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KC on track to open city pool

By Hanaba Munn Welch
The Knox City News-Courier

KNOX CITY — City officials continue to look forward to opening the municipal pool this summer, but no date has been set.

"We're still working on the pump that's being repaired," City Manager Sam Watson said Monday.

The pool was a point of discussion at last week's city council session.

"The plans now are for it to be open," Watson said. "We have not set a definite date."

Meanwhile, children flock to the park when Joe Rodriguez, director of public works, turns on the sprinklers. It's the closest thing the town has to a water park.

Rodriguez laments the damage inflicted on the sprinklers by the children, who play not only in the spray but with the spinning devices. But he can't police them.

"I can't keep up with them," he said.

In other business during last week's session, the council re-appointed Leon Burkham to the board of the North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority.

The council also praised the city's new drug dog, Police Chief Caleb Hodges is expected to report to the council at the next meeting with suggested policies and procedures for the use of the dog.

Next Generation Ag Conferences slated

By Blair Fannin
Special to the News-Courier

Who will feed the growing U.S. population in the next 50 years? As the current generation of farmers and ranchers ages, the next generation must take over, according to organizers of two agricultural conferences scheduled for Bryan and Abilene.

Capital Farm Credit and the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will be hosting two conferences designed to help the next generation of producers transition into the business or to help current farmers and ranchers expand their operations.

The 2013 Next Generation Agricultural Conferences, scheduled May 23-24 at the Brazos County Expo in Bryan and July 18-19 at the Taylor County Expo Center in Abilene, are designed to provide production and financial management tools to farmers and ranchers.

"The main topics that will be covered include farm financial management, agricultural economic forecasts, general agriculture, farm planning and budgeting," said Jason Cleere, AgriLife Extension beef cattle specialist in College Station and one of the presenters. "Keeping up with the latest operational strategies and available credit and risk management practices are the key to the most successful large and small operations. These conferences will assist with providing information that can be incorporated into their operations, making them more profit-



Cleere

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Forces of nature conspire against wheat

By Hanaba Munn Welch
The Knox City News-Courier

The area wheat crop has taken a beating this year — not just from drought conditions but also from late-season freezes and, in some places, hail.

If anyone is benefitting from the disastrous weather, it's insurance adjusters. Some have been called to Knox County more than once to assess various damages and to what extent this year's wheat crop can be called a failure.

Jonathan Ramirez of Munday, extension demonstration technician at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Vernon, has been especially busy helping farmers determine how much the freezing weather has affected their wheat. Last week he was in Archer County. Monday morning he was at Gilliland, headed next to Haskell County.

In some area fields, much of the damage is now very obvious — pale-colored heads of wheat essentially dead on their stalks,

killed by freezes.

Ramirez and Dennis Welch walked together Monday through some of Welch's wheat east of Gilliland on Reeves land.

"We've had three freezes," Welch said. "Our adjusters are coming tomorrow."

Wheat yields usually run from 20 to 60 bushels per acre.

"It depends on the year," Ramirez said.

Ramirez and Welch agreed this year will hurt the averages.

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Boston Bombings



Courtesy photo

Dressed in running attire and holding 2013 Boston Marathon gear and snacks, Carmel Pace wears a smile that doesn't jibe with events that ultimately marred the day — explosions at the finish line that killed three people and injuring about 180. Pace escaped injury, but she could have been at the site of the explosion if she'd not slowed her pace toward the end of the run.

Rule runner misses bombs by minutes

By Hanaba Munn Welch
The Knox County News-Courier

RULE — Carmel Pace didn't hear the bombs go off last week at the finish line of the Boston Marathon. She remembers hearing only the sirens.

Pace thought a mishap of some sort had befallen a runner. She kept running, determined to turn in a respectable time, even if it wouldn't be her best. She was just minutes away from finishing.

Pace had meant to run the 26.2-mile course in four hours. But at the 20-mile point, she hadn't felt like running up legendary Heartbreak Hill. She walked instead. That change in her strategy had meant she wouldn't be able to finish in four hours. Ultimately, it was a decision that put her out of harm's way.

This year's marathon was not Pace's first. She has run marathons twice in both Houston and Austin, and she's run once in San Antonio. Her best time is three hours and 45 minutes.

An audiologist by profession, Pace lives in Rule and runs four to five times a week, usually with her friend Renee Gober of Haskell as they together take advantage of country roads

to get in miles and miles of running.

This year marked the third time Pace had run in the Boston Marathon.

No marathon, however, is likely to be more memorable for Pace than the 2013 Boston Marathon, disrupted when two explosive devices went off near the finish line four hours after the race began. The blasts killed three and injured many more.

Pace was less than a half-mile away and bound for the finish line when the makeshift bombs exploded.

"When I stopped running, my watch said 4:09," she said.

Pace wouldn't have stopped if her son Stephen hadn't pulled her out of the race. She wasn't surprised to see him at the 25 3/4 mile marker; it was the news he gave her that was shocking.

"He told me what had happened," she said. "I had no idea. None of us did."

Even close to the scene, not everyone understood what had happened. But Stephen Pace, a U.S. Marine with two tours in Afghanistan, had been quick to take in the situation.

"He knew immediately what it was," Pace said.

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Hanaba Munn Welch/News-Courier
Dennis Welch, wheat-grower, looks at freeze-damaged heads of wheat in a field near Gilliland with Jonathan Ramirez.

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.

Ranch rodeo

The Knox Prairie Ranch Rodeo, sponsored by the Munday Volunteer Fire Department, will be held April 27-28 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. Family rate is \$50 and includes two adults and two children. Register online at active.com. For information, email haskellelementarypto@gmail.com. All proceeds benefit the Haskell Elementary Parent-Teacher Organization.

Pet clinic

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.

Class reunion

The Munday High School Class of 1963 will have a 50th reunion May 25 at the New Grand Hotel in Wichita Falls. For information, contact Rick Couch at warlord161@verizon.net (972-571-5899) or James Earp at jamesjamesearp@cs.com (940-368-2475).

Tour of Homes

The Knox County Visioning Group is seeking local homes to feature in the annual tour of homes in December. For information, call 940-459-4121.

KCVG grant

The Knox County Visioning Group is looking for individuals who have an interest in pursuing a trade in heating, ventilation and air conditioning. The KCVG is rolling out a grant for \$1,500 available to a Knox County senior in high school or a Knox County resident who is already out of high school and wishes to pursue this training. The grant will require the student to return to Knox County for one year and work in an HVAC field.

Senior citizens musical

The monthly musical fundraiser for the Knox County Aging Center is from 7 to 9 p.m. the first Monday of the month. Local musicians and talent. Bring your own snacks. Tea/coffee will be served. Donations will be accepted for the upkeep of the building. All funds benefit the Aging Center. For information, contact Cheryl Daniel at 657-3618

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Celebrations



Payden Stewart and Tandi Townsend

Townsend, Stewart plan nuptials

Rod and Velvet Townsend of Decatur announce the engagement of their daughter Tandi Townsend to Payden Stewart, son of Mark and Kristi Stewart of Haskell and Kim and Michael Bowman of Munday.

Townsend is a 2007 graduate of Hico High School and received her Bachelor of Science degree in restaurant, hotel and institutional management from Texas

Tech University in August 2010. She is employed by Encore Visions.

Payden is a 2006 graduate of Munday High School and received his Bachelor of Science degree in agricultural business from Texas Tech University in August 2011. Payden is employed by Silveus Insurance Group.

The couple plans to make their home in Haskell following a July wedding.

Deaths

Thelma Byrd

MUNDAY — Thelma Byrd, 79, passed away Thursday, April 18, 2013. Thelma was born April 17, 1934, in Knox City to Dan and Lucille Booe.

Thelma was instrumental in organizing the "Spring Fling" to help get Munday's first ambulance. She was also an EMT and EMT instructor. Thelma worked for Farm Bureau for many, many years.

Thelma loved to play softball, loved the Dallas Cowboys, and most importantly loved her family and spending time with them.

Thelma is survived by son Greg and his

wife, Nonie, of Seymour, Susan and husband, Ronnie White, of Benjamin, and Cindy and husband, Randy Maxwell, of Abilene; brother M.M. Booe of Munday; sisters Ruby and husband, Don Roberts, of Timon, N.M., and Mary Gross of Abilene; 16 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

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

Clifford Cornett

KNOX CITY — Clifford Holly Cornett, 88, of Knox City, Texas passed away on April 17, 2013. Funeral services were Saturday at the First Baptist Church in Knox City, under the direction of Tankersley Funeral Home of Stamford.

Clifford was born January 2, 1925, in Knox City, Texas, to William Henry and S.A. Cornett. He married Jo Nell Carver on October 9, 1943, in Munday, Texas.

Clifford was a farmer and rancher in Knox and Haskell County for his entire life. He raised cotton, wheat, milo and cattle for over 70 years in Knox and Haskell County, Texas. He was a member of Knox City First Baptist Church for 76 years and served as a deacon for 52 years, he sang in the church choir and served for a time as part-time song director.

He served in the U.S. Navy in World War II and was stationed in San Diego, California. He was a 32nd Degree Mason for 64 years. He was on the Knox City Independent School District Board for six years and was on the Knox County School Board for four years and was a member of the Wichita-Brazos Soil & Water Conservation District Board for over 30 years.

His parents were married in Knox County and established their home and farming operations there. Clifford had a large network of friends and family in the Knox City area.

Clifford was optimistic and enjoyed life and his family. He was a good farmer who took pride in his land and crops. He saw beauty in a level field with healthy growing crops and no weeds. He spent much of his life praying for rain. His great nieces and nephews would say, "Let's go to church and hear Clifford pray for rain."

He loved his wife, Jo Nell, who survives him. Their marriage of 69 years ended with his death. Clifford loved his family and friends and enjoyed his church. He gave back to the community with his civic responsibilities. He was well known and loved in the Knox City community.

He is survived by his wife, Jo Nell; his daughter, Gail Cornett Etheredge and her husband, Ray, of Abilene; son Bill Cornett and his wife Sherri of Amarillo; five grandchildren, Bryant Cornett and wife Mary Pillow of Atlanta, Matt Etheredge and wife Bethany of Midland, Will Etheredge and wife Dr. Carrie Etheredge of Austin, Curt Cornett and wife Rachel of Amarillo and Molly Etheredge Bellah and husband Brad of Throckmorton; six great grandchildren, William Cornett, Mary Dudley Cornett, Lucy Etheredge, Jett Etheredge, Hudson Cornett and Jacobie Barrett, and many nephews and nieces.

Online condolences may sent at tankersleyfuneralhome.com.

Knox County Aging Services

Menus for April 29 - May 3

Monday:
Lasagna, garlic bread, Brussels sprouts, pears.

Tuesday:
Turkey pot pie, whole-wheat roll, seasoned corn, tossed salad, ambrosia.

Wednesday:
Charbroiled beef patty, peppers and onions, garlic mashed potatoes, beet, bread.

Thursday:
Taco salad and corn chips, seasoned corn, peach cobbler

Friday:
Chicken salad sandwich, tomato, lettuce, pickles, macaroni salad, carrot sticks, watermelon.

Call-in orders must be placed by 10 a.m. to 657-3618 and picked up after 11 a.m.

The Paperboy

Bidding farewell to the long goodbye

(Editor's note: The following was written Tuesday morning. Mr. Blackburn's father passed away early Tuesday afternoon.)

My dad's long nightmare is coming to an end.

After years of suffering from a rapid early onset of Alzheimer's, Dad has just hours remaining in a life cut short by a very cruel disease.

At 65, Dad was diagnosed in 2006 with the disease. When my grandmother and mom died in early 2008, he never



CHRIS BLACKBURN

knew. By that time, you could still have a conversation with him, but he was clueless as to whom he was talking to.

I share this information with you, in part, because I think it is somewhat helpful to myself. Maybe it's therapeutic. But there are too many families who are going through the same thing my family has gone through.

Dad was a good man. He was a faithful husband and a loving father.

Despite great grades, Dad quit high school and left home early. At the time, he'd likely had enough from his own father who was abusive. I was told by his brother that when his father would get in one of those moods, Dad would step in and take the brunt of the punishment so his brothers and sister would not have to feel the wrath of their dad.

Once he left home, he worked. He also rodeed. Specifically, he rode bulls. It is my theory (hope) that those nights of drinking beer and riding bulls may have led to his current condition.

Dad later got his GED, got married, had a daugh-

ter and joined the Marines. Shortly after I was born, he graduated from West Texas State and began a career in business.

As a father, Dad was terrific. He was supportive and gentle. He loved a good laugh, and he loved people.

When he was first diagnosed, it was a struggle. He was quickly losing his mind and was fighting it every step of the way. Some of the things he would do and the situations he would find himself in were completely odd. I remember Mom and I talking about it and trying to figure out what the hell he was thinking.

In speaking with friends and acquaintances who have endured a loved one with Alzheimer's, you have to find a way to deal with the frustration and not get angry at the victim.

That can be very difficult indeed. For the most part, I was able to let go of that anger after Mom passed. It was much easier once I convinced myself that Dad was not whole and would not be until the disease had its final say and released him.

So here we are. His breathing is shallow, he is non-responsive and his body is shutting down. His future is secure and he will soon be reunited with his wife and mother. I wonder if he'll be surprised to see them?

For those of you who have a similar story, my heart goes out to you. It's a brutal road to travel.

Thankfully, Dad is at peace. He's not suffering, and he will be released from the mental prison he's been confined to. And while I'm sad, part of me is rejoicing at the thought that he has the future of a Christian man and will be made whole again.

I will miss him very much.

I guess I've been missing him for years.

Christopher Blackburn is publisher of The Knox County News-Courier and CEO of Blackburn Media Group.



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Political ad paid for by Glenna Decker

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.

Vendor space is still available. Electric space is \$17.00 and non-electric \$12.00. For more information contact the Chamber of Commerce at 422-4545.



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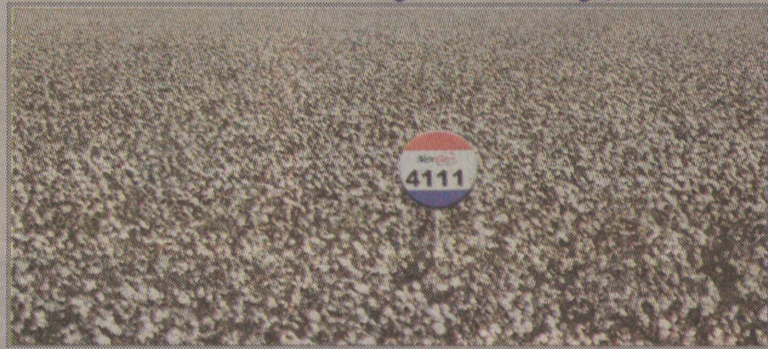
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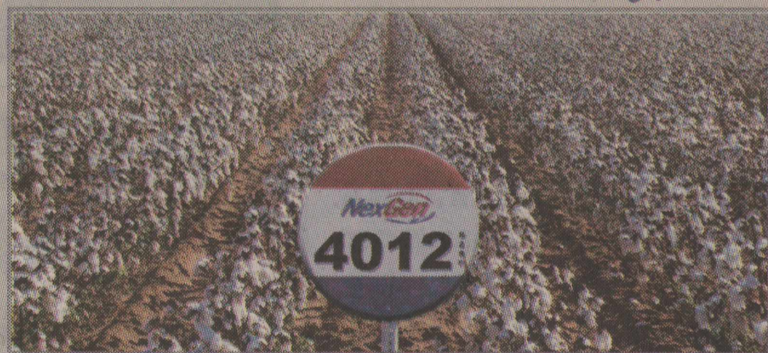
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Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

After a week of terribly disturbing news coming from Boston and also West, Texas, we begin the last few days of April and certainly hope for a "less active" time — news-wise. However, as bad as these tragedies were and although it's sad for even one life to be lost, we are thankful for no more fatalities than there were. Things could have been so much worse.

Sympathy to the family of Thelma (Booe) Maston Byrd today. Thelma passed away Thursday night in Abilene after several months of failing health. She was the mother of Benjamin resident Susan White. Her funeral was Monday in Munday at the Church of Christ.

Also my sympathy to the family of Clifford Cornett. Clifford passed away last Wednesday night after several weeks' illness. His funeral was Saturday in Knox City.

Also Danny Carden of Munday died early last week. He also had health problems for quite some time. His funeral was Wednesday in Munday, and of course, sympathy to Danny's family also.

Here 'n there

Jan Carver told me Friday she will be having surgery Wednesday on her leg — the one she broke on Thanksgiving. She has done so well, and she thought all was OK, but after a trip back to the doctor, she learned things were not as good as they should be. She's going to have to have a bigger rod put in, and after that the recuperation period begins again. She's discouraged but knows she has to have this done, so she's ready to get it over with.

She also said Fred's mom, Dorothy, who lives in Knox City was in Fort Worth for extensive rehabilitation

therapy following a couple of strokes last week. It is hoped that after this therapy she won't have any lasting effects of the stroke. Dorothy is well known, and I'm sure a card from home would encourage her. So if you would like to send a card, her address is: Dorothy Carver, Regency Hospital, 6801 Oak Mont Blvd., Fort Worth, TX 76132

Please remember Jan and Dorothy in your prayers.

Cathy Tomlinson of Denton was here for the weekend with her mom, Gloria West. Gloria is beginning to try to separate, organize, and decide in general what to do with her "belongings" as she's making plans to sell her home. Cathy said she sure has a lot of "stuff" to dispose of, but I bet she can get it done once she decides how she's going to do it. As always seems to be the case, we never know just how much we have until the time comes to make a change.

Debi Moorhouse attended a baby shower for her daughter, Jessica Hutchinson, in Abilene on Saturday. From reports it sounds like little Noah will be pretty well clothed after his arrival in June. On Sunday Debi and Mike attended the second birthday party for Kaylee Rogers in Snyder. Kaylee is the daughter of Lynn and Michael.

Shannon Propps of Amarillo was here a few days this week. She took her stepmom, Barbara, to the doctor in Fort Worth on Thursday for her checkup. Everything is fine with the knee she had operated on, and now she has plans to have the other one done in June. She dreads it but also is looking forward to having it not hurt for a change.

Nafeesa Ebraheim of Midwestern University was home for the weekend for a visit with her mom, Debbie, and other relatives and friends. She said her mom is doing much better after her recent problem with her lungs. She's

on some blood thinning medication to help dissolve the clots that had formed in her lungs. It's good news to hear she's improving.

Bud Conner and I attended the funeral of Jack Coker in Rule on Tuesday. Among others attending from Benjamin were Janet Reed and Chad and Kathy Rainwater.

Bob and Stephanie Brannon and family of Lubbock visited Hazel Stockton on Tuesday en route home. They had been to Rule for the funeral of her grandfather, Jack Coker.

I learned today that Jessie Roberts fell and broke her arm. She's doing well but, of course, is uncomfortable. Maybe it won't be long until she's back good as new. We hope so.

Randy and Judy spent last week on the road back and forth to Lubbock. They made a couple of trips out there. They went last Sunday and spent the night with her son, Jim Bob, and family. Their granddaughter, Jaylee, came home with them on Monday and they took her home on Tuesday and attended another granddaughter, Cheyenne Conner's (Jeff's daughter) band concert on Tuesday night at Cooper High School. They came home on Wednesday and went back to Lubbock on Friday for another couple of days' visit with Jim Bob and family and attended Jaylee's soccer game. As Judy said, "these grandkids can keep you busy keeping up with their activities."

Irene Reed enjoyed her son Donnie and his wife Cheryl of Jolly and her grandsons, John and Dwayne of Seymour on Sunday. Although they live pretty close, they stay busy, so a restful visit for a day in a "treat" for them all.

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



Gary Mizer

Gary Mizer Retires from TxDOT

CHILDRESS — Munday Area Engineer Gary Mizer retired from the Texas Department of Transportation on March 31 with 30 years of service.

Mizer began his career with TxDOT in 1985 as an Engineering Assistant in Childress. He transferred to Munday in 1987 as the resident engineer. After several promotions

to Engineer IV and V, he obtained the title of Munday Area Engineer on August 1, 2006. In his role as area engineer, he was responsible for managing construction and maintenance activities as well as performing engineering design work.

After retirement, Gary moved to Weatherford, Okla.

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The Idle American

Looking down the nose

When sensory body parts were assigned, growing evidence suggests that noses got a raw deal. They haven't made much noise about it so far; what can they do — snort, sniff or maybe drip?

Noses stiffened in protest — to date, anyway — have either been ignored or shushed. Even the “see no/hear no/speak no evil” monkeys — depicted in eighth-century China — ignored noses.

There have always been permissible “time-outs” for eyes, ears and mouths. Not for noses, though; their intake valves are forever open, 24-7.

References to noses typically are negative. Some are “bent out of joint.” Many are bodily ski slopes for eyes peering downward. Noses in the air — and “blue noses” — paint pictures of arrogance.

Except maybe for babies — some of whom have “cute” noses — rarely are they included in positive remarks.

When's the last time you heard a guy ask another, “Wow, did you get a gander at her beautiful nose?”

For noses, there are no places to hide. Ears have their muffs and eyes have their shades, but noses remains bared, always out front. And we all are admonished to follow them.

Certain luminaries have made peace with noses that happen to be XXXX-large. Jimmy Durante joked about his “schnozzola,” and Bob Hope milked his “ski nose” for laughs. Steve Carell stands behind his ample protuberance, without a threat of rhinoplasty — but comedienne Phyllis Diller had hers cut down to size. Noses did nothing to curtail careers of Karl Malden, Walter Matthau and Pinocchio.

A friend who was a longtime collegiate basketball coach has a nose with wide-angle air passages. He's kidded that “if his nose were full of nickels, he could retire.”

Madison Avenue, adding to its rush to produce ads for assault on our eyes and ears, now is making billboards that produce aromas as well. So far, steakhouses are faring well pushing wonderful aromas along with sizzles.

Some fairs are running billboard-bearing trucks that emit the sweet smell of cotton candy.

Can ballparks, public transportation and arenas be far behind?

Saying this to say that noses — in all probability — will press on.

No matter what most marks the air — fair or foul — they'll take it, wishing, dadgummit, they didn't have to “take the good with the bad.” The latter includes tiring suggestions that we keep our noses out of other people's business.

Noses for news, a kindly description of certain news folks, offer but faint praise.

What are noses to do? Obviously the Chinese passed right over the opportunity to add a fourth monkey holding his nose.

Options are few. There aren't many calls for nose models used in mask-making at Halloween time. And those bulbous noses clowns choose for their facial treatments rarely ever wear out.

Nose transplants are never in the news. Putting in for transfers could, however, be noses' next requests.

They've enjoyed better days — when roses, honeysuckle and new-mown hay called for slowing of steps to accommodate deep breathing. We stopped; we smelled.

Most folks can only dream of the freshness of falling rain in a pine-filled forest. And pleasures now are rare of aromas from apple pies and sage-stuffed turkey dressing wafting from ovens.

Heck, even if stove-makers continue to turn out ovens, there is talk they may eliminate the “wafters.”

Protuberances, then, are like the love-struck couple peering bravely forward from the very tip of the Titanic. Or Rudolph with red-raw nose chosen as sleigh leader for Santa's annual flight.

Noses are “front and center,” taking on whatever comes next. They'll keep sights and tastes separated, hold up eyeglasses and provide barriers for mustaches to rub against.

Noses — stuck out or not — routinely pass smell tests. They can't hide; they can't run — OK, but only in place.

Thankfully, we are free to appreciate our noses if so desired. Maybe we should cut them slack about post-nasal drip, allergies and congestion. And, shouldn't we give them passes as they relate to our appearance?

Woodrow Wilson, back when presidents had time for such, penned (stole?):

“As a beauty I'm not a great star. There are others more handsome by far. But my face, I don't mind it, because I'm behind it. 'Tis the folks in the front get the jar.”

Don Newbury, former chancellor of Howard Payne University, is a humorist and motivational speaker.



DON NEWBURY



Forgiven Quartet

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Forgiven Quartet has been spreading the good news of Jesus Christ through songs and testimonies since July 1981. They have performed all across mid-America with an emphasis on the smooth harmonies exemplifying Southern gospel music.

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The group routinely performs at Silver Dollar City and at The Mansion Theater in Branson, Mo., and has recently signed an exclusive artist agreement with The Song Garden Music Group in Nashville as a Garden Creek Label Artist and made a main stage appearance at the 2010 National Quartet Convention in Louisville. They were also voted one of Radio Active Air Play's Top 100 Gospel Groups for 2011 (No. 63).

Forgiven Quartet is one of the most

highly respected and highly requested regional Southern gospel quartets in the nation, presenting more than 150 concerts per year. They have released 14 full-length gospel recordings in the past 11 years with several songs receiving significant air-play on several Christian music stations across the nation including their current radio singles, “God's Gonna Do It Again,” “Where The Battle Is Won,” and “But For A Cross” and “Live The Gospel.”

Daywind Producer and nationally known songwriter Marty Funderburk from Nashville says, “I have had the privilege of spending many days in the studio producing nine of Forgiven Quartet's recent recordings. I'm very impressed with this group's vocal capability and their incredible blend. Even more impressive than this however, is their commitment to ministry and to preserving the rich heritage of Southern gospel music.”

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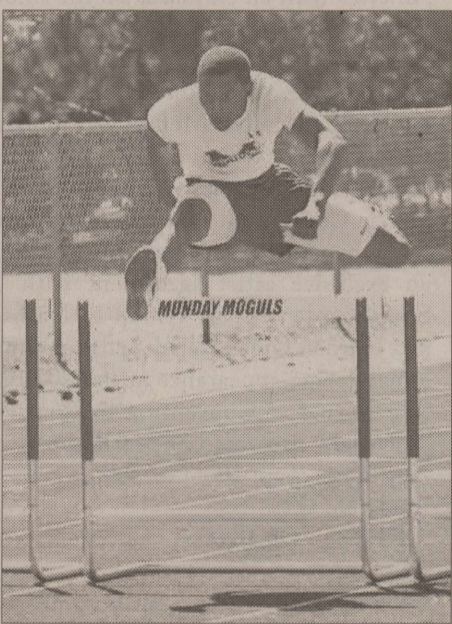
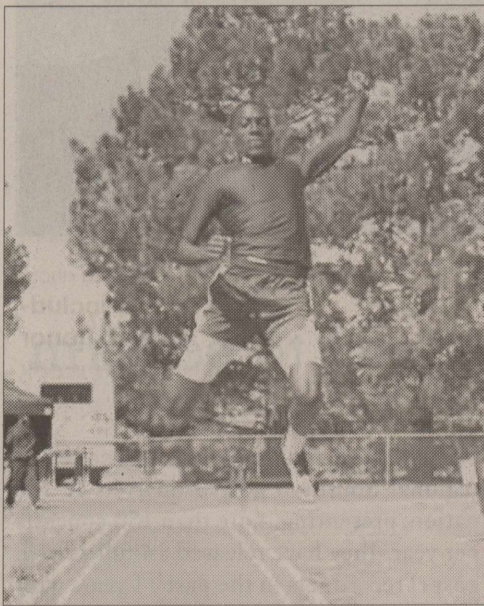
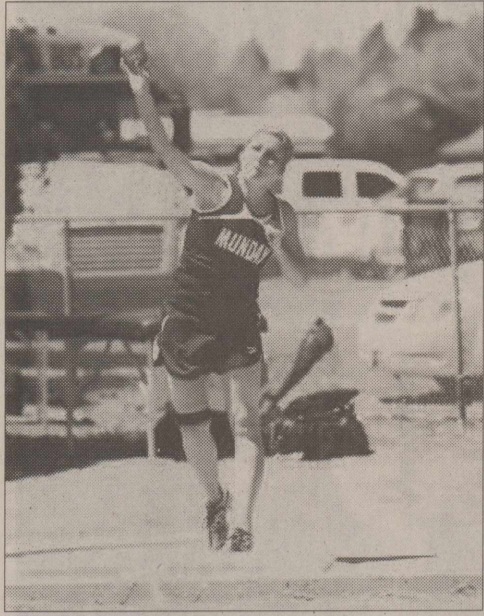
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Dixie Divas

Uncle Jesse's truth

Occasionally, someone truly interested in the art of writing will ask me, "What does it take to be a writer?"

The answer is one that often surprises them, for they expect me to say something about talent, a love of language, or even a passion. But it's a bit more complex than that. It takes an ability



RONDA RICH

to observe life in general and people in particular in order to pick out universal truths that can be understood by others — those pieces of wisdom that enlighten and even entertain. A story well told will have a "take away" such as a funny line, a memorable image, or an "aha" moment, one that carries with it an observation or witticism that will be repeated.

My brother-in-law Rodney, though not a writer, is a storyteller and a collector of truths gleaned from the experiences of others. A few years ago, Rodney went to the hospital to visit a much beloved elderly man who was badly ailing.

"Uncle Jesse, how're you doin'?" Rodney asked, pulling up a chair and sitting down by his bed.

The old man sighed heavily. "Well, Rodney, I come down here to die, but do you know how hard it is to die when all you good church people are prayin' for me to live?"

It's a good line and worth chuckling over, but Rodney, as wise a common man as ever I've met, immediately saw the deeper truth in Uncle Jesse's words. He was ready to call it a day and move on out of this vale of pain and sorrow, but others — well meaning and loving — were praying for a longer tenure here for Uncle Jesse.

"See," Rodney explained later. "Just because we're prayin' for something for someone don't mean that's what they want. It's what we want for them. We oughta ask 'em what they want before we go to prayin' for 'em."

The best writers are the ones who are always digging around in the dirt of life, trying to get

to the good topsoil that will fertilize and grow strong and healthy a story that serves up a memorable moral. To me, the most brilliant at that was Mark Twain, slightly rivaled by Will Rogers, the cowboy philosopher of the 1920s and '30s. Both had a keen eye for human behavior and a wit that succinctly summed up the idiosyncrasies and proclivities of the human race.

"A man only learns in two ways," Rogers said. "One is by reading, the other is by association with smarter people."

Twain wisely noted that, "A man who carries a cat by the tail learns something that he can learn in no other way."

The best observations are timeless. They span the years and remain pertinent. "From what I see," Rogers wryly noted, "The United States Senate opens with a prayer and closes with an investigation."

The Senate still opens with a prayer and, well

... When I was growing up, I often heard my parents and other like-minded folks who had been raised in the mountains say, "I'm studyin' on it."

I love that phrase. I appreciate what it means in both life and principle. If you study people — their experiences and situations as well as your own — and if you dig down to find the lesson, you'll also find something worthy of being said, of being written.

Being a readable writer isn't about stringing words or thoughts together, it's about presenting a new twist to a common story or cleverly casting out a pearl of wisdom that outlives the writer.

Twain once said, "A person who won't read has no advantage over one who can't read."

When it comes to writing, I'll spin that a bit: The writer who won't invest thought in the lives of others has no advantage over those who can't.

He'd be better served to carry a cat by the tail.

Ronda Rich is a Southern humorist, storyteller and best-selling author. Her latest book, "There's A Better Day A-Comin'," is available at rondarich.com.

The 501

Greed, gold and chocolate

Greed happens. It's the stuff of movies. It's the stuff of life.

If there's a war, somebody's being greedy. If there's a get-rich-quick scheme, greed is involved. Greed fuels ambition. Greed makes the world go round.

For different people, greed has different triggers.



HANABA MUNN WELCH

For some, it's money. For me, it's chocolate.

For Humphrey Bogart in the movie "The Treasure of the Sierra Madre," the trigger is gold. If you missed the classic film in 1948 and haven't seen it since, here's the plot in black and white:

Some scraggly down-and-out fellows strike it rich with a gold find in a remote location in the mountains

of Mexico. They work hard and extract enough of the precious metal to make them all wealthy. If they can stick together, they'll have a chance of making it back to civilization with their treasure intact. But Fred C. Dobbs (Bogart) wants it all for himself. Ultimately Dobbs ends up alone with the gold. He's glad to be rid of his partners, but it's not that easy for just one man and a bunch of pack burros laden with sizeable bags of gold dust to get down off a mountain and past a passel of greedy Mexican bandits, all without incident.

In the end, nobody gets the treasure. I won't say what happens, but the name of the movie could just as well be "Gone with the Wind." Dobbs' greed did him in. It couldn't have happened to a more selfish guy. He got his just desserts.

My husband and I watched the movie Sunday night. Earlier in the day I

had bought a chocolate cake and number-shaped candles for my friend Carisse and her mother, Callie, for their shared birthday. I'd taken said cake to an after-church potluck lunch, expecting both mother and daughter to be there. But Callie, somewhat under the weather, couldn't attend.

By the end of the potluck, the cake was half consumed, partly by me. I suggested to Carisse that she take the rest of the cake home. She told me her mother couldn't eat it, due to a dietary restriction, I suppose. Part of me was sorry to hear that. The rest of me wasn't. I would be keeping the remaining cake. Yes!

At home, during the Bogart movie, my husband sampled the cake and decided he didn't like it.

More for me. I smiled.

The next day I struck out for the farm. Like a bag of gold, the cake remnant couldn't be left behind. I looked for the perfect place to secure the hunk of chocolate decadence amid the mixed cargo in my car. It would have been easier to strap it to a burro. I did my best.

Final thoughts:

If it's warm outside, it's even warmer in a parked car.

Heat melts cake icing.

If you set a cake anywhere close to a camera, be sure the camera lens cap is in place.

Greed has a wicked sense of humor. Ask Fred C. Dobbs. Ask me.

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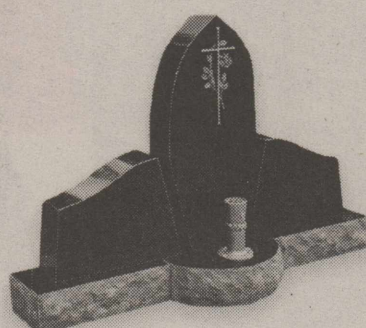
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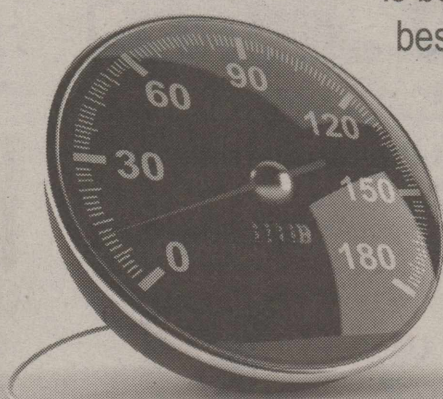
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Girls Discus: Jordyn Eaton (FR) placed 3rd 93'

11 1/2"
Boys shot put: Krys Campos (SO) placed 4th 40' 11"

Girls shot put: Kaylie Steele (FR) placed 3rd 30' 6"

Girls 200 m dash :

Chasity Tolson (SR) placed 2nd time 27.62
Girls 100 m dash: Essence Ward (SO) placed 1st 13.19

Girls 100 hurdles: Leighten Pepper (SO) placed 4th

Girls 4 *200 relay: Jordyn Eaton, Chasity Tolson, Essence ward, and Caitlyn Baxter (alternate Andrea Lynn) placed 2nd

Boys 400 m : Zach Carter (JR) placed 1st time 52.38

Boys 800 m : Chris Lewis (JR) placed 2nd time 2:08.7

Boys sprint relay: Sheldon Baty, Zach Carter, Israel Rodriques, Jose Espinal (alternate Chris Richardson) placed 3rd



From top left: Chris Lewis (seated), Tylynne Eaton, Jose Espinal, Zach Carter, Krys Campos (seated)...next row... Sheldon Baty, Chris Richardson, Israel Rodriques... Next row... Jordyn Eaton, Leighten Pepper, Kaylie Steele ... Next row ... Essence Ward, Andera Lynn.... Next row ... Chasity Tolson, Caitlyn Baxter. Coaches... Left side Charles Steele, Jason Josselet right side ... Coaches Josh Webb, Collin Howeth.



Tylynne Eaton placed 1st at the area meet with a discus throw of 151' 9 1/2".



Jordyn Eaton placed 3rd at area in disc



Zach Carter placed 1st in the 400 m



Chasity Tolson advanced in the 200 m dash

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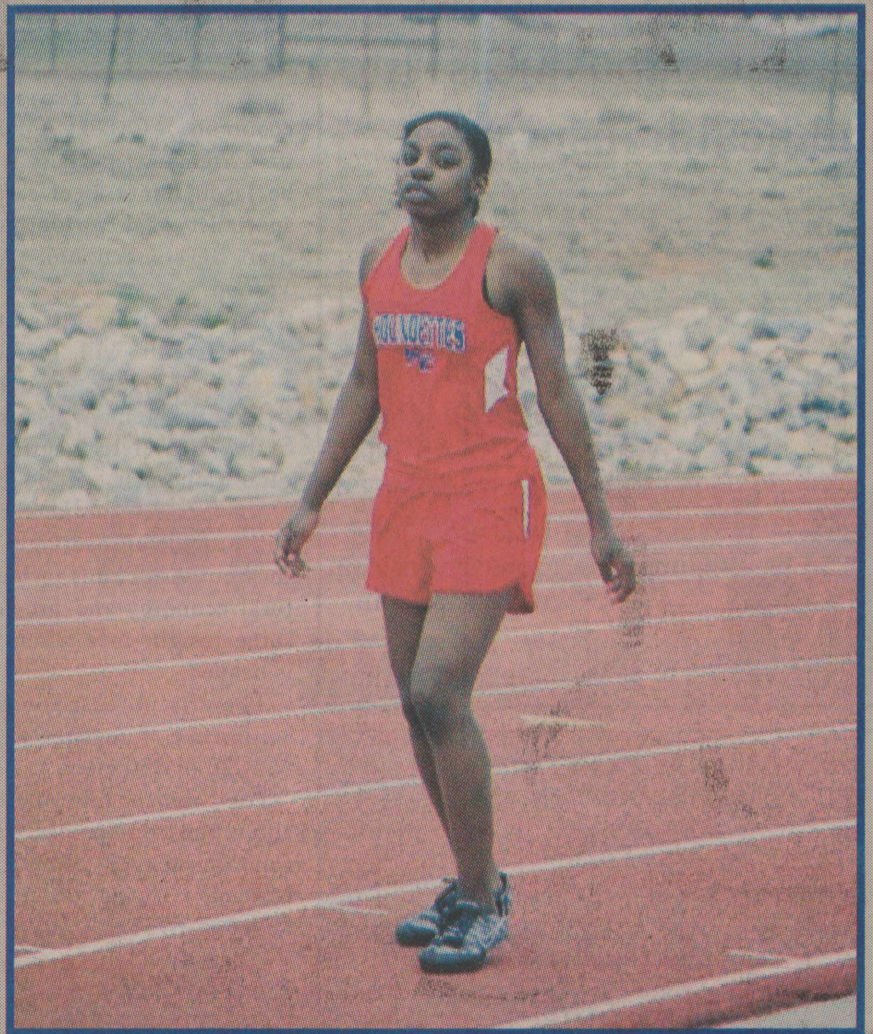
Chris Lewis placed 2nd at area in the 800 meter run



Krys Campos advanced in shot put



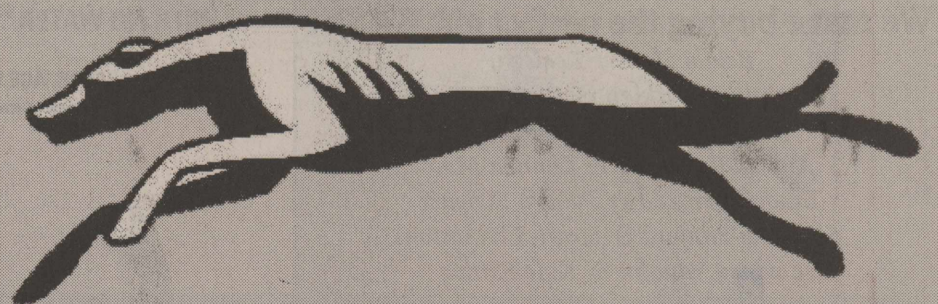
Leighen Pepper advanced in the 100 hurdles



Essence Ward placed 1st at area in 100 m dash



Boys sprint relay advanced



"Do you not know that those who run in a race...all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it." 1 Corinthians 9:24

WHEAT
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"I'm going to start laying it down," Welch said, meaning that he will cut the freeze-damaged wheat and bale it for hay.

For farmers who planted wheat for grain but now find themselves with fields not worth harvesting, insurance payments are some consolation. Once payments are accepted, the wheat must be destroyed, but grazing and haying are acceptable ways to deal with the forage — alternatives that generally make more sense than plowing the crop under.

Late-season moisture has complicated the picture, not that farmers weren't glad to see rain. But in some fields, moisture has caused new growth that lessens payments for losses but doesn't add much real value to the crop.

"It could rain 10 inches tomorrow, and we wouldn't be

any better off," Welch said, referring to the wheat.

The freezing weather seems to have dealt the most damage to some of the best wheat.

"Mainly low-lying lush and green stuff in the boot fared worse than headed wheat," Ramirez said.

Working the whole area, he's seen all sorts of damage.

Jerry Coplen, Knox County extension agent for agriculture, has heard various reports from area wheat farmers. Some are still trying to decide what to do with their crops.

The freeze damage is spotty on the irrigated wheat, Coplen said. In two weeks, a more accurate assessment of the damage can be made, he said.

"I was just talking to this one farmer," Coplen said Monday. "He's got irrigated wheat. What he needs is for the adjuster to say, 'It's not going to make. Bale it or graze it.'"

Some farmers with irri-

gated wheat are still watering, still aiming for a harvest, Coplen said.

"It looks like baling is the best option for a lot of them," he said.

Hail also has hurt area wheat this year, especially around Gilliland. Welch said hail had destroyed some of his fields.

Bill Stewart, Knox City insurance agent, sells both crop-hail insurance and the multi-peril insurance prescribed by the federal government. Stewart said the worst hail damage he's seen this year has been in the Gilliland area, where hail cut a swath roughly north-south that destroyed wheat in all directions from the town.

Price-wise, wheat was down Monday, with Kansas City Board of Trade May wheat closing at \$7.39 1/2 a bushel, down 6 1/2 cents.

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will feature presentations on analyzing the performance of an operation, potential to expand an operation, purchasing or leasing equipment, operation diversity, and farm and ranch success stories.

"The second day will focus on the ag economy in the southern region and where we are heading," he said. "Then the program will transition into developing a marketing plan for the farm and ranch, protecting your operation from volatile commodity markets and weather, new tax and estate laws, as well as programs on hay value, marketing and rebuilding the cow herd."

Featured speakers from AgriLife Extension include Cleere; Ron Gill, beef cattle specialist; David Anderson, livestock economist; Mark Welch, grains economist; and Wayne Hayenga, economist. Other AgriLife Extension speakers will be Jason Banta, beef cattle specialist of Overton and Stan Bevers, economist, of Vernon.

Experts from Capital Farm Credit will include Barry Abel and Jason Fuchs. Brian Briggeman, Kansas State University agricultural economist, will be one of the featured speakers. He will provide an overview of the Southern Plains agricultural economy and provide some insight into where it is headed.

There is no cost for the conference if registered by May 20 or \$50 after.

For more information about the conferences visit capitalfarmcredit.com or contact Cleere's office at 979-845-6931.

RUNNER
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He was with a fellow Marine friend who also recognized the sounds of the, improvised explosive devices, commonly known as IEDs. The two men split up — Stephen Pace going to the point on the course where he mother expected to see him anyway, and his friend to the chaotic finish line area to render assistance however he could.

"I knew where Stephen was going to be," Carmel Pace said.

When she saw him she said, "Meet you at the finish line."

But with the news he gave her, the marathon was over.

"Mom, you're done," he said.

Meanwhile, news of the bombing reached Texas in shockwaves.

"I was scared out of my mind," said Holly Terry, a friend of Carmel Pace who lives in Haskell.

Terry first heard about the bombing via Facebook.

Carmel Pace's husband, Patrick Pace, was home in Rule, monitoring his wife's progress via text messages sent automatically from points along the route.

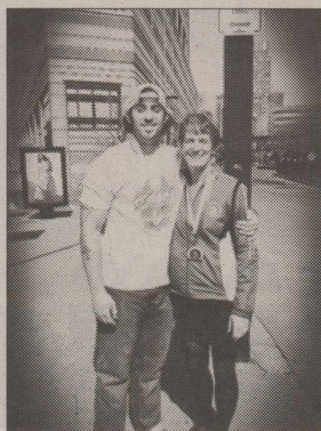
"Renee Gober called me and asked me why the texts had quit coming," he said. "I didn't know. I'd gotten concerned as well."

Soon Stephen Pace called to relay the information that his mother was safe.

"I had just begun to learn about the explosion," Patrick Pace said.

It wasn't the end anyone had expected.

When asked Sunday if she would like to run the Boston Marathon again, Carmen Pace said she would, describing it as "the Olympics of marathon running" and the only marathon that requires runners to qualify to partici-



Courtesy photo

Proud of each other and standing tall in Boston are Carmel Pace, marathon runner, and her son Stephen Pace, a U.S. Marine. Pace met his mother near the end of the race, minutes after two deadly bombs exploded at the finish line. He told her what had happened and convinced her to quit running with less than a half-mile to go.

But even as Pace described the mood of the city for the marathon and the special atmosphere, it was as if she wondered if it could ever be the same.

"There are people on the sidelines for the whole 26 miles," she said.

Other marathons don't draw as many people to cheer the runners on, she said.

Where Pace has gone to church in Boston before the marathon, the runners have been recognized.

"The priest has brought us up to the altar," she said.

People on the street also honor the runners.

"You're just that special person," she said.

Not that runners play to crowds.

"We runners just run," Pace said.

But it's still nice to have the support, and there's no place like Boston, she said.

Whether Pace returns to Boston next year, she could still make the run further down the

road — in fact, for many years to come. The Boston Marathon accommodates runners of all ages, adjusting the requirements to qualify according to age.

Pace, who's been running since she was 12, credits Gober with keeping her involved in running.

"She is the one who has kept me running all these years," Pace said.

The second time Pace ran in the Boston Marathon, she had some extra inspiration. For her, the race was dedicated to Stephen Pace, her Marine, she said.

But most often, running is a day-in, day-out routine. Instead of plying crowd-lined city streets or tree-lined New England highways, Pace and Gober make runs through remote Haskell County, usually in the calm of early morning.

"I love to run on the dirt roads here," Pace said.

Running clears her mind. "It helps me to cope," she said. "It keeps me level-headed."

Pace is a native of Ireland, the eighth of nine siblings. She grew up on a dairy farm at Bally William and started her running career in Nenagh in County Tipperary, where she attended secondary school.

Also a hurdler, Pace earned a track scholarship to Wichita State University in Kansas. As a senior, she won the conference title in the 400-meter hurdles, and the university offered her graduate school assistance if she would stay as a coach's assistant.

Ultimately, Pace earned a master's degree in audiology from Wichita State and then landed an audiologist's job in Abilene. She met her husband, Patrick Pace, in Abilene. He was a patient — the only one she ever dated.

A blended family, the Paces have five children — her son Stephen; his sons, Joseph, Matt and Ben; and their son Ryan.

In the Paces' yard in Rule, two flags fly side by side — the red, white and blue of Texas and the green, white and red of Ireland.

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A good place for a photo, a Boston Marathon sign is just the right prop. Carmel Pace has other photos from previous years in Boston and marathons elsewhere, but this image from 2013 no doubt will always bring to mind the ostensibly terroristic act that put a dark end to what should have been a glorious day for running.



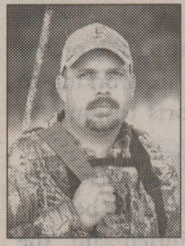
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Carmel Pace's medal from the Boston Marathon holds fascination for Lillian Terry and her two brothers, Lawton Terry, left, and Lance Terry. The children and their parents visited the Pace family Sunday evening for a post-marathon backyard cookout.

Russell Graves Outdoors Save the Wild Turkey - Hunt One Part 1

How hunters funded the modern conservation movement and saved one of America's greatest game birds.

Spring of 2004 found my brother and I walking through the ash trees in a broad and muddy bottomland in Fannin County, Texas.



RUSSELL GRAVES

Just off a deployment to Afghanistan, his time on leave from the United States Army was brief. Luckily however, it coincided with the new spring turkey season in Fannin County. Only the second year in existence at the time, the season was short: a five day work week bookended by weekends gave us only nine days to

hunt eastern wild turkeys.

For years, we'd seen small flocks and single birds on the Caddo National Grasslands in the northern part of the county but until the second year of the county's newly created spring turkey season, we'd never seen many turkeys in the mid county area where we hunted most of our lives.

Just a year before this hunt, I saw a few turkeys slipping through the dark timber and heard several gobblers in response to a distant barred owl's iconic call. The first time I could conclude that turkeys were indeed on the property.

On opening morning, we stood and waited and listened in the dark in a thick grove of red cedars that creates a boundary between the upland oaks and the bottomland hardwoods. As the sun burnished the eastern sky, we

heard a couple of toms gobble about two hundred yards away. Moving in their direction, we eventually set up in the timber to call the birds the rest of the way to us. Vernal fresh, the trees were adorned with Virginia creeper while the air was filled with the pungent smell of wild onions.

We sat, called, and five minutes later a trio of toms slinked in from the east. With a single trigger pull from my pump shotgun, my turkey fell twenty-two yards from my feet and ten minutes after sunrise. As we talked we heard another solitary tom calling to the north. My brother was scheduled to leave again in just a few days so we exchanged gear. He took the shotgun while I handled the calling. We slowly hiked for ten minutes and made a stand on the south side of a small creek. Just minutes after I first made the slate

call purr, a huge, mature gobbler stood ten yards across the creek from us and strutted. Bubba sealed the deal.

Regulations mandated that we haul the birds into a check station near Bonham. At around 9:00am, the attendant measured the beards, spur lengths, and the weight of each one. Then he recorded my bird in space number one and my brother's bird was right below it. The first turkeys harvested in the county that season. Soon a small crowd of a dozen or so people gathered at the unusual site of Eastern wild turkeys.

The species made a triumphant return to the county and our harvest was a tiny testament to the hunter's role in saving the wild turkey.

Russell Graves is a Childress based outdoor enthusiast and photographer.

Medicare's hospice benefit comforts patients and their families

Choosing hospice care isn't about giving up. It's about making every day count.

Terminally ill people who make the choice receive care for their physical, emotional, social and spiritual needs. They're no longer seeking a cure, but they do want to live out their last weeks and months as comfortably as possible and with dignity.

Medicare's hospice benefit is 30 years old this year and has helped millions of Americans and their families cope with the final stages of terminal illnesses.

To qualify, you must be eligible for Medicare's Part A hospital insurance, and your physician and your hospice medical director must certify that you have six months or less to live, assuming your illness runs its normal course.

You also must sign a statement choosing the Medicare hospice benefit and another statement that you understand you're forgoing curative treatment for your terminal condition.

Hospice programs follow a team approach. The specially trained team typically includes doctors, nurses, counselors and social workers, among others. A doctor and nurse are on call 24-7 to care for you and support your fam-

ily when you need it.

The hospice benefit allows you and your family to stay together in the comfort of your home, unless you require hospital care. If your hospice team determines you need inpatient care at some point, it will make the arrangements for your stay.

Hospice's main goal is to relieve your pain and manage your symptoms. As long as the care comes from a Medicare-approved hospice, Medicare covers the physician services, nursing care, drugs, medical equipment and supplies, and physical and occupational therapy.

Though the hospice benefit is part of original Medicare, it's also available to anyone with a Medicare Advantage plan. And both original Medicare and Medicare Advantage will continue to pay for the treatment of other conditions unrelated to your terminal illness.

Medicare understands that your family occasionally needs a rest from caregiving. So you can request to stay up to five days at a time at a hospice facility, hospital or nursing home. For that, you pay 5 percent of the Medicare-approved amount for respite care.

Overall, you pay almost nothing for your hospice care. There is no deductible. Besides your 5 per-

cent share for the inpatient respite care, your only expense is the \$5 or less you pay for each prescription drug you take to relieve pain or manage your symptoms.

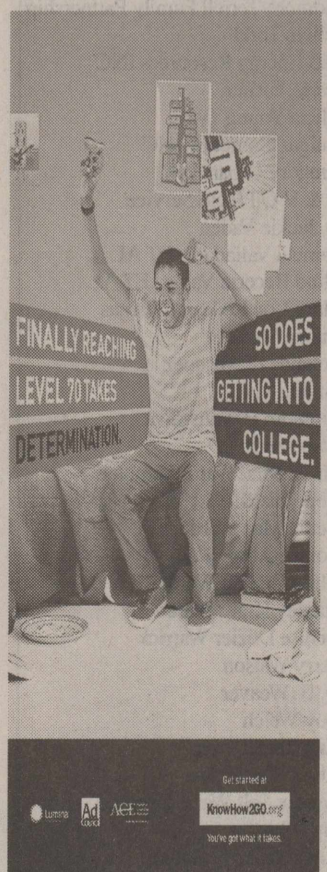
You can receive hospice care as long as you're recertified. After 90 days of care, you're re-evaluated by the hospice's medical director or other hospice doctor to determine if the care is still appropriate.

Another re-evaluation is done after another 90 days and then every 60 days.

If your health improves or your illness goes into remission, you may not need to remain in a hospice program. In those cases, you'll return to your previous Medicare coverage. And if someday your condition worsens, you can go back to hospice care.

Beneficiaries wanting to learn more about hospice programs in their area should talk to their doctor or call their state's hospice organization or health department. Their physician will also help determine whether a particular program has been approved by Medicare.

When considering and choosing a hospice program, ask these questions: What kind of training does the hospice provide its caregivers? How does the hospice staff respond



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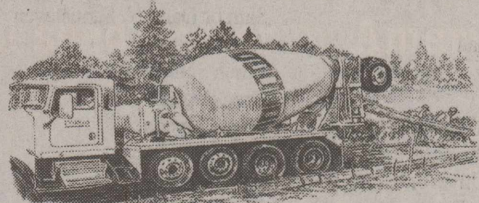
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Cemetery Series: Alles in Ordnung St. Joseph's reflects beliefs, traits of pioneers

By Hanaba Munn Welch
The Knox County News-Courier

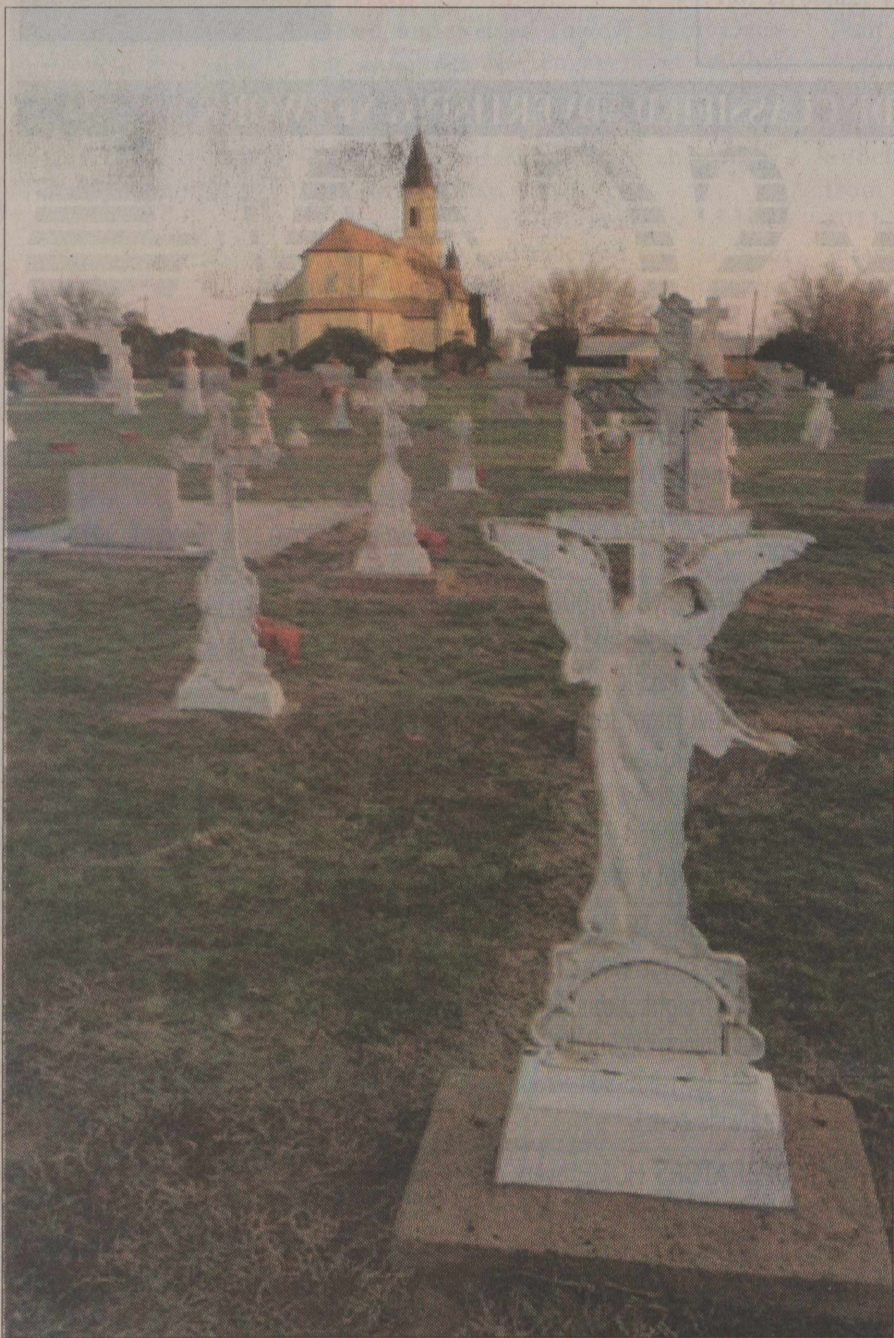
RHINELAND — The cemetery at St. Joseph's Catholic Church reflects the predominant ethnicities of the people buried there. Not only are the names on the gravestones mostly German and Czech; also, the orderliness of the grounds reflects the German-Czech penchant for neatness.

Unlike most area cemeteries, roads to accommodate automobile traffic do not wind through or crisscross the grounds. In that regard, the cemetery is similar to church cemeteries in Europe.

Crosses are prevalent and substantial, as befits the imagery of the Catholic Church. Many of the grave markers are crafted in metal. Woodmen of the World markers are conspicuous in their absence as are evidences of lodge affiliations. Design motifs follow religious themes, with the exception of some military features, such as footstones, and a cross-shaped Texas Ranger marker alongside one monument.

Most of the tombstone inscriptions are written in English, but several of the markers have German wording. In some cases, it appears basic information was inscribed in English and German texts possibly were added later in German script — lettering that would have been difficult for a non-German stonecutter to execute.

Next to the cemetery, St. Joseph's Church stands tall and solid, its cross-topped spires reaching heavenward.



Photos by Hanaba Munn Welch/The Knox County News-Courier

The last light of the day Monday shines on St. Joseph's Catholic Church at Rhineland. The view shows the back sides of several metal markers. The graceful pose of an angel loses little in reverse.



Markers fashioned in metal, most painted silver and some painted white, grace several graves in the cemetery behind St. Joseph's Church in Rhineland, where family names are predominantly German and Czech. A metal cross, embellished with floral motifs, marks the grave of Caroline Fetsch, 1870-1909. The words "born" and "died" are written in German as "geboren" and "gestorben."

"Pray for the deceased" is the English translation of the German language inscription on the grave marker of Petronilla Wilde, born in 1851. Not visible is her date of death, Nov. 12, 1940. The photograph that embellishes the marker shows a woman with a strong countenance softened with a hint of a smile, a little like Mona Lisa but with less mystery.

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