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## Kole Gray Memorial Shoot A Big Success

Special to The News-Courier

The First Annual Kole Gray Memorial - Big Country Shoot was held on Saturday near Goree. The all-day event began with registration at 8 a.m., shooting starting at 8:30.

Over 150 people participated this year, some brought along their ATVs and their lawn chairs for a fun day in the great outdoors. Trophies were awarded to the top shooters.

"We have truly been blessed by such a successful turnout," said JJ Gray. "It has been a very special event for our family and we thank everyone for showing up. We hope to turn this into an annual event

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Trophy Winners from from left: Jimmy Urbanczyk-B Class-1st Place; Jonathan Urbanczyk-B Class-2nd Place; Leslie Rister-C Class-2nd Place; Parker Finley-Jr Class-1st Place; Brady Finley-Jr Class-2nd Place; Tanya Gray- Highest Female Class-1st Place; Gienna Decker-Highest Female Class-2nd Place; JJ Gray-D Class-1st Place, Claude Rister-Over 60 Class-2nd Place; Guthrie Moore-A Class-1st Place. Not shown: Bucky Decker-Placed Highest Over All 50 Bird- 47/50; Don Emsoff-A Class-2nd Place, and Over 60 Class-1st Place; Heath Guess-C Class-1st Place; and Grant Wright- D Class-2nd Place.

## 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.

### Vacation Bible School

God's Rescue Team VBS Jul 28-30, 9:00am to 12:30pm. Free Lunch Included! 3 y/o thru kids entering 5th grade. All-Teen Nights, Jul 28-29th. 30 teens will be here from McArthur Park CofC San Antonio to conduct this fun-filled, exciting event! Munday Church of Christ, 630 N. 3rd Ave. in Munday. For more information, church office 940-422-4691.

### Story Time at the Library

The County-City Library in Munday will be hosting Story Time for all ages, July 2nd and 9th from 10:00-11:00 am. Stories, games and crafts. Refreshments will be served. 131 S. Munday Ave., Munday. For more information, 940-422-4877.

### Munday Golf

Lake Creek Country Club in Munday, Thursday evening Golf Scrambles, Tee time 6PM. For more information, 940-422-4321 option 4.

### Knox City Blood Drive

A community blood drive will take place in Knox City on Tuesday, July 1. The Meek Blood Center bloodmobile will be parked at Knox County Hospital from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Donors will receive a patriotic T-shirt. For more information on age and other requirements, contact Donor Recruiter, Meek Blood Center, fbaker@hendrickhealth.org, 325-670-2799

### Veterans Memorial

Four more monoliths will be added to the Memorial by Nov. 11, 2014. Those eligible to have their name engraved must have an honorable discharge and lived or buried in Knox County. Please call 940-459-2229, 1:00pm to 5:00pm., Tue. - Fri. or e-mail kchc@srcaccess.net to receive applications and information forms. All applications must be in the office of the Museum by Aug. 1, 2014.

### Golf Tourney

The Bill Baker Memorial Golf Tournament and Scholarship Award Events is scheduled 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, call Patti, 325-721-3001 or Michelle Stanfield, 940-256-0318. All proceeds will go to future Scholarships.

### Sand Volleyball Tourney

The KC EXES is hosting a July 5th, Sand Volleyball Tourney to Benefit Scholarships: 4 guys & 4 girls, Games will begin at 9 a.m. at the sand volleyball court directly West of KC Elementary, with a cost of \$100 per team. Contact Michelle Stanfield at 940-256-0318

## Corrections

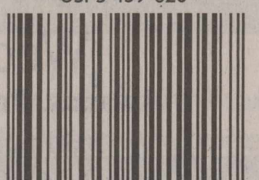
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## MHS Cheerleaders



MHS Cheerleaders are, from left: Jenna Wertz, Kayla Taylor, Kendall Thompson, Raci Dillard, Rebecca Serrato, Karla Taylor and Janie Salinas. Kneeling is Kimberly Shahan, Mogul Mascot for the second year in a row.

# Munday Cheerleaders attend National Camp

By Janet Dillard  
 Special to the News-Courier

LUBBOCK — The Munday High School cheer squad attended the National Cheer Association (NCA) Cheer/Mascot camp on the campus of Texas Tech University, June 9-12, 2014. During evaluations, the squad received the Herkie award for excellence, three blue ribbons for superior, one red ribbon of excellence and also won the coveted spirit stick. Nominated for the All-American cheer squad were Raci Dillard, Janie

Salinas, Rebecca Serrato, Karla Taylor and Jenna Wertz.

Also attending the camp was this year's Mogul Mascot, Kimberly Shahan. Kimberly was one of 14 mascots at the camp. On the final day of evaluations, Kimberly received the Best Mascot award.

The girls are working hard getting ready for Homecoming 2014 - September 26 and 27. The highlight of homecoming will be when the Moguls take on the Memphis Cyclones in football action on Saturday, September 27 at 7 p.m. at Scruggs Field.



Geoff Baumgartner/The Knox County News-Courier  
 Reagan and McKenna Sanderson stand in front of their Munday snow cone stand 'The Sno Shack' in front of Police Chief Mendoza's home. Madelyn Mendoza also helps the girls work the shack.

The stand is primarily operated by sisters Reagan and McKenna Sanderson with their friend Madelyn Mendoza. When asked how business has been going this year, the Sandersons said it has never been better.

"We opened before school ended this year and had lines

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Geoff Baumgartner/The Knox County News-Courier  
 Colin Howeth sits behind his new desk in the Knox City High School Principal's office. Howeth has worked for the district for over 14 .

## Howeth selected as new KCHS principal

By Geoff Baumgartner  
 The Knox County News-Courier

KNOX CITY — The Knox City-O'Brien CISD Board voted to replace its vacated principal seat. Earlier this summer, the school board voted to replace the outgoing Knox City Principal Rick Moeller, who had taken the Paint Creek Superintendent position, with current Knox City coach and teacher Colin Howeth.

Howeth, who has worked for the district for over 14 years, received his principal certification roughly six years ago.

Howeth teaches seventh and eighth grade science at the middle school and teaches ninth grade biology at Knox City High School. In addition to his years of teaching in our district, last year he won the prestigious Mirabeau B. Lamar Award.

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## Crash kills one in Haskell County

For The News-Courier

LUEDERS — In a one vehicle, one person crash, Leonardo Alejandro Camacho-Garcia, 26 of Lueders, was pronounced dead Saturday, June 21, 2014 at 9 p.m. by Judge Lynn Dodson.

According to Frederick Biddle, Texas Department of Public Safety, Camacho-Garcia was traveling in a 1998 Nissan Frontier northbound on Rockdale Road, 12 miles NE of Lueders. He turned hard to the left and lost control of the vehicle. The vehicle went off of the road to the left, struck a barbed wire fence, and rolled multiple times.

The driver was ejected and died at the scene. The crash is under investigation by DPS in Haskell. The weather was clear/cloudy and road conditions were dry and the speed limit is 60.

Mr. Camacho-Garcia was not wearing a seat belt, according to the DPS report. The body was taken to Abilene Professional Services.

## Sno Shack cools off Munday residents

By Geoff Baumgartner  
 The Knox County News-Courier

MUNDAY — Last week, the News-Courier ran an article on competing snow cone stands in Knox City. Not to be outdone, The Sno Shack in Munday, run by Crystal Zeissel and her daughters, is here to cools off residents on the east

side of the county.

Zeissel purchased the business last year with the help of her boyfriend, Munday Police Chief Chris Mendoza, who helps her and her daughters operate the stand.

"We bought it last May and moved it from the 4K Feed Lott over to our place in August of last year," said Zeissel.

The stand is primarily operated by sisters Reagan and McKenna Sanderson with their friend Madelyn Mendoza. When asked how business has been going this year, the Sandersons said it has never been better.

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## Donors will receive a patriotic T-shirt at July 1 KC blood drive

Special to the News-Courier

KNOX CITY — A community blood drive will take place in Knox City on Tuesday, July 1. The Meek Blood Center bloodmobile will be parked at Knox County Hospital from 1 p.m. until 6 p.m. "We are asking donors to please remember that the need for blood is constant. Even the regular of blood donors get busy in the summer with vacations and other activities and forget to donate blood. Blood donation only takes about an hour, and that hour could give someone else a lifetime," said Frances Baker, donor recruiter for Meek Blood Center.

Volunteer blood donors play a vital role in the community by providing lifesaving

blood transfusions to patients with many different medical conditions. The biggest user of blood and blood products are cancer patients who are undergoing chemotherapy treatment. While a cancer patient may require multiple units of blood at one time, as little as three teaspoons of blood can save the life of a premature baby.

Changes have been made to streamline the screening process and some previous restrictions regarding medical conditions and medications have been lifted. Those who have eligibility questions can speak with the Meek Blood Center supervisor at 325-670-2880.

Each donor will receive a patriotic T-shirt and a complimentary total cholesterol test.

## USDA Authorizes Emergency Grazing of CRP Acres for Knox County

Special to The News-Courier

KNOX CITY — Knox County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director, Nancy Birkenfeld today announced that Knox County was authorized for emergency grazing use of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres for fiscal year (FY) 2014.

Unlike previous years, counties are not automatically approved for CRP emergency grazing when they reach the D2 (severe drought) level on the U.S. Drought Monitor. If there is a need for emergency grazing, each local FSA Office must request approval from the Texas FSA State Committee. Currently, 59 counties have received emergency grazing approval. The 90-day emergency grazing period for these counties will end Sept. 11, 2014.

Based on a policy decision made by the Texas FSA State Committee, CRP acres grazed during fiscal year 2012 or 2013 will be considered eligible for emergency grazing if NRCS verifies, on a case-by-case basis, that the conservation cover will sustain grazing. FSA's fiscal year runs from October 1 to September 30.

"Eligible producers who are interested in emergency grazing of CRP must request approval before grazing eligible acreage

and must obtain a modified conservation plan from the Natural Resources Conservation Service that includes grazing provisions," said Birkenfeld. "Current provisions allow grazing on 100 percent of a field, up to the 75 percent stocking rate," she said.

There will be no CRP annual rental payment reduction for 2014 emergency grazing authorizations.

To take advantage of the emergency grazing provisions, authorized producers can use the CRP acreage for their own livestock or may grant another livestock producer use of the CRP acreage. The eligible CRP acreage is limited to acres located within the approved county. Additionally, CRP land located within the Lesser Prairie Chicken Crucial Habitat Assessment Tool (CHAT) zones I, II and III will only be able to practice managed or routine grazing, managed harvesting, emergency haying or emergency grazing one out of every three years. This frequency regulation resets in 2014, meaning that any land hayed or grazed in prior years that meets the available forage requirement according to NRCS standards will be eligible for emergency use in 2014.

For more information and to request approval for emergency grazing use of CRP acres contact the Knox County FSA office at (940)658-3537 Ext 2.

## Menu Week of June 30-July 4

### Knox County Aging Services

- Monday:** Beef noodles, mixed vegetables, rolls, fruit cocktail
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- Friday:** Closed - July 4th holiday

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## Angler Education Saturday at Copper Breaks

For The News-Courier

QUANAH — Fishing for fun starts at Copper Breaks on Saturday,

June 28, 2014 at 10 a.m. Children aged 13 and younger are invited to participate in the free event.

The day starts with Angler Education, led by Ranger Carl Hopper who is a certified instructor. The purpose of this short presentation is to learn the basics of fishing, such as rules, safety, and identification. This year's youth fishing event is hosted by Copper Breaks State Park staff, the park friends group, and area businesses.

Following the angler education program, there will be a youth fishing tournament until 3 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for Big Fish and Most Fish in each age group with additional door prizes given. Age group categories are Ages 1-7, and Ages 8-13.

No fishing license is required for the Kidfish, but regular admission fees of \$2 for adults apply. Children are admitted free.

"The Youth Angler Day is great way to get out of the house and spend some quality time with your kids," said park manager David D. Turner.

For more information on the Kidfish, contact the park daily during business hours at (940) 839-4331. Copper Breaks State Park is located 13 miles south of Quanah and eight miles north of Crowell on State Highway 6.

## Cowboy performance set for Copper Breaks State Park

For The News-Courier

QUANAH — On Saturday, July 5, 2014, at 3 p.m., right after "Meet the Longhorns," storyteller, songwriter, educator, and Cowboy Balladeer Larry Hannon will present his acclaimed story telling/singing performance, "Cowboy."

Using both traditional and original material, putting old stories into lyrics and music, he creates an inspirational history lesson set to music that explores a way of life nearly extinct.

"In Larry's songs and stories, you can smell the cow camp fire, hear the echo of hoofbeats, and the distant cry of the coyote," said park manager David D. Turner. "You don't want to miss this."

Back by popular demand, Hannon has performed at Copper Breaks before. He offers school workshops for grade levels K through 12, teacher in-service training, and community concerts.

For more information on the Cowboy Poetry performance or other park programs or facilities, contact the park daily during business hours at (940) 839-4331.

Copper Breaks State Park is located 13 miles south of Quanah and eight miles north of Crowell on State Highway 6.

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  6. The Secret Life of Walter Mitty (PG) Ben Stiller
  7. I, Frankenstein (PG-13) Aaron Eckhart
  8. About Last Night (R) Kevin Hart
  9. The Nut Job (PG) Animated
  10. The Wolf of Wall Street (R) Leonardo DiCaprio

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# Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

We are happy about a little more rain, which we got early this morning (Monday). It started about 3:30 a.m., and measurements vary from ½ to 1 inch - depending on whose gauge you "heard from." At any rate, it is nice, and it is still cloudy and much cooler. A very pleasant day, so far.

Not much change in the conditions of our friends on the sick list. Mike Young is not any worse, but not too much better at this time. Still in HMC and will probably be for quite some time.

The last I heard, Fred Carver is still having some dizziness and nausea. He's in Knoxville. It was first thought he may go to Abilene but came to Knoxville last Monday. Hopefully with the therapy he's taking, he will start to improve soon.

Judy Barnett is feeling pretty well. She will see her doctor tomorrow (Tuesday) for a stress test and maybe after that she can stay away from the medics for a while. She was in Abilene Thursday to see her orthopedic doctor. She has trouble with her leg and has had ever since she was in a car wreck several years ago. Doctors don't think surgery is an option, now, as she has already had several, so she said she would just "deal with" the pain she has from time to time. Of course, at times, it's worse than others.

### Here'N There

I had a nice surprise Wednesday when my nephew, Mark Ridgeway, who lives near Los Angeles, California, stopped by for a visit. He was en route to Euleus to visit his mom, Neva, who is very ill in a care facility there. It was good to see him, as it had been several years since he had been here.

Judy and Randolph Barnett enjoyed a day with her son, Jim Bob Conner, and family at Buffalo Springs Lake near Slaton on Saturday.

James and Jill Jackson, Daniel, and Grant spent Fathers' Day weekend with her mom in Cleborne.

Imagean Young spent last Monday night in the Knoxville Hospital. She was dehydrated, so got a round of fluids and is feeling much better. Does have a couple of appointments in July - one with a lung doctor, and one for some stomach

tests. She's anxious to get those trips behind her.

Debi and Mike Moorhouse are in Euleus for a couple days' visit with her aunt, Neva Ridgeway.

Kim Conner Lyles left last week for Wyoming, where she will be living, employed as a cook on a large ranch. She's about 100 miles from Casper and loves it! Says it's real pretty, and she loves the work and the people she is associated with. We miss her but also are very happy for her.

Jack, Jr. and Cindy Young of Round Rock spent the weekend with his mom, Mary Jane. They came to help her celebrate her birthday which was on Thursday.

Wendy Benson of Royston was an overnight guest of Imagean Young Sunday night. She is still with the Postal Department and is doing "fill in" work at different post offices, and today she's working in Knoxville. She still works here a day or two out of each week.

Bonnie Bohannon Howell returned to her home in Geneva, Nebraska, last Monday. Her nephews, Chance and Chase Bohannon of Eastland, returned home with her for a few weeks' visit. Her daughter, Taylor, and niece, Sabra, remained for a longer visit with their grandparents, Roger and Betty Bohannon, and aunt, Jamie, and family. Betty will take them home around July 1.

Junior and Virginia Barrientez, their daughter, Sara, and her boyfriend, Mario, all of Stamford, were here Fathers' Day weekend to visit their mom, Reyes, and other relatives and friends. They all had dinner with Jimmy and Michele Barrientez on Saturday. Among others enjoying the cookout were Janet Reed, Blain Neal and family of Seymour, Clayton Conner and family of Lubbock, and Jake Hooker and some of his band members. Reyes said they all had a good time.

The new Ex-student Association President has named her board for the next two years. Beverly Strickland told me she has asked Tom Moorhouse, Shannon Propps, Dillon Benson, and Penny Eaton to serve, and they have all agreed to do so. She said she may select another member, and if so, she will let me know.

# The 501 Here come the grandkids!

The grandchildren are coming to the farm. Yea!

We must mow acres of grass, create a baseball diamond where the cows are now grazing, fill the little swimming pool we just bought, plant clues for a treasure hunt,



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bury the treasure, figure out what this year's treasure will be, air ten bicycle tires, determine which tires aren't holding air, replace or repair defective tubes, lay out the baselines and talk to our resident cottontails to get them used to the sound of voices so they'll continue to graze around the house, not necessarily in that order. I'm forgetting some stuff.

Critters make a difference. With any luck, our bull snake will slither across the driveway, leaving his footless track in the sand. But he may have decided to live elsewhere now that we have poisoned all our rats and mice. Yea again! With a little more luck, the rodent that chose to die under the house will mummify in the prevailing heat, and the aroma of a dead rat will not be the memory our grandchildren carry home with them from their visit. (You who live in houses built on slabs miss a lot.)

Maybe we'll make the traditional treasure hunt different this year and simply declare that anybody who can find Granddad's lost cellphone gets \$100. I'm betting on Sadie, the granddog. Hugh and I had no luck finding his phone last Saturday. It didn't ring for us in any of the places

he could have lost it, presumably because it landed where the signal is bad. That doesn't narrow the possibilities by much.

So we'll just let Sadie sniff one of Hugh's bandanas and tell her to find the phone. She'll probably find Hugh instead. But maybe the grandchildren will be amused. It's all about amusing the grandchildren. Right?

Cutter is 7, and Rylee is 11, meaning they're still young enough to be entertained. They'd better be. Did I mention the driving range, also planned for the cow pasture?

To top it all off, our musical farm hand Rick will sing and play his guitar for us by night. He's Osage, Cheyenne and Pottawatomie - a living American history lesson for the kids and the rest of us too. Does it get any better?

Yes, there will be mud wrestling. OK, maybe not. But we've got the mud. Lots of mud. When you try to fill one of those pools, things can go wrong. Don't ask.

Yes, already unexpected things are happening, even as I write, and the family isn't arriving until tomorrow. But isn't that the fun of it? The unexpected? (I wish my husband thought so.)

Traditions count too. We'll have the standard treasure hunt again this year, but we'll wind up at a different badger hole. If we happen to find Granddad's phone along the way, so much the better.

What can go wrong? Nothing, as long as we make it part of the adventure.

Remind me I said that if wild hogs invade our mud wallow.

## SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Munday, Texas, at its meeting to commence at 6:30 P.M. on August 12, 2014, at its regular meeting place in the City Hall, 121 East Main Street, Munday, Texas, tentatively proposes to adopt an ordinance authorizing the issuance of interest bearing certificates of obligation, in one or more series, in an amount not to exceed \$260,000 for paying all or a portion of the City's contractual obligations incurred in connection with (i) constructing, reconstructing and improving streets and roads, including related sidewalks, drainage, utility relocation, signalization, landscaping, lighting and signage; (ii) acquisition of equipment and vehicles for the public works department; and (iii) for paying legal, fiscal, engineering and other professional fees in connection with such projects. The City proposes to provide for the payment of such certificates of obligation from the levy and collection of ad valorem taxes in the City, within the limits prescribed by law, and from a limited pledge of surplus revenues of the City's waterworks and sewer system, remaining after payment of all operation and maintenance expenses thereof, and all debt service, reserve, and other requirements in connection with any of the City's revenue bonds or other obligations (now or hereafter outstanding), which are payable from all or any part of the Net Revenues of the City's waterworks and sewer system. The certificates of obligation are to be issued, and this notice is given, under and pursuant to the provisions of V.T.C.A., Local Government Code, Subchapter C of Chapter 271.

CITY OF MUNDAY, TEXAS

### Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

Panel 1: "WE'VE GOT THE TREEFROG LOOKING PRETTY SWEET."

Panel 2: "WE JUST NEED TO SPRUCE IT UP A BIT WITH SOME THINGS FROM THE HOUSE."

Panel 3: "UH, GERALD WHAT IS WITH ALL THESE EXTENSION CORDS?"

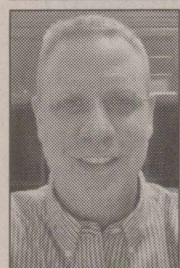
Panel 4: "UH, HONEY?..."



# The Paperboy

## “They’ll be gone before you know it”

**M**y oldest son will be 11-years-old tomorrow. All the cliches about time apply when you’re thinking about your own children.



**CHRIS BLACKBURN**

I look back on his life and boy, he sure has been through a lot. Over a decade, things do happen ... life happens. So does death.

Jackson is intelligent and kind. He likes to please. Sometimes he gets

an attitude, but that’s usually because he’s tired.

He’s a great big brother. Really, he’s just a pleasure to be around.

Jackson is a boy of faith. He knows more of the Bible than I do and if you’re going to talk Jesus with him, you had better have your facts straight.

He is at the point in his life where he’s beginning to question things and discover other things. I wouldn’t say he’s a full-fledged preteen, but it’s coming.

One thing I admire about him is his allegiance to his friends and family. He enjoys his friends, but he cannot stand exclusion. He thinks a true

friendship should be authentic and friends should stay true to one another. Unfortunately, he’s had to learn some tough lessons about friendship. Frankly, sometimes what is perceived as a friendship is nothing more than someone using you. But like a faithful dog, Jack is very forgiving and ready to move on.

As a parent, we don’t like to see our kids hurt. But sometimes, they have to hurt in order to learn how to function. That’s why we never get too upset when he and a buddy aren’t getting along. It’s part of life. Sometimes friends don’t get along. And who are we kidding? It can’t always be the other

person’s fault. It does us good to take a long look in the mirror and admit our failures.

We never know what life will hold - for us or our children. What is normal today might be turned upside down tomorrow. About the only thing we can do is love and try our best to not take things for granted.

I’m very proud of Jackson. He knows I’m proud of him and that I love him because there’s not a day goes by without me telling him those two things.

I hope and pray that he continues to grow and learn and realizes his God-given potential. My wife and I will do our best to protect him and guide him,

but the waters ahead are riddled with danger.

It would give me great joy to report back in another 11 years that he is still doing well. I suppose that’s always the plan with us moms and dads.

Chris Blackburn serves as CEO at Blackburn Media Group, proud owner of Red River Sun, The Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon, The Knox County News-Courier, The Post Dispatch and The Stonewall Courier. He can be reached by email at [chris@blackburnmediagroup.com](mailto:chris@blackburnmediagroup.com) and you can follow him on Twitter @WCSBlackburn.

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# Brazos Bowl played in Knox City

**By Geoff Baumgartner**  
The Knox County News-Courier

KNOX CITY — The annual Brazos Bowl took place in Knox City this last weekend and was a complete success. Amid speculation that the bowl was not going to take place this year, it ended up taking place with 12 kids completing on each team.

Tylyne Eaton and Chris Lewis were the athletes selected from Knox City to participate. The Blue Team eventually won the game 71-26.

This year, there was no North or South or East or West. The teams were selected like a draft, with each coach selecting the play-

ers they deemed most valuable. Joe Helms of Grandfalls-Royalty and Craig Templeton of Harrold were the offensive and defensive coaches for the Red Team, respectively, while Bret Tyler of Valley and Shane Mallory of Throckmorton were the offensive and defensive coaches, respectively for the Blue Team.

While the teams were as evenly matched as they could have been, the score climbed to 46-19 before the end of the first half with the Blue Team taking control with a large lead. The Red Team attempted to rally in the second half, but the lead was too great and the defensive pressure was too much. The Blue Team eventually broadened their lead and won the game 71-26.

The Overall MVP of the Brazos Bowl was the Blue Team's Josh Matta of Balmorhea High School. The Offensive MVP was Kendrick Aguerro of May High School while the Defensive MVP was Junior Marquez of Grandfalls-Royalty High School.

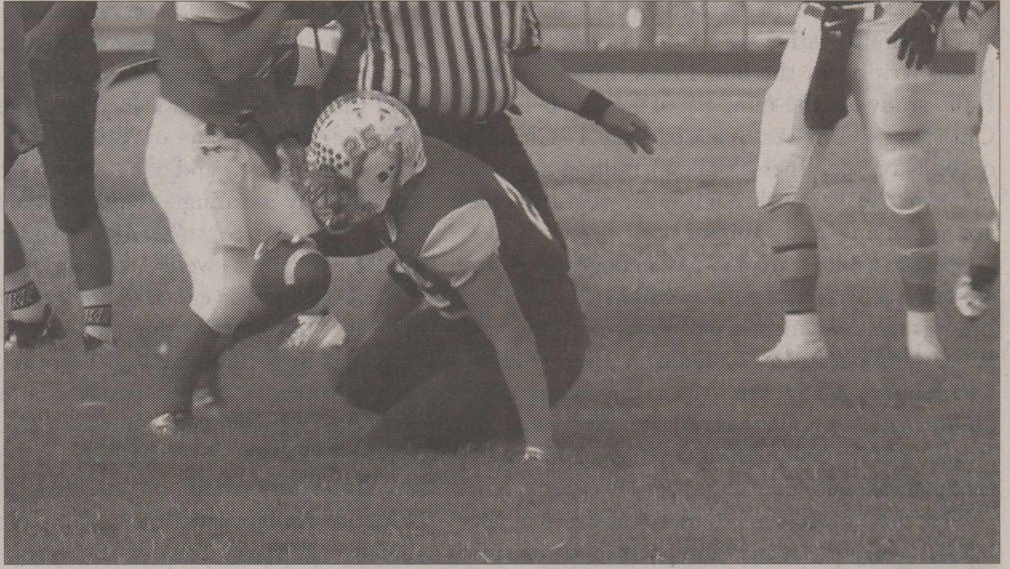
Knox City Athletic Director Charles Steele, who was on hand to help organize the event, was very proud of the Blue Team and the KC players that were on it. "I really enjoyed having these young men here this past week. It is awesome to see them bond in such a short time and form life-long friendships. It was bittersweet for me because I got to watch Tylyne Eaton and Chris Lewis play for the last time on our home field. They are

both outstanding young men and I am very proud of both of them. Both teams played extremely hard and represented their parents, schools and communities with class whether they won or lost the game," Steele said.

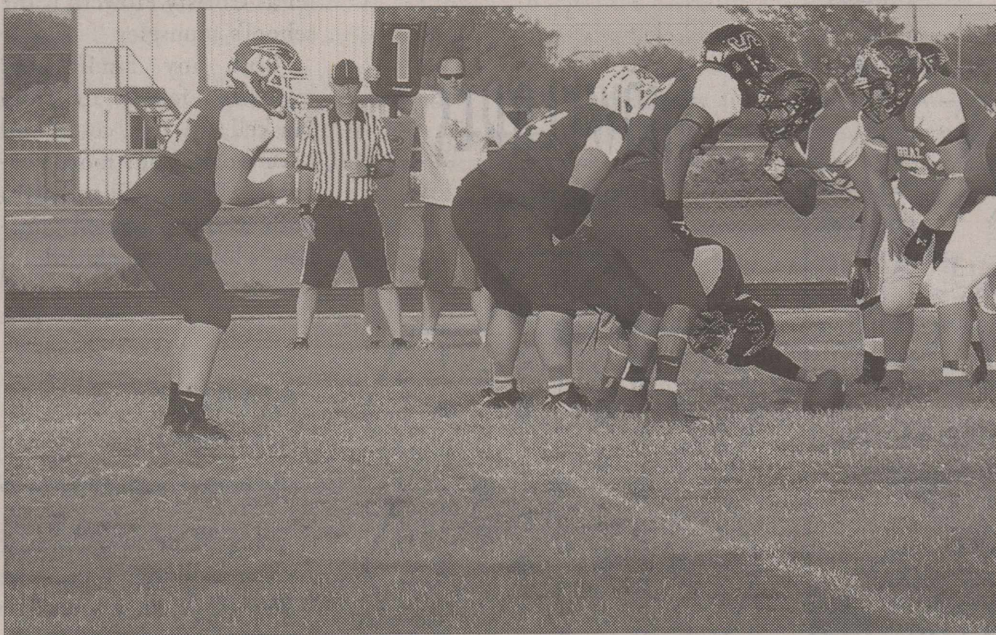
It was not just the players and coaches that put this game together. "I'm really excited that we had another successful Brazos Bowl here in Knox City. I cannot brag enough on the school cafeteria staff, community and businesses in town that showed those young men great hospitality all week. I would like to Thank Rick Reid, Marlie Steele, Kaylie Steele, Melissa Steele, Teddy Espinosa and Coach James for all their help," Steele said.



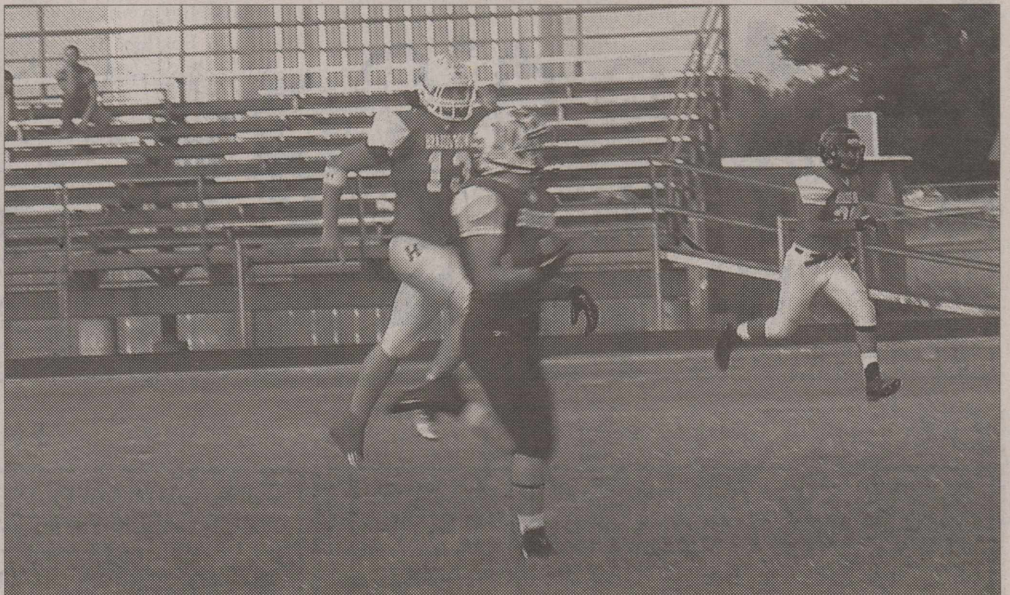
Southland's Jason Collazo cuts in the middle of the field to go after the ball carrier on the Red Team.



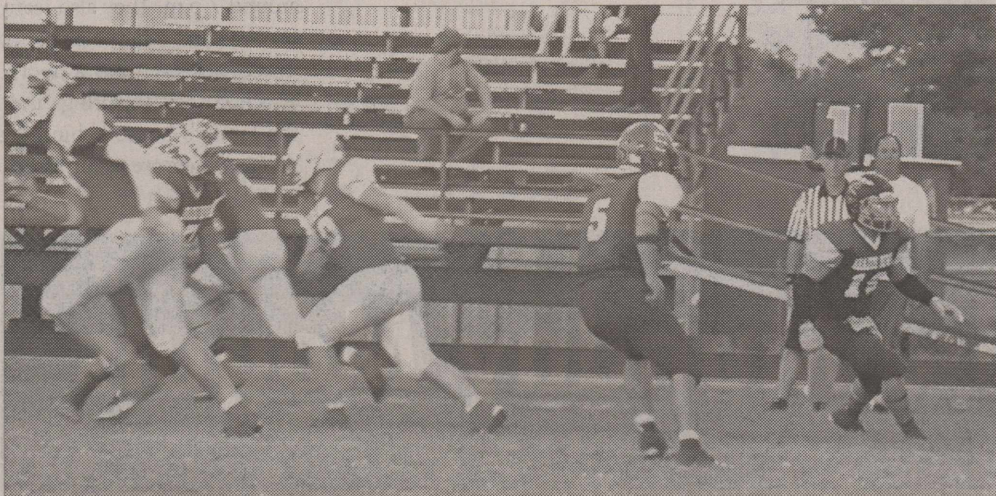
Chris Lewis struggles to get up after being brought down by two Red Team defenders. Lewis was accompanied on the team by his Knox City teammate Tylyne Eaton.



Both the Red and Blue Teams line up before Newcastle quarterback Nathan Wilson takes the snap. The Blue Team ended up winning the game 71-26.



Kendrick Aguerro of May High School catches a long and high pass thrown to him before he strides into the end zone for the Blue Team touchdown.



Lane Smith and Jason Collazo turn in an attempt to go after the Red Team quarterback. Smith was able to break away and run in a touchdown midway through the first half helping to cement the Blue Team's large lead.

**Congrats  
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# Author, speaker Beth Moore to visit Lubbock

LUBBOCK - Beth Moore, Houston-based Christian author and speaker, is bringing her Living Proof Live conference to Lubbock as part of a 10-city tour during 2014.

Lubbock's event, planned for July 11-12 at the United Supermarkets Arena, is the fifth stop of the year for Moore, who has written more than 20 Bible studies and books focusing on applying biblical principles to life. She is a favorite of women's ministries around the world, with church groups gathering for her studies since she began writing in the late 1990s. From her first Bible study on the ministry of Paul (To Live is Christ) to the newest released May 1 (Children of the Day: 1&2 Thessalonians), millions have sat under her teaching through taped segments and accompanying study guides.

"Beth's Bible teaching has changed the way women study scripture. She brings the Bible to life in such a down-to-earth way; you don't have to be a bible scholar to understand her studies," said Jennifer Burke, who is serving as city coordinator for the Lubbock event. "She takes the stories from thousands of years ago and applies them to today's life."

Ever the storyteller, Moore is known to pepper her teaching with stories and poems written from the perspective of pertinent characters. Besides her active writing career, she also hosts a radio

ministry, and she appears weekly on TV's "Life Today with James and Betty Robison." Moore hosts a weekly interdenominational Bible study for women at Houston's First Baptist Church, her home church for more than 25 years before she joined her daughter and son-in-law at Bayou City Fellowship Church in Houston, where he is lead pastor.

Living Proof Live includes worship through music led by Travis Cottrell, a Dove Award-winning artist who also serves as worship pastor at Englewood Baptist Church in Jackson, Tenn. Moore is the only speaker, sharing a word from God that varies by event location. The Lubbock event begins at 7 p.m. on Friday, July 11 (doors open at 5:30 p.m.) and ends at 9:30 p.m., resuming Saturday morning at 8:30 and concluding at 12:15 p.m. A bookstore with resources will be available on site as well.

"Living Proof Live is an opportunity for women of all ages to come together and experience Beth's teachings live and in person. There is a word for each person who attends; you do not leave one of these events unchanged," Burke added.

Tickets for Living Proof Live are \$69 per person, all general admission. They are available for purchase through [www.lifeway.com/events](http://www.lifeway.com/events) or the Lifeway Christian Store in Lubbock. Specially arranged hotel rates are available on the Lubbock LPL page as well.

In conjunction with Living Proof Live, Lifeway is also bringing its YOU Lead training event for women to Lubbock. That two-day event will begin the afternoon of Thursday, July 10, and wraps up early afternoon on Friday.

YOU Lead is a leadership training event designed to help women effectively reach and disciple other women for Christ. The focus is life-changing discipleship that leads women into a life that reflects Christ through their thoughts, words and actions. The training is designed for women seeking to lead women in the church or women's ministry teams seeking leading-edge training in spiritual growth, discipleship, evangelism, missions, and prayer.

Speakers include Chris Adams, senior women's ministry specialist at Lifeway Christian Resources, and Mary Margaret Collingsworth, women's project coordinator at Lifeway, with worship led by Kaye Hurta. The training includes plenary sessions as well as breakout sessions on topics from engaging younger women in ministry to ministering to women in crisis.

Tickets for YOU Lead, to be held at Southcrest Baptist Church in Lubbock, are \$89. For more information or to register, visit [www.lifeway.com/youlead](http://www.lifeway.com/youlead). Bundle tickets for both events are available at the same website with some discounting.

## MEMORIAL

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and want to see everyone next year."

The Gray family also gives special thanks to all the sponsors, donors and supporters; especially all those who had a helping hand in setting up, running the event and cleanup. All proceeds will go toward scholarships and local charities.

## HOWETH

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While he likes his new position, he wasn't exactly clamoring for the job as he thought Principal Tucker and Principal Moeller were doing excellent jobs.

"I never wanted Tucker or Moeller to leave their positions, they are really good administrators," said Howeth.

"But I've been here over 14 years ... this is the place I started my education job and this is where I would like to spend my administrative career," Howeth said.

While Howeth himself and his wife both hale from Haskell County, they will be working right next to each other this upcoming semester as Christy Howeth is the school's counselor.

"Both my family and my wife's family are from Haskell, so this could not have worked out more perfectly. We are still close to both of our extended families," Howeth concluded.

## Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

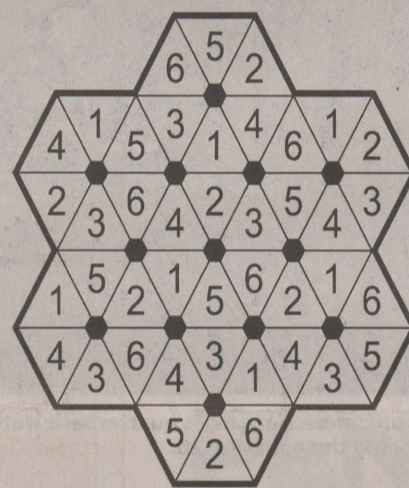


## R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



## SNOWFLAKES solution



## SHACK

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going all the way down the street ... Things have slowed down a little, but we are still very busy," said Reagan Sanderson.

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# Benjamin Museum unveils new exhibits

By Geoff Baumgartner  
The Knox County News-Courier

**BENJAMIN** — The Wichita Brazos Cultural Center in Benjamin has recently added several new exhibits to their already stellar museum. The exhibits range from business, to churches, to cooking and cleaning - and all from an historic Knox County perspective.

The southern wall of the Wichita Brazos Museum and Cultural Center has been inundated with five new historic exhibits. The exhibits are for churches, music, cleaning, business, and railroads.

The first church exhibit featured historical photographs from several of the older churches within the county. Items from within the churches were also on display.

The gem in the church exhibit is the series of brushed plates that featured the images of St. Joseph's Church in Rhineland, First Baptist in Munday, First Methodist in Knox City, and the First Christian Church in Knox City.

The music exhibit was very interesting. Old sheet music was on display as well as vintage records. The must see item from the old music display was

a beautifully preserved phonograph player from the early part of the 20th century. Old radios and a vintage banjo and guitar also filled the surrounding walls.

The Washing, Ironing, and Sewing Exhibit has an entire case filled with vintage irons dating back almost 200 years with the early steam irons being unique among them. It also had traditional women's garments displayed with one outfit adorning a historically dressed mannequin. It even had an old double barrel wash tub for laundry with an attached ringer - a rare site these days.

The Business exhibit contains several photos of early Knox County businesses. One of the most unique parts of the business section was all the old

cash registers that were in the clear display case. It even had an old National cash register atop a vintage business safe. It is unique because National is still in business today.

The last of the new displays was the historic Railroad exhibit. One of the most unique items from the rail section was an old blown-up aerial photo of Benjamin that showed the old Orient Railroad passing through the town. It also featured an historic classical railroad crossing sign. A mini train model sits on top of the display with a vintage crossing light and rusted railway spikes at the foot of the exhibit.

There was also another smaller display donated by the Roberson family of Vera. The display, featured dozens of Vera older buildings mod-

eled down to scale. It was a miniature version of Vera right in the display case. The museum was grateful for the display donation.

With all of these new exhibits on display at the Brazos Museum and Cultural Center, there is something for every member of a family to see. However, the displays are not permanent says museum curator Mary Jane Young.

"We try and change our exhibits about once every year, so the new displays will be available to view for about the next year," said Young.

If you would like to come and see these new exhibits at the museum in Benjamin, their hours are Tues-Fri from 1-5 p.m. or by special appointment.

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**The Church Exhibit features several brushed plates that have old Knox County church images upon them.**



**The Music Exhibit has several vintage instruments contained within it. On the left, an old brass trumpet hangs from the wall amongst other instruments.**



**The Business Exhibit with several older cash registers on the bottom display.**



**The Railroad Exhibit features miniature trains along with real railway spikes toward the foot of the display.**

## Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- the market or appraised value of your property
- the unequal appraisal of your property
- the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- any exemptions that may apply to you
- the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal
- the taxable status of your property
- the local governments which should be taxing your property
- the ownership of property
- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- any action taken by the chief appraiser, appraisal district or appraisal review board that applies to and adversely affects you.

**Informal Review**

**Knox County Appraisal District**  
100 West Cedar Street / County Courthouse  
Benjamin, Texas 79505 940-459-3891

**Review by the Appraisal Review Board**  
If you can't resolve your problem informally with the county appraisal district (CAD) staff, you may have your case heard by the appraisal review board (ARB).

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening or on a Saturday or Sunday. Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the CAD plans to introduce at the hearing to establish any matter at issue. The CAD might ask you for a copy of the evidence you plan to present. The law provides that before a hearing on a protest or immediately after the hearing begins, you or your agent and the CAD shall each provide the other with a copy of any written material intended to be offered or submitted to the ARB at the hearing. To the greatest extent practicable, the hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person to present evidence or you may send notarized evidence for the ARB to review at your hearing. The CAD representative will present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. In most cases, the CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented.

**Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB\***

**Usual Deadline**  
On or before May 31 (or 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

**Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause.** Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.

**Late protests are due the day before the ARB approves records for the year.** Contact your appraisal district for more information.

**Special Deadlines**  
For change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is not later than the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change didn't result from a protest you filed), the deadline is not later than the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

**Mineral ~ Friday June 13th, 2014**  
**Real Estate ~ Friday June 27, 2014**

If you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually February 1) or no later than the 125th day after the date you claim you received a tax bill from one or more of the taxing units that tax your property. The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

**Knox County Appraisal District**  
100 West Cedar / County Courthouse  
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Note: You shouldn't try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they haven't talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

**Review by the District Court or an Arbitrator or SOAH**  
After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 60 days of the date you receive the ARB's order. In certain cases, as an alternative to filing an appeal in district court, you may file, not later than the 45th day after you receive notice of the ARB order, a request for binding arbitration with the county appraisal district. In certain cases originating in certain counties, as an alternative to filing an appeal in district court, you may appeal to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH). An appeal to SOAH is initiated by, not later than the 30th day after you receive notice of the ARB's order, filing with the chief appraiser of the county appraisal district a notice of appeal with the applicable filing fee.

**Tax Payment**  
You must pay either the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute or the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken.

**More Information**  
You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district at

**Knox County Appraisal District Office**  
PO Box 47 Benjamin Texas 79505  
940-459-3891

You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division at P.O. Box 13528, Austin, Texas 78711-3528.

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