I am surprised my family was able to afford that much.

It is an interesting thing about a man's gravestone because it can tell so much yet leave so much more untold. What we read on his monument that day would drive us back to his diaries to learn more.

And, oh what we discovered.

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RONDA RICH

TxDOT honored for highway projects

AUSTIN — In its ongoing effort to be a best-in-class agency, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) took multiple honors recently at award ceremonies recognizing excellence in construction and transportation projects.

The Globe and Pride awards, presented by the American Road and Transportation Builders Association Transportation Development Foundation, recognize efforts to grow and protect transportation infrastructure investment to meet public and business demand for safe and efficient travel. The Center for Digital Government's 2013 Best of Texas Awards recognize public sector professionals and local government organizations for their dedication and contributions to advance information technology in Texas.

"We are honored and extremely proud to receive these awards," said TxDOT Executive Director Phil Wilson. "Building safe and reliable roads is always our top priority, but we also feel a strong sense of obligation and responsibility when it comes to preserving the environment and engaging the surrounding community through meticulous planning and thoughtful design. These awards are a testament to the diligence of our engineers, construction workers and other TxDOT team members who make these roads a reality."

TxDOT's \$1 billion DFW Connector Project, currently being constructed by NorthGate Constructors, took a first-place Globe Award in the category of Major Highway Project over \$100 million. Designed to improve mobility and air quality for the highway's 250,000 daily commuters, the project is being constructed using methods to manage hazardous materials, emissions and environmental pollution while also recycling up to 1 million tons of construction materials. Additionally, more than 50,000 new plants and six acres of wildflowers will be planted to improve air quality.

A second-place Globe Award went to TxDOT's LBJ Express Project, a collaborative partnership with LBJ Infrastructure Group and Trinity Infrastructure. A public-private partnership valued at \$3.2 billion, the LBJ Express Project will reconstruct nearly 17 miles of Dallas-area highway while employing a comprehensive environmental protection plan that manages soil while recycling and redirecting groundwater to drought-stricken areas.

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The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the armed services of the United States who is killed in action."

Proposition Number 2 (HJR 79)
HJR 79 proposes a constitutional amendment to repeal the constitutional provision requiring the creation of a State Medical Education Board and a State Medical Education Fund, neither of which is in operation. No new loans have been made from the fund by the board in more than 25 years, and the board currently has no appointees and receives no program funding.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment eliminating an obsolete requirement for a State Medical Education Board and a State Medical Education Fund, neither of which is operational."

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HJR 133 would authorize local political subdivisions to extend the length of time that aircraft

parts could remain temporarily in this state before being subject to ad valorem taxation. Under current law, merchandise, wares, and goods (including aircraft parts) may remain in this state temporarily for up to 175 days before being subject to ad valorem taxation; the proposed amendment would permit taxing entities to extend the exemption up to 730 days after the date that a person acquired or imported aircraft parts in the state.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize a political subdivision of this state to extend the number of days that aircraft parts that are exempt from ad valorem taxation due to their location in this state for a temporary period may be located in this state for purposes of qualifying for the tax exemption."

Proposition Number 4 (HJR 24)
HJR 24 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the market value of the residence homestead of a partially disabled veteran or the surviving spouse of a partially disabled veteran if the residence homestead was donated to the disabled veteran at no cost to the veteran by a charitable organization.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the market value of the residence homestead of a partially disabled veteran or the surviving spouse of a partially disabled veteran if the residence homestead was donated to the disabled veteran by a charitable organization."

Proposition Number 5 (SJR 18)
SJR 18 would amend the definition of "reverse mortgage" to authorize the making of reverse mortgage loans for the purchase of homestead property in addition to the current

legal uses of those loans, and would give lenders recourse against borrowers who fail to timely occupy the homestead properties purchased with such loans. SJR 18 would also add to the definition of "reverse mortgage" an extension of credit that is not closed before the 12th day after the lender provides to the prospective borrower a written notice summarizing risks and conditions of a reverse mortgage. The language of the required notice is prescribed in the resolution.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the making of a reverse mortgage loan for the purchase of homestead property and to amend lender disclosures and other requirements in connection with a reverse mortgage loan."

Proposition Number 6 (SJR 1)
SJR 1 would create the State Water Implementation Fund as a special fund inside the state treasury and outside the General Revenue Fund. Money in the fund would be administered by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) and would be used to implement the state water plan, as adopted by general law, by TWDB.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas and the State Water Implementation Revenue Fund for Texas to assist in the financing of priority projects in the state water plan to ensure the availability of adequate water resources."

Proposition Number 7 (HJR 87)
HJR 87 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow home-rule municipalities to adopt charter provisions authorizing the filling of vacancies in the governing body by appointment, but only when the remainder of the vacant term is less than 12 months. Under current law, municipal voters may adopt terms of office for municipal officers longer than two years, but upon approving longer terms of office, any resulting vacancies in office must be filled by special election. The proposed amendment would provide an option

for home-rule municipalities to fill short-term vacancies through appointment.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing a home-rule municipality to provide in its charter the procedure to fill a vacancy on its governing body for which the unexpired term is 12 months or less."

Proposition Number 8 (HJR 147 and SJR 54)
HJR 147 would repeal the Texas Constitution's maximum tax rate for a Hidalgo County hospital district; the maximum rate is currently set at 10 cents per \$100 valuation. This rate is lower than the maximum tax rate allowable for hospital districts in all other counties in the State (75 cents per \$100 valuation). The repeal of the constitutional cap would authorize hospital district tax rates in Hidalgo County equal to the hospital district tax rate laws applicable to all other Texas counties.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment repealing Section 7, Article IX, Texas Constitution, which relates to the creation of a hospital district in Hidalgo County."

Proposition Number 9 (SJR 42)
SJR 42 would expand the potential sanctions that the State Commission on Judicial Conduct can issue following a formal proceeding. This constitutional amendment would allow the Commission to issue an order of public admonition, warning, reprimand, or a requirement to obtain additional training or education in addition to the Commission's current authority to issue a public censure or recommend removal or retirement of a judge.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment relating to expanding the types of sanctions that may be assessed against a judge or justice following a formal proceeding instituted by the State Commission on Judicial Conduct."

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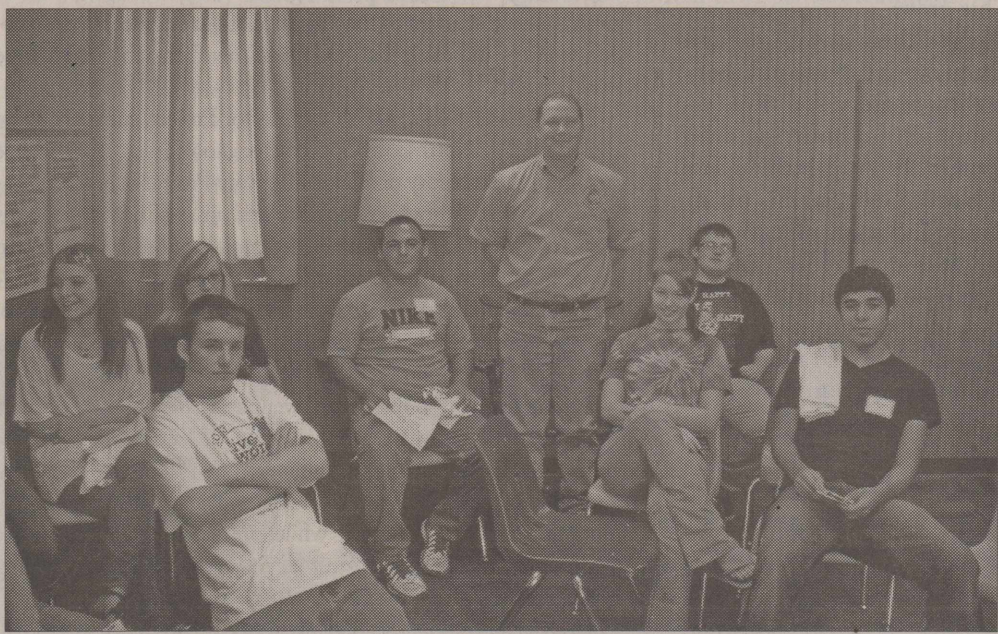
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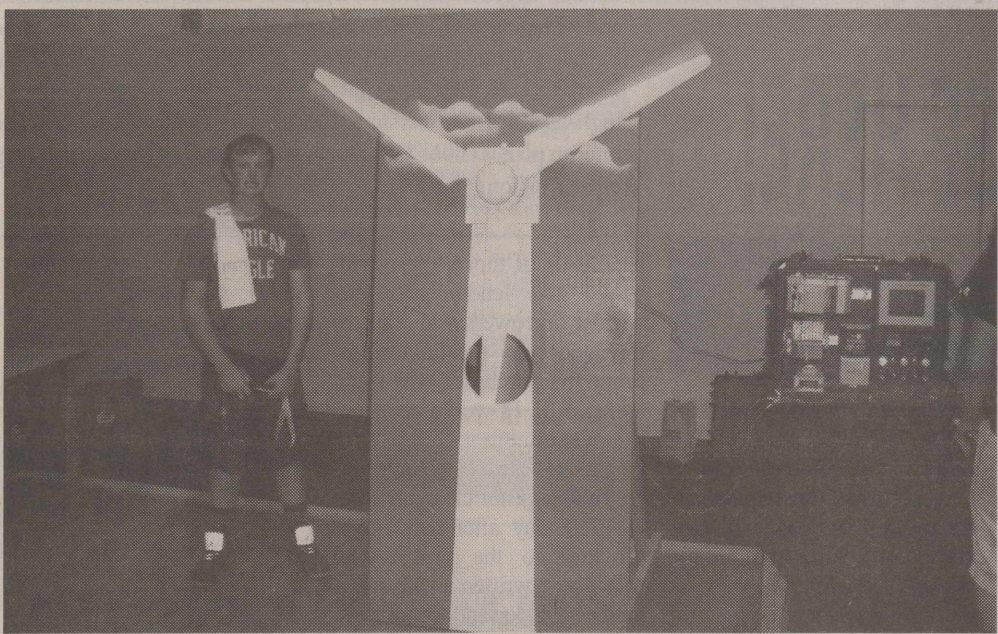
College and Career Day



Zack Overmyer, a freshman from Knox City, and Lupe Garces, a junior from Rule, spin the prize wheel at the Texas Workforce Solutions booth.



Matthew Hise, Instructor of Environmental Technology from TSTC, poses with the students of the Big Country after lecturing on Wind Technology- a budding field in West Texas.



Tyler Harvey, a freshman from Knox City, poses in front of the TSTC's booth on wind technology in the Goree gym.

WIND

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According to the tax abatement with Knox County, in lieu of taxes the company has agreed pay \$1,000 per megawatt generated by the wind farm up to 120 megawatts per year for the first four years of the abatement. The company is guaranteeing at minimum the county would receive \$60,000 a year.

For the next three years, the company has agreed to pay \$1,500 per megawatt up to 120 megawatts per year with a guaranteed minimum of \$90,000 a year.

The last three years of the abatement, the company will pay Knox County \$2,000 per megawatt generated up to 120 megawatts with a guaranteed minimum of \$120,000 per year.

Pioneer Green's David Savage, who is serving as lead developer for the project, said these numbers are fluid.

"It may turn out that Knox County's portion of the project is a little larger or a little smaller than we're projecting at this point," Savage said. "As this project continues to progress, our numbers will become more

solid."

Savage — whose company was involved in developing the Roscoe Wind Farm, which up until last year was the largest such wind farm in the world — said one of the benefits of the minimum payment is that it guarantees local taxpayers a return on investment no matter the size, scope or output of the project.

"After those first 10 years, we'll be considered just another business entity within Knox and Baylor counties and subject to the full throttle of taxing regulations," Savage said. "These wind turbines generally have a lifespan of 25 to 30 years, so after this first 10-year period, you're looking at a good 15 to 20 years of guaranteed tax income at the full amount."

With Baylor County's portion of projected output at about 180 megawatts per year, Judge Linda Rogers said income from the 10-year tax abatement, which is based on the same formula as Knox County, would be between \$1.67 million and \$3.33 million.

"This wind farm project is big news for our area and will have a number of tremendous benefits for both of the Baylor and Knox county economies," she said. "Not only will the project add to the tax bases for

each county but also will bring in hundreds of new jobs, likely some new residents and lots and lots of residual income for our restaurants and other businesses in our communities that will attend the needs of those new customers."

Savage said company officials also have been in contact with both counties' hospital districts and officials with Seymour ISD.

"Right now it's looking like all if not most of the reinvestment zone will fall within the boundaries of the Seymour ISD. There is a small chance Benjamin ISD could profit from the project, although I think it would be a small percentage if it did," he said.

Because school districts in the state of Texas are forbidden by state law to enter into tax abatements, Savage said Seymour ISD could see a per student tax credit based on the outcome of an economic impact analysis. Such an agreement, however, must be approved by the state comptroller and finally the school board.

"We've received nothing short of a warm reception by all entities in Knox and Baylor counties," Savage said. "Our excitement continues to grow every day we move forward on this project."

GOREE

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ervation and environmental specialist workers are reaching retirement age, they will need to be replaced within the workforce.

Industries are beginning to understand that employee health and safety are a must, which opens up the door to many more graduates of Environmental Technologies. Health and safety operators are needed as well. "As a matter of fact, that is what most of our graduates go into, because they are more educated in the field" said Matthew Hise, instructor of Environmental Technology for TSTC in Breckenridge. "The people with the formal education are going to be heading the operations and maintaining the government mandated safety regulations, while the new, less educated guys will be climbing and constructing the wind turbines."

It was not just wind technology that was appealing to rural student populations. Jackie Lackey, a Marketing and Advertising specialist was on hand taking kid's questions and talking about the world of advertising in West Texas. "I specialize in ad-based/ ag-based businesses-which is very applicable to rural kids," she said. "Sure, it can be an exciting career in West Texas, because it provides an opportunity to be creative in a flexible environment."

With the advent of new industries and technologies in West Texas, new and unique advertisement and marketing opportunities will arise in the Big Country. In addition, with the Internet becoming the world's primary communications tool, new advertising strategies can be marketed within industries that have been here for years, but are just now beginning to boom, such as petroleum engineering.

There were even representa-

tives from Texas Tech's School of Pharmacology, who were discussing the recent government mandated changes within the U.S. healthcare system and how it will affect the prices of many current drugs. They were also talking to the kids about the benefits in the field of Pharmacology, such as helping people by getting them their much-needed medications.

Some of the career specialists not only lectured, but also operated their own information booths set up within the Goree gymnasium. For example, Texas Workforce Solutions were there with their booth, and they had a good crowd because of the prizes they were handing out along with their information pamphlets.

"I always enjoy talking to youth and getting them interested in college and agriculture," said Holly Cogdell of Texas Tech's College of Ag Science and Nat. Resources.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

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The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Upper Tannehill formation, C. D. Parker Lease,

Well # 3. The proposed injection well is located 3 Miles East of Goree in the Goree Field in

Knox County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 1719 to 1724 feet.

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

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

Notice of Application to Extend Facilities Rental Tariffs

On August 30, 2013, AEP Texas Central Company (TCC) and AEP Texas North Company (TNC) (jointly, the Companies) filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to extend their Distribution Voltage Facilities Rental Tariffs an additional three years, to January 1, 2017. The Companies do not propose to change the terms of the tariffs or the current pricing in this docket. Sections 14.001, 39.001 and 39.051 of the Public Utility Regulatory Act and Sections 25.341 through 25.343 of the Commission's Substantive Rules provide for the Commission to authorize a utility to petition to provide Facilities Rental Services if such services are not widely available to customers in an area. TCC and TNC received Commission approval to provide such services until January 1, 2014 in Docket No. 38618. The Distribution Voltage Facilities Rental Services are contained in Section 6.1.2.3.6 of the Companies' Tariffs for Retail Delivery Service.

The Companies have proposed an effective date of January 1, 2014, at which time the proposed tariffs will be deemed approved if no objection is filed with the Commission. Only customers currently taking service under the existing tariffs, as well as the Retail Electric Providers servicing those customers, are affected by this application. Those affected customers take delivery service under Distribution Service Schedule 6.1.1.1.4 Primary Voltage Service, and are located throughout the service areas of TCC and TNC. This filing has been assigned PUC Docket No. 41799.

The deadline for filing a motion to intervene in this proceeding is October 15, 2013. Persons who wish to intervene in the proceeding or comment upon the action should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission of Texas at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136.

GREYHOUNDS

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Coach Steele was very proud of his team. "Aspermont did a good job of keeping the ball out of our hands and extending the length of the game. They had the ball 28 minutes and we only had it for 12 minutes.

"Defensively we would bend

but didn't break. Offensively, we scored a bunch of points on limited possessions."

Knox City had a total of 434 yards offense, while Aspermont put up 217 yards offense.

Knox City quarterback Zach Carter passed for 43 yards, with 2 completions on 2 attempts.

Lewis rushed for 154 yards on 14 carries, while Aspermont's Cory Meyers rushed

for 39 yards on 26 carries.

The Knox City Junior Varsity was also successful this week with a 73-27 win over Vernon Northside's Varsity squad. Also, the Knox City Freshman team managed to trump the Harrold Varsity 48-0.

They Greyhounds varsity will be taking on Newcastle in Knox City on Sept. 20th, at 7:30 p.m. if you would like to come out and show your support.

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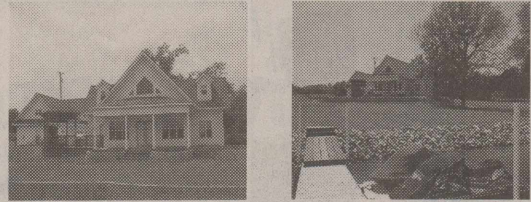
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Houndettes compete in Childress Tournament

Geoff Baumgartner
News-Courier

CHILDRESS— The Knox City Houndettes Volleyball teams competed in their final tournament of the season and will be able to add yet another plaque to their trophy wall. The Houndettes traveled to Childress this past Thursday and Saturday to compete in the annual Childress Volleyball Tournament.

This tournament hosted teams such as Memphis, Ft. Elliot, Aspermont, Munday, Chillicothe and Olney. The Houndettes had a rather rough start with their pool play games on Thursday, but Saturday they showed up and gave an outstanding performance coming home with the 1st place Silver Bracket plaque.

Some big hitters for the Knox City Houndettes consisted of the following: Kaylie Steele, a sophomore middle hitter,

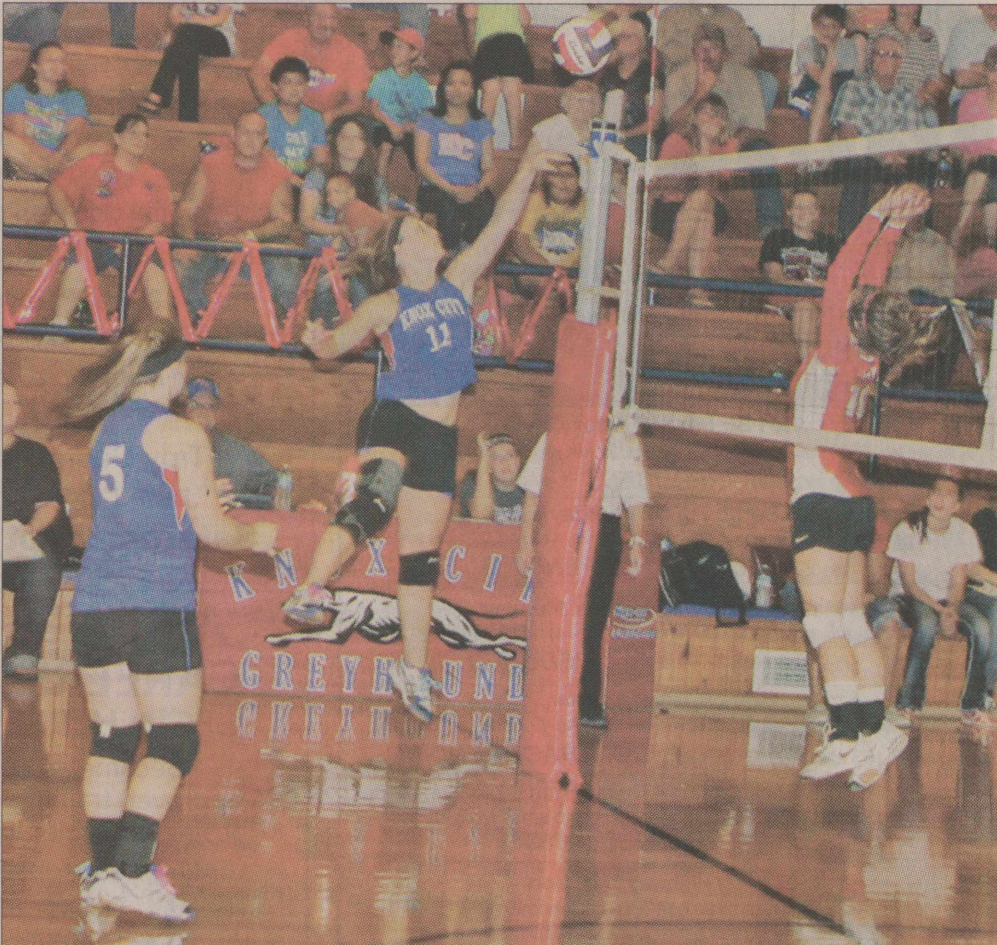
averaged 5 hits, 2 kills, 4 tips, 3 tip kills, and 5 blocks per game. Jordyn Eaton, a sophomore middle hitter, averaged 5 digs, 3 hits, 5 serves, 2 kills, 4 tips, and 3 blocks per game. Leighten Pepper, a junior outside hitter, averaged 2 aces, 4 serves, 3 digs, 3 hits, 1 kill, and 4 tips per game. Cassandra Ledesma, a senior outside hitter, averaged 1 ace, 3 serves, 4 digs, 3 hits, 1 kill, and 2 tips per game. Andrea Lynn, a junior outside hitter, averaged 3 serves, 3 hits, 1 kill, and 1 tip per game.

“My girls have fought hard and demonstrated how practice and dedication can pay off,” said Coach Baumgartner. “We finished our last tournament on a positive note by defeating the Memphis Lady Whirlwinds for the first place Silver Bracket plaque of the tournament. We still have a hard schedule ahead, but I believe we are off to a great start!”

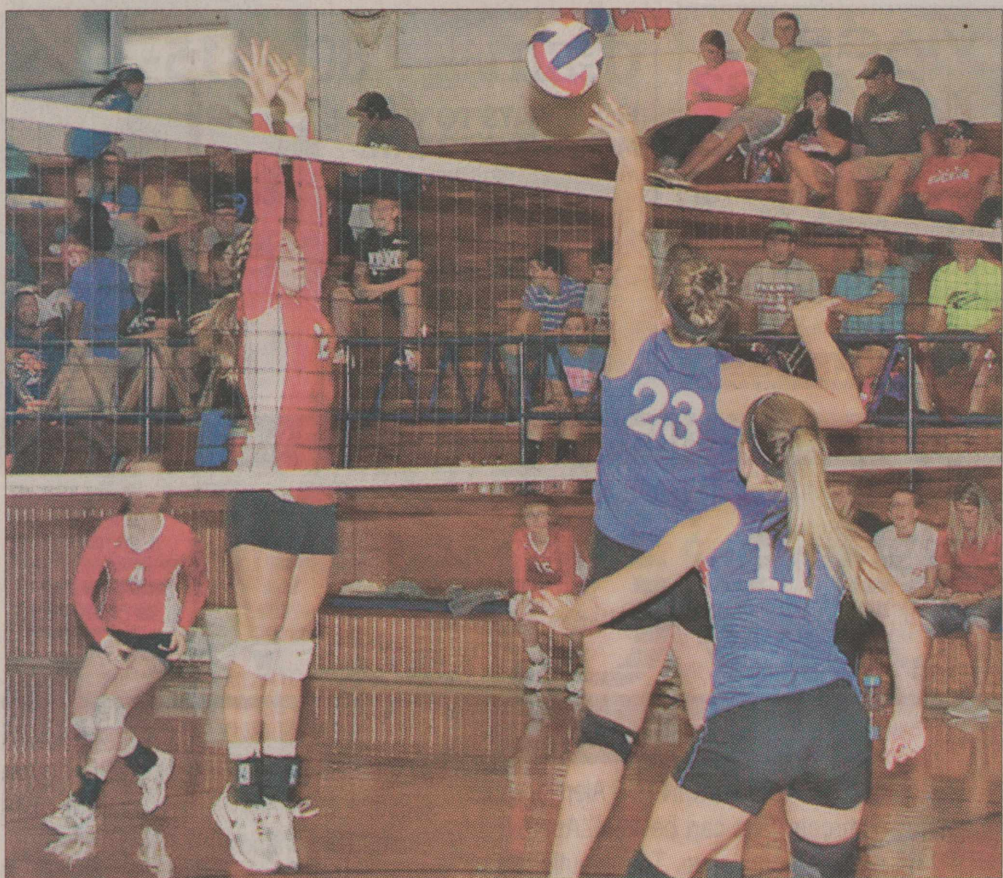
District will begin September 24 at 6 p.m. with the Lady Houndettes hosting the Ro-



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Raci Dillard is laid up in the coaches office at Munday High School, preparing to help with practice.

