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## Relay for Life a success

By Geoff Baumgartner  
The Knox County News-Courier

MUNDAY – The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life for Knox and Haskell Counties took place in Munday last weekend and was very well attended. The event kicked off Saturday afternoon and extended well into the morning hours of Sunday (2 a.m.) with hundreds of people from all over the Big Country attending. Thousands of dollars were raised and everyone appeared to have a great time during the event.

The opening ceremony kicked off at 2 p.m. and was followed by a warm welcome from Knox County Judge Travis Floyd.

First Bank Texas of Munday President Lyndle Reeves presided over the national anthem, and Wayne Speer recited the invocation before the teams began to take their laps.

Various teams were formed with Spanish names to highlight the Cinco de Mayo theme of the event. There were the Conquistadors de Cancer, Holy Walkamoles, the Mucho Deniro's and the Sal's Pals amongst others.

The objective of each team was to participate in various fundraising events in order to bring in as many donations as possible. A silent auction was also held during the relay to assist in the fundraising.

There was an award ceremony for the fourth grade fundraisers of Munday Elementary at 6 p.m., followed by a special Message-to-Heaven balloon release.



Geoff Baumgartner/The Knox County News-Courier  
Munday Junior Raci Dillard relay's around the track as she gossips with some friends. Dillard is also active on the school's athletic teams, where she is a multi-sport standout.

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### Knox Notes

Events are listed free of charge as a service by this newspaper for non-profit 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.

#### KCAC Dinner

Knox County Aging Center will be having a fund raiser dinner on May 11 2014, Mother's Day. The menu will be chicken & dressing, mashed potatoes, giblet gravy, green beans, or corn, homemade rolls, apple or peach cobbler, tea. \$10 for adults, \$6 for 10 and under dine-in; 50¢ extra for take-outs. You may call your order in by 10:30 a.m. we will be having the drawing for the 250.00 dollar Walmart gift card. 107 N. Ave E. Knox City, 940-657-3618.

#### 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.

#### Gospel Meeting

The public is invited and encouraged to attend a gospel meeting "Campaign for Christ '14'" at the Munday Church of Christ May 16-18. Worship schedule is Friday and Saturday at 7 pm, Sunday 9:30 am for Bible study, and 10:30 am for worship service. Sunday is Friend Day. Stay after worship and enjoy a meal and fellowship! Writer, evangelist, and teacher John W. Smith will be presenting inspirational messages from God's Word. For further information, call 940-422-4731.

#### Golf Tourney

The Bill Baker Memorial Golf Tournament and Scholarship Award Events are planned for July 4-5 in Knox City. The KC EXES Association will award three \$1,000 Scholarships. To sign up for Golf or Volleyball teams or to buy a ticket to the Award Dinner/BBQ/Silent Auction, please call Patti at 325-721-3001 or Michelle Stanfield at 940-256-0318. All proceeds will go to future Scholarships.

#### TOPS Program

(Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meetings are at the Knox County Hospital "Break Room" at 5:30pm, Mondays. Contact Pam or Greg Oliver at (940)658-5120 for more information.

#### Rifle Raffle

The Orient 905 Mason Lodge A.F. & A.M. is holding a raffle for a Smith & Wesson M&P 15 Sport "black rifle." Tickets are \$5 each, 12 for \$50 or 25 for \$100. All proceeds benefit local scholarships and charities. Contact Steve Pepper 940-256-0028, or Greg Oliver at 361-877-6165 for more information. The drawing date is to be determined. The winner does not have to be present to win but MUST be legal age to possess a firearm in the state of Texas.

### Corrections

Apologies to Chris Richardson whose name was left off the NHS photo and article in 5/1/2014 newspaper.

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

### News on the go



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Photo by Geoff Baumgartner/The Knox County News-Courier  
The Community Revival was held under a traditional big-top style tent. Larger Southern Baptist revivals which are too big for the chapel or fellowship are often held under large tents such as this. Close to 200 people attended the event.

## Munday FBC holds revival

By Geoff Baumgartner  
The Knox County News-Courier

MUNDAY — The First Baptist Church of Munday has put on a revival in Centennial Park and numerous community residents from all over the county attended the event. The Community Revival was just that, a traditional big-top style tent Southern Baptist revival.

Before the revival began and throughout the evening, Munday First Baptist Church member Wayne Belton assisted with sound and lighting while Deacon Angel Martinez made sure everything was set up properly and everyone was comfortable.

Deacon Martinez even gave some insight on why the event was called "The Community Revival."

"We didn't want it to just be town specific, we wanted folks from all over Knox County to come and attend and be a part of it," said Deacon Martinez.

After opening remarks by Rev. Shane Kendrix, special guest Evangelist Herman Cramer took the stage to sing and preach. Cramer went over several biblical verses, giving his interpretations along the way, much to the crowd's delight. He spoke of The Good Samaritan and how a little extra effort can go a long way with the Lord.

"We need to be willing to do the work that god needs us to do," preached Cramer.

Next, he spoke of Paul and his teachings and how they contributed to the New Testament.

"We are not here just to have a building on the corner or a name over a door. We are here to be dependable and faithful to the Lord," Cramer continued.

Several traditional biblical songs were sung at the event as well. 'He Keeps Me Singing,' 'Amazing Grace,' 'Alleluia,' and 'Only Trust Him' were all sung in unison throughout the evening.

## KCVFD to take control of Civil Defense/Tornado siren

By Geoff Baumgartner  
The Knox County News-Courier

KNOX CITY – The Knox City Volunteer Fire Department will be taking control of the Knox City Civil Defense/Tornado siren and will begin to set the alarm according to certain times in order to be tested.

The fire department wants to make sure the siren is being updated and is ready to work if it needs to be put into action.

KCVFD Police Chief Garcia was happy to have the new responsibility and wants the clock working right in case it ever needs to be utilized.

"With all of the recent tornado deaths from surrounding states, we want to be sure our siren works in case people need the advance warning," said Garcia.

"We will be testing the siren every first, second, and third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. if the weather permits," Garcia continued.

On March 13th, 1953 an F4 tornado destroyed much of Knox City. Seventeen people lost their lives, so the siren working is very instrumental in making sure residents have advance warning to seek proper shelter.

## Future



Photo by Geoff Baumgartner/The Knox County News-Courier  
Voc Center students include, from left: Travis Self, Bobby Wade, Laquita Roberson, Health Welch, and Nathan Reid sit around the welding area before putting on a demonstration. The students have been learning Heli-Arc welding, in addition to traditional spot-welding.

## Vocational program jump starts careers

By Geoff Baumgartner  
The Knox County News-Courier

ROCHESTER — Knox City-O'Brien CISD has partnered with Haskell ISD and opened the Voc Tech Center this year on the old Rochester School campus. The center is designed to assist students with career development skills at an early age so they can better be prepared to enter the work force directly out of high school.

Several area students are utilizing the program.

Rule ISD and Paint Creek ISD are participating as well, although most of the students are from Knox City High School.

With career expectations changing all over the country, some high school students are beginning to prepare for life and career opportunities earlier. To accommodate these changing times the KC-OB CISD has opened the Voc Tech Center in the old Rochester campus.

At the center, students will be getting an education in trade and industrial skills that are more in tune with the career opportunities available today. For example, over the course of this last school term, the students have been learning

electrical wiring, plumbing, small engine repair, welding, construction, and concrete skills.

Not only do the students learn these skills, but more importantly they can obtain the necessary certifications to begin working directly out of high school. The Voc program offers AWS Welding Certification along with National Safe Tractor and Mechanics Certification. The program is available to juniors and seniors only, with seven students so far planning to return next year.

To assist in certification in various fields, the Knox County AgriLife Extension received a \$5,000 grant to be used to fund the testing needed for Knox County students in the program to be certified in whatever they're studying. So if they're studying welding, they can take a test (which the grant will pay for) and then that student will be certified in welding when he or she graduates, which will enable them to either go straight into the workforce or continue onto some field of post-secondary education, whether university or tech school, and have a high-paying skilled labor job to help them out.

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Submitted Photo/The Knox County News Courier  
The Knox County Hospital was hard hit by the 1953 tornado that struck Knox City and surrounding communities.



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**DEADLINES**

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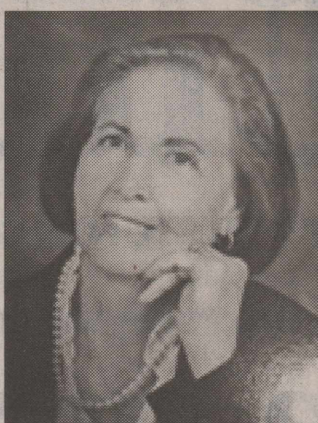
**Jeanette Zeissel**

RHINELAND — Jeanette Zeissel 83, of Rhineland, died Monday, May 5 at her home.

Services were Wednesday, May 7, at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church with Father John Perikomalayil officiating. Burial will be in Saint Joseph's Catholic Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Smith Funeral Home in Munday. Rosary was at 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 6 at the McCauley-Smith Funeral Home.

Jeanette was born January 9, 1931 in Knox County to the late Liberatus and Bertha Loran.

She was a loving wife to her late husband Marvin Zeissel for 63 years. She was a homemaker and enjoyed her farm life. She was a member of Saint Joseph's Catholic Church where she began



JEANETTE ZEISSEL

singing in the choir there at an early age, and continued until her health diminished. She was also a member of Saint Anne's Christian Mother's Society.

She was preceded in death by a son Greg Zeissel of Rhineland.

She is survived by two daughters:

Patsy and her husband Rick Meinzer and Mary Denise and her husband Kenneth Groves, both of Rhineland, Texas; Seven Grandchildren: Kandi & husband Jr. Miranda of Rhineland, Jason Zeissel and wife Brooke of Seymour, Crystal Zeissel of Munday, Jared Groves & wife Heather of McKinney, Seth Meinzer of Austin, Curt Groves of Rhineland & Logan Groves of Lubbock, and six great-grandchildren.

She is also survived by a sister, Sister Andrea Loran of St. Scholastica's of New Blaine, Arkansas; and a brother, Brother Eric Loran of Subiaco Abbey, in Subiaco Arkansas. Along with many nieces and nephews whom she loved dearly.

Memorials may be sent to St. Joseph's Catholic Church Renovation Fund.

**Kenneth Eugene (Gene) Brown**

Kenneth Eugene (Gene) Brown of Munday passed away on May 5, 2014 in Knox City. Gene was born May 13, 1930 in Knox County to Crockett and Zerna Brown. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Munday, where he served as a deacon and Sunday school teacher, and traveled on many missionary trips. He was a volunteer fire fighter and an EMT as well as retired from the highway department.

He was married Oct 22, 1949 to Dorothy Cypert in Rochester. Survived by his wife Dorothy, of Munday; one son, Danny and wife Sherri Brown of Wichita Falls; two daughters, Judy and hus-



KENNETH BROWN

band Donnie Voss of Burleson; Cindy and Hal Guess of Weinert; daughter-in-law, Missy Brown of Scotland; brother John Brown of Wichita Falls; ten grandchildren;

fifteen great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Gene was preceded in death by one son, Mark Brown, and two grandchildren, Angel and Moriah Brown; brothers, Frank Brown and Bill Brown; and sisters, Lena Owen, Louise Hamilton, and Helen Clemmer.

Visitation was held Wednesday, May 7, 2014. Services are Thursday, May 8 at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Munday with Donnie Voss officiating. Interment will follow at Johnson Memorial Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Smith Funeral Home.

**MCISD Board**

The Munday Consolidated Independent School District Board of Trustees will meet in Regular Session on Thursday, May 15, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room in the Administration Building.

The subjects to be discussed or considered, or upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

(Items do not have to be taken in the same order as shown on the meeting notice.)

**AGENDA:**

- Call to Order - Roll Call
- Public Forum, Comment
- Consent Items: Approve Minutes
- Statement of Elected Officer
- Certificate of Election
- Oath of Office
- Board Reorganization
- Personnel Matters Including the Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, Reassignment, Duties, Discipline, Dismissal and/or Compensation of Individual District Employees
- Certified Personnel
- Non-Certified Personnel
- Read Right Proposal

- Financial and Investment Review & Report
- Administrative Reports
- Student Activities
- Student Programs
- Student Performance
- Facilities
- Adjournment

If during the course of the meeting, any discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the Board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meeting Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E. Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting. This notice was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act at 4:00 p.m. May 5, 2014.

**Menus: Week of May 12-16**

**Knox City-O'Brien**

**Breakfast**

**Monday:** Biscuits with sausage and gravy or cereal bowl, toast, peaches, juice, milk

**Tuesday:** Cinnamon toast with sausage or cereal bowl with sausage, pears, juice, milk

**Wednesday:** Mini corn dogs or cereal bowl, toast, mixed fruit, juice, milk

**Thursday:** Pancakes with syrup or cereal bowl with sausage, applesauce, juice, milk

**Friday:** Cinnamon roll with sausage or cereal bowl, toast, peaches, juice, milk

**Lunch**

**Monday:** Beefy macaroni or antipasto salad or bologna and cheese, carrots, corn, grapes, slushy, milk

**Tuesday:** Chicken nuggets or fajita chicken salad or turkey and cheese, gravy mashed potatoes, green beans, pears, slushy, milk

**Wednesday:** Soft beef tacos or garden pasta salad or ham and cheese, Mexican style beans, lettuce, orange, slushy, milk

**Thursday:** Hot dogs or zesty tuna salad or tuna salad, mashed potatoes, applesauce, peaches, slushy, milk

**Friday:** Pizza or chef salad or poboy sandwich, tater tots, pork n' beans, grapes, 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, milk

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

**Lunch**

**Monday:** Spaghetti or bologna and cheese, corn, green beans, mixed fruit, slushy, milk

**Tuesday:** Corn dog or turkey and cheese, carrots, pork n' beans, banana, slushy, milk

**Wednesday:** Soft chicken fajita tacos or ham and cheese, Mexican corn, lettuce, cinnamon apple slices, slushy, milk

**Thursday:** Chicken tenders or tuna salad, peppered gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, peaches, slushy, milk

**Friday:** Pepperoni Pizza or poboy, tater tots, baked beans, applesauce, slushy, milk

**Knox County Aging Center**

**Monday:** Chicken tenders, diced potatoes, mixed vegetables, wheat rolls, mandarin oranges

**Tuesday:** Meatloaf, potatoes, broccoli, breadsticks, peach crisp

**Wednesday:** Beef tips and noodles, meadow blend vegetables, corn, wheat rolls, chocolate cake

**Thursday:** King ranch casserole, Spanish rice, pinto beans, tortilla, brownie

**Friday:** BBQ sandwich, tater tots, carrots and zucchini, fruit cocktail

**KCVFD golf tournament raises over \$4500**

By Melissa Garcia  
Special to the News-Courier

KNOX CITY — The Knox City Volunteer Fire Department hosted their annual benefit golf tournament Saturday at the Knox City Country Club. It was a perfect day for some golf, good food, friends and lots of fun.

This golf tournament is the fire department's biggest fundraiser of the year. They operate on a very limited budget and only receive some assistance from the city of Knox City, however, most of their expenses are funded through donations and fundraisers. These funds are used to replace outdated equipment, provide bunker gear and other safety gear for the firefighters, repairs and maintenance on the fire trucks, fire training, and any other needs that may arise.

The Fire Department would like to thank everyone that came out and played in the tournament and the Knox City Country Club for all of their help. Most of all, they would like to thank all of their generous sponsors. Local businesses from all over Knox and Haskell County were very generous with cash donations and door prizes. Without each and every sponsor, this golf tournament would not have been possible. A huge thank you goes out to everyone who sponsored this tournament. The KCVFD appreciates you and your generosity.

Cash prizes were awarded to the first, second, third, and last place teams. A wild card team was also drawn and received a refund of their entry fee. First place was Burson/Markey/Rodriguez, second place was Mendoza/Zeissel/Rios, third place was Moeller/Barrera/Ricardo, and the last place team was Eaton/Eaton/Letz. The wild card winner was Mangis/Stewart/Christy. Cash prizes were also awarded for Closest to the Pin (Burson) and Longest Drive (Coby Barrera).

Golf balls were also sold for a 50/50 raffle. Cedar Aviation arrived at the KCCC via helicopter and took the bucket of purchased balls up in the air and dropped them right above a stake in the ground. The ball landing closest to the stake was the lucky winner. Felix Flores won \$270 which was 50% of the raffle sales. The other 50% went to the Fire Department.

Firefighters expressed thanks to everyone that participated, donated or helped in any way.

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**FROM THE  
MUNDAY ATHLETIC  
BOOSTER CLUB**



# The 501 Sticky fingers at the car wash

Just my luck. One day it's breaking news across the country that somebody has identified all the dangerous germs that live on money. The next day my cellphone and my credit cards fall into the wrong hands. Suddenly I'm back to handling filthy lucre. Bad timing. My stuff didn't exactly get stolen. I laid my purse-phone case down by the bill changer at the car wash.



HANABA MUNN WELCH

Careless of me. It wasn't there when I went back for it minutes later.  
A word to the wise: It's easy to leave things at the carwash - especially at the vacuum station. I've heard of two left-behind laptops (one recovered) and one stroller (not recovered). What chance in life does a child have who gets wheeled around in a stolen stroller?  
Am I being too harsh? Maybe strollers fall into the finders-keepers category. But credit cards and phones are different. They are strictly tied to identities. If they're not yours, they're not yours.  
I cancelled my lost cards immediately. Then, per transaction

trackers, someone tried to use one of them to buy fuel. Card declined. Yea!  
A couple of days later, the police called. My phone plus the case and some contents had been found, tossed onto a street blocks from the carwash.  
If someone gets your iPhone and throws it away, you know it's time for an upgrade.  
If they do keep it, here's a suggestion: Borrow a phone and text the taker that you're offering a reward to get the phone back. With any luck, they'll text back. Meet them at a safe designated point. Act like you're going to pay them. Take the phone. Don't pay them.

I didn't think up that little scenario myself. A friend of mine told me that story. She got it firsthand from somebody who managed to get his wife's missing phone back exactly that way. He offered \$200. The amount of reward you offer doesn't matter as long as you don't intend to pay it anyway.  
So who's the dishonest player in that little story? I'm on the side of the guy who outsmarted the opportunist.  
By the way, I got my library card back. My press card too. What's missing is my driver's license. Somebody out there could be trying to be me. Not good.  
Another scary thought: If money has germs, think

about what's living on those little machines that take credit cards and debit cards at checkout. If you punch any buttons, you're putting your fingertips where everyone else does. If you handle the stylus to sign your name, it's the same. If the germ count on folding money (I like that antiquated term) was last week's big story, card readers could be next.  
Here's what I really think: It was a slow news day when the dirty money story broke. We all already knew money had germs. Our mothers told us.  
In closing, a special message to whoever has my driver's license: It's not easy to be. It's not even advisable.

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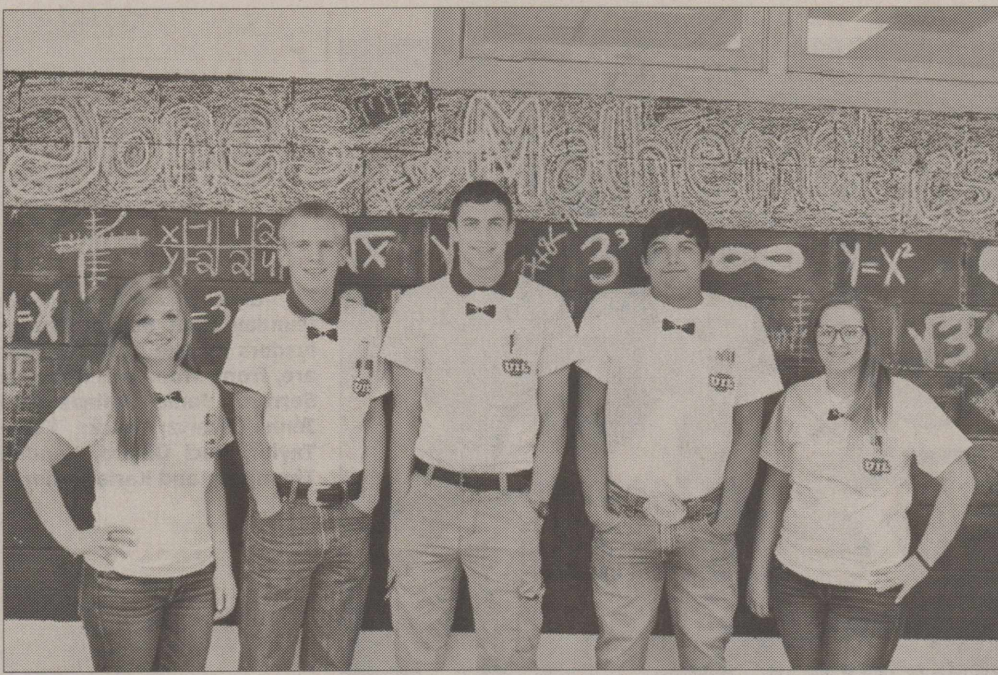
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## Mathematics Team



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**Knox City Mathematics Team that Qualified for Regional Academic completion at Abilene on Saturday.** From left are: Kinslee Cox, Sheldon Baty, Zach Carter, Tyllyne Eaton and Tanna Moeller. In addition to the Mathematics Team, Andrea Lynn, Jessica Wilburn, Chris Richardson, and Zach Carter qualified in their respective competitions.

## KC Elementary Perfect Attendance



**Morning PK – standing**, from left: Taylor Soto, Jaylee Lowe, Eren Howeth and Katelyn Carr.



**Back row, from:** Tyiveo McCrary, Kayleigh Sandusky, Alfonso Ramos, Daniel Duke, Kobe Roberts and Bryson Silvas; **middle row:** Jayden DeLosRios, Kaylee Silvas, Wyatt Casillas, Avery Abila and Jacelynn Sanders; **front row:** Gaven Favor, Jonah Duke, Taley Espinosa, Bailey Castorena, Ryder Antilley.

## Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

I believe summertime has arrived. The past couple of days certainly made it seem that way. I dread the hot months ahead, but guess we should be used to it. It's that way every summer!

### Regarding Our Ill

I talked to Janice Tolson today, and she was bringing me up to date on Buddy's health. He has been diagnosed with a malignancy in the colon and will begin chemo and radiation in a few days to shrink the tumor before he has surgery later on. He is feeling pretty well, and they are both optimistic about the long-term prognosis. Janice is also facing some more colon surgery sometime in the future. Remember she had the problem earlier this year, and she's known for a while that more surgery was probably ahead for her. But again, I must say, she and Buddy are very optimistic, and I firmly believe that is a big part of how the body responds to treatment.

Please pray for Janice and Buddy and the rest of their family as they deal with the next few months. Those daily trips to Abilene can get pretty tiresome, but it will be worth it in the long run. Buddy and Janice were pleased to have his nephew, Bob Brown, who lives in Wylie, Colorado, visit with them during the weekend. Janice said that was good medicine for both of them.

Linda and Charles Griffith report that their grandson, Matt Tyson, is doing well following his back surgery last Monday. He is pretty well free of pain - something he has not experienced in a long time. That's great news, and now maybe Matt can get on with life and make plans to take his bar exam before long. All that had to be put on "hold" while he was in so much pain and couldn't sit or stand. When you hurt, one thing is on your mind: getting some relief. We're glad he finally got some.

### Here 'N There

Looks like folks got a lot done around town Saturday - Clean Up Day. I only worked around my place, and that was a pretty good chore. With the winds we have had, we get some of everyone's trash in our yards. Everything does look better, and although I didn't go, I understand the meal in the park was also good. When you work hard, to be rewarded with good food is a plus!

Micah Larned and her husband (the last name escapes me) have a new baby boy. You might think that's no big deal. Well it is as he only weighed 2 pounds at birth on April 15. He's perfect in every way, but the tiniest little fellow I ever saw (I saw him at 10 days of age). However, I saw him Friday, and he has gained up to 5 pounds. Micah lived here in the 90's with her parents, Jim and Brenda and sister, Julie. She and her family now live in Knox City.

Of interest to several in the area has been the fact that Macy Coker of Haskell has been on the list for a heart transplant. She did receive a new heart weekend

before last, and at last report was doing well and was probably going to be released from the hospital very soon. Macy and her mom, Vickie, have been in Houston for quite some time as her doctors wanted her there when a heart became available. Her dad, Jerry, works for AEP and is well known to us all who have ever had power problems. He's very reliable and comes to the rescue often. The past little while he has been working in Houston, as the company sent him there (temporarily) to be with his family until they all can return to Haskell. Macy is the niece of Pam and Keith Conner. We certainly wish Macy and the family well and will continue to remember them all in our prayers.

Former Benjamin resident, Blake Jones, son of Kemp and Becky Jones, has graduated from West Texas State Technical College and has taken a job with Occidental Petroleum in Odessa. We wish Blake well as he begins his new job and career.

Their children, Lori and Rickey LaShomb, Amy and Vince Tyson, and Becky and Kemp Jones, treated Charles and Linda Griffith to dinner Sunday evening at Cafe J's in Lubbock for their anniversary. Charles and Linda were married 50 years on May 1.

Little Noah Hutchinson of Abilene spent a four-day weekend with his grandparents, Mike and Debi Moorhouse. He got sick on Friday night and had to go to the ER in Seymour. Had a terrible ear-ache, but after a shot and some drops, he was feeling fine on Saturday. His parents, Brandon and Jessica came after him on Sunday.

Homecoming is fast approaching! It's the second weekend in June, so the next few weeks will be busy ones. These things don't just happen; there's lots of work that goes into making them successful. We all have to work together.

The Awards Banquet was Thursday night at the Ex-Student building. All sports and literary awards were presented to recipients K-12. The Ricky Carver Fighting Mustang Award was not presented this year because of the low enrollment in high school. Also, the next year's cheerleaders have not been announced as yet. Tryouts will be later.

We want to mention that we had two qualify for the regional track meet in San Angelo last weekend. Kelsey and Emily Brown both participated: Emily in the shot put and Kelsey in discus. Neither advanced past regional but are to be congratulated on their accomplishments. They are the daughters of Michele Brown and Mark Brown.

I extend my sincere sympathy today to the family of Gene Brown of Munday. Gene passed away about midnight last night (Sunday) after failing health for quite some time. He was such a nice, friendly person, and he will be missed. I also just learned of the death of Jeanette Zeissel of Rhineland, who had also been ill for quite some time. She is the mother of Patsy Meinzer (Mrs. Ricky) and Mary Groves, (Mrs. Kenneth). My sympathy to the Zeissel family also. Both services are pending at this time.

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# Mogul Cheerleaders



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**Munday High School Cheerleaders for the 2014-15 year are, front, from left: Rebecca Serrato, Janie Salinas and Jenna Wertz; back: Kayla Taylor, Raci Dillard, Kendall Thompson and Karla Taylor.**

## TxDOT RPM and Striping contract beginning soon

Special to The News-Courier

CHILDRESS – The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will begin a project on Monday, May 12, 2014 to install Raised Pavement Markers (RPM) and restripe selected roadways.

Contractors, Texas Panhandle Construction, Inc. will install RPM's on every US and SH in the Childress District's 13 counties. "The only US and SH in the Childress District that will not receive new RPM's are the ones where a construction project has recently been completed or a roadway that is scheduled for construction in the near future," said Shon Crouch, Transportation Specialist. The RPM project will take approximately one month to complete.

The restriping project will begin the first week in June, 2014 and weather permitting, complete by the middle of July, 2014. Roadways to be restriped are:

- SH 256 in Briscoe County from SH 86 to SH 70
- SH 203 in Collingsworth County from US 83 to the OK state line
- US 83 in Collingsworth County from Lutie to the Childress County Line
- US 62 in Cottle County from FM 1440

- to US 70
- US 82 in Dickens County from Dickens east C/L to Dickens west C/L
- SH 70 in Donley County from US 287 to the Hall County Line
- SH 70 in Hall County from the Donley County Line to SH 256
- US 83 in King County from the Cottle County Line to the Stonewall County Line
- US 277 in Knox County from the Baylor County Line to the Haskell County Line (NB and SB lanes)
- SH 70 in Motley County from 4 miles north of Matador to the Dickens County Line
- US 62 in Motley County from the Matador east city limits to the Cottle County Line
- IH 40 EB in Wheeler County from the Gray County Line to the Oklahoma State Line
- IH 40 WB in Wheeler County from the Oklahoma State Line to the Gray County Line

This \$975,240.00 RPM and restriping project is a mobile operation and there will be no lane closures. Drivers should be on the lookout for equipment and workers when traveling in these areas.

## TPWD Seeking Information from Hand-fishing Anglers

For The News-Courier

ATHENS—Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) is seeking additional information to learn more about the practice of hand fishing for catfish in the state. Also known as noodling or grabbling, hand fishing was legalized in Texas in 2011.

"Because it is so new to our state, we are hoping to identify who hand-fishing anglers are and what their needs may be," said Kris Bodine, a TPWD fisheries research biologist. "TPWD will be conducting a survey over the next 60 days to better understand the needs, opinions and characteristics of hand-fishing anglers in Texas."

The survey should take five to 10 minutes to complete online at <https://survey.tpwd.state.tx.us/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=8803304>. Anglers may complete the survey any time between now and June 30.

The survey is voluntary, and no one has to answer any question they do not wish to answer. Responses to the survey will remain confidential.

Purpose of the survey is to improve catfish populations across the state as well as to ensure that the needs and opinions of hand-fishing anglers are included in future management plans.

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## Tournament Winners



The Knox County Visioning Group had a great turn out for their first 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament on May 3. There were 12 teams that participated. They would like to thank everyone who came out and played and supported the event. All funds raised go the KCVG, a non-profit organization working in community development, economic development and youth engagement.

First place team – Thunder



Second place team – Beans and Crackers



Third place team – The KC Coaches

## KCVG to host annual 5K

Special to The News-Courier

The Knox County Visioning Group will be hosting its 4th Annual 5K run/walk fundraiser on June 21, 2014. This event is part of their annual event, Adventure Days.

The race will start and finish at the Munday Events Center. The route for this year's race will be throughout downtown Munday. Runners and walkers will see the revitalized downtown and the beautiful Charles Baker Memorial and Centennial Parks. The registration fee is \$25 for adults and \$15 for kids 14 and under. The adult rate increases after June 1.

Runners and walkers will receive an Adventure Days t-shirt. Each age group will

be awarded with medals. All participants receive a discounted lunch ticket and are invited to participate in other Adventure Days activities. All fitness levels welcome! This event is designed for the whole family to enjoy!

Register by downloading a registration form from the KCVG website (<http://bit.ly/1fMnQdP>) or by going online at (<http://bit.ly/1uqzbUK>).

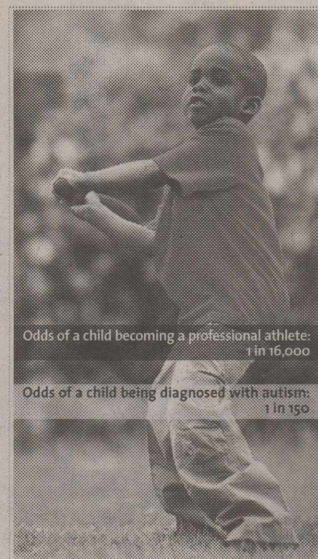
The Knox County Visioning Group is a non-profit organization. Our mission is to build a sense of community and common purpose throughout the county, and to enhance community development projects and youth engagement throughout Knox County. For more information call 940-459-4121.



Carter family participated in the 2013 5K Race at Truscott Brine Lake.

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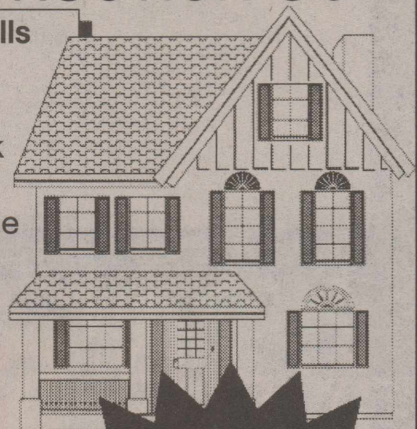
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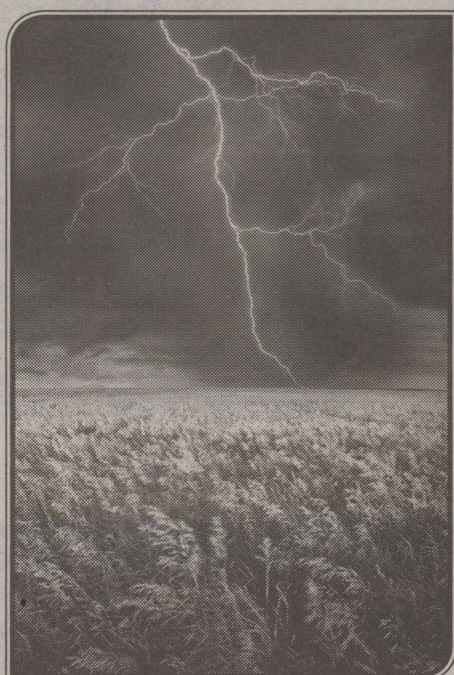
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Approximately 1300 linear feet, or .09 acres, of transmission line are located in Floodplain Zone A.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplain and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information about floodplain can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplain, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the City of Benjamin at the following address on or before May 23, 2014: City of Benjamin, PO Box 286, 303 S Hinton, Benjamin, Texas 79505 and (940) 459-3131, Attention: Tami Gaddis., City Secretary during regular business hours. Comments may also be submitted via email at [Benjamin\\_texas@yahoo.com](mailto:Benjamin_texas@yahoo.com).

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## AgriLife Extension to Honor Knox County Government

Special to The News-Courier

COLLEGE STATION — This May, the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service joins other Cooperative Extension services around the United States in celebrating the 100th anniversary of the signing of the federal Smith-Lever Act on May 8, 1914. This act provides for cooperative agricultural extension work at the nation's land-grant colleges — and county governments are vital partners in that work. As part of the celebration, AgriLife Extension representatives will present Extension's Building a Better Texas Award to every County Commissioners Court in Texas for decades of cooperation and support. County Extension offices are located in 250 of Texas's 254 counties, and Extension serves every county.

"We want our county government to know how much we appreciate the partnership we have developed over the years," stated county Extension agent, Lorrie Coop.

"Without their support, we would not have been able to serve the people of Knox County as well as we have, and many Texans would have missed opportunities to benefit from the practical, university-based information that Extension offers."

AgriLife Extension provides dozens of popular programs, including Texas 4-H and Youth Development, Texas Master Gardeners and Junior Master Gardeners, Texas Superstar plants, Walk Across Texas, Do Well Be Well with Diabetes, Better Living for Texans, Texas Master Naturalists, the Passenger Safety Project and many more. It also works one on one with local farmers, ranchers and landowners; provides wildlife services; diagnoses plant diseases; tests soil, water and forage; trains food handlers and pesticide ap-

plicators; and even trains county officials in the basics of serving their communities.

Headquartered at Texas A&M University in College Station, AgriLife Extension is a member of The Texas A&M University System. It is linked in a unique partnership with the nationwide Cooperative Extension System through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture and through Texas county governments. County governments help provide locations and funding for county Extension office facilities, oversee budgets and appropriations, and help AgriLife Extension staff identify program goals.

"As many Texans know, you can call on your county Extension agents for help with a wide variety of subjects," said Dr. Darrell Dromgoole, AgriLife Extension's associate director for county programs. "Extension strives to meet the needs of Texans by asking them what educational programs and services would help in their daily life. Our strong support from county governments allows us to develop those programs and deliver them directly to the people."

Dr. Douglas Steele, director of AgriLife Extension, said, "By building coalitions with county governments and collaborating with other public and private groups and organizations — and with the help of our more than 100,000 volunteers — AgriLife Extension conducts educational programs that address the diverse range of contemporary and emerging issues affecting the residents of our state. By presenting this award, we hope to show just how much the spirit of cooperation within each county means to us, and to all Texans, as we celebrate a century of success in Extension education and look forward to extending knowledge and providing solutions in the future."

## RELAY

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The Second Chance Survivor Lap occurred around 7 p.m. and was followed by the Fight Back Ceremony.

A dance performance was put on by the Movement Space of Munday and the very special Luminaria Cer-

emony was held right afterward.

Free coffee and donuts were handed out around midnight as a pick-me-up for all the relay participants that were still going strong. The Closing Ceremony and quintessential final lap took place around 1:30 p.m.

The Relay for Life of Knox/Haskell Committee was pleased with the turn

out and the series of events. Event chairs Leann Harlan and Kendra Hunter especially wanted to thank all of the sponsors and participants that came out this year for Relay for Life for Knox/Haskell Counties. Special thanks are extended toward Munday's Kim Kuehler and Knox City's Rick Moeller, who were the emcees for the day.

## PROGRAM

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The Voc Program's instructor, Monty Moeller is excited

about this first year and has not only partnered with the Extension Office, but has also seen some success in offering dual credit through other colleges as well.

"We now have an agreement with TSTC and Western Texas College out of Snyder to offer two dual credit courses for a possible eight college credit hours," Moeller said.

## Evaluating Habitat for Northern Bobwhite Quail

By Jerry Coplen, CEA- AG/NR  
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Knox County

For the past decade the quail population has been in serious decline. There is no solid consensus among researchers other than the belief that there is no one factor responsible but rather more of a "perfect storm" scenario for the population decline. No doubt the drought has been a major player, but disease, parasitism, habitat fragmentation, and increases in predator populations have all been identified as negative influences on the fragile bird. Hopefully, in the near future some or all of these pressures will be reversed and quail populations can normalize somewhat.

The foundational requirement for healthy quail numbers is a good habitat. This is where the bird makes his living, raises his kids, and is protected from the storms of life. Imagine yourself on a much smaller scale— six inches tall and about 6 ounces in weight. Obviously, now you are now quite a bit lower on the food chain. Your ability to travel great distances has been severely handicapped. You will now have to find food, water, and shelter within about a one-quarter mile radius. Every moment of your life you are faced with the threat of predation or starvation.

This has been the condition of the quail as long as there have been quail. It could be considered remarkable that they have survived this long. This is part of the reason that quail population dynamics are often referred to as "boom and bust" or scientifically, irruptive. What can you as a landowner, hunter, outfitter, or naturalist do to help stabilize the number of birds? Well, you have no control over the weather but there are steps that can be taken to improve habitat.

The first step in improving habitat is evaluating habitat. A suitable habitat is one that provides good nesting cover, an ample food supply, brooding areas for quail chicks, and predator protection. Lets begin with nesting cover. Quail will nest in whatever they have to work with. However, their first preference is in bunchgrass such as little bluestem or silver bluestem. A nice clump about the size of a basketball is a readymade quail maternity room.

Prickly Pear is also an excellent nesting site but these need to be quite a bit bigger— about three to four feet in diameter with some secondary leaves. Yucca is also utilized for nesting by quail. The optimum yucca site will be at least three good sized plants in a triangular or circular pattern to repel nest predators. These are all examples of quality nest sites.

Now let's discuss quantity. A good rule of thumb is to have a minimum of three hundred potential nest sites per acre. How can we determine that number you might ask? A quick way to measure is to find a site on the property that best represents the overall makeup of the plant species diversity. Hold your arms level at the shoulder and take off walking. Pick a spot out on the horizon and move straight towards it for 600 feet. Have

someone walk behind you with pencil and paper. As you move along call out all the different suitable nest site species that are rooted within your arm span to your helper. Have your assistant record the different plant species separately. At the end of your course you will have covered roughly 8% of an acre. Then multiply the number of nesting site species individually 12.5. This should give you a decent estimate of how much nesting cover you have available. If you have at least 300 nesting sites per acre you are in pretty decent shape. Anything less and you may need to consider adjusting your stocking rates or the amount of brush control you have been administering.

Next you will need to look at available food supplies. Quail are foragers and love seeds and insects. They specifically are fond of hard seeds with a smooth seed coat. Annual broomweed, western ragweed, and plains bristlegrass are just a few examples good quail feed. Quail chicks utilize a lot of insects during the first few weeks out of the nest. Water is an essential part of having good insect availability so keep that in mind as well. Also remember that to hold birds in your area that food supply needs to be available 365 days of the year. Becoming knowledgeable of the plants on your property is a very important but often overlooked aspect of habitat management. Invest in a few good books on plants native to Texas rangelands. Learn what you have and what may be lacking and you may have a few more answers as to why you are not holding birds year round.

As I mentioned earlier, quail live with the constant threat of predation. Not only do they have to contend with nest predators such as raccoons, skunks, feral hogs, bobcats, and snakes. The aerial predators such as the Red Tail Hawk, the Cooper's Hawk, and the Northern Harrier are also deadly to a quail. To have adequate protection from predators quail need structure spaced strategically throughout the pasture. Another good rule of thumb is to have structures about a softball's throw apart. These "quail houses" should minimally be about the size of a car but the size of a four door one ton truck is even better. These structures should provide a good canopy to keep out avian predators and open at the bottom so quail can see ground predators easily. Some good species of a "quail house" are lotebush, little leaf sumac, wolfberry, and sand plum. The spacing is important due to the physiological makeup of the quail. The northern bobwhite is a short distance bird. Unlike the mourning dove or other migratory birds, a quail is designed to have incredible speed for about a hundred yards. After that it needs a safe place and time to restore its energy.

Understanding the complexities of quail management is a daunting task but understanding habitat requirements is a step in the right direction. If you, as a land manager, can provide for them with good nesting habitat with plenty of food, and protect them from predators, you are placing yourself in a position to have a healthy population of quail as conditions improve.

## USDA Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments Program Sign-Up Begins

Special to The News-Courier

WASHINGTON — U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) announced that sign-up begins today for 2012 crop losses under the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) program. The program, established by the 2008 Farm Bill, provides for one final period of eligibility for producers suffering crop losses caused by natural disasters occurring through Sept. 30, 2011, for crops intended for 2012 harvest.

"Most producers who suffered losses before Sept. 30, 2011, have already been compensated if they applied for SURE benefits for the 2011 crop year," said FSA Administrator Juan M. Garcia. "This sign-up period is only for those producers who suffered crop losses for 2012 crops before Sept. 30, 2011."

To be eligible for SURE, a farm or ranch must have:

At least a 10 percent production loss on a crop of economic significance resulting from a disaster occurring on or before Sept. 30, 2011. A crop of economic significance contributes at least five percent of the expected revenue for a producer's farm. Additionally, the crop must also meet the following eligibility criteria:

The crop must be considered a 2012 crop which means, in general, that the crop was intended for harvest in 2012;

For insured crops, the coverage period must have begun on or before Sept. 30, 2011;

For crops covered by the Non-Insured Crop Assistance Program, the coverage period must have begun on or before Sept. 30, 2011;

The final planting date, according to the

specific coverage for the crop, must have been on or before Sept. 30, 2011.

Note: A producer who only plants fall seeded or spring seeded crops with a final planting date on Oct. 1, 2011 or later) cannot meet the above eligibility criteria and will not be eligible for the 2012 SURE program.

A policy or plan of insurance under the Federal Crop Insurance Act or the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program for all economically significant crops;

Been physically located in a county that was declared a primary disaster county or contiguous county by the Secretary of Agriculture under a Secretarial Disaster Designation. Without a Secretarial Disaster Designation, individual producers may be eligible if the actual production on the farm is less than 50 percent of the normal production on the farm due to a natural disaster. A "farm" for SURE purposes means the entirety of all crop acreage in all counties that a producer planted or intended to be planted for harvest for normal commercial sale or on-farm livestock feeding, including native and improved grassland intended for haying.

Producers considered socially disadvantaged, a beginning farmer or rancher, or a limited resource farmer may be eligible for SURE without a policy or plan of insurance or Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program coverage.

Farmers and ranchers interested in signing up must do so before the Aug. 29, 2014, deadline.

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