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2014 County Stock Show



Kristen Kuehler - Grand Champion Swine, Bree Champion York, Showmanship

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Kuehler, Thompson garner top spots

By Geoffrey Baumgartner The Knox County News-Courier

MUNDAY — Kristen Kuehler and Kendall Thompson garnered grand champion and

reserve grand champion bragging rights, respectively, in the swine show at this past weekend's countywide junior livestock show.

The annual event is a collaborative effort of the Knox County Junior Livestock Association, the FFA organizations at each of the county's three high schools and the 4-H youth organization, as well as the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Knox County.

This year's event was judged by Haskell City Manager Brandon Anderson, former longtime agricultural agent for the Haskell County Extension Service.

Swine show

Berkshire

1. Kayla Hunter, Breed Champion

2. Melanie Ruiz, Reserve Breed Champion 3. Jordon Ruiz

4. Josiah Coplen

Duroc Lt. Wt.

1. Sydney Thompson, Reserve Breed

Champion

2. Callie Cude 3. Christian Abila

4. Kate Baker

Hvy. Wt.

1. Jordan Ruiz, Breed Champion

2. Christian Abila

3. Jaylon Roberson

4. Justin Tidwell

Hampshire

Lt. Wt.

1. Kayla Hunter 2. Ella Hunter

3. Cassandra Ledesma

4. Joseph Ramirez

Hampshire continued

Med. Wt.

1. Melanie Ruiz, Reserve Breed Champion

2. Tori Everson

3. Christian Abila

4. Trey Tidwell

5. Jaydon Rogers

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Rule principal, husband involved in wreck

By Wayne Hodgin

The Knox County News Courier

A 62-year-old Haskell County man died at the scene of a two-car accident a few minutes after 7 p.m. Friday near Roby.

Trooper Frederick Biddle, spokesman for the Department of Public Safety in Abilene, said a 2009 Nissan Altima being driven by Jill Lefevre Brown of Sagerton was traveling west on U.S. 180 about 6 ½ miles west of Roby in Fisher County when her vehicle struck a 2001 Chevrolet Tahoe traveling south on FM 1657.

Biddle said the driver of the Tahoe, Julia Dawn Wilson, 19, of Big Spring, apparently disregarded the stop sign at the intersection and continued into the line of traffic on U.S. 180 when she was hit by the Browns' oncoming Al-

Both units continued southwest and came to rest in a cotton field, Biddle said.

Kenneth Wayne Brown, 62, of the Sagerton community in southwest Haskell County, who was a passenger in the Altima driven by his wife, was pronounced dead at the scene by Justice of the Peace Tammy Morton. His body was taken to Adams-Foster-Ray Funeral Home in Hamlin and later transferred to Tankersley Funeral Home in Stamford.

Mrs. Brown, who is the principal at Rule ISD,

sustained serious injuries as was transported to University Medical Center in Lubbock.

Ms. Wilson also was taken to UMC in Lubbock with critical injuries.

According to reports, all three were wearing safety belts at the time of the accident. The weather was partly cloudy and the roadway was dry. The posted speed limit is 75 mph. It was unknown if charges were pending

oncoming traffic, and an updated report on her condition was not available.

Mrs. Brown reportedly was released from the Bowl party. hospital Monday.

Mr. Brown was a 1970 graduate of Hawley High school and was a self-employed paint con-

Survivors include his wife of 29 years and their four children, Brandi Robertson and Kinsey Brown, both of Abilene, Tully Brown of Hermleigh and Cade Brown of Lubbock; brother Bobby Brown Jr. of Abilene, sisters Linda Shott of San Angelo and Joyce Beard of Midland; and mother- and father-in-law Delbert and Joyce Lefevre of Sagerton.

Church of Rule with the Rev. Stephanie Gilkey officiating. Burial was in Sagerton Fairview Cemetery in Haskell County under the direction of Tankersley Funeral Home of Stamford.

Museum plans fundraiser on Super Bowl Sunday

By Mary Jane Young

The Knox County News Courier

Sunday, Feb. 2, will be a big day for many Knox County residents and friends from surrounding counties — not just because it is Super Bowl Sunday, but also because they will be attending the annual barbeque and fundraiser for the Wichita Brazos Museum at Benjamin.

The dinner will be from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Benjamin Memorial Building. At the meal there will be the usual brisket, sausage, turkey, deviled eggs, pinto beans, potato salad, coleslaw, against Ms. Wilson for failure to stop or yield to and pies, thanks to the Museum board members and many Knox County supporters. The remaining food will be sold at the conclusion of the silent auction for those to take home for a Super

The silent auction tables will be set up by 11 a.m. for people to place their bids. The auction has always been the highlight of the day with 100 or more items to bid on. Bidding will close at 1:30 p.m. We are accepting donations for the silent auction, including

Door prizes will be given away throughout the meal. There were 81 prizes given away last year, ranging from a \$50 bill to gift certificates from area businesses, and "Oh Boy, Look What

The Museum will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for visitors. This will be the last time to view the "Knox County Wildlife Exhibit" provided by Ronnie Urbanczyk, taxidermist, from Mun-Funeral services were Tuesday at First Baptist day. This wonderful exhibit featuring wild animals found in Knox County will soon be returned to Mr. Urbanczyk.

For more information, call 940-459-2229, Tuesday through Friday, 1 to 5 P.M., at the Museum.

Knox Notes

Events are listed free of charge as a service by this newspaper for nonprofit groups, civic organizations, churches, schools and select community events. Listings should be submitted at least two weeks in advance and will run as often as possible through the date of the event. News staff does not guarantee placement of events. Emailed submissions are preferred to kcnewscourier@gmail.com.

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. All members encouraged to attend. Call Nell Sloan at 940-422-4138 for

Museum fundy

The Knox County Historical Commission's annual fundraising dinner and silent auction for the Wichita-Brazos Museum and Cultural Center will be from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Feb. 2 at the Memorial Building in Benjamin. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and younger. Take-outs available. Menu includes brisket turkey, sausage, beans, coleslaw, potato salad, deviled eggs and pie. Door prizes will be given, and any remaining food will be sold. Call 940-459-2229 for information.

KCAC raffle

Knox County Aging Center members are selling \$1 tickets for a \$250 gift card to Walmart as a fundraising project. The drawing will be held during the center's Mother's Day luncheon on May 11. Call the Center at 940-657-3618 for information.

Parents and grandparents are encouraged to submit photos of their children and grandchildren to wish them Happy Valentine's Day in the pages of the News-Courier. One photo per submission; include child's name and name of parents/grandparents and a Valentine greeting. Contact info, such as a phone number or email address, should accompany each submission should news staff have any questions about the submission. Cost is \$20 per submission. Email preferred to kcnewscourier@ gmail.com, or mail to PO Box 151, Munday, TX 76371; or drop by the News-Courier office at 121 E. B St. in the Munday Chamber of Commerce building. Payment must be received by Monday, Feb. 10. For information, call 940-422-5350.

Clarification

The County Energy Reinvestment Transportation Zone designation will not necessarily raise property taxes on land within the boundaries designated by the county commission. Knox County Judge Travis Floyd further explained, "The idea was to pick a reinvestment zone that has energy activity, then the increase in value would go to the Road & Bridge Fund instead of the general fund. After a zone is designated, the tax rate is frozen." The rules governing the CERTZ program and its funding is standardized from county to county.

If you spot an error of fact. contact Editor Wayne Hodgin at kcnewscourier@gmail.com.

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Extension touts safe

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cision to drink and drive."

drunk-driving crashes.

sports bar or restaurant:

they get home safely.

too much to drink.

to drink.

driving for Super Bowl

The Super Bowl is one of America's most highly an-

ticipated sports events, when friends and family gather in

homes, bars, and restaurants to celebrate. As Super Bowl

Sunday approaches and football fans across the country

prepare for the game, the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

Service Watch UR BAC program is spreading the message

to the public about designating a sober driver on Super Bowl Sunday, because Fans Don't Let Fans Drive Drunk.

designated driver. Avoid the unsportsmanlike conduct of

driving drunk by handing off your keys so that the Super

Bowl watching party stays safe," said Texas A&M AgriLife

Extension Service agent Lorrie Coop. "Drunk driving is al-

ways preventable, and driving drunk could result in injuring

or killing yourself or someone else. Motorists can expect

Knox County law enforcement agencies to have a visible

presence and to stop anyone who makes the dangerous de-

According to the Texas Department of Transportation,

1,099 people were killed in drunk-driving crashes in 2012,

accounting for 32.3 percent of the total motor vehicle traf-

fic fatalities in Texas. Super Bowl Sunday is a risky day for

tending a Super Bowl party or watching the game at a

sober friend for a ride home; call a cab, friend, or family

in advance, or arrange for alternate transportation to ensure

Stop serving alcohol at the end of the third quarter of the

handy, and take the keys away from anyone who has had

member to come and get you; or just stay for the night.

to get home safely before the party begins.

If you're hosting a Super Bowl party:

game, and begin serving coffee and dessert.

The Watch UR BAC program advises that if you're at-

Designate your sober driver, or plan another way

If you don't have a designated driver, then ask a

Never let friends drive if they have had too much

Make sure all your guests designate a sober driver

Serve plenty of food and non-alcoholic beverages

Host your party just like they do at the stadium.

Keep the phone numbers of local cab companies

Remember, you can be held liable and prosecuted

"Before drinking begins, choose your MVP — a sober

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Toni Holt

WEINERT - Toni Holt, and achieved what ever she ins. 88, passed away January 18, 2014, in Abilene, Texas. Toni was born August 11, 1925, to Marion and Addie Lodgston in Haskell County. She was

set her mind to do.

Toni was preceded in death by her only son and her husband W.C. Holt.

She is survived by several a very strong-willed person nieces, nephews and cous-

Graveside services are set for Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at 1PM in Johnson Memorial Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Smith Funeral Home of Munday.

Weldon Hutchinson

EASTLAND — Weldon Hutchinson, 78, of Eastland, passed away Sunday, January 19, 2014 in Eastland. Services were Thursday at the River of Life Church in Eastland with Rev. Jerry Maston officiating. Graveside services will be held at 3:00 p.m. Thursday at the Knox City Cemetery, directed by Edwards Funeral Home of Eastland. The family will receive friends at Edwards Funeral Home on Wednesday from 6 until 8:00 p.m.

Weldon was born on February 10, 1935 in Knox County to Charles Cleveland Hutchinson and Opal Leone (Branton) Hutchinson. He graduated from



WELDON HUTCHINSON

O'Brien High School. He married Lois Whisenhunt on November 18, 1974 in Taylor County. He was a truck driver and a Mason.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Charles Cleveland Hutchinson and his twin brother, Wayne

Survivors include his and wife Melissa of Hamnumerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Financial Bank.

Hutchinson.

wife, Lois Hutchinson of Eastland; 3 sons, Ricky Hibbitts and wife Sheila of Amarillo, Randy Hibbitts lin, and Ronnie Hutchinson and wife Laurie of Carbon; 2 daughters, Darlene Roan and husband Robert of Eastland, and Tammy Campbell and husband Randy of Haskell; 2 sisters, Melba Pharr of Knox City, and Ila Kay Gross and husband George of Knox City;

Memorials may be made in Weldon's name at First

Tony Navarrette

RULE — Antonio "Tony" Castellon Navarrette passed away January 17, 2014 at the age of 74. Tony was born on April 11, 1939 in Knox County, Texas to Nicholas and Martina Navarrette. Tony married Rachel De Los Santos in Benjamin, Texas on December 16, 1957. Mr. and Mrs. Navarrette made their home in Rule, Texas, where Tony worked as a farmer and bull dozer operator. Tony loved watching his favorite Westerns and making people laugh. He never missed a chance to amuse his audience with stories of his younger years.

His first son, Antonio Navarrette, Jr., preceded Tony in death in 1958. He is also preceded in death of Rule, Texas, and Paul and Sanchez of Odessa, Texas, Home of Munday.

Pink Ladies

Pink Ladies luncheon/business meet-

ing January 15 was held at the Turn Row

in Knox City. Stephen Kuehler joined the

ladies for lunch. He told of the hospital's

recent remodeling program to enlarge the

nurses' station, enclose all the wiring, repaint

the patient hallway and purchase of new

chairs with a state grant plus help from Pink

Ladies. The updating on the 1926 build-

ing was much needed. Since Stephen came

twelve years ago as hospital administrator,

he has been able to obtain approximately

1.5 million dollars in grant money. He now



TONY NAVARRETTE

Mary Helen Navarrette of Munday, Texas.

Tony is survived by his wife, Rachel, siblings: Martin Navarrette of Houston, Texas, Nick Navarrette of Minnesota, Jimmy Na-

grandchildren,

Munday. Funeral Mass will be held at 2PM, Monday, January 20, 2014 at Saint varrette of Kansas, Marty Joseph's Catholic Church pears, juice, milk Navarrette and Beatrice in Rhineland, Texas. Inby his parents, Nicolas and Reyes of Munday, Texas. ternment will follow at Martina Navarrette, siblings: He is also survived by sev- Johnson Memorial Cem-Davis Navarrette of Odessa, en children: Carmel Na- etery under the direction of Texas, Santos Navarrette, Sr. varrette and husband, Leo McCauley-Smith Funeral

hopes to get a grant for \$130,000 to do more

remodeling of the hospital and ask Pink La-

dies for \$5,639 to help with the grant. The

It seems that several households have

cleaned out old toys since Christmas to

make room for the new ones and we at Pink Ladies thank you for thinking of us for the

disposal. Right now we are caught up, so we

are ready for more donations. Without your

help, we cannot help the hospital.

Gilbert Navarrette and wife, Cindy of Rule, Texas, Danny Navarrette and wife, Linda of Abilene, Texas, Joe Navarrette and wife Margie of Haskell, Texas, Noel Navarrette of Rule, Texas, and Sara Navarrette Sepeda and husband, Greg of Munday, Texas. Twenty four great-grandchildren

if someone you served ends up in a drunk-driving crash. nephews that will miss him deeply additionally survive Rosary will be held at 6PM, Sunday, January 19, 2014 at the funeral home in

Week of January 27-31 **Knox City-O'Brien** Breakfast Monday: Pork Sausage Biscuit or cereal bowl, toast, mixed fruit, juice, milk Tuesday: Biscuits with sausage gravy or cereal bowl, toast,

Wednesday: Breakfast pancake wrap or cereal bowl with usage, cinnamon apples, juice, milk Thursday: Waffles with syrup or cereal bowl, toast, peaches, juice, milk

juice, milk

Lunch Monday: Rib sandwich or Italian antipasto salad or bologna and cheese, corn, green beans, mixed fruit, slushy, milk

Friday: Breakfast pizza or cereal bowl, toast, applesauce,

Tuesday: Frito chili pie or fajita chicken salad or turkey and cheese, carrots, lettuce, honeydew melon, slushy, milk

Wednesday: Chicken quesadilla or garden pasta salad, ham and cheese, Mexicali corn, refried beans, applesauce, slushy, milk

Thursday: Steak fingers or zest tuna salad or tuna salad, mashed potatoes, green beans, pears, slushy, milk

Munday

Breakfast

Monday: Waffles with syrup, honey graham, mixed fruit, slushy, juice, milk

Tuesday: Cereal bowl, honey graham, peaches, slushy, juice, milk

Wednesday: Pancake wrap, applesauce, slushy, juice, milk Thursday: Cereal bowl, honey graham, pears, slushy, juice,

Friday: Breakfast pizza, honey graham, pineapple, slushy, juice, milk

Monday: Rib sandwich or bologna and cheese, corn, green beans, mixed fruit, slushy, milk

Tuesday: Frito chili pie or turkey and cheese, carrots, lettuce, honeydew, slushy, milk

Wednesday: Chicken quesadilla or ham and cheese, Mex-

icali corn, refried beans, applesauce, slushy, milk

Thursday: Steak fingers or tuna salad, gravy, mashed po-

tatoes, green beans, cantaloupe, slushy, milk Friday: Pizza or po-boy, tator tots, baked beans, pine-

apple, slushy, milk

Knox County Aging Center

Monday: Swedish meat balls, parsley noodles, mixed vegetables, whole wheat rolls, angel food cake-blueberries

Tuesday: Tilapia with lemon slices, whole kernel corn,

coleslaw, hushpuppies, fruit cup Wednesday: Homemade turkey pot pie, seasoned corn,

whole wheat rolls, tossed salad, ambrosia Thursday: Chicken stew, turnip greens, cornbread, fruit

Friday: Sloppy Joe on a bun, country potato salad, carrots and zucchini, creamy fruit squares

Come eat with us and support your aging center pro-

Please call in your orders by 10:00 a.m. to 657-3618. Orders can't be taken after 11:00 a.m. please pick up by 11:00 a.m.

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Frances King

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Champion 2. Kristian Kuehler 3. Brice Thompson 4. Tylynne Eaton

Spot 1. Melanie Ruiz, Breed Champion

2. Allie Hodges, Reserve Breed Champion

3. Skylin Ledesma 4. Kelsey Vasquez

5. Melissa Rogers 6. Kolbey Brown

Yorkshire

Lt. Wt.

1. Matthew Jimenez, Reserve Breed Champion

2. Tanna Moeller 3. Joseph Ramirez

Hvy. Wt.

1. Kristen Kuehler, Breed Champion; Grand Champion

2. Kolby Brown 3. Allie Hodges 4. Grace Tidwell

Other pure breeds

1. Jordan Ruiz, Breed Champ

2. Kristen Kuehler, Reserve Breed; Jr.Showmanship

Cross Lt. Wt.

1. Ella Hunter 2. Sydney Thompson

3. Raylee Ledesma

4. Jordyn Eaton

Lt. Med. Wt.

1. Cassandra Ledesma

2. Laquita Roberson 3. Emma Lambert

4. Jayden Lambert

5. Cara Lambert 6. Grace Tidwell

7. Cassandra Ledesma

Med. Wt.

1. Ellie Oustad

2. Tanna Moeller Sr. Showmanship

3. Tori Everson

4. Cayce Camp

5. Kenlee Lambert

6. Callie Cude 7. Kendall Thompson

Hvy. Wt.

1. Kendall Thompson, Breed Champion; Reserve Grand Champion

2. Matthew Jimenez,

Reserve Breed 3. Brice Thompson

4. Matthew Jimenez

5. Kristen Kuehler

6. Madison Thompson 7. Tanna Moeller

8. Jordan Ruiz

See photos of winners on page 8!

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including local favorites, like

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KTXS and

CW.

Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

e are well into January, and it's a beautiful day today. The wind may start blowing later, but this morning is absolutely gorgeous. Makes one think spring is right around the corner, but we know colder days are ahead, (again). Think Thursday of this week is only supposed to be in the 30s. So much for the weather coverage!!

Imagean Young reports that her son, Mike, (although still is HMC in Abilene), is improving, and if all continues to go well, he may be released in a couple of weeks. Don't think he's in too big of a hurry to get out because that may have caused his latest problem. He may have been released too early when he had his surgery. Understand, that's not a medical evaluation, only mine, but I know he had pretty serious surgery and got out of the hospital in just a few days. Anyway, he's better now, and that's what is important.

Janice Tolson is home and is doing well. She will have to take it easy for a while, but that will be a minor thing if she continues to do as well as she is now.

No late word on Carol Dickson since she began her treatments, but I feel like she's doing pretty well as I know she has been at her place of business (Front Porch Quilts) lately. It's good to see her pick up back over there after her being away for several weeks.

Museum News

Mary Young reminded me that the annual fundraiser for the museum will be the first Sunday in February, which is Feb. 2. The meal will be barbecue, turkey, and sausage and all the trimmings plus lots of home made desserts. It's always a great meal and a good time to visit with friends. Door prizes are given, and there's a silent auction plus a chance to buy chances on a quilt. Lots going on that day, and the money goes to a very worthwhile cause. I'll be there, and I hope to see you there as well.

Here 'n' there

Politics in the county are heating up. We have three from Benjamin who will be on the ballot — Kim Sealy and Freddie Cash will be trying for the Democratic spot in the primary election for Commissioner of Precinct 2 — that position currently held by Charles Griffith, who has chosen to run for County Judge. He is unopposed in the primary election. If you are not registered, better get that done if you want to vote. If not, don't complain if things don't go your way!

I talked to John White on Friday. He's getting married this Saturday. His fiance' is Sara Skelton from Seymour. Ronnie and Susan will soon be all alone, as the last of the kids are slowly "leaving the nest." John and Sara will live in Munday, and, of course, nothing but good wishes to to them.

I saw Jim and June Robinson of Lubbock during the weekend. They were here to see her sister, Mona Cook, who

When I was pregnant, I found out I had **diabetes**.

Now, I am at risk for diabetes for the

has been hospitalized several weeks after suffering a broken hip. She is to be dismissed today and will go to Lubbock for a time of recuperation at the Robinson's home. Lots of folks here know Mona, as she worked in the County Treasurer's office several years ago. We wish her well as she continues to recover.

Shelby Russell, who is attending school in Lubbock, was a weekend visitor with her sister, SamiJo and her great grandmother, Hazel Stockton. Her mom, Kim, was on the Walk to Emmaus retreat Thursday through Sunday at the Baptist Camp at Leuders. Mike and Debi Moorhouse and Bud Conner and I attended the closing ceremonies on Sunday afternoon.

I visited with former Benjamin residents, Bill and Judy Bland, on Friday. They live in Seymour now. Judy's mom, Maggie B. Harper passed away last week. She was 94 and had been in failing health for some time. It was good to see them and visit awhile. Bill is limping a little, although feels pretty fortunate to be up walking at all. He had a "run in" with a bull a year or so ago and was in a wheel chair for several months. But he seems to be doing pretty well now.

Judy Robinson of Sherman left Saturday for her home after being here a few days with her mom, Betty Lyles. Betty was in a Wichita Falls hospital a couple of days last week. She had 3 blockages and had to have 3 stints. She said she's doing OK. Still weak from the surgery, but doctors told her that's to be expected. Betty has a new great grandchild (Judy's grandchild). I should have the statistics on it next week.

Ronald and Verna Griffith, who live in Minnesota, got here Saturday night for a few days' stay and visit with his brother, Charles and Linda, and with friends in the area. They plan to be in Texas for several months and enjoy the weather. Their travel trailer has been here a few months, so when they decide to do some "running around" while here, they are equipped for it.

I just learned of the death of Barbara Barnard of Knox City. She had been in failing health for quite some time and seriously ill the past few weeks. She was in Hospice Care in Abilene. My sincere sympathy to Barbara's family. She was my friend and a friend to many. She will

A little more on the museum meal coming up. Calls will be made to many for donations of pies and deviled eggs for the meal. Everyone is always willing to help out, and that willingness is part of what makes the meal a success So he ready for your call, and if you are missed and want to help out, do so anyway. Everything is appreciated.

And it's Super Bowl time again. I really don't have a favorite since the Cowboys are out, but I will be pulling for Denver. I'm not a Seattle fan. It should be a good game, regardless of who wins.

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

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Pastor Shane Kendrix

Service Times:

Sunday

Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

Worship: 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Awanas, Pre-K to 6th grade:

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Youth: 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The 501

Rock collecting for the ambidextrous

If you want to sound classy, call yourself a collector. With the right inflection, you can put yourself with L the best of them. Watch out Sotheby's.

Just don't reveal you collect chicken-shaped pitchers or

hotel soap, my first pursuit.

Regarding pitchers, my late left-handed cousin Nancy collected left-handed pitchers. If you don't know what one is, you're probably not left-handed. I myself collect, among other things, rocks. Always have. Can't help it. I have some right-handed ones and some left-handed

Do you know the difference?

Not to worry. I made that up. I do collect rocks, but they're all ambidextrous.



HANABA

toothbrushes? Bummer. I just tossed one.

I also gave up on hotel soap long ago. My rocks are unremarkable. I can't find my Mickey Mantle card. Time hasn't been kind to my dolls. And where are

That said (I collect transitional

wording), isn't the consummate collec-

tor one who focuses on one thing long

enough to build an impressive collec-

tion of whatever, even if it's vintage

MUNN those comic books? I should have peddled my modest WELCH collections of collectibles back when Baby Boomers were still collecting col-

lectibles. Now, like me, they're all divesting. Bad for the

My husband keeps a few too many things too. His penchant for organization puts me to shame. He has a vast collection of his children's soccer trophies, complete with the memories. He's joked about buying a cemetery plot to bury them. He could be serious. Speaking of cemeteries, and at the risk of sound-

ing morbid, I wonder if today's trend toward cremation signals that Americans are generally in more of a mood to let go rather than to preserve, keep and collect — to scatter ashes into the wind instead of hanging on to the departed in marked graves or even in a vase on the

Life in general is increasingly less tangible. Hefty Sears catalogs no longer set the tone; Internet shopping does. We still eat, but more often on flimsy paper than fine china. We communicate much, but our cyber-talk is cheap. Who takes pen in hand to write a thoughtful letter? Our photographs are fleeting too, stored on our cell phones. Even America's love affair with the automobile is on shaky ground. Why actually go anywhere if you can connect with your friends and the world via a smart-

So what's to cherish and collect when society revolves around things that can't be touched?

Could the answer lie in the question? The newest fad may be collecting technology-threatened tangibles printed photographs, books, pens and pencils.

An anecdote:

My friend Charmaine, circa 1975, worked in an office with all push-button phones, leading-edge telephony. When she got home, she went straight to the phone and made a call.

"It feels so good to dial," she said.

There you have it. Human nature. She wasn't ready to let go of the familiar.

And, yes, I still have two rotary-dial phones. I'm keep-

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30 years later, Madonna still sets trashy standard

'm not going to shock many of you by this statement, but there's a double standard in the media.

The great and powerful Madonna sent out the Nword Saturday in the caption of an Instagram photo of her

son. Did you hear about it? Me neither. I stumbled across it while reading another story deep inside the World Wide Web.

I seem to remember Paula Dean getting raked over the coals for admitting she'd used the word. It ruined her career. What's the difference?

The difference is the media in this country is run by the far left, and Madonna is affiliated with the media elite — or Hollywood elite.

During her 13-year-old son Rocco Ritchie's sparring bout in a boxing ring Friday Madonna tweeted, "No one messes

with Dirty Soap! Mama said knock you out! #disn---a." She didn't bother even noticing until she received a ton of

By Saturday, Madonna had deleted the photo from Insta-

criticism in the form of replies.

gram and posted an apology of sorts.

"I am sorry if I offended anyone with my use of the N word on Instagram," Madonna wrote. "It was not meant as a racial slur. I am not a racist. There's no way to defend the use of the word. It was all about intention. It was used as a term of endearment toward my son, who is white. I appreciate that it's a provocative word, and I apologize if it gave people the wrong impression. Forgive me.'

A term of endearment for her white son? Wow.

Where's Jesse Jackson?

Where's Al Sharpton?

Where's the public outcry?

Can you imagine the backlash had someone like Sarah Palin done the exact same thing?

Madonna is expected to appear at the Grammy Awards on Jan. 26. I'm willing to bet the backlash will remain largely

Since there is a double-standard by the mainstream media when it comes to one of their own having to face real scrutiny, I'll give you my honest thoughts on Madonna and how she has influenced youth during her career.

Madonna has been, and always will be a piece of trash.

She has demeaned her own gender, poked fun at Christianity and is now unveiled to be a racist.

I don't think for a minute Madonna would have given her post a second thought had people not replied negatively.

I hope Madonna's children are sheltered from the poison our youth of today are subjected to, thanks to people like Madonna continuously pushing the envelope.

Madonna is simply living up to the low standards she worked so hard to set in her career.

As Americans, we need to be cautious of our public figures. Madonna should have been called out for her actions just as any conservative should be.

The Left should be shocked. The outcry should be loud. But discrimination is alive and well in this country, and it's clear which segment of the population is discriminated

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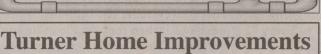
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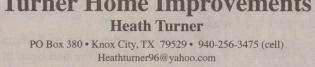


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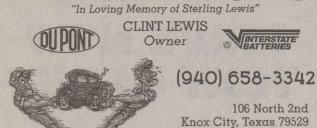
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Hounds split wins in high-scoring games

By Geoffrey Baumgartner The Knox County News-Courier

KNOX CITY — Knox City's Greyhound varsity boys basketball team managed to defeat the Harrold Hornets this past week, 52-30, but fell short to Crowell later in the week, 98-65.

During the Harrold game, Knox City put up a whopping 22 points during the first quarter, 13 points during the second, eight points during the third, and nine points during the fourth quarter.

For the Crowell game, the Greyhounds managed to put up 16 points during the first quarter, 18 points during the second, 18 again in the third, and nine points during the fourth quarter.

The major point scorers for the Greyhounds during the Crowell game were Jacoby Thomas with seven points, Anthony Estrada with one point, Zach Carter managed 19 points, Ryan Heard had 12 points, Chris Lewis had two points, Krys Campos had 12 points, Tylynne Eaton had two points, Skylar Neill had seven points, and finally Ibn Lagway managed three points during the game.

The point contributors during the Harrold Hornets game were Zach Carter with 17 points, Ryan Heard with nine points, Chris Lewis with five points, Krys Campos had two points, Tylynne Eaton put up two points, while Skylar Neill put up seven points, and Ibn Lagway managed four points.

All in all, Coach Josh Webb saw areas where his team performed well and noticed areas where his team could improve.

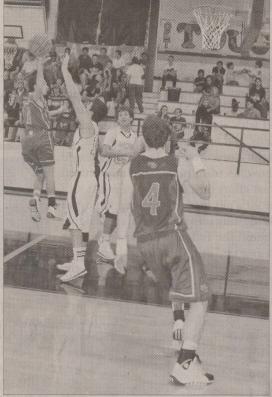
"For the Harrold game we started slow but then exploded midway through the first. I believe that's the most points we've scored all year in the first quarter," Webb said. "We were able to press all game and get some easy baskets off of it. We settled too much in the third and fourth quarters, and it showed in our scoring. We still played solid defense but offense struggled more than it should."

The Crowell contest was a whole different ball game, mainly due to that team's athletic prowess and scoring ability.

"When you allow 98 points, you haven't done your job on either end of the floor. We tried to emphasize some stuff in practice and just didn't execute it all come game time," Webb said. "They are very athletic and had a great night of shooting. We can't give them as many opportunities as we did on the offensive glass as well as

'There were a couple of minutes in there that we played well, just too many bad times to come close to making up for it. I think our boys fought hard but were just out executed all the way around. We will go back and watch film and look at both our good and bad things from the game. There is always an opportunity to learn and get better."

Knox City will be going up against Vernon North-side on Jan. 24.



leaps well over the Crowell defender.



Photos by Sheri Baty/For the News-Courier Senior Krys Campos (27) jumps over two Crowell Senior Anthony Estrada (1) throws a no-look side- defenders while throwing up a hook shot. Campos ways pass to fellow senior Zach Carter (4) as he managed to put two points on the board during the

Go Hounds & Houndettes!

Ineligible player forces Crowell girls to forfeit game

By Geoffrey Baumgartner

The Knox County News-Courier

KNOX CITY — Knox City's varsity Houndette basketball team managed to get a win over Crowell and Harold this past week. While the Houndettes did not technically defeat the Crowell team by scoring more points, Crowell had to forfeit their original victory when it came to light they had played an ineligible player.

Knox City lost the game at first, 48-38, but that was overturned by the UIL shortly after the revelation of the ineligible player.

Knox City defeated Harrold 59-32.

The major point scorers for the Houndettes during the Crowell game were Kaylie Steele with 23 points, Cassandra Ledesma with five points, and Leighten Pepper with three points.

The scorers for the Houndettes during the Harrold game were Kaylie Steele with 16 points, Shailee Manning with 14 points, and Jordyn Eaton put up eight points.

Head coach Jason Josselet thought his team played well in the beginning but struggled toward the end of the Crowell game.

"We played hard. The effort was good. We let the game get away from us in the 2nd and 3rd quarter, but we competed. I'm proud of the effort and the way we fought back in the fourth quarter," said

Knox City will be playing Vernon Northside this Friday, Jan. 25.





Far Left photo: **Shailee Manning** (#2) goes toward the basket for the layup while teammate Leighten Pepper (#3) prepares for the rebound.

Senior Kelsey Vasquez (#32) throws the ball up high as she takes her jump shot over the Crowell defender. Even though Crowell won the game in points, they had to forfeit the victory to Knox City because they played an ineligible player.

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Mogulettes pummel Consumers willing Tigers full force to pay more for meat

By Geoffrey Baumgartner The Knox County News-Courier

MUNDAY — Munday's Mogulettes hosted Anson this past week to take on the Lady Tigers. While the Lady Tigers gave a valiant effort, the Mogulettes started the full-court press early and did not relent until the fourth quarter began. The effort paid off and the Mogulettes were able to defeat the Lady Tigers, 36-18.

The Mogulettes managed to put up 12 points during the first quarter, 10 points during the second, 11 points during the third, and three points in the fourth quar-

The individual standouts from the Mo-

gulettes were Kaylan Urbanczyk with 16 points, 1 assist, six rebounds, and one steal and Raci Dillard with 10 points, eight rebounds, and one steal. Another major ing to pay more for hamburger and deli contributor for the Mogulettes was Tatum ham and unwilling to pay even as much Bufkin with six points, three assists, three as they did a month ago for pork chops, rebounds, and five steals.

Coach Cory Stephenson was pleased with how his team played and appreciated the great effort they gave.

"The girls put forth a great effort and had a big lead going into the fourth, so we lightened up on the full-court press during the fourth quarter," said Coach Stephenson.

The Mogulettes will be taking on the Hamlin Lady Pipers on Jan. 24 and Albany on Jan. 28.

onsumers in January are more willing to pay higher prices for chicken and steak, but less will-

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according to a recent survey published by The Meatingplace.

On average, consumers in January were willing to pay \$6.91 per pound for a steak, up from \$6.42 a month ago and willing to pay \$2.26 per pound for chicken wings, up from \$1.93 a month ago, according to the Oklahoma State University Food Demand Survey.

The online survey, with a sample size of at least 1,000 individuals, indicated consumers willing to pay \$4.68 per pound for chicken breast, up from \$4.52 a month ago. Nearly unchanged from last month, respondents were willing to pay \$4.21 per

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pound for hamburger and \$2.23 per pound for deli ham.

They were only willing to pay \$3.54 per pound for pork chops, down from \$3.61 a month ago.

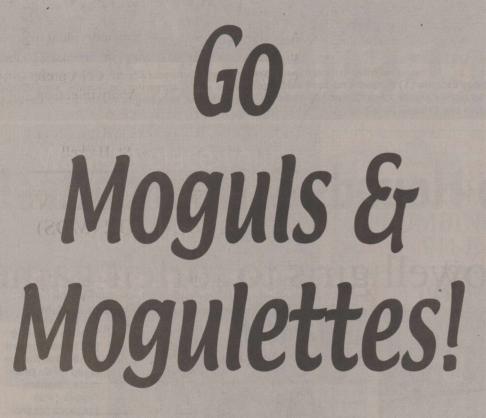
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The survey data showed consumers anticipate eating out less often in the coming weeks as they expect higher beef, chicken and pork prices. Consumers expect to buy less beef and pork in the coming weeks relative to December, the survey published on Jan. 17 predicted.

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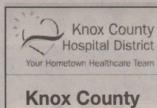
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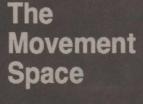
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