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Team BEATS participated in the 2012 Lubbock Heart Walk Saturday in support of Sebastian Reyes and other young heart patients. The Mended Little Hearts support group also held a memorial ceremony at the event for Sebastian's heart friend, Andrew Villarreal, who lost his battle in April 2012, before the challenging 5K walk. "It was tough with the dirt, rocks, sticks, hills, but it nothing compared to what Sebastian and all his little heart friends have gone through in their little lives. Part of me is happy to bring awareness to others but the other part of me hates it, because this cruel illness has no respect," said

Heart Mom Erica Fierra. Team BEATS includes (back row, left to right) Brownfield fire-fighter Dillon Shaw, Gebo Morin, Tony Garcia, Michael Madrigal, Dario Diaz Jr., Juan-Angel Virella of New York (middle row) Casey Clark and Mercedes Chavez of Amarillo, Jackie Morin, Lupita Sanchez of Lubbock, Moryama Lucio, Hope Garcia, Isaiah Martinez, Irene Garcia-Vargas, Priscilla Diaz, Erica Martinez, Erica Fierro, Elizabeth Villarreal of Lubbock, Sebastian Reyes and Adam Villarreal, Deija Sanchez and Jacob Sanchez of Lubbock.

Obituaries



**NEVA MELBA COPELIN
 1934-2012**

Neva Melba Copelin, age 78, of Odessa, passed away on Wednesday, October 24, 2012, at Hospice House of Odessa. She was born in Snyder on June 24, 1934 to the late Ernest and Daisy Odessa (Johnson) Rinehart. She was a clerk in a clothing store and was a member of

Faith Community Baptist Church.

She is survived by her two daughters: Kathy Harris of Odessa and Sue Ann Harris Lamar of Johnson City; two sons: Wayne Bryant of Pearland and Ernest Harris of Marble Falls; brother: Robert Rinehart of Lubbock; six grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her son: Harry James Bryant; and three sisters: Pat, Delma, and Kathleen.

Funeral services were held at Acres West Funeral Chapel at 10 a.m. Saturday, October 27, 2012, Bro. Wayne Shelton officiating. Graveside services will be at Terry County Cemetery in Brownfield on Monday, October 29, 2012 at 11 a.m. Arrangements are entrusted to Acres West Funeral Chapel, 8115 W. University Blvd, Odessa, Texas. Condolences to the family may be sent online at acreswestfuneral.com.

**CARMEN CAMILLE "BILLIE" BROOKEY
 (April 5, 1914 - October 25, 2012)**

Services for Carmen Camille "Billie" Brookey, 98, were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, October 27, 2012 in the Terry County Memorial Cemetery with Bob Reynolds officiating.

Billie passed away Thursday, October 25, 2012 in Brownfield. She was born April 5, 1914 in Granite, Okla., to Esker and Roxie Ledbetter. She married Frank Brookey September 25, 1937 in Hobart, Okla., and they moved to Brownfield in 1938. Frank preceded her in death on October 11, 1988.

Billie is survived by five children, Tom Brookey and wife Bonnie of Edmond, Okla., Glenda McCullough of Brownfield, David Brookey and wife, Vicki, of Phoenix, Susan Webb and husband, Butch, of Odessa, Jodi Johnson of Brownfield; a brother, Ken Ledbetter, of Sulphur Springs; a sister, Sarah Williams of Granite, Okla.; and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to a charity of your choice.

Commissioners approve contracts

Terry County Commissioners approved routine contracts and discussed litigation during a specially-called meeting Friday morning.

The commissioners approved the Texas Association for Home Care and Hospice Resolution, in which the county has long been a participant, as well as Required Documentation of Eminent Domain Authority in Texas. They approved another annual contract with the regional public defender for legal services in capital cases, for which County Auditor Jan Hudson noted the county had received a refund last year after more counties entered into the interlocal agreement and Terry County had no capital cases.

They also approved \$1,883 in travel expenses for county attorney's assistants Yvonne Rocha and Leanna Campos to attend a seminar Nov. 7-9 in Dallas.

Local attorney Brad Moore joined the commissioners for a

closed-door discussion regarding litigation, which was preceded with no action.

County Judge Butch Wagner presided and all four commissioners were present, to include Mike Swain, Kirby Keese, Shorty Martinez and John Franks.

The family of Roy Burks would like to thank you for all your prayers and concern at this time.

Dottie Burks & Family

Program to provide homes for needy Terry Countians

Terry County will participate this year in a program to build new houses for low-income residents who need them, with plans in the works for five homes this year.

Commissioners agreed Monday morning to partner with the South Plains Community Action Association in the Texas Home Investment Partnership Program. Through grant money, they will build three houses in Brownfield, one in Meadow and one in Wellman.

"Their current home is demolished and a new home is built on site," Levelland-based SPCAA spokesman Brad Patrick told the *Brownfield News*. "The goal of the program is to assist low-income home-owners, whether they be elderly, disabled or low income, in rehabilitating or reconstructing a home."

Under the program, a no-longer-livable home is demolished and a new one constructed in its location, through funding by the Texas Department Housing and Community Affairs under the direction of Housing and Urban Development. After the homes are built, their new owners will be responsible for all property taxes and utility payments.

CHASE

The suspect was wearing a helmet and his motorcycle was laying abandoned nearby. Investigating officers suspect he was attempting to catch a ride with a passing motorist.

Garcia and Orozco were taken to the Terry County Jail, then back to the Lynn County Jail. As of press time Friday afternoon, they were in the process of posting \$7,500 bonds for release.

To select those new homeowners, SPCAA staff review their applications and make a decision based mainly on their income, Patrick said. If more than one applicant meets qualification guidelines, they will determine candidates on a first-come, first-served basis.

"We're looking forward to working with the judge in Terry County and the city of Brownfield and getting some homes built for the individuals that need them," Patrick said. "That's our organization's mission - helping people and changing lives."

The new homes typically have a real estate value of about \$80,000 and are under 1,000 square feet with two bedrooms and one bathroom.

Construction will begin shortly after program coordinators finish the legal paperwork regarding the decrepit houses

they will soon demolish, such as making sure the property taxes have been paid in full and the titles are listed in the name of the current homeowner.

"We were just awarded, so now we're in the process of getting the titles squared away," Patrick said.

Just as the individual has to qualify as low-income, the home set for demolition has to qualify as low property value. TDHCA's threshold is \$30,000 on rehabilitation, but if its value exceeds that amount, options might be available instead for reconstruction.

Commissioners and Brownfield City Council first agreed to participate in the program about three years ago, but then on a smaller scale by creating just one or two low-income houses instead of the five for which grant money allows.

ELECTRIC RATE from One

Most states have some sort of system to encourage power companies to maintain a minimum level of capacity.

Commissioner Kenneth Anderson expressed skepticism that Texas needed a system to pay for capacity. He said he preferred a system that paid customers to decrease their demand for electricity during peak periods. He pointed out that Texas only nears a dangerous level of electricity demand for 160 hours a year.

Sam Newell, a PUC consultant with the Brattle Group, told the commission that raising the maximum wholesale price to \$9,000 will only guarantee an 8 percent reserve capacity, increasing the risk of outages. If the commission wants to guarantee a higher reserve, it will make more drastic changes to the market.

Establishing a so-called capacity market would also increase costs, Newell said, but it would also increase reliability. He said it was up to the commission to strike the balance between the two factors.

The Texas Coalition for Affordable Power, a group of cities that purchase power on the deregulated market, welcomed the PUC decision, saying the price hike will hurt consumers less than a move to a capacity market.

"We urge the commission to assess carefully the impact this decision will have on Texas ratepayers and the electricity market, and to avoid increasing costs even more through the creation of a complicated capacity market," said Dr. Randy Moravec, the group's executive director. "It's important that policymakers consider system reliability and costs because both directly impact the Texas economy and the welfare of its citizens."

RE-ELECT EXPERIENCE

"I believe we deserve to live in a community where our prosecutor is dedicated to keeping our community safe and has the tools to accomplish that goal. Eight years ago, I stepped into the role of County Attorney holding myself to that standard, and prosecuting those that try to threaten our community's safety. This is not an easy task, and as a community, you deserve a prosecutor who does not take the task lightly. EXPERIENCE IS KEY. When you vote early, please read the ballot. Don't just vote straight ticket. Make sure you vote for the individual."

-- Ramon Gallegos
 Terry County Attorney



RAMON GALLEGOS
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