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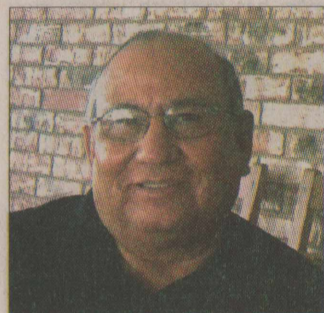
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Candelaria named KC Police Chief

By Geoff Baumgartner
The Knox County News-Courier

KNOX CITY — Knox City has hired a new Chief of Police, Richard Candelaria. Candelaria was sworn in on June 16 after Caleb Hodges, the chief for the last several years, moved back to Breckenridge with his family.



Geoff Baumgartner/The Knox County News-Courier

New Knox City Police Chief Richard Candelaria smiles while being interviewed about his new position inside the Knox City Hall. Candelaria comes to Knox City with more than 45 years of law enforcement experience.

Originally from El Paso, Candelaria served eight years in the El Paso Sheriff's Department, followed by almost a year in the Kermit Police. He joined the Midland Sheriff's Department in 1980 and recently retired from that office after 33 years on the job. Ultimately, Candelaria has more than 45 years of collective law enforcement experience.

Candelaria now has the job he's always wanted.

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Munday, KC officials urge residents to be safe this holiday

By Geoff Baumgartner
The Knox County News-Courier

KNOX COUNTY — With the 2014 Fourth of July holiday rapidly approaching, the time has never been more perfect to urge Knox County residents to be safe and use precaution while celebrating Independence Day. That is the message our county's city officials are sending out - obey the law and practice safety!

Munday City Administrator Ricky Ake warns that although we live in small towns, fireworks are still illegal within the city limits.

"That is the City of Munday ordinance; no fireworks within the city limits. Also, while Knox County does not have one right now, people should check to see if a burn ban is in effect before lighting fireworks," Ake continued.

Knox City Mayor Kent Deville similarly urges residents to also use precaution while traveling and/or using fireworks this Fourth of July holiday.

Whether consuming alcohol or igniting fireworks outside of the city limits, Texas Department of Public Safety

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USDA Reminds Producers of 2014 Acreage Reporting Requirement

Special to The News-Courier

KNOX CITY — U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Knox County Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Nancy Birkenfeld reminds agricultural producers that July 15, 2014, is the deadline to file an acreage report for spring seeded crops. Planted acres must be reported to FSA by July 15, 2014. The Agricultural Act of 2014 (2014 Farm Bill) requires producers on a farm to submit annual acreage reports on all cropland. "Although some federal farm program enrollments have not yet started, timely acreage reports for all crops and land uses, including prevented and failed acreage that producers submit to their local FSA office, are important to ensure program eligibility," said Birkenfeld.

Acreage reports to FSA are considered timely filed when completed by the applicable final crop reporting deadline, which may vary from state to state. Perennial forage crops intended for grazing or haying were required to be reported last fall, whereas perennial forage crops with an intended use of cover only, green manure, left standing, or seed, must be reported by July 15.

Although July 15 is the most common deadline to report acreage for spring seeded crops, this date may be different in locations with climates that are warmer or cooler than average.

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Storytime



Elizabeth Ellis gestures wildly as she tells a story about Prairie Dogs learning to avoid the rain. Each of her tales had cautionary lessons for the children to learn from. Ellis was the Librarian at Dallas Public Library for over two decades.

Master Storyteller visits Munday

By Geoff Baumgartner
The Knox County News-Courier

MUNDAY — The Texas Commission on the Arts recently hired a Master Storyteller to tour the Big Country in order to give our local libraries some much needed attention. Her name is Elizabeth Ellis and she was the librarian at Dallas Public Library for several years before embarking on a career as a touring Master Storyteller.

A unique and fun character, Ellis donned a long flower shirt, accompanied by spectacles that were partially covered by her long flowing grey hair. In all, there were 52 children in attendance and each was totally captivated throughout the performance.

Mrs. Ellis even thoroughly impressed the longstanding Munday City-County Librarian Peggy Urbanczyk.

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Award Winners



Left: The Knox City High School Cheerleading squad holding their award ribbons. From left: Andrea Lynn, Hailey Cox, Kinsley Cox, Essence Ward and Leighton Pepper. Right: The Knox City High School Greyhound Mascot Caitlyn Baxter received training for several new routines that are sure to entertain during next football season.

KC Cheerleaders net two awards at camp

By Geoff Baumgartner
The Knox County News-Courier

GRAPEVINE — The Knox City Cheerleading Squad took a trip to their first ever Universal Cheerleading Association (UCA) camp in Grapevine and brought home two awards.

Knox City High School Counselor and Cheer sponsor Christie Howeth accompanied the girls.

By the second night of the camp, the Knox City girls had won the Blue ribbon award for their cheer and won the Red Ribbon Award of Excellence for their dance routine.

Caitlyn Baxter is the Greyhound mascot and was also taught several new mascot routines by an authorized mascot instructor.

Cheer Coach Christie Howeth said she was very pleased with her girls, especially how

they performed around larger and intimidating squads from all over the state of Texas. They demonstrated that even small squads have what it takes to compete.

"We are here at the UCA camp at the Gaylord Texan in Grapevine ... his is the first year for our girls to attend a major camp," said Howeth. "In the beginning they were a bit overwhelmed at the size of some of the bigger school squads. Some of the squads had as many as 25 girls. We took five cheerleaders and a mascot! By mid-week we realized that it is quality and not quantity that makes a cheerleading squad great.

"The KCCHS girls did an excellent job and I could not be prouder of them for their efforts and for overcoming their fears! I look forward to football season when they can show off their new material."

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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.

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

Guitar and Fiddle Camp

Bobby Boatright Western Swing Music Camp July 6-10 in Truscott, spaces available. Beginner, intermediate and advanced classes. The public is invited to attend a concert on Thursday the 10th at 2:00 pm. Contact the Knox County Visioning Group at 940-459-4121 or kcvg@srcaccess.net for more information.

Story Time at the Library

The County-City Library in Munday will be hosting Story Time for all ages, July 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.

Summer Camp Bake Sale

Bake sale fundraiser hosted by Hiz Kiz Ministry, July 12, 9 a.m. to noon, Munday Lawrence Brothers. All proceeds benefit kids going to camp. Call, 940-421-3452 for more information.

Munday Golf

Lake Creek Country Club in Munday, Thursday evening Golf Scrambles through the end of September. Tee time 6 p.m. For more information, 940-422-4746.

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.

Corrections

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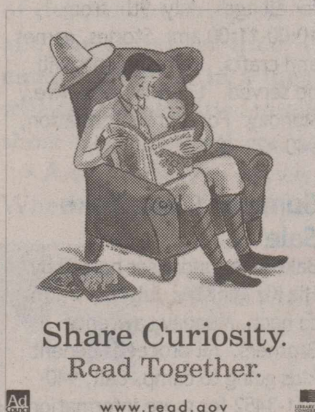
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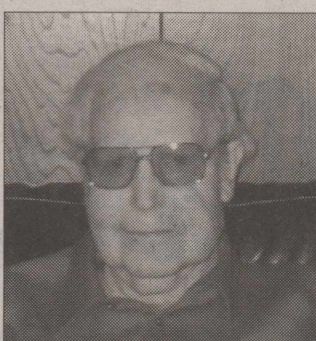
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Deaths Dwight Ephram Burgess

Dwight Ephram Burgess of Weinert passed away Thursday, June 26, 2014 at the age of 83. Dwight was born August 14, 1930 in Petersburg, TX to Earl Alton and Henrietta Burgess. He married Lavita Massingill on July 26, 1949 in Gilliland. They farmed and raised their family in Gilliland. He was active in the community, having served on the school board and as a deacon in the Gilliland Baptist Church. Dwight and Lavita moved to Weinert in 1990 when they retired.

Visitation was held from 5-6 P.M., Saturday, June 28, 2014 at the funeral home in Munday. Funeral services were held at 1:30 P.M., Sunday, June 29, 2014 at the Weinert Baptist Church with Dan Bullock officiating. Interment followed in



DWIGHT BURGESS

the Gilliland Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Smith Funeral Home of Munday.

Dwight had many hobbies including fishing, boating, woodworking, and square dancing. He loved music, especially country and western music, and it gave him great joy to play his harmonica and mandolin for family and friends. He also enjoyed reading, especially his Bi-

ble, and taught Sunday School for several years.

Dwight was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers; Orville Burgess and Earl L. Burgess, one sister; LaRue Reeves, and one grandson; Chad Wayne Zeissel.

Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Lavita of Weinert, two daughters; Barbara and husband, Wayne Zeissel of Munday and Kay and husband Randy White of Colleyville, five grandchildren; Misti Zeissel of Munday, Mindy Zeissel Hopewell of Ft. Worth, Miranda Zeissel of Munday, Brian White of Austin, and Tracy Howren of St. Louis. Also, three great-grandchildren; Caroline White of Austin, Mirabelle Howren of St. Louis, and Jonathan Boatright of Ft. Worth

Doran to address local Republicans

For The News-Courier

The Knox County Republicans will meet Tuesday, July 8, at 5:30 pm at the Knox County Aging Center.

Jason Doran will be the guest speaker for the meeting. He worked with Veterans after retiring from the Marine Corps and graduating from SMU.

"Our Veterans" will be the topic of his talk.

Doran wrote a book, "I Am My Brother's Keeper," about his experiences as a Marine in Iraq where he was awarded the Silver Star. His book will be available for sale with all proceeds going to the Republican Party.

USDA Announces Support for Beginning Farmers and Ranchers

For The News-Courier

USDA has announced the implementation of new Farm Bill measures and other policy changes to improve the financial security of new and beginning farmers and ranchers. USDA also unveiled www.USDA.gov/newfarmers, a new website that will provide a centralized, one-stop resource where beginning farmers and ranchers can explore the variety of USDA initiatives designed to help them succeed.

USDA's www.usda.gov/newfarmers has in depth information for new farmers and ranchers, including: how to increase access to land and capital; build new market opportunities; participate in conservation opportunities; select and use the right risk management tools; and access USDA education, and technical support programs. These issues have been identified as top priorities by new farmers. The website will also feature instructive case studies about beginning farmers who have successfully utilized USDA resources to start or expand their business operations.

Today's policy announcements in support of beginning farmers and ranchers include:

- Waiving service fees for new and beginning farmers or ranchers to enroll in the Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for the 2014 crop year. NAP provides risk management tools to farmers who grow crops for which there is no crop insurance product. Under this waiver, announced via an official notice to Farm Service Agency offices, farmers and ranchers whom already enrolled in NAP for the 2014 crop year are eligible for a service fee refund.

- Eliminating payment reductions under the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) for new and beginning farmers which will allow routine, prescribed, and emergency grazing outside the primary nesting season on enrolled land consistent with approved conservation plans. Previously, farmers and ranchers grazing on CRP land were subject to a reduction in CRP payments of up to 25 percent. Waiving these reductions for new and beginning farmers will provide extra financial support during times of emergency like drought and other natural disasters.

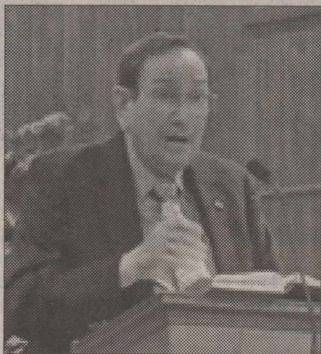
- Increasing payment rates to beginning farmers and ranchers under Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP). Under this provision, beginning and farmers can claim up 90 percent of losses for lost livestock, such as bees, under ELAP. This is a fifty percent increase over previously available payment amounts to new and beginning farmers.

In the near future, USDA will also announce additional crop insurance program changes for beginning farmers and ranchers - including discounted premiums, waiver of administrative fees, and other benefits.

William Alton Sanders

William Alton Sanders, age 85, went home to be with the Lord on July 1, 2014 in Haskell, TX. He was born to A.J. Sanders and Fronia Alexander Sanders in the Haskell County Texas on September 14, 1928. He met his sweetheart and the love of his life, Millie Havran while in Weinert High School. They were married on June 12, 1947 and shared life together for more than 64 years before Millie passed away on March 2, 2012. Alton lived his entire life within 8 miles of Weinert where he and Millie had two sons, Terry and Jerry.

He is survived by his sons Rev. Terry and Beth Sanders of Garland, Jerry and Joyce Sanders of Munday; 5 grandchildren, David and wife Dalia Sanders, Amanda and husband Rev. Chad King, Kerre and husband Chaplain Aaron Thorne, Jeremy and wife Jessica Sanders, and Abby Sanders and fiance Tyler Castle; 6 great-grandsons, Andrew Salazar, Kolton King, Lucas Sanders, Nick Sanders, Jackson Thorne and Calvin Thorne; 3 great-granddaughters Chanda King, Hadleigh Sanders and Piper Sanders; 2 sisters-in-law, Betty Ann Sanders and Betty Jo Sanders; a number of cousins, nieces, nephews, and "sons and daughters by other parents." He was pre-



WILLIAM SANDERS

ceded in death by his wife Millie, parents, sisters: Laura Bell Sanders and Myrtle Phemister Therwhanger; brothers: David Clarence, Eddie Jackson and R.S.

Alton leaves a wonderful legacy to his family and friends based on the foundation of his faith in Christ. He became a Christian in August 1951 when Al and Millie walked the aisle together in their professions of faith. He was a faithful member of First Baptist Church Weinert where he served 46 years as the music director and 41 years as a deacon.

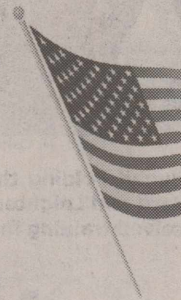
In addition to work in his church he served associational music director for 6 years and helped conduct 3 backyard Bible Schools in West Virginia. In 1973 he and Millie went on the first of 5 overseas crusades to Germany, Korea, Ecuador, and Norway. God transitioned their ministry in 1982 and he participated in 143 Lay Renewal/Ex-

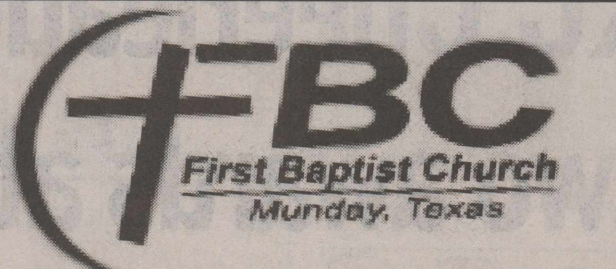
periencing God weekends across 18 states - 141 of those with Millie. In most of these weekends he served as the music coordinator. For the past 15 years Alton has served as co-host of the Lay Renewal Gathering at BCBA.

Alton was a loving father, Granddaddy and PA. He started farming in 1947 and retired in 1993. After his retirement he went to work for the Boll Weevil Eradication Program when it first started and ended his work there when the program finished in this area. He enjoyed deer hunting with his close friends Wayne Jossellett and Vernon Teaff and was also a Boy Scout Leader for 8 years.

Funeral services for Alton will be held on Thursday July 3, 2014 at First Baptist Church Weinert at 3:00 p.m. under the direction of McCauley-Smith Funeral Home of Munday with Rev. Terry Sanders, Rev. Jessie Edwards ("son by other parents") and Rev. Dan Bullock presiding. He will be laid to rest at Weinert Cemetery following the service. Memorials may be given in honor of Alton to First Baptist Church Weinert or the Weinert Cemetery Association. Visitation will be Wednesday from 7 to 8 pm at McCauley-Smith Funeral Home in Munday.

Happy 4th of July!





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Munday, Texas

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P: 940-422-4559
Pastor Shane Kendrix

Service Times:

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Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

It's Monday morning again! These deadlines that have to be met come pretty regularly, but so far I've been able to get a little "news" out to my friends before it's too late. We are having some wind (again) today. That's an everyday occurrence lately, but we have had some rain as well, so can't complain much. Last week we had about two inches all together, which came in two or three different "cloudbursts." Out where my daughter and her husband, Debi and Mike Moorhouse, live, they got 2.8 inches Monday morning and 2.5 inches Tuesday, so they are in good shape. The lake caught some water, and the yards and pastures are pretty and green. (And require lots of mowing!)

Regarding Our Ill

More encouraging news regarding our friends on the not well list. Fred Carver was released about midweek from Knox County Hospital after several days' stay there following a weeks' stay in Lubbock following a stroke. He is improving but will have to be very careful and do what the doctors say for quite some time. He's been undergoing some therapy since he's been back in Knox City, and hopefully each day he will show more improvement.

Janice Tolson came home Sunday after several days in Lubbock and having seven heart stints. She was due to have some heart tests next week in Abilene, but had more problems so doctors here sent her to Lubbock, and they found her problem right away and did the procedure. She's feeling ok—just weak from her latest ordeal, but in a day or so, she should be feeling much stronger. She has more blockages, but the doctor is going to try to take care of them with medication. Meanwhile, Buddy sees his surgeon tomorrow (Tuesday) and may learn then when he might have his colon surgery. Janice doesn't see her cardiologist for about 6 to 8 weeks. Incidentally, this cardiologist said he had never done 7 stints at one time, so he set a record with her. But the good thing is that she got there when she did because the doctor told them a few more days longer, and she would not have made it. Please continue to pray for Janice and Buddy as they still have some difficult days ahead but are very anxious to get all these "doctor trips" behind them.

Bud Conner spent last night (Sunday) in the Knox County Hospital with chest pains and what he thought might be his heart. Tests, blood work, etc. ruled out any heart problem (as far as they could tell) but if anything else develops, of course, he will be right back over there for further testing.

He was released early this morning and is feeling pretty well.

Not much change in Mike Young's condition. Not any worse but not a lot better either. Just sort of staying as he's been for a while. Pretty depressed at times because I think he thinks this is just going to be an ongoing problem. Surely, one day before long, things will improve.

Here 'N There

Judy and Randolph Barnett were in Abilene Tuesday for her to have a stress test. Everything turned out fine, for which she is very thankful.

I just received word of the death of my sister-in-law, Neva Ridgeway of Grapevine. She was Van's only sister, and aside from being an in-law, she was also my dear friend. She had been in failing health for quite some time and more recently had to contend with the problems due to Alzheimer's. Services are pending at this time. She is survived by her husband, Bob, her two children, Gwen and Mark, and Bob's three children, Greg, Donna, and Michael, several grandchildren, her brother, Dale, and two nieces, two nephews, and their families.

Mary Young, Imagean Young, and Deann Lamb attended the wedding of Seth Kuehler and Ashton Rutkowski at Rhineland Saturday evening. Reports are that it was a beautiful wedding and well attended. A reception and dance followed.

Butch and Letha Young and daughters, Lisa and Tammy, of Saginaw, and Billie Faye Cummings of Henderson were also here for the Kuehler-Rutkowski wedding.

My daughter, Diane Evans, and her daughter, Ashlee, of Childress visited me on Sunday. Also dropping by for a visit were Mike and Debi Moorhouse of Benjamin and their granddaughter, Taylor Herring of Munday.

Weekend guests of Mike and Debi were Michael and Lynn Rogers, Kaylie and Madilyn of Snyder.

I talked to my friend, Janice Johnson New on Saturday. She is married to Parker New, and of course, she is a Munday native, the daughter of Albert and Dessie Johnson. Janice and Parker live at Pipe Creek, Texas, and she has been having some health problems but is feeling better these days and hopes she will be able to be here for Homecoming in late September. We surely do hope she will be able to make it.

My sincere sympathy today to the family of Dwight Burgess, formerly of Gilliland, and more recently a resident of Weinert. Dwight passed away on Thursday. His funeral was Sunday in Weinert with burial in Gilliland.

The Paperboy

The birthday we all remember

On July 4, 1776, the Continental Congress approved the Declaration of Independence.

That changed the course of 13 British colonies, setting them squarely on the path to freedom as a sovereign nation.

Our forefathers, the signers of the Declaration of Independence, thought long and hard

before making this stance, knowing full well that their action would likely lead to bloodshed. It did, and for the United States of America, it was worth it.

Is America perfect? Not hardly. Was the idea behind America perfect? I'd say it was pretty close.

Some 238 years later we continue to celebrate this great land of ours. And while we may not agree on the issues, I hope we can all agree that it is indeed a privilege to be a citizen of this country.

So Friday we celebrate. We fly Old Glory proudly, we shoot fireworks, have parades and millions across the country enjoy cookouts.

The following are some facts you might enjoy regarding July 4:

- The estimated population in July, 1776 was 2.5 million. Today: 318.4 million.
- There were 56 signers to the Declaration of Independence. • Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, Roger Sherman and

Robert R. Livingston comprised the Committee of Five who drafted the Declaration. Jefferson, regarded as the strongest and most eloquent writer, wrote most of the document.

• The value of fireworks imported from China in 2013 was \$213.8 million.

• U.S. exports of fireworks was \$10.2 million in 2013, with Israel purchasing more than any other country (\$2.7 million).

• The dollar value of trade in 2013 between the United States and the United Kingdom was \$100 billion, making the British, our adversary in 1776, our seventh-leading trading partner today.

Here in this region, we have been given the green light to shoot fireworks this year. That's what abundant rain will do. Something else we need to be thankful for.

Above all else this July 4, we need to reflect on those who came before us and defended the freedoms we enjoy today. We should also tip our collective hat to those whose ingenuity built this country into the greatest economic force the world has ever known.

While it's true that no republic has ever stood the test of time. It is my hope that the United States of America can be the first.

Happy Birthday America!



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Texas Boat-draining Rule Takes Effect

For The News-Courier

ATHENS – Texas boaters are now required to drain all water from their boat and on-board receptacles before leaving or approaching a body of fresh water anywhere in Texas.

The new Texas Parks and Wildlife Department regulation is designed to help combat the further spread of zebra mussels and other invasive species. It applies to all types and sizes of boats whether powered or not: personal watercraft, sailboats, kayaks/canoes, or any other vessel used on public waters.

The regulation requires the draining of livewells, bilges, motors, and any other receptacles or water-intake systems coming into contact with public waters. Live fish, including personally caught live bait, cannot be transported from the water body where the fish were caught in or aboard a vessel in water from the water body where the fish were caught. Personally caught live bait can be used in the water body where it was caught.

Anglers are allowed to transport and use commercially purchased live bait if they have a receipt that identifies the source of the bait. Any live bait purchased from a location on or adjacent to a public water body that is transported in water from

that water body can only be used as bait on that same water body.

Anglers participating in a fishing tournament confined to one water body may transport live fish in water from that single water body to an identified off-site weigh-in location, but all water must be drained and properly disposed of before leaving that location. Anglers are required to possess documentation provided by tournament organizers that identify them as participants in the tournament.

Movement from one access point to another on the same lake during the same day does not require draining, and there is an exception for governmental activities and emergencies. Marine sanitary systems are not covered by these regulations.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and a coalition of

partners are working to slow the spread of zebra mussels by reminding boaters to Clean, Drain and Dry their vessels before traveling from one lake to another. The partners in this effort include: North Texas Municipal Water District, Tarrant Regional Water District, City of Dallas Water Utilities Department, Trinity River Authority, San Jacinto River Authority, Sabine River Authority, Brazos River Authority, Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority, Lower Colorado River Authority, Upper Trinity Regional Water District, Canadian River Municipal Water Authority, City of Grapevine, Water Oriented Recreation District of Comal County, and the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center.

More information is online at www.texasinvasives.org/zebramussels.

DPS Increasing DWI Patrols for July 4th Holiday

Special to The News-Courier

AUSTIN – The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) will increase DWI patrols for an 11-day period that includes the July 4th holiday. From June 27 – July 7, DPS troopers will focus DWI patrols in high-risk locations at times when alcohol-related crashes are most frequent.

"As we prepare to celebrate the Fourth of July, DPS urges Texans to do their part to help keep our roadways safe during the holiday," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "Individuals should always

designate a sober driver or find other means of transportation if they plan to drink alcohol. During the holiday, DPS troopers will be performing increased patrols aimed at protecting all travelers and removing dangerous drivers from the road."

The increased patrols that target impaired driving are funded through a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). During the 2013 July 4th enforcement effort, DPS troopers made 1,124 DWI arrests, and 173 of those arrests were the direct result of the increased patrols. DPS enforcement

also resulted in 720 fugitive arrests, 602 felony arrests, more than 15,700 speeding citations and more than 2,400 seat belt/child safety seat citations during this period.

According to state statistics, approximately every 20 minutes in Texas, someone is hurt or killed in an alcohol-related crash. For some alternative transportation options, visit www.SoberRides.org.

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The 501 Learning to drive

Let an 11-year-old drive a car and a 7-year-old play with matches. They're sure to have a good time.



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The grandchildren came to the farm, and nobody got seriously hurt. Predictably, Cutter burned his finger. The next time he kindles a fire, maybe he'll know how not to do it.

Rylee, novice driver, didn't crash the car. Her only mishap was getting hit in the head by a foul ball off her own bat. Ouch.

Sports dominated the weekend, but I think

Rylee liked driving best of all. Nothing beats a cow pasture for learning to handle

a car. Let's just call it a sport and put it in the same category as off-road dirt biking -- driving over clumpy grass in a car with worn-out shock absorbers, avoiding mesquite trees and invisible draws. Clunk, lurch, clunk.

After checking the cows, we headed off the place so Rylee could ply her new-found skills elsewhere. As we turned onto the minimally paved county road on the west side of our farm, she asked a pertinent question: "Which side?"

How soon we forget what it's like to learn to drive. I was glad she asked.

I told her the right side was technically the proper lane, but I suggested she drive like me and just go down the un-striped middle.

We drove to my alma mater -- the rural school where I didn't learn to drive. Back

then, only the town kids had driver's ed. We country kids just drove. When we turned 16, our only driver's license worries were the written test and parallel parking. You can flunk parallel parking and still get your license. At least you could in 1963.

Riding with Rylee brought back memories. I remembered the time my classmate Barbara (who started driving at age 9) and I were driving back from the store near the school in her family's '55 Chevy, reading the paper and snacking. We must have been about 14. We looked up at one point and noticed we were driving in the ditch. It was a shallow ditch. At least we weren't texting.

Likewise, I recalled the time my classmate Sue was just learning to drive. Her father was riding shotgun. They approached a curve on the Farm to Market

road near their house. "Thirty miles per hour on the curve, Sue," he said. So she sped up.

I told Rylee both stories. She managed both to listen and to drive. At least I think she was listening.

My favorite part of riding with Rylee was when I told her the car could be hers someday, not expecting her to react favorably to the idea of owning a 2004 Hyundai with two major dents, 220,000 miles on the odometer and a strip of fly-paper hanging from mid-ceiling.

She brightened. "I like this car," she said.

I think she was happier than if I'd promised her the farm.

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Meek Center bloodmobile comes to Knoxville

By Geoff Baumgartner
The Knox County News-Courier

KNOX CITY - A community blood drive took place in Knoxville last Tuesday. The Meek Blood Center of Abilene was set up directly across from the Knoxville County Hospital and adjacent to the Knoxville City Clinic from 1 p.m. until 6 p.m. that evening.

The unique vehicle has come to Knoxville during the summer because these are the desperate months for all blood banks. Red Cross was just on hand in Monday recently conducting a blood drive.

"We are asking donors to please remem-

ber that the need for blood is constant," said Frances Baker, donor recruiter for Meek Blood Center. "Even the most 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."

The bloodmobile was full of volunteer donors and even had five or six people waiting in line toward the rear of the medical RV.

Knoxville Mayor Kent Deville checked up on the drive himself. The staff was pleased with the positive turnout and was

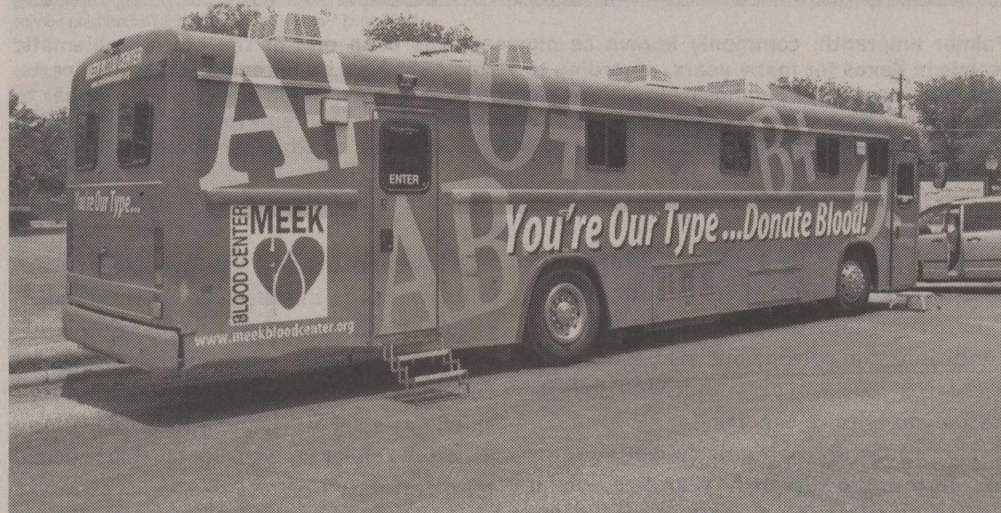
appreciative to the public. Each donor received a cookie, patriotic T-shirt and a complimentary cholesterol test.

"We have seen almost ten people so far and that is good," said Meek Blood Center employee Eiren Decowski, who was on hand politely taking blood from volunteers. "We are always hoping for somebody . . . anybody . . . so a good turnout like this is always nice during the summer."

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

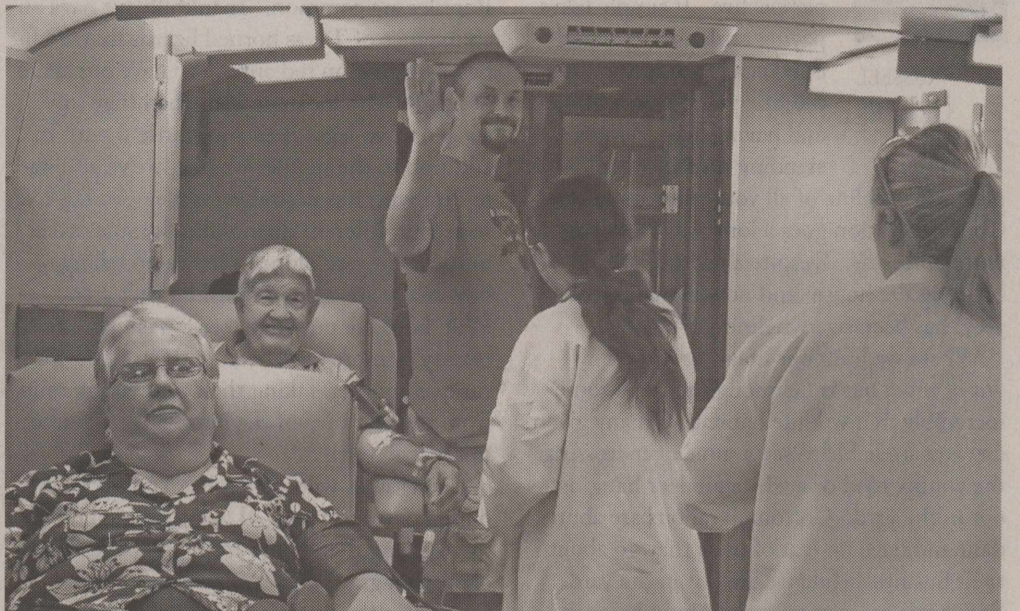
patients who are undergoing chemotherapy treatment. While a cancer patient may require multiple units of blood at one time, as little as three teaspoons of blood can save the life of a premature baby.

Changes have been made to streamline the screening process and some previous restrictions regarding medical conditions and medications have been lifted. In other words, it is easier to donate blood today than it once was so if you haven't donated in a while, give it a try, you will be saving a life. Those who have eligibility questions can speak with the Meek Blood Center supervisor at 325-670-2880.



Geoff Baumgartner/The Knoxville News-Courier

The Meek Blood Center's infamous Bloodmobile parked in the Knoxville County Hospital District is full of volunteer blood donors. The words on the side of the bus enthusiastically demands "You're Our Type . . . Donate Blood!"



Knoxville Mayor Kent Deville smiles and waves in front of one of the nurses as he stops by to check on the success of the blood drive. Each donor received a cookie, patriotic t-shirt, and complimentary cholesterol test.

4-H Round-Up and Teen Leadership Lab

By Corrie Earthman
For The News-Courier

The Texas 4-H State Round-Up was held June 9 - 13 at Texas A&M University in College Station. The 4-H State Round-Up is lots of fun for 4-H'ers of all ages, involving clubs from all over Texas. You must be a Senior to qualify, but Intermediates can participate in the Invitational contests. Juniors and Clover Kids can also attend and have fun!

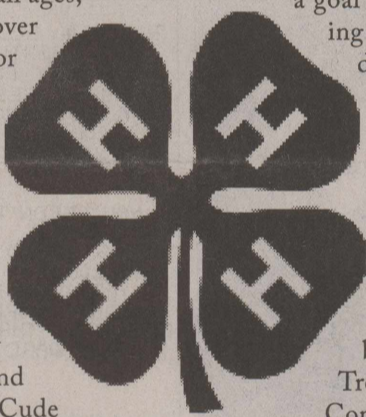
Members from Knoxville County who qualified included: Kathryn Cude, Ryan Earthman, Trey Tidwell, Grace Tidwell, and Parker Finley. Kathryn Cude gave her Educational Presentation on Teen Driving Safety, placing 8th. Ryan Earthman performed in the Share-the-Fun Instrumental Music category, playing a portion of the theme from "Pirates of the Caribbean" on the violin, placing 5th. Knoxville County's Livestock Judging team, consist-

ing of Trey Tidwell, Grace Tidwell, and Parker Finley, competed well.

The Teen Leadership Lab for District 3 was hosted at the 4-H Conference Center at Lake Brownwood on June 16-18. The Leadership Lab is a camp for teens with a goal of teaching and strengthening leadership within each 4-H district. Kathryn Cude and Ryan Earthman attended and had a blast! Teens from Districts 3 and 9 enjoyed a variety of leadership and team-building activities. Elections for District 3 offices were also held, with Kathryn Cude being elected as Secretary/Treasurer.

Congratulations to all of the competitors at the State Round-Up and to our new District officer.

If you or anyone you know is interested in starting 4-H next semester, please contact the Knoxville County Extension Agents at: 940-459-2651. We would love to have new members!



Puzzles4Kids by Helene Hovanec

WORD FUN

Study the two words on each line to find the ONE letter in the left column that is NOT in the word in the right column. Write the extra letter on the blank space. Then read DOWN to answer this riddle:

WHAT WOULD YOU GET IF YOU CROSSED A PATRIOT WITH A CURLY-HAIRED DOG?

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REWIND	<u>N</u>	WIRED	ORACLE	<u>O</u>	CLEAR
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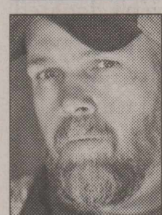
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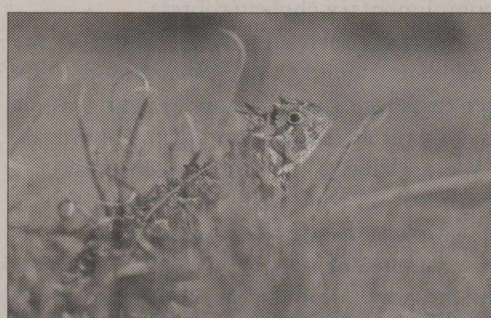
A year after moving into our new home, I can say it's been a fun experience pioneering our piece of northwest Texas and dealing with the challenges therein. Just building a house and serving as both a general contractor and a sub-contractor on some jobs proved to be a colossal juggling act that took patience and perseverance.



RUSSELL GRAVES

Taking a piece of ground from a raw mesquite patch to a titled piece of real estate isn't at all impossible from a do-it-yourself perspective. It simply takes paying attention to details. Specifically, understanding the title process on a home and having a clear understanding on the overall work plan and timeline of all your subcontractors.

Communication goes a long way in solving most problems. Despite a few negatives, building the house (and now living in it for a year) has been overwhelmingly positive. Where we built our house isn't too far out of town but is far enough to be in some incredibly rich wildlife habitat. On any given day you are liable to see a mule deer crossing the county road or a whitetail deer hanging out in the yard. Cottontail rabbits are abundant and have no fear of us as they go about their business while we are out in the yard. Songbirds greet us with their bubbly songs. My favorite song is the simple three note call of the bobwhites as they whistle their tune in search of mates.



Wild turkeys frequently escape the sun by panting in the shade of our porch or next to one of the mesquite trees we left in the yard. Reptiles are common. Thankfully we have an abundance of Texas horned lizards that are fat from gorging on red ants. We have our share of lizards who look comical when they run away on two legs when you startle them. In addition to the reptiles we like, we've also had to deal with less desirable reptiles. So far, I've seen four different diamondback rattlesnakes in the front yard alone. There's no telling how many are around that I haven't seen. Wild hogs are present as well. As many as twenty or more have been in the yard at one time or another: taking their turn eating milo from the platform of the bird feeder I placed in the backyard.

Living with wildlife has been good despite our garden and vineyard being nibbled upon by anything that enjoys fresh greenery. It's okay, though. Whatever challenges we've faced with the home are relatively minor. Sitting on the front porch and listening to coyotes in the evening make you forget about all of them.

Glyphosate resistance and rains pose issues for weed control in cotton



Dr. Gaylon Morgan/Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

Palmer amaranth, commonly known as pigweed, has been one of the most problematic weeds in Texas for many years, according to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service experts. The development of glyphosate-resistant pigweed has made a tough weed, even tougher to manage for High Plains cotton growers. A new publication, "4 Step Program for Managing Glyphosate-Resistant Pigweeds in Texas Cotton," is available at <http://cotton.tamu.edu>.

By Robert Burns

COLLEGE STATION – More rain over the Texas High Plains and Rolling Plains continues to improve the growing conditions for cotton, but also for weeds, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert.

The weeds are particularly troublesome for cotton growers this year because of two reasons—the timing of the rains and glyphosate resistance, said Dr. Gaylon Morgan, AgriLife Extension statewide cotton specialist, College Station.

"I think are several reasons we're seeing more weed-control issues," Morgan said. "One is that we've had much better early season rainfall than we've had in the last three or four years. With the early season rainfall, before the crop is well established, the weeds are much more visible, and are much more competitive than if they emerge later."

Cotton is very competitive with weeds once it is established and growing well, he explained. Weeds emerging later in the growing season are shaded by the cotton leaf canopy and face greater competition

for water and nutrients from mature cotton plants.

"However, early season competition from weeds is much more detrimental to cotton yields than weeds emerging mid-season," Morgan said. "This is because cotton is a perennial plant that develops slowly as a seedling and young plant, and especially this year with cooler than normal temperatures."

There are numerous weeds posing problems, but the No. 1 weed for most Texas cotton growers is Palmer amaranth, commonly known as pigweed, he said.

"And what we hear the most about now, is glyphosate-resistant pigweeds, meaning that Roundup or glyphosate will not control these pigweeds," Morgan said. "It was in the last four to five years in South Texas that we've had more and more reports of glyphosate-resistant weeds. I believe it was in 2011 that the recognition of glyphosate resistant pigweeds really became widespread in the High Plains."

"The publication basically outlines the different approaches for managing or preventing glyphosate-resistant pigweeds in cotton," he said.

Good Housekeeping One Mom's Blueberry Buckle

A trifecta of cake, berries and streusel topping, this dessert is perfect for potluck barbecues.

- 2 1/3 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup (1 1/2 sticks) unsalted butter or margarine, room temperature
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 large egg, lightly beaten
- 3/4 cup whole milk
- 2 1/2 cups fresh blueberries
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg

1. Preheat oven to 375 F. Grease 9-inch-square baking pan.
2. Into medium bowl, sift 2 cups flour, baking powder and salt. In large bowl, with mixer on medium-high speed, beat 1/2 cup butter until smooth. Add 1/2 cup sugar; beat until light and fluffy. Reduce speed to medium. Beat in egg until combined. Beat in flour mixture alternately with milk until combined, starting and ending with flour mixture and scraping bowl as needed.

3. In bowl, toss blueberries with lemon juice. Sprinkle over batter.
4. In another bowl, whisk cinnamon, nutmeg and remaining 1/3 cup flour, and 1/4 cup sugar. Add remaining 4 tablespoon butter; with pastry blender, blend well. Form into large crumbs; sprinkle over blueberries. Bake 50 minutes or until toothpick comes out almost clean.
5. Cool slightly in pan on wire rack. Cut into squares. Serve warm or at room temperature. Store, refrigerated, up to 3 days. Makes 9 servings.

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Donna's Day: Creative Family Fun

Make Ice Cream in a Bag

By Donna Erickson

Many of my childhood summer memories are based on cranking the handle of ice-cream makers at picnics and family reunions. Nowadays, when you ask kids about ice cream, they are more likely to associate it with the cold, hazy cloud coming out of the supermarket freezer than with the sound of ice swirling around in an ice-cream maker on a hot summer evening.

You don't need a commercial machine to make the real thing. For an unconventional method, use plastic bags, a simple old-fashioned recipe and your kids' energy. Here's the latest scoop on how to make a basic, no-cook vanilla ice cream.

SHAKE-AND-MAKE ICE CREAM

Serves 2

- 1 gallon-size sturdy, zipper-style plastic bag
- 2 pint-size zipper-style plastic bags
- Several cups of crushed ice to fill the large bag halfway full
- 1/2 cup coarse salt such as kosher salt, or rock salt for ice cream

Ingredients:

- 1 cup half-and-half cream, or mix half-and-half cream with heavy whipping cream
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 tablespoons sugar

1. Stir together cream, vanilla and sugar in a bowl. Add an optional extra if you wish. Pour into one of the smaller bags. Press out as much air as possible, then seal it. Slip that bag into a second pint-size bag, release air and seal.

2. Scoop enough ice into the larger bag to generously cover the bottom. Sprinkle some salt over the ice. Set the small sealed bags inside the large bag, then add more ice and salt. Release air and seal.

3. Hold the large bag with both hands and turn it over and over, massage it, and gently shake it consistently for 15 minutes. Since it will feel very cold, you may wish to wrap it in a towel or wear mittens as you work.

4. When the mixture turns into ice cream, carefully unseal the outer pint-size bag before opening the inner bag, making sure that ice and salt don't get into your batch of ice cream. Spoon into bowls and enjoy. If you wish to eat it later, spoon it into a storage container and put into the freezer.

TIP: Add optional extras such as 1/4 cup crushed ripe strawberries or peaches, mini chocolate chips or a squirt of chocolate syrup

Donna Erickson's award-winning series "Donna's Day" is airing on public television nationwide. To find more of her creative family recipes and activities, visit www.donnasday.com and link to the NEW Donna's Day Facebook fan page. Her latest book is "Donna Erickson's Fabulous Funstuff for Families."

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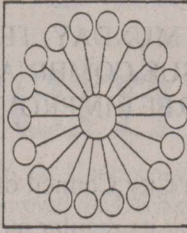
Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman

ROUND TRIP! Object of this test is to place the numbers 1-19 in the circles at right so that the sum of any three amounts in a straight-line row is 30. Here are some hints to get you started:



Hint 1: Number to be inserted in center circle stands midway between 1 and 19.
Hint 2: Numbers in outer circles fall into a rather orderly succession.
Can you puzzle it out?
Place 10 at center, then clockwise, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 19, 18, 17, 16.



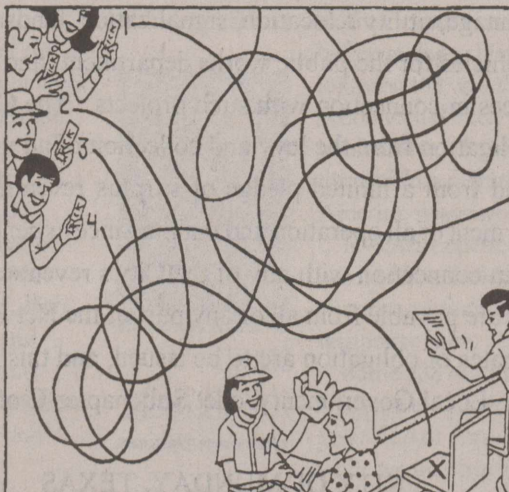
STATE FACTS! What state's name contains the name of another U.S. state? What state shares a border with just one other U.S. state? Answer quickly, if you can.

WORD PARTNERS TO PONDER

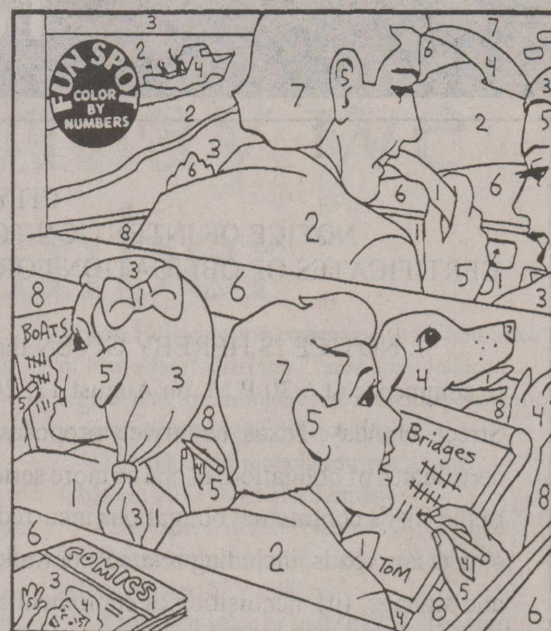
SOME words go together, like give and take, lean and mean, etc. Ten such pairings appear below, but each has a stand-in for its regular partner. You are asked to replace these bogus words with more familiar terms.

1. Dollars and scents.
2. Fun and germs.
3. Touch and ho.
4. Fine and candy.
5. Free and queasy.
6. Short and sweep.
7. Pick and snooze.
8. Full and twenty.
9. High and mighty.
10. Hale and haughty.

Time limit for this exercise is two minutes.



TICKET TANGLE! Who holds the ticket to this vacant seat? Take a guess, then trace through tangled lines to find out.



TALLY HO! "Count 'em" car games tend to shorten long drives. Apply colors by number: 1-Red, 2-Lt. blue, 3-Yellow, 4-Lt. brown, 5-Flesh, 6-Lt. green, 7-Dk. brown, 8-Dk. green.

SPELLBINDER

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THEN score 2 points each for all words of four letters or more found among the letters.

Try to score at least 50 points.

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GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

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DIFFICULTY: ★★

- ★ Moderate
- ★★ Difficult
- ★★★ GO FIGURE!

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ANSWERS

Go Figure!

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- KNOX CITY CITY HALL, 902 East Main, Knox City Texas 79529,
- NCTMWA, 135 North Munday Avenue, Munday, Texas 76371, and
- JACOB & MARTIN, LTD., Consulting Engineers, 3465 Curry Lane, Abilene, Texas 79606

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities and to reject any or all bids. Bids may be held by the Owner for a period not to exceed 60 days from the date of bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the qualifications of Bidders prior to awarding of the contract.

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CITY OF KNOX CITY, TEXAS

By: Kent DeVille, Mayor

Date: July 3, 2014

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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.

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CITY OF MUNDAY, TEXAS

By: Robert Bowen, Mayor

Date: July 3, 2014

Helpful Hints Fourth of July Safety Tips

Be a safe swimmer. Water sports and fireworks are two of the biggest pastimes for Fourth of July celebrations, and these are both linked to numerous deaths and injuries each year. Never swim alone and make sure that kids' water play is adequately supervised at all times. Many drownings occur when parents and other adults are nearby, so always have a designated chaperone for water play and don't assume that others are watching the kids. Statistics show that most young children who drown in pools have been out of sight for less than five minutes.

If fireworks are legal in your community and are a part of your celebration, be sure to store and use them safely. Keep the kids away from the fireworks at all times, and keep spectators at a safe distance. Attending fireworks displays organized by professionals is always safer than trying to put on your own show.

Use alcohol responsibly. Alcohol and fireworks can be a hazardous and dangerous combination. Also, have a designated driver to bring partygoers home from the festivities. Remember also that alcohol and swimming can be as dangerous as drinking and driving.

Lakes, waterways and seas will be crowded with boats. Review safe boating practices, and don't drink and drive your boat. Alcohol consumption while operating boats or other motorized water vessels is illegal and you can be arrested for a BUI (boating under the influence!). Be sure that you have an adequate number of life preservers on hand for extra guests. Become familiar with the boating laws in your area.

Cover food and beverages outdoors to discourage bees and wasps from attending your party. If someone is allergic to insect stings you should have an emergency anaphylaxis kit on hand. Wearing shoes, long sleeves, and long pants outdoors and avoiding fragranced body products, bright colors and sugary drinks can also help prevent bee stings.

Apply sunscreen both before and during an outdoor party. Ultraviolet rays from the sun can cause both premature aging and skin cancer in the long term and a painful burn the next day. Even those with darker skin should use a sunscreen with a minimum sun protection factor (SPF) of 15 according to recommendations from the American Academy of Dermatology. Check prescription medications you are taking to assure you will not have a sun-sensitizing drug reaction to the medication.

If you'll be hiking or camping in an area where ticks are abundant wear long-sleeved, light-colored shirts and long pants tucked into socks or boots to protect yourself from tick-borne diseases. For your skin you can use a tick repellent with no more than 30% DEET according to the manufacturer's instructions. Products containing DEET should not be used on children less than 2 months of age and should not be applied to the hands or face of young children. Check yourself (and your pets) for ticks at the end of the day.

Spend adequate time indoors or in the shade and drink plenty of fluids to avoid heat illness in extremely hot climates. The risk of heat illness is increased when participating in strenuous activity or sports and those with chronic medical conditions and the elderly are also at an increased risk of heat exhaustion and/or heat stroke. Alcohol consumption can also promote dehydration and increase the risk.

Keep children away from campfires and grills. Gas leaks, blocked tubes and overfilled propane tanks can be a cause of grill fires and explosions.

Don't leave the picnic spread out all day. Allowing food to sit in outdoor temperatures can invite foodborne illness. The U.S. FDA suggests never leaving food out for more than one hour when the temperature is above 90 degrees F and not more than two hours at other times. Foods that need to be kept cold should be placed in a cooler with plenty of ice or freezing packs and held at a maximum temperature of 40 degrees F. While mayonnaise and other egg dishes are often associated with food poisoning, any food can potentially become contaminated. Adequate hand washing and food preparation can also help prevent food poisoning.

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The Board of Trustees of the Munday CISD reserves the right to reject any one and/or all proposals, and to award a purchase contract in the best interest of the district.

All proposals to be addressed to Munday CISD c/o Robert Dillard, Superintendent of Schools, P.O. Box 300, Munday, TX 76371-0300.

TO ALL PROSPECTIVE PROVIDERS:

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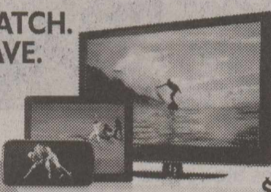
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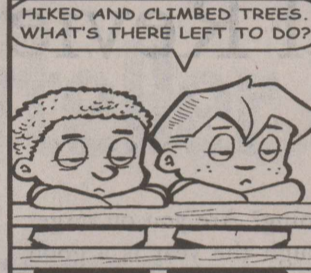
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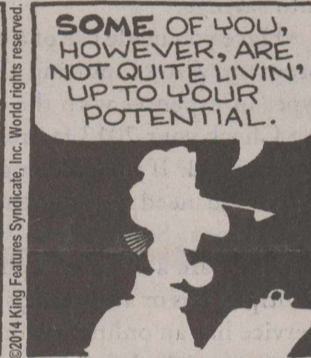
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Crop dusters are out in force in Texas. Above, this pilot flies under power lines along a Farm-to-Market road. Weed control will continue to be a factor throughout the growing season.

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MUNDAY

From Page 1

"She certainly had the children's attention didn't she? Those kids were totally spell-bound," said Urbanczyk after seeing how many children were enjoying themselves.

She went on to tell stories and moral tales about friendly baby rattlesnakes, brer rabbit, old brother opossum and an elephant at the mall. She sang the 'Wheels on the Bus' and tailored it to the elephant story, which was a crowd pleaser. She followed this up with a fun rain sound activity that all the children got to participate in by adding their own sound effects.

Afterward, juice boxes and cookies were served to all younger attendees.

It was a fun day for not just the children of Munday, but kids from all over the county and educational as well.

At the end of the storytelling, each child was allowed to go and check out a book.

The library had plenty of options for patrons. There is a computer lab and several rooms with themes in them, such as "Dr. Seuss" or "Curious George." There is also a newspaper history room and even book shelves lining the halls of the walkway.

Munday City-County Library is located at 121 E. B Street and is open the following days and times: Mon. - 8-12:30, Tues. - 12-5:30, Wed. - 8-12:30, Thurs. - 12-5:30, and is closed on Fridays.

CAMP

From Page 1

This year is the first the University Interscholastic League in Austin, the governing body for all public Texas high school sports, has elected to make cheerleading an official UIL sport for the 2014-2015 seasons, complete with upcoming UIL sponsored competitions.

CHIEF

From Page 1

"My goal was always to be a small town Police Chief, so I am very happy with my current position," said Candelaria.

Candelaria has been in the city for almost three weeks but says he has loved what he has seen. Candelaria moved here with his wife, who was also a deputy in the Midland Sheriff's Office.

"My wife has been very supportive and so has everybody in Knox City as I have been working to establish trust within the community. Things have been pretty smooth so far," Candelaria concluded.

HOLIDAY

From Page 1

officials say safety should be the name of the game. According to the TxDOT website, last year during a special ten day enforcement period from June 28-July 7, Texas State Troopers arrested 1,124 people just for DWI alone.

Independence Day, which commemorates and celebrates the signing of the Declaration of Independence, is by far the most deadly Texas Holiday according to the Department of Public Safety. Here are some other figures from last year's Fourth of July celebration in Texas that just might make a person think before handling fireworks or getting behind the wheel of a car or truck while inebriated:

- Texas Highway Patrol arrested over 720 fugitives.
- Made over 600 felony arrests.
- Issued almost 16,000 speeding tickets.
- Issued almost 2,500 seatbelt and child safety citations.

USDA

From Page 1

Producers should contact their county FSA office if they are uncertain about acreage reporting deadlines. Birkenfeld said that failed acreage must be reported before the disposition of the crop and that prevented acreage must be reported within 15 calendar days after the final planting date for the applicable crop.

For questions on this or any FSA program, including specific crop reporting deadlines and planting dates, producers should contact their county FSA office or seek information online at www.fsa.usda.gov.

Today's announcement was made possible through the 2014 Farm Bill, which builds on historic economic gains in rural America over the past five years, while achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for the taxpayer. Since enactment, USDA has made significant progress to implement each provision of this critical legislation, including providing disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; strengthening risk management tools; expanding access to rural credit; funding critical research; establishing innovative public-private conservation partnerships; developing new markets for rural-made products; and investing in infrastructure, housing and community facilities to help improve quality of life in rural America.

For more information, visit www.usda.gov/farmbill.

Dollars and Sense

Financial Review at Mid-Year

By David Uffington

How is your financial year going? Are you on target with your goals? Halfway through the year is a good time to assess where you are, and where you're going. Here are some suggestions:

- Have you started putting money away for the holidays? No, it's not too early to start. Saving money each month now can keep you from running up expenses in December and paying into next spring if you need to use credit cards.
- How is your rate of saving? Have you been able to keep up with your goal? Renew efforts to put money into savings and consider whether you can increase that amount, no matter how small.
- Where is your savings? Ideally, it's in a place that's not easy to access, such as your checking account or an online account. Review interest rates online and compare to what you're getting. Look at rates for regular savings versus money-market accounts and certificates of deposit. Interest will vary by the amount deposited and the length of time. (Beware not to lock up your emergency stash in a long-term CD. You'll pay early-withdrawal penalties to take out your money. Opt for a short-term CD with an automatic rollover.)
- Are you close to paying off one or more credit cards? Whether you choose to pay off the smallest balance first

or the one with the highest interest rate, getting a card paid off completely will free up more funds to pay on other credit cards.

- If you made a vow to make use of grocery coupons, have you kept it up? At the bottom of each receipt you'll find the amount you've saved by using coupons. Consider that extra money to pay off credit cards or put into savings.
- Have you made use of a computer software budgeting program? After inputting all your data, you can sort your types of expenses with the click of a few buttons.
- Check your 2013 tax return. Did you pay or did you get a refund? If you paid or got back thousands of dollars, you could need an adjustment to your deductions and exemptions. Some of the situations that might require a change are a birth or a child who moves out, working multiple jobs or a working spouse. The Internal Revenue Service has an online withholding calculator to help you come up with the right numbers. If there are changes, turn in a new W-4 form to your employer.

David Uffington regrets that he cannot personally answer reader questions, but will incorporate them into his column whenever possible. Send email to columnreply3@gmail.com.

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ACTUALLY, IT'S KIND OF SMELLY AND GROSS.

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CONVERSATION BETWEEN A GLAD BAG AND A BROWN PAPER BAG

POPEYE

I FIND PEOPLE DISREGARD ME... LIKE I DON'T EXIST...
...THEY DON'T SEE THE REAL ME!

I DON'T GET THE APPEARANCE YOU RECEIVE
THAT'S CUZ YA DON'T HAS TH' KEERRECT BEARIN'!

I'D GIT TH' SAME RESPECT WEARIN' YER DUDS!
I DON'T BELIEVE THAT'S A FACT!

I'LL PROVES IT TAYA... LET'S SWITCH CLOTHES AN' Y'LL SEE!

THAT'S YER OWN FAULT!

IT'S BECAUSE OF YOUR SAILOR SUIT!
THAT'S A LOTTA BALONEY!

IT'S ME CHARISMA THAT DUZ TH' TRICK
I DOUBT THAT'S THE CASE!

HEY! DUZ EIDER ONE OF YOU CLOWNS KNOWS WHERE I KIN FIND A SWAG NAMED POPEYE?