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

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 Hodgkin
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 1/2 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 Altima.

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 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 against Ms. Wilson for failure to stop or yield to oncoming traffic, and an updated report on her condition was not available.

Mrs. Brown reportedly was released from the hospital Monday.

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

Survivors include his wife of 29 years and their four children, Brandi Robertson and Kinsey Brown, both of Abilene, Tully Brown of Hermeigh 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.

Funeral services were Tuesday at First Baptist 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, 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 Bowl party.

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 handmade items.

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 I Got" items.

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 Munday. 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 questions.

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.

Brag page

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.

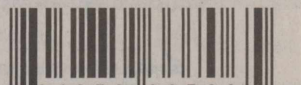
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The Paperboy 30 years later, Madonna still sets trashy standard

I'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 N-word 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.



CHRIS BLACKBURN

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 criticism in the form of replies.

By Saturday, Madonna had deleted the photo from Insta-

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 nonexistent.

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 against.

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Knox City 52, Harrold 30

Crowell 98, Knox City 65

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, Tyllyne 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, Tyllyne 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 turnovers."

"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.



Photos by Sheri Baty/For the News-Courier
Senior Anthony Estrada (1) throws a no-look sideways pass to fellow senior Zach Carter (4) as he leaps well over the Crowell defender.



Senior Krys Campos (27) jumps over two Crowell defenders while throwing up a hook shot. Campos managed to put two points on the board during the game.

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.

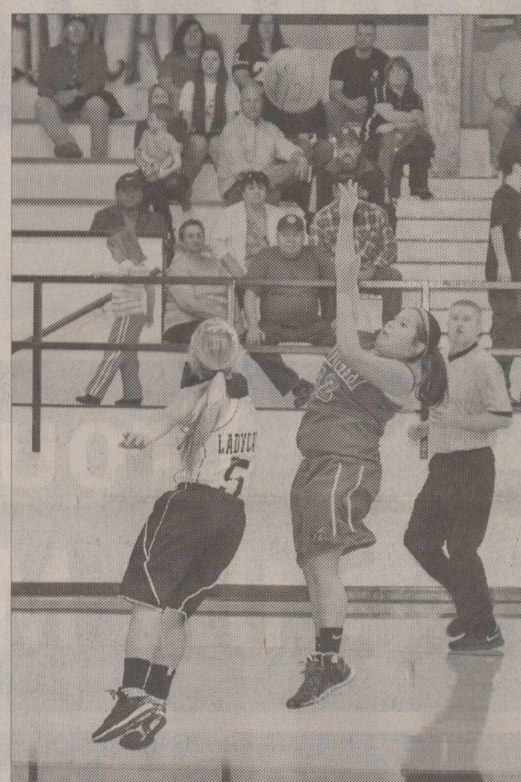
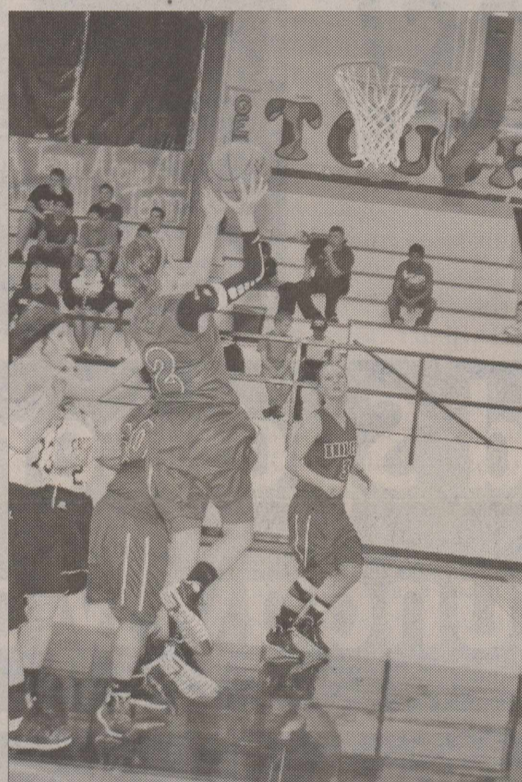
The major point scorers for the Houndettes during the Crowell game were Kaylie Steele with 23 points, Cassandra Ledesma with five points, and Leighton Pepper with three points.

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 Coach Josselet.

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 Leighton 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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Munday 36, Anson 18

Mogulettes pummel Tigers full force

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 quarter.

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 contributor for the Mogulettes was Tatum Bufkin with six points, three assists, three 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.

Nancy's Notions

Consumers willing to pay more for meat

Consumers in January are more willing to pay higher prices for chicken and steak, but less willing to pay more for hamburger and deli ham and unwilling to pay even as much as they did a month ago for pork chops, according to a recent survey published by The Meatingplace.



NANCY MCDONALD

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

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.

The Forecast 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.

Meatingplace is the premier multimedia information source for the red meat and poultry processing industry. Ag leaders across the nation use this site to gather daily changes in the industry.

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Nancy McDonald is the family and consumer science agent for the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Garza County.

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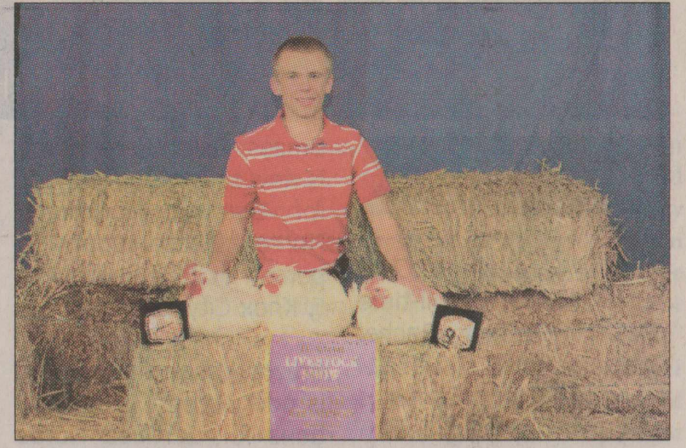
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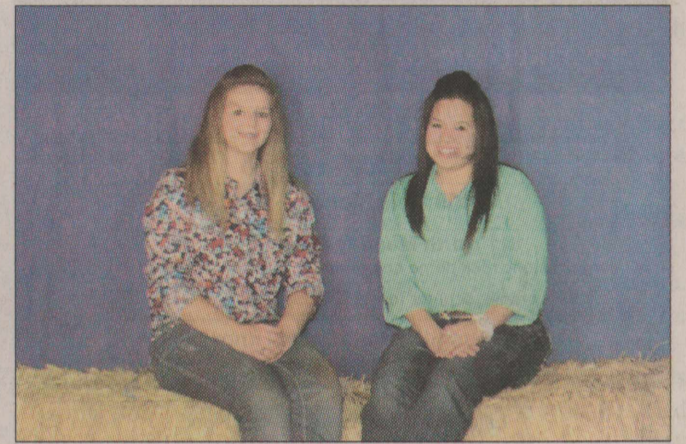
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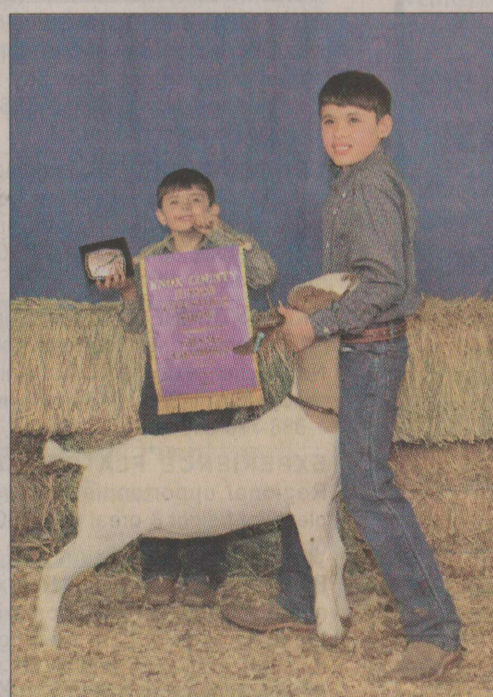
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