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KC Aging Center receives new kitchen equipment

By Geoff Baumgartner
 The Knox County News-Courier

KNOX CITY — The Knox County Aging Center has finally received their much anticipated new kitchen equipment. The Center, which just hired a new director, installed the equipment shortly after it arrived on Monday afternoon.

A brand new massive Sunfire Industrial Gas Oven and Stove was installed, followed by a smaller Inverter Industrial Strength Microwave Oven. The larger oven also came with a new stock pot collection.

The equipment was ordered by

the former director of the Aging Center, Cassandra Sheedy, but installed under the supervision of current director Sherri Ellis.

"We could not be happier to have this great new equipment at the Aging Center. We want to let everyone know how our budget is being spent and we would just like to thank everybody involved in making it happen," said Director Ellis.

The money to buy the equipment came from the various fundraisers put forth throughout the year and is a testament to how the Aging Center allocates its funds. The larger Sunfire Oven came with a cost of \$2,300, while the smaller Inverter Oven was \$137.00.



Geoff Baumgartner/The Knox County News-Courier
 The Kitchen Staff of the Knox County Aging Center gathers around their new two-piece, ten-burner Sunfire industrial oven the day after it arrives. From left are Maria Chilcoat, Annie Bruce, and Dave Hanson of the Aging Center.

Knox Notes

Events are listed free of charge as a service by this newspaper for nonprofit groups, civic organizations, churches, schools and select community events. Listings should be submitted at least two weeks in advance and will run as often as possible through the date of the event. News staff does not guarantee placement of events. Emailed submissions are preferred to kcnewscourier@gmail.com.

Adventure Days-Date Change

The Knox County Adventure Days is RESCHEDULED for October to allow more time to prepare and for cooler weather for the 5K, Amazing Grace Race, Bus Tours around Knox County, an art exhibit and demonstrations and more. Contact Jimi Coplen, 940-459-4121 or email kcvg@srcaccess.net.

Park Project Fundraiser

Enjoy a brown bag burger Sat. June 21 from 11:30-1:30 (next to Casablanca) downtown Monday, \$7, w/drink \$8. Proceeds will go toward the upgrade of the Munday City Park. Donations accepted. For more information, 940-203-2411.

Customer Appreciation Celebration

Join us on June 24 from 10:00-1:00 at the Knox City Post Office for a customer appreciation day. Benjamin, Knox City, O'Brien and Rochester customers are welcomed. Refreshments will be served. 940-658-3412.

Veterans Memorial

Four more monoliths will be added to the Memorial by Nov. 11, 2014. Those eligible to have their name engraved must have an honorable discharge and lived or buried in Knox County.

Please call 940-459-2229, 1:00pm to 5:00pm., Tue. - Fri. or e-mail kchc@srcaccess.net to receive applications and information forms. All applications must be in the office of the Museum by Aug. 1, 2014.

Golf Tourney

The Bill Baker Memorial Golf Tournament and Scholarship Award Events is scheduled for July 4-5 in Knox City. The KC EXES Association will award three \$1,000 Scholarships. To sign up for Golf or Volleyball teams or to buy a ticket to the Award Dinner/BBQ/Silent Auction, call Patti, 325-721-3001 or Michelle Stanfield, 940-256-0318. All proceeds will go to future Scholarships.

Rifle Raffle

The Orient 905 Mason Lodge A.F. & A.M. is holding a raffle for a Smith & Wesson M&P 15 Sport "black rifle." Tickets are \$5 each, 12 for \$50 or 25 for \$100. All proceeds benefit local scholarships and charities. Contact Steve Pepper, 940-256-0028, or Greg Oliver, 361-877-6165 for more information. The drawing date is July 25. The winner does not have to be present to win but MUST be legal age to possess a firearm in the state of Texas.

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Photo by Geoff Baumgartner/The Knox County News-Courier
 Jessica Wilburn poses with her Knox City High FFA Instructor Jason Evans as they attend Senior Day in the Knox City Gym earlier this spring.

Wilburn receives FFA scholarship

By Geoff Baumgartner
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KNOX CITY — Knox City junior Jessica Wilburn has received a \$18,000 scholarship from the Houston Livestock Rodeo Scholarship Fund.

In order for Wilburn to receive this scholarship, her Texas FFA Scholarship Application had to move through several stages before it arrived at the State's headquarters in Waco, where all final State FFA scholarships are eventually approved or rejected.

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Photo by Geoff Baumgartner/The Knox County News-Courier
 MHS student Kaylan Urbanczyk has disinfecting iodine applied to her arm by Red Cross worker Dawn Schellenbaum before she donates blood. The drive was set up by the MHS Student Council and operated by Raci Dillard.

Blood drive held at MHS

By Geoff Baumgartner
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MUNDAY — The Munday High School Student Council elected to hold a blood drive recently. Munday's Raci Dillard volunteered her time to run the event and logged everyone in who attended.

The Red Cross women arrived around 8:45 a.m. to start setting up inside the MHS cafeteria. By 10 a.m., everything was ready to go for the first donors. The drive lasted from 10-4 p.m. A total of 22 people were able to donate blood, which was the goal for the drive itself. There were, however, some people turned away for health risk reasons. Iron levels within the body must be at a certain level or the donor is liable to pass out on the spot. So, iron levels are monitored first and a medication list must be checked.

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Trip of a lifetime



Geoff Baumgartner/The Knox County News-Courier
 Above: Mr. Ivie sits in his living room as he shows off his two WWII veteran caps as well as the Fort Worth Honor Flight cap he received on the trip. The bill of the Honor Flight cap is embroidered with patriotic stars and stripes.



Submitted Photo/The Knox County News-Courier
 Left: Mr. Ivie, standing in the Washington D.C. rain, is shown holding up a photo of his lost friend before visiting the Arlington National Cemetery. He promised they would both go one day, so he brought his friend's service photo

Mr. Ivie goes to Washington

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KNOX CITY — A Knox County World War II veteran has recently returned from visiting the nation's capitol for the first time. The interesting part of the story is not the capitol visit itself, but the manner in which he arrived at his location. His name is Elton Glenn "Mutt" Ivie and it is called the Fort Worth Honor Flight. Its purpose is to take veterans to our nation's capitol so they can see it for themselves. Mr. Ivie, an 87-year-old Knox City resident, was fortunate enough to be selected for one of the flights.

Originally from Cisco and the youngest of seven boys, Mutt Ivie joined the Navy at the age of 17 in 1944 after his older brother Marvin Ivie was shot down and killed over Austria during the war.

Four members of the Ivie clan ultimately became servicemen. He was a Fireman First Class on the U.S.S. Manila Bay. He was in the Third Fleet of the 52nd Task Force under legendary Admiral Bull Halsey. Mutt was discharged in 1946 19 days before his 19th birthday. He had served a little over a year and a half in the South Pacific and partici-

pated in his fair share of the fighting.

"I saw more action than I would have liked to, I'll tell you that much," Ivie said.

After he was discharged from the Navy, he married his wife Bertie Ivie and moved to Knox City to embark on a 65-year long career in the oilfield business. His long business career is only trumped by his even more enduring 66 year marriage.

The Fort Worth Honor Flight is an organization that works to enable veterans to see the capitol they have defended with their own two eyes. This is made possible entirely through donations.

Mr. Ivie was aware of the Honor Flight, but his application was yet to be selected. A simple twist of fate would come to change that.

While shopping at Sam's Club one night, he was wearing his WWII veterans cap. A stranger approached and thanked him for his service. The stranger, as it happened, turned out to be the CEO of Honor Flight. They discussed his service and his desire to take an Honor Flight. That night he sent in his application, and only a couple days later, he received the call that his application had been ac-

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

These days, Texans know that travel and tourism is big business in the Lone Star State. To the tune of \$67 billion in 2013.

But fifty years ago, they didn't. During the early 1960s, the state undertook its first tourism marketing research, sought to promote all of Texas as a destination, and commissioned a Texas Tech study to craft a solution.

The result was the Texas Travel Trails, a popular series of automobile routes that drew travelers into every corner of the state. From the start, stays in trails communities increased threefold. The program survives today as the Texas Heritage Trails, an award-winning heritage tourism initiative under the Texas Historical Commission, and it still attracts visitors to communities of every size.

In the Texas Plains Trail Region, our volunteer board relies on annual contri-

butions from our 52 counties, in proportion to population, to support its robust educational mission. Each June we contact county judges to request funding for the coming year's work, supporting projects like our publications, Quanah Parker Trail, and marketing program. Day in and day out, we shine the spotlight on each county's heritage and culture—at minimal cost.

We hope the county judges and organizations of our region will see fit to fund the Texas Plains Trail once again this year. In times of shrinking federal grants and state budgets, this is the best way to ensure the long-term sustainability of a program that has showcased our communities to eager travelers for nearly half a century.

Barbara A. Brannon PhD
Executive Director,
Texas Plains Trail Region
P. O. Box 88 | Lubbock TX 79408-0088

Student News

FORT WORTH — Joshua Smith graduated from Nolan Catholic High School in Fort Worth on Sunday, May 25, 2014. Josh graduated summa cum laude in his class of 209 students. Josh is the son of Brad and Judy Smith. He is the grandson of the late Walter and Rose Marie Brown of Munday.

Josh was a member of National Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta. He was awarded the distinction of Amon G. Carter

Scholar and was a member of the Nolan Honor Council. While in high school, Josh participated in track and cross country. During his senior year, he went to Costa Rica and Big Bend with his Ecology class. Josh was the design engineer for the Nolan Engineering Robotics team.

Josh will be attending the University of Texas in Austin this fall, majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

Kristen Smith graduated from Texas Tech University on Saturday, May 17 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering and a minor in Math. She has accepted a position as Drilling Engineer

with Apache Oil and Gas in Houston. Kristen is the daughter of Brad and Judy Smith of Fort Worth, and the grand-daughter of the late Walter and Rose Marie Brown of Munday.

Knox County Jail Report

May 15-June 16, 2014

Brueggerman, William, 5/16/14, Dob 4/26/90, Traffic Violations X 8, (M-C) Knox County

Henslee, Brian, 5/18/14, Dob 4/3/72, DWI 1st (M-B) Foard County

Lopez, Francis J., 5/19/14, Dob 11/27/70, DWI w/Previous Conviction, (M-B) Knox County

Martinez, Joe Anthony, 5/23/14, Dob 4/1/79, Criminal Non-Support/Child Support, (Sjf) Arrested By Kingsville PD (Knox County Warrant)

Coleman, Derrick, 5/28/14, Dob 10/17/91, Ordinance Violations X 2

(M-C) Knox County
Silva, Joel Luis, 5/30/14, Dob 2/22/85, Mtr: Possess Controlled Substance ((M-B) Arrested In Scurry County (Knox County Warrant)

Hibbard, Ray Douglas, 5/30/14, Dob 6/20/59, Assault Causing Bodily Injury/Impede Breath/Circulation (F-3) Interfere w/Emergency Call (M-A) Eules Pd Warrants (Knox County)

Green, Guy Lyn, 6/6/14, Dob 8/26/69, Fail To Stop/Accident Involving Damage (M-B) Knox County

Watson, Johnny K., 6/7/14, Dob 12/25/57, Criminal Mischief (M-B)

Foard County
Bonham, Garrett Loran, 6/7/14, Dob 4/23/91, DWI 1st (M-B), Unlawful Carrying Of Weapon (M-A) Knox County

Esquivel, Michelle So-llis, 6/11/14, Dob 8/31/70, Bench Warrant/Theft (F-2) Knox County

Thomas, Corey, 6/16/14, Dob 7/9/90, Mtr: Criminal Non-Support/Child Support (Sjf) Knox County

Harvey, Jimmy, 6/16/14, Dob 2/7/65, Tbc (M-A) Bexar County Warrant (Knox County)

Dean W. Homstad, Sheriff Knox County

Menu

Week of June 23-27

Knox County Aging Center

Monday: Charbroil beef patty w/peppers onions, beets, bread mashed potatoes, cake

Tuesday: Ham & beans, spinach, corn, cornbread, pineapple cup

Wednesday: Baked chicken, baked potato peas, apple crisp

Thursday: Lasagna, Brussels sprouts, peas, garlic toast, pears

Friday: Taco/corn chip salad, seasoned corn, peach cobbler

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Professional Food Manager Certification Training Course offered

For The News-Courier

Statistics indicate that foodborne illness continues to be a health issue in the United States. Each year, 1 in 6 Americans will become sick, 128,000 will become hospitalized, and 3,000 will die due to a foodborne illness.

If under the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) jurisdiction each food establishment is required to have one certified food manager on site.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Taylor County, is offering a professional food manager certification training course. This program will be offered for \$125 on July 21 & 22, at the Taylor County Extension Office. Cost includes training, materials, and a national food manager certification examination. The food manager's certification will be valid for five years. Registration deadline is July 1.

This program is designed to not only prepare foodservice managers to pass the certification examination; it will provide valuable education regarding the safe handling of food. Almost 50 cents of every dollar Americans spend on food is spent on meals prepared away from home. Therefore, careful attention to food safety will help keep customers safe and satisfied.

Foodborne illnesses are estimated to cost thousands of dollars in lost wages, insurance, and medical bills. With these statistics, knowledge of how to prevent foodborne illness is essential. The benefits of improved food safety include:

- Increased customer satisfaction
- Improved relationships with health officials
- Prevention of bad publicity and law suits due to foodborne illness

By attending the course, foodservice managers will learn about:

- identifying potentially hazardous foods and common errors in food handling
- preventing contamination and cross-contamination of food
- teaching and encouraging personal hygiene for employees
- complying with government regulations
- maintaining clean utensils, equipment and surroundings
- controlling pests

Foodborne illnesses can be prevented by following simple food safety practices. For more information about the Professional Food Manager Certification Training course of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, called "Food Safety: It's Our Business," call the Taylor County Extension Office at 325-672-6048. You may also access a downloadable registration form at <http://taylor.agrilife.org>.

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Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

Well, Homecoming 2014 is now in the history books. It was a good weekend with a number of ex-students and former residents returning home for a time of visiting and reminiscing. Registration began at 3 p.m. Friday, and the Homecoming Queen was crowned at 6 pm. This year's royalty was Corrine Feemster Parrish. Corrine is a Vera native but did go to school here, graduating in 1939. At 92 years of age, she is the oldest ex-student ever to be crowned queen. Corrine was escorted to her "throne" by her niece's husband, Randy Barnett and little friend, Kinsey Benson.

The Ex-Students Association President, Stephen Kuehler, read a short bio of Corrine, then placed the crown on her head and presented her with the "royal" flowers. She reigned over the rest of the weekend activities. Free snacks were available on Friday night, a rodeo at the arena, and still more visiting.

Saturday morning started out with a Color Run, and while that was going on, there was "Breakfast on the Porch" at the museum, where lots of folks gathered for their first meal of the day and plenty of good hot coffee.

Visiting continued throughout the day, and also a basketball game featuring ex-students. Their spouses, kids, and whoever wanted to play was taking place at the gym. A parade was at 3 pm, and a business meeting followed with President Kuehler presiding. The school superintendent, Olivia Gloria, gave an overview of the school's accomplishments and "goings on" since last Homecoming. The outgoing officers and board were recognized and new ones nominated and elected. Those giving up their positions are President - Stephen Kuehler,

Vice-President - Brittney Sheedy Coker, Secretary - Brittney Coop, and Treasurer - Joy Lynn Lyles Pool. Outgoing board members are Tammy Carver Lyles, Mary Melton Young, Stacia Ryder Propps, and Michele Conner Barrientez.

The officers for the next two years are President - Beverly Tolson Strickland,

Vice-President Julia Acevedo, Secretary - Mitchell Ham Welch, and Treasurer - Joy Lynn Lyles Pool. The new board will be announced later. The raffle drawing was the final thing on the agenda at the business meeting. Saturday activities concluded with a dinner following the business meeting, the rodeo at 7 pm, and a dance beginning at 9 pm. Sunday church services were held at the Baptist Church with Jim Wright, pastor of Knox City and Benjamin Methodist churches, bringing the message. Charles Griffith welcomed the guests, Tibb Burnett brought a poem and played his harmonica, and Bud Conner brought the special music. Tracy Cartwright closed the service with a prayer, and everyone departed for the Ex-Student Building for a potluck meal, after which folks departed for their respective homes, very grateful for a well-spent and enjoyable weekend.

Out-of-town guests who registered during the weekend were:

Jerry Leaverton of Holiday, Bill and Dink Jennings of New Braunfels, Bert and Judy Leaverton of Knox City, Felix Taylor of Crowell, Sammy and Clara Tipton of St. Jo, Billy Bumpas of Arlington, Cathy Clower Tomlinson of Denton, Brett Bumpas of Beaverton, Oregon, Bryan Bumpas of Jacksboro, Michael Driver of Albuquerque, NM, Peggy Atkinson Shropshire of New Deal, Bill and Karen Crenshaw of Happy, Jim and Barbara Jackson Harris

of Sugarland, Homer and Jan Barton Rolston of Knox City, Jerry Kilgore of Austin, Patsy (Mrs. Jim) Bateman of Denton, Buddy and Ruth Creshaw of El Paso, Joe Reid and Pat Jones of Brownwood, Bill and Penny Trainham of Denton, Julie Larned Ledesma of Knox City, Jimmy Golden of Fridley, Minnesota, Lucille McCanlies of Ft. Worth, David and Delores Dikes of Weatherford, Roy Ed Griffin of Stephenville, Randy Gore of Mansfield, Dalina Dikes of Willow Park, Karson and Sharon Patterson Bivins of Tatum, NM, Kenneth and Ila Mae Benson of Wichita Falls, Jerry Benson of Munday, Wanda Benson Jennings of Wichita Falls, David and Geraldine Polster Penick of Midland, Mary Duke Sawyers of Hamlin, Tommy Benson of Abilene, Fred Louis (Screwdriver) Crenshaw of Abilene, Troy and Leann Golden of Goree, Buddy Hale of Odessa, Sue Ryder Oxford of Henrietta, Judy Ryder Whitten of Haskell, Bonnie Bohannon Howell of Geneva, Nebraska, Marilyn Searcy Goodin of Abilene, Claude E. and Sharon Jennings of Weatherford, Peggy Jennings Sandlin of Paducah, Dorothy Jennings of Oklahoma City, OK, Gordon Jacobs of Springtown, Charles and Judy Jennings of Paradise, Mike and Gene House of Mansfield, Jimmy and Helen Coppedge Green of Guthrie, Sheila Jones De Los Santos of Vernon, Billy Ray Golden of Megargel, Susan Hale of Ft. Worth, Steve Bisbee of Cresson, TX, Brenda Conner Kemp of League City, Glenda Conner Ainsworth of Montgomery, Alabama, and Mitchel Ham Welch of Wichita Falls. Of course, this is not all who were here. Lots of folks just didn't get around to registering (and paying their dues for another two years. But several wanted me to list in this column those who had registered, so that's

what I have done-- only those from out of town. As you see, we had 6 states (that I'm aware of) besides Texas represented. Pretty good turn out, I think.

One more word before I move on to other news--The parade Saturday was fun. Floats, bikes, horses, and some on foot made the parade route a couple of times. The Homecoming Queen and the Pioneer Women of 2014, Belle Grill and Jo Ann Albus, were a big attraction. They were in a horse-drawn buggy, driven by Ex-Student Donnie Ryder--pretty neat, I'd say. A special recognition to the officers and board and the volunteer help that worked for months getting all the T's crossed and I's dotted to make sure everything went smoothly. Again I say, these events don't just happen--it takes work!

There are some more news items besides homecoming today. We have some on our sick list who although are improving, need to be remembered in prayer.

Buddy Tolson has finished his chemo and only has 3 more radiation treatments, then he can "rest" a while before surgery. He's doing well and very relieved to be free of that chemo pump he was equipped with for several weeks. Janice had a flare up Sunday night with what she thought was indigestion, and after the pain got so bad, she went on to the Knox City Hospital and spent the night, while being monitored for heart problems. She saw a cardiologist in Abilene on Monday, and after some tests, came home, and is now awaiting results of those tests. She's feeling better but anxious to see just what's going on. She has put her colon surgery on hold until Buddy gets his surgery over with--that is unless something develops to cause a change in plans.

Fred Carver is in UMC in Lubbock after suffering a light stroke early last week. He

is doing better but will have to have some rehabilitation therapy. They are thinking he may go to Abilene for that, but of course, that's not a "for sure" thing yet. Or at least on Saturday it was not. His daughter, Tammy Lyles, just felt like they might go there. But the important thing is that he's doing pretty well and hopefully will not have any lasting effects of the stroke.

Judy Barnett was taken to HMC in Abilene early Tuesday morning with breathing difficulty. Doctors there determined it was very likely caused by an allergic reaction to some of her medicine. She stayed in the hospital until Thursday. And since she's been home, she's rested a lot but is gradually getting back to feeling like her usual self--always on the go, doing for others.

I saw Carol Dickson Friday. She had chemo Thursday, so was sort of "washed out," but said she only has one more treatment to go, and she will be through with it. Needless to say, she, like Buddy, is ready for a rest from those trips.

My sympathy today to the family of a friend, Janoma Stephens, of O'Brien, who passed away Thursday in a Lubbock hospital. She had moved to Lubbock about a month ago to be near her grandson, as her health had been declining for a while. Janoma was a lovely person and will be missed by family and so many close friends. Her funeral is today (Monday) at O'Brien First Baptist Church.

Also, sympathy to the Haley family in Rochester. John passed away on Tuesday after months of failing health. He and his wife, Karen, were regular customers at Bud's Cafe, and that is where I got acquainted with them. His funeral was Saturday at Rochester First Baptist Church.

Here 'N There
Mike and Tammy Lyles

had their kids, Tyler Collins and his girlfriend, Molly Peterson of Lubbock, Jacy Collins of Munday, and Cassie Wainscott of Liberty Hill for the homecoming activities.

Cody Propps of Stephenville was also home for a pleasant weekend with family and friends, as was Shaylee Propps of Canyon.

Jeff Conner and Brandi Jones of Lubbock also were here on Saturday to visit friends and relatives.

Wyman and Sylinda Meinzer hosted a class get together at their home Saturday afternoon and night. No classes were barred--anyone who wanted to visit were welcome, and from all indications, they had a pretty good turnout.

And Sammy Pierce had a group at his home on Saturday noon for food and fellowship. They, too, enjoyed their time together.

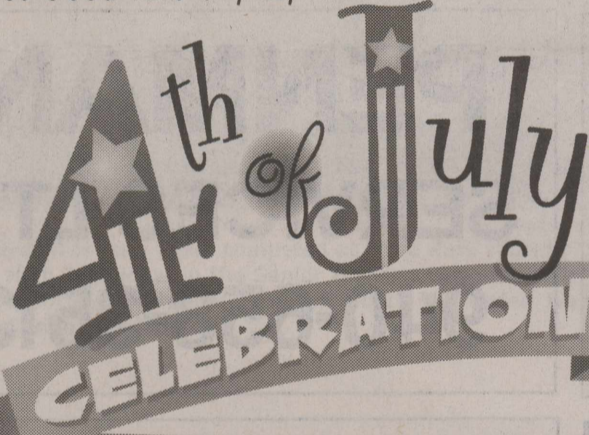
James Klutts has been having lots of problems since being admitted to the Munday Nursing Center. And yesterday (Sunday) was taken to Abilene to a Behavioral Center for observation to see just what can be done. Please pray for James (and Jimmie) during this time.

Mike Young continues to hold his own in HMC. Not much change to report, but each day we do hope we get an encouraging report.

Bill and Dink Jennings of New Braunfels took time out from the homecoming activities to visit Hazel Stockton on Friday and Saturday.

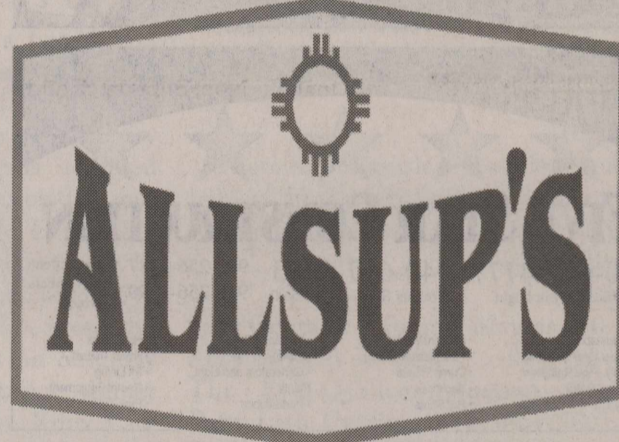
And another happening during the weekend was the wedding on Friday night when Jamie Bohannon Brumley became the bride of Tyler Ford. The ceremony took place in the back yard of the Bohannon home with Troy Culpepper performing the ceremony. A reception followed, also in the back yard. Jamie and Tyler will live in Munday.

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The 501

Nothing will replace money

My favorite economic principle is supply and demand. It's the only one I understand.

Now some theorists are promoting a vision that society will eventually abandon money and everything will be free. It's the latest buzz.

Call me confused. An economy without money? The concept is beyond me. I'm still having a hard time believing Taco Bell doesn't charge for senior iced tea.

To be sure I really heard the projections that money is going away to be replaced with nothing, I searched the Internet for "society where everything is free." A string of results popped up, right on topic, including a short

video titled "Let's Make Everything FREE! An Introduction to the Free World Charter." I watched it.

I'd present excerpts verbatim from the presentation, but such redistribution is allowed only for non-commercial purposes. Since a newspaper is a for-profit enterprise and I'm a paid columnist, all I can give you is the gist of the content:

Start with the premise that the earth has enough resources to meet everyone's needs. What the world doesn't have enough of is money. It's money that creates inequality. Enter technology. Add imagination. There's no limit to what technology can do for us in the absence of money.

Say what? Nope, I don't think I'll live long enough to see that vision happen. I don't think anyone will.

It's not the no-money part that's unbeliev-

able. Who's to say an economy can't be based on barter rather than currency? Firewood for food. Two smartphones for a laptop. Works for me.

But the idea that people will be happy sharing passively in all the world's abundance rather than trying energetically to amass more of it for themselves, even via a moneyless barter system, doesn't jibe with human nature, not even if machines autonomously do all the work. Who wants to sit around doing nothing?

Makes me think of the mental hospital where I used to work. One of the therapies for the patients was work therapy. If work isn't good for you, why was it among the therapies?

Here's another flaw in the proposed utopian economy of the future:

Even if the earth has enough resources for everyone to live well, won't someone have to be sure no one gets ahead of anyone else? And

doesn't that position sound like a job?

Or will it be OK for some people to have more wealth than others? How can it be OK if they don't work for it?

As you can tell, I'm stuck in my present mindset.

If I can't open my mind to the idea of a world where everything is free and all goods are distributed equitably and technology takes over all the work, where does that leave work-fixed Germans? And Asians?

It's my prediction they'll be the first to go crazy and populate the mental hospitals. Will work therapy be part of their treatment plan?

So many questions. I'm going to have to mull this over. Bring me a cup of senior tea.

Seniors: I could be wrong about free senior tea at Taco Bell. The price was 25 cents yesterday in the big city. That's still cheaper than McDonald's, if you're chasing bargains.



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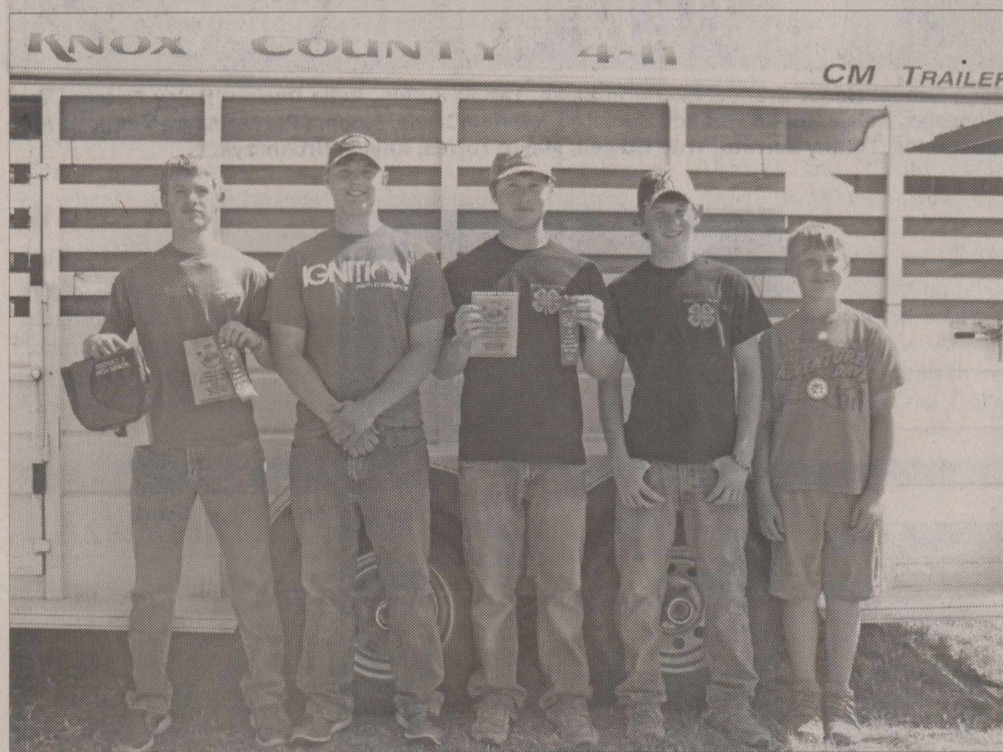
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Knox City was represented at the Greenbelt Bowl All-Star football game in Childress on Saturday, June 14 by Tyllyne Eaton (34). Eaton was a member of the North team. The North made a fourth quarter attempt to come back, but fell short to the South 35-21. Eaton is a 2014 graduate of Knox City High School.

4-H Trap Team



Knox County 4-H Trap Team competed at Iowa Park recently. Justin Rainwater shot 48/50 and was High Individual in the Senior Division. Justin and Parker Finley placed first in the two-man team Senior Division. From left: Justin Rainwater, Trey Tidwell, Parker Finley, Brady Finley and Josiah Coplen.

Scholarship winners announced; EXES Golf Tourney approaching

By Geoff Baumgartner
The Knox County News-Courier

KNOX CITY — The KC-O'Brien EXES Scholarship Winners (\$1,000) for 2014 are recent KCHS Graduates Courtney Taylor-Castorena, Malik RaShad Manuel and Micaela Jo Peters.

There will be a scholarship award ceremony at the upcoming First Annual W.R. "Bill" Baker Memorial - Exes Golf Classic on Saturday July 5 at 9 a.m. at Knox City Country Club

All proceeds are to benefit the W.R. Baker-EXES Memorial Scholarship Fund.

The tournament will be a two-person scramble with 18 holes in regulation play with a scorecard playoff for all ties. The entry fee is \$100 per team entry with donations for Mulligans accepted as well. Carts will not be provided, but accommodations can be made. Everything plays as the fairway and prizes will be awarded accordingly after the completion of the round. The awards will be presented at a special barbecue dinner on Saturday night. The golfers will receive dinner tickets for their meal at the Knox City Municipal park. The meal starts at 6:30 p.m. and is \$10 per person.



Photo By Geoff Baumgartner/The Knox County News-Courier
Knox City Country Club clubhouse and tee box #1, where the upcoming KC-O'Brien EXES Scholarship Golf Tournament will be taking place. There will be a barbecue dinner at the city park following golf activities.

There will be music and a Silent Auction held at the Kennel Building at Knox City Municipal Park throughout the evening.

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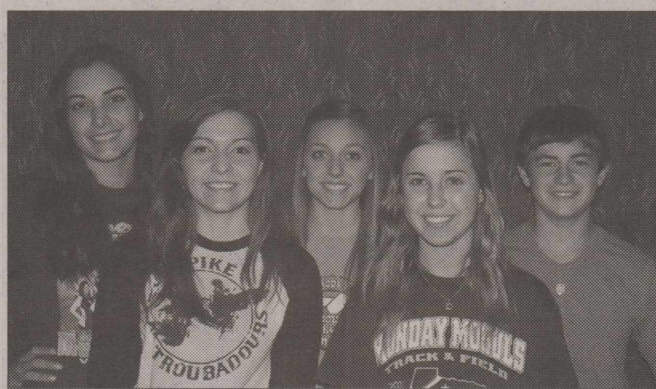
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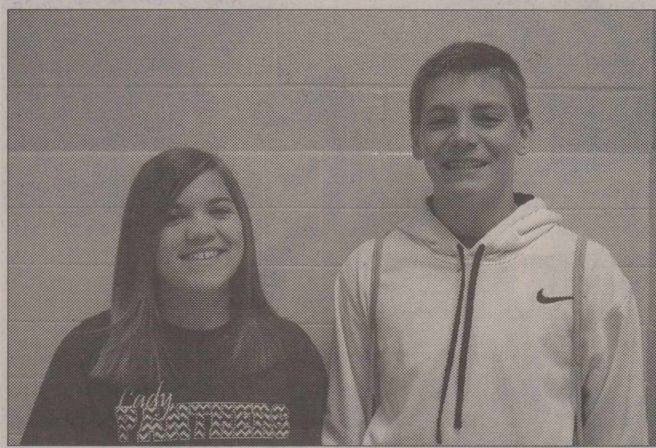
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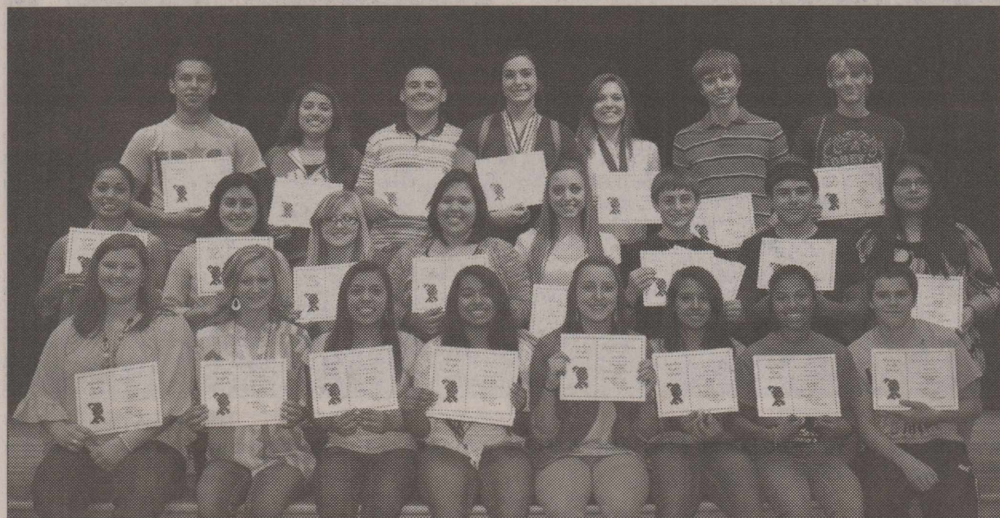
High School Perfect Attendance: Kathryn Cude, Tatum Bufkin, Janie Salinas, Kamille Redder, Kimberly Shahan, Raci Dillard, Alexis Nunez, Aiden Hunter



High School Top Scholar for this Year: Front: Salutatorian; Tatum Bufkin; Valedictorian - Haley Ericson; Back: Raci Dillard (Junior), Kimberly Shahan (Sophomore), Aiden Hunter (Freshmen)



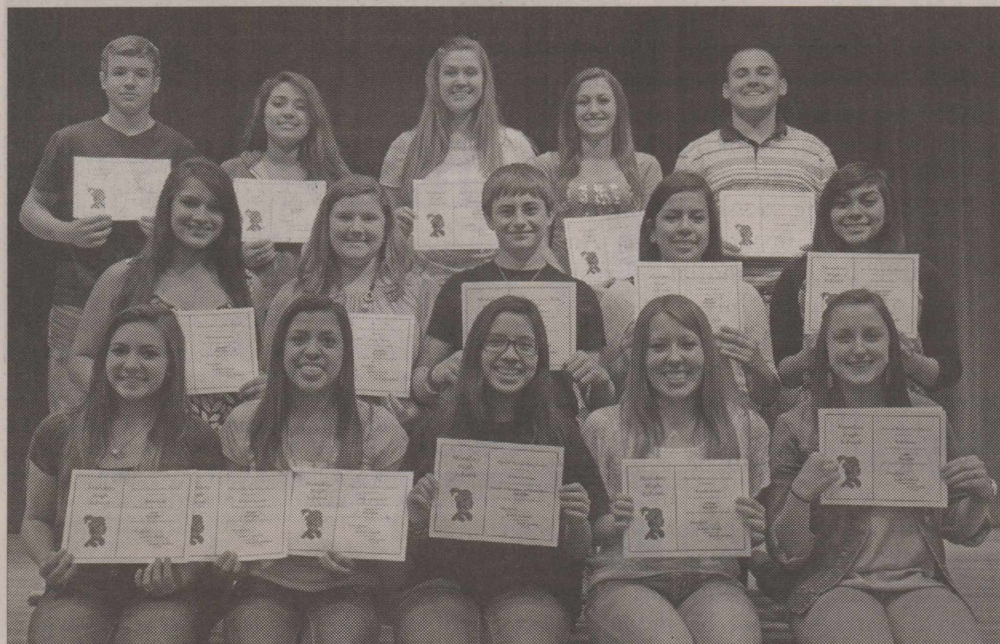
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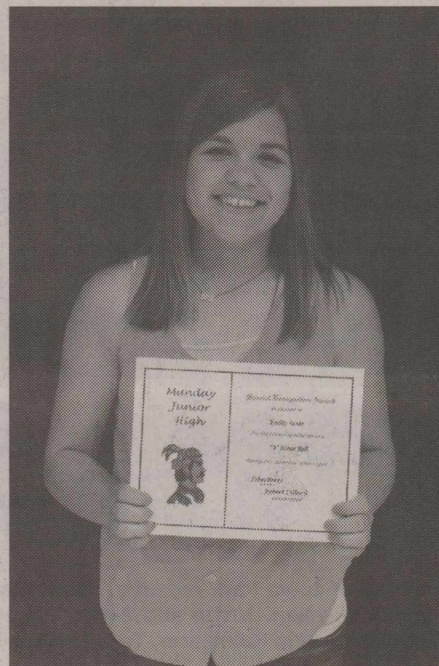
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High School Honor Graduates: Jaron Blake, Tatum Bufkin, Rylie Decker, Haley Ericson, Yadi Gonzalez, Kelsie Hobert, Brandy Homstad, Mariela Jasso, Paloma Perez, Mayra Ramirez, Austin Ramos, Tiffany Serrato, Trey Tidwell, Mayte Torres, Kaylan Urbanczyk.



High School Best Effort in each subject: Darian Leija, Rebecca Serrato, Ariana Aranellos, Kamille Redder, Rylie Decker, Daniella Hernandez, Grace Tidwell, Aiden Hunter, Rebeca Caranza, Elida Hernandez, Holt Bivens, Mayte Torres, Brenley Waters, Skylar Gomez, Mitchell Lowrance.



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Snow cone stands competing in the county

By Geoff Baumgartner
The Knox County News-Courier

KNOX CITY — Two snow cone stands have popped up in Knox City over the last month, as the temperature has become hotter. Triple digit hikes on the thermometer drive people to seek something cold, and gives some young people a chance to earn a buck or two.

The Ice Ice Baby Snow Cones stand by the first Baptist Church of Knox City and the Jasmine's Shaved Ice Stand across from Penman's on Main Street both converge on the city

during the hottest months of the year. While the Ice Ice stand is owned and operated by the Ledesma Family and Kelsey Vasquez, the Jasmine Shaved Ice stand is owned and operated by the Lerma family.

The Ledesmas opened their stand last year, and have enjoyed making the cool treats during these months. Kelsey Vasquez also indicated that she loved the opportunity to work with her friends and family during this time, as she is usually in charge at the Ice Ice stand.

"I've really enjoyed working at the snow cone stand. It is a lot of fun and I

get to be around my family," exclaimed Vasquez.

The Ice Ice stand has well over 50 flavor combinations and are open from Tues-Sat from 1-7 p.m. They remain closed on Sundays and Mondays.

The Jasmine's Shaved Ice stand was started two years ago and has also been doing well. It is run by Diane and Ray Lerma and their daughter Jasmine, who also works at Bud's Café. The Lermas opened the stand back in April as the temperature started to increase and the drought was in full-effect. While business is still going strong, it was feverish when the stand

first opened back in April.

"We did so much business in April and May when we first opened, it tends to slow down our June and July months," said Diane Lerma.

The Jasmine Ice Stand does not operate on a set number of weekly hours. They open when the heat starts to kick and close it down when the sun begins to set.

People from all over Knox County have been seeking relief from the heat and the family run Snow Cone stands of Knox City seem to provide just that, with a friendly attitude and a nice smile to go along with it.

WILBURN

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In addition, Wilburn will be traveling to and competing in the State FFA Convention in Fort Worth from July 14-18. She will be accompanied by Jason Evans, her Knox City FFA instructor, as well as all of the Knox FFA officers. Wilburn herself is an FFA officer as well as she holds the Vice President position within the Knox City FFA.

When asked for a comment about his FFA student and what it means to him as an FFA instructor, Jason Evans had nothing but positive things to say about Wilburn.

"It's an extraordinary honor to receive one of these scholarships and I am very proud of the hard work she put into this and her achievement. She has impressed all year long," said Evans.

While Jessica Wilburn was only a junior this year, she graduated early and will be attending Lubbock Christian University later this fall. Wilburn graduated High School with a GPA of 97.6.



Geoff Baumgartner/The Knox County News-Courier
Kelsey Vasquez stands with Reylee Ledesma outside their snow cone stand earlier this week. This is Ice Ice Baby's second year of operation and they continue to enjoy the summer long operation.



Diane Lerma sits in the ordering window of her family's snow cone stand Jasmine's Shaved Ice. The Lermas have been married and living in Knox City for over 31 years now and operates the stand with their daughter Jasmine.

DRIVE

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For example, Kaylan Urbanczyk arrived to donate, but her iron levels were too low, so she was told to go get a bite to eat and return later. She did and was able to successfully donate later that afternoon.

These too are high demand months in which the Red Cross needs volunteers to donate as they begin to run low during this season.

"Most blood donations come from high schools, so setting this up during the summer we thought was a good idea," said Dillard.

Red Cross employees Jennifer Stuart and Dawn Schellenbaum were there to set up and operate the drive with Dillard acting as liaison.

IVIE

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cepted and he would be on the late April trip. Honor Flight typically carries 50 veterans on two flights during the spring with 25 people on each flight.

While he had to depart from DFW airport at roughly 4:30 a.m. there was a special meet and greet ceremony waiting there for the veterans. To add to the experience, a special bagpipe ceremony was awaiting them at the D.C. airport when they arrived at that location.

Once in Washington, the veterans had a tight schedule, since the tour only lasts one afternoon. They left the airport and embarked on a memorial tour that took them through the entire District of Columbia in one day. Lincoln Memorial, WWII Veterans Memorial, Tomb of the Unknowns, and the Vietnam Memorial were just a couple of the stops along the way.

While Ivie appreciated being able to see this nation's capital for himself, it was the Honor Flight that impressed him the most.

"It's a great service. Most of the other veterans were in wheelchairs and being escorted by Fort Worth HF volunteers. These men would have had no other chance or accommodation to see the capitol, so this is truly a great service for veterans," Ivie said.

Mr. Ivie is not quite finished with his Honor Flight experience. He will be going back to the Botanical Gardens of Fort Worth for a reunion of the trip with the people involved. The reunion is set for July 13 and should serve as a pleasant reminder of the Honor Flight that carried one of the last Knox County WWII Veterans to see the capitol he so rigorously defended so we could maintain our freedom here at home.

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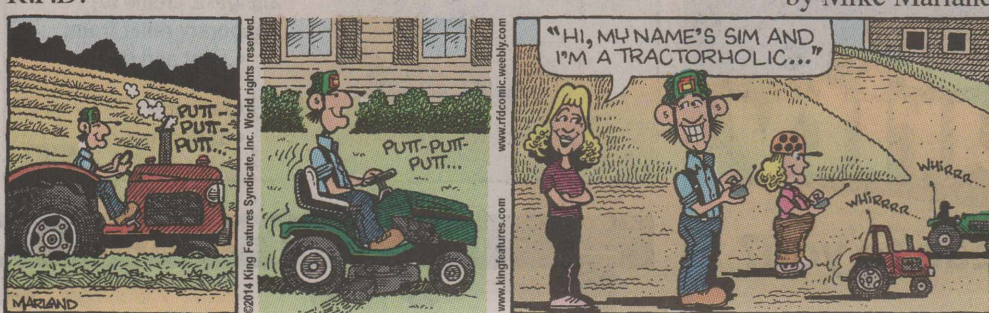
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