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Engineer Gary Oatman gives Perry Kuehler information about the Rock Church,

Rock Church renovation project gets new life

By James McAfee
The Knox County News-Courier

MUNDAY – The Keep Munday Beautiful committee is moving forward with renovation plans for the historic Rock Church here on Main Street after bringing in an engineer last week to inspect it.

The project was initially announced last July and expected to start in August and be completed in six to eight months, but then was never started.

“There wasn’t a delay, the process is just slow and measured,” said Karen Longan. “When you rely on an all volunteer work force, scheduling is very difficult. Also we had to wait until we could feel relatively sure we had a pretty secure work schedule before we could afford to have electricity and water turned on.

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Knox Commissioners decide to pay radio installation costs

By James McAfee
The Knox County News-Courier

BENJAMIN – Rather than consider doing an EPA survey, the Knox County Commissioners Court decided to approve a motion for the county to pay for installation of two radios to improve the efficiency of the Munday Repeater if COG will pay for the radios during their regular monthly meeting here Monday afternoon.

The commissioners decided to continue partnering with the Texas Plains Trail in the marketing of the region (\$500 cost) and to continue its agreement with the Texas Association of Counties to provide employment benefits.

Ashley Cureton provided the commissioners with a review of the “Healthy County” program from TAC that will give them the “best bang for their bucks” by giving employees ways to minimize their health costs as well as those of TAC by using established wellness programs available.

After Judge Travis Floyd expressed how the county was “satisfied” with his previous work, approval was given to continue using Jerry Love to handle the upcoming audit.

The court appointed Joanna Delgado (precinct 101, 202), Gladene Green (201), Frieda Brown (301), Meba Parham (302), Becky Araujo (401) and Lisa Cypert (early) as election judges. The alternates will be Glenna Hudson, Jan Carver, Linda Oustad, Lula Baty, Theresa Vega, Jeanie Clark and Danielle Rodriguez.

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Munday decides on Stage 1 water restrictions

By James McAfee
The Knox County News-Courier

MUNDAY – Mayor Bob Bowen broke a 2-2 tie as the Munday City Council decided to go with Stage 1 water restrictions instead of Stage 2 during its monthly meeting Tuesday.

The Council indicated it hoped the recent drought had made everyone aware of their obligations to conserve water, but noted it would consider going to Stage 2 if it is found that water usage is too high.

Stage 2 restricts washing down your driveway or house, filling yard fountains or small swimming pools and limiting the days when yards may be watered.

The Council heard an update from Lindy Patton on the cloud seeding program, but took no action. Patton noted that the program had been suspended May 26 and wasn’t expected to retart until July 1. If the city continued to support the effort, the cost would be an estimated \$800 to \$1,000 a month.

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Munday pool open



Vonda Carter/The Knox County News-Courier

For the first time in three summers, the swimming pool at the City Park in Munday was opened last Monday. It will be open 1-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

Water safety awareness program planned

Special to the Knox County News-Courier

Water is something that has been extremely scarce the past few years. Conservation has been the number one concern as a community. But, in light of current events, flooding, water in every ditch and summer upon us, efforts have shifted to water safety.

It started with a simple facebook post by Kacy Latham. She expressed concern about the kids in our community who may not know how to swim and what could be done about it. Lina Trevino, Knox County Attorney, Sheri Warren, Knox County Court Administrator and Jimi Copen, Community Development Director, quickly joined Latham to make a plan to educate kids and parents and find a way to get swimming lessons to each kid who needed them.

“Drowning is the number one cause of accidental death in kids,” said Trevino. As a member of the local Child Fatality Review Committee, Lina knows the importance of teaching everyone about water safety.

The first order of business was to organize a water safety assembly for elementary students. The second order of business was to coordinate swimming lessons and get safety information out to parents.

The school assemblies were held at elementary

campuses around the county. Students were greeted with leis around their necks and Beach Boys tunes. The ladies ramped up the excitement by teaching them how to do the “Swim”. Then, they showed a short video with Minions practicing water safety. The ladies covered what to do when you don’t know how to swim, how to recognize someone who might be drowning and safety at the swimming pool, lake and beach. The assembly ended with another round of the “Swim”.

“The kids had fun, and we hope they took away some safety points that will stick with them during the summer,” said Copen.

A Rock-a-Hula Luau Party is slated Saturday from 11-1 p.m. at the City Park in Munday. The entire county is invited to come out and enjoy a hot dog. The ladies would like to share information with parents on water safety awareness and give them information about upcoming swimming lessons.

“The goal is to get lessons to every child who wants to learn to swim,” said Latham. “Several adults have volunteered to teach when the pool is open.”

Along with hot dogs, there will be door prizes, water noodles for the first 100 kids and more handed out to everyone who attends the Rock-a-Hula Luau Party. Information will also be available in Spanish. Parents are urged to attend.

Classrooms to be added for Knox City Elementary

Special to the Knox County News-Courier

KNOX CITY – The Knox City/O’Brien CISD Board of Trustees accepted the bid from Turner Custom Builders as the general contractor for the classroom additions at the Knox City Elementary campus during their May meeting.

The project will add four classrooms, a teacher workroom, a counselor office and restrooms while addressing security concerns with the two elementary wing buildings.

“This project has been in the planning stages for many years and will finally come to fruition,” said Supt. Louis Baty. “It will enhance the overall campus environment. The addition will allow classroom doors to open to an interior hall, thus enhancing security for the students, parents, and school personnel.”

One of the classrooms will be constructed

as a “safe room” to provide extra protection to the students and staff in the event of severe weather. “The safe room will have reinforced cinder blocks and concrete that is designed to withstand a tornado,” added Baty.

Another classroom will have extra sound acoustics, and will serve as the elementary music room. Currently, the elementary students walk to the high school campus for music.

The project will be paid for in its entirety out of fund balance, and will not require the district to accumulate any debt. William Slavik from Cleburne is the architect for the project. The district received two bids for the construction project. The bid was awarded to Turner Custom Builders for the amount of \$878,785. The second bid, from Thomas Hicks Construction was for the amount of \$1,193,310. The project is scheduled for completion in December of this year.

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 13

Rock-a-Hula Luau, City Park
Munday, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Tuesday, June 16

Knox City Council, 5:30 p.m.

Knox Notes

Free food program

KNOX CITY – The Knox City/O’Brien CISD will provide a free summer food program Mondays through Fridays until July 3 at the Knox City High School Cafeteria. Breakfast will be served from 8-9 a.m. and lunch from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. It’s open to all children 18 and under.

KC Gone Fishing

KNOX CITY – The First Baptist Church Knox City will conduct a vacation bible school day camp from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. on June 20. The theme will be Gone Fishing “Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men” from Matthew 4:19. Pre-registration is scheduled 6:30-7:30 p.m. on June 17 and late registration at 8:45 a.m. June 20. Stories, games, food, fun and movie time will be included.

Ten County Camp

ROARING SPRINGS – The Ten County 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, is scheduled here Wednesday, July 1 at the Roaring Springs Country Club. The cost is \$20.

Guitar, fiddle camp

TRUSCOTT – 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.

MUNDAY RECEIVES RANDOM SHOWER

The weatherman said that the showers would be isolated on Tuesday. That certainly was the case here in Knox County.

Around 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Munday received more than half of an inch of rain while no rain was reported in neighboring Knox City or even east at Miller Creek.

Corrections

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

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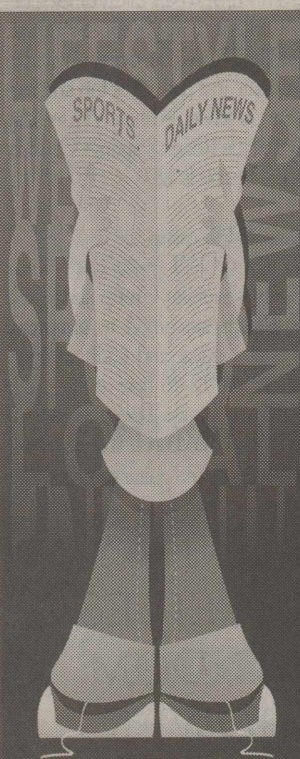
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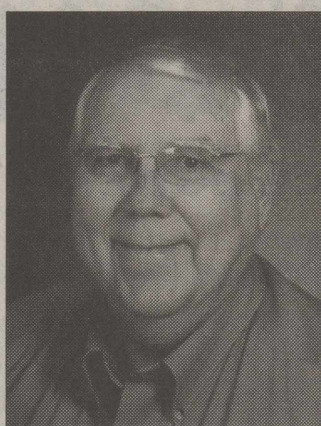
Deaths

James Merrell

James Menton Merrell of Munday passed away Thursday, June 5, 2015 in his home with his family by his side. He was born to Alvin "Dude" and Vivian Merrell on June 29, 1945 in Memphis.

James was an amazing husband, father, papa, brother and friend to many. He leaves behind so many precious memories and will be greatly missed. James was a selfless man that would drop anything he was doing to help his family and friends.

During his childhood, James moved around a lot, but ultimately graduated from Estelline High School in 1963. James became employed by WTU and worked there for 35 years, finally retiring to be with his family and tour the world in July of 2004. After retirement, he enjoyed his life doing all his favorite things. James had a passion for many things, but his favorites were



JAMES MERRELL

flying his airplane, fishing and working in his shop. He also had a passion for history and traveled to many places in the world to see some of his favorite sites.

James had been a member of various Churches of Christ since he was a child. He became a member of the Church of Christ in Munday in 1981, where he remained a very faithful member of the congregation. James' dedication

to Christ and his family were the most important things in his life.

James is survived by his wife, Nancy Merrell of Munday; children: Dave Merrell and wife, Angie; Debbie Maulding and husband, Davis. He also leaves behind five grandchildren Zachary Merrell, Sheyenne Merrell, Micah Maulding, Makenzie Gass and Madison Maulding; a great grandchild Ellie Collins; a sister Deleita Sechrist and husband Lee; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents Alvin and Vivian Merrell; a sister Betty Merrell; and a daughter Jodi Moore.

Funeral services were held Monday at the Church of Christ in Munday. Interment followed in Johnson Memorial Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Smith Funeral Home of Munday.

Howard Lyndal Yandell

Howard Lyndal Yandell, longtime resident of Lubbock, died on Thursday, June 4 at the age of 85.

He was born on Nov. 4, 1929 to Ruby Ann Howard and Henry "Pick" Clayton Yandell in Haskell County. One of six children, Howard was next to oldest: Boyd Yandell (preceded in death), Don Yandell and wife Shirley of Graham; Margaret Tidwell and husband Gerald (preceded in death) of Durant, Okla.; James Yandell (preceded in death) and wife Jonnye of San Antonio and Patsy Yandell of Stamford.

Howard was drafted into the United States Army in 1949. He served in the Korean War and discharged as a Sergeant III two years later. He married Betty Ruth Hall of Olton in 1951. After 47 years of marriage, she preceded him in death in 1998. Howard married Sue Jessen of Lubbock in 1999.

Howard worked for Santa Fe Railroad as he studied for a BA in Finance begun at Hardin Simmons University in Abilene and completed at Texas Tech University in 1955. He also completed a master's degree from Southern Methodist University Southwest School of Banking in 1970.

He began a 25-year-plus career with First National Bank of Lubbock where he spent many years in the Cotton Department, Commercial Lending and ended his career there with a six-year-stint as president. Howard and wife Betty moved to Brownfield where he was president of Brownfield State Bank for four years. He finished his banking career traveling for Resolution Trust Corporation.

Howard and Betty had three children: daughters Barbara Yandell of Austin and Kay Yandell Tooley and husband Keith of Cedar Park; and son, Steve Yandell, of Lubbock, who followed in his dad's footsteps with a love of banking.

Howard shared 16 years of marriage to Sue and was been close to her children, Spence Miller of Lubbock; Andy Miller and wife Kym of Lubbock; and Cindy Miller Smith and husband Randy of Lubbock.

Grandchildren, who knew him as "Peeper," include Brooks Yandell of Katy; Sarah Tooley of Boston, Mass.; Emily Yandell of Dallas; Megan Dzialo and husband Grayson of Austin and Laura Yandell of Austin.

Other survivors include two great grandchildren: Charlotte Yandell of Katy and Jack Dzialo of Austin plus numerous nieces and nephews, who affectionately called him 'Unkie'.

Howard spent many years in community service to Lubbock in groups such as Lubbock Area United Way, Goodfellows of Lubbock, Lubbock Symphony Guild, American Cotton Shippers, West Texas Museum Association, St. Mary's Of the Plains Hospital, Lubbock Chamber of Commerce, Red Raider Club, Better Business Bureau, Lakeridge Country Club, Texas Tech President's Council, Lubbock Campfire Council, South Plains Maid of Cotton Committee, Texas Boys Ranch, Lubbock Optimist Club, St Johns United Church and First Methodist United Church, where he and Sue were co-presidents of the Hi-Robinson Sunday school class.

Honorary pallbearers for the memorial service were Joe Hall, Keith Tooley, Brooks Yandell, Grayson Dzialo, Spence Miller, Andy Miller and Seth Miller.

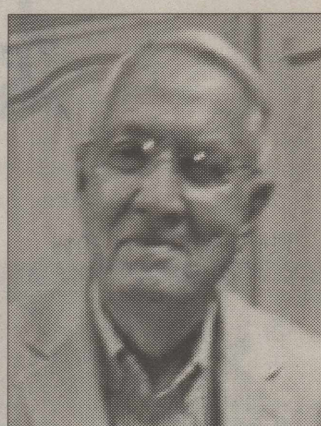
Officiating at the memorial service was Rev. Keith Wiseman of First United Methodist Church and Rev. Barbara Yandell delivered the homily.

Memorial fund donations can be directed to: Hope for the Nations (Ministry of Rev. Barbara Yandell) 1601 Pagedale Drive, Cedar Park, Tex. 78613; First United Methodist Church Ever Living Trust Fund, 1411 Broadway Ave. Lubbock and Weinert Cemetery Care, PO Box 117, Weinert 76388.

Memorial service were held Monday at First United Methodist Church, Lubbock. A private family burial followed on Tuesday at the Weinert cemetery, officiated by Rev. Barbara Yandell.

Howard was a man of great kindness, compassion, loyalty and generosity. He loved his family, yearly reunions and close friends. He was loyal to Lubbock and the West Texas area, greatly enjoyed a garage/estate sale shopping, a good road trip, reading historical books, a snappy-banker wardrobe and a good, hearty breakfast. Christmas was by far his favorite holiday. He liked gardening, happy hour with the family and coffee lattes. He had a keen sense of humor, never knew a stranger and carried a gentle, positive outlook all his days. This man, husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend will be undeniably missed.

Well done our good and faithful servant.



HOWARD YANDELL

Lionor Moya

Lionor (Huizar) Moya of Crowell passed away Wednesday, June 3, 2015, at the age of 86. Funeral mass was held Saturday at Santa Rosa Catholic Church in Knox City with Father John Perikomalayil officiating. Burial took place immediately following the mass at Truscott Cemetery under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes. Rosary was held Friday at the funeral home located 210 Ave. A, Knox City.

Lionor was born in Pleasanton, Tex. on April 11, 1929 to Bruno and Mauricia (Casarez) Huizar. She lived in Truscott



LIONOR MOYA

most of her life. She married Baldamor Moya on May 29, 1949 in Pleasanton. She enjoyed sewing, dancing and music.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Bru-

no and Mauricia (Casarez) Huizar; her husband, Baldamor Moya Sr. and one grandson, Tony Vasquez, Jr.

Lionor is survived by her two daughters, Amalia Bernal and husband George of O'Brien; and Amanda Vasquez and husband Tony of Abilene; two sons, Baldamor Moya Jr. of Truscott and San Juan Moya and wife Ruby Lee of Crowell; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Online condolences can be shared with Lionor's family at www.smithfamilyh.com.

Knox County Aging Center

Menus for week of June 15-19

- Monday:** Beef taco bake, Spanish rice, salad, cauliflower, country apple crisp.
- Tuesday:** Turkey pot pie, roll, seasoned corn, salad, ambrosia.
- Wednesday:** Crumb topped fish, garlic roasted potatoes, peas, roll, chocolate pudding.
- Thursday:** Rigatoni w/meat sauce, garlic bread, seasoned lima beans, Mandarin oranges.
- Friday:** Chicken salad sandwich w/trimmings, macaroni salad, carrot stick, dessert.

Knox City CC Golf Schedule

- 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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Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

Well, looks like the hot, windy days have returned. TV says we may have some showers this week, but not too much chance of it. The combines are running, and the wheat yield of bushels per acre is varying. Some are making pretty good—others not so much, but it is being harvested, and that's the main thing.

Not too much news regarding the ill of the community. Fred Carver did get his tests results on Wednesday, and the news was not what they wanted to hear. He does have a malignant tumor on his lung and has already begun chemotherapy. He will have a treatment every three weeks (four in all), and then have more tests to see what progress has been made. Please keep Fred and his family in your prayers.

Jan and Fred attended the wedding of their grandson Tyler Collins and Kelly Peterson at Possum Kingdom on Saturday night. Tyler is the son of Tammy and Mike Lyles. Tammy and Mike, Joy Lynn and Kip Pool and Ricky and Kaitlyn Acevedo also were Benjamin residents who were in attendance.

My sympathy to the family of James Merrell of Munday. James passed away on Thursday, and his funeral was held Monday. Also, sympathy to the family of Durwood Qualls in Knox City, who passed away also last week, and to the Moya family at Truscott who also lost their loved one last week.

Here 'n there

Oscar and Shannon Gideon, Ian and Izzy of Stafford, Ariz. are here for a week's visit with their daughter and family: Ariel, Dylan, Addison and Axle Benson and with other relatives and friends, and with his dad Weldon Gideon in the Munday Nursing Center.

Janet Reed of Big Spring was here for the weekend to take care of her granddaughters Adhlea and Ilah Kae Conner of Lubbock while their parents Clayton and Melanie attended the Collins-Peterson wedding. Clayton was a member of the wedding party.

Lana Mendoza, Valerie Mendoza and Tac, and Vicki Clower, all of Seymour, visited Imagean Young on Saturday night. She said Valerie is doing pretty well. She is on her feet some with the use of crutches, but still has to be real careful.

Barbara Ryder had a "little wreck" Saturday. She wasn't hurt too badly but did damage to her vehicle. She was going through the "country" to Munday and somehow lost control of the car. It happened pretty close to the Verhalen place where the late Matt and Lillian resided. The good thing is the fact that she was not injured, but she is probably pretty sore from the jolt.

Charles Griffith enjoyed a few days of fishing early last week in the Gulf of Mex-

ico. He went with his brothers Marty of Houston and Louis of Lubbock, his son-in-law Rickey LaShomb of Lubbock and Charles' grandson Blake Jones of Odessa. They all reported a good time.

Devon Jones became the bride of Brandon Bradley on Saturday night. The double ring ceremony was held at the 5 Irons Ranch west of Knox City, with Steve Pepper officiating. Devon is the daughter of former Benjamin residents Kemp and Becky Jones, and the granddaughter of Charles and Linda Griffith and Ned and Susan Jones. Other than the parents and grandparents, Devon's relatives in attendance were Lori and Rickey LaShomb of Lubbock, Amy and Vince Tyson of Clovis, NM, Drew Tyson and Carrie Kissell of Portland, Ore., Kate Tyson of Minneapolis, Minn., Matt Tyson of Houston, and Louis and Mary Lynn Griffith of Lubbock. Among Brandon's family members who also attended the ceremony were his parents Julie and Dusty Bradley and grandparents Max and Sandy Bradley of Knox City, and Monty and Fay Barmore of Hemphill, Texas. Of course, a host of friends were on hand to wish the young couple well as they began their new life together. A reception followed in the Knox City Community center. Following their honeymoon to Riviera Maya, Mexico, the couple will live in Lubbock.

On May 30 Hunter Meinzer and Alicia Daugherty were married at LaJitas Golf Resort. Hunter is the son of Wyman and Selinda Meinzer and Sara Meinzer. Wyman and Selinda, of course, attended the wedding, which Selinda described as "absolutely gorgeous."

Sunday guests of Irene Reed were her brother Bobby Clawson of Bangs and her son Donnie, who lives near Wichita Falls.

Evelyn Balis called one day last week. She's getting established in her new residence—a nursing facility in Richardson. She says every day it gets a little better. She is getting acquainted with more of the other residents, and she says she is feeling pretty well. I was glad to hear from her.

Randolph and Judy Barnett were in Lubbock on May 29 for her granddaughter Cheyenne Conner's high school graduation from Cooper High. Cheyenne is the daughter of Jeff Conner, and she plans to enter nursing school in the fall. Judy said they really got into a thunderstorm on the way home (and also while in Lubbock), but other than a good case of nerves, no harm was done. They made it back to Benjamin with no adverse results.

The Benjamin Cemetery Association met last month for a regular business meeting. Nothing new was discussed or decided upon. It was routine business. They still appreciate any and all donations for the upkeep of the cemetery. Send any donations to Buddy Tolson here at Benjamin. And we all thank you.

Perry wraps up first session in Senate

Special to the Knox County News-Courier

LUBBOCK – Sen. Charles Perry (R – Lubbock) finished up his first legislative session in the Texas Senate last week. Over the course of 140 days, Perry worked hard to pass significant legislation that advance the conservative, rural values his constituents sent him to Austin to represent.

"This session we passed a conservative budget that properly funds public education, while significantly reducing both our state's property tax and business tax," said Perry. "Additionally, we passed a strong border security package, much needed pro-life legislation, and greatly expanded Second Amendment Rights."

Perry passed a total of 27 senate bills and 35 house bills, placing him in the top five senators for total number of bills passed.

"We had a strong first session in the senate," continued Perry. "What an unanticipated blessing to serve as the first freshman chairman since 1993 and having the ability to stand up for West Texas water and agriculture."

The legislation passed by Perry touched on a variety of topics from water conservation to improving college readiness and workforce development in the classroom. Below are some of the more significant bills authored or sponsored by Perry:

SB 461: Helps prohibit the sale of dangerous synthetic drugs that our local communities in West Texas have been fighting to eliminate.

SB 473: Allows for properly licensed gun owners to possess certain prohibited weapons such as gun suppressors.

SB 795: Protects the ballot box by allowing Texas to join the Interstate Cross-

check Program. This will eliminate duplicate registration on voter rolls and prevent voter fraud.

SB 1339: Helps our local farmers by ensuring that a farmer's property is not unjustly confiscated.

SB 1664: Implements the ABLE Act in Texas. This legislation empowers individuals with disabilities to save money and become more financially independent.

HB 18: Education reform package that will ensure students receive more access to college credit and workforce development in high school.

HB 655: Implements a streamlined permitting process that encourages the development of aquifer storage and recovery projects, which involve injecting treated surface water underground for storage and later recovery. These projects can save a tremendous amount of water from evaporation and can be used to store floodwater, such as the water that caused flooding in Austin and Houston in recent weeks. Aquifer storage and recovery projects are an excellent water supply strategy in many parts of the state, and will only become a more integral piece of meeting our state's future water needs.

HB 3994: This legislation strengthens parental rights, protects minors, and reduces unlawful abortions through ensuring the judicial bypass process is used as intended, not frivolously.

"It always amazes me how 181 individuals from different backgrounds across the state can come together and fight to make the state a better place," said Perry. "I look forward to continue working with my fellow legislators throughout the interim to ensure Texas remains the envy of the nation."

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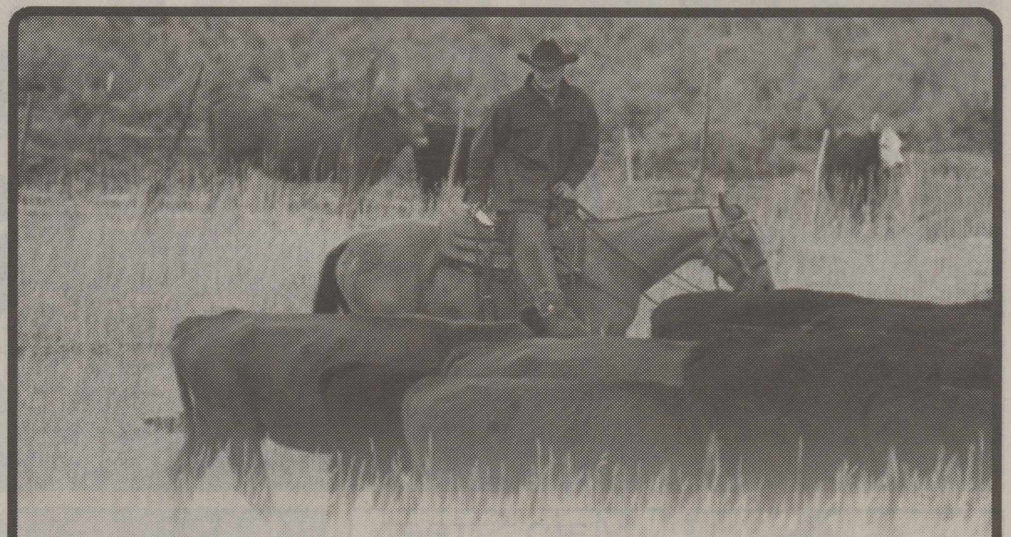
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WASHINGTON – U.S. Congressman Mac Thornberry (R-Clarendon) released the following statement after the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers finalized the "Waters of the United States" regulation, which may have serious consequences for private landowners:

"My staff is conducting a thorough review of the final rule, but I have little confidence that the EPA has addressed the concerns that many people, businesses, and other organizations have raised with this particular regulation. Folks who live and work in our part of Texas, especially the farmers and ranchers, understand the

importance of clean water and work hard to be good stewards of the land, but we also understand that personal property and water rights are fundamental to the American way of life, a family's business, and many people's livelihoods.

"This Administration, the EPA in particular, has shown total disregard for the rights of private citizens. No landowner should have to worry about whether the federal government will get in the way of their business because of the bar ditch behind their house. Since 2013, I have introduced and the House has passed two bills that offered simple, commonsense ways to protect private landowners from regulatory overreach by the EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers."



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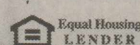
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Going to McMurry



Sheri Baty/The Knox County News-Courier
Krys Campos, a Knox City High School graduate who finished fourth in the discus in the Class 1A state track meet, will attend McMurry College in Abilene on a track scholarship

Rodriquez to play in Greenbelt Bowl

CHILDRESS – Zachary Rodriquez, who graduated recently from Knox City High School, will get a taste of the 11-man version of football when he competes here Saturday in the 66th Childress Rotary Greenbelt Bowl Classic at Fair Park Stadium. Kickoff is scheduled for 7 p.m.

Rodriquez, of course, played center for the six-man Greyhounds, earning all-regional honors as a center this past season. He'll be a member of the North team.

Joining him on the North team will be Matthew Fields of Hamlin and Shawn Williams of Valley, another six-man player.

Representing the South will be Trey Nauert of Stamford, Cedar McLawain of Hamlin and Keenan Ferrel of Valley.

The all-star game provides high school players with opportunities to be seen by college scouts and hundreds have received scholarships to play at the next level after participating.



Zachary Rodriquez

Best of luck in the Greenbelt Bowl, Zachary! From the Knox County News-Courier and Blackburn Media Group!

Quad County Champions



Courtesy photo
The Knox City Rangers, champions of the Quad County 10 and under little league, are shown: coaches Chris Garcia, Ross Shaver and Kevin White and players Nicholas Trevino, Devin Gullory, Ryan Shaver, Caleb Arrieta, Brody White and Aiden Loper in the back row and Mario Silva, Tristin Baxter and Christopher Garcia in the bottom row.

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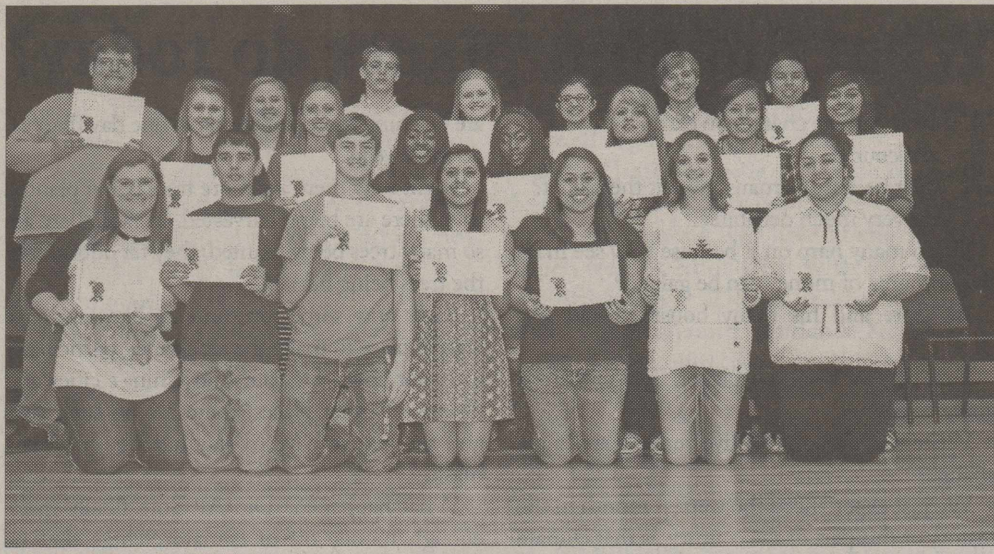
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Making best effort



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Munday students recognized for making the best effort were Grace Tidwell, Noah Fernandez, Aiden Hunter, Rebecca Serrato, Denise Araujo, Rhealea Hendrix, Sanjuana Carranza in the front row; Bergen Waters, Kimberly Shahan, Karla Taylor, Kayla Taylor, Alexis Nunez, Rebeca Carranza and Elida Hernandez in the middle row; and Gus Davis, Kasey Lowrance, Kade Sanders, Kolbey Brown, M'Kayla Ericson, Cole Redwine and Diego Reyes in the bottom row

Senior honor grads



Courtesy photo

Sanjuana Carranza, Raci Dillard, M'Kayla Ericson, Elida Hernandez, Zac Huffman, Mitchell Lowrance, Chandler McCombs, Ethan Ramos, Janie Salinas, Rebecca Serrato, Montana Simmons, Maria Vega and Jenna Wertz were recognized as honor graduates

MHS Honor Society



Courtesy photo

Raci Dillard, M'Kayla Ericson, Mitchell Lowrance, Chandler McCombs, Janie Salinas, Rebecca Serrato and Maria Vega were members of the National Honor Society at Munday High School

Top scholars



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The top scholars at Munday High were Alexis Nunez (11th), Aiden Hunter (10th) and Kasey Lowrance (9th)

Congratulations on a great year, MHS!

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Sheriff's report

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1. Gutierrez, Misty Dawn, 4/29/15, Dob 8/28/89, MTR: possess certain chemicals for manufacture (F-2), Foard County
2. Musc, Shawn P., 5/3/15, Dob 7/15/70, DWI 1st, (M-B) Foard County
3. Tole, Eric, 5/3/15, Dob 8/23/79, DWI 2nd, (M-A) Foard County
4. Gunter, Hazel Ruth, 5/6/15, Dob 7/16/89, TBC (M-B), Knox County, Insufficient Bond/TBC, (M-B), Kimble County warrant
5. Christian, Bradiride B., 5/7/15, Dob 5/2/86, Parole Violation/Aggravated Robbery (F-1), Karnes County warrant, Possess controlled substance in Correctional Facility (F-3), Denton

County warrant

6. Lockhart, Jordan M., 5/7/15, Dob 6/25/90, FTA: Possess Marihuana (M-B) Knox County warrant (arrested in Denton County)
7. Pope, Ray Von, 5/12/15, Dob 9/24/93, Interfere w/ emergency call (M-A) Baylor County
8. Hicks, Travis, 5/13/15, Dob 12/10/83, Abandoning Child (F-2), Aggravated Sexual Assault (F-1), Theft x 2 (M-B) Knox County
9. Pardo, Jeannie, 5/14/15, Dob 9/10/78, FTA: Assault causing bodily injury/Family member, (M-A) Knox County
10. Courvier, Josepyh A., 5/17/15, Dob 2/20/78, No Drivers License (m-C),

TBC, (M-B) Knox County (Arrested in Andrews County)

11. Sanchez, Raymond Scott, 5/20/15, Dob 11/9/79, Assault/Family Violence (M-A), Baylor County
12. Pope, Ray Von, 5/26/15, Dob 9/24/93, MTR: Unauthorized Use of Vehicle (SJF) Baylor County
13. Roemisch, Kendall M., 5/26/15, Dob 5/23/81, DWI 1st, (M-B), Knox County
14. Thomas, Corey Dwayne, 6/2/75, Dob 7/9/70, MTR: Possess Dangerous Drug (M-A) Knox County warrant (arrested in Throckmorton County) Dean W. Homstad, Sheriff Knox County

The Paperboy

What did your planet do today?

Is there climate change on earth?
Of course.
Is it because humans inhabit the planet?
That's very much debatable.
Do so many harp on it because they see massive amounts of money can be gained?
Al Gore and his many houses would say, "Yes."
First off, we live on a planet. The climate is going to change.
We're in a drought for five years, is it climate change?
We just experienced the wettest month in the history of this part of the country, is that climate change?
Back before the goal posts were moved and the narrative was changed from global warming to climate change, some scientists and politicians (like Al Gore) were swearing up and down that the Earth was warming because of greenhouse gas emissions.



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Later, when the data proved that perhaps the planet was actually cooling, we get, "What we meant by global warming is that because of factories and cars, man is responsible for the climate changing, regardless if it's warming or cooling."
Huh?
Remember that thing called the Ice Age? What caused that? It sure wasn't man.
Hundreds of millions of years ago, the planet was very lush and green. Obviously, man didn't cause the change to it, or away from it.
Look, I'll be the first to say we should be good stewards of our home. We should conserve water. We should develop cleaner ways of manufacturing goods. We should have laws in place to keep us from polluting the air and water. Basically, if it fits in a model of common sense, we should work toward that end.
But here is the fact that the scientists and others do not want to discuss: There are forces at work that can actually change the climate a million times more than man and a million times faster.
Right now there are volcanoes erupting. They

are belching more pollutants in one day than we do in 10 years.
Right now there are more trees being planted than there are being harvested. In fact, there are so many trees being planted, they far outnumber the trees being burned.
Right now, some governments, like ours, have laws in place to make the air cleaner, particularly in major cities. Of course in China's cities and dozens of other places, there are no such laws and the people have to stay indoors or wear a mask.
What happened? Did Al Gore finally make enough money off of climate change that he no longer travels (in his private jet) to preach to other governments?

The fact is we can't control what these other countries do and until they can make money by going green, or someone develops engines and machinery that can outperform the combustion engine, they aren't going green.
Climate change is a shell game. Every country on this planet could stop producing goods and all of the cars could be off for 100 years and what difference would it make?
It's unpredictable. One meteor, hundreds of volcanic eruptions, solar flares ... these are the things that cause massive climate change.
Do you know of a single person who accurately predicted that Texas and Oklahoma would have their wettest months ever? You don't because no one did.
Do you remember who accurately predicted the worst drought we've had in our lifetimes? You don't because no one did.
What you should know is that billions and billions of dollars are being made by just a handful of people under the guise of climate change. And the dangerous part is, the climate is always going to change so their argument is impossible to lose.
Sometimes it's really too bad that people are born without common sense. And the number seems to be growing exponentially.

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Rolling Plains farmers getting cotton planted

By Robert Burns

COLLEGE STATION - A considerable portion of the state's expected cotton acreage will not be planted this year primarily due to low prices and excessive rain, said a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agronomist.
"Over 300,000 acres in the Rio Grande Valley and the Coastal Bend alone were not planted," said Dr. Gaylon Morgan, AgriLife Extension state cotton specialist, College Station.
In March, the National Cotton Council was predicting a relatively large reduction in cotton acreage - 14 percent - mainly because of low cotton prices. Morgan and Dr. John Robinson, AgriLife Extension economist, were predicting a more modest reduction at that time, perhaps 10 percent.

Then the unexpected happened, Morgan said. March, April and May brought excessive rains - breaking historical records in many areas - either preventing farmers from getting into fields in time to plant or drowning out cotton already planted.
But more recently, planting conditions improved, which has been beneficial to

the Rolling Plains and High Plains to get much of their cotton planted, he said.
In the northern Rolling Plains, the producers are taking full advantage of the weather and were pushing pretty hard, Morgan said. By best estimates, about 50 percent of that crop was in. In the Southern Rolling Plains, about 60 percent of the crop was planted.
Morgan expected Rolling Plains producers to get nearly all cotton planted - as long as there isn't a major, unexpected turnaround in the weather.
In the Texas High Plains, the planting situation was mixed, Morgan said. Final planting dates in the Panhandle, South Plains and Rolling Plains vary from May 31 to as late as June 20.
"The drier weather in the Blacklands and the Brazos Bottom and upper Gulf Coast area meant the crop was progressing "quite nicely, but was weeks behind average crop development," Morgan said.
"In the Blacklands and Upper Gulf Coast, most of those guys got their cotton planted in a timely manner," he said. "They weren't in nearly as a bad situation as the Valley or the Coastal Bend, where they were right up against the planting deadline."

Weather Whys?

Q: There were sightings recently in Texas of "UFO clouds" that are oddly shaped. What kind of cloud is it?

A: These are most likely the lenticular cloud, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "One reason they may be mistaken for UFOs is their odd shape," McRoberts explains. "Lenticular clouds are so-called because they often look like a camera lens, many times looking like huge pancakes stacked on top of each other. Also, lenticular clouds don't move like other clouds and tend to linger in one spot for a long time. It is rare to see them in Texas or any southern state, and they are often seen in the western U.S. but have been photographed all over the world, including Spain, Australia and France."

Q: What causes their strange shape?

A: "Lenticular clouds are often formed by waves of air moving over high mountains," McRoberts adds. "At the crests of the waves, moisture condenses into clouds that appear to be standing, even though winds may be quite strong. Lenticular clouds have a wave-like appearance with edges that are smooth, giving them the appearance of a flying saucer. Their appearance can signal that a change in the weather is coming, often meaning a snowstorm is imminent. Pilots often avoid flying near these clouds because the air around them can be very turbulent. If you can find photos of lenticular clouds in weather books, you'll agree that they are some of the strangest looking clouds produced by nature."

CHURCH

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We try to be very conservative with our funds. The other issue is trying to secure a contractor for those jobs we don't feel we should do. It's all difficult to coordinate.
A group of concerned citizens met last week with engineer Gary Oatman to

discuss and make plans to restore the building built back in 1940.

"I'm really feeling better about the restoration now," Longan said after the engineer's visit that verified the building is structurally sound.
Longan outlined the new plan: "We will secure the outside walls that have moved outward a few inches over the years. When supports are in place, we

will have someone level and re-support the floor. After that occurs, we can begin the real renovation. We ask anyone who can volunteer their time and talent to join the project."
Longan also noted that Keep Munday Beautiful needed to replace 100 globes that were broken on the streetlamps by recent hail storms. "Any donations would be appreciated," she said.

RADIO

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Acting on a recommendation of Treasurer Rosie Ake, the court amended the county's personnel policy to include the Fair Labor Standards Act Safe Harbor dealing with working

overtime without being asked. The commissioners approved bids of \$1,374 by Greg Fix and Pat Wilde and \$65 by Jesus Nunez for properties in Goree.
In other matters, the commissioners approved the appointment of Linda Griffith of Benjamin to the Helen Farabee Centers' board of directors

and took appropriate action related to the eFile Texas Court and with the fees already established by the county.
The court also heard an update from Kevin Stone of TxDOT about work on the highways in the county, reports from the various departments and handled financial matters.

MUNDAY

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The Council discussed

the golf cart ordinance and the need for residents to make sure to register them with the city to avoid tickets.
In addition, the Council

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Parrish best overall shooter at clay shoot

GOREE - Cash Parrish emerged as the winner of the overall shooter award at the Big Country Clay Shoot here last Saturday.

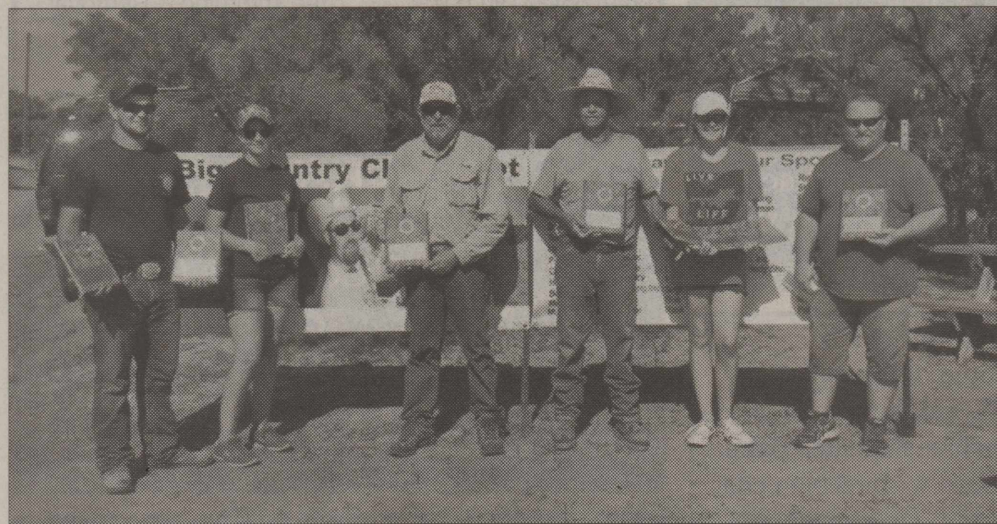
Shane Stafford, Tristen Urbanczyk, Kevin Heatley and Tanya Gray captured first places in the respective classes.

Finishing as runnersup were Felicity Hannsz,

Shawn Timberlake, Jessie Ledesma and Shannon Gray.

Hannsz also was first among the women, edging Donna Ritchie, and first among juniors, edging Tristen Urbanczyk.

Finishing one-two among shooters over 60 were Claude Rister and Tommy Decker.



Tristen Urbanczyk, Tanya Gray, Claude Rister, Tommy Decker, Felicity Hannsz and Shannon Gray were among the winners at last Saturday's Big Country Clay Shoot.

FSA local committee nominations open Monday

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced that the nomination period for local Farm Service Agency (FSA) county committees begins on Monday.

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said farmers and ranchers have a voice as their opinions and ideas get to be heard on federal farm programs through the county committees.

"It is important for county committees to reflect America's diversity, so I encourage all eligible farmers and ranchers, including beginning farmers, to get involved in this year's elections," he said. "We've seen an increase in the number of nominations for qualified candidates, especially among women and minorities, and I hope that trend continues."

To be eligible to serve on a FSA county committee, a person must participate or cooperate in an agency administered program, be eligible to vote in a county committee election and reside in the local administrative area where they are nominated.

Farmers and ranchers may nominate themselves or others. Organizations representing minorities and women also may nominate candidates. To become a candidate, an eligible individual must sign an FSA-669A nomination form. The form and other information about FSA county committee elections are available at www.fsa.usda.gov/elections.

Nomination forms then must be post-marked or received in the local USDA Service Center by close of business on Aug. 3. FSA will mail election ballots to eligible voters beginning Nov. 9. Ballots will be due back to the local county office either via mail or in person by Dec. 7. Newly elected committee members and alternates will take office on Jan. 1, 2016.

While FSA county committees do not approve or deny farm ownership or operating loans, they make decisions on disaster and conservation programs, emergency programs, commodity price support loan programs and other agricultural issues. Members serve three-year terms. Nationwide, there are about 7,800 farmers and ranchers serving on FSA county committees. Committees consist of three to 11 members that are elected by eligible producers.

On the tee Dallas National moves up to No. 1

After finishing as the No. 2-ranked course in Texas for eight years, the Tom Fazio-designed Dallas National Golf Club finally reached the top, earning the No. 1 ranking in the Dallas Morning News annual Top 100 ranking.



JAMES MCAFEE

As a member of the 97-person panel, I think it was about time although there was certainly nothing wrong with Whispering Pines, the king for nine straight years.

I'm also a member of the Golf Digest panel (since my days working at the publication in the 1970s) and the magazine had ranked Dallas National No. 1 in the state since 2007. Nationally, the course ranked No. 61 while Whispering Pines was No. 2 in the state and No. XX nationally.

Dallas National is perched on a plateau overlooking heavily wooded hills southwest of downtown Dallas near (college name) and offers unique vistas from three large canyons, elevation changes of 160 feet and eight bridges. All the ups and downs create a diverse blend of holes that include 12 sitting atop or on the edge of plateaus while six wind through limestone canyons and two streams. No two holes are alike.

Dallas National doesn't have tennis courts, a swimming pool or social calendar as it is all about offering a golfing experience unmatched anywhere else in my opinion.

I agree with Morning News writer (insert name) who said, "the Crenshaw/L-93 Bentgrass greens roll true, and the Zoysia fairways are so immaculate they look hand-combed."

There are professional caddies available. You will need them to read those undulating greens and to help you find errant shots as I can testify from personal experience.

Also adding to the golf experience are a 130-yard wide driving range, a short-game practice area with seven greens, two putting greens.

Members do not even have to make tee times, just show up and play.

Since I last played it, I understand that more upgrades have been made. No. 12 underwent a significant redesign, including a new tee. No. 18 also got a new tee and additional fairway bunkers plus the ground in front of the green was levelled. New tees were also added on Nos. 2 and 11.

Director of Golf Britt Patton explained that the developer, John MacDonald, discovered the site, formerly a quarry site, by accident when he was talking to Fazio about another potential golf project.

Fazio reportedly stood awestruck gazing out on the dense groves of cedar and hills adorned with wildflowers, and accepted the challenge of routing 18 holes on the raw piece of natural terrain.

MacDonald, a Golf Digest course-rating panelist himself, envisioned a top-100 course and Fazio delivered.

Rounding out the top 10 were the Colonial Country Club, Preston Trail Golf Club, Cordillera Ranch Golf Club, Boot Ranch, Escondido Golf and Lake Club, Vaquero Club, Brook Hollow Golf Club and Miramonte Country Club.

I've had the privilege of playing seven of them and 64 of the top 100, missing a lot down in South Texas, just too far away to get down there. Remember, Texas is a big state.

The closest courses to us in the top 100 were the Wichita Falls Country Club at No. 82 and Diamondback Golf Club in Abilene at No. 91. Guess I need to call Charles Coody and get over to check out the latter for the first time and go back to see the other one since renovations have been made since I last played it.

McWhirter, Spralin, Bernal win Wild Hog Classic

Special to the Knox County News-Courier

KNOX CITY - Sharon McWhirter, Paula Spralin and Carrie Bernal posted a 63 at the Knox City Country Club last Saturday to capture the 21st edition of the Ladies Wild Hog Classic.

Vickie Wilson and Angela Herricks of Munday joined Missy Garcia to take second place two strokes behind.

Estelle Skiles, Cathye Williams and

Rhona Thane claimed the first flight while Donna Wojcik, Swlynn Latham and Lynni Langley took second flight honors.

Finishing as runnersup were June Tankersley, Terri Webb and Marci Maloney in the first flight and Diana Casillas, Jennifer Lane and Phiny Posey in the second flight.

Lane and Margie McNutt claimed closest-to-the-pin prizes on Nos. 2 and 11, respectively while Latham had the longest drive on No. 6.

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