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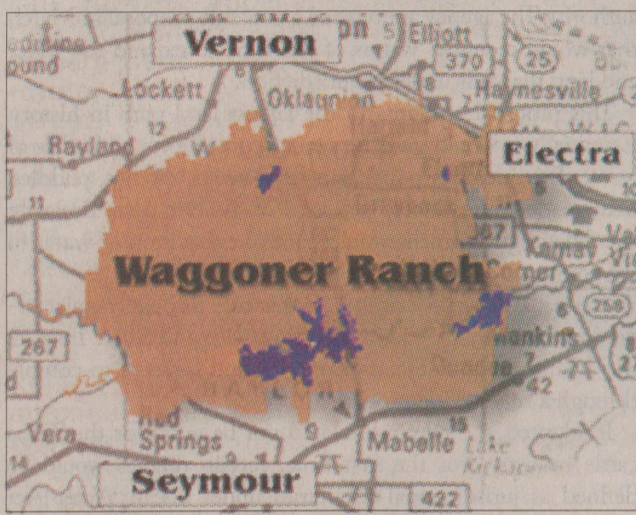
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Waggoner Ranch for sale for \$725 million



By James McAfee
The Knox County News-Courier

Marking the end of a decades-long court dispute among the two branches of the heirs on whether to divide it or to sell it, the storied Waggoner Ranch, an icon of the horse and cattle culture in Texas, has finally been listed for sale for \$725 million.

The family finally agreed to list the estate after the court indicated it was considering an auction, according to court-appointed receiver Mike Baskerville of Vernon, who added that the listing has already attracted interest from

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First Bank Texas wins county bid

By James McAfee
The Knox County News-Courier

BENJAMIN -- After hearing an update from treasurer Rosie Ake, the Knox County Commissioners Court voted to accept a bid from First Bank Texas of Munday to continue as the depository bank for Knox County during a meeting Monday at the Knox County Courthouse. Citizens Bank also placed a bid.

The commissioners also renewed its contract with the Knox County Appraisal District and decided there was no reason to change the sheriff's and constable's fees.

In looking at the 2013-2014 budget that showed the revenue rate at 87% and expenditure rate at 71%, Judge Travis Floyd said, "that looks good." Two months remain in the calendar year.

The commissioners also heard monthly reports from the Extension Office, the Community Development director, Aging Services, 911, the tax office and the justice court.

Jimmy Daniel made a request for the county to assist with the cleanup of the Truscott Cemetery, but no formal action was taken.

Floyd reported that he and several of the commissioners did hear a report that the Millennium solar project remained on track and it could mean as much as \$1 billion for the county when completed in 2015 or 2016.

Seymour bank plans merger



Chris Blackburn/The Knox County News-Courier
If approved, Memphis State Bank, 621 Noel St. in Memphis, will be merging with First Bank & Trust of Seymour.

By Chris Blackburn
The News-Courier

MEMPHIS — First Bank & Trust of Seymour is applying to both the Texas Department of Banking and the Federal Reserve Board for the approval for the merger of Memphis State Bank, Memphis, Texas, First Bank of

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James McAfee/The Knox County News-Courier
Knox City Coach Brenna Hoegger works out helping players around the net. The Lady Houndettes play in the Harrold Tournament starting Thursday.



James McAfee/The Knox County News-Courier
Munday Mogul Coach Patrick Corcoran checks out a player at practice. MHS travels to Hawley for a 6 p.m. scrimmage.



James McAfee/The Knox County News-Courier
The Knox City Greyhounds will hit the gridiron at 10 a.m. Friday morning at home scrimmaging Harrold, Paducah and White Deer.

Athletes prepare for start of seasons

By James McAfee
The Knox County News-Courier

While school doesn't start until Aug. 25, student-athletes have already started preparing for the upcoming seasons.

Football players started with conditioning drills back on Aug. 4 and put on pads Aug. 8. Coach Patrick Corcoran welcomed 36 players at Munday while Coach Charles Steel greeted 22 candidates at Knox City. Coach Jason Navarro faces a more challenging task at Benjamin with only eight under classmen showing up. The players got a break on Monday as conditions were a little cooler than normal.

The Moguls have scrimmages Friday at Hawley and at home Aug. 21 against Roscoe. Both start at 6 p.m.

The Greyhounds have a scrimmage at home Friday at 10 a.m. against Harrold, Paducah and White Deer and travel to

Valley for another scrimmage against the host and Guthrie on Aug. 21. Because of a school conflict for Navarro, Benjamin cancelled its Aug. 22 scrimmage with Patton Springs and Rule.

Benjamin kicks off the season Aug. 28 against the Knox City JV in Knox City while Munday and Knox City are on the road the next night at Windthorst and Borden County, respectively.

Coach Kim Kuehler's Lady Moguls got their first taste of action last week in scrimmages against Aspermont, Paducah, Breckenridge and Albany and will play in the Bryson Tournament starting Thursday. Coach Brenna Hoegger's Lady Houndettes play in the Harrold Tournament starting Thursday and travel to Post on Aug. 19.

Coach Cory Stephenson's Munday cross country runners will start the season Aug. 28 in the Perkins Invitational in Burkburnett.

Flying High



Chris Blackburn/The Knox County News-Courier
Aerial spraying is common in the Big Country. This plane came across the highway providing an up close look at the aircraft. The pilot was spraying cotton fields.

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.

School Supply List

Please refer to the KCNC Aug. 7th edition for the Munday Schools Pre-K through 8th grade supply lists. If you have questions, please call the school at 940-422-4321.

Meet the Teachers

Munday Elementary School, Meet the Teachers is Friday, August 22 from 1 pm to 3 pm. Meet your child's teacher, drop off school supplies, and pick-up paperwork. The first day of school is August 25, 2014. Call 940-422-4321 for more information.

Meet the Moguls/Mogulettes

Meet the Moguls and Mogulettes Fri, Aug. 22 at 6 pm @ Scruggs Field. Hamburgers, Chips & Drink \$5, Homemade ice cream \$1.50. Intros begin at 6:30 pm for band, cross country, cheerleaders, volleyball & football athletes. T-shirts and caps + football seating will be on sale. 940-422-4321 for more information.

Veterans Memorial

Four more monoliths will be added to the Memorial by Nov. 11, 2014. Those eligible to have their name engraved must have an honorable discharge and lived or buried in Knox County. Please call 940-459-2229, 1:00pm to 5:00pm., Tue. - Fri. or e-mail kchc@srcaccess.net to receive applications and information forms. All applications must be in the office of the Museum by Aug. 15, 2014.

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.

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.

TOPS Program

(Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meetings are at the Knox County Hospital "Break Room" at 5:30pm, Mondays. Contact Pam or Greg Oliver, 940-658-5120 for more information.

Support Group Meetings

AA and Al-Anon meetings are 7pm Tuesdays, the Doug Meinzer Activity Center, 203 SW Fourth St., Knox City, TX. Call if you have questions, JoAnn, 940-658-3926.

Corrections

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

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Deaths

Idella Katherine Escobar

Idella Katherine Escobar, 88, joined her Savior on Saturday, August 9, 2014

A visitation was held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. with a vigil starting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, August 13, 2014 in the Abbey Chapel of Resthaven Funeral Home. The Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, August 14, 2014 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church with interment to follow in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Idella was born November 25, 1925 in Stamford, to Jesse and Josephine (Nieto) Acosta.

Idella had many hobbies, some of which included quilting, sewing, crocheting, cooking, gardening, reading, and working on puzzles.

The lights of her life



IDELLA ESCOBAR

were her family, particularly her four grandchildren. She was an active member of Santa Rosa Church for over fifty years.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband, Ray Escobar.

Idella is survived by her daughter, Janie Sue Esparza and husband Robert;

son, Charles Ray Escobar and wife Annette; grandchildren, Emily Arreola and husband Aaron, Michelle Escobar and Jimmy Shuping, Trisha Molloy and husband Benjy, Anthony Escobar; sister, Ida Escobar; brother, Jay Acosta and wife Helen, Alfred Acosta and wife Lydia; sister, Stella Caram and husband Freddy; brother, Paul Acosta and wife Phyllis, Jack Acosta and wife Roseann; and brother-in-law, Tony Flores.

The family extends their gratitude to all her special caregivers at the Garrison Center for their compassionate care of Idella during her stay there.

Condolences and online guestbook can be found at www.resthavenfuneral-home.com.

Jodie Moon

Jodie Moon, 83, passed away Saturday, August 9, 2014 in Wichita Falls.

Funeral Services were held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, August 12, 2014 at First Baptist Church in Munday with Pastor Robert Harrison officiating, under the direction of McCauley-Smith Funeral Home.

Jodie was born in Munday on October 10, 1930. She was the youngest daughter of Emry and Delia Mullican. Jodie was a cheerleader in high school and graduated from Munday High School in 1948. Jodie worked at Eiland Drug in Munday as a teenager and went on to work there many more years as a pharmacy tech, long before the position was popularized. Jodie met the love of her life, Jessie "Dub" Moon at a dance and Dub asked

Jodie to marry him at the Stamford Rodeo as they were standing by the bull pins. Jodie and Dub were married July 6, 1951 in Munday at Jodie's parent's home. Jodie worked with Dub at Osborne Distributing in Munday from 1970 until her retirement in 2000.

Jodie was a founding member of the Munday Homecoming dances for 30 years and loved organizing all of these events. After retiring, Jodi also was a volunteer for Meals on Wheels. Jodie and Dub raised two children, who were the delight and joy of their lives. Dub and Jodie had a wonderful relationship, worked together for 25 years and their love for each other was evident. Jodie was always willing to do anything for anyone at any time. She

loved working in the public and loved people. Jodie was outgoing, cheerful, fun, loving, warm hearted, strong, and tenacious. She taught her children to work hard, help others, and always treat people as you would want to be treated.

Jodie was preceded in death by her parents, Emry and Delia Mullican, and her five older sisters: Pauline Morrow, Ruby Meers, Viola Cude, Dorothy Lee Howry, and Louise Fruehwirth.

Jodie is survived by her husband of 63 years, Jessie "Dub" Moon and two children, Mark and Kimi, all of Wichita Falls, numerous nieces and nephews and a host of friends. Memorials may be made in Jodie's honor to Parkinson's Research or to your favorite charity.

Opinion

Time to Submit Comments on EPA Water Rule

By Richard Thorpe III

In 1972, Congress established the Clean Water Act (CWA) to create a basic structure for regulating water quality standards and discharges of pollutants into "waters of the United States." Under this act, "waters of the U.S." are classified as bodies of water that are "navigable." In other words, the EPA has jurisdiction over a body of water you can sail a steamboat or large ship through.

While Congress gave the EPA authority over "navigable" waterways, the EPA is again trying to abuse and expand its authority. The agency announced a new rule proposal in March that would redefine "waters of the U.S." to expand the water and land that falls under its jurisdiction.

This proposal amounts to the largest land grab in history. Essentially, it would give the agency control over all bodies of water. This includes ponds, streams, creeks, ditches, puddles, man-made conveyances, wet areas on pastures, etc. Basically, the federal government would control every drop of water in the country.

The EPA doesn't want to pass this rule through regular order in Congress. They have tried this twice and failed. Instead, the agency plans to bypass Congress and force us to comply through a rulemaking process.

If adopted, the new rule would not be good for the Texas cattle industry. For the first time, certain ditches would be defined as jurisdictional tributaries under Clean Water Act programs. Additionally, conservation activities not complying with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) practice standards would be required to have a 404 dredge-and-fill permit.

This means you would be subject to additional permitting requirements for applying pesticides, grazing cattle, conducting construction projects and performing other routine maintenance on your land. These permits can cost around \$30,000 and take up to a year to receive. Failure to obtain them would likely result in a penalty.

When the EPA drafted this flawed rule, they didn't consult with agricultural industry groups or you as producers. Instead, the agency was too concerned with finding ways to expand its jurisdiction, while in-turn creating more burdensome regulations for the men and women who work daily to provide the food and fiber of our country.

This proposal presents significant challenges for us, but there is a way we can help stop it. I encourage you, your family, friends and neighbors to comment on the rule in the federal register before the deadline ends Monday, October 20, 2014. Your participation is important as we must let the EPA know how detrimental this rule would be to our industry and livelihood. You can submit your comments by visiting our web site at TSCRA.org, and clicking on the "EPA Land Grab" button. We need to get at least 10,000 comments by this deadline, and anyone is welcome to comment. Also, let your Congressmen and Senators know they should oppose this rule.

It is crucial that we send a clear message to the EPA that we will not allow this proposal to be implemented, and its desire to expand onerous government regulations will not be tolerated. It's time to get rid of this rule. The future of our industry depends on it.

Richard Thorpe III is the owner and operator of Mesa T Ranch, headquartered in Winters, Texas. Thorpe currently serves as the First Vice President of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, and he became a TSCRA director in March 2006.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority is accepting bids on a 2,000+ square foot house located approximately 1 mile south of Munday on US Hwy. 277. Central H/A, City Water, 2 car garage with approx. 1 acre land.

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The family of Dorothy Carver would like to express our gratitude to the Knox County Hospital, the Munday Nursing Center, the Methodist Church, the Believers Chapel, and all the special care given to Dorothy. The food, flowers, donations, cards, and community support during this time have been greatly appreciated.

The family of Dorothy Carver

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Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

It's Sunday night and a distant rumble of thunder in the north gives us a little hope that we may have some showers on the way. We could use some more rain as these few hot days have begun to sap the moisture out of the ground and many yards are losing that lush green look of a few weeks ago. But with the exception of a few days, the temperatures have not been that bad this entire summer.

School preparation continues and by the time the actual start day gets here, everything should be in place for another year. Football practice began last Monday and we have several boys out for football this year. The team will be made up of freshmen and sophomores so the games may be interesting, however, a young team develops into a more mature one so if we have a little trouble this year, we can look forward to the upcoming years when a more experienced group will be playing. It's just going to be great to have a team. That's what we think of in the fare - good football games.

Most of the news this week is about our ailing friends. There are a number of those who have been ill but thankfully are on the mend.

Imagean Young has been in Knox County Hospital since Thursday. Just felt bad and needed a rest, but a couple of days after she was admitted she was diagnosed with pneumonia. But she's pretty well over that and is hoping to come home the early part of the week.

Linda Griffith was dismissed from Covenant Hospital in Lubbock on Friday after being there about a week with a blood clot. She will stay in Lubbock a couple of weeks to be near her doctors while they are trying to get all her medicines regulated. I talked to her tonight and she's feeling great and that's good news.

Randolph Barnett is recuperating from a brown recluse spider bite. He was working around his place and got bit, but didn't realize how serious it was at first. But did go to the doctor later and got some medical attention and his doing OK now.

I saw Fred Carver on Saturday and he says he's improving every day. Still seeing the therapist but certainly not having the trouble he was for several weeks.

Betty Bohannon is recovering nicely from her cataract surgery last Tuesday. Just can't do the things they tell us all not to do after such surgery. She goes for her follow-up checkup Tuesday.

Tres Pierce is back at work after his recent

ordeal with his shoulder, arm and hand. He just had a terrible infection and doctors had a time getting it cleared up but he's doing fine now and very thankful he's able to be back at his regular routine.

Carol Dickson told me she's just doing fine and very thankful for that. She's at the quilt shop every day and enjoying every minute of it.

Corrine Parrish is doing pretty well. Some days are better than others but at 92 years of age, I guess one can expect some "ups and downs" but she still lives alone and manages pretty well most days.

Mike Jackson had his surgery last Tuesday and is doing great. Wasn't even in ICU following his surgery—just went right back to his room and so far, so good. That is wonderful news. He hopes to be home this week.

Janice Tolson was in Lubbock one day last week and I think got a favorable report from her cardiologist. Think she may have to have some more stints later but that news did not come from her. Another source reported that to me. Buddy is having his colon surgery tomorrow (Monday) in Abilene and of course, we do wish him well.

James Jackson will get the result of his stress test on Friday. He thinks it will be OK as he didn't have any trouble with it. He said their son, Daniel will see the same cardiologist on Friday. He's having some slight problem and with football season coming up, doctors thought is ought to be checked out, if for nothing else, the peace of mind one gets from knowing all is OK.

My sincere sympathies to the family and friends of Jo Nell Moon today. Jo Nell passed away on Saturday after several years of failing health. She worked at Osborne's in Munday many years and she was always ready to help when you entered their door. At this time, her funeral is pending.

Here 'N There

Debi and Mike Moorhouse and grandson, Dillon Keys were in Dallas Thursday for Dillon to see his kidney doctors. He is having some problems and goes back in September for a follow-up visit.

Cody Propps, student at Tarleton State, was home a couple of days last week. I saw him on Thursday. He's doing fine—same old' Cody—full of life and fun.

Jan Carver and Heather Carver, Bells and Ashburn shopped in Abilene Friday for school clothes. Jan said they got enough to last until winter, a least! That being tax-free weekend, I'm sure the crowds were overwhelming.

The Paperboy

WARNING: Before reading the following, drop your political affiliation off at the door.

I received an email yesterday which posed a good question. I'm going to paraphrase the email to a degree to illustrate a point later in the column.

Use your imagination and imagine I'm writing about your child, grandchild or a child you interact with. I'd say ages 3-8 will suffice for this example. Here we go:

Imagine that you are a child, without Mom or Dad, and you are told you will be going on a journey by foot. A giant game of follow the leader.

Your journey is 1,200 and you will be walking from the Oklahoma/Texas border to Los Angeles, Calif.

By the way, you will have no money and no food or water for your journey.

You will sleep where you can with no protection from the elements.

You will walk up the Caprock, which is a breeze compared to the deserts and Rocky Mountains you will have to traverse.

You will likely have to endure very hazardous conditions as well as a variety of wildlife and probably some landowners that don't like trespassers.

What are the chances a 3-year-old could survive the journey? How about a 6-year-old?

How long would the journey take, assuming you survived?

I have boys 11 and 8 and with describing what I just did, I would not give them a very good chance at survival.

So we are to believe that thousands of children have hiked across Mexico's deserts, jungles and mountains, unac-

panied, with no food and no water, to become Americans?

As a person with common sense, I'm having a hard time with this.

First off, Central and South American children of that age probably have no idea what the United States is.

Second off, there is no way a young child survives that journey without a whole lot of help. Perhaps even a network of cars, trains, horses, etc...

They are being fed and protected.

In other words, there is a system in place to get children from the southern Mexico border to the southern U.S. border. This system is violating the laws of at least two countries and several states.

It has occurred to me that this whole border situation stinks like a week old fish.

Our government is not being honest with us in the very least and the Mexican government must be involved as well.

If I'm right, and this crisis could have and should have been avoided, then those that have used innocent children to further some sort of agenda are sick and vile.

To use babies, including taking them from their mommy and daddy, and placing them in harm's way is one of the worst things I can imagine.

Americans need to be demanding answers. Mexicans need to be demanding answers. Or perhaps our governments are aligned and being run by a very few who circumvent laws to further their agenda.

I believe we are knee deep in corruption involving many countries. We refuse to enforce our own laws and as a result, the system may be irreparable.

Unfortunately, I see it getting far worse before it ever gets better.

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The 501 Paperclip Heist

“Police said they were trying to steal small objects like paperclips.”
 Seriously, that’s a direct quote from television news.

Who steals paperclips?
 Two adults and a juvenile who broke into an elementary school during the night. The incident was breaking news this morning. A TV reporter just added the paperclip part. It’s a developing story.



HANABA MUNN WELCH

I’m guessing there’s much not being said. So it goes. Police often don’t tell reporters everything that’s newsworthy about a crime. Sometimes they withhold certain information to trap suspects, hoping those interrogated will eventually let an incriminating factoid slip that wasn’t on the news. It’s a classic homicide investigation tactic.

If the burgling trio really was just stealing paperclips and other little stuff, why? Did the juvenile hope to get all the items on his

or her back-to-school list without having to shop at the dollar store on tax-free weekend? Makes sense to me.

Back to paperclips.
 The last time I held one was at a recycling station. I removed said clip from some papers before tossing them into the big bin. I kept the paperclip. When I die, I’ll have more paperclips than when I was born. It happens.

Two kinds of people inhabit the earth – those who keep and those who toss paperclips. Put those who steal in a sub-category of those who keep.

Paperclips are a litmus test of who we are in other ways too. Do you know how they work? If so, you are savvier than my late friend John, who described his grasp of all things mechanical as nil. “I’m still trying to figure out how a paperclip works,” he’d often say. He’s the one who didn’t know his dryer had a lint trap.

How many different ways do you use paperclips? Decades ago a paperclip study conducted at Lloyd’s of London revealed most clips there ended up getting used for something besides holding stuff together, for example, cleaning pipes. I read it in Reader’s Digest circa 1960. Make allowances for my less-than-perfect

memory.

GOOGLE PAUSE.
 Sure enough, that old paperclip story appears in recycled form on the website of an Internet preacher. He compares people to paperclips and asserts that we humans, for the most part, are like misused paperclips, meaning we don’t serve our intended purposes in life. Hmmm. That’s a depressing thought.

For the sake of argument, I’d like to say that a paperclip that holds a Christmas ornament on a tree is a loftier paperclip than one that clips a pile of bills together. Preachers who stick to scripture avoid the misapplication of illustrations from worldly sources. Quote me.

Meanwhile, per various Googled sites, I’ve learned the clip study was at Lloyd’s Bank of London, 1958. Somebody somehow tracked the fate of 100,000 paperclips and logged all the various uses, including fingernail and ear cleaning. I remember being appalled at age 11 by the great number of clips swept into the trash. One in five. I’m still appalled.

Better for paperclips to be stolen than trashed.

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Knox County Jail Report

Special to The News-Courier

Below is a list of those arrested within the indicated time and processed through The Knox County Jail:

**June 16, 2014
Through August 6, 2014**

1. Tucker, Jimmy, 6/17/14, DOB 9/17/76, Dwli W/ Previous Conviction, (M-B) Baylor County
2. Lawson, Jack Tanner, 6/17/14, DOB 10/16/87, Burglary Of Habitation, (F-2) Arrested In Lubbock County (Knox County Warrant)
3. Hays, Nathan Alan, 6/17/14, Dob 8/9/80, Dwli W/Previous Conviction, Knox County
4. Lynch, James E., 6/18/14, Fta: Criminal Trespass, (M-B) Arrested In Lubbock County, (Knox County Warrant) Bond Forfeiture: Possess Controlled Substance (F-3) Lubbock County Warrant/Hold (Knox County)
5. Kingston, Kylie, 6/19/14, DOB 11/2/92, Burglary Of Building (Sjf) Knox County
6. Ramirez, Traycee, 6/19/14, Dob 3/6/81, Disorderly Conduct (M-C) Knox County
7. Hamilton, Octavies, 6/19/14, DOB 12/13/79, Disorderly Conduct, (M-C) Knox County
8. Garcia, Paul Jr., 6/20/14, DOB 12/22/1970, Parole Violation: Delivery Of Cocaine (F-1) Knox County
9. Lara, Aniseto Bernal Jr., 6/20/14, DOB 4/8/67, Fail To Register/Sex Offender W/ Prior Conviction (F-2) Baylor County
10. Mcguire, Lorrie, 6/25/14, DOB 4/13/67, Forgery, (Sjf) Haskell County Warrant (Knox County)
11. Gutierrez, Savannah, 6/28/14, DOB 10/29/84, Traffic Warrants X 3 (M-C) Knox County
12. Hamblin, Steven, 6/28/14, DOB 12/08/82, Probation Violation: Possess Marijuana (Sjf) Parker County Warrant (Baylor County)
13. Rogers, Gary, 7/3/14, DOB 7/22/93, Burglary Of Building, (Sjf) Knox County
14. Ramirez, Traycee, 7/6/14, DOB 3/6/81, Terroristic Threat (M-A) Knox County
15. Gutierrez, Savannah Nicole, 7/10/14, DOB 10/29/84, Assault Causing Bodily Injury (M-A), Fta: Terroristic Threat (M-A) Haskell County Warrants (Knox County)
16. Sturgeon, Laramey, 7/8/14, DOB 9/9/90, Forgery (Sjf) Criminal Trespass, (M-B) Baylor County Warrants
17. Sturgeon, Laramey, 7/15/14, DOB 9/9/90, Criminal Trespass (M-B), Mtr: Interfere W/Emergency Call (M-A) Baylor County
18. Wallace, Traci, 7/15/14, DOB 5/17/66, Possession Of Controlled Substance (F-2), Possession Of Controlled Substance (Sjf) Foard County
19. Latham, Christopher, 7/16/14, DOB 10/30/86, Criminal Mischief (Sjf) Baylor County
20. Wright, Angela, 7/16/14, DOB 10/18/79, Silent/ Abusive Calls Calls To 911, (M-B) Baylor County
21. Thomas, John, 7/16/14, DOB 1/13/75, Parole Violation/Mtr, , Baylor County
22. Ford, Richard, 7/17/14, DOB 12/26/65, Parole Violation, Foard County
23. Reese, Jordan, 7/17/14, DOB 9/8/85, Mtr: Dwi, (Sjf) Knox County
24. Campbell, Bobby Jr., 7/17/14, DOB 1/8/59, Dwli (M-B) Baylor County
25. Rogers, Gregory Wayne, 7/17/14, DOB 7/3/88, Cruelty To Non-Livestock Animals/Failure To Provide (M-A) Baylor County
26. Kirk, Perry L., 7/19/14, DOB 7/13/83, Public Intoxication (M-C) Knox County
27. Navarrette, Michael Paul, 7/22/14, DOB 6/23/80, Possess Marijuana (M-B) Dwli (M-A) Knox County
28. Strebeck, Lionel, 7/23/14, 9/21/55, Unlawful Possession Of Firearm By Felon, (F-3) Baylor County Warrant (Knox County)

29. Freeman, Jack, 7/24/14, 3/5/80, Insufficient Bond: Unlawful Possession Of Firearm, (F-3) (Stonewall County Warrant) Knox County
30. Castaneda, Miguel, 7/24/14, DOB 10/13/81, Theft (M-B) Arrested By Irving Pd (Knox County Warrant)
31. Tole, Jeffrey Nolan, 7/28/14, DOB 8/20/71, Tampering/Fabricating Physical Evidence, (F-3) Foard County
32. Pope, Ray Vonn, 7/29/14, DOB 8/24/93, No Drivers License, (M-C) Baylor County
33. Thomas, Corey, 7/30/14, DOB 7/9/90, Mtr: Possess Dangerous Drugs (M-A) Knox County
34. Casillas, Charles 7/30/14, DOB 9/17/81, Mtr: Dwi, (M-B) Arrested In Haskell County (Knox County)
35. Castorena, Robert, 7/31/14, DOB 12/1/82, Assault Causing Bodily Injury (M-A) Knox County
36. Sipe, Freddie Joe, 8/1/14, DOB 12/23/83, Forgery (Sjf) Baylor County
37. Johnson, April, 8/2/14, DOB 4/25/70, TBC (M-B) Attested In Taylor County (Knox County Warrant)
38. Wilburn, Michael Warren, 8/3/14, DOB 5/8/93, Public Intoxication (M-C) Knox County
39. Byrd, Joshua, 8/4/14, DOB 5/19/82, Fail To ID/Give False Identification, (M-B), Judgment Nisi/ Failure To Id, (M-B) Arrested In Cooke County (Knox County Warrant)
40. Sipe, Freddie Joe, 8/5/14, DOB 12/23/83, Burglary Of Building (Sjf) Baylor County
41. Shelton, Jessie Dewayne, 8/5/14, DOB 12/24/85, Theft (M-A) Baylor County

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Museum News

The Munday Event Center in Munday, located at 121 E. Dallas St. (East side of Birch St.-Business US 277, by the Grain Elevator) will be the place to be on Saturday, September 6, at 8 p.m. The Wichita Brazos Museum will have their annual garage sale that day, plus those delicious hamburgers and homemade cookies for lunch.

At 8 a.m. Friday morning Sept. 5, the Friends of Knox County Historical Commission will be setting up the sale items and pricing them. If you have items to deliver, you can bring them that morning, or let a Museum board member know if we need to pick up items that you cannot deliver. There is always a lot to do on set-up Friday, so if you can help arrange table displays, or bring in your donations that morning, you will be a "Friend of a KCHC Friend".

People of Knox County and people with Knox County ties from other areas have always been super generous with donations for the annual garage sale to support the Museum and their projects. The leftover items will be donated to Good Will, so all the items will be put to good use. Most any item you see at all garage sales except clothing will be available.

Also, don't forget the coming events. The Adolph Bayers Showcase, at the Wichita Brazos Museum on Saturday, October 18, featuring private and family collections of spurs, bits, jewelry and other items made by the master bit and spur maker from Knox County, and the annual Veterans Day program and hamburger meal on November 11.

For more information, call 940-459-2229, Tuesday - Friday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Knox County Sports Calendar

Thursday, Aug. 14

Munday Varsity volleyball in Bryson Tournament
Knox City JV, Varsity, volleyball at Harrold Tournament

Friday, Aug. 15

Munday JV volleyball in Bryson Tournament
Munday Varsity football scrimmage at Hawley
Knox City football scrimmage with Harrold, Paducah, White Deer

Saturday, Aug. 16

Munday Varsity volleyball in Bryson Tournament

Tuesday, Aug. 19

Munday 9th, JV, Varsity volleyball vs. Aspermont
Knox City 9th, JV, Varsity volleyball at Post

Thursday, Aug. 21

Munday Varsity football vs. Roscoe
Knox City Varsity football scrimmage vs. Guthrie, Valley at Valley

Friday, Aug. 22

Munday Varsity volleyball at Graham Tournament

Saturday, Aug. 23

Munday Varsity volleyball at Graham Tournament
Munday JV volleyball vs. Knox City JV, Northside JV
Knox City JV, Varsity volleyball vs. Munday, Northside

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TxDOT Back to School Driving Tips

For The News-Courier

The end of summer means millions of Texas children will soon return to school. TxDOT reminds drivers to be extra cautious as school zones become more active.

Last year, 625 vehicle crashes occurred in school zones in Texas, resulting in two deaths and 112 serious injuries. August and September of 2013 alone saw 104 crashes in school zones. The most common factors contributing to these crashes were driver inattention, failure to control speed and failure to yield the right-of-way at stop signs.

Following these simple tips can help Texas children reach school safely and help drivers avoid costly fines and tickets.

Tips for Driving in School Zones
Put away your cell phone. Cell phone use is banned in active school zones, and violators face fines of up to \$200 in school zones where signs are posted. Always obey school zone speed limit signs. Remember, traffic fines usually double in school zones. Drop off and pick up your children in your school's designated areas, not the middle of the street. Keep an eye on children gathered at bus stops. Be alert for children who might dart

across the street or between vehicles on their way to school.

Tips for Children Walking or Biking to School

Always cross at intersections and designated crosswalks. Look left, right and then left again before proceeding.

Look for traffic when stepping off a bus or from behind parked cars.

Make eye contact with drivers before crossing the street.

Always obey crossing guards.

Always wear a helmet when riding a bicycle.

Tips for Sharing the Road with School Buses

Always stop for flashing red lights on a school bus, regardless of which direction you're headed.

If you are on the other side of a divided highway, you do not have to stop for a bus with flashing red lights, but please still use caution as children are around.

School buses stop at all railroad crossings, so be prepared to stop if you are behind a bus.

Watch for children who might run across the street as they get on or off the bus.

Visit <http://www.txdot.gov/driver/kids-teens/school.html> for campaign downloads and more information, and check us out on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/TxDOT>.

Knox County Aging Center Menu

August 18-22

Monday: Tilapia w/Lemon Slices, Whole Kernel Corn, Slaw, Hushpuppies, Fruit Cup.

Tuesday: Lasagna, Peas, Salad, Garlic Sticks, Pears.

Wednesday: Ham & Beans, Spinach, Corn, Cornbread, Country Apple Crisp.

Thursday: Chicken Spaghetti, Carrots, Zucchini, Garlic Toast, Banana Pudding.

Friday: Hot Dog On A Bun, Baked Potato, Sour Cream, Seasoned Broccoli, Oatmeal Cookie

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



Recommended Reading

"Seconds" by Bryan Lee O'Malley (Ballantine, \$25) Reviewed by Ealish Waddell

It seems like Katie's life should be pretty great: She's a celebrated chef at the most popular eatery in town, and she's slowly moving forward on her dream of opening her own restaurant. But she's currently having a really bad day: Her ex shows up out of nowhere, her fling just broke up with her, and worst of all, a co-worker is badly burned in an accident that was her fault.

And so, stressed and angst-ridden, when she wakes up in the middle of the night to find a set of cryptic instructions in her dresser -- "write your mistake, ingest one mushroom, go to sleep" -- she does. And in the morning none of the terrible things seem to have ever happened at all.

At first Katie is thrilled, if a little weirded out. Then she stumbles across more mushrooms, and new problems to use them on. Human nature being what it is, soon every complication leads to a

mushroom and a brand new do-over. But of course, trying to fix one thing often just makes two other things worse. As Katie rewrites her entire history one blunder at a time, the changes and consequences grow greater and reach farther. Her revisions are affecting more lives than just her own -- and may even be changing all of reality itself.

"Seconds" is an enchanting graphic novel, a dreamy yet lively fairy tale about the irresistible appeal of second chances. O'Malley, author of the best-selling "Scott Pilgrim" comic series, imbues his signature bold, big-eyed style with a delicate magical realism, a blend that works with surprising power.

The story is reminiscent of ancient folktales but spiced with a uniquely modern sense of sass, as well as the warning that things that seem to magically appear just when you want them may not have anything to do with what you really need.

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Donna's Day: Creative Family Fun

By Donna Erickson

"Go to the Moon" Fun Travel Game

Kristina Zajic, speech pathologist and mom of 8-year-old Aisha and 10-year-old Elizabeth, loves bins. She has sand-toy bins, Barbie bins, ball bins, pretend-toy bins, office-supply bins and even nail-polish bins. "When I walk into Target and see a new color, I'm inspired to have the fresh look for the season," she said. "That's why I snapped up two bright travel-size bins for my daughters before our three-hour car trip to stay in their grandparents' fifth-wheel RV at a campsite."

For no-tech car-trip entertainment, she filled the bins with new sunglasses, treats and plenty of challenging card games, activity books and art supplies. "My oldest daughter does get carsick," she confessed. "That's when the girls put reading and card games on hold for a while, and we play brain games together. The miles and twisty curves fly by."

Here's a word game that's fun for school-age kids and adults to play together in the car or however you travel. My daughter taught it to us on a winter car trip. "Go to the Moon" got us through snowstorms, slippery mountain roads and being asked one too many times, "Are we there yet?"

"GO TO THE MOON"

The person who is "It" thinks of three things that have something in common,

such as a mango, pineapple and papaya (all tropical fruits). "It" then says to the other players, "I'm going to the moon and taking along a mango, a pineapple and a papaya. Who wants to come with me?" Given the clues, the first player tries to figure out what the items have in common, then names a fourth item that fits the category, such as "banana." Another, more complex example might be, "I'm going to the moon and taking along the Twins, the White Sox and the Tigers" (all professional baseball teams). A fourth item that would fit could be the Royals.

If the item fits, "It" responds, "You may come with me." The next player names an item. If the player names an item that doesn't fit, he or she may try again on the next turn. When everyone finally learns the common element, the round is over.

Topics can be as simple or as complicated as you choose. Try to accommodate even the youngest in the family when playing.

Donna Erickson's award-winning series "Donna's Day" is airing on public television nationwide. To find more of her creative family recipes and activities, visit www.donnasday.com and link to the NEW Donna's Day Facebook fan page. Her latest book is "Donna Erickson's Fabulous Funstuff for Families."

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USDA Notifies Producers on Acreage History and Yields

For The News-Courier

Written notifications from USDA are underway to farmers that provide updates on their current base acres, yields and 2009-2012 planting history.

Please cross check the letter from USDA with your farm records. If the information is correct, no further action is needed at this time, but if our letter is incomplete or incorrect, contact your local FSA office as soon as possible.

Verifying the accuracy of data on a farm's acreage history is a required early step for enrolling in the upcoming Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) program and the Price Loss Coverage (PLC) program. Later this summer, farmers and ranchers will have an opportunity to update their crop yield information and reallocate base acres.

By mid-winter all producers on a farm

will be required to make a one-time, unanimous and irrevocable election between price protection and county revenue protection or individual revenue protection for 2014-2018 crop years. Producers can expect to sign contracts for ARC or PLC for the 2014 and 2015 crop years in the spring of 2015.

Covered commodities include barley, canola, large and small chickpeas, corn, crambe, flaxseed, grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, dry peas, rapeseed, long grain rice, medium grain rice (includes short grain rice and temperate japonica rice), safflower seed, sesame, soybeans, sunflower seed, and wheat. Upland cotton is no longer a covered commodity.

Visit www.fsa.usda.gov or the local FSA office for information about FSA and the 2014 Farm Bill programs.

Cotton Transition Assistance Program Enrollment Underway

For The News-Courier

Farmers can enroll in the Cotton Transition Assistance Program (CTAP) through Oct. 7, 2014.

The program, created by the 2014 Farm Bill, provides interim payments to cotton producers during the 2014 crop year until the Stacked Income

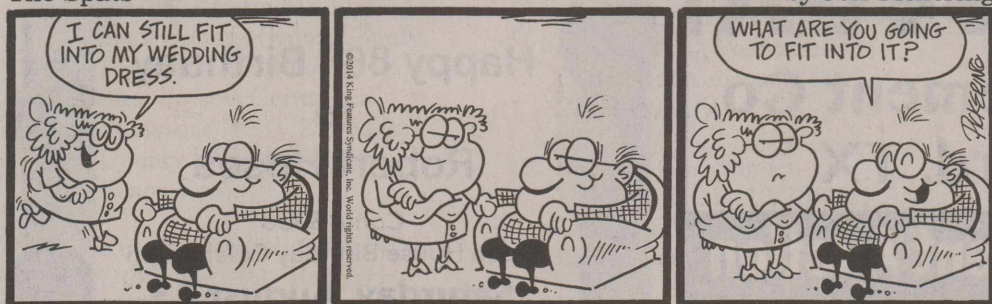
Protection Plan, a new insurance product also created by the legislation, is available. Details on the plan will be released by mid-August.

CTAP applications approved before Oct. 1, are subject to congressionally mandated automatic reductions of 7.2 percent for the 2014 crop year. Applications approved

after Oct. 1 will be reduced to the required 7.3 percent for the 2015 crop year. The Budget Control Act of 2011 requires USDA to implement these reductions to program payments.

For more information about CTAP, visit a local FSA office or go online to www.fsa.usda.gov.

The Spats



A driver drove from Alton to Bixley at 28 mph to cover 80 miles. On her return journey, she drove at 35 mph. What was her average speed for the whole trip?

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The answer is 31.5 mph.
avg. speed = total distance / total time
total time = 80 / 28 + 80 / 35 = 3.67 + 2.29 = 5.96 hours
total distance = 160 miles
avg. speed = 160 / 5.96 = 31.5 mph

Sticklers Answer

50-280 (Rev. 9-06/2)
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The _____ Munday Consolidated Independent School District _____ will hold a public meeting at _____ 12:00pm, Thursday August 28, 2014 in _____ the Board Room of the Administration _____ Building _____.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax \$ 1.17 /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax _____ /\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters \$ 0.00 /\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget
The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	5	% increase	or	N/A	% (decrease)
Debt service	N/A	% increase	or	N/A	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	N/A	% increase	or	N/A	% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value
(as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 134,780,300	\$ 158,867,600
Total appraised value** of new property**	\$ 315,160	\$ 6,506,400
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 54,733,520	\$ 66,166,720
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 315,160	\$ 6,506,400

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness
Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 0

* Outstanding principal.

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Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.1700	\$ 0.0000 *	\$ 1.1700	\$ 1,702	\$ 8,886
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.1357	\$ 0.0000 *	\$ 1.1357	\$ 1,818	\$ 8,958
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.1700	\$ 0.0000 *	\$ 1.1700	\$ 1,873	\$ 9,113

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 30,357	\$ 31,349
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 15,357	\$ 16,349
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.1700	\$ 1.1700
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 179.68	\$ 191.28
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 11.60

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.17. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.17.

Fund Balances
The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 545,907
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ N/A

50-280 (Rev. 9-06/2)
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The _____ Benjamin I.S.D. _____ will hold a public meeting at _____ 7:00 p.m., August 25, 2014 _____ in _____ Benjamin ISD Library -300 Hays Street _____ Benjamin, Texas _____.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax \$ 1.1700 /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax _____ /\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters \$ 0.00 /\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget
The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	.0077	% increase	or	0.00	% (decrease)
Debt service	0.00	% increase	or	0.00	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	.0077	% increase	or	0.00	% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value
(as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 225,005,580	\$ 284,330,730
Total appraised value** of new property**	\$ 539,770	\$ 24,458,770
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 29,449,020	\$ 53,154,790
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 539,770	\$ 24,458,770

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness
Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 0.00

* Outstanding principal.

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Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.1700	\$ 0.00 *	\$ 1.1700	\$ 6,629	\$ 13,831
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.14332	\$ 0.00 *	\$ 1.14332	\$ 6,717	\$ 14,417
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.1700	\$ 0.000 *	\$ 1.1700	\$ 6,876	\$ 14,569

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 27,429	\$ 28,142
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 12,429	\$ 13,142
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.1700	\$ 1.1700
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 145.42	\$ 153.76
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 8.34

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.1700. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.1700.

Fund Balances
The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 942,372
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0.000

Low-Interest Loans Can Help Producers Start or Expand Farms

For The News-Courier

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) today announced that farmers and ranchers still have time to apply for low interest 2014 loans available through FSA's direct farm ownership program. The deadline to submit applications is Sept. 30, 2014.

Eligible producers can borrow up to \$300,000 in direct farm ownership loans to buy or enlarge a farm, construct new farm buildings or improve structures, pay closing costs, or promote soil and water conservation and protection. The interest rate on select loans can be as low as 1.5 percent with up to 40 years to repay.

FSA encourages all interested applicants to apply for direct farm ownership loans. For more information about the program and other loans administered by FSA, visit any FSA county office or www.fsa.usda.gov. For local FSA Service Center contact information, visit <http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app>

Now Here's a Tip

By JoAnn Derson

- Line your pots and pans with plain paper coffee filters to reduce scratches. Replace as needed.

- To keep clothing on the hanger in your closet, try the thin, velvet-lined ones. If you can't find them, add strips of rubber shelf liner to the tops of your hangers, secured with a little duct tape or safety pins.

- If you have solar lights that stick in the ground, you're going to love this: Grab one right out of the ground and flip a flowerpot over, stick it into the hole in the

bottom of the pot, and you've got a nice little table lamp. Great if the power goes out!

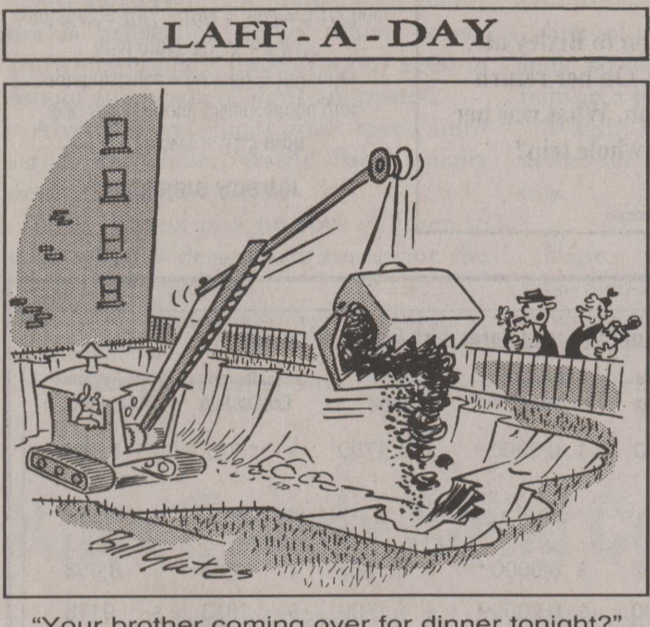
- Here's an easy and healthy way to add moisture and fiber to your burgers or meatballs: oatmeal. Add instead of package bread crumbs, which can include way too much unnecessary sugar or oils. The oats keep the meat nice and moist.

- Fruit salad can be frozen in small portions in the wells of a muffin tin. Press down and include juices. When frozen, it can be removed and the resulting frozen cups put in a freezer safe bag for use in smoothies later.

- Tank tops or scarves can be stored on a hanger to which you've attached plastic shower rings. Simply thread the scarf or the tank straps through the ring. They make a nice presentation, and you can fit many on the same hanger.

Send your tips to Now Here's a Tip, c/o King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475 or e-mail JoAnn at heresatip@yahoo.com.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Knox City-O'Brien CISD will hold a public meeting at 7:00 p.m. August 28, 2014 in Knox City-O'Brien CISD School Administration Office 608 East Main Street, Knox City, Texas 79529. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$ 1.17	/ \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$ 0.065	/ \$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	1.18	% increase	or		% (decrease)
Debt service		% increase	or	3.84	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	1.03	% increase	or		% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 181,055,730	\$ 182,160,820
Total appraised value** of new property**	\$ 110,880	\$ 890,510
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 98,810,073	\$ 113,482,542
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 110,880	\$ 890,510

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
 ** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
 *** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 255,000.00

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.17000	\$ 0.06500 *	\$ 1.23500	\$ 4,774	\$ 6,475
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.13591	\$ 0.05889 *	\$ 1.19480	\$ 4,526	\$ 6,658
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.17000	\$ 0.06500 *	\$ 1.23500	\$ 4,687	\$ 7,051

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 27,161	\$ 32,139
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 12,161	\$ 17,139
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.2350	\$ 1.2350
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 150.18	\$ 211.67
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 61.49

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.23500. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.23500.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 2,787,972.00
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0.00

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OTHER DETAILS

Ability to be work in the elements.

Birding BITS BY Cindy Brook

Feeding Fledglings

Keep it simple when feeding baby birds. White proso millet, whole-grain bread, unsalted peanuts, safflower seed and sunflower heart chips are just a few food items young fliers love. If you toss seed on the ground, make sure it's near a brush pile or bushes so birds can easily take cover.

E-mail: birdingbits@cfl.rr.com
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Here's Credit 101 for Your College Freshman

By Jason Alderman
For The News-Courier

To parents with a freshman entering college this fall: You're probably expecting to shell out major bucks for tuition, room and board and a million other necessities over the next few years. But before you send your kid off, make sure you share one gift likely to steer him or her along the road to financial security — a sound understanding of how credit works.

You probably learned the hard way yourself that young adults encounter many unfamiliar expenses — and temptations — upon entering college or the workforce. So it's important to help your kids avoid early financial missteps that could damage their credit for years to come.

The first step in managing personal finances is mastering the basic checking account and debit card. A few tips you can pass along:

Look for a bank or credit union that charges no monthly usage fee, requires no minimum balance and has conveniently located ATMs so you don't rack up foreign ATM charges.

Enter all transactions in a check register or in a budgeting tool like Mint.com and review your account online at least weekly to verify when deposits, checks, purchases and automatic payments have cleared.

Avoid writing checks

or making debit card transactions unless your current balance will cover them — such transactions often clear instantly.

A good way to build sound credit is to demonstrate responsible credit card use. But people under age 21 must have a parent or other responsible adult cosign credit card accounts unless they can prove sufficient income to repay the debt. So how can parents help their kids begin building a credit history if they can't open their own account? A couple of alternatives:

Make them an authorized user on one of your accounts. They'll get their own card and you can usually restrict the amount they're able to charge. Authorized users are not legally responsible to pay balances owed — that's your responsibility, so tread carefully.

You can add them as a joint account holder to a new or existing account — preferably, one with a small credit limit. Joint account holders are equally liable to pay off the account.

Just remember, any account activity, good or bad, goes on both your credit reports, so careful account monitoring is critical.

If your kids haven't yet demonstrated financial maturity they may not be ready for an unsecured credit card or loan. Other alternatives include:

A secured credit card, where users can charge up

to the amount deposited to open the account. Purchases are charged against the account's revolving credit limit. As they pay off the balance the available credit rises, just like a regular credit card. After a period of on-time payments, ask the lender to convert it to an unsecured card, or to at least add an unsecured amount to the account.

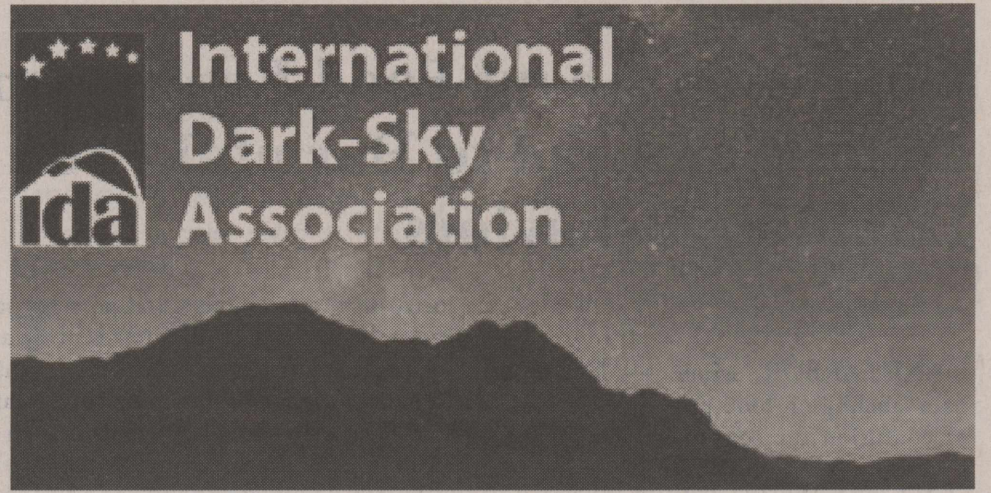
A prepaid debit card, where you load the card with money in advance and they use the card for purchases or ATM withdrawals. You monitor account activity online or by phone.

With each, fees and restrictions may apply so shop around for the best terms.

If you need help educating your kids about personal financial management, a good resource is What's My Score (www.whatsmyscore.org), a financial literacy program for young adults run by Visa Inc. It features a comprehensive workbook called Money 101: A Crash Course in Better Money Management, which can be downloaded for free.

Bottom line: Getting your kids off on the right foot, credit-wise, can make all the difference to their future financial health.

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



Copper Breaks Achieves International 'Dark Sky' Status

For The News-Courier

TUCSON, Ariz. — Texas state parks remain among the few public places in one of the nation's most populous and increasingly urbanized states where the starry heavens can be viewed in all their celestial glory with the minimal intrusion of artificial light. Copper Breaks State Park in the Panhandle Plains and Enchanted Rock State Natural Area in the Hill Country are the first Texas state parks to be designated International Dark Sky Parks by the International Dark-Sky Association.

Copper Breaks and Enchanted Rock, which were awarded the highest "Gold-tier" night skies status by IDA, join Big Bend National Park and the City of Dripping Springs as the only locations in Texas to have earned the coveted Dark Sky Places recognition. Since 1988, the non-profit, Tucson-based organization has been promoting night sky conservation and environmentally responsible outdoor lighting throughout the world.

"Texas is rapidly becoming a national leader in the dark sky movement," says John Barentine, manager of IDA's Dark Sky Places Program. "There are some really dedicated folks in Texas' parks and communities taking significant steps to protect the night skies and educate policymakers and the public about the importance of preserving one of the state's most precious natural resources."

Since IDA established the Dark Sky Places Program in 2001 to recognize excellent stewardship of the night sky, eight Communities, 19 Parks and eight Reserves have received IDA recognition.

For many years, Texas state parks in rural areas, such as Copper Breaks and Enchanted Rock, have conducted regular star-gazing programs and events to engage and educate the public about the importance of preserving pristine night skies that make the viewing of constellations, planets, stars, satellites and other objects possible. In recent years, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department started recognizing the impact of urban sprawl and resulting light pollution on many of its 95 state parks and is developing policies and lighting management plans to address the issue. Texas State Parks leadership is partnering with the McDonald Observatory and the Texas chapter of the IDA to audit the night skies above the parks and implement their recommendations.

"One of our most valued attributes in Texas is its natural beauty," says Texas State Parks Director Brent Leisure. "This beauty is not limited to the light of day, but extends into the night sky where Texans can enjoy a front-row seat to the splendor of the universe. State

parks and natural areas offer some of our very best public venues to experience this heavenly show."

Management at both Copper Breaks and Enchanted Rock underwent a lengthy IDA application process to document the sites' dark sky attributes and outline steps already taken to comply with dark-sky best practices, as well as to show wide support from TPWD leadership, local governments, park Friends Groups and community conservation and astronomical organizations. The applications had to be favorably reviewed by the IDA's Dark Sky Places Committee and subsequently approved by the association's board of directors for the parks to attain the coveted Dark Sky Park designation. Other Texas state parks, including Big Bend Ranch State Park in far West Texas, have applied or are in the process of applying for Dark Sky status.

Copper Breaks State Park, located 13 miles south of Quanah and 22 miles south of the Oklahoma border, has for 19 years capitalized on its superb celestial assets by hosting Star Walks and other astronomy programs, according to park superintendent David Turner. Turner says the park replaced many of its outdoor lights with more efficient, low-light fixtures and retrofitted others to keep light from emanating upward, helping keep night skies darker and lowering energy bills.

Similarly, Enchanted Rock, named for its giant pink granite dome rising from the Llano Uplift 15 miles north of Fredericksburg, reduced manmade glare, benefiting star parties introduced to park visitors in 2011. Superintendent Doug Cochran says 90 percent of Enchanted Rock's lighting now complies with IDA lighting requirements, "not only saving energy, but also assuring that visitors from the city experience a night sky uninterrupted by bright lights and skyscrapers."

To learn more about stargazing opportunities in Texas state parks and night sky darkness ratings as measured by the Bortle Scale, visit: http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/spdest/programs/dark_skies/.

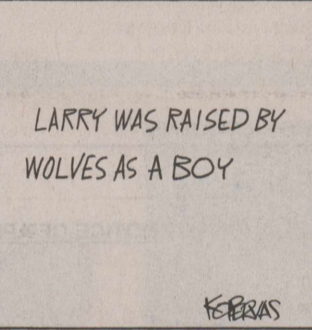
For more information about the International Dark Sky Places Program, visit <http://www.darksky.org/international-dark-sky-places/about-ids-places>. More information about light pollution and the negative effects of light on visibility, wildlife, human health and energy use is available on the IDA website at <http://www.darksky.org>.

To view downloadable, dark-sky images recorded in Texas State Parks, visit: http://tpwd.texas.gov/newsmedia/news_images/?g=dark_skies

Out on a Limb



by Gary Kopervas



Notice of Effective Tax Rate

2014 Property Tax Rates in KNOX COUNTY HOSPITAL
(insert year) (insert taxing unit name)

This notice concerns 2014 property tax rates for KNOX COUNTY HOSPITAL
(insert year) (insert taxing unit name)

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

Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 680,358.00
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0.00
Last year's total taxes	\$ 680,358.00
Last year's tax base	\$ 182,031,390.00
Last year's total tax rate	\$.37415 /\$100

This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 676,899.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 199,108,100.00
= This year's effective tax rate (Maximum rate unless taxing unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)	\$.33996 /\$100

In the first year a hospital district collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year:	
- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ 0.000 /\$100
= Effective tax rate	\$ 0.000 /\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred functions, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandates, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	
	\$ 676,899.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 199,108,100.00
= This year's effective operating rate	\$.33996 /\$100
x 1.00 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$.36717 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ 0.000 /\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$.36717 /\$100

A hospital district that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collects the tax for the first time this year must insert the following lines:	
- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ 0.00 /\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$ 0.00 /\$100

For a taxing unit with additional rollback rate for pollution control, insert the following lines:	
+ Additional rollback rate for pollution control	\$ 0.00 /\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$ 0.00 /\$100

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at:

Insert address KNOX COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT / KNOX COUNTY COURTHOUSE
Name of person preparing this notice MITZI WELCH
Title TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR
Date prepared AUGUST 11, 2014

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If <u>KNOX COUNTY HOSPITAL</u> (name of taxing unit) adopts a <u>2014</u> (current year) tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$ <u>.33996</u> (unit's effective tax rate) per \$100 of value, taxes would <u>DECREASE</u> (increase or decrease) compared to <u>2013</u> (previous year) taxes by \$ <u>0.03</u> (amount of increase or decrease)

50-818 (05-14/2)

NOTICE OF 2015 TAX YEAR PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR KNOX

(insert current tax year) (insert name of county or municipality)

A tax rate of \$ 0.67905 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of KNOX COUNTY

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$ <u>0.67905</u> per \$100
PRECEDING YEAR'S TAX RATE	\$ <u>0.74765</u> per \$100
EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	\$ <u>0.67905</u> per \$100

The effective tax rate is the total tax rate needed to raise the same amount of property tax revenue for KNOX COUNTY from the same properties in both the 2013/2014 tax year and the 2014/2015 tax year.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE RATES CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

property tax amount = (rate) x (taxable value of your property) / 100

For assistance or detailed information about tax calculations, please contact:

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Confusion About Food Expiration Dates Can Lead to Harmful Food Handling Behaviors

For The News-Courier

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Expiration date labeling on food products is a source of confusion for consumers according to a new survey from NSF International, a global public health and safety organization. The survey found that people are confused about how to interpret dates on food packaging such as expiration, "best used by" and "sell by" dates, causing many to keep some food dangerously long or prematurely throw away good food.

In fact, the survey indicated that one in four (27 percent) Americans don't throw away food by the expiration date, putting themselves, family or friends at risk of foodborne pathogens such as Salmonella, Listeria and E. coli. Additionally, half of Americans surveyed said they throw out food based on the "best used by" and "sell by" dates (51 percent and 36 percent, respectively), wasting both their food and money.

Perhaps because of this confusion, a ma-

majority of the respondents (64 percent) said they rely on the decidedly unscientific and incorrect approach of using their senses to decide when to throw out food. Nearly half (47 percent) use visual cues such as mold or a change in texture or color as an indicator of food's freshness. An additional 17 percent said they will throw away fresh foods based on smell. This behavior can be dangerous because the germs which cause foodborne illness cannot be seen or smelled.

"With so many different types of dates on food packaging, it's understandable that consumers may be confused about what they all mean," said Cheryl Luptowski, home safety expert at NSF International. "Some dates are references for food safety, while other dates are meant to inform the consumer of the food's quality or help retailers be aware of how long to display food. Part of NSF International's mission is to educate consumers about food safety, and our survey results clearly show that more education is needed on the subject."



Photo Courtesy of Oklahoma State University

Duckweed can choke out a pond, and the fish that live in it

For The News-Courier

Fish need a steady supply of oxygen in the water to survive. Without it, pond owners may find their pond surfaces littered with dead fish. Many ponds and lakes throughout the region can be seen with duckweed growing on the surface. While this plant does not typically cause too many problems, if left uncontrolled, it can cover the whole pond and choke its oxygen supply.

Marley Beem, Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension aquaculture specialist, said you should never let any plant entirely cover the surface of a pond.

"When you do that, you're preventing light from getting into the water column, preventing photosynthesis, preventing oxygen production and that leads to fish kills," he said. "In our typical pond, the wind action is usually enough to keep it blown over to the side."

However, duckweed can become a serious problem for ponds located down in a hollow or completely surrounded by

trees, protected from the wind.

"It spreads and reproduces rapidly and covers the entire surface of the pond," Beem said.

Being able to identify the plant and taking some early steps to prevent its spread are essential to the overall health of the pond.

"Get after it early," Beem said. "Once it becomes thick and covers the entire pond to a depth of several inches, you are facing some major labor in trying to thin that out."

Aquatic-safe herbicide treatments are usually a safe bet in management of pond plants. However, herbicides used on land can be toxic to aquatic life, so caution should be taken when putting it in the water.

For help with identification, or herbicide recommendations, contact your local county Extension educator.

Source: Oklahoma State University Division of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources

WAGGONER

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potential buyers.

The ranch, the largest contiguous in the United States, is spread over six North Texas counties, the southern half of Wilbarger, the northern third of Baylor and portions of Knox, Foard, Archer and Wichita, and covers more than 800 square miles.

Dallas-based broker Bernie Uechtritz, who is handling the sale along with fellow broker Sam Middleton of Lubbock, reported the estate includes a 510,000-acre ranch with two main compounds, hundreds of homes, about 20 cowboy camps, hundreds of quarter horses, thousands of heads of cattle, 1,200 oil wells and 30,000 acres of

cultivated land. Heirs and stakeholders occupy two of the three principal houses and much of the estate has not yet been explored for oil and other mineral reserves. Uechtritz adds that the estate falls within a "super asset class," akin to selling the "Statue of Liberty" of cowboy culture.

"What really sets it apart is that all this land has been kept together under one fence by one family for nearly 100 years and its history in the settling of the West," Baskerville added.

A story in Texas Monthly 10 years ago indicated that the seed money for the ranch came in 1869, when William Thomas (W.T.), the son of Dan, took a herd of 5,000 cattle to Abilene, Kan., and netted a profit of \$55,000. After Dan died, W.T. moved the

ranch headquarters to Vernon, but kept a Victorian mansion in Decatur. He built his daughter Electra a Georgian revival home in Fort Worth in 1903 when he feared she might move after getting married. W.T. built Arlington Downs Racetrack in Arlington - where Six Flags of Texas now located - and a 20-story office building that still stands in downtown Fort Worth. He died in 1934.

W.T.'s granddaughter, Electra Waggoner Biggs, filed a lawsuit in 1991 seeking the liquidation of the family estate, spurring the long family feud. She died in 2001. A district judge ruled in favor of liquidation in 2003, but A.B. "Bucky" Wharton III, one of the primary stockholders, filed an appeal.

MERGER

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Whitney, Texas, Citizens State Bank of Princeton, Texas, with and into First Bank & Trust of Seymour with that bank being the surviving bank.

The merger is expected to be complete in the fall.

Should the name of First Bank & Trust be adopted at the Memphis location, it should not be confused with First Bank and Trust of Memphis, which is a separate entity. There is also a First Bank and Trust of Childress, which is also a separate entity.

According to the First Bank & Trust website, <http://ftseymour.com>, the bank was established in 1890.

"First Bank & Trust is located at 201 N Washington, Seymour, Texas, with a branch in Matador, Texas, located at 1025 Main Street," according to the site.

"Our goal is to meet the financial needs in our markets by providing quality financial products and services. Our financial products and services include competitive loan and deposit interest rates, direct deposit, debit cards, telephone banking, internet banking, and more. Our employees and their families are involved in churches, schools, and many other community activities. We feel that community involvement and leadership is important to the success of our local economies."

"First Bank & Trust is the lead bank of Baylor Bancshares, Inc. headquartered in Seymour in Baylor County. Baylor Bancshares, Inc. is a four bank holding company with eight locations in seven Texas counties."

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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)**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON KNOX COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUDGET

The KNOX COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT will hold a public hearing on a Proposed Budget for the 2014 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on September 8, 2014, at 5:30 p.m., at the Knox County Appraisal District, Knox County Courthouse, Benjamin, Texas.

At 5:45 p.m. on September 8, 2014, at the Knox County Appraisal District, Knox County Courthouse, Benjamin, Texas the Proposed Budget will be Adopted.

A summary of the Appraisal District Budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget	\$187,010
The total amount of increase over the current year's budget	\$ 0
The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget will be	4 - 1/2 (full time equivalent)
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The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the Knox County Appraisal District. If approved by the Knox County Appraisal District Board of Directors at a public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts and cities and towns served by the appraisal district office.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of these governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

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Mac's Views

Let's support our athletes

Following the lead of fellow editor Kent Mahoney of the Post Dispatch, I



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want to challenge residents here in Knox County to support the young athletes in our schools preparing for the upcoming seasons. On my first day at work here, I was surprised at the low turnouts for the booster club meetings in

Knox City and Munday. I thought there would be more. It takes a lot of effort and coordination from a small group of volunteers, mainly dedicated parents, to handle all the programs in support of the athletes.

It took a little time at both meetings for brave volunteers to step forward and accept the leadership roles, but my hat is off to the following brave souls.

Augie Rodriguez and Mario Abila were elected as president and vice-president in Knox City while Lindsey Eaton and Christie Howart will assist as secretary and

treasurer, respectively.

Kristi Bufkin, long-time leader of the booster club in Munday, will stay on as secretary, and agreed to assist new president Sam Hunter and vice-president Crystal Zeissel during the transition.

Other parents should consider stepping forward to give all of them a helping hand by joining the booster club or supporting the different fund-raising projects.

Look in upcoming issues of the Knox County News-Courier for the latest information on all sports activities.



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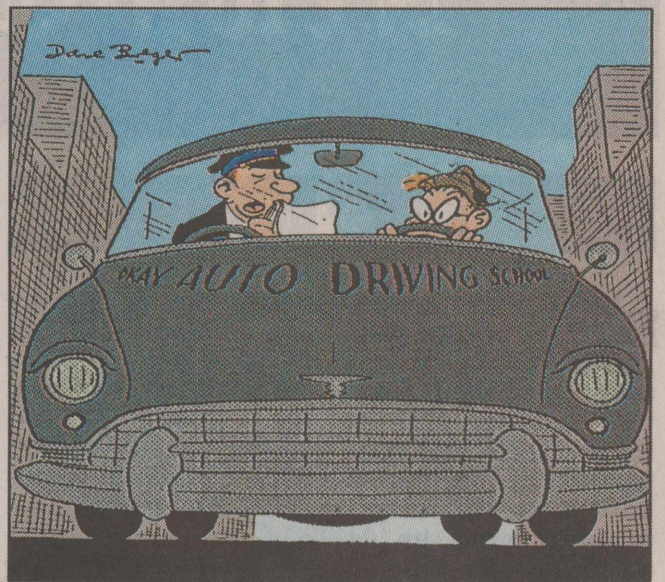
Augie Rodriguez (left) and Mario Abila were elected as president and vice president of the Knox City Athletic Booster Club.



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Sam Hunter (left) and Crystal Zeissel were elected as president and vice president of the Munday Athletic Boosters Club.

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Notice of Public Hearing

In compliance with Public Law 113-76, the Munday Housing Authority (MHA) and Knox City Housing Authority (KCHA) will amend its flat rents to be no less than 80% of Knox County's Fair Market Rents. This is statutory requirement. The MHA will receive public comments at a posted board meeting to be held at noon on Thursday August 21, 2014 at the Perry Patton Community Center in Munday, Texas. The KCHA will receive public comments at a posted board meeting to be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday August 21, 2014 at the Doug Meinzer Community Center in Knox City. Inquiries may be made to the MHA at 940-422-4941 or KCHA at 940-657-3612. MHA & KCHA are equal opportunity providers.

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