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Carter named KC's top citizen



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Tracy Carter was recognized as the 2013 E. Hob Smith Memorial Most Appreciated Citizen in Knox City, an award given annually by the Knox City Chamber of Commerce. Congratulating Carter is Mark Tucker.

By Hanaba Munn Welch
The Knox County News-Courier

KNOX CITY — Tracy Carter didn't expect to be recognized with the Knox City Chamber of Commerce top award Saturday night.

"I was floored," he said.

The secret was well kept. His wife knew and made sure he didn't miss the event.

"She said we had tickets," he said.

But when he was named the recipient of the E. Hob Smith Memorial

Most Appreciated Citizen, the honor caught him off guard.

Chamber President Greg Oliver wasn't surprised to see Carter get the award.

"He's always there with a helping hand working behind the scenes," Oliver said. "He doesn't seek any recognition."

Carter and a business partner Donnie Bowles own and operate Pumpers Supply and Equipment, an oil field supply business in Knox City.

Pumpers Supply is marking 37 years in business this month.



Knox Notes

Events are listed free of charge for nonprofit civic organizations, schools and community events. Submit listings at least two weeks ahead of the date. Listings will run through the date of the event. Emailed submissions are preferred to kcnewscourier@gmail.com.

Relay for Life

Honor and remember those who have fought or are fighting the brave battle against cancer with a luminaria from the American Cancer Society. Luminarias will be shining at the Relay for Life on April 26 in Haskell. Forms can be picked up at the Munday Tire & Appliance, or call Leann Harlan at 203-0142.

Track meets

The Munday Athletic Booster Club will host the high school area meet for Districts 9 and 10 today; field events at 11:30 a.m. and running finals begin at 4 p.m. Concessions include Freddie's hamburgers, turkey legs, sausage wraps, homemade burritos, french fries and soft-serve ice cream.

Pre-k roundup

The prekindergarten roundup at Munday Elementary School will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 19. Students who will be 4 on or before Sept. 1, 2013, are eligible to enroll for the next academic year. Parents must provide child's birth certificate, Social Security card, immunization record and proof of residency. For information, call Munday Elementary at 940-422-4321.

Spring Fling Saturday

The Noah Project North will have its Spring Fling Saturday on April 20 at the Haskell Civic Center. Doors open at 6 p.m. Event includes a ham dinner with all the trimmings, and entertainment includes duos, solos and groups. Tickets cost \$12.50 and can be bought from any adviser or member or by calling 864-2551.

Alzheimer's support

The Haskell County Alzheimer's Support Group meets the fourth Monday of the month at the Haskell County Extension Office, 101 S. Ave. D, in Haskell. The next meeting will be at 3 p.m. Monday. Caregivers, family members and friends of individuals with Alzheimer's or a related dementia are encouraged to attend. Contact Jane Rowan for information at 940-864-2546.

Retired teachers

The Knox County Retired Teachers organization will meet at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday in Fellowship Hall at First Baptist Church of Munday, 220 S. Fifth St. State delegates will report on the state convention. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Contact Nell Sloan at dns@srcaccess.net.

Ranch rodeo

The Knox Prairie Ranch Rodeo, sponsored by the Munday Volunteer Fire Department, will be held April 26-27 at the Rodeo Arena in Munday. Call Fire Chief Bill Longan for details at 940-256-8305.

5k run

The first War Paint 5K run will be May 4 on the square in downtown Haskell. Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m., and the race will begin at 8:30 a.m. Registration costs \$25 for adults and \$15 for children ages 3 to 12. Register online at active.com. For information, email haskellelementarypto@gmail.com. All proceeds benefit the Haskell Elementary PTO.

Corrections

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News on the go



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Munday set to gain from recycling

Council still discussing city pool opening

By Hanaba Munn Welch
The Knox County News-Courier

MUNDAY — The city stands to make less money from garbage services but more from recycling if an improved recycling system goes into operation as projected.

"It'll reduce our income (from charges for garbage services), but it will also reduce our costs," City Manager Rick Ake said last week at a regular meeting of the City Council.

The city is taking advantage of a matching grant administered by the North Texas Council of Governments to put a forklift and cardboard baler into service contingent on the availability of a building to store the equipment.

"We should be able to take over the boll weevil place sometime next month," Ake said, referring to a facility formerly used by the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation.

Munday could expand its recycling system to accept materials from other nearby cities, Ake told the council, passing along an idea supported by the council of governments.

"We're the only town in the county that has really done anything with recycling," he said. "We've spent time to foster this and to bring it along. I talked with Allied Waste on some other things that can be done through recycling that will bring us a little more income."

City pool concerns

Water concerns took most of the council's time — the city pool in particular.

"The one concern that I have is if we have to go to Stage 4 water restrictions, that means no outside watering whatsoever," Ake said. "It also means a curtailment on commercial use of water. Are you willing to tell people with plants and yards and trees and swimming pools they cannot use city water, and we're pumping water into the pool?"

Mayor Robert Bowen suggested the city

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Love Letters



Hanaba Munn Welch/The News-Courier

Letters from R.B. Davis to his fiancée, Dennise Cobb, are half the story of a 1929 courtship. Letters from Cobb to Davis complete the picture. Knox City historian Darlene Bellinghausen has both — letters the couple-to-be wrote each other from the beginning of the year almost daily until they wed on Dec. 20, 1929. The letters are material for a scholarly paper Bellinghausen is writing. A book may also result from Bellinghausen's work. Davis wrote from various locations in the Lubbock area to Cobb at a Denton address.

Ms. B gets an A

Local teacher-historian honored for work

By Hanaba Munn Welch
The Knox County News-Courier

The West Texas Historical Association named Knox City resident Darlene Bellinghausen a fellow April 6 in Wichita Falls at the 90th annual meeting of the organization.

The recognition counts as one more laurel for the English retired teacher and historian. She won't be resting on it.

For Bellinghausen, honors and compliments are the wind in her sails. "Ms. B" is a teacher whose voyage has made a positive difference in many lives, and she knows it. Her former students tell her so.

And as a historian, her validation is similar and ongoing. She's earned the respect of peers, not just in the WTHA but also in other groups, and she keeps getting published.

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Submitted photo

Darlene Bellinghausen is shown entertaining her great-nephew Daniel Davis. Bellinghausen maintained memberships and held positions of leadership in various historical organizations.

Rainfall doesn't raise lake or restrictions

By Hanaba Munn Welch
The Knox County News-Courier

Rain that fell early last week did little to raise the level of Millers Creek Reservoir, the source of water for the North Central Texas Municipal Water Supply Corp. — source of water for both Knox City and Munday.

Stage 3 water conservation restrictions remain in force in both cities. Unless things change markedly, it's likely tighter restrictions will go into effect by next month.

"It rained on parts of our watershed," General Manager David Kuehler said Monday. The water soaked mostly into the ground.

"It didn't rain long enough or hard enough," Kuehler said. "The lake came up .60 inch. It's a couple of days' worth."

Hydrologic technicians from the U.S. Geologic Survey office in Wichita Falls were measuring the late-afternoon flow of the South Wichita River on April 12, noting an increase in the volume of water.

Both Gary Burke and Samuel Kelley said then the rainfall would have little effect on Millers Creek Reservoir. They reported the level of Lake Kemp was up slightly following the rain according to measurements they had taken earlier in the day.

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Samuel Kelley, U.S. Geological Survey hydrologic technician (background), gauges the swift flow of the South Wichita River last Tuesday after rain fell in the area. He and his colleague, Gary Burke (foreground), also analyzed the effect of the rain in other places, including Millers Creek Reservoir.

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Deaths

Mary Frances Shannon

Mary Frances Shannon longtime resident of Knox City, Texas, and most recently of Abilene, Texas, passed away Sunday morning, April 14, 2013 in Abilene.

A private family graveside service will be held Saturday, April 20, 2013, at Knox City Cemetery under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes.

Mary Frances was born in Slaton, Texas, on March 16, 1922, the youngest child and only daughter of Bill and Lillian Reeder. She soon moved with her family to Knox City, a town her grandparents helped establish. Mary Frances married Fuller Shannon, a Knox City native, in 1942. When Fuller's military service ended, the couple made Knox City their home.

Mary Frances loved her family and her friends. She touched the lives of hundreds of children as fifth-grade teacher in the Knox City public schools. She had a keen interest in education issues and was an active member of the retired



MARY SHANNON

teachers association. In 2004, Mary Frances moved to Mesa Springs Retirement Community in Abilene. The many friends she made there greatly enriched her last years of her life.

Mary Frances was preceded in death by her husband, Fuller; and three brothers, Murray, Ted and Herman Reeder.

She is survived by her son Patrick Shannon and his wife, Cynthia, of Austin; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, all of Austin: Katherine Shannon Clark and husband, Adam, and their sons, Wyatt and Mason; Joseph Shannon and wife, Maci,

and their daughter Hailey; and Andrew Shannon, wife, Kate, and daughter Marion. Mary Frances is also survived by two special sisters-in-law, Claudia Sue Reeder of Albuquerque, N.M., and Elizabeth Hargis of Conway, Ark., and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family extends its warmest thanks to Margaret Lewis for the loving care she gave to Mary Frances. The family also thanks Drs. Keith Robinson and Udaya Swarna for their years of attentive care, the nurses and staff at Mesa Springs for their many kindnesses, and the nurses in the progressive care and hospice units at Hendrick Medical Center for making Mary Frances' last days so comfortable.

Memorial contributions may be made to Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services, 4407 Bee Cave Road, Suite 520, Austin, TX 78746.

Online condolences can be shared with the Shannon family at smithfamilyfh.com.

Charles W. Sargent

PLEASANTON — On April 2, 2013 a 9:26 a.m., surrounded by his family, Charles William Sargent left our world to receive rewards graciously due for his life of sacrifice and giving. Known as "Papa" to most people, he was born on January 16, 1933, to the Rev. Charles Wesley Sargent and Ella Mae Ford Sargent. Always well liked by others, he was voted most likely to succeed as well as class favorite in high school. He married his high school sweetheart, the late Margie Hill of Munday, Texas, on September 8, 1951, and they began their family. Moving to Pleasanton in 1971, Charles was the manager at Alamo Lumber Co. He gave willingly to the County EMS system as a volunteer in the 1980s until Quality Ambulance Service owned and operated by a dear friend became available in 1987 and he began his private ambulance service that he owned and operated until his passing.

Born the son of a Methodist minister, he grew in faith and wisdom. He was a long-time member of Cornerstone Church. Given the opportunity in 2009 he journeyed to the land of Israel where his faith was once again re-affirmed with re-baptism in the Jordan River at the site where our Lord and Savior was affirmed by John the Baptist.

Charles is preceded in death by his father, Charles, mother, Ella; wife, Margie; daughter Tammy; brother Johnny; sisters, Willa, Ouida, Lucille, Do-

ris and Chet.

He is survived by his wife, Lynda Cearley Sargent; daughter Lou Sralla and husband Wayne; brother Bob Sargent and wife, Sandy; grandchildren Jamie Riley Czacher and husband, Brad; Loudee Turnham and husband, Kenny; Tracie Wear and husband, Steve; Danna Jacobsen, James Jacobsen, Jensen and Jaden Cearley, Courtney, Melanie and Parker Cearley; stepchildren, Brian Cearley and wife, Kim; and Jeff Cearley and wife, Shelley.

The extension of his family of great-grandchildren includes Bradley Dickinson and wife Ashley, Lynell Ortiz, Megan Mann, Brenton Coolidge; Michael Tatum, Andrew Tatum, Elizabeth Sargent, Michelle Turnham, Stephen C. Wear, Madison Wear and Camryn Jacobsen and fifth generation grandchild, Chloe Dickinson.

There remain numerous friends and other family members, including Danny Jacobsen and Steve Carter.

He will be truly missed, but remains loved and respected by all in the community. He was an icon to those who have worked and served with him in the State Emergency Response System. We love you Papa!

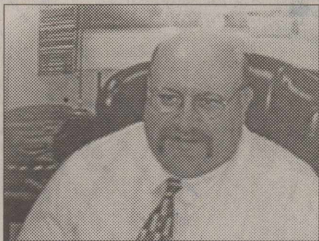
Funeral services were April 8 at Hurley Funeral Home in Pleasanton. Interment was April 9 at the Johnson Memorial Cemetery in Munday.

Anyone wishing to leave condolences for the family may do so at hurleyfuneralhome.com.

Jeffrey S. Decker

BRYSON — Jeffrey S. Decker, 50, passed away Tuesday, April 9, 2013, in Wichita Falls. Jeff was born December 22, 1962, to Thomas and Arleda Decker in Dallas. Jeff married Ann Kuehler on December 9, 1989, in Rhineland, Texas.

Jeff is survived by his wife, Ann, of Bryson;



JEFFREY DECKER

daughter Tonya Decker of Weatherford; mother, Arleda Decker of Munday;

also several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Rosary was Thursday at the funeral home in Munday. Funeral mass was Friday at Saint Joseph's Catholic Church in Rhineland. Interment was in the church cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Smith Funeral Home of Munday.

Danny Carden

Daniel Lee "Danny" Carden, lifelong Munday resident, passed away Monday, April 15, 2013, at the age of 59. Danny was born February 2, 1954, in Knox City to Raymond and Bernice Carden.

Danny is survived by his son, Kaleb Rodriguez of Munday; father, Raymond Carden of Munday; and his brother, Billy Carden of Munday; also, several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Services were Wednesday at the First Baptist Church in Munday. Burial was in Johnson Memorial Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Smith Funeral Home of Munday.

KCHS Class of '78 plans community-wide reunion

The Knox County News-Courier

the first year is to raise at least \$1,000.

Officials with the recently formed Knox City Exes Scholarship Fund announced this week the 1978 Class of Knox City High School will have a class reunion July 6.

All Knox City High School classes and past students are invited to participate and invite their friends and family.

In conjunction with the reunion will be a golf tournament, barbecue and dance with the Heather Roberts Band.

All proceeds will be earmarked for college scholarships for a few 2014 Knox City High School graduates.

Tommy Mangis, Class of 1978, said in future years, the organization's goal is to work with other classes as they have their class reunions and raise even more scholarship money for graduating seniors. The goal for

The golf tournament will be a two-person scramble at Knox City Country Club, and the entry fee is \$100 per team. Contact Jimmy Don Moore, Class of 1976, at 813-629-1331 to enter. The deadline for entering the golf tournament is May 1. There will also be an informal warm-up day of golf July 5.

To get your tickets to the reunion event, including the barbecue and dance, contact Michelle Stanfield at 940-256-0318 or Patti Lain Currie at 325-721-3001. The event will be held from 5 to 11 p.m. July 6 at the new Knox City Community Center. Tickets cost \$10 per person. Take-out plates available.

The scholarship fund will also accept general donations. Contact Patsy Gonzales at 940-256-1190 for information.

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The Leon Watson family wishes to thank all who expressed kind words, sent flowers and food. Thanks to the Foursquare Church for the meals and services conducted. Thank you pastor Gary Schnable and Paul Chambers. To James Stafford and family, we thank you for your help in our trying time, also to the EMS. Your kindness will always be remembered

Glenna Decker
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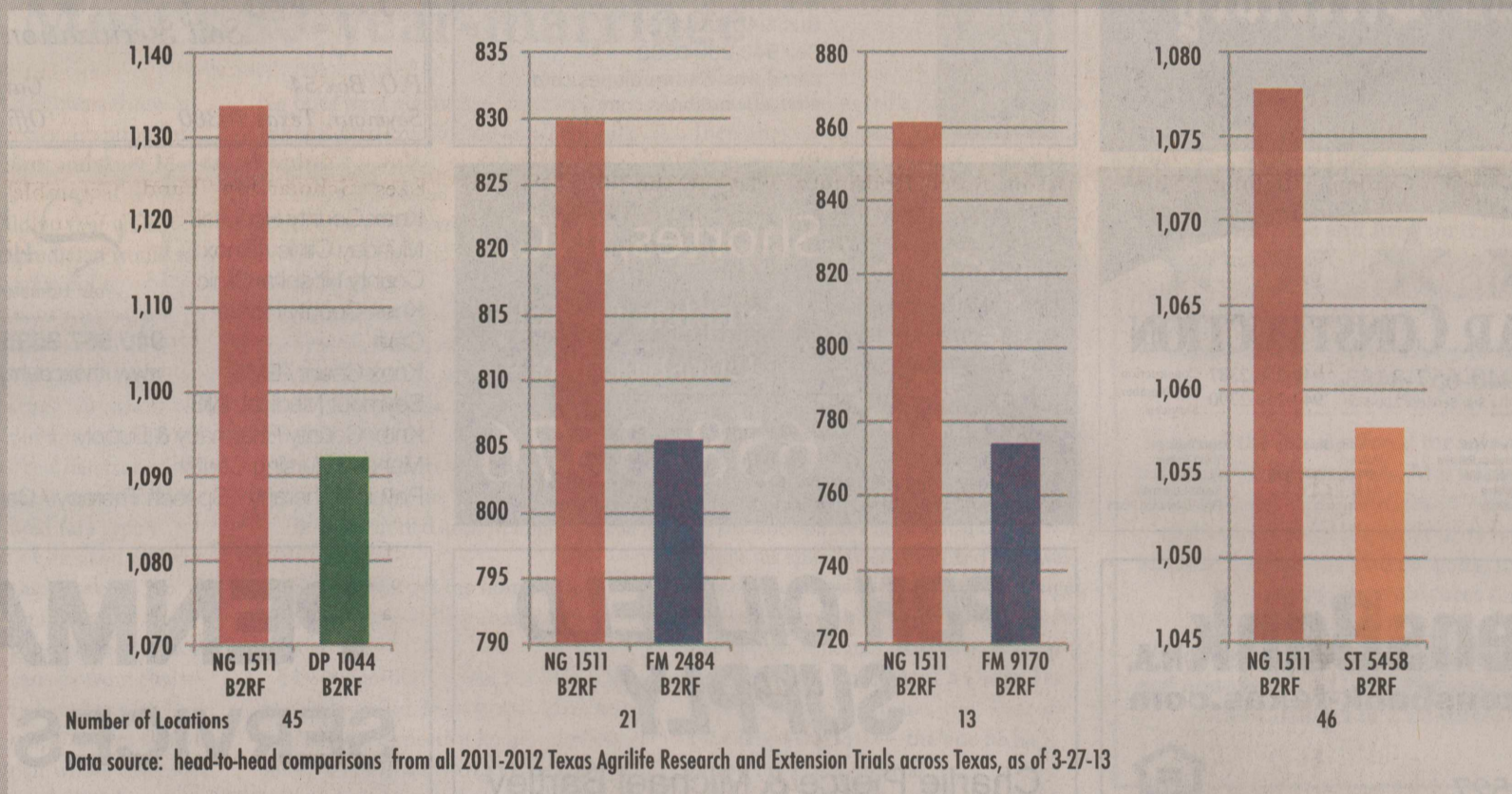


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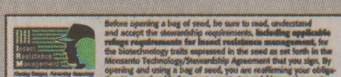


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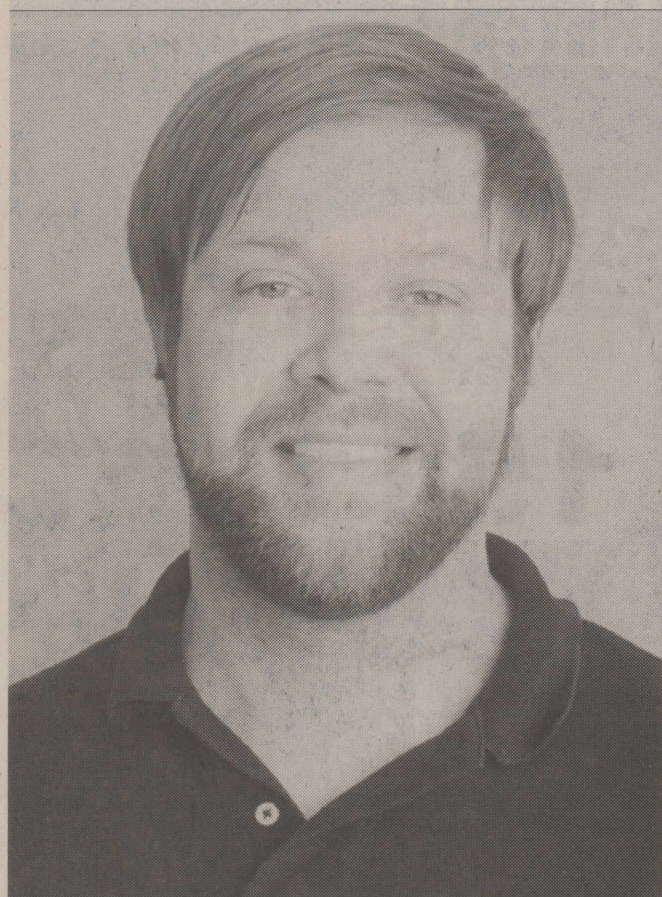
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FINANCIAL



Hodgin elected to newspaper board

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Wayne Hodgin, editor of The Knox County News-Courier, has been elected to serve a three-year term on the Panhandle Press Association board of directors.

The organization met for its 103rd annual meeting and conference April 5 in Amarillo.

The Panhandle Press Association was organized in 1910 as an educational, nonprofit

organization to promote excellence in journalism. Its members include about 50 newspapers in the Texas Panhandle, South Plains, Oklahoma Panhandle, southern Kansas and eastern New Mexico.

Hodgin also is the editor of The Post Dispatch.

The Panhandle Press Association also offers scholarships for graduating high school seniors planning to major in journalism and also a scholarship for college students.

Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

Here we go again! We are getting ready for another workweek. Monday mornings come around pretty often, and talk about a week of varied weather — we have had it. From 90 degrees on Tuesday morning, down to 40 by 6 p.m., then rain, wind, hail, sleet, and ice by Wednesday morning.

It finally began to warm by midweek, and by today (Sunday), we're back to 90 degrees plus. As the old saying goes, "If you don't like the weather here, stick around—it will change in a little while!" And it does!

It is good to report I have no news of anyone who is having real serious health problems today. I hope I haven't missed anyone.

New Arrival

Sophie Madison is the newest member of the Silva family. She arrived Monday, April 8, 2013, at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. She weighed 8 pounds, 15 ounces, and was 20 inches long. Her very

proud parents are Salvadore Jr. and Margaret, and she has a "big" sister Emilee. Grandparents are Tina and Kim Sealy and the late Jacob Siemens of Benjamin and Salvadore and Maria Silva of Knox City. She also has a host of aunts, uncles and cousins who will no doubt have a hand in helping spoil her. Mom and baby, (Dad and sister) are all doing great!

Cemetery Association secretary-treasurer Buddy Tolson has reported the latest donations to the association. Making those donations were Steve Bisbee, Vernon E. and JoNell Brown and Roma J. Pressel. All donations, memorials and any monetary gifts will be put into the general operating fund for the upkeep of the cemetery. Also, don't forget the workday on April 27, beginning about 8 am. Come armed with hoes, lawn trimmers and any other yard tools and be prepared to use them. There's a good bit to be done out there.

Here n'There

Shelby Russell of Midwestern Uni-

versity was a weekend visitor of her sister Samijo and D.J. and great-grandmother Hazel Stockton.

Larry and Cathy Conner of Wolforth visited his brother, Bud, on Saturday night.

We learned Saturday night of the death (about 9:20 p.m.) of Jack Coker of Rule, father of former Benjamin resident Pam Conner. Jack had been battling cancer for quite some time. His funeral will be Tuesday in Rule with burial in Haskell. My sympathy goes to the Coker family.

Will Moorhouse of Snyder spent the weekend with his parents, Mike and Debi. Also visiting were Lexie, Katy, and Blaze Taylor of Amarillo.

My sympathy to the families of Billy Huffman and Jeff Decker, who passed away last week. Both men had been ill for a while. Their funerals were midweek — Mr. Huffman's at Goree and Jeff Decker's at Rhineland.

Gladene Green is the longtime Benjamin correspondent for the News-Courier.

Allbritton named new TxDot area engineer

Special to the News-Courier

CHILDRESS — Glenn Allbritton has been named as the Munday area engineer for the Texas Department of Transportation's Childress district.

In this role, he will oversee the department's functions in Foard, Dickens, King, Motley, Knox and Cottle counties.

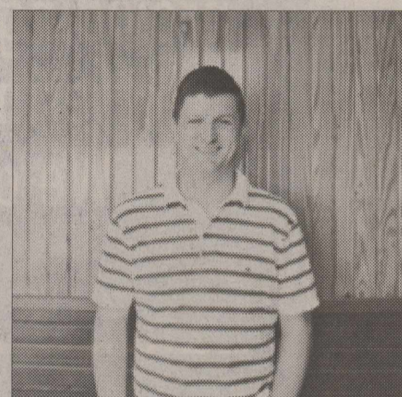
Allbritton came to Childress from TxDOT's Wichita Falls district, where he served as district traffic engineer. A 15-year veteran, Allbritton started with the department in 1998 in the district signal shop while attending college at night. After graduation, he transferred to the

district traffic office and worked there about 18 months before moving to the Wichita Falls area office.

In 2007, he transferred to the district design office. In 2009, he received his professional engineer's license and was promoted to design team leader, responsible for overseeing all plan work assigned to the district office.

In the summer of 2012, he was promoted to the district traffic engineer in Wichita Falls and began his current position as Munday area engineer on March 1.

Allbritton and his wife, Jan, have three children, Lexi, Tyler and Leah.



Glenn Allbritton

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Greyhound Chris Lewis competes in the 800-meter and qualified for regionals with a second-place finish.

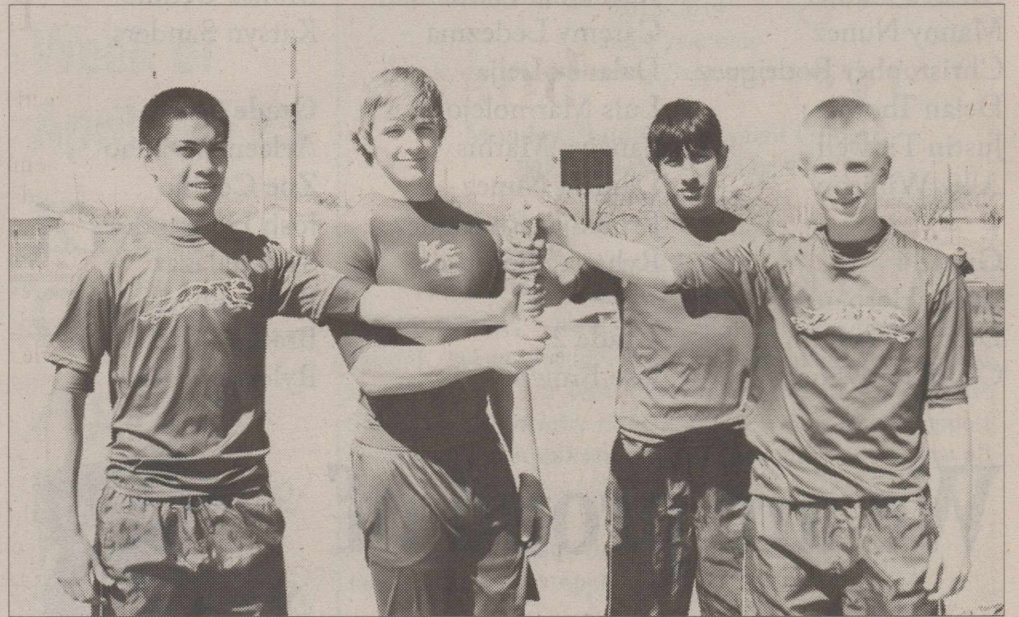


Houndette Leighten Pepper qualifies for regionals in 100-meter hurdles

Photos by Shari Baty/For the News-Courier



Greyhound Zac Carter qualifies for regionals in 400-meters.



Knox City High School varsity boys regional qualifiers.



Knox City High school varsity girls regional qualifiers.

Area (Districts 9A & 10A) track meet was held April 11 at Aspermont. Other regional qualifiers include: Tylynne Eaton in Discus, Jordyn Eaton in Discus, and Makaylie Steele in Shot Put.

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Dustin Cottingham
Anthony Exiga
Hunter Jagers
Diana Marmolejo
Conner Moore
Riston Sanchez
Stephanie Scott
Brice Thompson
Cheney Thompson

Grade 3

Karley Myers
Andrea Nunez
Manny Nunez
Christopher Rodriguez
Dejan Thomas
Justin Tidwell
Allie Willison

Grade 4

Jonah Hernandez
Destyn Mauldin
Claire Redwine

Carlie Willison

Grade 5

Emily Cottingham
Bryanne Cude
Evan Hunter
Madelyn Mendoza
Isabella Nunez
Sydney Thompson

Grade 6

Emily Scott
McKenna Zeissel

5th Six Weeks A-B Honor Roll

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Avery Garcia
Isaac Garcia
Raehanna Hardeman
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Sanaiya Mathis
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Grade 2

Jase Brown

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Micah Estrada
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Emma Hilario
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Alexis Rodriguez
Aleeya Urbanczyk

Grade 3

Joe Jasso
Reymie Monasterio
Elli Oustad
Julie Valk

Grade 4

Kelton Carver
Carlos Cassal
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Grade 5

Monse Cedillo
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Grade 6

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Attendance Winners



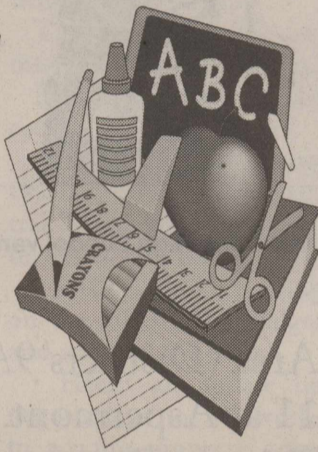
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Fifth six weeks attendance winners at Munday Elementary School were: Taylor Herring (prekindergarten), Ann'Elyse Clark (kindergarten), Avery Garcia (first grade), Diana Marmolejo (second grade), Christopher Rodriguez (third grade), Richie Perez (fourth grade), Sarah Anderson (fifth grade) and Zoe Cedillo (sixth grade).



Accelerated Reading winners for the fifth six weeks at Munday Elementary were Madelyn Mendoza, Karley Myers, Stetson Blair, Justin Tidwell, Emma Hilario.

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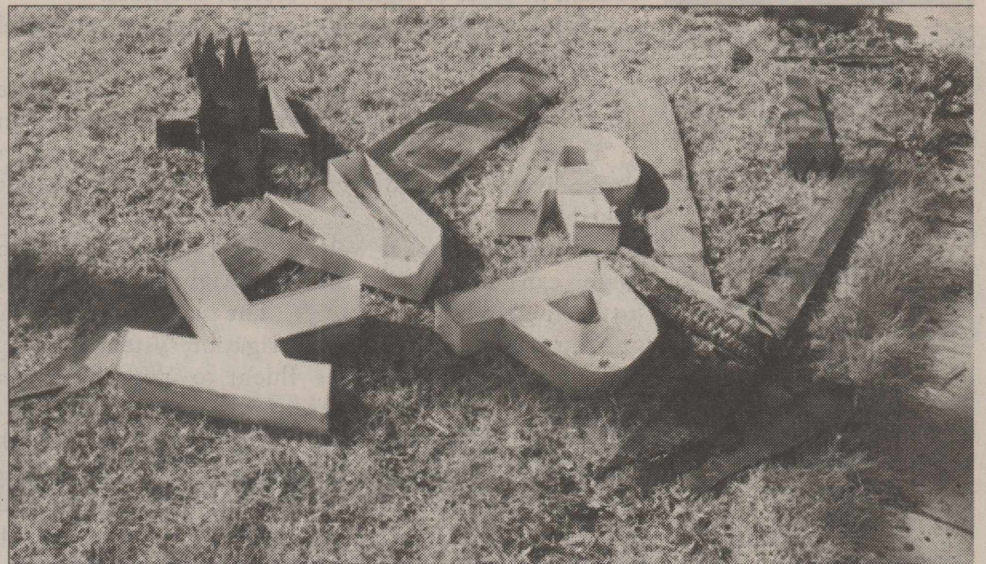
Fire temporarily shuts down Haskell radio station

By Wayne Hodgin
Special to the Reporter-News

HASKELL – KVRP-97.1 FM was off air for a number of hours April 7 after a fire at its Haskell location shut down operations. Program Director Dave Harrison said the fire was contained to the station's roof. Haskell Volunteer Fire officials, he said, believe the blaze was electrical in nature. "Our roof sign was struck by lightning during last week's storm," Harrison said. "We're

pretty sure that caused a short in the sign's electrical wiring."

The fire was reported to 911 by a passerby on U.S. 380 about 3 p.m. that Sunday afternoon. Fire crews responded quickly to extinguish the blaze and remained on scene until about 5 p.m. to ensure no flare-ups occurred. Harrison said he hoped the station's operations were up and going "in a couple of hours." "We're waiting on the green light from the electric company," he said.



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The KVRP sign lies on the ground after fire crews extinguished a roof fire April 7 at the Haskell radio station. The fire caused the station to be off air for a number of hours that afternoon.



Wayne Hodgin/The News-Courier

Dave Harrison of KVRP-97.1 FM and Jerry Coker of AEP discuss a roof fire at the Haskell radio station that caused it to be off air for a number of hours the afternoon of April 7. Fire officials believe a short in the station's signage caused by a recent thunderstorm was to blame for the blaze.

Groves at Houston Stock Show



Submitted photo

Logan Groves, right, of Munday placed second in the Chianina Division at the Houston Stock Show recently. He is shown with his parents, Kenneth and Mary Denise Groves.

Head Start group pushes recruiting

By Hanaba Munn Welch
The Knox County News-Courier

It's time to get a headstart on Head Start. Child development centers in both Knox City and Munday will be hosting application fairs to help parents and guardians register 3- and 4-year-old children for the Head Start Program that will begin in the fall.

The application fairs, also called roundup days, will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. – Monday in Knox City at 502 N. Second St. and April 25 in Munday at 941 Bowie St.

The application fairs are part of a special recruitment effort of Head Start to enroll children in the program, even though applications can be taken at any time during the year.

Head Start does just what it says. It helps children learn things ahead of time so they'll be better prepared to start pre-kindergarten.

Marie Shields has worked five years in Munday as a teacher's aide. She believes the program serves a good purpose.

"It gets them started before they get to pre-K," she said.

Children learn things like the alphabet, colors and shapes — "lots of things," she said. "We get a lot of people who sign up."

A more formal explanation is that Head Start is designed to meet the needs of children by providing an environment to help them develop socially, physically, intellectually and emotionally in a manner appropriate to their age and stage of development.

The overall goal is school readiness and social competence.

Children with disabilities are welcome in Head Start and are offered the full range of developmental services that children without disabili-

ties receive. The program works closely with other community agencies to provide services to meet the special needs of all children enrolled. The guidelines for participation in Head Start are established by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

For the application process, parents should provide the Child's birth certificate. Immunization record.

Proof of income for the past 12 months or 2012 tax return Form 1040.

Recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families are categorically eligible for the program; however, they must provide documentation of current benefits, such as a letter from caseworker and case numbers.

All information is considered confidential and will be used only for the purpose of establishing eligibility and defining the needs of the family and child.

More information is available from Sheri Urbanczyk in Munday at 940-422-5363, or from Sherry Ellis in Knox City at 940-658-3770.

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Thursday:

Talapia with lemon, whole-kernel corn, coleslaw, hushpuppies, angel-food cake with strawberries.

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Sloppy joe, country potato salad, carrots and zucchini, creamy fruit squares.

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941 Bowie St. Munday, TX
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April 25, 2013
9:00 am – 3:00 pm

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Munday Child Development Center
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La aplicación no se puede completar sin toda la documentación.

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Knox City Child Development Center
502 N 2nd Street Knox City, TX
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April 22, 2013
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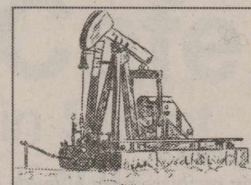
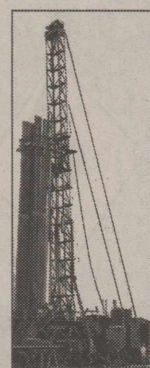
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RECYCLING

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could postpone the pool opening date to allow more time to know whether stricter water conservation measures will take effect.

"Honestly, for us to get that lake (Millers Creek Reservoir) back into condition ... we're going to have to have some major rain," Ake said.

Ryan Cottingham suggested asking for donations to keep the pool open.

Ake agreed that keeping to pool open is a worthy cause.

"The pool is something that we need for the kids," he said.

But he also predicted

negative reactions if the pool is filled and water use restrictions on residents remain in place or tighten.

"When we fill that pool with water, it's going to raise some cane," Ake said.

"Even if we do use groundwater?" Bowen asked.

Ake countered that well water can't be counted on to fill the pool.

"You talk to people that have house wells, the underground water is not recharging," Ake said, already having said that the well available to the city to fill the pool might not produce enough water.

To open the pool, other expenditures will total \$7,000 to \$8,000, Ake

said, pointing out needs for handicapped accessibility, paint and filtering system overhaul.

The council ultimately tabled the discussion.

Regarding wastewater, Ake reported that the city wastewater treatment system is in compliance with regulations.

"Everything is working good right now," Ake said.

The plant utilizes a pivot irrigation system to use effluent to irrigate grass on approximately 100 acres.

Ake suggested to the council that the best use for the grass, once a good ground cover is established, is to cut the crop for hay.

Speed watch

Police Chief Chris Mendoza reported results of monitoring motorists' speeds on North Fifth Street in the vicinity of Munday Nursing Center, where concerns have been raised about traffic relative to the safety of residents of the facility. The posted limit is 30 mph. Mendoza said his speed checks showed nearly all motorists were remaining under the limit.

"Would it be wrong to put 20 (mph) down through there?" asked Councilwoman Traci Blair.

The council left the matter open for future action.

In other business, the council:

- Appointed George Oustad to the North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority Board.
- Held a public hearing on the 2013-2014 budget and adopted the budget.
- Heard an update on negotiations in the works to acquire property adjacent to city property.
- Postponed consideration of a 2013 airport maintenance grant.

MS. B

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In one sense, Bellinghausen, like all research historians, lives in the past. She's spending time now in 1929, reading a year's worth of letters between fiancés, planning to add her touch to the correspondence to turn the letters into a scholarly paper and then, she hopes, a book.

"The letters are beautiful," Bellinghausen said. "She (Dennise Cobb) was a music teacher. Her family came from Gaines County."

The man was R.B. Davis, an agricultural agent in the Lubbock area.

"He's just come back from A&M," Bellinghausen said, describing Davis as someone she's getting to know well through his letters.

More than expressions of love, the missives reveal other aspects of the lives of the pair. He, for instance, writes his beloved about a big breaking plow he hopes area farmers will learn to use.

Roy Davis later proved to be a force in agriculture in Texas.

"He got together the Plains Cotton Growers Association and came up with the idea for all the coop gins," Bellinghausen said.

But for her purposes, Bellinghausen is concentrating only on the year 1929.

"It's a whole different world," Bellinghausen said. "They wrote practically every day, January through December. They married Dec. 20."

The blend of sentiment and information in the letters suits Bellinghausen, whose literary bent compliments her appreciation for the facts of history.

As a teacher, she managed to mix the same interests by assigning her students to interview their grandparents or war veterans, sometimes one in the same.

"Some of the kids had never even talked to their grandparents before about the war - what it was like to be 18 years old and go fight in the war," she said. "We did all the veterans we could find in Haskell County (where she was teaching at the time). That was in 1995. I was afraid they were all going to be gone. Then we did some in Knox County. Those are so precious. I've kept them all."

Bellinghausen first taught at Benjamin and then later at Weinert and Haskell — a 46-year career, which meant she ended up teaching with some of her former stu-

dents.

As a teacher, Bellinghausen tried to give her students something extra.

"My object was to teach them so they could either go to college or go out in the work world and do well," she said. "I tried to teach them more than what was in the text books so they wouldn't feel intimidated by the real world."

Among other things, she taught foreign words and phrases — things like "joie de vivre." To her delight, she would sometimes hear the phrases put to use by her students, with "joie de vivre" making its way into at least one wedding service.

"That always makes me feel good," she said.

To make sure her students connected to literature, she read to them.

"Mine certainly got an overdose of Shakespeare," she said.

Some of her students became teachers. Many chose to teach English and to read to their students as well. They've told her so.

Bellinghausen has heard other things from her students. They've told her she was hard. No surprise. Some have told her college English was a snap because of all they'd learned in high school. That's the sort of thing she likes to hear.

Pam Thigpen, who taught for years in a classroom next to Bellinghausen's, admired the master teacher for the way she managed to entwine English with history and vice-versa via the assignments to interview the veterans.

"She put both of her loves together," Thigpen said.

Another way Bellinghausen helped students had less to do with the road ahead than other more pressing demands — like having a dress or dinner jacket for the prom.

"She loved her students," said English teacher Nancy Stewart, who also taught with Bellinghausen. "She would always see to it that the students had what they needed."

Bellinghausen made sure every student got a yearbook.

"Out of her own pocket, she would be sure they had everything they needed," Stewart said.

Boys who played basketball wore suits on the road.


"She would go to the coach and be sure they had a tie," Stewart said.

Bellinghausen's charitable spirit is something she might not mention about herself in an interview. As footnotes go, it's a good one.


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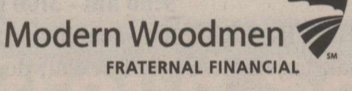
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(entre las ocho de la mañana y las cinco de la tarde empezando el **29 de abril 2013**
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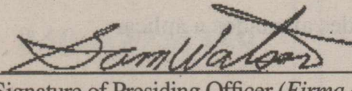
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RAINFALL

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Water-use restrictions can mean fines. In Munday, a water customer drew a fine Monday for using city water to "fill, refill, or add to any indoor or outdoor swimming

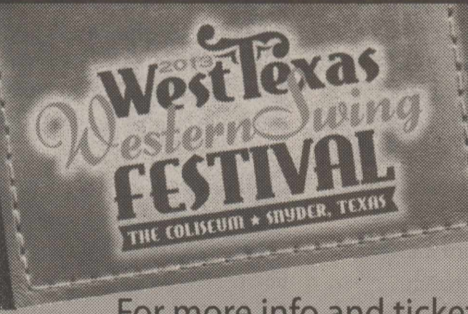
pool, wading pool, or Jacuzzi type pool." The violation involved filling a small outdoor vinyl ring-type swimming pool. The rules will be enforced fairly and will apply to everyone, City Manager Rick Ake said. "Rich or poor, it's got to stick," he said. "We've got to be able to try to conserve water."

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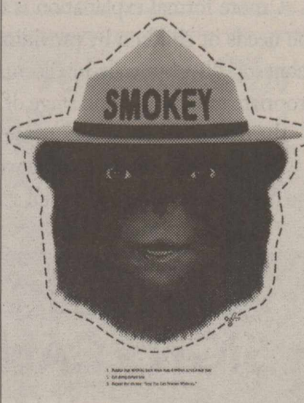

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Some people lose weight when they're sick. Not me. I've got a sore throat. I just polished off a can of chili livened up with cayenne pepper sauce.



HANABA MUNN WELCH

I could have had chicken soup. In fact, I already had. Between soup and chili, I treated my throat and sinus condition with some fried chicken and fried potatoes. My beverage of choice? Nothing beats the salubrious effect of the bubbles in a Coke. Dessert? A Snicker awaits me. Chocolate makes my brain feel better. Exercise? Only if I live. I barely have enough energy to watch television. They're talking now about how long you must jog around a track to work off a high-calorie mid-morning snack. Did they say 55 minutes? I'll have to lie here a long time to burn off the chili calories. PAUSE TO WATCH TELEVISION SERIOUSLY. Chew! Now I'm really tired. The topic of the whole segment was exercise, and everybody was talking with a Scottish accent. My ears are especially tucked out. Here's the deal: Research in Glasgow and elsewhere indicates some people benefit more than others from going to the gym. A gene test predicts whether a person will improve aerobically from exercise. Not everybody does. If I'd had that information back in high school, I could have told the coach that running laps wasn't doing me any good. My favorite coach would have smiled. The

other one would have assigned me extra laps. Neither would have believed me. If you've read this far, hang in. It gets better. First, the standard disclaimer: Before you try the regime about to be described, ask your physician if it might kill you. It looked pretty challenging on television. Watching caused me to tense muscles and breathe deeper. If I hadn't been down for the count, I might have been prone to try it. Instead, I stuck with prone. The new discovery is that an all-out exercise burst lasting one or two minutes — maybe it was three — performed once a week, or maybe it was twice, does a body more good than 30 minutes of cycling or tread-milling or jogging or whatever at a moderate puff-puff pace. I wasn't taking notes, but that's the gist. You give it absolutely all you've got to shake up the glycogen in your muscles. Then you stop. You don't even have to sweat. To illustrate that point the human guinea pig wore his business suit for one of his brief intense sessions on the exercise bicycle. The guys in the white coats also advocated moderate exercise. The same guinea pig consumed two fatty Scottish breakfasts two different days, one eaten subsequent to a stroll the night before. The stroll slashed his blood fat. In another test, he wore "fidget pants" — electronic attire that measured how much exercise he got at his ordinary office job. In conclusion, the experts came out against a sedentary lifestyle and coined this slogan: The chair is a killer. That's good news. I don't feel like sitting up anyway. Hanaba Munn Welch is a columnist and contributor to The Knoxville News-Courier

Dixie Divas Mama loved long stories

It was one of those days. The kind when you have a lot of work to do and none of it you want to do, so you just piddle.

Tink and I both were piddling. He had a script for a pilot to write, and I was rewriting the content for my website. Both creatively "stuck," we sat in our office — he in a cushiony comfortable chair and I on the sofa — and we piddled. We checked email, discussed the brief rain that came then — just as I set about serious work — Tink picked up the diary on the coffee table. It was Mama's.



RONDA RICH

And that is where the piddling ended and the story began. My niece Nicole had convinced Mama to do a journal of her life, the kind you purchase and it asks questions such as, "What was your childhood like?" Mama, storyteller she was, plunged right into the task when Nicole gave her the journal. She loved to talk about herself. Tink began reading. In a moment, he chuckled. I looked up and he said, "Long story." He pointed where Mama had been writing about a romance previous to Daddy and about the break-up. When she ran out of page, she wrote in big, scrawling letters, "Long story." I laughed. "Believe me, it wasn't because it was a long story that she didn't tell it, because the longer the story the better she liked it. It was too long to write." That was Mama. She didn't get in a hurry when she was telling a story. She began at the beginning, looped lyrically through the middle and always dramatically ended the story. No amount of prodding, fussing or begging would get her to shorten a story. "Mama, just skip all that," I would say from time to time. I enjoyed her stories,

especially when on a long drive because she would talk from the moment we left the driveway until we arrived hours later wherever we were going. Listening to her stories made time pass quickly. But there were times, of course, when I was in a hurry and I'd want her to get to the point. Imagine this — she ignored me. She kept on telling her story just as she intended. I would roll my eyes, heave heavy sighs or throw my arms wildly in the air, yet she kept right on at her leisurely pace. She didn't even get flustered. One afternoon, Rodney stopped by Mama's for something. As he was leaving, she commenced one of her tales. He kept edging out the door. Finally, he made onto the porch and down the steps but she had followed after him, never missing a lick in the telling of the tale. He shifted his weight from one foot to the other. Then, authoritatively, he looked at his watch and took charge. "OK, Bonelle, it's 4:30 and I've got to be at Wednesday night church at 6. Can you finish by then?" Mama lived 10 minutes from the church's front door. She paid him no attention. She continued on until, at last, she had the story told as best she could. Mama, frugal in every other way, did not believe in an economy of words. The way she saw it, the longer a story took, the better it was. In truth, though, Mama was not a boring storyteller. She was artful and had a sense of timing crucial to the telling of a good story. "Have you ever told a short story in your life?" I asked one day during one of my marathon lengths. She twisted her mouth tightly as if she did when annoyed. "If it's too short, it ain't worth tellin'. Why waste the time?" And you know what? She was absolutely right. Ronda Rich is a Southern storyteller, humorist and best-selling author. Her latest book, "There's A Better Day A-Comin'," is available at rondarich.com.

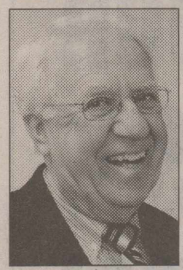
The Idle American

Uncle Mort's 80-year-marriage

Kinfolks and neighbors threw an 80th anniversary reception for my Uncle Mort and Aunt Maude the other day. It was a sunny afternoon of fretful breath-holding that violent springtime weather predicted would take a different route. And it did. No doubt Mort had a hand in preparing invitations. They stated "no gifts expected, unless from charitable hearts without any reservation." (Yep, he arranged for these words to be in bold face type.) Gifts and gift cards covered the kitchen table, and guests leaned back in cane-bottom chairs to hear "way back when" stories from the pair whose combined age is 200. Figuring there'd be much ado about their 80th anniversary this month, Maude kept a low profile for her 100th birthday in March. Mort, on the other hand, has several walls adorned with calendars. They are turned ahead to July, with big circles around the fourth, when he'll be 101. Someone asked what attracted her to Mort back in 1933. Slow to answer, Maude said three occurrences prior to their marriage set the stage — a "carnival game, a tornado and Mort's freak injury." Early in their courtship, a carnival came to town. Mort and Maude took it in. On the midway, one tent was bulging with stuffed animals of all sizes. But the

big ones were gigantic — reserved for winners who knocked down all six milk bottles. And true baseball pitching marksmen could take a big prize home for a mere nickel — though no coins were "mere" in those days. In 20 minutes, he had emptied his pockets of all nickels, as well as several other coins exchanged for nickels. Alas, a bottle or two shook a few times, but none toppled. Red-faced, Mort was speechless one of the few times in his life. He was stunned and, well, uh, "mortified." "You'd better get me home soon," Maude suggested. "It's coming up a cloud." Her suggestion — like her life so far — was understated. Maude and Mort were safe in their respective homes moments before a storm hit with a vengeance — including a tornado that ravaged the carnival. At daybreak, Mort was on the scene where laughter and gaiety had reigned the night before. Now, though, the carnival was unrecognizable—the Ferris wheel flattened, hobby horses untethered and Tilt-a-Whirls unhinged. The scene was a war zone. Game tents were shredded with stuffed animals ripped and scattered asunder. One of the biggest teddy bears — somehow undamaged—was snared in a low-slung mesquite tree. Mort gingerly removed it, his mind whirling with anticipation of thankful shrieks from his true love when gifted with a giant panda. Then he glanced toward the spot where his three-dozen

baseballs failed to fell a single milk bottle. There they stood, one on top of two and the two on top of three.... Madder'n hops that he'd been horn-swoggled by the slick-talking pitcher, Mort gave the bottles a mighty kick. Still, they stood. Sadly, though, he injured his foot and wound up at the doctor's office. He had a fracture, but felt better when Maude arrived just before the doctor fashioned a cast. When she spotted the teddy bear Mort salvaged from the storm, she cradled it. It was the very one she had hoped he'd win. The doctor left the room, and Mort began his spiel about the "fixed" midway game. Maude, with her right index finger, zipped it across his lips in the same manner she has repeated many hundreds of times across the past eight decades. The "zipper" works; it shushes him. Then she gave him a big kiss — the one he had hoped for at the carnival. Mort, thankful there are worse fates than milking sympathy, invited her to join him for a Cherry Coke down at the drug store. He "crutched" slowly, the woman who would be his wife a few months later alongside to provide help if needed. A coke with two straws ordered, he fished in his pocket for coins. There were none, but Maude pulled a nickel from her purse to rescue him. Gathering her courage, she asked, "Mort, where did you learn to kiss like that?" "Beats me," he answered, "Unless it was siphoning gasoline out of the tractor." Don Newbury, former chancellor of Howard Payne University, is a humorist and motivational speaker.



DON NEWBURY

The first FUNdays in Munday Trade Days will be on Saturday, April 27th and will continue each month (except June and July) on the last Saturday of each month thru November at the Munday Event Center. Doors open at 8:00am and will close at 5:00 pm.

A breakfast of pancakes, bacon or sausage, milk or juice or coffee will begin at 8:30 for \$5.00.

Some of the items offered for sale will be collectables, knives, wild flower seeds, Mary Kay, quilting items, pot holders, baby stuff, household items, jewelry, tamales, and much, much more. The new business in town Rockin' Rhinestone will be doing manicures for \$15.00 and shellac manicures for \$25.00.

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CHRIS BLACKBURN

What is the Public Information Act?

The Public Information Act, formerly known as the Open Records Act, is located at chapter 552 of the Government Code. The Act provides a mechanism for citizens to inspect or copy government records. It also provides for instances in which governmental bodies wish to, or are required by law to, withhold government records from the public.

What types of records are subject to the Public Information Act?

Any information collected, assembled, or maintained by or for a governmental body is subject to the Public Information Act. The format (paper, electronic, microfilm, etc.) of the record does not affect its status as a public record.

What is a "governmental body"?

For purposes of the Public Information Act, the term "governmental body" encompasses all Texas public entities at the state and local levels. It does not include the judiciary. Private entities may be considered governmental bodies if they are supported in whole or in part by public funds or they expend public funds. The Public Information Act does not apply, however, to private persons or businesses simply because they provide goods or services under a contract with a governmental body.

How do I make a public information request?

The request must be in writing and must be addressed to the governmental body. While the request does not need to be addressed to any particular person, it is a good practice to clearly label your correspondence as a "Public Information Request" or "Open Records Request." Requests sent via fax or email must be addressed to the public information officer or to the person designated by that officer to receive such requests.

How long does the governmental body have to respond to my request for information?

The Act provides that a governmental body must respond "promptly" to a request for information. If a governmental body is unable to produce the requested information within ten business days, the officer for public information must send you correspondence certifying that he is unable to do so and he must set a date and time when the records will be available to you.

May a governmental body ask me why I want the records?

No, a governmental body is forbidden from inquiring about the purpose for which the records will be used. However, if a request is unclear or very broad, the governmental body may ask the requestor to more clearly identify or narrow his or her request. Additionally, a governmental body may require additional identifying information to determine that the requestor is eligible to receive certain types of information.

When may a governmental body refuse to release the information I request?

If the information you request falls within one of the exceptions to disclosure found in the Public Information Act, the governmental body may refuse to release the information while it seeks an open records decision from the Attorney General. Unless the governmental body has a previous determination from a court or the Attorney General regarding the precise information requested, a governmental body cannot determine on its own to withhold information.

County judge honored for education efforts

Special to the News-Courier

AUSTIN — Knox County Judge Travis C. Floyd has been honored by the Texas Judicial Academy for going the extra mile to be prepared to handle his duties as county judge.

Judge Floyd was inducted as a fellow in the Texas Judicial Academy March 21 at a reception at the Overton Hotel in Lubbock during the 2013 Spring Judicial Education Session.

The Academy, a partnership between the Texas Tech University School of Law and the Texas Association of Counties, names as fellows each year those judges who attain significant judicial education above that required by state law.

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News-Courier file photo
 County Judge Travis Floyd has been recognized by the Texas Judicial Committee.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the CHOLLA PETROLEUM, INC., [RRC Operator No. 150683] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the DISTANCE BETWEEN WELLS requirement for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 66, Bk. 13, H&TC RR CO/GENN, F Survey, A-1606, KNOX CITY, WEST (STRAWN) Field, KNOX County, being 11 miles W direction from KNOX CITY, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512) 463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 (512) 463-6751.

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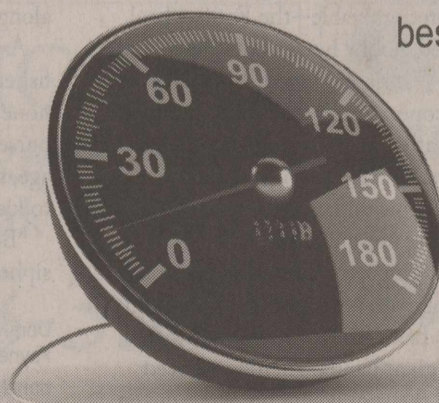
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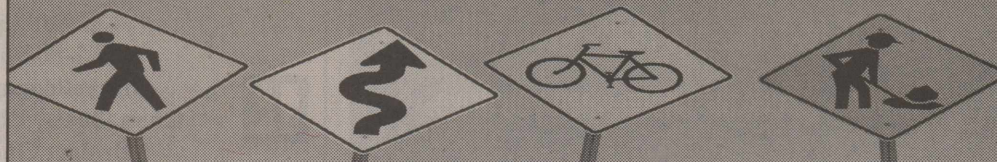
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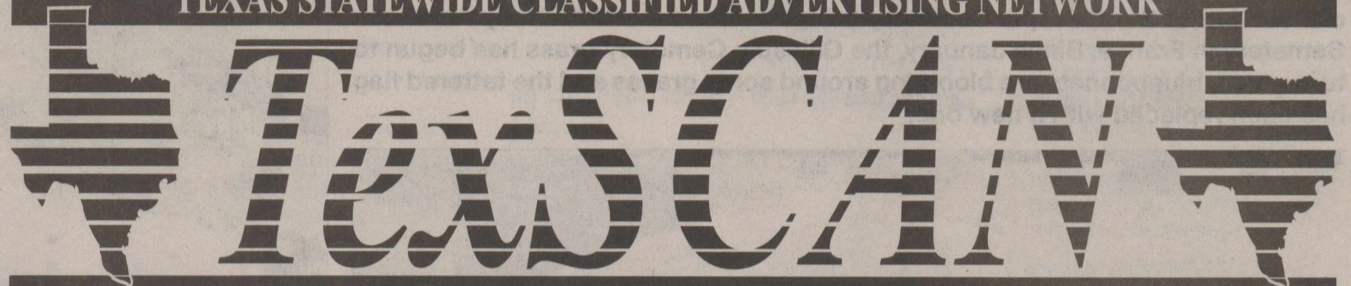
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Cemetery Series

Gillespie plot honors all veterans



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On a sunny day in late January, the U.S. flag flies over the southwest corner of the Gillespie Cemetery. The small white crosses are dedicated to veterans of several wars, from the War Between the States to the Vietnam War. The special section of the Gillespie Cemetery brings to mind the Normandy American Cemetery in France. Since January, the Gillespie Cemetery grass has begun to turn green, bluebonnets are blooming around some graves and the tattered flag has been replaced with a new one.



Many of the older graves in the Gillespie Cemetery belong to children. A lamb adorns the marker of Joe Raymond Elam, son of Charles and Maggie Elam. The child died in 1912 at the age of 9 months.

By Hanaba Munn Welch
The Knox County News-Courier

GILLESPIE — A distinguishing feature of the Gillespie Cemetery is a grouping of crosses aligned in a special section designated to honor all veterans.

The area is marked both with the American flag and with a granite monument that dedicates the section to Roe Myers.

Who was Roe Myers? One of nine children born to Gillespie pioneers Robert Lee and Sallie Myers and himself the father of four children, three of whom saw military service.

One son of Roe Myers and his wife, the former Agnes Harber, was Howard D. Myers, who was awarded the Silver Star for crawling

through a barrage of bullets on Saipan Island to rescue two wounded comrades from a disabled army tank.

Roe Myers other children were Kenneth Myers, who served in the U. S. Army in World War II; Glenn Myers, whose military service included World War II, Korea and Vietnam, and Gerald Myers.

The markers carry the names of veterans and the wars that marked their times of service.

Through the cemetery, the Myers name is prominent, along with other recurring names of early families in the area. Thorp was the name of a nearby community also served by the cemetery. The family name Thorp can also be found on gravestones.

The cemetery dates from 1900.



The name of Chief Master Sgt. Glenn L. Myers is on one of several identical markers in a section of the Gillespie Cemetery that honors veterans, including some who fought with the Confederacy. In the case of Myers, his marker shows that he served both in the Navy and the Air Force and that he served in World War II, Korea and Vietnam. A granite marker near the flagpole carries two lines: "TO HONOR ALL WAR VETERANS" and "IN MEMORY OF ROE MYERS."



In the Gillespie Cemetery, the handsome gravestone of G. H. Malcolm, 1879-1920, is an example of a Woodmen of the World marker — one fashioned in a style different from the classic upright log style typically associated with the fraternal order.

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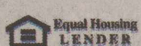
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