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Greyhounds to play in scrimmage on Thursday

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Knox City moves to Stage 3 of drought plan

TOMMY WELLS
The Knox County News

Make no mistake about it, the drought conditions that have blanketed much of the southwestern U.S. have caught Knox County's attention. Mainly because Knox County is dealing first-hand with the situation.

The Knox City City Council on Tuesday evening stepped up its response to water concerns by approving a resolution that moves the community into Stage 3 of its drought contingency plan. One of five stages

on the plan, is deemed "critical".

Knox City City Administrator Chad Roberts announced the council's decision Tuesday evening, and urged local residents to conserve water whenever possible.

The move, which is done in order to conserve the available water supply and protect the integrity of water supply facilities, will ramp up conservation efforts. The goal of Stage 3 is to reduce the overall daily water consumption rate by the city by 25 percent.

As part of the elevated staff, Knox

City residents will find themselves facing several new restrictions, including the limitation of water lawns to just one day per week. Residents with even house numbers are allowed to water landscaped areas only on Sundays, while those residing in odd numbered homes can water on Saturdays.

Individuals irrigating from a water well, must place a sign on their property stating that, "Irrigation is being done by Water Well."

All use of water related washing motor vehicles, motorbikes, boats,

trailers, airplanes or other vehicle are absolutely prohibited. The filling, refilling, or adding of water to swimming pools, wading pools and jacuzzi-type pools is prohibited.

Also, the operation of any ornamental fountain or pond for aesthetic or scenic purposes is prohibited except where necessary to support aquatic life and where such fountains or ponds are equipped with a recirculation system.

In addition, the application for new, additional, expanded, or increased-in-size water service connec-

tions, meters, service lines, pipeline extensions, mains, or water service facilities of any kind shall be approved, and time limits for approval of such applications are hereby suspended for such time as this drought response stage or a higher-numbered stage shall be in effect.

Any employee of the City of Knox City, police officer, or other City employee designated by the Mayor, may issue a citation to a person he/she reasonably believes to be in violation of water conservation measures.



Five Knox County residents were among the graduates of Vernon College's Vocational Nursing Program last week. Among the locals completing the class were Vicki Roberts (Knox City), Janessa M. Garcia (Munday), Andrea K. Ramirez (Munday), Laura Rangel (Munday) and Erica L. Gray (Goree).

Knox County nurses among VC grads

Knox County gained a few more nurses last week as several students graduated from Vernon College's Department of Vocational Nursing Program. A total of five Knox County residents, including Knox City's Vicki Roberts, were recognized at a pinning ceremony last Thursday at the First Baptist Church in Vernon.

Joining Roberts in graduating were Munday's Janessa M. Garcia, Andrea K. Ramirez and Laura Rangel, and Goree's Erica L. Gray.

The Vocational Nursing Program is a one-year pro-

gram that prepares students to take the licensing exam for Vocational Nurses. After passing the exam, a vocational nurse provides direct patient care under the supervision of a registered nurse or physician. The candidates for graduation for 2011-2012 consisted of classes from Vernon and Seymour.

Making up the Vernon class were Macy C. Brannon, Vernon; Natalie Chavez, Vernon; Corina Espinoza, Vernon; Traci Hawkins, Odell; Christopher Keasler, Frederick; Shawna Keys, Chillicothe; Emily Mitchell,

Vernon; Wilfred Omari, Ft. Worth; James Taylor, Electra; Kaylie Ward, Vernon; Kelly Wier, Paducah.

The Seymour class consisted of Diandra K. Avalos, Munday; Traci Brook Busby, Seymour; Kristie Decker, Rochester; Lacey R. Dickson, Seymour; Vanessa M. Garcia, Munday; Erica L. Gray, Goree; Sarah J. Hardin, Seymour; Angela R. James, Seymour; Renatta K. Lovell, Seymour; Andrea K. Ramirez, Munday; Laura Rangel, Munday; Vickie A. Roberts, Knox City; Jennifer L. Trepanier, Seymour.

Career Day for schools is Sept. 12

Deciding on that perfect career you hope to do for the rest of your life can be a daunting task for anyone, but especially teenagers and young adults. Some have a burning desire from childhood to be a doctor, a truck driver or maybe a chef. But, many are uncertain and need to be exposed to different careers in order to find something that fits their individual personality.

One event hopes to do just that: Expose area youth to a variety of careers! Career Day 2012 will be held Sept. 12, at the Knox Prairie Events Center in Goree from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The event is a joint effort between the Knox County Visioning Group, Texas AgriLIFE Extension Service and Knox City High School. The event will host sophomores, juniors and seniors in High School.

Students will be exposed to professionals from 20 different career fields that can be done anywhere, but especially in rural Texas. A college fair will also take place.

"By 2020, it is estimated that 123 million American jobs will require advanced skills but only 50 million people will be qualified to fill them. If we don't step up to the plate and support our youth in acquiring the skills and training they need to become competitive in today's workforce, it affects not only our community, but our nation's economy," said Texas AgriLIFE Extension Service agent Lorrie Coop. "By attending Career Day, we are giving them the chance to learn about careers, training and educational opportunities that are available to them while promoting CAREER on Page 6

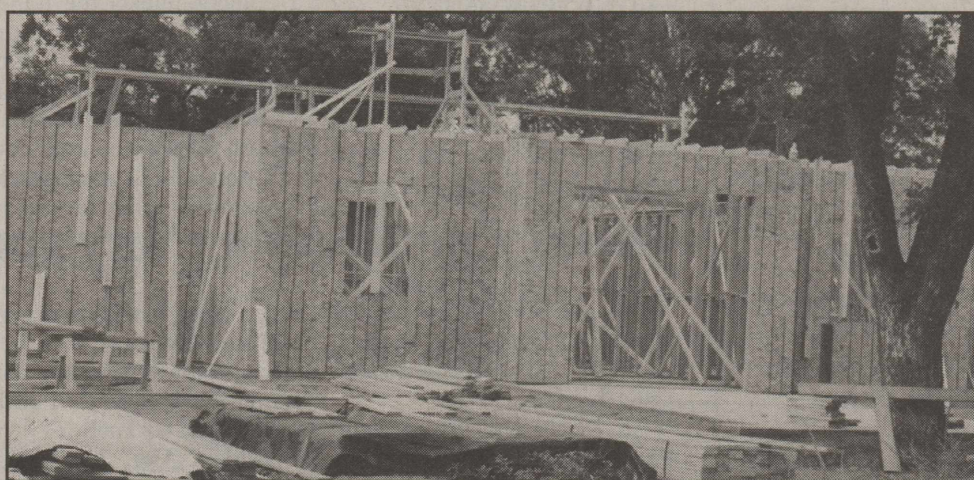
Wetter fall could be in store for Texas

An El Niño currently developing in the tropical Pacific could mean an improved agricultural outlook for all of Texas, according to Dr. John Nielsen-Gammon, state climatologist and regents professor at Texas A&M University.

"An El Niño refers to unusually high tropical temperatures which shift the pattern of tropical convection, and usually leads to a cool and wet winter for Texas," Nielsen-Gammon said.

Though an El Niño's effects are usually stronger in southern

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Making progress ...

Construction crews have been making noticeable progress on the new clinic. In the last few weeks, workers have given local residents a glimpse of what the clinic will look like by erecting exterior walls.

Bloodmobile to visit Knox City on Sept. 4

The Meek Blood Center bloodmobile will be at the Knox County Hospital on Tuesday, Sept. 4 from 1 p.m. until 6 p.m.

Blood donors are needed on a daily basis to take care of patients with a variety of medical needs and conditions. The need for a blood transfusion is usually immediate, and adequate supply of all blood types that has been processed and tested must be available at all times. There is no artificial substitute for human blood. All blood products

used for blood transfusions must come from volunteer donors. Meek Blood Center supplies all of the blood used for patient care at seventeen area hospitals covering fourteen counties, including Knox County Hospital.

Donors can enter a drawing for a Texas Rangers prize package which includes four tickets to see the Rangers play the Seattle Mariners on Sept. 15, parking at the game, a one-night hotel stay, and a \$50 gas card. The drawing will take place on Sept. 7.

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Knox County sees rise in percentage of college graduates

Knox County has experienced a brain gain in the last 40 years, joining the rest of the country in what has been a massive increase in the number of adults who have earned college degrees.

In 1970, 4.5 percent of those over 25 years of age had college degrees in Knox County. By 2010, 12.9 percent of adults here had completed college.

The percentage of adults with college degrees in Knox County was less than the national average of 27.9 percent in 2010. The college-educated rate here was less than the Texas average of 25.8 percent.

The number of adults in the United States with college degrees has nearly tripled since 1970, when only 10.7 percent of adults had graduated from college. But the percentage of adults with degrees in rural counties, such as Knox County, while increasing, has generally fallen behind the proportion of college-educated residents in urban counties.

The loss of young, well-educated residents has posed a long-standing difficulty for rural communities.

"One of the problems that rural areas face is that in order to get a college education, young people often have to leave," says Judith Stallmann, an economist at the University of Missouri. "Once you leave, that introduces you to other opportunities that you might not have seen had you not left."

The good news for rural America is that it has caught up in every other measure of education.

In 1970, 7.8 percent of adults in rural counties had some education after high school, but less than a college degree. By 2010, 27.4 percent of rural adults had attained some post high school

education without earning a college diploma. That level of education was close to the national average of 28.1 percent.

In Knox County, 7.0 percent of adults had some college in 1970, rising to 24.4 percent in 2010. The Texas average in 2010 was 28.3 percent. Knox County had 3,704 adults (those over 25 years of age) in 1970 and 2,724 adults in 2010.

Overall, Stallmann says, the trends show that "rural people have responded to the demand for increased job skills by the increasing their post secondary education."

Only 24.5 percent of the adult population in Knox County had failed to graduate from high school in 2010. Nationally 15 percent of adults had not completed high school; in Texas, the rate was 20.0 percent.

Mark Partridge, a rural economist at Ohio State University, says that regional differences in college graduation rates have increased in recent years. Partridge said his studies have found that rural counties and counties with small cities in the South and West didn't fare as well as those in the Midwest and Northeast in attracting college graduates. Even though the Sunbelt has seen tremendous growth over the past few decades, the South's rural counties haven't kept up in terms of attracting adults with college degrees.

But the problem of keeping college graduates in rural America is a national issue and one that is also enduring.

Missouri economist Stallmann said this is a reflection of the kinds of jobs that are generally available in rural communities. If there are fewer jobs demanding college degrees in a community, there are likely to be fewer college graduates.



New KCHS teachers ...

Knox City CISD began the 2012-2013 school year with an inservice for teachers on Tuesday, Aug. 21. New faculty members pictured here are (from left to right) Jason Josselet (Girls Basketball, Track and Social Studies), Shana Heard (First Grade), Jennifer DeVille (high school aide), Beth Donham (middle school math), Anthony Turnbow (middle school Social Studies) and Kimberley Turnbow (third grade).

'A Matter of Balance' classes to be held at KC Aging Center

Falls can be catastrophic for seniors. A broken bone may not be a big deal for a 10 year-old, but for a senior it can be an immense setback. Fortunately, with the right precautions, most falls can be avoided.

"A Matter of Balance" is an 8-part series designed to reduce the fear of falling and increase the activity levels of older adults who have concerns about falling. Participants will learn to view falls and fear of falling as controllable; set realistic goals for increasing activity; change their environment to reduce fall risk factors; and promote exercise to increase strength and balance. This

award-winning program will be offered in Knox City during the month of September. Participants must be at least 60 years old to participate and must pre-register for the series of classes.

The "Matter of Balance" series classes will meet each Tuesday and Thursday from 1-3 p.m. for four weeks (8 total classes). The course will

begin Sept. 4 and continue through Sept. 27. Classes will be held at the Knox County Aging Center in Knox City.

The program series is free of charge but enrollment is limited. To register for the course or for more information contact: Lorrie Coop, County Extension Agent/FCS, at 940-459-2651.

Cow/Calf & Stocker Conference set for Sept. 6

The Texas AgriLife Extension offices of Haskell, Knox, and Throckmorton Counties will be hosting a Cow/Calf & Stocker Cattle Conference on Sept. 6 beginning at noon at the Civic Center in Haskell.

Topics that will be covered are Herd Management during Drought, Stocker Health, and Cow Nutri-

tion during times of stress. Speakers for the event will be Stan Beavers, Extension Economist, Ted McCollum, Extension Beef Cattle Specialist, and Mark Daniel, ADM.

Seating for this conference is limited so please call the Throckmorton County office (940-849-3321) to RSVP by Sept. 4, 2012.

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40 TXism: "green around the gills"

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44 Lucy's best friend _____

47 song lyrics: "a cowboy's life is _____ thing ..."

49 TXism: "horse _____" (western)

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Annual museum sale will be Sept. 8

The annual garage sale for the Wichita Brazos Museum is coming soon, Saturday, Sept. 8, at 8 a.m. The Perry Patton center at Munday will again be the place to go to for table after table of "priced to sell" items donated by dozens of Knox County residents.

It is too early to list what will actually be on those tables, but usually you can find items from new to old, from furniture, kitchen wares, decorative items, books, household items, to small tools for the house and garden.

Last year, one buyer bought several plates of different patterns. She used them for cakes she made for bake sales or group gatherings. If she doesn't get the plate back, she doesn't worry about losing a plate out of her set.

Friday, Sept. 7th will be the sale set-up day, when items will be received at the Perry Patton Center. We will be there at 9 a.m. Volunteers will be needed and welcomed for picking up donations from people who can't bring them. 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, it will be greatly appreciated.

Hamburgers, chips and homemade cookies will be served for lunch on Saturday on the porch. Eating a hamburger, visiting with friends, and bragging about your garage sale purchase will top the day off.

For more information call 940-459-2229 at the Wichita Brazos Museum from 10-12 noon or 1-5P.M., weekdays.

Have a News Tip for the KC News? CALL 940-329-1540

This is how it is done in Tennessee

Jerry had what was called a suspect herd. His next-door neighbors had Brucellosis problems and since Jerry shared a common fence, he too, was required to be tested. The neighbors sold out and let the land set the requisite time. Meanwhile Jerry brought in 20 half-Gertrudis heifers to his place. He evaluated them and concluded 2 out of 3 had no brain.

The government showed up to test them. They insisted on using their clanging banging government-issue head catch, instead of what the cattle were used to. Thus a riot ensued in which all twenty crashed through 4 fences and 3 farms and crossed the Flint River. Two of the half-breeds were never found!

Six months went by. The neighbor restocked with Red Angus cows and a bull. Jerry continued to cruise the county in his spare time searching for his prodigal heifers and, sure enuf, one afternoon he saw one amidst the neighboring Red Angus! She must have found her way back and blended right in. Jerry called his neighbors, two older brothers who ran a tight ship and were proud of their op-



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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

eration. He explained about locating his heifer and asked if he could saddle up and cut her out. "Nope," said the brothers, "No, horses. Don't want no horses stirrin' up our cattle."

"How 'bout a tranquilizer dart gun?" asked Jerry.

"Okay, but don't you be trompin' around our pasture chasin' dem cattle. You can shoot from a fence and we'll carry her over in a bucket loader."

Jerry went to his local vet who outfitted him with a tranquilizer gun. He loaded the dart and gave Jerry the .22 caliber blank cartridge, and verbal instructions. The blank pushes the dart out of the barrel and a plunger injects the tranquilizer upon impact. For the next three weeks he did "drive-bys" morning and night in search of a clean shot at the heifer. He carried the weapon in his truck.

One evening after teaching

his 6th grade class, he drove by the pasture. There she lay under a tree chewing her cud! He pulled off the road, slipped on his coveralls, cradled the rifle in his arms and, army-style, did a low crawl like a sniper through the swamp grass and mud. Reaching the fence he observed, once again, how well the brothers built their fences; galvanized woven panels with a strand of barb wire both top and bottom. He never figured they would have put a hot wire on the inside. That was overkill. Retaining his prone position, he stealthily pushed the barrel of his tranquilizer gun through the fence. Well, he was wrong about them seeing no need to add hot wire.

Being well-grounded he made contact; gun barrel to hot wire. A jolt shot through his body so hard his porch light came on! Even with his soles on fire and his body buzzing like chain saw, he was determined. He slithered in the mud, limped and took his best shot. Unfortunately, the wadding in the blank had been exposed to the humid air so long, when he pulled the trigger, it puffed, popped out about 8 feet and nosed-dived into a hubcap sized cow-pie. The dart poofed daintily and injected 2cc of Rompun intrapopily.

"That's how we do it in Tennessee," he said.

Knox County Aging Services

The following lunch menus have been listed for the week of Aug. 27-31 for the Knox County Aging Services

All meals are served with Wheat Bread, Margarine and 1 percent milk.

Monday, Aug. 27 - Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, cauliflower/broccoli, whole wheat roll, apricots.

Tuesday, Aug. 28 - Sweet/sour chicken, long grain rice, stir fry vegetables, whole wheat roll, lazy cake.

Wednesday, Aug. 29 - BBQ on a bun, pinto beans, grandma's

potato salad, Mandarin oranges.

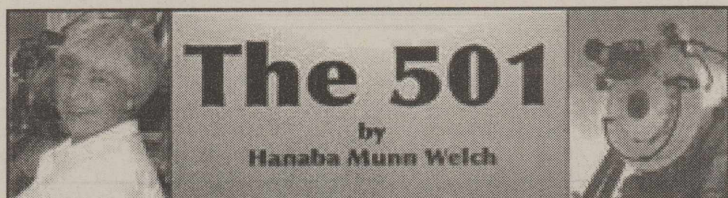
Thursday, Aug. 30 - Chicken fajitas, fajita vegetables, chuck-wagon corn, Spanish rice/flour tortilla, fruit cocktail.

Friday, Aug. 31 - Salmon Patty, baby lima beans, cole slaw, cornbread, tropical fruit.

NOTE: New serving time is noon (in Knox City only). Alternate desserts available for diabetics.

Please call in your orders by 10 a.m. to (940) 657-3618. Orders cannot be taken after 10 a.m. and need to be picked up after 11 a.m.

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Distraction is a handy management tool for pain and children, not that children are ever exactly manageable. After all, they're people. Pain can also be tough to outsmart.

Right now an electronic device is shooting impulses via four electrodes to muscles around my surgery-wounded knee, distracting my brain from pain that might otherwise annoy. If that's not how the gizmo works, don't distract me with facts. You could damage my premise.

For managing children and adolescents, just substitute creative thinking for electrodes.

Example:

One teacher faced with a challenging fresh batch of high school students simply put them in the dark. (I myself was a teenager when I read about his approach. Although not really unruly myself, I liked to stay up to speed by reading guidelines for adults. Know the enemy.) The students ranged from indifferent to bad to worse. He eyed them and strolled over to the light switch and flipped it, which wouldn't have worked at our school because we had windows. But in the innards of an inner-city school where darkness was an option, it worked to distract the students from their own agendas. Seconds later, when he turned the lights back on, he had their attention. Inventive.

He probably kept commanding attention with other surprise antics the rest of the year. All I remember is the dramatic lights-off beginning.

Compared to those students, my young grandchildren are angels. But if I don't distract

them, they can take control. Do I really want to watch a 5-year-old play smartphone archery for more than, shall we say, 20 games? OK, my fault for letting him talk me into downloading the game in the first place. I've since tried it myself. If I'm not careful, my Sudoku skills may suffer. We digress.

Once a child takes control, you can still make the best of it when opportunities arise for beneficial distractions. Now that my grandson fancies himself an archer, it's time for him to hear the story of William Tell. The next time we carve an apple might be a better time to enlighten him than when he's engrossed in phone archery. I'll let him cut the apple himself if he promises to listen to just one famous apple-archery story, a reasonable trade-off, my other management tactic. Then, the next time he asks to hear "Purple People Eater" from my laptop music library, I'll suggest the "William Tell Overture" instead, explaining that the opera is based on the legend of the famous archer. If he hasn't already watched "Lone Ranger" reruns, who knows what sort of images Rossini's stirring composition may evoke in his mind?

For me, nothing short of electrodes will ever erase the vintage black and white Lone Ranger footage that always rolls in my brain to that familiar music.

What's better than the sound of that overture blended with those hoof beats? Nothing.

Maybe what I'd really like is to watch the Lone Ranger with my grandson, neither of us distracted by anything.

Hi-yo Silver away!

Walking a thin line with the OSFM label

Well, I read a very interesting story today that said the southern part of the U.S. is fatter than the northern states. Duh! Have you ever heard of someone going to Pennsylvania for food, other than a sandwich? How about New Hampshire for a steak? Nope, not me. How about Louisiana for Cajun food? Heck yes... or Texas for steaks and Memphis for BBQ? Yes, ma'am. How about sweet tea and fried shrimp? Yep, they're all southern things. We might be fatter but we are happier. We love football. We carry guns and we have prettier women.

This past weekend was Tax-Free weekend, which is code for I wouldn't be caught dead in a Wally World. When you put free in front of something it seems the bottom of our society all of a sudden has ears that work. It doesn't matter if it is free hamburgers, fish fry or cake and ice cream, people will show up. If you put up a sign that says \$1, yjps same people will keep walking.

I noticed a few things this past weekend. If you give a guy an orange vest all of a sudden he own the whole darn highway.

You tell your wife she looks a little hippy in a dress and the gloves are coming off.

They have a new size of dress. It is OSFM - which means stands for "One Size Fits Most." Try explaining that to the women that is not a "most".

"No, I am sorry honey, it say's "most" but you passed that stage about four biscuits ago..."

Luckily for men, they have Big and Tall. I just wish they had a Short and Fat section because the older I get the shorter I get. I am not insensitive to ugly or fat people. You see, I am just on the fat side of that list.

For those that fit in both categories they do sell Alcohol.

That is another thing that was brought to my attention. Do you realize how many different kinds of vodka is made? I thought vodka was made from potatoes, at least that is how they made it in the German POW camps portrayed in the

Just Jeff



By Jeff Stanfield

movie, "The Great Escape." Today, they have all kinds of flavored vodka from whipped cream to watermelon. Otis from Andy Griffith would be really confused in a liquor store today.

It did rain last week. Not as much as I think we need but the amount God knows we need. I am not Billy Graham or even Randall "Tex" Cox but I am a Christian and I do believe that God will fill our lakes and wells. Remember, he has blessed all of us the same amount. He gave his Son for all of us. Maybe we need to all remember that. I believe God has a great sense of humor. Why else would he have made Sam Walton (the man who started Wal-Mart) outside of Barnum and Bailey. Who else has ever made a side show and gotten wealthy doing it!

Jeff "I'm Short and Fat" Stanfield, is a local columnist.



New BISD teachers ...

New teachers for the 2012-2013 school year at Benjamin ISD include (from left to right) Ashley Brandt (English 5-12, Dance and Drill Team), Emily Cates (First Grade), Simms Staff (History and Coach), Olivia Johnson (Kindergarten), Cassie DeFiori (Math and Ag), Vicki Spence (Fifth and Sixth Math and Science).

Alzheimer's support group sets meeting

The Haskell County Alzheimer's Support Group will meet on Monday, Aug. 27 at the Haskell County Extension Office located at 101 S. Avenue D in Haskell. The one hour meeting will begin at 3 p.m. A short program on "Communi-

nications" will be presented. Caregivers, family members and friends of individuals with Alzheimer's or a related dementia, should consider attending this meeting that is open to

anyone in Haskell County or the surrounding area.

The support group meets the 4th Monday of every month from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Rabbit orders for livestock show starting

It is time to order rabbits for the Knox County Livestock Show. Delivery will not be made until early December but our supplier needs our numbers now to plan enough litters to fill orders.

The rabbits will be \$160 per pen of four. A deposit of \$50 per pen will be required when ordering with the balance due at delivery.

"We are using a very reputable breeder this year and they have offered to put on a workshop later on in the fall to assist local 4-H members with their rabbit projects, so this a great opportunity for our county," said Texas Agrilife Extension agent Jerry Coplen.

For more information contact Coplen at 940-459-2651 by Friday Sept. 7 to place your order.

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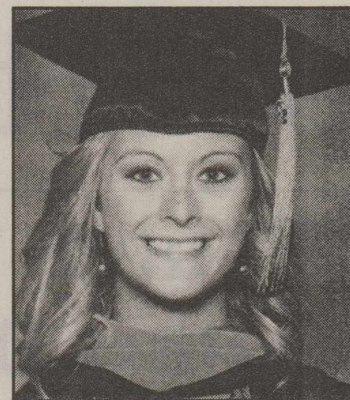
ing the opportunities for our kids to come home to live and work as well after graduation."

Each high school in Knox County has been invited to attend as well as schools in neighboring counties. If you have a high school student, and their school has agreed to participate, they should receive information from the school. Home school students in high school are also encouraged to participate.

Please call or email the Knox County Visioning Group so they can plan accordingly.

Universities, colleges and recruiters are being solicited to set up during the college fair portion of the day. If your organization is interested, please let the KCVG know.

For more information, visit www.thescoopofknoxprairie.blogspot.com or call 940-459-4121.



Tiffany Saucedo

Saucedo earns degree from TT

Tiffany Saucedo graduated in May from Texas Tech University's Health Science Center with a Master of Occupational Therapy degree.

Saucedo received her bachelor of science degree in Health Sciences also from TTUHSC. Following six months of field work rotations at ProStepRehabilitation at Lubbock and Crown Point Health Suites in Lubbock, she will take the National Board for the Certification in Occupational Therapists (NBCOT). She will then become employed as a Registered Occupational Therapist (OTR).

A 2007 graduate of Knox City High School, Saucedo is the daughter of Debbie Wilde and Craig Wilde, the granddaughter of Pansy Hale.

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Thomas Carter, Pastor

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Sports

'Hounds hold their own against Dragons, Hornets

Knox City High School head coach Charles Steele went into his team's first scrimmage on Saturday just looking to gauge his team's progress against a live

foe. The answer he got was a good one.

The Greyhounds, despite several new starters at key positions, more than held their own against

the Paducah Dragons and Harrold Hornets in a three-way jamboree.

"I was pleased with what we did," said Steele. It is hard to tell how good you are going when you go against your own JV every day, but we looked good against a quality opponent like Paducah."

Knox City battled Paducah to a 2-2 draw in their varsity scrimmage.

Following its scrimmage against the Dragons, Knox City's offense and defense hit high gear against Harrold by ripping off a 5-1 advantage.

Knox City will get a better challenge today (Thursday) when they participate in a five-way scrimmage in Afton. Among the teams slated to participate in the 6 p.m. event are Patton Springs, Happy, Motley County, Jayton and KCHS.

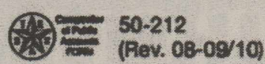
Knox City will open the season on Sept. 1 against the Petersburg Buffaloes in Jayton.



The Knox City Greyhounds go through practice on Tuesday morning at Greyhound Stadium. Knox City will close out its preseason slate today with a scrimmage in Afton. KCHS opens the 2012 season next weekend in Jayton.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Knox City is scheduled to vote on the proposed annual tax rate for the fiscal year 2012 / 2013 At the regular City Council meeting to be held on Tuesday, August 21, 2012 at 5:30 PM At the City Hall, 902 E. Main



2012 Property Tax Rates in KNOX CITY

This notice concerns 2012 property tax rates for KNOX CITY. 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	\$	201,834.00
Last year's debt taxes	\$	0.00
Last year's total taxes	\$	201,834.00
Last year's tax base	\$	30,236,529.00
Last year's total tax rate	\$	0.667510 /\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$	201,607.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$	29,622,870.00
= This year's effective tax rate	\$	0.680580 /\$100

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)

In the first year a hospital district or city 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	\$	0.000000 /\$100
= Effective tax rate	\$	0.000000 /\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$	200,014.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$	29,622,870.00
= This year's effective operating rate	\$	0.680580 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$	0.735020 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$	0.000000 /\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$	0.735020 /\$100

A hospital district or city 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	\$	0.000000 /\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$	0.000000 /\$100

For a taxing unit with additional rollback rate for pollution control, insert the following lines:

+ Additional rollback rate for pollution control	\$	0.000000 /\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$	0.000000 /\$100

STATEMENT OF INCREASE/DECREASE

IF CITY OF KNOX CITY ADOPTS A 2012 TAX RATE EQUAL TO THE EFFECTIVE TAX RATE OF \$.68058 per \$100 OF VALUE, TAXES WOULD INCREASE COMPARED TO 2011 TAXES BY \$.01307

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

TYPE OF PROPERTY TAX FUND	BALANCE
GENERAL FUND	-0-

This notice was prepared by Mitzi Welch, Tax Assessor

Ticket prices set for Jayton's Gridiron Classic

Knox City High School Greyhounds football fans will be able to get three days of football madness under their belts for a little of nothing beginning next week.

Officials with the 9th Annual Jayton Gridiron Classic announced ticket prices for the series. A total of seven games will be played over three days.

Single game ticket prices are \$4 for adults and \$2 for students. A pass good for all three days will cost \$8 for adults and \$5 for students.

Throckmorton, the defending six-man state champion, will be one of several big-name teams at the event. Motley

County will also be in action.

The Gridiron Classic gala will get under way on Thursday when the Borden County Coyotes square off against Crowell, starting at 6 p.m. Throckmorton will play Rotan in the nightcap.

On Friday, Paducah will play Newcastle at 4 p.m., while Highland will face off Motley County. Jayton and Lueders-Avoca will play in the nightcap.

Sterling City and Chillicothe will play at 6 p.m. on Saturday.

Knox City and Petersburg will close out the affair with an 8 p.m. start.

News begins work on fall section

The Knox County News will begin offering advertisement space in its upcoming sports preview special section. The section, which will be published prior to the Greyhounds' first football game, will

offer stories, photos and schedules for the area football and volleyball teams.

To reserve your spot in the section please contact the Knox County News at 657-3142.

Houndettes to play in Harrold

The Knox County High School Houndettes will swing into volleyball action on Saturday when they compete in the Harrold Lady Hornets Invitational.

Knox City's first home game will be Tuesday, Aug. 28, when they face Post. That game will tip off at 4:30 p.m. with junior varsity action.

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2012 Weekly Weather Report			
Date	Temperature (F)		Rainfall inches
	Low	High	
08/13	72	102	
08/14	71	106	0.13
08/15	73	101	0.28
08/16	74	94	0.10
08/17	71	92	
08/18	70	99	0.27
08/19	67	93	0.01
Total Rainfall for Week			0.79
Total Rainfall for month			0.79
2012 Rainfall (ytd)			11.86

The Knox County News Classifieds

• FOR RENT

Knox City Housing Authority (KCHA) has 1, 2, and 3 bedroom apartments available for immediate occupancy to eligible applicants in both HUD and USDA-Rural Development programs. Rental assistance is available for most units. Applications for housing may be picked up at 203 SW 4th Street in Knox City, Texas or call 940-657-3612 for more information. It is the intent of KCHA to offer vacant units to income ineligible (high income) applicants when there are not income eligible (very low or low income) applicants on the waiting list. KCHA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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• HELP WANTED

HELP WANTED

The Knox County News is looking for columnists to provide a general news column on a weekly basis in O'Brien, Munday and Goree. For more info contact Tommy at (940) 329-1540.

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(8-30c)

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• BID NOTICE

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PEOPLE REALLY DO READ SMALL ADS!! YOU JUST DID!!

Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

We were teased a little on Saturday as the storm clouds gathered, and it looked very promising for rain. But guess what—none here to speak of—16. I believe was the amount reported, but it is much cooler, and that is a welcome change. With school starting in a week, I'm sure the teachers and students all hope we've seen the last of those triple digit temps.

ABOUT OUR ILL

Word regarding Troy Oxford's surgery on Friday is that he made it fine, and hopefully, things will improve for him now. I understand the malignancy was in his tonsils, and the doctor removed them and several lymph nodes. Tests showed no more sign of cancer anywhere else in his body, and that is wonderful news. No word as to whether or not he will have any follow-up treatments. He and his family continue to need our prayers.

We have learned that former resident, Dee Stamps, now of Post, has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Dee and his family lived on the League Ranch in the 70's, also here in town, and in the Knox City-O'Brien area. He will be having surgery on Wednesday, and I ask everyone to remember him and his family also in prayer.

Corrine Parrish has had some health problems. She has a back problem that requires lots of medical attention and recently had some skin cancers removed. Those places are healing nicely, but she's staying pretty close to home for a while.

Lorene Powers made a trip to the emergency room in Haskell Saturday night. Doctors said she had undoubtedly picked up some sort of "bug" that made her terribly sick. She was treated and allowed to go home. She said tonight (Sunday) that she's much better but will have to take it easy for a couple of days.

HERE 'N THERE

Chris and Earl Strop of Midland came on Tuesday for a visit with her Mom, Lorene Powers. They all went on to Amarillo with plans to spend a couple of days, but Earl got sick, so they had to bring him back to Midland to be near his doctor, and Chris brought her Mom home Thursday. Upon returning home, Lorene learned of Jimmy Green, Jr.'s death. His Dad is Lorene's cousin and my late husband, Van's cousin. Jimmy passed away Wednesday night of an apparent heart attack. He was 58. His funeral was Saturday in Stamford, where he had resided for 30 years or more. Sincere sympathy goes to his family.

Those from Benjamin who attended Jimmy's funeral on Saturday were Lorene Powers, Gloria West, Gladene Green, and Mike

and Debi Moorhouse. Also Karson and Sharon Bivins of Tatum, New Mexico, were here for the services and visited with Lorene.

Ariel Gideon and little daughter, Addison, came home Monday after several weeks' visit with her parents, Oscar and Shannon, and her siblings, all who live in Arizona.

Barbara Loper and her son of Oklahoma City visited Hazel Stockton one day last week. She is Hazel's sister-in-law. Her husband was Doyle, who passed away a couple of years ago.

Barbara Ryder told me today that she's been "under the weather" all week. She had a bout with sinus problems, then got stung by something (she doesn't know what), and her arm has been very sore all week. She's had shots and oral medication and is better, but still not completely back to feeling like she would like to. It will just take a few more days, I guess.

There was a baby shower for Valerie Mendoza on Saturday morning at the home of Lorene Powers. In Lorene's absence, Mary Young, Philomae Roberson, and Linda Griffith handled the hostess duties, as other hostesses were "out of pocket" as well. The mom-to-be received a nice variety of gifts for her soon-to-arrive baby girl.

Imagean Young, Deann Lamb, and Jane Gideon were all in Wichita Falls last Monday for doctors appointments. Imagean had cataract surgery, and the others had routine checkups. She is back Wichita Falls today for her follow-up visit, but she's doing well so expects to get a good report.

Betty and Roger Bohannon returned home Saturday from a week's visit with their daughter, Bonnie Howell, and family in Nebraska. Their granddaughter, Liddy, returned home with them after several weeks' visit with her aunt, uncle, and cousins.

Nicholas Bohannon is spending a few days with relatives in Vernon—the last fling before school starts.

Jan Carver came home Tuesday after another stay in HMC. She had a problem from her surgery a couple of weeks prior, and surgeons had to go back in and do some more work. This is on her leg where she had a problem with a vein following heart surgery. She's doing better, and hopefully, can stay out of the hospital for a while. Her great granddaughter, Bella Carver, stayed with her last week and took good care of her. Bella lives in Irving and returned home this weekend after the family helped Lexie Collins celebrate her third birthday. Lexie is the daughter of Jacy and Jara and lives in Munday. Stacy Antilley of Wingate and Callie Laird and Ryder of Winters were also here, as was Ashburn Carver of Irving.

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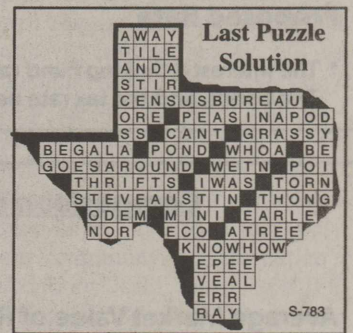
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TxDOT draws attention to statewide traffic deaths

Improving the safety of the traveling public is the number one goal of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). Even though the number of people killed each year

in traffic crashes in Texas has decreased by about 21 percent since 2003, there still were on average 250 people killed every month in 2011.

In order to bring this critical and important issue to the public's attention, TxDOT will begin to display the year-to-date number of traffic deaths in Texas on more than 700 message signs one week every

month, typically the third week of each month. This new effort is designed to remind drivers that driving deserves their full attention every time they get behind the wheel.

SAMMIE'S KNOX CITY CORNER AND FINAL THOUGHTS

Last Monday was a wonderful day. A little rain is better than nothing. My guys at coffee are a little thin because I keep missing their coffee time. Conversation is still good at the cafe—sometimes a little slow—but it all comes together in the end.

In a small town every friend or kin we lose is very hard as I read about Flo Tankersley. She was such an awesome woman—full of smiles and never had anyone she didn't make friends with.

Alex and Julie Ledesma were in Lubbock visiting her parents and her sister with the baby making her first trip to be with family and meet all the others she hadn't met.

Debbie Curd's brother passed away this last week. His name was Jimmy Green. May this family have God's blessings and all our prayers and thoughts.

Mrs. Bud Reynolds has been a little under the weather lately. Bud has been doing a great job of taking wonderful care of his lovely wife.

Roy Rodriguez is doing just great since he got home from the hospital. He is getting around great and recovering every day, one by one.

School time is just right around the corner. Lots of parents were out of church, taking

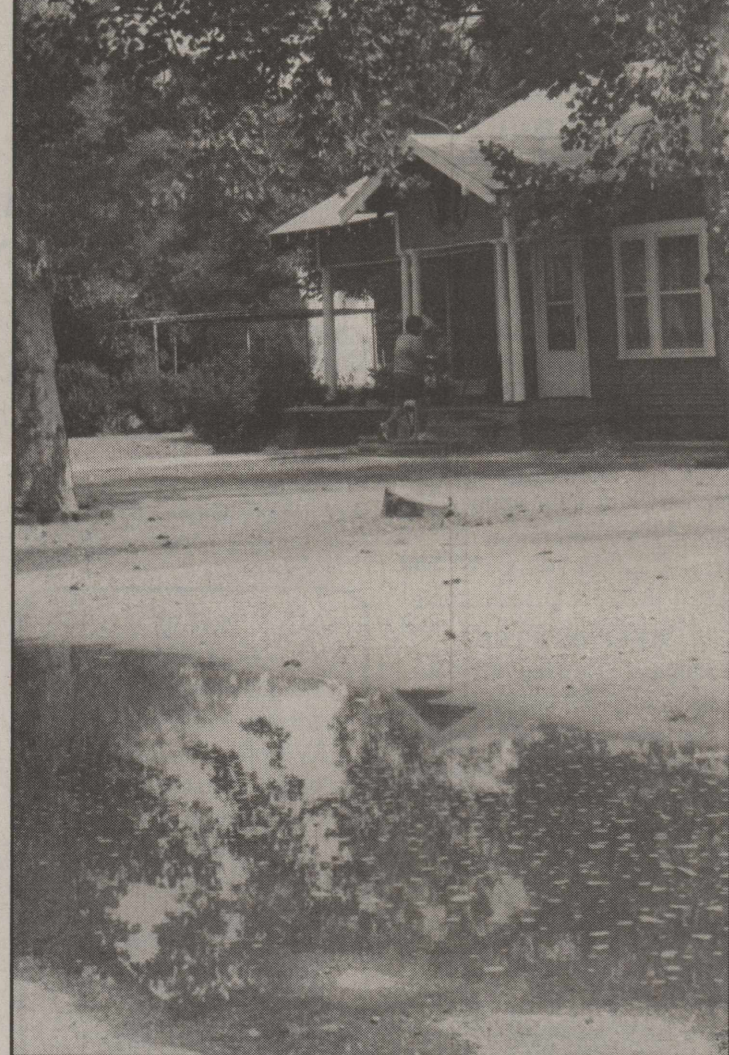
their children to college—either to start again or to start for the first time and get acquainted with others for the first time. Our Sunday church was a little thinned out, but that's ok. Hopefully, out kids will come to church when they come back to see and visit their parents. They will be greatly missed in church, and we pray that they be careful and take care of each other daily as God puts his blessings around them.

Also, we will probably have new students in our small-town school, and we couldn't be happier. We just pray that you will enjoy living in Knox City and that the kids may love and grow fonder of Knox City schools. Kids, we love to have you, and we pray all blessings upon you.

Sunday, our air choppers were in Knox City. I understand that Julia Harden's husband has been lifted to a hospital. Hopefully, they will find the problem, and he can come home soon. So if Julia is not at the store, just pray that God will help her with lots of blessings.

As of Monday morning, things are not great, but pray to God that all His blessings will be among us.

God bless our troops and each of us, Sammie



Knox City received some welcome rain on Monday as a downpour left large puddles of water on several streets. Forecasters are exoecting a wetter fall for much of Texas.

WET

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parts of the state along the Gulf Coast, it generally causes shifts in weather patterns for the entire state, he said.

"It's a nice switch from the last couple of years, which were La Niña events which generally favor dry conditions," he said.

La Niña episodes are when the tropical Pacific temperatures are lower than average, he said.

Unfortunately for the Midwest and Mississippi Valley, an El Niño generally "signals" a drier-than-normal winter, according to Nielsen-Gammon.

Currently, tropical Pacific temperatures are about 0.5 to 1.0 degree Celsius (0.9 to 1.8 degrees Fahrenheit) above normal, Nielsen-Gammon said.

"Right now, it looks like a weak to moderate one," he said. "It would have be 1.5 to 2 degrees (2.7 to 3.6 degrees Fahrenheit) above normal to get a strong one."

But even a weak-to-moderate El Niño should have a

pronounced effect of this fall's winter weather, he said.

"I just want to emphasize that wet conditions from an El Niño are not a sure thing, just like dry conditions with La Niña are not a sure thing," he said. "Last year, we saw La Niña conditions, but we ended up having above-normal rainfall across the state."

"For the sake of West Texas, I hope this El Niño comes through for us and gives us wet weather, but there's no guarantee of that."

North Atlantic temperatures are still running high, which is "a strike against us, especially for summer for fall," Nielsen-Gammon said. "But sometime around November, statistically the Pacific starts to take over, having a bigger effect on our weather."

More information on the current Texas drought and wild-fire alerts can be found on the AgriLife Extension Agricultural Drought Task Force website at <http://agrilife.tamu.edu/drought>

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The KNOX CITY-O'BRIEN CISD will hold a public meeting at 8:00 p.m. August 30, 2012 in School Administration Office 606 East Main Street Knox City, 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	\$ 1.17 /\$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	0	% increase	or	0	% (decrease)
Debt service	2.5	% increase	or	0	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	0	% increase	or	0	% (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	\$ 131,980,132	\$ 167,206,480
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 176,240	\$ 1,543,010
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 82,402,272	\$ 104,766,879
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 176,240	\$ 1,543,010

* "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* \$ 410,000.00

* 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	\$ 4,157	\$ 6,137
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.20746	\$ 0.06259 *	\$ 1.27005	\$ 4,640	\$ 7,080
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.1700	\$ 0.06500 *	\$ 1.23500	\$ 4,400	\$ 6,538

* 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	\$ 28,919	\$ 29,205
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 13,919	\$ 14,205
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.23500	\$ 1.23500
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 171.90	\$ 175.43
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 3.53

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 1.17000. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.17000.

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)	\$ 2,145,062
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0.00

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