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May wettest month ever, but dry spell ahead

By James McAfee
The Knox County News-Courier

KNOX CITY — While it was obvious to all, Knox County just recorded its wettest month since records have been kept with 11.05 inches, according to Brandon Carr of the James E. "Bud" Smith Plant Materials Center. Last week's total was 1.37 inches.

Carr indicated that the average for May is 3.5 inches. "We are about eight inches above normal for this time of year," he added. "Our yearly total is 17.29 while our average yearly total is 25 inches."

Even higher rainfall totals were reported from other areas of Knox County, leaving farmers with problems getting wheat harvested and cotton planted.

Miller Creek was overflowing after being at just 7.9% to start the month.

All signs point to a dry spell for the next week because of a more typical upper level ridge, according to meteorologist.

"The first thing that sunlight has to do is heat the soil before it can heat the air," said Patrick McCullough, "If there is wet soil, then it can't heat the air until it dries out that soil."

So this means temperatures in the 90s instead of the 100s.

Munday pool opening set Tuesday

MUNDAY — The City of Munday was expected to finish painting and repairs of the city pool by Thursday so that it can be filled with water.

City administrator Winston Stephens indicated that he hoped that the swimming pool could be open by Tuesday.

'Burn out' of water lines under way

MUNDAY — The North Central Texas Water Authority has started a "burn out" of the water lines here, using free chlorine.

The city will be doing some flushing, according to city administrator Winston Stephens.

"It will not affect our water," he added.

Graduation speech



Tex Cox provides Knox City High School graduates with advice at Saturday's commencement program.

Looking good



Chris Blackburn/The News-Courier
Miller Creek Reservoir is full as indicated by this photo of one of the boat ramps. Boat delivery to the lake is easy now considering this ramp was closed just weeks ago.



Pastor gives KC graduates advice

By James McAfee
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KNOX CITY — The 16 graduates of Knox City High School heard some words of wisdom from local preacher Tex Cox prior to getting their degrees here Saturday night at the W.R. Baker Auditorium.

After getting the graduates to give all the people in the audience an applause, Cox urged them to "be yourself" as you move forward. "Don't let everyone tell you what to do," he said. "Listen to opinions, but be yourself. Learn to love yourself."

Cox then told them to "find their passion in life," reminding it may not happen overnight. "You can't expect to start at the top," he added.

Cox indicated that his dad taught him to "have a plan" and to go to plan B if plan A doesn't work as he did, changing from becoming a lawyer to a preacher.

Citing the advice of his mother, Cox told the graduates "never give up," using Michael Jordan as an example: "I failed over and over and that's why I succeeded."

In closing, he told the graduates to "love God and love people," by being servant minded. "People will never forget how you made them feel," he said.

Cox told how he renewed his relationship with his own father while in college after opening his bible and reading, "Honor your mother and father."

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MHS grads told to not take 'no' for answer

By James McAfee
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MUNDAY — The 21 members of the Munday High School Class of 2015 received their degrees in a commencement program here last Friday at the MHS Auditorium.

Following the processional with organ music by Nancy Wilde, Janie Salinas welcomed everyone, thanking them for coming in a prayer.

Salutatorian Raci Dillard recalled all the memories from the 13 years of school and told her fellow graduates to appreciate all the memories. She recognized those entering the health care and education fields along with Colby Fullwood and Zachary Huffman who were joining the military. She reminded them to remember all the friends they had made and to thank all who made this possible.

Valedictorian Mitchell Lowrance expressed thanks to parents, teachers and coaches for all the useful lessons. "Don't take no for an answer," he said. "Never give up."

As the highest ranked graduate, Lowrance received the Valedictorian scholarship, paying tuition for one full year at any state supported college or university. In addition, he received the Tarleton State University Presidential scholarship, paying

\$1,000 and renewable for four years; \$500 from the Barbara Ratliff Memorial; \$500 from the Jeffrey Urbanczyk Memorial; \$250 from the Munday Lions Club; \$250 from the Coach Lowrance Memorial; \$250 from the Munday Volunteer Fire Department; \$250 from the Association of Texas Professional Educators; \$200 from the Munday High School Student Council; and \$100 from the MHS Honor Society.

Dillard received a \$1,500 Vernon College Scholarship, renewable for two years, plus \$1,000 from Catholic Life Insurance All-American Scholar; \$500 from Region 17 Superintendent; \$500 from the Jeffrey Urbanczyk Memorial; \$250 from the Coach Lowrance Memorial; \$250 from the Bobbie Kegley Memorial; \$200 from MHS Student Council; \$100 from the local branch of Life; and \$100 from the MHS Honor Society.

Sanjuana Carranza received a \$250 B.R. Winchester Scholarship.

M'Kayka Ericson, who plans to attend West Texas A&M University, received the DARS Scholarship, paying full tuition for five years.

Elida Hernandez received a \$250 grant from the MHS Faculty and \$100 from St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

Knox Calendar

Please notify the News-Courier to add or update your events and meeting times. Emailed submissions to kcnewscourier@gmail.com are preferred, but will also be accepted by phone at 940 422-5350. The deadline for inclusion in the next week's issue will be 5 p.m. on Fridays.

Saturday, June 6

Big Country Clay Shoot, Goree, 8 a.m.

Wild Hog Classic, Knox City C.C., 8:30 a.m.

Monday, June 8

Knox County Commissioners Court, Benjamin, 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 9

Munday City Council, 6 p.m.

North Central Texas Water Authority, 7 p.m., Munday

Tuesday, June 16

Knox City Council, 5:30 p.m.

Knox Notes

Wild Hog Classic golf event set Saturday

KNOX CITY — The 21st annual Wild Hog Classic is scheduled Saturday at the Knox City Country Club. The three-lady scramble tees off at 8:30 a.m.

Conservation meeting

KNOX CITY — The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Knox City and the Wichita-Brazos Soil and Water Conservation District cordially invite the public to attend their FY16 Local Working Group (LWG) meeting from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. next Wednesday

Water Safety Program

MUNDAY — A water safety program is planned this summer. A Rock-a-hula Luau party is scheduled from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. here at the City Park to share information with parents about water safety awareness and to provide information about upcoming swimming lessons.

Corrections

Oops, there is no open house scheduled Monday at the James E. "Bud" Plant Material Center in Knox City as mentioned in the May 28 issue. It was an old news release from a previous year that somehow got mixed up in our news files.

If you spot an error of fact, contact kcnewscourier@gmail.com.

News on the go



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Portwood-Urbanczyk Lains celebrate 60th anniversary exchange vows



Skye Portwood and Steven Urbanczyk were united in marriage on April 18, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. at Sparrow Creek Ranch in Graham. Officiating at the ceremony was Steve Sullwold.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Harley Portwood of Seymour. Her grandparents are Don Buckalew and the late JoAnn Buckalew of Olney, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Palmer, formerly of Megargel. The groom's parents are Mike Urbanczyk and the late Kerri Baker Urbanczyk of Munday. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Urbanczyk and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Baker, all of Munday.

Matron of honor was Sunday McAdams and maid of honor was Sommer Portwood, both sisters of the bride. Serving as bridesmaids were Kassie Wyble, Anna Livingston, Paige Peters and Laurie Urbanczyk, the groom's sister-in-law. Best man was Brian Urbanczyk, brother of the groom, and honorary best man was the late Jeffery Urbanczyk, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Trey Bufkin, Johnathan Key, Kobie Decker and Ty Bufkin. Aaryn Urbanczyk, niece of the groom, was the flower girl and Layton McAdams, nephew of the bride, was the ring bearer. Reading the "Blessing of the Hands" was Kade McAdams, nephew of the bride.

The bride's parents were hosts for a dinner and dance at Sparrow Creek Ranch following the ceremony. The groom's father hosted the rehearsal dinner at The Alley House in Graham.

The bride is a graduate of Tarleton State University and is employed as a teacher in the Seymour school district. The groom attended Texas Tech University and is a farmer and rancher with Baker/Urbanczyk Farms. The couple is at home in Munday, and they plan to honeymoon in Turks and Caicos later in the summer.

LIVINGSTON – Millard and Benny (Bales) Lain celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary here at home on Thursday with a family dinner.

The pair were married June 4, 1955 in Knox City where they graduated as high school sweethearts.

The Lains have four children: Mike and Sandra Lain, Houma, LA; Connie and Tom Stofan, Livingston; Sheila Moore, Livingston; and Yancey and Dianna Lain, Houston.

In addition, six grandchildren: Jared and Heather Lain, Tennessee; Cody Mac and Amanda Moore-Prosise, Washington; Sarah Lain, Louisiana; Cougar Ann and Jeffrey Ryno, TX; Grayson Lain, TX; and Dusty and Jackie Stofan, Germany.

Great grand children are Mathilda Jean Moore-Prosise; Destinee, Kurtis and Elaina Halbaedier; Danny, Abby and Annika Stofan; and Chloe Ryno.



Lains from their high school days

Courtesy photo

Harding graduate to intern in Oregon

DALLAS – Zee Rock of Dallas graduated last month from Harding University in Searcy, AK. He is the son of Ned and Olivia Rock of Dallas and grandson of Exa Lee Smith of Munday and Jose de Jesus Martinez of Dallas.

He received his B.A. degree with a double major: Public Administration and Leadership and Ministry. Rock was a 2012 Bryan Adams High School graduate in Dallas. At Harding he was a Trustee Scholar, member of the Honors Society (secretary/treasurer), treasurer for the Student Association 2013-2014, member of Leadership Honors Society, American Studies Institute, three-time fraternity officer of Gamma Sigma Phi, and a participant in Model Arab

League (intercollegiate nation-simulation conference).

For two years, he facilitated/led weekly discussions of Biblical topics with a small group of male freshmen. In 2014, Rock attended the Washington D.C. National Prayer Breakfast. For two years he was student counselor for incoming freshmen. For three weeks this summer, he will work at Harding's summer youth camp "Uplift".

Rock has accepted a nine-month (September through May) internship program in Portland, Oregon with Oregon Leadership Development Institute, a Christian-based organization that mentors interns while they are employed in the area.

Letter to the Editor

I want to express my thanks for the kind neighbors that helped me to my cellar when a storm was moving into the area recently.

I can no longer walk or help myself and will be admitted to a nursing home in Richardson where my kids may take care of me.

When the storm subsided and it was time to get me back to my house, the Knox City Fire Department was called. I did not know all who showed up to help, but do thank Bill, B.J., Al, Tedy and the others that I can't remember their names. Thanks also go to Martha, Tom and Paul.

God bless all the people in Knox County. You have all been a real blessing to me.

Evelyn Balis

DPS urges Texans to prepare for hurricanes

AUSTIN – The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is reminding residents that the hurricane season continues through Nov. 30. Texans should begin developing their emergency plans in advance of possible hurricanes or tropical storms.

"The recent severe weather and flooding across portions of Texas are important reminders that natural disasters can strike quickly and can have devastating impacts," said Texas Governor Greg Abbott. "I implore all Texans to stay informed about current threats and heed warnings, information and instructions provided by local officials and emergency management personnel as we enter the 2015 hurricane season."

"As Texas enters the 2015 hurricane season, DPS is reminding residents that adequate and advance preparation can mean the difference between life and death," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "Not only can hurricanes and tropical storms endanger Texans who live along the Gulf Coast, but powerful storms can also affect communities further inland. We urge Texans to take precautions now for possible storms and to always stay informed about weather condition in their area."

All Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico coastal areas are subject to hurricanes or tropical storms. Because the strongest winds in a hurricane are not located precisely at the center, it is possible for a storm to affect conditions over land even if landfall does not occur.

Hurricanes can cause catastrophic damage to coastlines and areas several hundred miles inland, and winds can exceed 155 miles per hour. Hurricanes and tropical storms can also spawn tornadoes, create storm surges along the coast, cause extensive damage from flooding and create dangerous rip currents.

Here are several measures residents can take now to prepare for potential storms:

Assemble an emergency kit that includes essential documents, supplies and provisions.

Review hurricane evacuation maps, and select a route for you and your family.

Plan how all family members and pets will evacuate safely.

Consider any special needs for individuals with disabilities or the elderly.

Stay informed about changing weather conditions in and around your area.

For more information on these tips and other ways to prepare for the 2015 hurricane season, please visit: www.texasprepares.org.

Knox County Aging Center

Menus for week of June 8-12

Monday: Sausage and sauerkraut, cornbread, corn, salad, cake.

Tuesday: Beef soft taco, Spanish rice, seasoned broccoli, Mandarin oranges.

Wednesday: Breaded chicken tenders, baked potatoes, peas & carrots, fruit.

Thursday: Beef tips w/noodles, corn, bread, peas, dessert.

Friday: Shaved turkey sandwich w/vegetables, broccoli raisin salad, pineapple delight.

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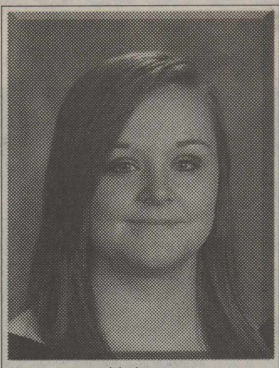
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Benjamin Senior



Kelsey Brown

Courtesy photo for The News-Courier
Kelsey Brown was the lone Benjamin High School graduate, earning Valedictorian honors with a 93.38 average. She was misidentified as sister Emily in last week's graduation special section.

Area News

National Trails Day

QUANAHA – A guided trail hike will highlight National Trails Day at Copper Breaks State Park. Park rangers will lead visitors on a short guided trail hike at 10 a.m. on Saturday, pointing out wildlife, plant life, geological features, and discuss area history and folklore and tell stories. All participants on the short hikes are urged to have comfortable walking shoes, a hat or cap, and plenty of water.

StarWalk set June 13

QUANAHA – Copper Breaks State Park, now an International Dark Sky Park, will kick off the 20th year of the StarWalk program on Saturday, June 13 at sunset, or around 9:00 p.m. The StarWalk starts with a naked eye tour of the night sky over Copper Breaks State Park followed by a closer look through telescopes and binoculars.

Farmers eligible for flood relief

Special to The Knox County News-Courier

COLLEGE STATION U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Texas Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director, Judith A. Canales, reminds farmers and ranchers across the state of federal farm program benefits that may be available to help eligible producers recover from recent heavy rains and flooding.

According to the National Weather Service, Texas has received 35 trillion gallons of rain, enough to cover the entire state in eight inches of water, in the month of May.

“These widespread, significant rain events in Texas have been deemed by some as, ‘the worst ever,’” said Canales. “As such, many farmers and ranchers are experiencing prevented planting, failed acres, displaced and deceased livestock, and property damage.”

FSA offers disaster assistance and low-interest loan programs to assist agricultural producers in their recovery efforts following floods or similar qualifying natural disasters.

Available programs and loans include:

Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) – provides financial assistance to producers of non-insurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory, or prevented planting occur due to natural disasters (includes native grass for grazing). Eligible producers must have purchased NAP coverage for 2015 crops.

Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) – offers payments to eligible producers for livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality due to adverse weather. Eligible losses may include those determined by FSA to have been caused by hurricanes, floods, blizzards, wildfires, tropical storms, tornadoes lightning, extreme heat, and extreme cold. Producers will be required to provide verifiable documentation of death losses resulting from an eligible adverse weather event and must submit a notice of loss to their local FSA office within 30 calendar days of when the loss of livestock is apparent.

Tree Assistance Program (TAP) – provides assistance to eligible orchardists and nursery tree growers for qualifying tree, shrub and vine losses due to natural disaster. USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) – provides emergency relief for losses due to feed or water shortages,

disease, adverse weather, or other conditions, which are not adequately addressed by other disaster programs. ELAP covers physically damaged or destroyed livestock feed that was purchased or mechanically harvested forage or feedstuffs intended for use as feed for the producer's eligible livestock. In order to be considered eligible, harvested forage must be baled; forage that is only cut, raked or windrowed is not eligible. Producers must submit a notice of loss to their local FSA office within 30 calendar days of when the loss is apparent.

ELAP also covers up to 150 lost grazing days in instances when a producer has been forced to remove livestock from a grazing pasture due to floodwaters.

For beekeepers, ELAP covers beehive losses (the physical structure) in instances where the hive has been destroyed by a natural disaster including flooding, high winds and tornadoes.

Emergency Loan Program – Available to producers with agriculture operations located in a county under a primary or contiguous Secretarial Disaster designation. These low interest loans help producers recover from production and physical losses due to drought, flooding.

Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) – provides emergency funding for farmers and ranchers to rehabilitate land severely damaged by natural disasters; includes fence loss.

HayNet – is an Internet-based Hay and Grazing Net Ad Service allowing farmers and ranchers to share ‘Need Hay’ ads and ‘Have Hay’ ads online. Farmers also can use another feature to post advertisements for grazing land, specifically ads announcing the availability of grazing land or ads requesting a need for land to graze. www.fsa.usda.gov/haynet.

To establish or retain FSA program eligibility, farmers and ranchers must report prevented planting and failed acres (crops and grasses). Prevented planting acreage must be reported on form FSA-576, Notice of Loss, no later than 15 calendar days after the final planting date as established by FSA and Risk Management Agency (RMA).

“Thankfully, the 2014 Farm Bill reinstated these safety-net programs for farmers and ranchers suffering the devastating impacts of natural disasters such as this epic flood,” said Canales. “Because of the Farm Bill, we, as an Agency, can quickly respond to the recovery needs of our producers.”

Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

Well, finally we have a little sunshine. For how long, we don't know, but at least we are drying out enough to get the lawns mowed, and that's a good deal. Nearly every yard in town was needing a “trimming.” The weathermen say we will be dry a few days, but we'll just have to wait and see.

No changes as far as the ill in the community. Fred Carver had his tests last week and will get the results on Wednesday. I saw Buddy Tolson one day last week, and he said he was doing fine. I guess he still has a doctor's appointment in a couple of weeks to check on the blood clots that put him in the hospital several weeks ago. Hopefully, the shots he has been taking to dissolve them will have done what they were supposed to. Imagean Young was in Wichita Falls Monday to see her pain management doctor. It's a routine visit, as she has a lot of trouble with her back that the doctors have to keep a close watch on.

Here 'n there

Ricky Joe Carver and family left Saturday for California, where they will make their future home. They have been living here for a year or more, and the children, Bella and Ashburn, attended school here. They were excited about the move, and so when kids are happy, the whole family can adjust. We miss them and wish them well in their new location.

Betty Bohannon made a quick trip to Geneva, Neb. last week to get her granddaughter, Taylor, and a friend. They will be here awhile and may like it so well, they may decide to stay! Jamie and Tyler Ford returned home with Betty also. They had been in Nebraska since early May. Weekend guests of the Bohannons were Lonnie Bohannon of Seminole and his sons, Chance and Chase, of Eastland. They returned home Sunday.

Commencement

On Friday night the high school, junior high, and kindergarten classes joined together for their commencement programs. Following is a list of the graduates, honor students, perfect attendance, and high point students in both high school and junior high. It's an impressive list, and I congratulate all these students and their teachers.

Kindergarten graduates—Jakob Castorena, Everett Cates, Jennifer Lopez-Ramos, Michelle Lopez-Ramos, Kalei Strickland, Harley Tolson

8th grade graduates—Juan Carlos Espinal, Carolina Hilario, Hailie Macias, Melissa Rogers, Taryn Strickland, David Torres

8th grade salutatorian—Taryn Strickland, 93.71

8th grade valedictorian—J. C. Espinal,

93.85

High average junior high—Jalen Barrientez, 94.28

Senior Graduate—Kelsey Brown

Valedictorian—Kelsey Brown, 93.38

High average high school—Caleb Barrientez, 96.25; Daniel Jackson, 96.25

Yearly honor roll

1st Grade— Ricky Carver, Angela Doran, Gabby Hilario, Jaycee Holmes, Naveah Martinez, Addisyn Meinzer, Will Pierce, Evan Miller, Tyler Reagan

2nd Grade—Hudson Cates, Electra Estrada, Jerry Grayson, Kaleb Herrera, Triston Meinzer, Kyle Stanfield, Carver Tankersley, Nathan Tighe, Rowan Valimont, Alexis Wilson

3rd Grade—Bella Carver, Hallie Everson, Jolie Everson

4th Grade—Emma Hilario, Gracie Layton, Bre Anna Phillips, Landon Williams

5th Grade—Kinsey Benson, Nathaniel Dickson, Dal Everson, Korina Hilario, Grant Jackson, Maggie Kuehne, Eli Oustad, Gannon Pryor

6th Grade—Madison Barrientez, Grace Estrada

7th Grade—Jalen Barrientez, Braden Garza, Dylan Kuehne, Abraham Nevarez

8th Grade—J. C. Espinal, Carolina Hilario, Hailie Macias, Melissa Rogers, Taryn Strickland

9th Grade—Caleb Barrientez, Cassidy Correll, Daniel Jackson, Cassidy Watson, Kaleb Whittle

10th Grade—Emily Brown, Devin Harris, Cara McGhee, Chris McGhee, Justin Rainwater, Benjamin Vanderpol

12th Grade—Kelsey Brown

Perfect attendance

1st Grade—Naveah Martinez, Will Pierce

3rd Grade—Jolie Everson

4th Grade—Alicia Martinez

5th Grade—Grant Jackson, Maggie Kuehne

7th Grade—Dylan Kuehne, Abraham Nevarez

8th Grade—J. C. Espinal

Debbie Goforth of Azle, Megan Goforth of Wichita Falls, Zack Brown and Eli of Ardmore Oklahoma, and Samantha Cummings of Decatur were all here during the weekend to attend the graduation of Kelsey Brown. Kelsey received four scholarships, which will certainly help toward her continuing education.

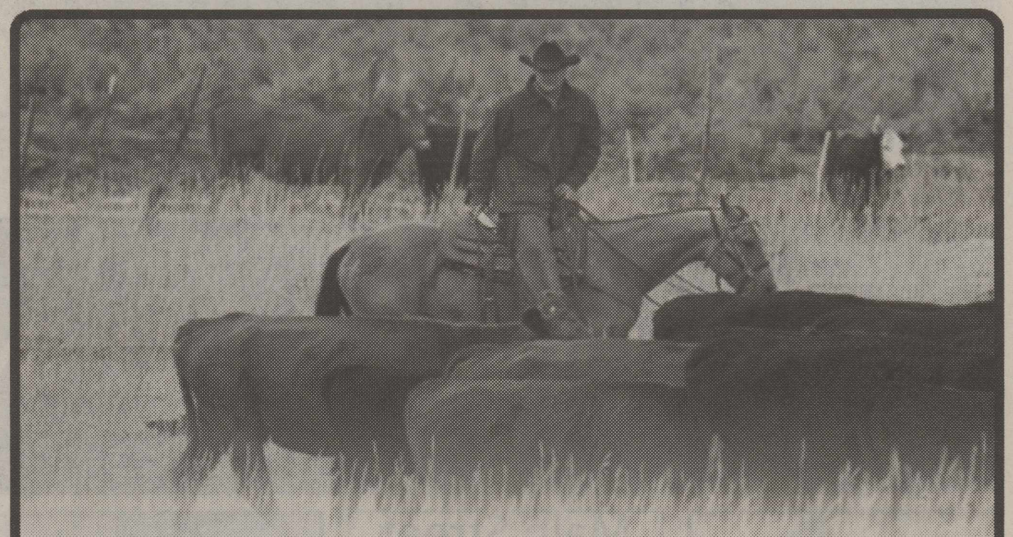
And by the way, under Kelsey's senior picture in last week's News-Courier, she was listed as her sister, Emily. No big deal—just a case of mistaken identity, but with just one graduate, we all want her name right! Emily will have her “day” in a couple of years.

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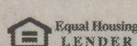
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A Honor roll



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Making the Knox City Elementary A honor roll were Mauricio Silva, Gabi Martinez, Isabelle Lindsay, Kaylee Rowan, Aubrey Lerma, Jaiden Alligood, Kamryn Pepper and Coltan Cox in front row; Seth Logsdon, Kinlee Eaton, Jonah Duke, Krystabel Vasquez, Paisley Morrow, Nicholas Trevino, Kamryn Jones, John Cross Utley and K'Lee Grimsley in middle row; and Leah Smith, Gage Morrow, Emilee Maynard, Briley Barnard, Lizzie Martinez, Wyatt Casillas and Ryan Shaver in back row.

KC music award winners



Sheri Baty/The Knox County News-Courier

The Knox City Elementary presented music awards to Alex Rubio, Gene Hicks, Jace Trevino, Jaylee Lowe, Kinlee Eaton, Zander Sanchez, Jacelynn Sanders and Lilliana Alvarez in the front row (l-r) and Samuel Ruiz, Leah Smith, Zoe Reid, Nicholas Trevino, Juan Rojas, Creed Coker, Hayden Swanson and Brady Smith in the back row

KC Elementary PE award winners



Sheri Baty/The Knox County News-Courier

Knox City Elementary presented PE awards to Jathan Brunkow, Mario Silva, Gene Hicks, Tristin Baxter, Joel Contreras, Gage Morrow, Wyatt Casillas, Coltan Cox, Creed Coker and Jonah Duke (l-r front row) and Devon Hernandez, Jaden Baxter, Jaylee Lowe, Camila Garcia, Jacelynn Sanders, Briley Barnard, Lizzie Martinez, Pollina Ham, Kinlee Cox in back row.

Knox City C.C. golf schedule

June 6—21st annual Wild Hog Classic, 3-lady scramble, \$180, 8:30 a.m.
 June 20—Guys & Dolls Scramble, 2-person scramble, \$75, 1:30 p.m.
 July 4—Bill Baker Memorial Tournament, 2-person scramble, \$100, 8:30 a.m.
 July 5—July 4th Scramble, blind draw, \$15, 1:30 p.m.
 July 25—Knox City Festival, 3-person scramble, \$75, 8 a.m.
 Aug. 8—Knox City CC Ag-Oil, 4-man, \$240, 8 a.m., 2 p.m.
 Aug. 22—Glow Ball Scramble, 4-person, \$25, 5 p.m.
 Sept. 7—Labor Day Scramble, blind draw, \$15, 1:30 p.m.
 Sept. 12—Knox City Fall Classic, 3-person, \$75, 1:30 p.m.
 Sept. 19—Knox City Chamber of Commerce Scramble, 3-person, \$120, 1:30 p.m.
 Oct. 3—Glow Ball Scramble, 4-person, \$25 (includes meal), 5 p.m.
 Oct. 10—Guys & Dolls Scramble, 2-person scramble, \$75, 1:30 p.m.
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Lake Creek golf schedule

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 Aug. 9--Guys & Dolls
 Aug. 23--1 person scramble
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Redder, Shahan Vega receive band awards

MUNDAY – Kamille Redder, who advanced to state in twirling, along with Kimberly Shahan and Maria Vega were recognized as the major award winners at the recent MHS Purple Cloud Band

awards banquet.

Redder won the Mogul Heart Award, Shahan the Director's Award and Vega the John Philip Sousa Award, respectively.

Redder scored a 3 of 5 in the state twirling

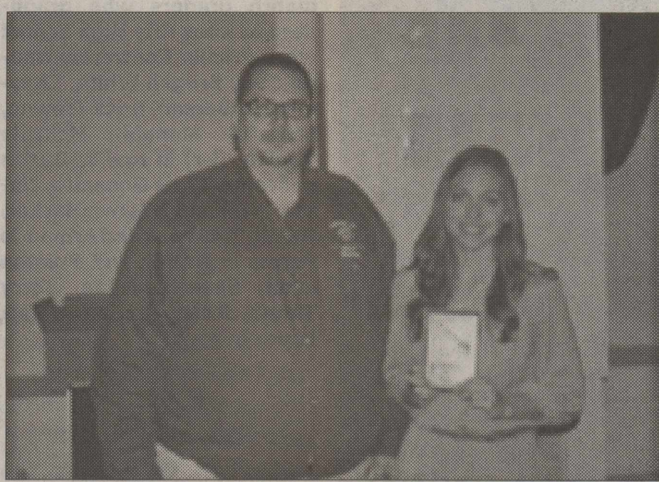
contest. "I thought she did well," said band director Trey Singleton, but those were the scores the judges gave. "It was really wet," he added.

Singleton handed out most improved

awards to freshmen Kayla and Karla Taylor, sophomore Gus Davis and junior Denis Araujo and recognized Ariana Arellano as the outstanding sophomore and Bailey Speck as the outstanding eighth grader.



Kamille Redder receives Mogul Heart Award



Kimberly Shahan receives Director's Award



MHS Purple Cloud Band director Trey Singleton presents the John Philip Sousa Award to senior Maria Vega

Top scholars



Top scholars at Munday Elementary were (l-r): Kyson Latham, Kierslynn Myers, Carlie Willison, Mackenzie Castille, Kayton Shahan, Taylor Herring, Conner Moore, Haiden Bowman, Stephanie Scott, Karley Myers, Allie Willison

Ericson makes it to academics finals

AUSTIN – Munday High students didn't collect any medals in the State UIL Academics contest at the University of Texas in Austin last week.

M'Kayla Ericson of Munday High did make it to the finals in prose interpretations, but classmate Raci Dillard didn't in poetry interpretation. Dillard had earned a medal as a junior.

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O'Brien eighth grade graduates



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The O'Brien middle school eighth graders who graduated to Knox City High School were Pricilla Contreras, Naomi Ruiz, Brogan White, Cheyenne Roberson, Erica Trevino, Mylesha Manual, Mckayla Coplen (l-r) in row 1; Dustin Ledesma, Chris Gonzales, Nathan Williams, Shawn Hacker, Dustin Tuckness and Armando Torres in row 2; and Preston Lynn, Sean Logsdon, Terry Tatum, Jesse Munoz and Nick Lopez in row 3

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The audience got a chance to see a video presentation, showing photos of each graduate prior to the graduates marching to the stage.

Salutatorian Kinslee Cox and valedictorian Andrea Lynn shared memories with their fellow graduates in their talks. "Let's keep dreaming and never give up," Cox said. "We'll all discover our places in life," said Lynn.

Greg Oliver of the Masonic Orient Lodge presented the Mirabeau B. Lamar Awards, named after the Republic of Texas governor, to Lynn and Adrian Silva.

Lynn (98.39) and Cox (98.26) were then presented their valedictorian and salutatorian awards and were included in the list of honor graduates along with Silva, Marlie Steele, Keelie DeVille, Moriah Schnable, Joanna Trevino and Israel Rodriguez. All had averages of 90 or higher in the four major core subjects.

Principal Colin Howeth then continued the awards presentation by announcing the Class of 2015 had been awarded \$32,120 in local scholarships and a grand total of \$116,120.

Lynn was a big winner, getting a \$34,000 grant from Baylor University plus \$640 from Bobby Day, \$1,000 from Citizens Bank, \$400 from Lila and Barney Arnold, \$1,000 from the Bill Groves Memorial, \$2,000 from alumni and friends, \$500 from the Bill Baker Memorial and \$100 from a cell phone scholarship.

Cox received \$2,000 per year from West Texas A&M plus \$2,000 from alumni and friends, \$1,000 from Scottish Rite, \$1,000 from the K.B. Guerry Memorial, \$900 from the Bill Groves Memorial, \$750 from a teacher's memorial, \$640 from Bobby Day, \$500 from the Bill Baker Memorial and \$200 from Smith Funeral Home.

Silva received \$1,500 from alumni and friends, \$700 from Bill Groves Memorial, \$540 from Bobby Day and \$550 from ex students. Steele received \$3,000 from Midwestern University, \$1,500 from alumni and friends, \$640 from Bobby Day, \$600 from the Bill Groves Memorial, \$500 from the Bill Bakaer Memorial, \$250 from Mama Day and \$250 from OAP.

DeVile received \$4,000 from Western Texas drama department, \$1,000 from Masonic Lodge, \$1,000 from Citizens Bank, \$1,000 from alumni and friends, \$640 from Bobby Day, \$500 from the Bill Groves Memorial, \$500 from the Bill Baker Memorial, \$350 from Sammie Lee Carpenter and \$200 from the Mauryse Blacklock Memorial.

Krystofer Campos was another major winner, getting

a \$40,000 track scholarship from McMurry University plus \$1,000 from designated alumni and friends, \$700 from alumni and friends, \$640 from Bobby Day, \$500 from the Bill Baker Memorial, \$300 from Bill Groves and \$150 from Baker-Frizzell.

Leighen Pepper received \$1,000 from Citizens Bank, \$700 from alumni and friends, \$640 from Bobby Day, \$500 from Knox City Fire Department, \$300 from Bill Groves and \$150 from Grace Osborn Dudley.

Ariel Ruiz received \$1,000 from the Rhondi Albus Memorial, \$640 from Bobby Day, \$300 from Bill Groves and \$150 from Butch and Suzanne Stephens.

Gabriela Jaime received \$500 from the Bill Baker Memorial.

Silva and Steele provided the invocation and benediction prayers while Linda Griffith played the piano for the processional and recessional.

Acting as ushers were Sheldon Baty, Cheyenne Camp, Kylie DeVille and Ryan Heard.

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Ethan Ramos received \$500 from the Kole Gray Memorial.

Diego Reyes received the Mirabeau B. Lamar Award for personal achievement plus a \$1,000 scholarship from Vernon College, renewable for two years, and \$250 from the Joe Choucair Memorial.

Salinas received a \$5,000 two-year track scholarship from Butler Community College plus \$1,000 from B&G; \$500 from Knox County Farm Bureau; \$250 from Keep Munday Beautiful; \$200 from MHS Student Council; and \$200 from Panhandle Plains Higher Education Authority.

Rebecca Serrato received a \$1,000 renewable grant from Vernon College plus \$500 from Melissa Berryhill Memorial and \$250 from Munday Volunteer Fire Department.

Maria Vega received the Flora Bell Blacklock Education Scholarship of \$250 for eight semesters along with \$1,000 from First Bank Texas, \$500 from Purple Band Boosters and \$200 from Kappa Delta Gamma.

Jenna Wertz received the Mirabeau B. Lamar Award for personal excellence plus \$1,000 from the Masonic Orient Lodge and \$500 from the Mayard "Sonny" Moore Memorial.

Fullwood and Huffman were recognized again by Principal John Berry as students joining the Navy and Marines, respectively.

Serrato provided closing comments, thanking all who made this night a milestone in our lives.

Serving as ushers were Denise Araujo, Kathryn Cude, Alexis Nunez and Kimberly Shahan.

Park clean-up



Courtesy photo
Munday volunteers came out to help clean up the park last Saturday. City crews assisted by mulching the tree cuttings in a chipper.

Booe Roofing helps Pink Ladies with roof repairs

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KNOX CITY — The Pink Ladies, the Knox County Hospital Women's Auxiliary, announced that the roof to their store here has been fixed after receiving recent hail damage.

They expressed thanks to Booe Roofing for donating their part of the repairs and the foam after the insurance

claim was paid. Secretary Billie Walker indicated this amounted to \$5,000.

She also noted that Judy Leaverton had donated spray and her time to fight the weeds in the back of the store.

The Pink Ladies are looking for a box in the back of the store to place donations. "Rain has ruined some donations," Walker said. "Pickup loads of stuff seem overpowering, but they keep

us in business. So bring them on."

She did add that the best time to bring things were Monday, Wednesday and Friday or to call one of the group's members as some items left at other times go missing.

During the May meeting, the members did have a special prayer for Carol Judiscak, whose brother David Speck passed away.

FBC Munday schedule

June 8-12 – City-wide Vacation Bible School, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

June 14 – Sunday School youth trip to Abilene, noon-4:30 p.m.

June 15 – Munday Night Madness Hang Out at the Lake, 7-9 p.m.

June 17 – Sunshine Fun at the Park, k-6th grade, 5:30-6:30, youth, 7-8 p.m.

June 24 – Sunshine Fun at the Park, same schedule as 6-17

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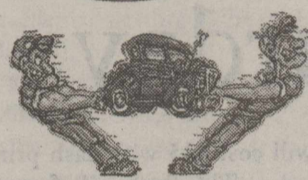
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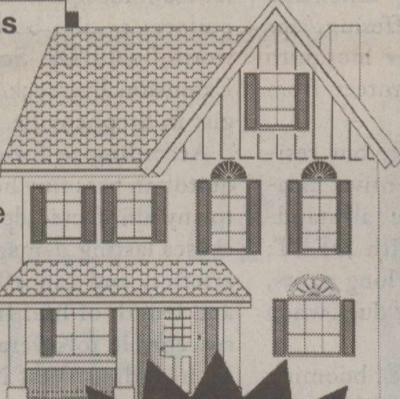


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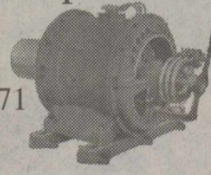
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Circle Bar Ranch music camp accepting applications



Joe Settlemires will return to Circle Bar Ranch Music Camp

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By Jimi Coplen

TRUSCOTT – Country and western music has long been a Texas staple. From Bob Wills to George Strait, we love the nostalgic sound of a steel guitar and a fiddle in the band.

Each year, Knox County does their part to continue the tradition of raising up new talent in this genre. The Knox County Visioning Group and Circle Bar Ranch are proud to announce the annual guitar and fiddle camp to be held July 12-16 here at the Circle Bar Ranch Lodge. The camp is open to all ages 12 and up. It is one week of intense fiddle and guitar submersion.

Back this year is the legendary Joe Settlemires, who has played guitar with many of the greatest musicians of all time. If you were in Turkey, TX, during the Bob Wills Festival, you would have seen or heard him playing alongside the Texas Playboys. His most recent love has been teaching the USAO Showband in Oklahoma. He has toured the country-side leading this group of young performers. He has helped many of his students go on to record their own albums. Joe has also recorded two jazz albums. His album, Sugarfoot Rag, was nominated for two Grammy awards in 2008 in the categories of "Best Jazz Instrumental Album" and "Best Country Instrumental

Performance".

Guitar aficionado Glenn McLaughlin will also return as a camp instructor this year. His guitar talents are known throughout many genres, but his true love is jazz. He plays throughout Texas and the music scene in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. He often joins the group The Gypsy Playboys and his talented sister Ginny Mac. He is amazing on the guitar and the students always enjoy him.

The lovely and talented Elizabeth Terry will be teaching the fiddle students. She is a recent graduate of Texas Tech with a degree in Animal Science. She has been classically trained on the violin, but has equally spent time learning fiddle from talents like Bobby Boatright, Bobby Flores and Kalli Burk. Elizabeth is talented beyond her years and is an equally great instructor.

Campers will be staying at the Circle Bar Ranch Lodge and classes will be held close by. The quaint country atmosphere of this nostalgic community is the perfect backdrop for this event.

The camp fee will be \$450 and includes instruction, room and board. Scholarships are available. For more information, check out the facebook page at <http://on.fb.me/1pG9j1Y>, or call the KCVG at 940 459-4121. Camp applications can be downloaded and payment can be received online.

Ten County Camp scheduled July 1

By Lorrie Coop

ROARING SPRINGS – Are you looking for something fun to do this summer. Do you want a chance to go swimming, meet new people, do cool stuff? If so, Ten County Camp is your answer!

What is Ten County Camp you ask? Well, it's a day camp where kids ages 9-18 from Briscoe, Hall, Motley, Cottle, Dickens, King, Kent, Stonewall, Foard, and Knox counties are invited to participate in a day full of fun and recreation on Wednesday, July 1 here in Roaring Springs. The camp begins at 10:30 a.m. with registration.

We will leave together from the Knox County Courthouse in Benjamin at 8:30 AM. There will be interesting workshops on exciting topics such as safety, archery, team building and communication skills. Following the workshops and lunch everyone is loading up and heading to Roaring

Springs Country Club to go swimming at the Springs. In the evening we'll enjoy hotdogs and you can learn (or show off) your dance moves with a live DJ. The day concludes at 9:00 PM and we will return to the Knox County Courthouse around 11:00 PM.

The cost of the camp is \$20, which covers workshop supplies, two meals, snacks, and swimming. You do not have to be a member of 4-H. All youth are welcome to attend. All you need to bring is your swimsuit, towel, sunscreen, registration fee and a signed medical release form that you can pick up at our office!

If this sounds like a great way to spend a summer day, give County Agents, Lorrie Coop or Jerry Coplen, a call at 940-459-2651 by June 19 at 5:00 PM so we can get a head count of how many will be attending and arrange transportation. Adult chaperones are also welcome and

Big Country Clay Shoot set Saturday

GOREE – The second annual Big Country Clay Shoot, in memory of Kole Gray, is scheduled Saturday one mile east of here on Highway 277.

Registration starts at 8 a.m. Shooting begins at 8:30 a.m. on a seven station course.

The main event will be 50 birds with an entry fee of \$55 that includes a meal. The

30-bird shot will cost \$15 with cash prizes running all day. The flush will feature three-man teams shooting 30 birds in 60 seconds. The highest overall shooter will win a shotgun.

For more information, contact Terry Gray at 940 203-1071 or Nathan Urbanczyk at 940 203-0822.

Take preventives steps against mosquitos

Special to the Knox County News-Courier

DALLAS – Anticipating a significant increase in the state's mosquito population, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service entomologists are offering tips on how Texans can help slow mosquito breeding in backyards and protect from being bitten.

Cities have started spraying, but residents should also take preventive measures of their own, dumping out all standing water; using repellent with DEET; and wearing long sleeves and long pants, especially if outside at dawn or dusk when mosquitos are most active.

"Mosquito populations are booming throughout the state and will likely not go away anytime soon after all our rains and flooding," said Dr. Mike Merchant, AgriLife Extension urban entomologist in Dallas. "Not all of the mosquitoes swarming us right now are likely to carry disease, but West Nile virus-infected mosquitoes are beginning to show up in traps."

Texas Department of State Health Services recently announced the first 2015 case of West Nile virus in the state, and Dallas County Health and Human Ser-

vices just issued a health advisory reporting its first positive mosquito pool of the year.

"Humans are not the only ones to suffer from mosquito-borne diseases. Mosquitoes can also be vectors for dog heartworm," said Dr. Sonja Swiger, AgriLife Extension livestock/veterinary entomologist in Stephenville.

According to Swiger, an infected mosquito can pass tiny heartworm parasites on to any uninfected dog it bites. Heartworm causes lasting damage to heart, lungs and arteries, and can affect the dog's quality and length of life. In addition, horses are susceptible to several encephalitis diseases, including West Nile virus, and should be vaccinated every year.

Swiger said that to control mosquitoes effectively and economically, everyone should understand their basic life cycle and be familiar with the important mosquito types. According to Swiger, mosquitoes can be divided into two groups based on where they lay their eggs. For example, floodwater mosquitoes lay eggs on the ground in low spots, and these eggs hatch when it rains and the low area fills with water.

Mac's Views Time to settle down?

We're getting closer to finalizing the closing on our new home in Munday and have gotten things moved five blocks down the street, but everything is not put up yet.

Thanks go to my assistant Vonda, Jeronimo and the Offutts, Dan and Becky, for their assistance in the move.

Slowing the move down a little was a fall that my wife Betty took last week at the old house. Thankfully, she had no broken bones, just a pinched nerve in the shoulder and lots of bruises. A little angel was watching out for her as she was carrying a pillow and her head landed on it, cushioning her fall.

I certainly appreciate the quick response from the Knox County Emergency Medical Service and the service we received in ER at the Knox County Hospital that night.

"You do realize this is the last time we're going to move," Betty had said earlier.

When she mentioned something about how many times we had moved, the nurse in ER said, "If I had been your wife, we would have been divorced."

Reviewing our 55 years of marriage, I realized that it was the 27th time that I have uprooted her, moving to Wichita Falls, Odessa (2), Abilene (2), Tulsa, OK (2), Westport, CT, Trumbull, CT, Carrollton, Rowlett, Garland, Richardson, Plano (2), Vernon (2), Costa Rica (2), Wylie, Vernon (2), Lampasas, Wylie, Rowlett and Garland prior to coming here.

It's time to settle down!

Someone recently asked me how I decide what goes on the front page?

I try to put the stories I think are the most important that week. Sometimes the decisions are difficult, meaning that something has to go inside or to the back page. Other times I have to use stories that otherwise might not have made page 1.

If you don't see something you think should have been in the paper, let me know. I definitely need assistance in keeping up with the news in Knox County as a one-man, news-gathering editor.



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