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Watermelon Festival, Classic Car Show July 25-26



Geoff Baumgartner/The Knox County News-Courier file photo

Several Knox County children being given a ride throughout the festival on the "Watermelon Express" during last year's festival. This year's festival is July 25-26 at Knox City Park.

By Geoff Baumgartner
 The Knox County News-Courier

KNOX CITY — The Knox City Chamber of Commerce will host the upcoming 26th Annual Knox County Seedless Watermelon Festival later this month. The festival will begin on Friday July 25, with events planned through to the next afternoon on July 26.

A timeline of events:
 July 25

3 pm: Booths open and festival begins.
 6 pm: Downtown parade commences.
 8 pm-Midnight: Dance held under the community center awning with music by former KC Police

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Munday to drill water wells

By Geoff Baumgartner
 The Knox County News-Courier

MUNDAY — The Munday City Council took on the task of discussing, reviewing and accepting the TDA Emergency Grant Plan #71387 during regular session Tuesday. The grant will be utilized for drilling water wells around the city to assist with drought relief. The Council, after review, voted and unanimously passed to accept the grant plan.

The North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority will be taking bids for the drilling.

The grant should assist as a temporary water solution.

"Supposedly, we should be able to start drilling in late July," said Munday City Administrator Ricky

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Day camp to offer fun for county youth

Special to the Knox County News-Courier

KNOX CITY — The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, in collaboration with Texas Botanical Gardens and Knox County Visioning Group, is sponsoring a fun, interactive day camp open to all youth, ages 8-12 years.

Participants will learn about the world around them through hands-on activities, games, models and science experiments. The camp will be held at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 406 SE 2nd Street in Knox City, TX, on Tuesday, July 15, 2014 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$15 per child and includes lunch and all supplies.

Registration deadline is Friday, July 11 by 5 p.m. Space is limited to the first 20 youth to register.

If this sounds like a fun way to spend the day, contact the Knox County Extension office at 940-459-2651.

Lori Coop of the Knox County Visioning Group was also very excited about Jan Fischer, the spe-

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Flying Service



Geoff Baumgartner/The Knox County News-Courier

From left, Dallas Dykes, Terry Porter, and Mr. and Mrs. Wojcik all stand next to their Air Tractor 602 aircraft. The Wojcik's have been in business since 1984 and have always operated out of Knox County.



Geoff Baumgartner/The Knox County News-Courier

Ryan Cottingham stands next to his Air Tractor 602 that is secure inside the Munday Airport hangar. The Cottinghams have operated Petty Flying Service since 1973.

Knox County pilots offer service on both ends of county

By Geoff Baumgartner
 The Knox County News-Courier

KNOX COUNTY — In today's world, pilots have several options. Some make a living with charter services which utilize smaller planes. Knox County is home to two successful flying services that operate out of Knox City and Munday respectively. They are Air Ag, Inc. and Petty Flying Service.

Air Ag Inc. was started by Stan Wojcik about 30 years ago in 1984 and has always operated out of the Knox City Airport. Wojcik started out as a crewman working on helicopters in the military. He finished flight school training after his military service ended. Wojcik and his wife run the business and live on site at the airport itself. Their hours are from before sunrise until sunset, or whatever the weather permits.

The Wojcik's recently sold their helicopter and now utilize their Air Tractor 602, built out of Olney.

The Wojcik's are used to long hours. "We prefer to rest on Sunday, but we will do whatever job is necessary," said Wojcik.

Most of the flying at Air Ag is done by Chief Operating Pilot, Terry Porter. Porter does 99% of the flying for the business these days while Wojcik and his wife run the financial and administrative part of the business.

The other flying service in Knox County operates out of the Munday Airport and is called Petty Flying Service and is run by Ryan Cottingham of Munday. Petty was taken over by the Cottinghams in 1973 and has been going strong ever since.

Cottingham took the business over for his family. He first obtained his airplane mechanics license while a teenager and then learned to fly.

Cottingham is the only pilot for Petty. He is assisted at the office by David Birkenfeld. In addition to the Air Tractor he pilots, he also flies a smaller Cessna 206 for fun acrobatic flying and maneuvering.

Petty offers a full service application; which utilizes the air and ground. He also uses an Air Tractor 602 built out of Olney, but also has an advanced John Deer Ground Sprayer (model # R4038), which is a very effective machine.

In addition to the Air Tractor used for spraying, Cottingham also has a Cessna 206 that he uses for fun or tours around the county.

Petty Flying Service operates from sun-up until sunset.

"I begin at 6 a.m. and go until the wind picks up or until the temperature gets too high," said Cottingham, who was also just elected (via Munday City Council) as the new Mayor Pro-Tem of Munday.

Cottingham also gave insight into some of the costs involved in operating a flying service.

"There are a lot of factors that go into it," Cottingham said. "Our insurance is \$50,000 a year payable in January and that is if you fly or not and our fuel costs are now \$3.25 a gallon and that is burning 70 gallons an hour ... we don't go up unless we need to."

Both businesses are readily available for Big Country farmers in need of their services.

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.

Interactive Day Camp

A&M AgriLife Ext. Svc., with Texas Botanical Gardens & KCVG, is sponsoring an interactive day camp July 15, 10am to 3pm, open to all youth, ages 8-12 years. \$15 per child includes lunch and supplies. Reg. deadline is Fri, July 11 by 5:00pm. Space is limited. 1st Methodist Church, 406 SE 2nd St., Knox City. Call 940-459-2651 for more info.

Summer Camp Bake Sale

Bake sale fundraiser hosted by Hiz Kiz Ministry, July 12, 9:00am to noon, Munday Lawrence Brothers. All proceeds benefit kids going to camp. Call, 940-421-3452 for more information.

It's VBS Time!

First Baptist Church-O'Brien's "SonTreasure Island" Vacation Bible School is July 20-24, 6pm to 9pm. Registration begins Sunday at the church from 1pm to 3pm. Children starting Pre-K through starting 6th grade. Come enjoy the treasure! 902 Grand Central Ave., (Hwy. 6) O'Brien. Contact Nadia at 727-434-2564 for more information.

Munday Homecoming

The Munday Exes committee is planning now for the Sept 26-27 Homecoming. If you would like to volunteer or donate, please contact Pat or Perry at 940-422-4712.

Vacation Bible School

God's Rescue Team VBS Jul 28-30, 9:00am to 12:30pm. Free Lunch Included! 3 y/o thru kids entering 5th grade. All-Teen Nights, Jul 28-29th. 30 teens will be here from McArthur Park CofC San Antonio to conduct this fun-filled, exciting event! Munday Church of Christ, 630 N. 3rd Ave. in Munday. For more information, church office 940-422-4691.

Golf at Lake Creek

Lake Creek Country Club in Munday, Thursday evening Golf Scrambles, Tee time 6pm through the end of September, 2014. For more information, 940-422-4746.

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.

Corrections

If you spot an error of fact, contact kcnewscourier@gmail.com.

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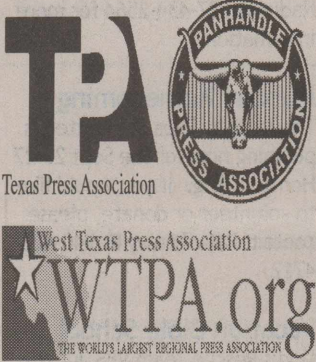
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Deaths

Lois Darine Hutchinson

EASTLAND - Lois Darine Hutchinson, 72, of Eastland, passed away Friday, July 4, 2014 in Eastland. Services were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Knox City Foursquare Church with Pastor Gary Schnable officiating. Burial followed in the Knox City Cemetery, directed by Edwards Funeral Home of Eastland. The family received friends at Edwards Funeral Home on Monday from 6 until 8 p.m. Lois was born on June 29, 1942 in Paris, Texas to Roy and Myrol (Hanley) Whisenhunt. She married Weldon Hutchinson on November 18, 1974 in Taylor County. Lois was



LOIS HUTCHINSON

a member of the River of Life Church, and the Order of the Eastern Star. She a caregiver, cook at Eastland Memorial Hospital, and a

homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Weldon on January 19, 2014; one brother; and two sisters.

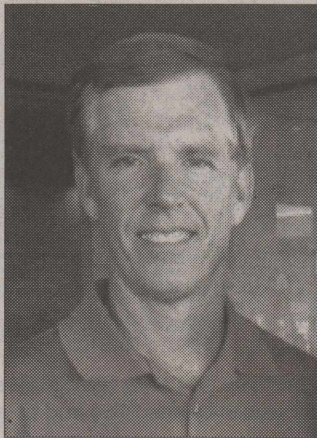
Survivors include three sons, Ricky Hibbitts and wife Sheila of Amarillo, Randy Hibbitts and wife Melissa of Hamlin, and Ronnie Hutchinson and wife Laurie of Eastland; two daughters, Darlene Roan and husband Robert of Breckenridge, and Tammy Campbell and husband Randy of Haskell; and by numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Dr. Russell Curtis Reynolds

COMANCHE-- Dr. Russell Curtis Reynolds, age 51, of Comanche, died on Thursday, July 3, 2014, in Comanche serving the community that he cared so deeply for.

He was born on July 26, 1962, in Knox City, to Gerald and Nancy (Patterson) Reynolds. On July 31, 1982, he was united in marriage to Sherry Mowrey in Quanah, Texas. Russell graduated from Quanah High School in Quanah in 1980. He attended Tarrant County Junior College in Fort Worth for his pre-med from 1980 until 1982, and attended Texas Chiropractic College in Pasadena, from 1982 until 1985. On August 4, 1986, Dr. Russell Reynolds opened Reynolds Chiropractic Center in Comanche.

Dr. Reynolds was a member of the First Baptist Church of Comanche. He was a Deacon, a Sunday School Teacher for many years and an RA Leader. He was active in many clubs including, Kiwanis Club of Comanche, Gideons and Comanche Chamber of Commerce where he served as President for two terms,



RUSSELL REYNOLDS

Kiwanian of the Year, Comanche Man of the Year and he served as Comanche Youth Council Coach for twenty years. Russell was a member of the Texas Chiropractic Association and the American Chiropractic Association.

Dr. Reynolds, was a devoted husband, father, and son. He worked tirelessly and selflessly for his patients, his church and community and was beloved by all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife, Sherry Reynolds of Comanche; his son, Brandon Reynolds and wife Megan of Fort Worth; daughter, Katy Reynolds Pratt of Comanche; parents, Ger-

ald and Nancy Reynolds of Comanche; parents-in-law, Jerry and Shirley Mowrey of Granbury; brother, Rick Reynolds and wife Michelle of Comanche; niece, Stormy Cooper and husband Clay of Dublin; great-nephew, Caden Cooper of Dublin; nephew, Richard Reynolds of Comanche; and nieces, Sarah Ground of Dublin, and Michaela and Rachel Reynolds of Comanche.

A memorial service for Dr. Reynolds was held at the First Baptist Church of Comanche at 2 p.m. on Sunday, July 6, with Dr. Van Christian officiating. Comanche Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Lunch for the family was noon on Sunday at the First Baptist Church of Comanche.

In lieu of flowers family requests memorials be made to the Russell Reynolds CHS Scholarship Fund. Please make donations to First Baptist Church at 407 N. Houston Street, Comanche, Texas 76442.

View and Sign Guest Book at www.comancheffh.com

Opinion

Why the Collins Donation is Important

By Jerry Patterson

Commissioner of the Texas General Land Office

Recently, a person not native to Texas - who doesn't even live on the same continent - gave us a great illustration of why Texas is such a special place.

Phil Collins reminded us that the story of Texas and its message of independence, sacrifice and courage, is a powerful one. It's a story with such timeless and powerful themes that it can reach across the ocean to rural England and capture the imagination of a five-year old boy, who later grew into a worldwide Rock star.

The artifacts collected by Phil Collins over the last 25 years are indeed valuable. A truly humble Englishman, he is hesitant to discuss the amount he spent on his obsession, but begrudgingly admits it in the seven figures.

As extremely generous as that is, this donation is not about money. This donation is about inspiration. The value of these artifacts comes not from their worth on the free market, but their priceless ability to inspire.

As we saw last year with the brief return of the Travis Letter to the Alamo, Texans (and those who wished they were) are inspired by the genuine article. A reproduction of the iconic Travis "Victory or Death" letter might have garnered passing interest from those who happened to be wandering through the Alamo, but the real letter while, penned by Travis, caused visitors from around the world to wait in line up to five hours for just a glimpse.

Why? Because people yearn to be inspired. Inspiration comes from seeing items touched by patriots. Many at the Travis Letter exhibit left the Alamo in tears, moved by the courage and determination seen in the pen strokes of Colonel Travis, who wrote the letter encircled by the enemy, facing almost certain death, but choosing to stand his ground.

At the end of the Travis Letter, he added a footnote about the providential acquisition of 30 head of cattle and 90 bushels of corn and moving it to the Alamo compound before the siege.

The I.O.U. for those very cattle, hastily written by Travis, is owned by Phil Collins and will now be donated to the Alamo.

This scrap of paper is not iconic, but it represents the reality of Travis' life as he penned words that would become famous. This is the kind of artifact that shows Travis as a real human being - hardly a hero - in 1836.

And the Collins donation has hundreds of similar artifacts. One of his favorites is another receipt, this time for the saddle of Alamo courier John Smith - one of the few, brave men who carried Travis' letters to the outside world and spread the word of the dire situation at the Alamo.

These are the items that bypass myth and popular culture and transport viewers directly to 1836, a time when men and families faced life or death decisions every day, when the world was changing before their eyes.

With such a glimpse into perilous times, folks like you and me can perhaps get a sense of the kind of person who survived those times. And perhaps we might learn something about ourselves. Inspiration follows. That is the true value of Mr. Collins' donation. It is a gift that will be enjoyed for generations.

Rather than sitting in a basement in Switzerland, or a private museum, these "bits of metal" as Phil calls them - all ties to the past - have been entrusted to the place most prepared to care for them. The Texas General Land Office knows about preserving the legacy of Texas for future generations. With an archive of 35 million documents, some dating back to 1720, and responsibility over the Alamo, the Land Office will ensure these artifacts are preserved, but also exhibited responsibly, so they can continue to tell the story of the Alamo and of Texas.

First Baptist Church-O'Brien
"Son Treasure Island" • Vacation Bible School
July 20-24, 6pm to 9pm
Registration begins Sunday, July 13
@ the church from 1pm to 3pm

All are Welcome!
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Children starting
Pre-K through
starting 6th Grade
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Contact Nadia at
727-434-2564 for
more information.

To the residents of Munday and the surrounding areas,

A great big thank you to all who have supported us through this trying ordeal. Your prayers, support, and encouragement have been a God-send. Thank you to the First Baptist Church, especially the Alpha and Omega Sunday School Class for the benefit meal, and all of the people who participated in it. Although I have a long road ahead of me, knowing that I am supported by such wonderful people, makes it all tolerable.

Again, thank you so much.

Lezli and Todd Meers

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Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

Well, we are "well into" July now and thankful for the good moisture and cooler days we have had. We know, however, it will get hotter as the time goes by, but so far, we have been pretty fortunate. The grass and weeds continue to grow, and mowing is much in demand. You no more than get your yard done, until it's time to start over! But it is pretty and green... So different from last summer.

Here 'N There

Randolph and Judy Barnett spent the 4th of July with Jeff Conner and Brandi Jones in Wofforth. Also there for a visit were Joe and Kathy MacDonald (I'm not sure where they live) and Corky Barker of Plano.

Karson and Sharon Bivens of Tatum, New Mexico, spent a few days here the last of the week doing some visiting and cleaning up around their parents' (Rex and Maretha Patterson and Leon and Olga Bivens) homes.

Brodie Bejas of Goree, great grandson of Barbara and Donnie Ryder, was injured in an accident Friday. He and his cousin were playing on a small trailer, and Brodie got off, leaving the other boy on it. And somehow he was playing on the ground, and the other boy jumped off the trailer, causing the front end to drop, and the hitch hit Brodie on the head. The impact fractured his skull, and he was taken to Cooks Children's Hospital in Ft. Worth, where he underwent surgery. Last reports are that he is improving, but his recovery will take a while. He is 4-years-old, and his parents are Bailey and Lewis and his grandparents are Jay and Paula Haynie. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Brandon and Cobi Le Blanc and children, Dove, Hawk, and Kanga of Austin, were here for a weekend visit with Cobi's aunt, Mary Young. Cobi's dad was Jimmy Melton, who passed away several years ago.

He's Axl Dillon, and he's the new baby son of Dillon Benson and Ariel Gideon. He was born on June 24, 2014, in a Wichita Falls hospital. He weighed 6 lb. 9 oz, and his big sister, Addison, is quite proud of him. Grandparents are

Oscar and Shannon Gideon, who live in Arizona, and Billy Carl Benson and Cathy Benson of Seymour, and, of course, many uncles, aunts, cousins, and friends who are ready to help spoil him.

Janice Tolson is continuing to do well since having her heart stents a week or so ago. She said Buddy will have his colon surgery on August 11. He will have some chemotherapy following the surgery, probably as a preventive measure. Right now, he's feeling great, and that's good news.

Sue Terry of Dallas visited relatives briefly on Saturday and her dad, Weldon Gideon, in the Munday Nursing Center.

Oscar and Shannon and children of Safford, Arizona, spent a few days here last week visiting their daughter, Ariel, and family and getting acquainted with the new grandson, Axl. They also visited his dad, Weldon, in Munday.

Bud Conner and I attended the funeral of Alton Sanders in Weinert Thursday. Alton and his wife, Millie, who passed away about 2 years ago, were good friends. He loved to sing, and we always enjoyed going to the "singings" at Weinert, where he always welcomed us and made us feel "right at home."

My sympathy to his family.

Also sympathy to the family of W. O. (Waymon) Smith of Munday, who died on Thursday. He was a couple years younger than I. His funeral was Saturday.

I talked to Jan Carver today. She told me that Fred's mom, Dorothy, was taken to Wichita Falls Sunday with a cracked right hip. They are not exactly sure how or when this happened, but she is very uncomfortable. Doctors in Wichita Falls say they can do surgery to repair it or let it heal on its own, and they have decided to do that, as they are not sure if she is strong enough for the surgery. Jan said Fred has good days and some not so good. Still has waves of nausea, and doctors told him that may be an ongoing thing. He hasn't been out much since he got out of the hospital, but she said he said he may "venture" out here in a few days.

Linda Griffith had cataract surgery Wednesday in Lubbock. This is a common occurrence in patients who have

had Macular Hole Repair. She's doing fine. Just has to be careful for a while—not much bending over, heavy lifting, or any of the things that follow that type of surgery. The worst restriction is no mowing!!

Shannon Propps and Jason Ewing enjoyed a vacation in Galveston recently. Shannon said it was a good week and great to get away a few days. Jason is now an "official" resident of Benjamin. He works all over Texas, but his home will be here when he's not working. We welcome him to our community and hope he likes it here.

Stephanie and Bob Brannon's oldest son was injured in a fireworks accident on July 4. One blew up and fragments of it hit him in the face, causing burns and some eye and hearing problems. He spent Friday night in the hospital but was released Saturday, and he is improving. They all feel very fortunate that the injury was not any worse than it was. They live at Meadow.

In another fireworks accident in Comanche, the son of former Munday resident (and another schoolmate of mine) Gerald Reynolds, lost his life when a truck loaded with the fireworks exploded. Several men were unloading the truck in preparation for the annual 4th of July event. Following the accident, the celebration was cancelled. Gerald was a grade behind me in school.

We learned of the death of Juaniece Allen the first of the week. She was a Seymour resident who was killed in an automobile accident near Dundee. She was the mother of former Benjamin resident and coach, Danny Copeland, and also the mother of Amy Peters, the wife of Donnie Peters, who was County Agent here in the early 90's. Her funeral was Monday in Seymour.

Debi and Mike Moorhouse and I were in Bedford Saturday for the Memorial Service for my sister-in-law, Neva Ridgeway. Following the service, family members and close friends met at Spring Creek Barbecue Restaurant in Bedford for lunch and visiting. Although the circumstances of our meeting were sad, it was good to see so many of Van's family, whom I had not seen for several years.

LEGAL NOTICE

COMBINED NOTICE NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Date of Publication: July 10, 2014

City of Knox City
902 E. Main
Knox City, TX 79529
940/658-3313

This Notice shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Knox City.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or after July 28, 2014, the City of Knox City will submit a request to the Texas Department of Agriculture, Office of Rural Affairs, for the release of Community Development Block Grant Funds under Section 104(f) of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as Water System Improvements, for the purpose of constructing a new water test well; 3 new water wells; chlorination facility; instrumentation & controls; 3,500 LF of 10" water line. Project located in east Knox City and south of State Highway 222. Possible alternates include drilling of additional wells and/or constructing additional water appurtenances in support of primary facility.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Knox City has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at Knox City City Hall, 902 E. Main, Knox City, TX and may be examined or copied weekdays from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON FINDING

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments for consideration to the City of Knox City to the Office of the Mayor. All comments received by July 25, 2014, will be considered by the City of Knox City prior to authorizing submission of a request for

release of funds. Comments should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Knox City certifies to the Texas Department of Agriculture, Office of Rural Affairs, that Kent DeVile in his capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The Department's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the City of Knox City to use HUD Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO STATE RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Texas Department of Agriculture, Office of Rural Affairs, will consider objections to its release of funds and the City of Knox City certification received by August 14, 2014, or a period of fifteen days from its receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer or other officer of the City of Knox City approved by the Department; (b) the City of Knox City has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the Department; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR 58) and shall be addressed to the Texas Department of Agriculture, Office of Rural Affairs, P.O. Box 12847, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711. Potential objectors should contact the Department to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Kent DeVile, Mayor, City of Knox City

902 E. Main

Knox City, TX 79529

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The City of Munday has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at Haskell City Hall, 121 E. Main, Munday, TX, and may be examined or copied weekdays from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON FINDING

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments for consideration to the City of Munday to the Office of the Mayor. All comments received by July 25, 2014, will be considered by the City of Munday prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

Comments should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Munday certifies to the Texas Department of Agriculture, Office of Rural Affairs, that Robert Bowen in his capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The Department's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the City of Munday to use HUD Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO STATE RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Texas Department of Agriculture, Office of Rural Affairs, will consider objections to its release of funds and the City of Munday certification received by August 14, 2014, or a period of fifteen days from its receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer or other officer of the City of Munday approved by the Department; (b) the City of Munday has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the Department; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR 58) and shall be addressed to the Texas Department of Agriculture, Office of Rural Affairs, P.O. Box 12847, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711. Potential objectors should contact the Department to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

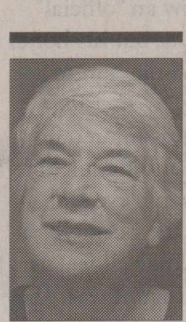
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The 501 Teaching is a Kick

Buried somewhere inside me is a fifth-grade teacher, sometimes yearning to get out. World Cup soccer has invigorated that alternate personality.



HANABA MUNN WELCH

My husband doesn't know it, but lately he's been the make-believe student. Yes, that teacher in me has indeed been on the loose. It's why we had Belgian stew for supper last week – shortly before the Belgians made stew out of the USA.

Cuisine to physiognomy to national anthems, the teams playing in Brazil have presented opportunities to learn much about the soccer-playing world. That's everywhere but the polar ice caps. If I really were a fifth-grade teacher rather than a wannabe, I'd use soccer to teach all sorts of geographical and cultural stuff.

For now, my dream is unrealistic. My soccer-based approach to teaching isn't keyed to the unyielding state-prescribed tests of knowledge and skills.

Besides, it's summer. No school.

Lastly, even kids who play soccer don't really want to watch the pros play long low-scoring matches.

All I can do is use my teaching techniques on my spouse. He likes watching long low-scoring soccer matches.

You've heard of soccer moms? He's a soccer husband.

But he doesn't know everything.

"Why do the French have roosters on their shirts?" he asked.

That question should have been an easy one for me, French major. I didn't have a clue.

The French word for "rooster" is "coq," I told him, stalling. Then I did the research and learned the rooster is a symbol for France and also for the French-speaking part of Belgium, also known as Wallonia. Who knew? I didn't.

Soon my student-spouse was hearing all about the French rooster connection from me, newly informed by Wikipedia that "gallus" was once the word of choice for a resident of Gaul (the old name for France) and also the word for "rooster." Homonyms.

I didn't push my luck. Beyond the explanation of the sports logo, I didn't tell him French roosters say "cocorico" – some-

thing I actually did already know. If only I'd had some fifth-graders on hand, we soon would all have been saying "cocorico," and we would have asked ourselves what roosters say in the Flemish-speaking part of Belgium.

INTERNET PAUSE.

It's "kukeleku" in Dutch and likely also in Flemish, since the two languages are essentially the same. That's a lot of learning from our original encounter with a soccer rooster, nest-ce pas? Verdad? Is it not?

We digress. But so what? Years ago the American Red Cross taught me to teach swimming skills "from the known to the related unknown." Example: The student learns the prone glide first and then adds the kick. Digressing is a similar process. You just don't know where you're going next.

Various private schools promote offbeat learning methods. Why not one for digressive learning? Easily distracted students would excel. Teachers who don't like lesson plans could see what it's like to teach without one. Staying on task would be discouraged. Everyone would chase rabbits.

Maybe there's a good reason I'm not really a teacher.

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The Paperboy

Complex thoughts; simple answers

I've thought of myself as an Independent for a couple of decades now. While I'm conservative on issues such as the Second Amendment and the economy, I'm more moderate on a variety of social issues.

Politics is local, as they say. What I see around me has helped form the way I view the country. I'm sure it's the same way with most of you.



CHRIS
BLACKBURN

At our core, I have this crazy notion that we all want many of the same things. We want good schools, we want to feel safe, we want to help those less fortunate, we want what's best for our children.

When you boil it down to the basics, I think you'll find that party affiliation means less and less the more

local you become.

At the same time, even in small towns we have disagreements on the choices our elected officials make. But at least in a small town, you have the luxury of making an impact about how you feel. We're lucky enough to have access to local elected officials.

Billy David Ballew made a comment the other day during an interview in Memphis. I said something about apathy in small towns and he said it wasn't necessarily apathy, but a matter of time. He pointed out how busy we've become as a society. All the running around we do during the youth of our children consumes a huge amount of time.

Billy happens to be at a point in his life where he is able to volunteer time. And that he does. He busts his butt to make Memphis a better place.

We find people like Billy all over our communities don't we? Maybe they're involved civically or maybe they keep score at the ball field, but they do contribute to the community.

The point is, I have no clue on how

Billy votes. And at the local level, our level, it doesn't really matter. What matters are the results.

If someone is willing to move into town and take a chance - make an investment - in our community, then party affiliation begins to mean very little to me. You know why? Because that person believes in small towns. They are sticking their neck out and providing a job or even jobs.

Every day I see incredible people and what I realize is these people - Democrats, Republicans, Independents - all want a better place to live. And more times than not, an agreement can be reached on how to arrive at a suitable outcome.

In Washington, Republicans try and make Democrats out to be America-hating fools trying to destroy the country. Democrats try and make Republicans out to be a bunch of old rich white guys that hate minorities and poor people. It's sad.

But when you keep it local, you'll see that Democrat as a pretty good coach who happens to be awesome in church choir.

You'll see that Republican as someone delivering meals on wheels who volunteers to pick up trash on the highway.

The ridiculous labels thrown around are becoming tired.

I know what some of you are thinking. Just a couple of weeks ago, this guy was throwing Obama under the bus.

Well, you're right. I accused the president of lying to the country. Then I came home, loved on my black nieces and fixed dinner for my family.

Life is complex. How someone arrives at an opinion is complex. But when you keep it local, you can find much more that binds us than tears us apart.

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Assignment: Texas

When I was a kid, I remember going to the movie theater in downtown Bonham, Texas and watching *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*. It was my first time to experience a Stephen Spielberg movie. At the time, my family lived south of town in the country. When we got back home that fall night, I remember going to the back yard, lying in



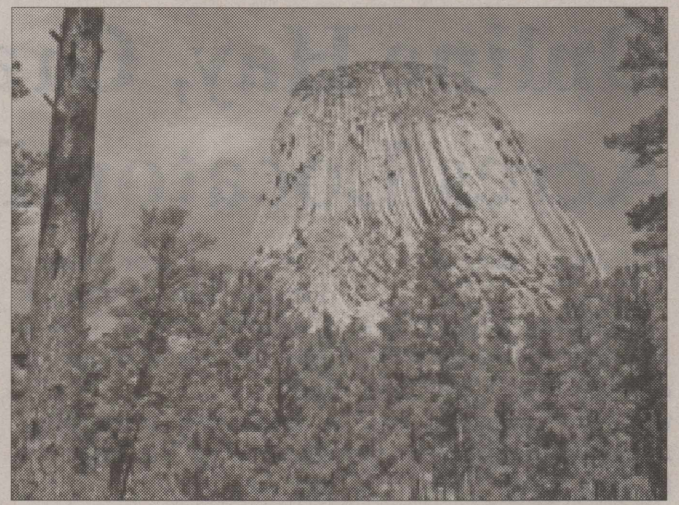
RUSSELL
GRAVES

the grass and starting up at the stars wondering if the fantastic story about aliens could be true.

The movie is still one of my favorites and continues to fascinate me.

Among the movie's iconic scenes is the one where William Dreyfuss' character has visions of a shape. At his kitchen table, using his plate and mashed potatoes, he builds a semblance of the monolithic Devil's Tower near Moorecroft, Wyoming. For reasons different than Dreyfuss' character in the movie, I have always wanted to see the geologic wonder for myself.

This summer, I left Texas and traveled to Wyoming to take my wife and children to America's first national monument. Deemed a



place worthy of protection in 1906, Theodore Roosevelt declared the tower and surrounding 1,347 acres a monument.

From a distance, the tower sticks out of the mostly rolling plains that surround it. Getting closer to it, it is even more juxtaposed. Like a giant rock column, it rises 867 feet from its base to its high, plateaued summit. Ringing the main tower at its base are huge boulders that litter the area and around that, old growth Ponderosa pines rise from the sloping grassland-covered hillsides.

While various theories exist as to the origins of the tower, it is thought that the monolith is the result of an ancient lava infusion into the subterranean soil. As the infusion cooled and millions of years past, the land around the tower eroded away, thus exposing the igneous column. From a distance Devil's tower appears to have grooves

down its sides. These grooves are hexagonal columns that are distinct in volcanic formations and run vertically around the entire face of the tower.

Circumnavigating the base of Devil's Tower is a 1.3 mile, all weather trail that my family and I hiked on our trip. Around the way trail several interpretive signs tell of the natural and cultural history of the area and provides a spectacular view of the Belle Fourche River bottom as it cuts its way through the red dirt sedimentary rock that flanks the tower.

At one stop we see mountain climbers scaling the side of the tower. According to what I read, about 1,000 people a year ascend the face and summit. Looking at the monument, it seems impossible but four people attached to ropes are defying my sensibilities.

Tax breaks available for job hunters

For The News-Courier

DALLAS — Summertime is the season that often leads to major life decisions, such as buying a home, moving or a job change. If you are looking for a new job that is in the same line of work, you may be able to deduct some of your job hunting expenses on your federal income tax return.

"Folks who have lost their jobs and who spend time updating résumés and attending career fairs should look into the possibility that they may qualify for a deduction," said Clay Sanford, an IRS spokesman in Dallas. "Although most people probably aren't thinking about their next tax return while they're on the job hunt, it's important to remember to keep records that will give you the information needed to figure the deduction--hold on to canceled checks or account statements and receipts."

The expenses must be spent on a job search in your current occupation to be deductible. You may not deduct expenses incurred while looking for a job in a new occupation.

Employment and outplacement agency fees you pay while looking for a job in your present occupation are deductible, but if your employer pays you back in a later year for employment agency fees, you must include the amount you receive in your gross income up to the amount of your tax benefit in the earlier year. "You can usually deduct amounts you spend for preparing and mailing copies of your résumé to prospective employers as long as you are looking for a new job in your present occupation," Sanford added. If you travel to an area to look for a new job in your present occupation, you may be able to deduct travel expenses to and from the area. However, you can

only deduct the travel expenses if the trip is primarily to look for a new job. Job search expenses are not deductible if there was a substantial break between the end of your last job and the time you begin looking for a new one.

In order to be deductible, the amount that you spend for job search expenses, combined with other miscellaneous expenses, must exceed a certain threshold. To determine your deduction, use Schedule A, Itemized Deductions. Job search expenses are claimed as a miscellaneous itemized deduction. The amount of your miscellaneous deduction that exceeds two percent of your adjusted gross income is deductible.

For more information about job search expenses, see IRS Publication 529, Miscellaneous Deductions. This publication is available on IRS.gov or by calling 800-TAX-FORM (800-829-3676).

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USDA FSA Announces Online Hay, Grazing Acres Locator Tool

For The News-Courier

For many years, FSA's Hay Net website www.fsa.usda.gov/haynet has been the "go to" online resource for agricultural producers to list information concerning the need for hay or the availability of hay.

Now, in response to requests from livestock producers and landowners, FSA has expanded the site to include the option to list a need for grazing acres or to list acres available for grazing.

If, due to extenuating circumstances, producers are in need of hay and/or grazing acres to support livestock, please use Hay Net to post an advertisement seeking these resources. Likewise, landowners who

have hay and/or grazing acres available for livestock producers should post a Hay Net advertisement as well.

A few things to remember when using the Hay Net website:

- There is a one-time registration process that should be completed by all users who want to post an ad online.

- Users who just want to browse ads DO NOT NEED to have an eAuthentication user id.

- Hay and grazing acre ads will be automatically removed after a period of 13 months.

- Please help your fellow farmer and rancher by keeping ads current and up to date and remove ads you no longer need or

want advertised on Hay Net. Please, no corporate advertisements on this site.

Hay Net is brought to you by FSA as a public service. The sole purpose of this online resource is to provide a site for the exchange of information. FSA does not endorse, guarantee, or otherwise make representations of any kind regarding any user of this site and FSA is not responsible for defining the terms of grazing agreements or lease contracts.

For more information about Hay Net and other FSA services and programs, please contact your local FSA office. For local FSA Service Center contact information, please visit: <http://offices.sc.gov.usda.gov/locator/app>.

Cattle owners approve beef checkoff

Special to The News-Courier

AUSTIN — The tax that Texas cattle owners pay when they sell their animals will now be doubled, thanks to the results of the beef checkoff referendum vote, just published by the Texas Department of Agriculture. Out of 7,013 people that voted, 4,862 people voted for it.

Anyone who owned a cow between June 6, 2013, and June 6, 2014 was eligible to vote. According to the 2012 U.S. Census of Agriculture, there were 151,362 farms in Texas with cattle. The USDA Census excludes anyone with less than \$1,000 in annual sales, so an unknown additional number of small-scale cattle owners were also eligible to vote.

"Less than 3% of the cattle owners in Texas have now imposed a tax on every cattle owner in the State, to pay for advertising programs that ultimately benefit large-scale producer, feedlots, meat packers, and grocery stores," said Judith McGeary, cattle owner and executive director of Farm and Ranch Freedom Alliance.

Checkoff promotions do not distinguish between beef raised in Texas or beef raised in other parts of the U.S. and foreign imports. Much of the beef sold in grocery stores comes from other countries, such as Australia, Brazil and Mexico. Yet Texas farmers and ranchers will be forced to pay

the bill.

The rules for the election were established by the Texas Beef Council, which collects the tax. The Council set a voting period of just one week, with a limited option for mail-in ballots.

"We didn't receive any notification from the Texas Beef Council about the referendum until a couple of days before the voting period, and it was promotion to vote in favor of the checkoff," said Laurie Hannan, owner of Twin Lakes Dairy in Van Zandt County, Texas, who opposed the checkoff.

Under the federal "checkoff" program, a farmer is already legally required to pay \$1 for every head of cattle sold. This added up to over \$11 million in taxes on Texas farmers and ranchers last year. The Texas checkoff program will double that tax.

"This is not 'producer-driven' program," added Judith McGeary. "It's unfortunate that enough cattle owners believed the claims that the checkoff would benefit them — contrary to the evidence from many years of the federal checkoff — to turn the election in favor of the big industry groups. Over a 150,000 Texans will now be paying more taxes because of how a handful voted."

For more information visit farmandranchfreedom.org/tx-beef-checkoff.

DPS Urges Drivers to Move Over, Slow Down for Emergency Vehicles

Special to The News-Courier

LUBBOCK — The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) will place special enforcement emphasis on the Move Over/Slow Down law, that requires drivers to move over or slow down for emergency vehicles stopped on the side of the road with emergency lights activated.

DPS troopers across the region will be stopping violators who fail to obey the Move Over/Slow Down law. The law states

that a driver must either vacate the lane closest to the stopped emergency vehicle (if the road has multiple lanes traveling in the same direction) or slow down 20 miles per hour below the speed limit.

The emergency vehicles protected by the law include police, fire, EMS, TXDOT and tow truck vehicles. Violation of this law could result in fines up to \$200. The punishment could be more severe if there is property damage or injury.

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Recipes of the Week

Comfort Foods Made Fast and Healthy

By Healthy Exchanges

Greek Chicken Salad

As refreshing a luncheon salad this side of being on a cruise on the sunny Mediterranean Sea. We can't help with the cruise, but we can help with the salad!

- 1 1/2 cups (8 ounces) diced cooked chicken breast
- 1 cup diced unpeeled cucumber
- 1/4 cup (3/4 ounces) crumbled

- feta cheese
- 1/4 cup (1 ounce) sliced ripe olives
- 1/2 cup fat-free mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons plain fat-free yogurt
- 1 teaspoon dried basil
- 2 cups finely shredded lettuce

1. In a large bowl, combine chicken, cucumber, feta cheese and olives. In a small bowl, combine mayonnaise, yogurt and basil. Add dressing mixture to chicken mix-

ture. Mix well to combine.
2. Cover and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes. For each serving, place 1/2 cup lettuce on a plate and spoon about 3/4 cup chicken mixture over top. Makes 4 servings.

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Couch Theater -- DVD Reviews

By Sam Struckhoff

PICKS OF THE WEEK

"Transcendence" (PG-13) -- Could our reliance on technology harm us? What if Johnny Depp became the all-powerful personification of the Internet? These are the questions "Transcendence," a talk-heavy sci-fi thriller, tries to answer.

Dr. Will Caster (Depp) is working to build a computer-thingy that connects to all of mankind's techno-stuff. Folks call him a lunatic, and some radicals shoot him. His loving, genius wife (Rebecca Hall) puts Dr. Caster's dying mind into an extra-big computer, making him the all-knowing techno-lord he was working on. This does not go well for mankind.

Debut-director Wally Pfister is known for his

work as a cinematographer -- crafting intense visual sequences in "Inception" and the new Batman movies. He brings that same visual strength to parts of "Transcendence," but it doesn't make a satisfying flick. Depp's performance is so detached that he's not much fun to watch or listen to.

"Sabotage" (R) -- Arnold Schwarzenegger rampages through this hyper-violent criminal action flick. The Big Guy leads nine tough-as-nails DEA agents on a drug raid where they find a big ol' stack of money. They're all pretty crooked, so they agree to skim a few million dollars for themselves. Soon, members of the morally corrupt crew turn up viciously murdered. Is it the drug cartel's revenge, or one of

their own? Everyone is a suspect! Everyone also is heavily armed and full of rage.

Even fans of shoot'em-up revenge flicks could find this movie too fixated on up-close nastiness and torment. Rent it only if you wish to see Arnold hulk-out once more.

"Make Your Move" (PG-13) -- Donny Derek Hough of "Dancing with the Stars" is a street-wise dancer from New Orleans, just making his appearance on the Brooklyn club scene. He has an impromptu and electric dance on top of a bar with Aya (Korean pop-star BoA), a beautiful hip-hop dancer with an overprotective brother. They fall in love and have a series of romantically charged dance sequences. The writing is skimmed from various soap operas, and all of the expected love story tropes are included.

"The Human Race" (R) -- A group of strangers find themselves trapped in an abandoned detention center, when a voice in their heads tells them they are in a deadly race. Straying from the path, stepping on the grass, or getting lapped twice by another runner all result in instant death via head explosion. Among the contestants are two veterans -- one missing a leg -- two friends who are deaf, and a cyclist who's quick to outdo people in the race against death. This survival-horror movie sprang forth with almost no budget, and has many faults. Still, it can provide some unexpected thrills.

TV RELEASES

- "Dalziel & Pascoe: Season 10"
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- "Tanked: Season 1"

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CONTRACT #2 includes the construction of approximately 3150LF of 6" PVC water lines, access roads, fencing, chlorination facilities and appurtenances per the plans and specifications.

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A certified check or bank draft, payable to the order of the CITY OF KNOX CITY negotiable U.S. Government bonds (at par value) or a satisfactory Bid Bond executed by the Bidder and an acceptable surety in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid shall be submitted with each bid.

Bidder's attention is called to the fact that not less than the federally determined prevailing wage rate, as issued by the Texas Department of Agriculture and as set forth in the Contract Documents, must be paid on this project, and that the Contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Adherence to the grant recipient's Section 3 Policy is required for contracts and subcontracts in excess of \$100,000.00. All contractors/subcontractors that are debarred, suspended or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation on federal assistance programs may not undertake any activity in part or in full under this project.

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Helpful Hints

By JoAnn Derson

• Want to make that summer at-home pedicure last? Don't skip the base coat or a UV topcoat. The base coat will allow the color to adhere evenly and better. Then the topcoat will protect the color from the sun while giving it a little extra shine.

• Honey has amazing properties, and one of them is its antiseptic powers. You can even use it on pimples. Just a tiny dab will help keep bacteria responsible for breakouts from taking over.

• Remove all of the air from a plastic storage bag with a drinking straw. Slip the straw into the bag and close as much as possible. Then suck any air out through the straw, and quickly pull out and close

in a single motion. Your leftovers will stay fresh longer, and foods may stack better in the freezer.

• Lemon juice can bring out the flavor of mushrooms. I keep a little spray bottle that I found in the travel section of the drugstore to keep lemon juice accessible in the kitchen. I find it's good for all kinds of things, like avocados and apples. I spray the cut side to keep them from browning. It's also great for salad greens. -- T.T. in New Jersey

• Did you know you can curl your hair with straws? Wind sections of damp hair around a plastic straw and secure the ends with a bobby pin. Dry in the sun, or use a hair dryer on low heat. Remove and spritz with hair spray.

FESTIVAL

From Page 1

Chief Caleb Hodges and the County Line Band.
July 26

8-11 am: Classic Car Show registration begins.

9 am: Booths open for second day business.

11am-2pm: Classic Car Show begins.

4 pm: Watermelon Festival concludes.

Knox County Chamber of Commerce Director Gail Nunn was also excited about the upcoming event and wants everyone to know how much work is being put toward the event.

"We are very excited about the upcoming Festival and Classic Car show and we think it will be a good one this year," said Nunn.

The seedless watermelon was actually developed

here in Knox County. The watermelon festival actually began 26 years ago as a point of community pride. By official state decree of the Texas Legislature, Knox City was the Seedless Watermelon Capital of Texas, thanks to the crops of the late Donald Johnson. But after his death in 2005 and after his son left the business a couple of years later, actual seedless watermelons have grown increasingly scarce in and around Knox City.

WELLS

From Page 1

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The Council voted unanimously to appoint Ryan Cottingham Mayor Pro-Tem.

The property tax rate for 2013-2014 was unanimously passed by the council and so was an adjustment to

the existing animal control ordinance to modify and more closely resemble that of the state's animal control ordinance.

The Council discussed the City of Munday's golf cart ordinance. Apparently, kids and adults driving their carts on Main Street areas have become problematic. This issue not only exists in Munday, but has become an issue in Knox

City as well.

"We will follow the guidelines of the ordinance and if a parent is letting a child operate a cart on Main Street, they will get a ticket," said Munday Police Chief Mendoza.

Council members will review the golf cart ordinance during next session, after more research of the state law can be done.

CAMP

From Page 1

cial guest botanist that will be there for the children.

"We are very lucky to have Jan Fischer from the Texas Botanical Gardens come and present at this camp. She brings her vast experience with wildlife and their habitats to life through hands-on activities and exploration," Coop

said."

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To Your Good Health

By Keith Roach, M.D.

Here's the Skinny on Artificial Sweeteners

DEAR DR. ROACH: I have questions regarding sugar substitutes. I have come to the overwhelming conclusion that sugar is a poison to the human body. However, I have never read any information regarding the safety of sugar substitutes. My questions are: Are they harmless to our bodies; are some safer than others; and do any benefits exist in using some over others? -- J.R.K.B.

ANSWER: While I think the term "poison" is too strong, I agree that excess sugar is unhealthy and contributes to both Type 2 diabetes and to obesity. Natural sugars, such as from whole fruits, appear to be treated differently in the body from added sugars, such as those in soft drinks, sports drinks and energy drinks.

Your question is about sugar substitutes, and there are many. There's no way to comprehensively cover them all, but let me talk about the different types.

Artificial sweeteners include aspartame (Equal, NutraSweet), saccharin (Sweet'N Low), sucralose (Splenda) and others. Most experts agree that these are safe in reasonable doses, but some people may have unpleasant reactions to any of them. Aspartame and saccharin have been linked to cancer in laboratory animals, but never in humans.

The natural sweetener Stevia also is generally well-tolerated and safe.

Sugar alcohols, such as sorbitol, xylitol and mannitol, raise blood sugars somewhat and often cause cramping, gas and diarrhea if taken in large quantities or by people sensitive to their effects.

So, while all are generally safe, any can cause side effects. I don't recommend any of them above the others, though I have seen reactions to sugar alcohols most frequently.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I have been di-

agnosed with Holmes-Adie syndrome. I cannot find much information on this syndrome other than that it is rare, caused by a virus or bacteria and affects the autonomic nervous system. What is the autonomic nervous system? Can you provide any information on this condition, if it will progress and what to expect? What kind of doctor treats it? -- N.W.

ANSWER: The Adie pupil, also called Adie's tonic pupil, is found when the eye loses part of its nerve supply. This causes one pupil to be bigger than the other during light exposure but smaller than the other when looking at objects close up. An Adie's pupil usually occurs without other problems in the autonomic nervous system, but it can occur alongside other problems, such as Ross syndrome, where the Adie pupil is associated with abnormal reflexes and partial loss of sweating. Syphilis causes a similar pupil, but on both sides, in which case a test for syphilis should be done.

An eye doctor can help fit special glasses with one lens that's different from the other to help correct the vision issues that may occur. Fortunately, most cases do not progress.

The booklet on macular degeneration explains another common eye ailment. Readers can order a copy by writing: Dr. Roach -- No. 701W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu. To view and order health pamphlets, visit www.rbmamall.com, or write to P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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Steele, daughters return from Alaska mission



Charles and Marlie Steele in the top row with several of the other Mission Trippers seated in front of them.

By Geoff Baumgartner
The Knox County News-Courier

KNOX CITY — Knox City Athletic Director Coach Charles Steele has just returned with his daughters from Alaska where they spent a week close to the Alaskan wilderness helping to transform lives by getting young people to allow Jesus Christ into their hearts. It truly was an effective mission trip.

The mission was to Wasilla, Alaska, and the LaVerne-Griffin youth recreation camp.

The group that Coach Steele went with was from Bi-Fork Baptist Association out of Vernon. Mission team members were from all over the Big Country. Members came from Knox City, Seymore, Harrold, Wichita Falls, Oklahoma and Mississippi. There were 23 mission teams total.

The camp had 52 girls attending from first through sixth grades. The camp offered Bible studies, mission studies, two church services a day, arts and crafts, recreation games, canoeing, paddle boats, kayaks, swimming, archery and air rifles.

While the activities were fun, it was the conversions and baptisms that were most profound for Steele's youngest daughter



Makaylie Steel posing with some of the girls she helped teach during the mission.

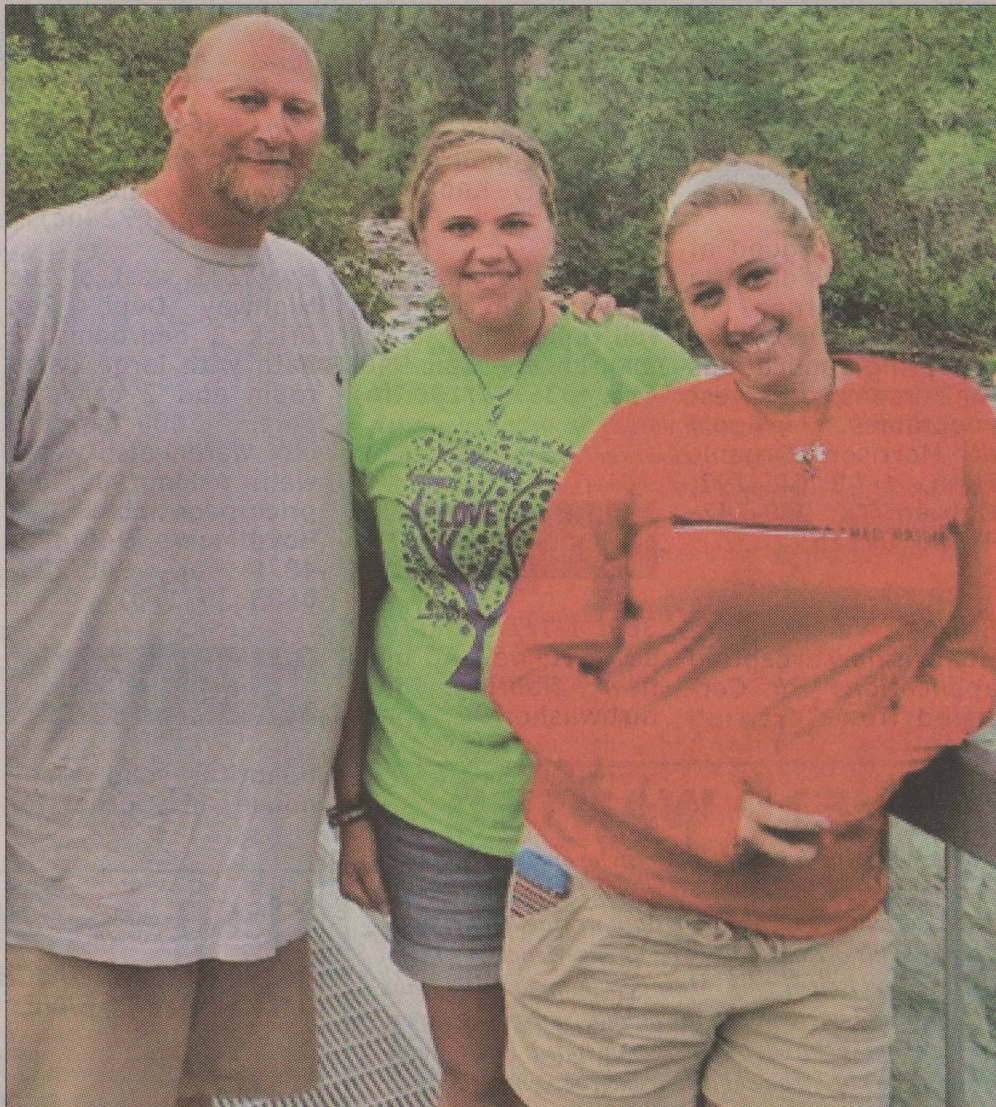
and star Knox City athlete Makaylie Steele.

"It was so much fun and we had 15 girls accept Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior and six were baptized at the camp! It was an awesome week," said Makaylie.

"The mission trip was very rewarding for everyone involved," Coach Steele said. "We had the opportunity to share the Word of God with 52 girls from Alaska and change

their lives forever - 16 of those girls made decisions during the week. We also went sightseeing and saw reindeer, whales, Mount McKinley, beautiful coastal landscapes and glaciers. We also had the opportunity to see numerous moose and bear."

All in all, with the number of successful baptisms recorded and the number of lives touched in Wasilla, this mission trip was considered a success for everyone involved.



Charles Steele smiling with his daughters, Marlie and Makaylie Steele, with the Alaskan mountains in the background. The Steele's were in Wasilla for a week on the mission trip.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Hunt Oil Company, 1900 North Akard Street, Dallas, Texas 75201-2300 has applied to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil or gas. The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Twin Peaks formation in the S. B. Burnett Estate "NB" Lease Well No. N-35B. The proposed injection well is located 17 miles southeast of Guthrie, Texas in the Anne Tandy (Strawn) Field, King County, Texas. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4950' to 5350'.

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

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

CITATION BY PUBLICATION NO. 9632

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF KNOX

TO: MAGALI SANCHEZ RAMIREZ

GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to appear before the DISTRICT 50TH COURT of KNOX COUNTY, TEXAS at the Courthouse of said County in the City of Benjamin, KNOX COUNTY, TEXAS at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of ten (20) days from the date of publication of this citation by filing a written answer to a petition filed in said Court on 07/07/2014 in Cause No.9632, styled, In the Interest of the of CIELO ISBETH RAMIREZ AND CRYSTAL SANCHEZ RAMIREZ, CHILDREN

A brief statement of the nature of the petition is as follows, to-wit: ORIGINAL PETITION TO TERMINATE PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP & ORIGINAL PETITION FOR ADOPTION OF A CHILD.

as is more fully shown by the petition on file in this cause.

The officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs. If this citation is not served within ninety (90) days after the day of issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT at office in Benjamin, Texas, this the 7th day of July, 2014.



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KNOX COUNTY, TEXAS

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TO: SAMUEL RAMIREZ

GREETING:

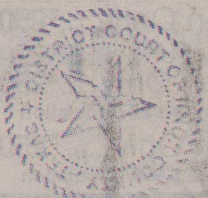
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