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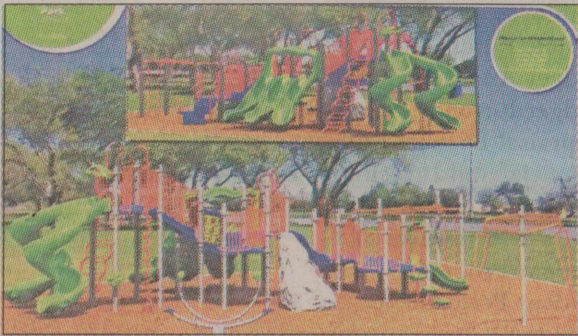
HOME OF W.M. (SOUPY) HERTEL

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## Munday City Council accepts new park plan



Geoff Baumgartner/The Knox County News-Courier

**Proposed playground equipment Munday Municipal Park.**

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

**MUNDAY** — The Munday City Council met in special session and approved a municipal park plan brought forward by the Munday Chamber of Commerce and funded through the Munday Economic Development Corporation (EDC).

The proposal was brought to the council by local business owner Perry Kuehler and Chamber Director Annie Blair.

The EDC met in session a few weeks ago and

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## Knox City graduate nets third place at State FFA Convention

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

**FORT WORTH** — Knox City High School FFA members recently attended the 86th Texas FFA State Convention in Fort Worth. At the Convention, recent Knox City High School graduate Jessica Wilburn competed in the Extemporaneous Speaking Contest and placed third in state overall.

While at the convention, Wilburn received the prestigious Lone Star De-



Photo courtesy of Jason Evans/Special to the News-Courier

**Knox City High School FFA Instructor and Ag Science teacher Jason Evans proudly hoists up Wilburn's third place banner while she stands smiling next to him. Wilburn will be attending Lubbock Christian University in the fall.**

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## Recent Knox County Commissioners Approvals



Geoff Baumgartner/The Knox County News-Courier

**The Knox County Aging Center, above, is in need of a new director.**

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

**BENJAMIN** — Knox County Commissioners approved a new Knox County 911 Office remodeling plan as well as having Knox County partner with the Texas Plains Trail Region during their recent monthly meeting. Both motions were passed unanimously.

Sherri Ellis, director, Knox County Aging Center has announced her resignation. Commissioners voted to open that position as well as a part-time position at the center.

Commissioners unanimously approved a motion to keep vehicle registration fees at \$10.00

"This is the rate our county has always charged for vehicle registration and there is no reason to change that now," said Judge Travis Floyd.

For the year, Knox County has budgeted wisely.

"The county has an 83% revenue rate and a 64% expenditure rate, so that is pretty good on our part," said Treasurer Rosie Ake.

## Legend



Courtesy photo for the News-Courier

**W.M. (Soupy) Hertel recently retired from the Water Control and Improvement District #1 in Benjamin. Soupy served as city manager in Benjamin 20 years and was the driving force in getting good water to Benjamin in 1953. Soupy served on the WCID Board 61 years, and the current board members presented him with a large throw inscribed "Soupy-61 years of service Knox County W. C. I. D. 1" as a token of appreciation for his many years of service. The current board consists of President Kynn Patterson, Vice-President Charles Griffith, Secretary Buddy Tolson, and board members Jake Cowen and Fred McGreger.**

# Munday Historic Rock Church to receive facelift



Geoff Baumgartner/The Knox County News-Courier

**The Rock Church sits right off Main Street. The renovation project will begin in August.**

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

**MUNDAY** — The historic Rock Church of Munday is set to undergo a dramatic renovation.

The project was proposed by the Munday Chamber of Commerce and will be funded by the Munday EDC.

The Munday City Council approved the project during a special session meeting on July 15.

The Munday EDC has allocated approximately \$13,000 for the new project,

which has been estimated to cost \$12,773.00 according to the Chamber.

The Rock Church, one of the oldest in Munday, has been declared structurally sound.

The job will include an air conditioning unit, new roof, rewiring, new breaker box, bathroom, walls, and new lighting.

According to Perry Kuehler, the project will take several months to complete.

"The Rock Church Project should take about six to eight months to complete the final renovations. We will begin in August," Kuehler said.

## 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.

### Munday School Board Mtg.

The Munday Consolidated Independent School District Board of Trustees will meet in Regular Session on Tuesday, July 29, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room in the Administration Building.

### Watermelon Fest

July 25-26 in Knox City. Fri, festival & booths open at 3:00pm at the Community Center with a downtown parade at 6:00pm; music and dancing under the Comm. Center awning 8:00pm till midnight with Caleb Hodges & County Line Band. Sat, booths open @ 9:00am with a classic car show at the Comm. Center parking lot. Call the KC Chamber office 940-658-3442 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.

### Kids are Welcome to VBS

First Baptist Church of Weinert will hold a one-day SonTreasure Island Vacation Bible School Aug 7, 9am to 2pm. Registration begins at 9am at the new fellowship. Bible study of 1 Cor. 13, the Love chapter, crafts, music & fun. Food provided. All area children age 3 thru finished 6th grade are invited to attend. Call for info, 940-673-8310 or 940-673-8269.

### Blood Drive

The Red Cross will be in Munday August 12 from 1 - 6pm at Munday High School, 911 W. D St. Although it's the summer, patients don't get a vacation from needing blood. Driver's license or two other forms of ID are required. Those who are 17 years of age (16 with parental consent), weigh at least 110 lbs and are in good health may be eligible to donate. Call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcross-blood.org for more information.

### 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

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## News on the go



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# Deaths

## James Benjamin Klutts

James Benjamin Klutts, longtime resident of Knox City, passed away Wednesday morning, July 16, 2014, at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. Mr. Klutts was 79. Funeral services were held Friday, July 18, 2014, at Foursquare Church in Knox City with Rev. Gary Schnable, Rev. J.C. Amburn, and Rev. Dennis Duke officiating. Burial took place immediately following the services in Knox County Cemetery under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes. Visitation was Thursday evening.

James was born August 28, 1934, in Palestine to Thelma Lois (Rogers) and Joe Leon Klutts. James married Rose "Jimmie"



**JAMES KLUTTS**

Klutts on June 20, 1975, in Durant, Okla. He is a retired heavy equipment operator with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He is preceded in death by his parents, Joe and Thelma Klutts, three brothers, and one sister. James is survived by his wife of over 39 years,

Rose "Jimmie" Klutts of Knox City; son, Joe Klutts and wife Brenda of Tulsa, Okla.; daughters, Lois Keith and husband Terry of Haskell and Barbara Gene Klutts of Mill Creek, Okla.; 12 grandchildren, Janin, Barbie, Joe Ross, John, Amanda, Irene, Eddie, Jason, Michelle, Kristin, Crystal, and Johnathon; 11 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great-grandchild, and "one on the way." Serving as pallbearers were John Klutts, Terry Keith, Dicky McCandles, Charles Griffith, Chad Rainwater and Tracy Cartwright. Online condolences can be shared with the family at [www.smithfamilyfh.com](http://www.smithfamilyfh.com).

## Geraldine Burnison Thompson

Geraldine B. Thompson, 99, was born on April 2, 1915 in Knox City. She passed away peacefully on July 19, 2014 surrounded by her loving family.

Gerry attended the University of Texas where she was a proud participant of the University Glee Club. She graduated with a degree in elementary education and art.

Gerry married Aristel D. Thompson of Munday, Texas on September 2, 1938. She taught second grade at Hyer Elementary School in University Park. Gerry was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Aristel, her parents, and her three sisters. She is survived by

her son, Wayne B. Thompson of Dallas and his wife, Margaret, her daughter, Sandra L. Dickey of Plano, and husband, John, three grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. A graveside memorial was held July 23 in Munday. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association in Gerry's name.

# Museum News

The volunteer staff at the Wichita Brazos Museum has been working hard for months to gather information on Knox County Veterans whose names are not on the Knox County Veterans Memorial. New names will be engraved on the new monoliths this fall in time for the Veterans Day Celebration on November 11, 2014.

The application form and information form is available by: (1) calling 940-459-2229; (2) going by the Museum at Benjamin, Tues.-Fri. 1-5 PM; (3) Writing to Box 124, Benjamin, TX 79505; (4) email [kch@csrccaccess.net](mailto:kch@csrccaccess.net). The deadline for submitting an application has been extended to

August 15, 2014.

A completed application form must be turned in and the veteran must have an honorable discharge and have been a resident of Knox County or buried in Knox County to qualify for having their name engraved. Just turning in a name is not sufficient. The information form is needed so information to the Veterans Albums can be added.

The help of friends and relatives of veterans whose names are not on the Memorial is needed so there will be "No Knox County Veteran Omitted".

# Munday School Board

The Munday Consolidated Independent School District Board of Trustees will meet in Regular Session on Tuesday, July 29, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room in the Administration Building.

The subjects to be discussed or considered, or upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows: (Items do not have to be taken in the same order as shown on the meeting notice.)

**AGENDA:**

- Call to Order - Roll Call
- Public Forum, Comment
- Consent Items: Approve Minutes
- Personnel Matters Including the Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, Reassignment, Duties, Discipline, Dismissal and/or Compensation of Individual District Employees
- Certified Personnel
- At-Will Personnel
- Employee Insurance
- Vehicle Purchase
- Budget Amendment
- Budget Revenue, Salary & Tax Rate Projections
- Appraisal District Budgets
- Financial and Investment Review & Report
- Administrative Reports
- Student Activities
- Student Programs
- Student Performance
- Facilities
- Adjournment

If during the course of the meeting, any discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the Board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meeting Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E. Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting. This notice was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act at 9:14 a.m. July 22, 2014.

# Knox County Aging Center Menu

July 28-Aug 1

- Monday:** Pork Chops, Blackeyed Peas, Spinach, Cornbread, Baked Apples
- Tuesday:** Meatloaf, Red Blessed Potatoes, Broccoli, Breadsticks, Peach Crisp
- Wednesday:** Pork Roast, Gravy, Sweet Potato, Succotash, Rolls, Banana Pudding
- Thursday:** Spaghetti, w/Meat Sauce, Lima Beans, Corn, Cornbread, Cookies
- Friday:** menu not available

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# Don't Let Back-to-School Tasks Sneak up on You

By Jason Alderman

Parents, if this is your first time at the back-to-school rodeo, let me share a few lessons my wife and I have learned the hard way. Chances are you'll be spending the next few weeks filling out piles of pre-enrollment paperwork, lining up carpools and, of course, taking the dreaded shopping excursions for clothes and school supplies.

If you're a first-timer or simply need a back-to-school refresher course, here are a few suggestions that can help you save time, money and sanity:

Get organized. Maintain a correspondence file from your kid's school for things like registration requirements, report cards, permission slips, required vaccinations, school policies, teacher and parent contact information, etc. Ask whether the school has a website, online calendar or email list you can join. Also, create a family master calendar.

Back-to-school shopping. Between new clothes, classroom supplies and extracurricular activity fees and equipment, many parents end up spending hundreds of dollars per child. Ideally, you've been setting money aside all year. If not, you'll need to determine what you can afford to spend without blowing your overall budget.

Here are a few organizational and money-saving tips:

Before you shop, make a comprehensive list for each child. Use previous years' expenses as a guide and compare notes with other parents and school officials.

Engage your kids in the budgeting process. Share how much money is available to spend and get them involved in prioritizing expenses between "needs" and "wants."

Go through your kids' closets and have them try on everything. Make an inventory of items that fit and are in good shape, and take it when shopping so you don't accidentally buy duplicates. (While you're at it, share, sell or donate unneeded items.)

Spread clothing purchases throughout the year so your kids don't outgrow everything at once. Many stores hold fall clearance sales to make room for holiday merchandise.

Review the school's dress code so you don't waste money on inappropriate clothing.

Although shopping online can save money, time and gas, don't forget to factor in shipping and return costs, which could undo any net savings. If your kids are old enough, put them in charge of online comparison shopping and coupon clipping.

Ask which school supplies you're expected to

buy. Go in with other families to take advantage of volume discounts and sales.

Find out how much extracurricular activities (athletics, music, art, etc.) cost. Account for uniforms, membership dues, private lessons, field trips, snacks, etc.

Rent or buy used sporting equipment or musical instruments until you're sure they'll stick with an activity.

Know when to spend more for higher quality. Cheaper notebook paper shouldn't matter, but don't buy poorly made shoes that might hamper proper physical development.

Before buying new clothing or accessories, look for "gently used" items in the closets of your older kids and friends, at garage sales, thrift and consignment stores and online.

Mobile shopping apps let in-store smartphone and mobile browser users scan product barcodes and make on-the-spot price comparisons, read reviews, download coupons, buy products and more.

Bottom line: If you get organized before setting out on back-to-school shopping, you can save money, time and aggravation.

Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs. To Follow Jason Alderman on Twitter: [www.twitter.com/PracticalMoney/](http://www.twitter.com/PracticalMoney/)



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From left are Knox City FFA Officers Richard Rodriguez, Andrea Lynn, Brylee White, Kelsey Vasquez, Jessica Wilburn, and Jason Evans. Evans said he was very proud of all of the officers that competed and dedicated their time to FFA.

## FFA

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gree and was recognized on stage for the \$18,000 scholarship she received from the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo earlier this year.

Ag Science Teacher Jason Evans has worked with Wilburn throughout the year and was elated to see this come to fruition.

"It is a great achievement just to make it to the state speaking competition, let alone place third overall within the State of Tex-

as," said Evans. "I am very proud of Jessica for all of her great achievements she has made through FFA."

Also attending the Convention were Knox City FFA Officers Kelsey Vasquez, Brylee White, Andrea Lynn and Richard Rodriguez.

## PARK

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agreed to allocate \$55,000 toward the project.

"The EDC has voted to provide \$55,000 toward the City of Munday municipal park project," said Lyndle Reeves, representing the EDC.

The improvements will

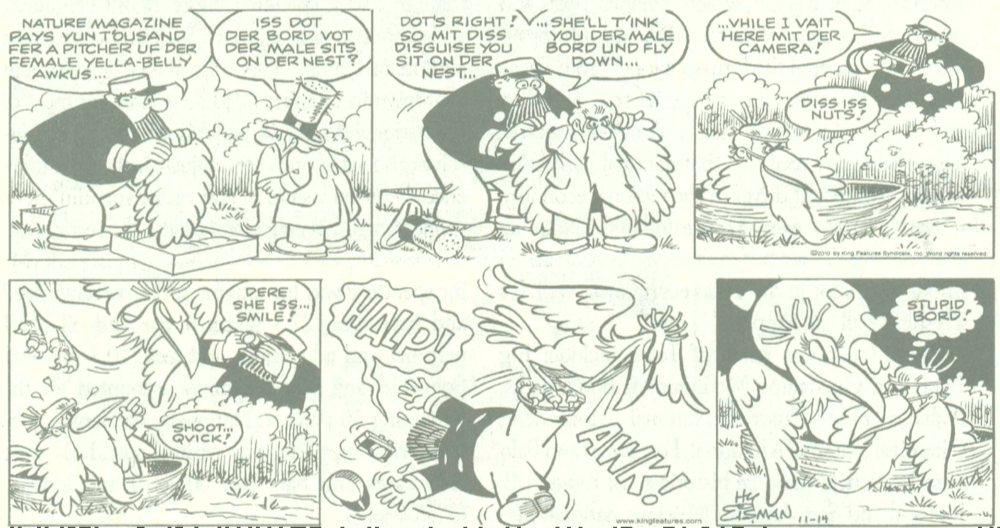
include a new playground, motion and sensory lights, a walking path, tables and benches and a sand volleyball court.

The two companies the city is considering for the playground equipment are Playworld and Playcore. Both companies will provide a one year warranty on all moving playground parts and a 25-year warranty on all non-moving parts.

While the playground equipment itself only takes a few weeks to make and assemble, the entire park project is estimated to take three years.

"If the project takes longer than three years that it takes longer," said Blair. "We will do what we need to in order to finish the park, even additional fundraising."

## KATZENJAMMER KIDS

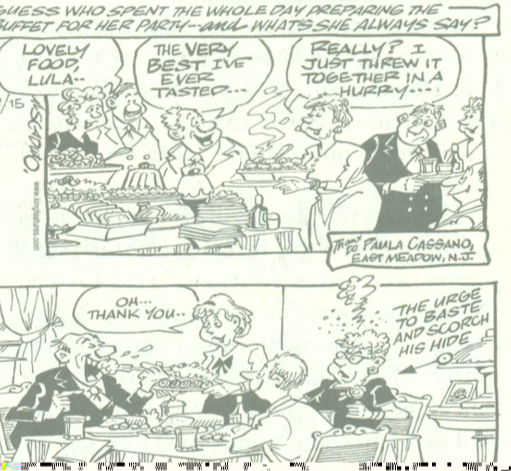


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# The 501 To Tan or Not to Tan?

Medical opinions change. Nothing beats a change for the better when something previously deemed dangerous is suddenly healthy. Like sunshine.



HANABA MUNN WELCH

At some point after grade school I de-

cidated the sun's rays don't actually contain vitamin D but that somehow, in a way as mysterious as photosynthesis, sunshine makes vitamin D happen somewhere under my skin. That's pretty much still my understanding. Check Wikipedia if you want a different version. I haven't.

All that said, at some point post-mid-century the bad effects of sunshine seemed to begin outweighing the good ones, and I started spending good money on sunscreen. (Good money is the kind you'd rather not spend.)

Keep that thought while we go back in time.

My grandmother was victim of a different fashion dictum. A photograph of her and her sisters, Hallie and Sadie, shows a trio in long-sleeved blouses with necklines almost to their ear lobes. (Grandmother's name was Dessie, in case you're wondering.) Back then, if you were white you

tried to stay as white as possible. That way you looked like you didn't have to work in the fields or ride the range, even if you did, like Grandmother and her sisters. They were born first, second and third, meaning they handled the outdoor chores while their three little brothers ran wild under the nose of their mother, who liked to tat and dip and crochet and spoil the boys, per family lore.

Indeed, skin cancer didn't ever plague my grandmother, as best I recall. Maybe it was good she tried to stay fair. On the other hand, wouldn't some sunshine in her youth have beneficially upped her vitamin D levels? Did anyone talk about vitamins in those turn-of-the-century snake oil days? Maybe. But health aside, the important thing was not to get tan. Then as now, fashion rules. Otherwise, tanning salons wouldn't be a viable use of nondescript buildings with minimal or no windows -

properties here and there that otherwise might be good only for tattoo parlors or law offices. Here's to tanning salons.

Yes, we've jumped back to our millennium.

The latest news:

A blurb is circulating via Facebook to say sunshine is back in favor. The breaking news is based on a years-long study of Swedish sunbathers who outlived their non-tanning counterparts.

SCAM CHECK.

Sure enough, health experts aren't swallowing the sensationalized tanning-is-good-for-you story hook, line and tanning oil. So much for my initial joy over a sea change in medical thought.

As usual, the voice of reason supports moderation. It's like what we learned in grade school is still true. Sunshine is good for you. Don't burn.

I hate dull endings.

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## USDA Seeks Public Comments on Conservation Program

Special to The News-Courier

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Texas Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Judith A. Canales announced today that a public meeting will be held on August 4, 2014, at Plains Cotton Cooperative Association in Lubbock to solicit comments on a recently completed draft analysis that examines the potential environmental impacts of changes to the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) enacted by the 2014 Farm Bill.

CRP encourages farmers and ranchers to establish long-term vegetative species, such as grasses or trees, on environmentally sensitive farmland to help reduce soil erosion, improve water quality and develop wildlife habitat. The draft environmental analysis was prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1970 which requires federal government agencies to review the environmental effects of proposed federal actions.

FSA has scheduled five public meetings to provide information on the draft analysis and to provide opportunities for public comment. Stakeholders interested in farmland conservation are invited to attend, and FSA representatives will be available to answer questions. The meetings will be held at the following locations:

August 4, 2014 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.  
Plains Cotton Cooperative Association  
3301 East 50th Street  
Lubbock, Texas, 79404

The draft environmental analysis can be reviewed online at: <http://crpspeis.com>. For questions, producers should contact their county FSA office or seek information online at [http://crpspeis.com/Resources/Documents/CRP\\_SPEIS\\_Draft\\_NOA.pdf](http://crpspeis.com/Resources/Documents/CRP_SPEIS_Draft_NOA.pdf) and [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

Today's announcement was made possible through the 2014 Farm Bill, which builds on historic economic gains in rural America over the past five years, while achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for the taxpayer. Since enactment, USDA has made significant progress to implement each provision of this critical legislation, including providing disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; strengthening risk management tools; expanding access to rural credit; funding critical research; establishing innovative public-private conservation partnerships; developing new markets for rural-made products; and investing in infrastructure, housing and community facilities to help improve quality of life in rural America. For more information, visit [www.usda.gov/farmland](http://www.usda.gov/farmland).

## Nomination Deadline Nears for Farm Service Agency County Committees

For The News-Courier

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Juan Garcia reminds farmers, ranchers and other agricultural producers that Aug. 1, 2014, is the deadline for local FSA county committee nominations.

County committees are an important link between the farm community and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Farmers and ranchers elected to local committees share their opinions and ideas on federal farm programs.

"There's still time for eligible farmers and ranchers to get involved in this year's county committee elections," said Garcia. "Nominate yourself or a candidate of your choice to serve on the local county committee. I especially encourage the nomination of beginning farmers and ranchers, as well as women and minorities. This is your opportunity to have a say in how federal programs are delivered in your county."

While FSA county committees do not approve or deny farm ownership or operating loans, they work closely with county executive directors and make decisions on disaster and conservation programs, emergency programs, commodity price support

loan programs and other agricultural issues.

Members serve three-year terms. Nationwide, there are about 7,800 farmers and ranchers serving on FSA county committees. Committees consist of three to 11 members that are elected by eligible producers.

To be eligible to serve on an FSA county committee, a person must participate or cooperate in a program administered by FSA, be eligible to vote in a county committee election and reside in the local administrative area where the person is nominated.

To become a candidate, an eligible individual must sign the nomination form, FSA-669A. The form and other information about FSA county committee elections are available at [www.fsa.usda.gov/elections](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/elections). Forms for the 2014 election must be postmarked or received in the local USDA Service Center by close of business on Aug. 1, 2014. Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters by Nov. 3 and are due back to the local USDA Service Centers on Dec. 1. The newly elected county committee members will take office on Jan. 1, 2015.

## Copper Breaks StarWalk Saturday

For The News-Courier

QUANAH — The popular StarWalk is set for Saturday, July 26, 2014 at Copper Breaks State Park. The long standing public astronomy program continues its 19th year. SkyGuide volunteer Terry Paridon will lead participants in a naked-eye exploration of the night sky beginning at sunset, around 9:30 p.m. in Big Pond Campground.

In addition to the after-dark programs, Sky Guide volunteers will again offer Sun Fun at 5 p.m. Sun Fun offers the public rare views of our own star, the Sun, through telescopes fitted with filters for safe viewing.

Nighttime observing begins after sunset. Paridon will begin the pro-

gram with a tour of the darkening sky—the original StarWalk. Blending science with history, legends, and lore, Paridon will take the public on a tour through major constellations, spotlighting bright stars, and introducing the "star-hopping" technique to find other interesting objects.

After the StarWalk the public is invited to view these various dark-sky objects through the park's binoculars and telescopes with the help of knowledgeable Sky Guide volunteers who come from throughout Texas and Oklahoma to assist with the StarWalk.

The 2014 slate of StarWalks includes Saturday presentations set for August 23, September 27, and October 18, weather

permitting.

Upon entering the park, StarWalk signs will direct visitors to Big Pond Campground and parking. The quarter-mile walk into the observing area is on lighted asphalt, and extra assistance for the handicapped is available from park personnel.

StarWalk and Sun Fun are continuing Campsite Programs offered by Copper Breaks State Park. For more information on the StarWalk or other Copper Breaks programs or facilities, contact the park during business hours at 940-839-4331. Copper Breaks State Park is located 13 miles south of Quanah and eight miles north of Crowell on State Highway 6.

## National Park tourism in Texas creates \$173.4 million in economic benefit

Special to The News-Courier

A new National Park Service (NPS) report shows that the 3,482,052 visitors to Texas national parks in 2013 spent \$173.4 million and supported 2,374 jobs in the state.

"From Big Thicket to Chamizal National Memorial, the national parks of Texas attract millions of visitors a year from across the country and around the world," said Sue Masica, director of the NPS's Intermountain Region, which includes Texas and seven other states. "Whether they are out for an afternoon, a school field trip or a long family vacation, they come for a great experience—and they end up spending a little money along the way, too. This new report confirms that national park tourism is a significant driver in the national economy, returning \$10 for every \$1 invested in the National Park Service. This reality makes parks tourism an important factor in the Texas economy as well. It's a result we all can support."

The 13 national parks of Texas include: Big Bend and Guadalupe Mountains national parks; Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument; Chamizal National Memorial; Fort Davis and Palo Alto Battlefield national historic sites; Lyndon B. Johnson and San Antonio Missions national historical sites; Padre Island National Seashore; Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River; Big Thicket National Preserve, and Amistad and Lake Meredith national recreation areas.

The peer-reviewed NPS visitor spending analysis was conducted for the National Park Service by U.S. Geological Survey economists Catherine Cui, Uinane Thomas, Christopher Huber and Lynne Koontz. The national report shows \$14.6 billion of

direct spending by 273.6 million park visitors in "gateway" communities within 60 miles of a national park. This spending supported 237,000 jobs nationally—197,000 in park gateway communities—and had a cumulative benefit to the U.S. economy of \$26.5 billion. 1 5f\$26.ttd onun emurynef13

## The Paperboy

## The sky will fall!

Okay all you investors, I'm about to save or maybe even make you a bunch of money.

The stock market is going to crash and when it does, it's going to be "horrific" according to some really rich people.

Jeremy Grantham, co-founder and chief investment strategist of GMO, a Boston-based firm with \$117 billion in assets under management, told The New York Times that Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen is "ignorant" and says the Federal Reserve all but killed the economic recovery which should have taken place in the U.S.



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Grantham adds, "We have never had this before. It's going to be very painful for investors."

Grantham is not alone in his assessment.

"We have no right to be surprised by a severe and imminent stock market crash," said Mark Spitznagel, a hedge fund manager, who made a fortune when he correctly called the 2008 crisis. "In fact, we must absolutely expect it."

Warren Buffett, everybody's favorite rich guy is preparing for a crash as well. The "Warren Buffett Indicator," also known as the "Total-Market-Cap to GDP Ratio," is signaling a collapse could happen at any moment.

So if these guys are right, what are investors to do?

Michael Carr, the founder of Peak Profits and acclaimed author of "Smarter Investing in Any Economy," says you can make tactical investments that will perform well in any market.

"The \$21 trillion stock market is an ocean of opportunity with hidden profit patterns everywhere," Carr said. "So, even in a market correction, there is always a bull market somewhere. The key

is to effectively mine the data and find stocks that are entering a proven profit pattern."

Carr has a system you can check out online that can identify stocks which might be prudent for investors if the crash is coming.

Carr is rich, smart and serious.

"In the military, I developed complicated equations to predict the flight patterns of nuclear missiles," Carr comments. "Today, I use these same complicated equations to predict the price patterns of stocks."

Moneynews.com reports Carr's strategy as this: "Just like mapping out nuclear missile trajectories with thousands of variables... Carr's program screens more than 8,000 major stocks and thousands of relevant financial data points to identify what he believes are the best stock trajectories in the market... stocks that he believes will rise no matter what the market is doing."

To his credit, some of the results on calls Carr has made include:

- 263 percent gain on Tesla Motors
- 148 percent gain on SanDisk
- 315 percent gain on Akamai Technologies
- 180 percent gain on DaVita Health-Care Partners
- 182 percent gain on Gannett
- 191 percent gain on Alexion
- 306 percent gain on Equinix

So take it for what it's worth. If these rich guys are right, it would be worth your while I'm sure.

Of course if it hits, the fan too bad, your best investment might be a couple of guns and some ammo. Those two items rarely go down in value.

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## Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

We are fast approaching August 1, and then it won't be long until school starts again. Summers are getting shorter each year, or at least it seems that way to me. So far, we have not had the extreme heat we usually have, but we still have several weeks left, too, and it just may warm up considerably before fall "sets in."

We learned Saturday of the death of Edith Cash of Crowell. Edith's health had been failing for quite some time. She was the aunt of Donnie Ryder, and her children are sons, Freddie and Kerry, and daughter, Trenna Carlson. Services for Edith will be tomorrow (Tuesday) at the Church of Christ in Crowell with burial at Truscott. My sincere sympathy to the Cash family.

## Here 'N There

Roger and Betty Bohannon returned home the last of the week after a two weeks' visit with their daughter, Bonnie Howell, and family in Geneva, Nebraska.

Jason and Tiffany Melton of Houston and children, Maddie Kate, Emery, James, and Jett visited Jason's aunt, Mary Young a few days last week. Jason is the son of the late Jimmy Melton.

Friday night guests of Debi and Mike Moorhouse were Katie Taylor of Amarillo and Taylor and Westin Herring of Munday.

James and Jill Jackson, Daniel, and Grant vacationed in Colorado last week returning home Saturday night. Some of Jills' family were also there, so they all enjoyed a good get together.

Shelby Russell left Saturday morning for Wyoming, where she will spend a few days visiting her mom, Kim Lyles. Who knows, she may like it so well up there that she may decide to stay. But that wasn't the plan when she left.

Former resident, James Klutts, who lived in Knox City, passed away on Wednesday in HMC in Abilene. He had been in hospice care about a week. His funeral was Friday in Knox City. Sympathy also to his family.

Tres Pierce is still in a Wichita Falls hospital, and reports are that he is improving. So maybe he will be

released soon. He's had a pretty rough time, and it's sure good to hear that things are "looking up" for him.

Deann Lamb will be in Abilene Wednesday and Thursday for some surgery to correct a back problem. It will be an outpatient procedure, and the recuperation time should not be too long.

I heard from my friend, Mary Cartwright, over the weekend. She's been in the Knox County Hospital a couple of weeks and was quite ill for a while, but according to her son, Lew, she is much better. Although still hospitalized, she's been up walking and is so much better. She's been sort of "under the weather" for about two months. Mary lives in Munday and although retired (until she got sick) was involved in lots of things—among them being an active member of the Knox County Historical Commission. It's good to hear she is improving.

Linda Griffith was in Lubbock for a doctor's appointment on Thursday and went on to Clovis, New Mexico, for a visit with her daughter, Amy Tyson and family. Amy's husband, Vince, was out of town, so Linda, Amy and daughters, Kate and Abby, and Becky Jones and daughters, Devon, Brooke, and Kamryn held their annual 'girls weekend' at Amy's house. I'm sure they had a very enjoyable time. Linda will be having some foot surgery Friday to correct a problem she has had for a while.

I learned Sunday of the death of one of my former teachers, Geraldine Thompson. She taught in the lower grades, and I loved her. She died Saturday in Dallas at 99 years of age. Graveside rites for her will be Wednesday at Munday.

Have you noticed Dicky and Laura McCanlies' new addition to their place? They have added a patio to the side, and just seeing it from the road looks like a mighty inviting place to sit and relax.

And we went by where Michele and Jimmy Barrientez are clearing a place for their new house. It will be south of Janet and Gary Reed's house, close to the school. They are having a house built and moved in here, and they hope to have it completed in a couple of months.

## Li'l Red Hen Bakery &amp; Café to close

The Li'l Red Hen Bakery & Café of Munday is closing. We would like to thank all of our customers for the last 5 1/2 years for coming in and eating with us. We regret that the facts of higher food costs, the economy and health reasons have made the decision of closing a sad fact for the family and the reality.

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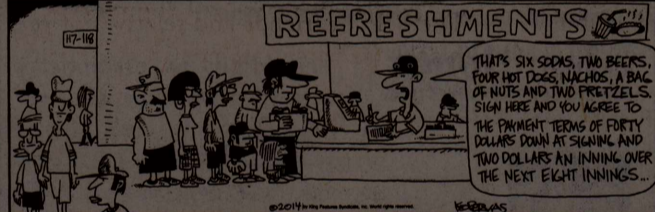
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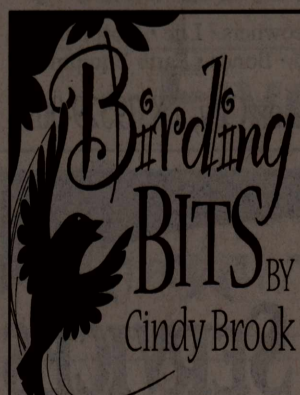
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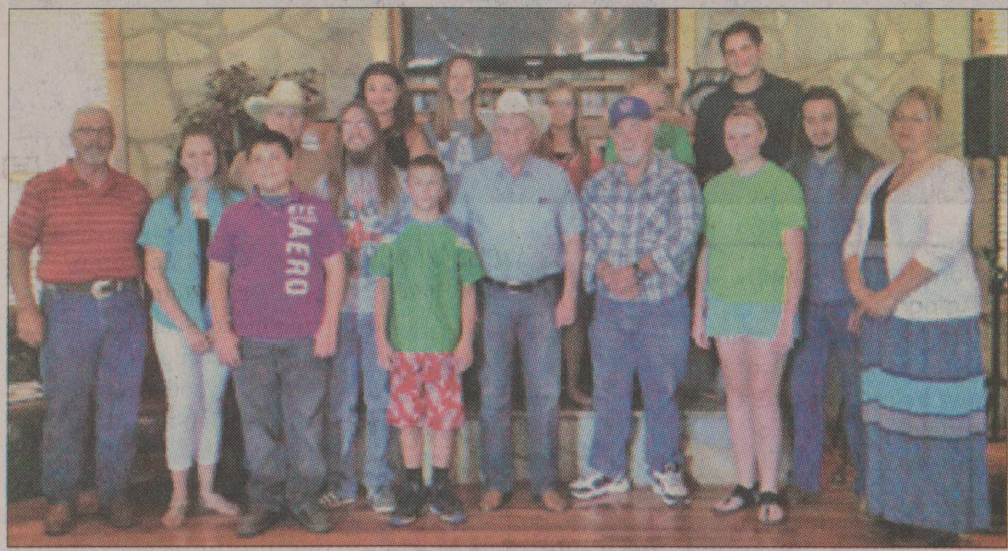
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Back, from left: Jerry Bob Daniel, Joslyn Harris, Morgan Roper, McKayla Coplen, Josiah Coplen, Glenn McLaughlin; front: Steve Pepper, Elizabeth Terry, Bradon Garza, Glenn Finley, Wesson Ham, Joe Settlemire, Steve Duncan, Emily Terry, Bret Embry and Jimi Coplen.

# Guitar and Fiddle Camp a Success

Truscott holds youth music camp for Knox County kids

By Geoff Baumgartner  
The Knox County News-Courier

TRUSCOTT - The annual Bobby Boatwright Western Swing Music Camp was held July 6-10, 2014, at the Circle Bar Ranch Lodge in Truscott. Thirteen students gathered to sharpen their musical skills and learn from some of the best in the industry. This was the fourth year for Knox County to host this camp. The camp was under the direction of the Knox County Visioning Group and J.W. Sollis. Instructors for this year's camp included Joe Settlemire and Glenn McLaughlin on guitar and

Elizabeth Terry on fiddle. The instructors lead students in songs such as San Antonio Rose, Sugar Moon, Maiden's Prayer, Faded Love and many more. Students were challenged to learn new cords, music theory and push the boundaries on their current skill level. This year's camp was held in Truscott. The community is home to the Circle Bar Ranch, owned by Jerry and Eugenie Daniel. Campers stayed at the Circle Bar Ranch Lodge. Nightly jam sessions and a final concert were held at the lodge. Next year's camp is already being planned for July 12-16, 2015. For more information, check out their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/BobbyBoatwrightMusicCamp>. Or call the KCVG at 940-459-4121. "We are looking to expand the camp next year and include more instruments such as horns and possibly keyboard," said Jimi Coplen, KCVG Director.

# Dedicated Lynn Electric employee honored for 30 years on the job

Special to The Knox County News-Courier

KNOX CITY — Lynn Electric recently celebrated Marq Brockett's 30-year anniversary with the company. Brockett started on June 15th, 1984. He has been a valuable employee for the business in the field and at the shop. Marq fulfills several vital responsibilities throughout the company. He fills the position as shop foreman, motor re-winder and licensed pump installer.

Scott Lynn, owner of Lynn Electric, had nothing but positive things to say about his longest employee. "His loyalty and hard work



Photo courtesy of Scott Lynn/Special to the News-Courier  
Lynn Electric owner Scott Lynn, left, congratulates his most revered employee. Marq Brockett started with the company over 30 years ago in the early 1980's.

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Signed: *Travis C. Floyd*  
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