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August's sales tax totals climb in Knox City

TOMMY WELLS
The Knox County News

While the sales tax figures in much of the area showed declines, the local economy in Knox City was anything but sluggish in August. According to a report released by Texas State Comptroller Susan Combs, Knox City's sale tax figures increased by more than 18 percent over

the previous August's totals.

According to the report, the City of Knox City brought in \$26,249.93 in sales tax. The sales tax figures represent monthly sales made in June as well as April, May and June sales by businesses that report tax quarterly.

A year ago, the city generated \$22,232.20.

For the year, Knox City's totals are

more than 11 percent higher than in 2011.

The sales tax report also showed favorable data for Goree. The community generated \$2,584.62 this period. That total was 13.48 percent higher than the previous year.

The news wasn't as good for Benjamin and Munday. According to state data, Benjamin's sales tax total was

\$1,701.01, down more than 11 percent from the previous August mark.

The City of Munday's totals fell by 2.65 percent, dropping from \$18,102.96 a year to \$17,622.56 this period.

O'Brien, Rochester and Weinert also showed sales tax decreases in the latest report.

Haskell was the only community in Haskell County to show an increase.

State totals

The following are a look at the latest sales tax data, according to the Texas State Comptroller's office.

Town	Aug. 2012	Aug. 2011	+/-
Benjamin...	1,730.01	1,947.54	-11.16
Goree.....	2,584.62	2,277.57	13.48
Knox City ..	26,249.93	22,232.20	18.07
Munday.....	17,622.56	18,102.96	-2.65

USDA extends grazing deadline

Knox County USDA Farm Service Agency Executive Director John Rector announced earlier this week the original Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) emergency grazing deadline was extended to Nov. 30, 2012. The CRP emergency haying authorization expired on Aug. 31, 2012, and was not extended.

This extension only covers general CRP practices. The extension is not authorized for the environmentally sensitive practices of CP8A, Grass Waterway-Noneasement; CP23, Wetland Restoration; CP23A, Wetland Restoration, Non-Floodplain; CP27, Farmable Wetlands Pilot Wetland; CP28 Farmable Wetlands Pilot Buffer; CP37, Duck Nesting Habitat; and CP41 FWP Flooded Prairie Wetlands.

"Previously, only counties classified as 'D2 - under severe drought' according to the U.S. Drought Monitor were eligible for CRP emergency grazing," said Rector. "Now counties classified as 'DO abnormally dry' are eligible for CRP emergency grazing," he said.

Producers who take advantage of the emergency grazing extension will not incur an additional CRP rental payment reduction. Previously, the 25 percent CRP payment reduction was reduced to 10 percent for all 2012 emergency grazing authorizations. Participants may now lease grazing privileges for profit under the new emergency provisions. However, subleasing of the grazing privileges will not be permitted.

Texas CRP participants who were previously approved for managed grazing may elect to switch to emergency use by contacting the Knox County FSA office to request approval.

Based on a decision made by the Texas FSA State Committee, CRP emergency grazing approval will only be available for those CRP lands that See **GRAZING** on Page 5



Shannon Reeves, Trey Tidwell and Parker Finley represented Knox County at the 4-H State Livestock Judging competition recently. The three earned the right to compete at state by winning the District livestock judging championship.

KNOX COUNTY 4-HERS MAKE A 'STATE'MENT

Local teens compete in state livestock judging event

Shannon Reeves, Trey Tidwell and Parker Finley competed in 4-H Livestock Judging for district competition. Each individual on the team judged eight livestock classes, and participated in three reason classes.

At the competition, Reeves received an award for first place Reasons, and was also the second high-point individual. Tidwell placed

fifth in the Reasons category, and was fourth high-point individual. Finley placed 13th as an individual.

The team won the contest, earning the opportunity to compete at the state level. While at the state contest, they placed 18th as a team. There was a six-point spread separating the top 10 placings.

Reeves was fourth place high-point individual. He also placed seventh in the Sheep and Goat class. There were 132 individuals at the event.

The Beef Quiz Bowl team also won the District 4-H Competition and earned a trip to the State 4-H Roundup. This team consists of Reeves, Tidwell, Finley and Ryder Cude.

4-H's 'Back to School' dance slated for Sept. 8

The Haskell County 4-H Program will be having its annual 4-H Dance this Saturday, Sept. 8, 2012. The dance will be from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the pavilion inside the Haskell County Fair Grounds in Haskell. All 4-H members in Haskell, Jones, Knox, Stonewall and Throckmorton Counties are invited and may bring guests. Also, all public youth are invited to join in the fun, from ages of eight and in the third grade up to 18. A 4-H dress code will be enforced.

No one will be allowed to re-enter the dance once they leave. The music will be by Gilbert Casillas from Abilene. Admission for Haskell County 4-H members is \$5 and a six-pack of soft drinks or a six-pack of bottled water. Other county 4-H members and

all guests is \$5.

If you will be sitting at any time it is recommended to "BYOC" (Bring Your Own Chair). There will be no chairs available at the dance. This dance will be alcohol and drug free. Haskell County 4-H parents will be chaperoning. In case of bad weather, the dance will be cancelled and rescheduled for a later date.

Before the 4-H Dance, the Haskell County 4-H leaders will be sponsoring their 4-H Awards banquet, which is open to all Haskell County 4-H'ers and invited guests. This will be held from 6 till 7:30 p.m..

Please call the Haskell County Extension Office at (940) 864-2658. Wes Utley, Jane Rowan or Tammy Parham will be glad to answer any questions.



Here come the 'Hounds ...

The Knox City High School cheerleaders lead the high school football team onto the field on Saturday for their first game of the year. The Greyhounds are scheduled to travel to Rotan on Friday,

Munday man hurt in motorcycle accident

Dustin Offutt of Munday was injured in a motorcycle accident five miles south of Goree on Saturday, Sept. 1.

According to emergency responders, Offutt hit a concrete culvert and went through a barbed-wire fence, sustaining a fractured pelvis, ruptured spleen, fractured ankle and numerous cuts.

He was care flighted from Abilene to Lubbock, where he is listed in stable condition in the Intensive Care Unit at University Medical Center.

Offutt is scheduled to have more surgeries to repair his pelvis and ankle.

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Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

It's Labor Day and that's what it's been for me—regular routine "work." Certainly no bar-b-cues or picnics, but a day for just getting things done that need to be attended to.

ABOUT OUR ILL

Jane Gideon was taken to the Knox Co. Hospital Saturday night with what was thought to be a heart attack. After checking her over in Knox City, she was taken by ambulance to Wichita Falls, where doctors determined she did not have a heart attack. The cause of her problem has not been found, but she is undergoing numerous tests to try to find out just what is going on. She has lots of blood pressure problems, and doctors say that could be a part of it. She's in United Regional and hopes to be home by midweek with some sort of diagnosis. Her daughter, Sue Terry of Dallas, is with her, while her other daughter, Lana Hale, is in Abilene with her daughter, Valerie Mendoza, who gave birth to a baby girl on Sunday morning. The baby weighed 5 lbs. 12 oz., and that is all the stats I have on her. Her maternal grandfather is Carlos Mendoza, who lives in Abilene. At last report, they were all doing fine.

My great grandson, Dillon Keys, will be having some foot surgery Wednesday, September 12. This will be done in Abilene. He goes two days this week for pre-op work. I ask your prayers for Dillon and Jane and all who are having problems of any kind.

HERE 'N THERE

Betty Parker of Aspermont, Cathy Tomlinson of Denton, Samuel and Sabra Turner of Ulysses, Kansas, Chelsea Parker of Abilene and Baron Brown of Rotan, were weekend guests of Gloria West and other relatives and friends. They all had lunch with Lorene Powers on Sunday.

Joe Reed and Joy Jones of Brownwood visited Imagean Young on Sunday. They had been

to the Truscott Homecoming and were on their way home.

Butch Young of Saginaw, visited relatives in Benjamin on Saturday. He was at his place in Vera and came over for a while.

Weston Herring turned two years old on Saturday, September 1, and his parents, Liz and Nathan and "big" sister, Taylor, honored him with a party in their home in Munday. Lots of little folks were on hand to help him celebrate and enjoy cake, ice cream, and punch. Benjaminites attending were Mike and Debi Moorhouse, Dillon Keys, and Gladene Green. And it was good to see Weston's cousin, Briley Hostas of Seymour. Briley is doing well. She was diagnosed with leukemia about two years ago and has had numerous treatments. Right now, she is doing fine. She also suffered some broken bones in an accident that took her grandmother, Gloria Herring's, life in May, and she has recovered well from that.

Judy and Randolph Barnett were in Lubbock Friday night for the Cooper High and Idalou football game, and especially to see their granddaughter, Cheyenne Conner, march with the Cooper Band at halftime. Cheyenne is Jeff's daughter, and they met Jeff and his son, Cayden, as well as Jim Bob and Jenni Beth Conner of Slaton there. They all had a good visit.

Shane Welch had some more heart problems last week, and when he got to the hospital, doctors found that he had more blockage—this time 95%. (Remember he had 100% in one artery earlier this summer.) He had a stent last week and is doing well and should be able to go back to work, at least part time, pretty soon.

Imagean Young had her "other" eye fixed Thursday. Another cataract was removed, and she said she's seeing better than she ever thought she would. She had the first one done a couple of weeks ago.

Dove hunters are everywhere

this weekend. I haven't been out in the country much, so don't know much about the dove population, but it's good to have the hunters come in. They boost the economy in the county greatly.

Lanham and Jess Jones and children have moved into their house north of town. He had worked for the Spike Box Ranch for several years but is ready for a change, so he has been employed by the Stewarts at Munday. Jess's Mom, who lives in Georgia, is here to help with the move.

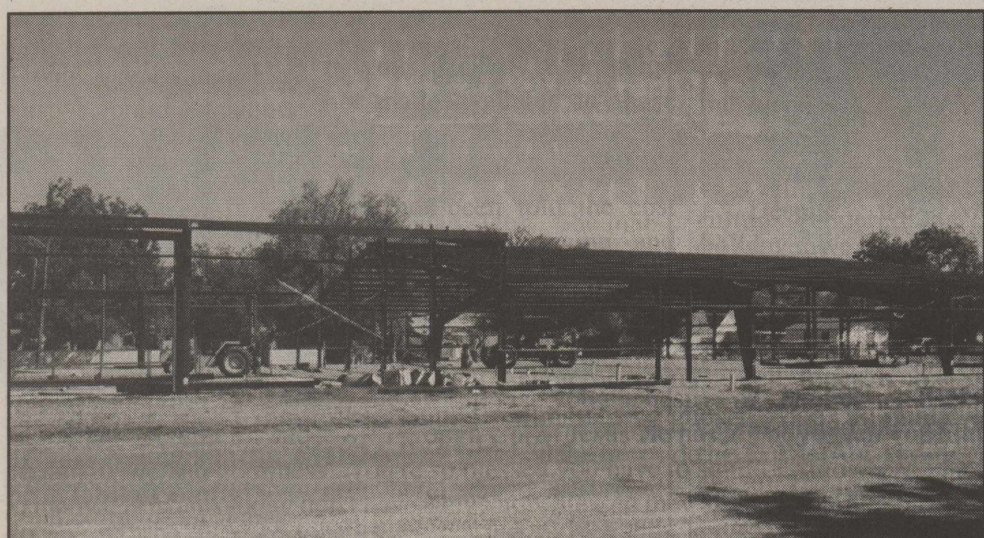
Penny Eaton enjoyed her long weekend with a group of friends from Knox City. They made a trip to Ft. Worth for some R&R.

Among the high school graduates that live in Benjamin who are enrolled in college this year are:

Mitchell Ham, Shelby Russell, Devon Jones, and Nafessa Ebraheim—Midwestern University, Blake Jones—South Plains Junior College, Cody Propps—Tarleton State University, Sara Clower—Hardin Simmons University, Shaylee Propps—West Texas State University, Leah and Jess Vanderpol—McMurry University, and Gilbert Nevarez—Vernon Regional Junior College.

I hope I haven't missed too many, but those I have left off, please call me and I'll get them next week.

I talked with Doris Bufkin today. She said all's well with them except for her battling an upper respiratory problem for about six weeks. Says she just can't get rid of it, but feels better some days than others. She did say she and Sonny attended her family (the Pettys) family reunion in Wichita Falls Saturday. She said the crown "dwindles" down every year, but they do have a good time. Said about 35 were there Saturday. Doris also told me her granddaughter, Emily Brown, had some surgery last Wednesday in Wichita Falls. She came home late Thursday and is back in school and doing fine. Emily is the daughter of Michele Brown and Mark Brown.



Coming up ...

Construction crews are moving along with work on the new Knox City Community Building. Workers have erected steel supports on the concrete foundation over the last few weeks.

Cow/Calf & Stocker Conference set for today

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 Nutrition 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 at (940-849-3321).

Swine validation tags are available

If you are a 4-H member planning on showing pigs at a major livestock show this year, it is time to order your validation tags. The tags are \$10 each and orders are due, with payment, to the Texas A&M Agrilife Extension office by Friday, Sept. 21.

Exhibitors are strongly encouraged to buy extra tags if they are unsure of how many animals they plan on feeding, and avoiding the stress of finding tags at the last moment.

If you have any questions contact Jerry Coplen at (940) 459-2651.



Happy 85th Birthday, Philomae Roberson

September 10, from her family!

Find Philomae and her late husband, Bobby, in the Vera grade school photo. (Answer is on the back page.)

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- 31 TXism: "___ day suit" (naked)
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- 44 happen again
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- 10 Dallas has ___ HOV lanes
- 11 TXism: "___ some gravel" (fell)
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A cowboy's take on the economy

I've been trying to apply some cowboy logic to a Stimulus Plan that depends on hiring more government workers as a solution to unemployment in the private sector. I have many friends who work for the government. The jobs might not always be as exciting but the job security and benefits are solid gold! My personal economist says the average federal worker making \$81,258 annually has benefits of \$41,791, for a total of \$123,049.

The basic question is, "How many private sector workers does



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it take to support one federal worker?"

From 2008-2010, the beginning of the recession, the private sector has lost 7.9 million jobs, more or less, while 590,000 jobs were gained in the public sector. It continues on. Fewer and fewer taxpayers are paying for more and

more government, which is trying to create jobs. But the increasing number of government jobs created just puts a bigger burden on the fewer and fewer taxpayers. So eventually when the private sector taxpayers can no longer fund all the government workers, their taxes will be raised to cover the new hires. Sound familiar?

Knox County Aging Services

The following lunch menus have been listed for the week of Sept. 10-14 for the Knox County Aging Services

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

Monday, Sept. 10 - Swedish meatballs, parsley noodles, mixed vegetables, whole wheat roll, Angel food cake.

Tuesday, Sept. 11 - BBQ chicken, mashed potatoes, carrot/raisin salad, cornbread, baked apples.

Wednesday, Sept. 12 - Sloppy Joe on a bun, country potato

salad, carrots/zucchini, creamy fruit square.

Thursday, Sept. 13 - Taco/corn chip salad, seasoned corn, fruit medley, peach cobbler.

Friday, Sept. 14 - Breaded chicken, baked potato/sour cream, peas/carrots, strawberries/whipped topping.

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.

These same private sector taxpayers are also expected to pay for food stamps for 30 percent of all of us, support the 10 percent unemployed, also those on Medicare, government pension plans, unemployment insurance and free government health care.

Not to mention those entrepreneurs that some say should not take credit for their own success, that they owe it to the government who built the roads, and rails and buildings and internet. This begs the question, "Where did the government get the money to build dams and freeways and monuments to politicians in the first place? Your taxes. When you seek out the source of who really built America; the last man standing will be a person with an idea, a shovel, and the will to work.

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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 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.

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.

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

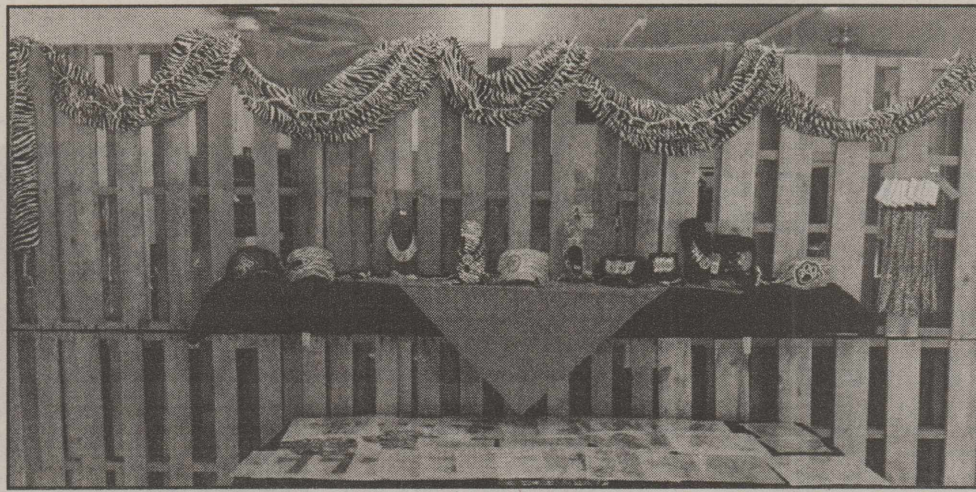
Immunization clinic to be today

Texas Department of State Health Services will be holding an immunization clinic in Knox City on Thursday, Sept. 6, from 10-11:30 a.m., and from 1-3 p.m. at the Knox City Housing Authority office.

Vaccinations for children and adults will be available including Hepatitis A, pneumococcal conjugate, polio, MMR, HIB, Tetanus Diphtheria Pertussis, Hepatitis B, HPV, meningitis, and chickenpox vaccine.

A parent, adult family member or guardian must accompany minors under 18 years of age. A copy of the child's immunization record, social security card and Medicaid letter, if applicable, must be provided.

For eligibility information about immunizations, call the Texas Department of State Health office at (940) 552-8770.



Signs by Design opened on Main Street last month. The business is owned by Nancy Marin Peters.

'Signs by Design' brings new business to Knox City

Signs by Design, owned and operated by Nancy Marin Peters, opened in Knox City on Aug. 6. Peters, who grew up in Knox City, moved here from Veron with her children, MiCayla, a junior at Knox City High School, and John Paul, who is in eighth grader.

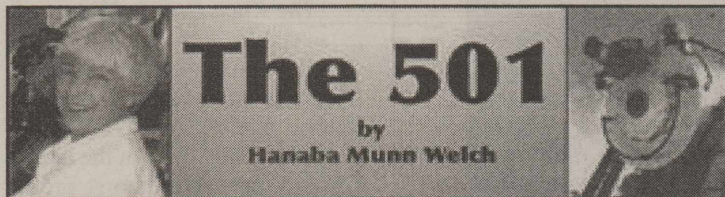
While living in Vernon, Peters worked at this type of work for several years from her home after work.

Signs by Design does vinyl transfers and orders rhinestone transfers. Peters said she is setting up to do screenprinting, too. She does

all types of signs - metal, corrugated yard signs, classic signs, car decals, imprinting on bags, hats, umbrellas and canvas chairs. She will do T-shirts to specification for individuals, organizations and schools.

Peters said the business also has a variety of mostly sports jewelry and a small variety of shoes and flip flops, with more coming in the spring. She also carries headbands, sunglasses, koozies and baby items that can be imprinted.

The store is colorful, well-arranged, and a fun place to visit and shop.



It's a whole new world. I've joined the Y, as in the YMCA, as in Young Men's Christian Association. Well, at least I'm a Christian.

At the Y, I ride a fake bicycle and also swim, exercises that may shorten my post-knee surgery time in purgatory. Is purgatory capitalized? Perhaps not. But isn't Hell?

Even so, if I capitalize purgatory, you'd think I was talking about a ski resort in New Mexico. I'm not. I'm talking about physical therapy.

Disclaimer: Not being Catholic, all I know about purgatory is from Dante's "Divine Comedy," required reading in college and probably not the official church line. I remember levels of punishment, like maybe 14. The River Styx was somehow involved.

Anyway, now that I'm enrolled at a "sports" clinic for a regimen to recondition my knee, some of the things Dante wrote are coming back to me, at least vaguely. The physical therapists and technicians are the Devil's apprentices, administering the various forms of torture and thinking up new ones in their spare time. Forgive me if I'm mixing things up with the theology of C. S. Lewis as presented in "The Screwtape Letters," another book I first and last read in college.

Either way, I exaggerate. The exercises are rather mild, but I'm still reminded of those purgatorial punishment levels, except the longer you do physical therapy, the worse things get - not the better. If you start with a two-pound weight on your ankle, the next thing you know it's a three-pound weight - your reward for doing so well with the two-pounder. Oh well.

Anyway, whether I'm going

through prescribed therapeutic paces at the aforementioned clinic or exercising at the Y, it occurs to me that masochism is alive and well today. Something there is that loves to suffer.

Shades of the guy who pulled his hair because it felt so good when he quit. At age 7, I laughed at the joke. Now I'm thinking it describes human nature. Otherwise, fitness gyms would flounder, the Y would lose members and physical therapists would find it harder to make people do prescribed exercises. Instead we submit as we silently repeat the mantra - no pain, no gain.

Back when I was a child growing up on the farm, nobody said that. People avoided pain. Exercise? It just happened. My friend Lupy traces her golf swing to handling a hoe in the cotton patch. Weight lifting happened with hay bale stacking. Mostly there was weight pulling - dragging long sacks that could hold 70 pounds of cotton.

Going to the gym meant going to the school to watch basketball.

Sure, those of us who played the game ran laps and did calisthenics. But we'd never heard of aerobics and wouldn't have dreamed we'd ever pay to "join" a gym to get our heart rates up, particularly not by riding a bicycle that didn't go anywhere.

Therapy? It was what psychiatrists dispensed to crazy people, who got to lie on sofas.

Sounds like Heaven to me.



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Jimmy Green

Jimmy Green, 58, of Stamford, passed away on Wednesday, Aug. 15, 2012. Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 18, 2012 at the First Baptist Church in Stamford with Rev. James Brigham officiating. Burial followed at the Highland Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Tankersley Funeral Home of Stamford. The family received friends at the funeral home on Friday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Jimmy was born on April 17, 1954 in Knox City, Texas, to Jimmy and Helen Green. They moved to Guthrie when Jimmy was just a child. He was raised and educated in Guthrie, graduating from Guthrie High School in 1972. He married Beth Lawson in 1981 in Stamford. They have lived there ever since. Jimmy owned and operated the Stamford Service Station for over 28 years and also worked for GEM drilling and Ringo Drilling Companies. He was a member of the Stamford Volunteer Fire Department and a member of the Central Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Beth Green of Stamford, his parents, Jimmy and Helen Green of Guthrie, three sons, Jamie Lynn Green and wife, Tiffany, of San



Jimmy Green

Angelo, Joseph Haston Green and wife, Selena, of Austin, TX, and Bryce James Green of Stamford; two sisters, Debra Curd and husband, Jerry, of Knox City, and Karen Griffin and husband, Owen, of Haskell; one brother, Dwain Green and wife Jamie of Guthrie, and three grandchildren, Cheyenne Green, Lucian Green and Cooper Fiveash.

Online condolences may be viewed at www.tankersleyfuneralhome.com.

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Sports

Petersburg roams past KC

TOMMY WELLS
The Knox County News

JAYTON - The 2012 high school season didn't get off to the start the Knox City High School Greyhounds had hoped on Saturday evening at the Ninth Annual Gridiron Classic.

But it did give the Greyhounds something they desperately needed - experience on the field.

The Petersburg Buffaloes spoiled the Greyhounds' 2012 opener by grinding out a 72-28 victory in the final game of the annual six-man showcase event.

As a team, Petersburg rolled

up more than 30 total yards in the contest, and forced Knox City into several crucial turnovers.

With the loss, the Greyhounds slipped to 0-1. Petersburg is 1-0.

The Buffaloes, who are coached by former Whitharral head coach Joseph O'Malley, came out strong on defense. Petersburg forced three fumbles and intercepted a pass in the game.

Despite the loss, Knox City garnered plenty of experience in the contest. The Greyhounds entered the game with just two returning starters on both sides of the line of scrimmage.

Knox City, which picked up

Hounds slip to No. 20 in polls

The Knox City Greyhounds saw their place in the six-man polls slip a bit this week. The Greyhounds fell to No. 20 in the www.sixmanfootball.com poll.

KC had been rated No. 19 in the preseason poll.

solid play from Heath Welch and Tylynne Eaton, was one of several area teams competing in the event. Also playing in the Jayton

six-man showcase were Crowell, Newcastle and Throckmorton.

Crowell upset third-ranked Borden County in their opener. Newcastle, a semifinalist a year ago in Division II, suffered a loss to Paducah.

The Greyhounds won't have long to wait until their next outing. Knox City is scheduled to face former 11-man rival Rotan this Friday.

Rotan heads into the contest sporting an 0-1 record. The Yellowhammers dropped their six-man debut on Thursday by falling to No. 1-ranked Throckmorton, 78-40.



Heath Welch (51) crushed a Petersburg player during the first half of the Greyhounds' season-opener on Saturday in Jayton. Knox City, now 0-1, suffered a 72-28 loss to Petersburg.

Paul, Moguls sprint past Windthorst

TOMMY WELLS
The Knox County News

MUNDAY - The Munday Moguls went into Friday's season opener against the Windthorst Trojans ranked third in the latest Class A poll. Windthorst probably feels they are No. 1.

Dee Paul scored six touchdowns - including three on the defensive side of the ball - and powered the Moguls to a convincing 68-7 rout of Windthorst in a non-district matchup.

Just how impressive were the Moguls in the contest? Consider this: Munday held a 54-point lead at the half, and held Windthorst to just 114 total yards.

Munday didn't waste any time in putting Windthorst on its heels. The Moguls cranked out 22 unanswered points in the initial 12 minutes of play and never looked back.

Paul, who rushed for 62 yards on just three carries, ignited the MHS onslaught moments into the game when he scampered into the WHS end zone from 28 yards out.

Paul proved he could operate the MHS offense through the air, too. Just over two minutes after his TD run, the SMU-bound senior hooked up with Roddrick Taylor on a 56-yard

scoring toss.

Taylor added an 18-yard scoring run later in the first to stretch Munday's lead to 22-0.

Windthorst went from the frying pan into the fire in the second as the Mogul defense keyed a 32-0 run.

Paul started the Trojans' headaches early when he intercepted a WHS pass and returned it 35 yards for a score.

Later in the frame, he scooped up a fumbles and rambled 32 for a TD, and then picked off another pass and returned it 32 yards for a TD.

Tyrone Neskorik also scored in the MHS run, hauling in a 15-yard scoring pass.

Windthorst managed to avoid the shutout late in the third. The Trojans scored on a short 3-yard run, pulling to within 54-6 with 2:19 left in the frame.

The Trojans' smiles lasted just 14 seconds. Paul took the ensuing kickoff and raced 82 yards for a Mogul TD.

Dewayne Castorena closed out Munday's win by powering his way into the end zone from eight yards out early in the fourth quarter.

As a team, Munday rolled up 407 yards in the contest.

The Moguls will face Stamford this Friday.

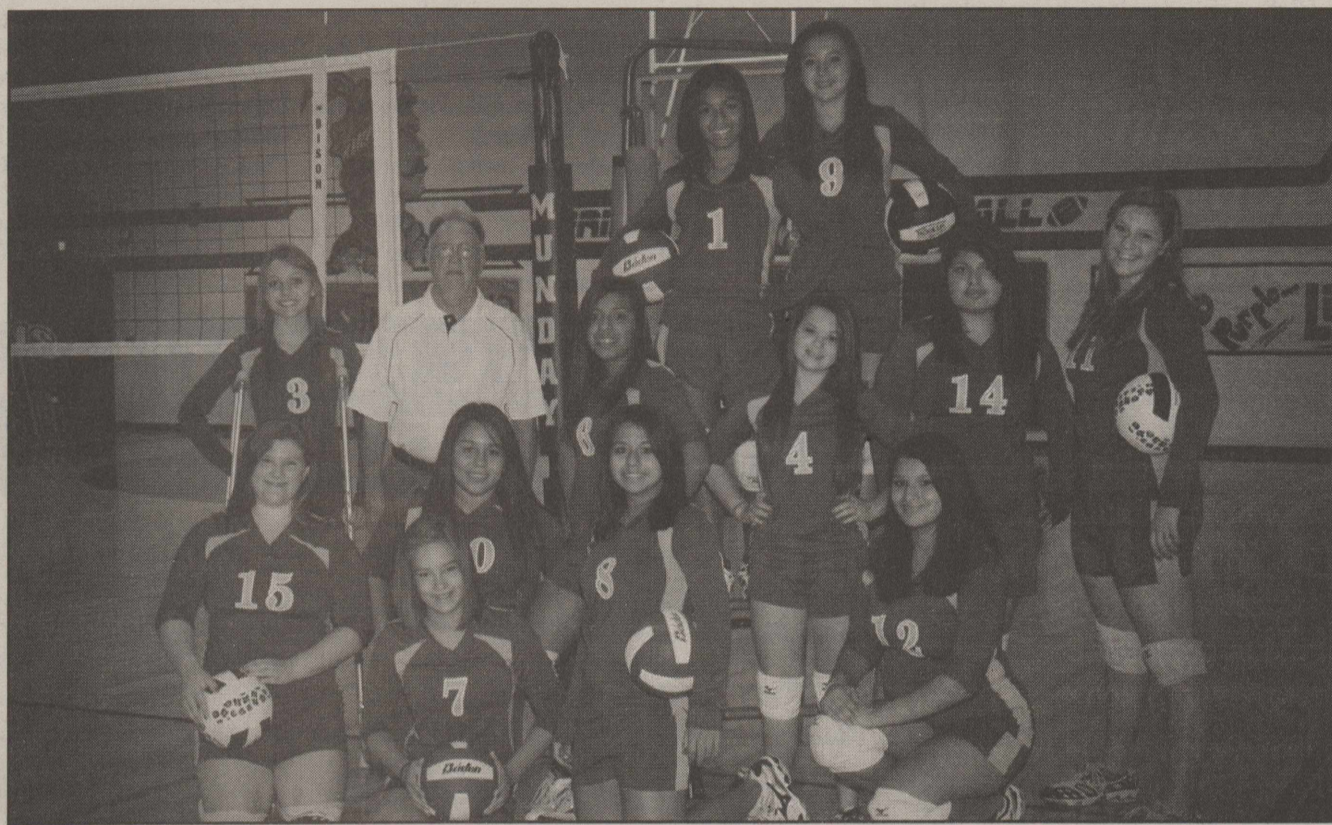


Photo courtesy Mary Murphy Photography

Mogulette JV ...

The Munday High School Mogulette junior varsity volleyball team will be in action this week.

Houndettes to compete in Post tournament this weekend

The Knox City High School Houndettes will be competing in the Post Lady Antelopes Invitational volleyball tournament, beginning this afternoon.

Knox City, one of 10 teams to participate in the event, is scheduled to begin pool play at 2:30 p.m. against Hawley. They

will play the Lubbock Titans at 3:30 p.m., and meet Plainview Christian at 4:30 p.m. Their final pool play game will be at 5:30 p.m. against Aspermont.

Teams will be seeded for Saturday's championship bracket based on their pool play standings.

2012 Pigskin Pickin'

This week's schedule of games



Tommy Wells **Brant Thurmond** **Tommy Wells, Jr.**

Newcastle at Abilene Chr.	Abilene Chr.	Abilene Chr.	Newcastle
Jayton at Blackwell	Jayton	Jayton	Jayton
Guthrie at Crowell	Crowell	Crowell	Crowell
Throckmorton at Follett	Throckmorton	Throckmorton	Throckmorton
Fort Davis vs Loraine	Loraine	Loraine	Loraine
Sanderson at Marfa	Marfa	Marfa	Marfa
Knox City at Rotan	Knox City	Knox City	Knox City
Lueders-Avoca at Rule	Lueders	Lueders	Lueders
Gordon at Stephenville Faith	Gordon	Gordon	Faith
EP Jesus Chapel at Strawn	Strawn	Strawn	Strawn
Northside at Woodson	Woodson	Woodson	Woodson
Aledo at Stephenville	Stephenville	Stephenville	Aledo
Seymour at Haskell	Seymour	Seymour	Seymour
Stamford at Munday	Munday	Munday	Munday
New Mexico at Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas
Florida at Texas A&M	Florida	Florida	Texas A&M
Texas Tech at Texas State	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech
Okla. State at Arizona	Okla. State	Okla. State	Okla. State
Miami at Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston
Washington at New Orleans	New Orleans	New Orleans	Washington

Last week	9-6, .600	10-5, .667	11-4, .733
Overall	9-6, .600	10-5, .667	11-4, .733

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The CITY OF KNOX CITY will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 2.85 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on 08/21/12 5:30 PM at City Hall 902 E Main St.

The second public hearing will be held on 09/18/12 5:30 PM at City Hall 902 E Main St.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

- FOR: Steve Pepper, Augie Rodriguez & Logan Morrow
- AGAINST: none
- PRESENT and not voting: none
- ABSENT: Zeke Duke & Mark Tucker

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in 2011 last year was \$ 27,923.01 (average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the preceding year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older). Based on last year's tax rate of \$ 0.66751 (pre-adopted tax rate) per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$ 186.38 (tax on average taxable value of a residence homestead unit for the preceding tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older).

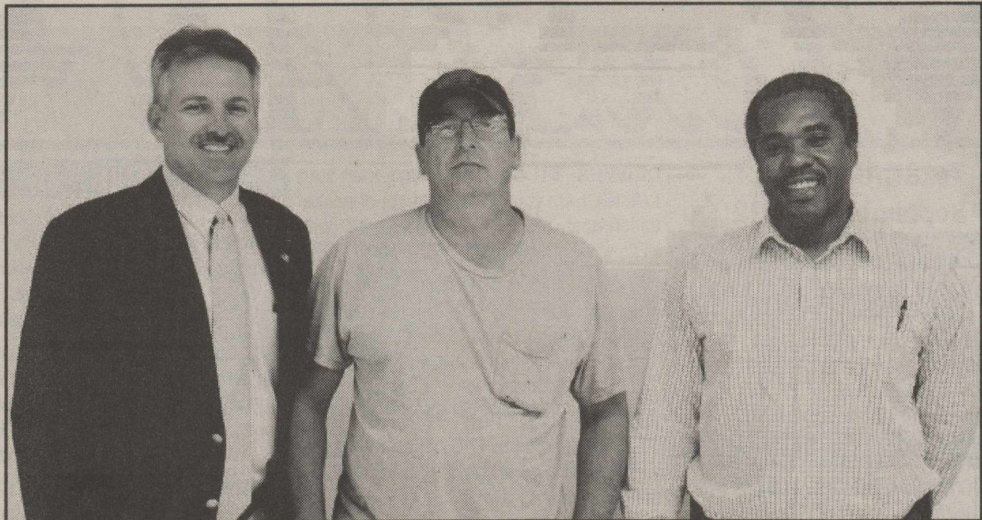
The average taxable value of a residence homestead in 2012 this year is \$ 30,414.26 (average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older). If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$ 0.70000 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$ 212.90 (tax on average taxable value of a residence in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older).

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$ 0.70000 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$ 212.90 (tax on the average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older).

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Award winners ...

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) recently presented service awards to several employees in Knox County. Curt Coop received an award for 15 years of service, Gene Ward and Rickey Gonzales received awards for 20 years of service.

Prepaid college tuition enrollment began Sept. 1

Parents looking to make their child's college education more affordable can begin enrolling in the Texas Tuition Promise Fund®, the state's prepaid college tuition program, on Sept. 1. The enrollment period runs through Feb. 28, 2013. Families in the Texas Tuition

Promise Fund purchase prepaid "tuition units" that can later be used toward undergraduate tuition and required fees at schools ranging from Texas public community colleges to four-year, in-state universities. Prices are based on 2012-13 academic year costs for

the state's public colleges.

The Texas Tuition Promise Fund is entering its fifth year. For more information about enrolling in the prepaid college tuition program, including a college cost calculator, go to www.TexasTuitionPromiseFund.com.



United States Department of Agriculture
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James E. "Bud" Smith Plant Materials Center
Knox City, TX

2012 Weekly Weather Report

Date	Temperature (F)		Rainfall inches
	Low	High	
08/27	69	96	
08/28	71	94	
08/29	62	94	
08/30	61	97	
08/31	69	101	
09/01	72	103	
09/02	74	102	

Total Rainfall for Week	0.00
Total Rainfall for month	0.00
2012 Rainfall (ytd)	12.54

KCRWSC meter fees may increase soon

The Knox County Rural Water Supply Corporation is going to increase the water meter fees on Sept. 15, 2012, for any of those who may be interested in getting a water meter in the surrounding area of Knox City. If you do not already have city water and are interested please contact Brittany Coker at (940) 256-1426 or visit Texas Tans in Knox City.

The current price per meter is \$100. The future price will be set at \$150 per meter.

Coker reminded potential meter buyers that should the project not materialize, funds would be returned, and if a customer cannot be served for any unforeseen reason there fees would be refunded.

SAMMIE'S KNOX CITY CORNER AND FINAL THOUGHTS

Monday starts with great smiles and wonderful nice weather because our rain came and went, but it really helps some of our yards, and the farmers and ranchers love every minute that they get of rain.

Hey, there are so many houses up for sale. Hopefully, we will have more people move to Knox City, and small businesses would be greatly enjoyed. It's been really hard on some of these guys that mow the lawn every three days; but, hey, they really keep a beautiful yard, and Eddie is good at it. He loves keeping a nice yard—so do lot of our neighbors and friends. It does feel nice to drive around town, and it looks so nice.

Our kids had their first week of school, and things are good. Everyone is happy to be back, and some not very happy to leave their Mommies and spend the day with people they don't know, but they'll get used to it. It may take a while but they'll be okay.

Sid and Karen Smart had their grandkids for the weekend, so the oldest boy and Sid were out hunting dove, having a great time of their lives. That's what makes grandparents special.

Rogers and Vermont were out having a great Labor Day with Amanda Sandusky. It was great to see her again. New babies, and all, they do all have their hands full.

Lots of dove hunters in town, and thank God for no accidents, because it can be dangerous to

be around guns. All younger children need to be supervised at all times. Remember, some kids need to take the safety course so they can hunt. It's worth every bit of it to understand rules and regulations.

Last week I got to visit with my Mom at Joe and Melda's house, and we had such a great time. It was fun to sit and watch her have a great time with Joe's twin grandsons and all the others. She is doing just great—a little forgetful sometimes and sometimes tired, but that's normal to be in her condition and age also. It's great to still have her, and God bless her.

Joe and Amanda Sandusky were in Knox City for the week-end visiting Debbie and Jerry Don. I didn't get to see the babies, but they say they are all doing good and still in Chico, where Joe is working.

Well, I've been undergoing some tests this last week. All went good—waiting for results. As of this week, I am going back to Grapevine to have a CT for my back. I have ruptured a vertebra in my back. It's pretty bad, so I'm going to see when we will repair it and have recovery time. I have been in lots of pain lately, and no amount of pain pills will take care of the pain. It will have to be repaired soon. I will keep in touch as long as I'm home for a while. I just pray to God to get me by every day, because it's a hard way to live.

The Utley's next door to us had a big birthday splash for

their daughter, who turned two or three years old. She had a blowup slide and lots of fun in the back yard.

Also, Romain took a trip to Las Vegas with Dessie and Sue Stephens to have a great time and enjoyed being together for a while.

Steve Reyes had some of his girls visiting this weekend and enjoying having time with their Dad at 96 years old. That's a long time, and he still looks good for his age. God bless you, Steve.

Alfredo Abila had eye surgery here a while back in Lubbock. He seems to be doing good. He spends lots of time with his Uncle Roy Rodriguez, just getting things done and out of the house.

Looks like our Community Center is coming up very slowly but very good. Looks like it's going to turn out to be very nice and very roomy for just about any celebration with lots of care and probably rules, but that's good.

With everyone busy on Monday morning, all hopefully is done. Some of our guys from Four Square Church did some minor waterline repair at our Youth House and did a great job.

Linda Gonzales is home recovering from surgery and taking chemo treatments at home. With lots of luck, she is doing good. May God bless her.

Guys, I will see y'all next week around town.

God bless our troops and each of us,
Sammie

The top 10 reasons to vote Democrat

Just Jeff



By Jeff Stanfield

This past weekend was the opening weekend of dove season in North Texas. It is a great tradition that is not understood by most city people. See, us Southerners love traditions and any excuse to eat and drink. Can you think of a more, perfect situation than having football season start, getting to shoot guns and have an extra day off? If they would work in a bikini contest, my guess is that most Texans would never want it to end.

Well, in two more months we will have the most important election in my life. This is a top 10 list of reason's to vote for Obama.

1. I voted Democrat because I love the fact that I can now marry whatever I want. I've decided to marry my German shepherd.

2. I voted Democrat because I believe oil companies' profits of 4 percent on a gallon of gas are obscene, but the government taxing the same gallon of gas at 15 percent isn't.

3. I voted Democrat because I believe the government will do a better job of spending the mon-

ey I earn than I would.

4. I voted Democrat because Freedom of Speech is fine as long as noone is offended by it.

5. I voted Democrat because I'm way too irresponsible to own a gun, and I know that my local police are all I need to protect me from murderers and thieves.

6. I voted Democrat because I believe that people who can't tell us if it will rain on Friday can tell us that the polar ice caps will melt away in 10 years if I don't start driving a Prius.

7. I voted Democrat because I'm not concerned about millions of babies being aborted so long as we keep all death row inmates alive.

8. I voted Democrat because

I think illegal aliens have a right to free health care, education, and Social Security benefits, and we should take away the social security from those who paid into it.

9. I voted Democrat because I believe liberal judges need to re-write the Constitution every few days to suit some fringe kooks who would never get their agendas past the voters.

10. I voted Democrat because I think that it's better to pay billions for oil to people who hate us, but not drill our own because it might upset some endangered beetle, gopher or fish.

I watched part of the Democratic convention and the question of the night was, "Are you better off than you where four years ago?"

No. I weigh 40 pounds more, my wife is four years older, business is down 25 percent, gas prices are 100 percent more, food prices are up over 100 percent and I cannot figure out how to make it his fault but since former President George W. Bush made Hurricane Katrina.

I blame Obama for the drought. A vote for Romney is a vote for rain!!!!

Jeff "Rainmaker" Stanfield is a local columnist.

Answer--Philomae is 1st on the bottom row, Bobby is 3rd

Public Forum

The Munday Economic Development Corporation in conjunction with Knox County and Knox County Hospital District will hold a public forum for the purpose of hearing public comments on the purchase of Munday Nursing Center. The Public Forum will be held on September 11, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at the Knox County Court House in Benjamin, Texas.

All interested parties are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

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 2013 fiscal year.

The Public hearing will be held on September 10th, 2012 at 6:00 p.m., at the Knox County Appraisal District, Knox County Courthouse, Benjamin, Texas. At 6:15 p.m. the Proposed Budget will be adopted at the Regular meeting if there is no disapproval of the Budget for 2013.

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	\$ 0.0000
The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget will be	4 (half time) employees full time equivalent
The number of employees compensated under the current budget is	4 (half time) employees full time equivalent

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 the public inspection at the Appraisal District office.

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