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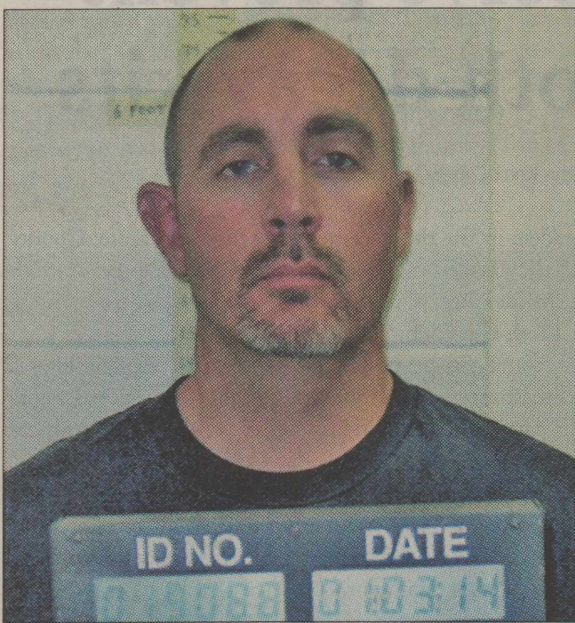
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Ex-Paducah coach gets 15 years



Jay Cantrell

By Hanaba Munn Welch
The Knox County News-Courier

SEYMOUR — Jay Dee Cantrell, former Paducah High School basketball coach and principal, appeared here last week in 50th District Court to be sentenced for crimes of indecency with a child and sexual assault of a child.

Cantrell received sentences of 15 years each for three counts of indecency and one count of sexual assault, second-degree felonies, all four sentences to be served concurrently.

“On May 21, 2015, pursuant to a plea bargain which the court accepted, Mr. Cantrell pled guilty,” District Judge Bobby Burnett said as the process began.

Cantrell, dressed in a dark knit shirt and jeans, told the judge he had nothing to say, but after the court remanded him to the custody of Sheriff Bob Elliott, Burnett exchanged words with Cantrell.

“Mr. Cantrell, good luck to you sir,” the judge said. “Thank you,” Cantrell replied.

“I hope you can get your life together,” Burnett said. “It is my belief that you can.”

“That’s my plan, sir,” Cantrell said.

Michael Payne of Wichita Falls represented Cantrell, who originally faced a trial by jury for the charges against him. The trial was transferred from Cottle County to Baylor County on a change of venue order. Subsequently, Cantrell entered into a plea agreement with the state.

“Mr. Cantrell is a very well educated man,” Payne said after the sentencing. “He felt that his acceptance of responsibility should be made. No one is pleased to go to prison. ... The result here was satisfactory to him.”

If Cantrell had not entered the guilty plea, testimony from his victims would have been required at the trial. Avoiding a trial was “the best thing for his victims,” Payne said.

David Hajek, district attorney, represented the state. “I think justice was served,” Hajek said, expressing his satisfaction with the terms of the plea bargain.

A 20-year sentence is the maximum for each of the charges, Hajek said.

“It was advantageous that the children that were the victims in this case did not have to testify,” Hajek said, expressing essentially the same sentiment as Payne.

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Abbott busy signing bills

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AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott signed House Bill 32 from Rep. Dennis Bonner, R-Angleton, Monday that will cut the franchise tax rate paid by businesses by 25 percent.

Abbott also signed bills that will cover the loss of tax revenue by school districts if Texas voters approve raising the homestead exemption by \$10,000 in November and which eliminates certain occupational fees collected on a wide range of professions, including chiropractors, dentists, interior designers and real estate brokers.

Abbott, who made expanding gun rights a top priority of his first legislative session as governor, signed measures last week that will allow Texans to carry concealed handguns on college campuses and openly carry them virtually everywhere else.

Earlier, he signed legislation that he believes will keep ministers from being forced to perform same-sex marriage ceremonies. Sen. Craig Estes, R-Wichita Falls authored Senate Bill 2065.



The Knox 4-H food challenge team of Kathryn Cude, Ryan Earthman and Grace Tidwell finish eighth in Texas 4-H Roundup



Ryan Earthman wins music award at state competition.

Ryan Earthman wins at Texas 4-H Roundup

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COLLEGE STATION — Ryan Earthman of the Knox County 4-H Club claimed the Share-the-Fun Musical Instrumental competition with his Celtic Medley during the Texas 4-H Roundup here last week at Texas A&M University.

Earthman performed for the crowd during Thursday night’s assembly and also competed in the Open Ag/Natural Resource Educational presentation competition.

The Knox food challenge team, consisting of Kathryn Cude, Grace Tidwell and Earthman placed eighth overall.

Kathryn Cude placed fourth with her educa-

tional presentation on 17th Century clothing Callie Cude competed in the Sheep and Goat Educational presentation.

“We were proud of the effort of our Knox kids,” said Lorrie Coop, the Knox County Extension agent. “Everyone had the opportunity to attend educational workshops and presentations on a variety of topics, visit the many vendor and sponsor booths and attend the Kyle Park concert that finished out the week.”

The Texas 4-H Roundup is a qualifying and invitational event for youth between the ages of 11 and 18 that includes 50 different contests and workshops that test 4-H members on life skills in such attributes are decision making, public speaking, organization and working with others.

MCISD trustees to narrow list of superintendent candidates

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MUNDAY — The Munday Consolidated Independent School District Board of Trustees will meet Monday with Darren Francis, executive director of Region 9 ESC, to narrow down the list of candidates for the vacant superintendent’s opening.

In an earlier meeting last week, the trustees met in executive session with Francis during a regular session.

The trustees approved probationary one-year contracts for K.C. Daughtry and Shelby Josselet to teach at the Munday Elementary School after they were recommended by Principal Kristi Bufkin.

In other business, the trustees approved:

*an extension of the depository contract with First Bank Texas;

*acceptance of the property/casual insurance proposal from Dickey, McGann and Rowe as recommended by interim superintendent Skip Casey;

*the re-bidding for a 2015 diesel pickup;

*the CASE ratings as presented by the principals;

*the financial investment review as recommended by Casey;

*revision of local policies from the TASB;

*acceptance of an amendment to the School Day Care Center Fund 799.

All members of the MCISD board were present with the exception of Jason Redwine.

Thornberry supports full repeal of COOL

WASHINGTON — U.S. Congressman Mac Thornberry (R-Clarendon) voted last week in favor of a bill to repeal mandatory country of origin labeling, also known as “COOL,” for beef, pork, and poultry.

Thornberry was an original cosponsor of the Country of Origin Labeling Amendments Act of 2015 (H.R. 2393) that passed the House by a vote of 300 to 131.

“After several years of implementation, this rule has done little more than increase costs and decrease profits for farmers, ranch-

ers, and producers along the supply chain,” said Thornberry. “It has been ruled to be a trade violation against two important trading partners, Canada and Mexico.”

“If the U.S. does not comply with the WTO ruling, Canada and Mexico will have the authority to impose retaliatory tariffs on our agriculture and manufactured goods. These tariffs won’t just affect our farmers and ranchers who spend their lives providing safe food for people all around the world. They have the potential to severely harm our entire economy.”

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.

Knox Notes

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 Saturday. The theme will be Gone Fishing “Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men” from Matthew 4:19. Stories, games, food, fun and movie time will be included.

Lake Creek golf event

MUNDAY — The Lake Creek Golf Course will host a 3 Lady Scramble here Saturday, June 27. To enter call Angela Herrick at 940 203-0168.

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 — Only a few openings remain for the Knox County Visioning Group and Circle Bar Ranch’s 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.

Rain continues here in Knox

There’s no doubt the drought is over as Knox County continued to receive plenty of rainfall during the past week. Miller Creek Reservoir is full and overflowing.

Residents stay busy trying to cut their grass between the rains. Farmers were able to get out and harvest wheat earlier in the month, but it became too wet the last few days for them to get out in their fields.

Soil conservationist Brandon Carr reported 2.32 inches at the James E. “Bud” Smith Plant Materials Center in Knox City, but other areas of the county got even more.

Looking ahead, the weathermen expect a dry weekend.

Corrections

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

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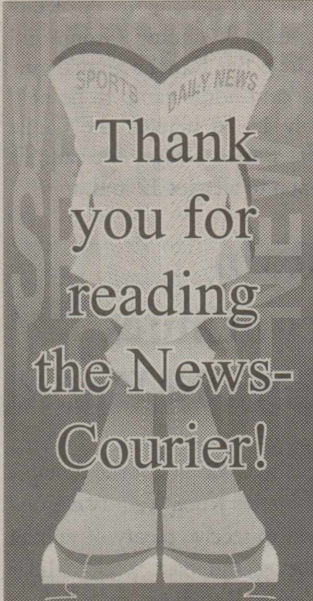
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\$36 a year in the county
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Deaths

James Michael Manuel Sr.

James Michael Manuel Sr. went to be with the Lord on June 9, 2015 at the age of 67. He was born on Oct. 23, 1947 to James and Carlene Manuel, both of Knox City. He attended McGhee Ward until the 8th grade and graduated from Knox City High School in 1966.

Shortly after finishing high school, he attended Cisco Junior College. In May of 1969, he joined the navy and became a dental technician. During that time, he married Mary Ruth Reed from Knox City. They were married for 45 years. After being honorably discharged from the Navy, he went to work in construction for a few years. Then after leaving construction, he went to



JAMES MANUEL SR.

work at KMA Well services. After many years of working at KMA, he finished his career as a truck driver for Werner Enterprises.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father, James and Carlene Manuel.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Manuel; his four children Michelle Wiggins of Abilene, Mike Manuel Jr. of San Antonio, Shea Manuel of Abilene and Tonya Manuel of Knox City; his sisters Espenola Jackson of Mansfield, Betty Ratcliff of Irving, and Billie Jean Peay of DeSoto; and his brother Nathaniel (Sonny) Manuel of the Dallas area. He had eight grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.

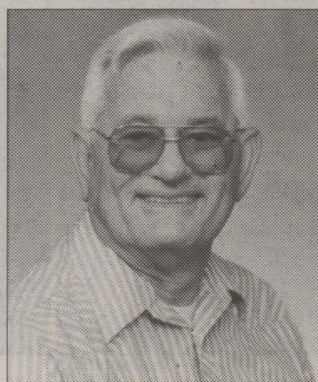
Funeral services were held Saturday. Burial took place immediately following the service at Knox City Cemetery under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes.

Online condolences can be shared with James's family at www.smithfamilyfh.com.

Wesley Wright

Wesley Wright, 82, of Midland, passed away on June 10, 2015. A visitation was held from 3-5 p.m. Sunday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. A memorial service was held at 2 p.m. Monday.

Wesley Wright was born on April 11, 1933 in Goree to Bill Wright and Ona Lee Wright. He married Bertha May Blankenship on May 5, 1953 in Weinert. During his life, he was a church bus driver, a Boy Scout leader, a baseball coach, a mechanic and he loved woodwork. He worked for Welex as a draftsman for 30 years and retired in 1985. He played a vital role in helping with the construction of the Buffalo Hall at the Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch in Fort Davis. Wesley was a long-time member of Crestview Baptist Church of



WESLEY WRIGHT

Midland.

Wesley is survived by his wife, Bertha May Blankenship; son Mark Wright and wife Gena of Midland; daughter Sharon Wright McWilliams of Odessa; daughter Margie Appleton and husband, Mickey of Midland; grandchildren Randy and Rachel Wright, Mary Ann Diaz and Carolyn Clark, Mandy Callaway, Missy Bailey and

Wesley Appleton; and seven great-grandchildren, Ethan, Hayden, Taylor, Brayden, MacKenzie, Aiden and Hudson.

He was preceded in death by his parents Bill and Ona Lee Wright and brothers Billy Joe Wright of Houston and Bobby Lee Wright of Maryneal.

The family would like to express their gratitude towards Senior Care of Midland.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch (BTSR) in Fort Davis Mountains of Texas, 1101 W. Texas Ave., Midland, TX 79701.

Arrangements were the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

'Dead zone' possible in Gulf of Mexico

Special to The Knox County News-Courier

COLLEGE STATION — Record rainfall totals in many parts of Texas the past few weeks means a record amount of freshwater pouring into the Gulf of Mexico — as high as 10 times the normal rate — and that could lead to huge problems for marine life and commercial fishermen very soon, warns a Texas A&M University oceanographer.

Steve DiMarco, professor of oceanography, says the huge rainfall amounts in the last month mean that such rivers as the Brazos, Trinity, Colorado and others currently are carrying record amounts of water flowing southward to the Gulf, similar

to a situation that occurred in 2007 when rivers carried 10 to 20 times the normal seasonal rate of discharge into the Gulf.

"When this happens, the coastal waters become stratified, meaning that the lighter freshwater will stay at the surface and cap the saltier, and heavier, ocean water beneath," he explains. "Because the salt water is isolated from the atmosphere, oxygen levels in that water will begin to drop."

"That is exactly what is going on right now and in the weeks to come, and when this happens, it almost always means many marine organisms, particularly those that live near and at the ocean bottom, can't get enough oxygen and they can get sick and die."

In a "dead zone," technically called hypoxia, marine life for thousands of square miles become distressed and fish kills can occur. Dead zones have been happening in the Gulf for decades off the Texas-Louisiana coastline, but the record amounts of rain this year could mean a sort of dead zone within a dead zone, DiMarco says.

Such low levels of oxygen are believed to be caused by nutrient pollution from farm fertilizers and other land-based sources as they empty into rivers such as the Mississippi and eventually make their way into the Gulf.

"Because it has the possibility to extend much further west than in typical years, the dead zone could be more intense and even much larger this year," DiMarco believes.

"This is very similar to what happened in 2007, when dead zone conditions existed from June to September and the only thing that ended it was a hurricane, Humberto, that provided strong enough winds to mix the freshwater and saltwater and allowed oxygen back into the lower water."

"This year's flood levels are at least as high as they were back in 2007, and all of that water in the rivers will eventually make its way down into the Gulf. These waters rushing into the Gulf means that fisheries and marine life are at risk, and this has the potential to impact all Texans who rely on products from the Gulf for their livelihood."

Knox County Aging Center

Menus for week of June 22-26

Monday: Baked chicken & dumplings, rolls, peas, tossed salad, fruit.

Tuesday: Pineapple ham slices, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, dessert.

Wednesday: Salisbury steak, yams, English peas, breads, fruit.

Thursday: Spaghetti and meat, seasoned spinach, garlic bread, dessert.

Friday: Hamburgers and all the trimmings, tater tots, fruit.

First graders receive prevent tooth decay kits

Special to the Knox County News-Courier

First graders in the three elementary schools in Knox County along with the Haskell Elementary were given free prevent tooth decay kits by members of the Orient Masonic Lodge through the Fantastic Teeth Fan Club.

The kit contained a toothbrush, toothpaste, dental floss, a healthy teeth sticker, a two-minute timer and educational information for parents in both English and Spanish plus a summary of MHS services.

The Fantastic Teeth Fan Club is sponsored by the Masonic Home and School of Texas in an effort to prevent suffering from toothaches, reduce missed school days due to dental problems and to cut costs for dental treatment.

USDA to accept new conservation offers

Special to The Knox County News-Courier

MILWAUKEE — Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced at the Ducks Unlimited convention that an additional 800,000 acres of highly environmentally sensitive land may be enrolled in Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) under certain wetland and wildlife initiatives that provide multiple benefits on the same land.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will accept new offers to participate in CRP under a general sign-up to be held Dec. 1 through Feb. 26, 2016. Eligible existing program participants with contracts expiring Sept. 30, 2015, will be granted an option for one-year extensions.

Farmers and ranchers interested in removing sensitive land from agricultural production and planting grasses or trees to reduce soil erosion, improve water quality and restore wildlife habitat are encouraged to enroll.

"For 30 years, the Conservation Reserve Program has supported farmers and ranchers as they continue to be good stewards of land and water," he said. "This initiative has helped farmers and ranchers prevent more than eight billion tons of soil from eroding, reduce nitrogen and phosphorous runoff relative to cropland by 95 and 85 percent respectively, and even sequester 43 million tons of greenhouse gases annually, equal to taking eight million cars off the road. This has been one of most successful conservation programs in the history of the country, and today's announcement keeps that momentum moving forward."

The voluntary Conservation Reserve Program allows USDA to contract with agricultural producers so that environmentally sensitive land is conserved. Participants establish long-term, resource-conserving plant species to control soil erosion, improve water quality and develop wildlife habitat. In return, USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) provides participants with rental payments and cost-share assistance. Contract duration is between 10 and 15 years.

"CRP protects water quality and restores significant habitat for ducks, pheasants, turkey, quail, deer and other important wildlife," said Vilsack. "That spurs economic development like hunting and fishing, outdoor recreation and tourism all over rural America."

Farmers and ranchers may visit their FSA county office for additional information. The 2014 Farm Bill authorized the enrollment of grasslands in CRP and information on grasslands enrollment will be available after the regulation is published later this summer.

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Shady Oaks champions



Mary Smith, Kristi Bufkin, Olivia Johnson and Alayne Lee posted a 10-under-par 60 at the Shady Oaks Country Club to win the championship at the Shady Oaks 4 Lady Scramble earlier this month. They played at Shady Oaks Country Club in Baird, Tx on Saturday, June 6 in their annual 4 Lady Scramble.

The 501 Cycling for insomnia

A friend of mine imbibes iced tea in 44-ounce sizes and carries on unscathed. I drank one the other day. At 2 in the morning I was still awake, watching the only viewable channel on TV. Persuasive back-to-back 30-minute programs convinced me I needed to shape up with exercise and diet programs that would each cost me only three or four \$19.95 installments. One was called something like the Brutal Beast and the other one was a 12-day diet plan, or maybe it was a 23-day plan or a 14-day plan. I forget. But their messages hit home. I looked like the "before" people.



HANABA MUNN WELCH

What to do? It would have been easy enough to call the toll-free number. Soon I could have been on the road to perfect fitness — maybe even abs — through diet and exercise. But why wait? I drank a glass of fruit juice and ate half a cucumber and grabbed my bicycle and aired both tires and headed off the farm through mosquito-laden humid night air on my own road to fitness.

When mosquitoes prevail, the trick is to keep moving. If you live on a sandy farm and you're riding a bicycle, it's hard to keep moving, especially when it's hard to see the road. I could tell when I came to the sandiest stretch. Childhood memories returned. I remembered having to dismount to push my heavy old Schwinn. Could I

keep pedaling? Somehow I did. A three-quarter moon hung high in the sky. Covered by clouds, it leant minimal light.

I pedaled on, still a half-mile from pavement but on better ground.

When I finally reached the Farm to Market Road, it was heaven, albeit slightly uphill. I changed gears. Unfortunately, I could tell from the sound of the tires on the pavement that I was losing air, especially in the leakier rear tire. (My computer doesn't think "leakier" is a word. In some circles, maybe it isn't. But, there's no better adjective for one tire that leaks more than the other when non-verbal rubber hits the road.)

Then it happened. The lights of an approaching vehicle appeared. A drunk driver? Someone up to no good? A serial killer? Who else? It was the middle of the night.

If you are a cyclist alone on a country road late at night, forget all rules about making yourself visible. Disappear.

I braked and swerved into the weeds, getting off the bike quickly. They'd still see my white shirt! I scrambled down into some scrawny ripe wheat on the fringe of the field. I lay flat to wait. Minutes went by. No car.

Sometimes when you're riding a bicycle and headlights come suddenly into view, they're not headlights but deceptive ordinary lights that have popped into view because you've reached a rise. It happens. Things aren't always what they seem.

At least I didn't let those hucksters trick me into sending them money for those fitness schemes. All they tricked me into was one late night ride.

Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

It's been another rainy weekend—we have had a lot of the "wet stuff" since Friday night. Not sure of the exact amount, but it's been at least five or six inches and probably more. It's nice but the wheat farmers would sure like to get the rest of their crop out. But according to the TV, we have three or four more days of this before we start to dry out.

It was a pretty busy weekend over this way as the annual Benjamin Ranch Rodeo was held Friday and Saturday. Despite the rain and boggy arena, the rodeo was termed very successful—a good crowd was in attendance and everyone seemed to have a "muddy" good time. A dance followed at the Benjamin Ex-Student Building, featuring Pavis Pittman and her band from Haskell. The association officers and board members expressed much appreciation to all who offered their help to make sure the dance was a success. Many volunteers were on hand to help with anything that needed to be done. Special thanks to Fred McGregor who mowed around the building "between rains." It looks good. Officers and board members of the association are Beverly Tolson Strickland, Joy Lynn Lyles Pool, Julie Acevedo, Janice Daniel Tolson, Penny Spikes Eaton, Michele Bufkin Brown, Shannon Ryder Propps, Tom Moorehouse, Dylan Benson and Eddie Rivera.

Here 'n there

Sonny and Doris Bufkin, Michele Brown, Kelsey and Emily and Kelsey's little son Zane spent last weekend at Mediceni Park, Ok. They enjoyed a couple of days just getting away from their daily routines.

Randolph and Judy Barnett returned home Thursday after a few days at their home in Alvin. While in the area they attended the high school graduation of their granddaughter Alyssa Barnett from Katy High School.

I visited with Janice Tolson on Saturday. She said she and Buddy are both doing pretty well. He has been working around their place, cleaning it up. Good to hear that bit of news. She is scheduled to have her colon surgery next week in Lubbock, if all goes well. She's ready to get that over with. She said Sunday was their 50th wedding anniversary. I asked her if they had anything special planned and she said they were just going to Wichita Falls for a few hours and not to see a doctor! She said for the last year and a half that's been about all the social life they have had. But things are improving now and I congratulate them on their 50 years together.

I saw Shane Milson one day last week. He was here visiting his mom Bo. He lives in Duncan,

Ok. It was good to visit with him as it had been a long time since I had seen him.

We learned on Sunday that Mary Tom Barker Bohannon is in a Lubbock hospital and has been pretty sick but the last report was that she is somewhat improved. Mary Tom resides in a nursing facility in Lubbock. Please remember her in your prayers.

Betty Lyles is home after her knee surgery and several weeks of therapy. She will continue to have therapy for six more weeks then maybe she will be "turned loose" to get back to her regular routine.

Deann Lamb, Earlene Meinzer, Jessie Roberts and Sheldon Gideon, our friends in the Munday Nursing Center, all seem to be doing pretty well. They are always glad to see anyone come to see them. It helps pass the time for them.

Betty Bohannon took her granddaughter Taylor and her friend, home to Nebraska on Friday. They had been here visiting about two weeks. Betty returned back to Benjamin on Saturday. A quick trip for her, but she made it fine and the girls were glad to get home although they did enjoy their time here.

I was in Munday last Thursday for the burial of my friend, Billy Ray Bradford. He lived at Andrews and died unexpectedly on May 31. He was the husband of my friend, the late Billie Jean Tuggle Bradford. He was reared at Vera and well known in this area.

The Cemetery Association meeting was reported last week but I have a little more to add to it. Janice Tolson reminded me that the same officers were re-elected—Dennis Duke is the chairman, Waymon Meinzer is vice chairman and Buddy Tolson is secretary treasurer. Philomae Roberson and Trey Propps have resigned as board members and Nancy McGregor and Bobby D. Burnett were elected to replace them. The other two board members are Mary Young and Janice Tolson. Donations to the association since January have been made by Debbie Del Rosa, Walter Hertel, Ronald Coody and Wayne and Jan Bufkin. All donations are greatly appreciated. The mowing has had to be done very often after all the rain so every donation we get helps toward that expense. To make a donation send it to: Benjamin Cemetery Association, Box 292 Benjamin, TX 79505.

Have you noticed Charles Griffith's garden? It's so pretty and has lots of "stuff" growing in it. We, as his friends and neighbors, are sure enjoying the "fruits of his efforts". The good rains have really been a boost to it! Irene Reed is also a gardener and has lots of things growing, too. Just can't see hers from the road like you can Charles'.

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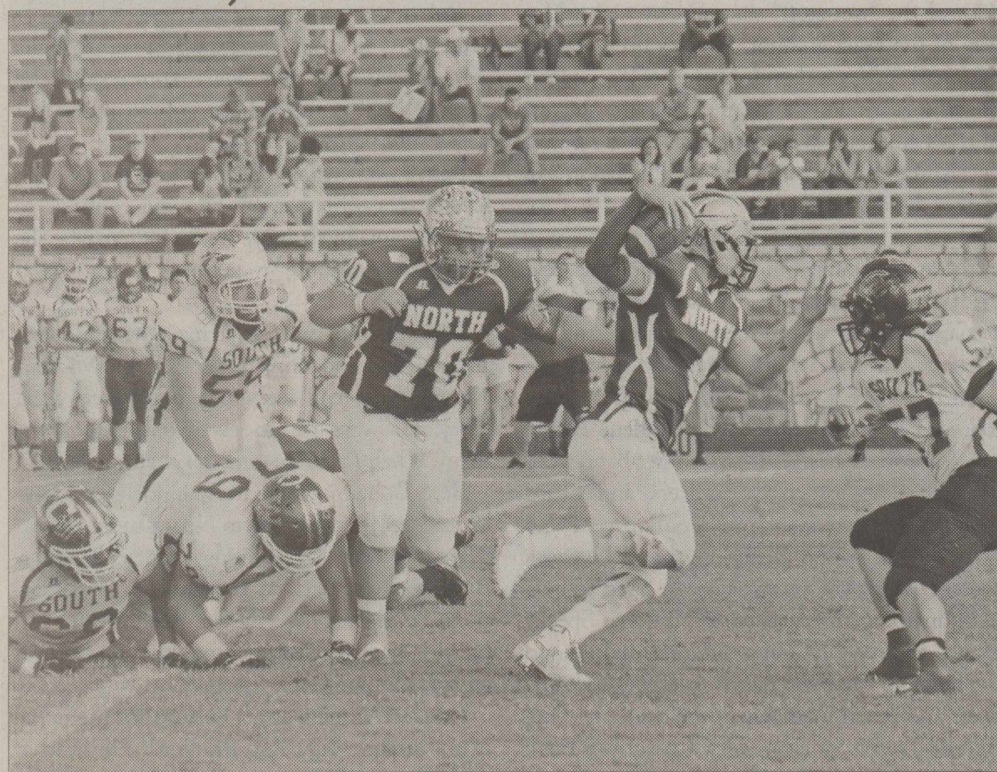
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North claims Greenbelt Bowl, 32-23



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Former Knox City Greyhound Zachary Rodriguez (70) keeps South defenders Elijah Jones (69) of Palo Duro, Luis Flores (79) of Palo Duro and Keenan Ferrel (59) of Valley away from Quarterback Clay Robertson (4) of Quanah during first half action in the Greenbelt Bowl held Saturday evening in Childress' Fair Park Stadium. Robertson scampered up the field gaining several yards for the North while Branden Carsen (57) of Canadian tried to make the stop for the South.

By Chris Blackburn
Special to The Knox County News-Courier

CHILDRESS — The North got points when they needed them Saturday night in a wild 66th Annual Rotary Greenbelt Bowl at Fair Park Stadium.

Knox City High's Zachary Rodriguez got his first taste of 11-man football, providing valuable blocking support in addition to making a pair of PAT kicks.

Quanah's Craig "Shorty" Miles racked up 144 yards on the ground on 22 carries and a touchdown and also hauled in a touchdown pass to help lead the North to a 32-23 victory. Miles was named the Dub Nelson Most Valuable Player Award.

Miles' high school teammate, quarterback Clay Robertson, finished 15 of 22 passing with a touchdown and two interceptions and added 73 yards on the ground on seven carries and a score.

The South got consecutive kick returns in the third quarter along with safeties to keep the game close.

Miles got the North on the board first quarter when he hauled in a 5-yard pass from Robertson and reached the ball across the goal line for the score.

The South's Jordan High, a Lubbock High product, caught a fade from Spearman's Tanner Baird in the second quarter to tie the game 6-6.

Robertson scored a touchdown on a 12-yard run in the second quarter to give the North a 12-6 lead at the half.

The third quarter started off with a bang as the South's Corrie Luster from Vernon

returned the opening kick 98 yards for a touchdown to even the score at 12-12.

The North answered with a strong drive capped off with a 1-yard run by Jacob Harris of Dalhart. Rodriguez converted the kick to make it 19-12 with 10:10 remaining in the third quarter.

The North's Justice Thelander of Texhoma, Okla. intercepted a J.J. Herrera pass and returned it to the 1-yard line to give the North another great opportunity. Miles punched it in to give the North a 26-12 lead midway through the quarter.

The South had an answer this time when Logan Lamberson of Panhandle returned the ensuing kick 82 yards for the touchdown. Alejo Rodriguez's kick made the score 26-19 in the third quarter.

The South's Branden Carson sacked Robertson in the end zone for a safety with 3:18 remaining to narrow the gap, 26-21.

Early in the fourth quarter, a poor snap resulted in another safety by the South to make it a 26-23 game with 9:03 remaining in the game.

Later in the fourth, Harris' second touchdown and a Rodriguez PAT kick made the final score, 32-23.

Other award winners were Tanner Baird, Spearman, Morris Higley Offensive Back Award; Colton Tuiasosopo, Copperas Cove, Bob Jpones Offensive Lineman Award; Cameron Wolf, Spearman, Ross Smith Defensive Back Award; Trent Anton, Shamrock, Jackie Smith Defensive Lineman Award; and Braiden Galla, Canadian, Hoot Voyles, Herold Kitchens Award.

KC Cheerleaders attend camp



Janet Dillard/The Knox County News-Courier

Knox City High School cheerleaders participated in a camp in Munday last week, learning four dances, cheers and chants from the National Cheer Association. They received superior and excellent ribbons during daily evaluations. Shown are Kayla Hunter, Cheyenne Camp, Brylee White, Lexi Jimenez, Samantha Lewis and Hailee Cox.

Field Day for KC Elementary



Sheri Baty/The Knox County News-Courier

Students at Knox City Elementary enjoyed competing in a field day during the last week of school.

Brazos Bowl participants arrive next Wednesday

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KNOX CITY — Participants in the Brazos Bowl will arrive here next Wednesday to start practice for the six-man all-star football game, scheduled for 7 p.m. Saturday, May 27 at Greyhound Stadium.

Coaches Bret Taylor and Brandon Smith of Valley and Dewayne Lee and Dale Pustejovsky from Strawn will select their respective team players after the first practice.

Krys Campos and Zach Rodriguez, recent graduates of Knox City High School, will be among the all-stars.

The Blue team, which included Greyhounds Tylynne Eaton and Chris Lewis,

won last year's game, 71-26.

Knox City High School Athletic Director Charles Steele, one of the organizers, indicated it was "bittersweet" to see the two Greyhounds for the last time on Greyhounds Stadium turf.

Joe Helms of Grandfalls-Royalty and Craig Templeton of Harrold were the offensive and defensive coaches for Blue while Bret Taylor of Valley and Shane Mallory of Throckmorton were the Red coaches.

Josh Matt of Balmorhea, playing for the Blue, was named game's overall MVP while Kenneth Aguerro of May and Junior Marquez of Grandfalls-Royalty were recognized as the offensive and defensive MVPs, respectively.

Congrats, Zachary on a great game!

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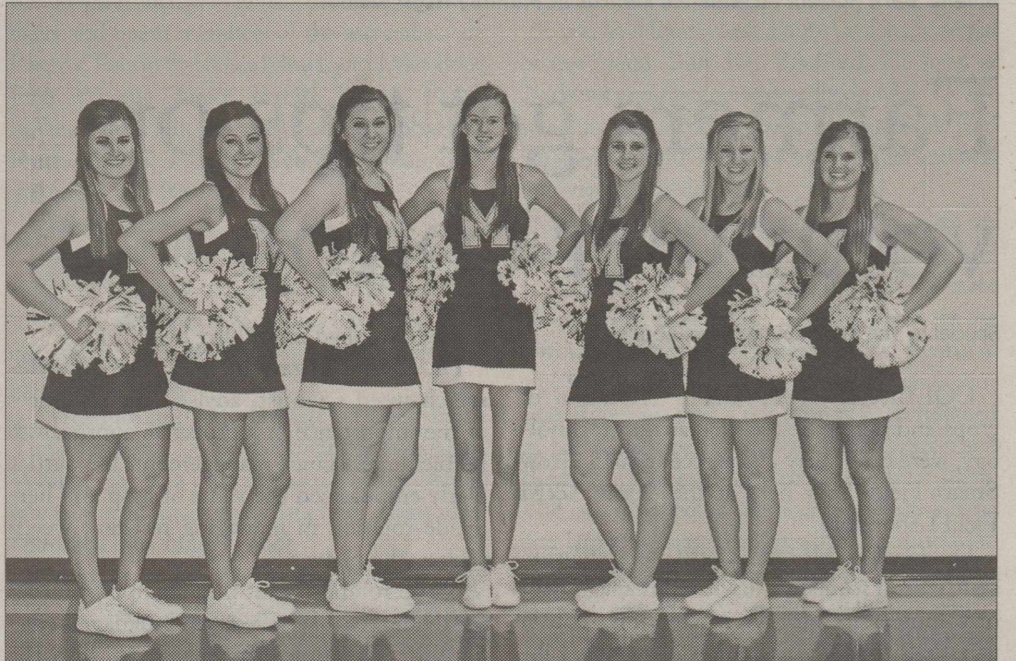
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Four Munday High graduates participated in the FCA all-star activities at Abilene last week. Shown (l-r) are Mitchell Lowrance, Janie Salinas, Raci Dillard and Chandler McCombs.

MHS A honor roll



Courtesy photo
Mitchell Lowrance, Sanjuana Carranza, Kasey Lowrance, Kimberly Shahan, Kamille Redder, Alexis Nunez, Kathryn Cude, Heath Bivens and Aiden Hunter made the MHS A honor roll.

Mogul Cheerleaders



Janet Dillard/The Knox County News-Courier
Munday High School hosted a home camp through the National Cheer Association last week, learning four cheers and chants from the NCA program. They received superior and excellent ribbons during daily evaluations. Shown are Kendall Thompson, Skylar Gomez, Brenley Waters, Myca Flowers, Bergen Waters, Kathryn Cude and Taylor Thompson. Kimberly Shahan is the mascot.

FCA games involve four MHS grads

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ABILENE — Munday High graduates Mitchell Lawrence and Chandler McCombs were members of the North team, which claimed an eighth straight 21-3 win over the South in the Myrle Greathouse FCA All-Star Football Classic at Shotwell Stadium last Saturday night.

Classmate Raci Dillard, who plans to play volleyball at Vernon College this fall, participated in the volleyball all-star game earlier in the day, getting three kills in a losing effort as the South prevailed 25-18, 27-25 at the Wylie HS Gym.

MHS graduate Janie Salinas was a member

of the cheerleaders at both games.

Backed up in the shadows of own goal post, North Coach Ronnie Casey of Stamford went to the lone trick play in the North's playbook late in the third quarter. The double reverse fooled the South defense, allowing Isaiah McGee of Sweetwater to get open for a 90-yard pass and run from Reese Childress of Abilene High, picked as the game's offensive MVP. The TD allowed the North to increase its lead to 14-3.

With the South threatening in the final minute of the game, McGee picked off a pass and returned it 88 yards.

Elijah Cross of Sonora was named the defensive MVP.

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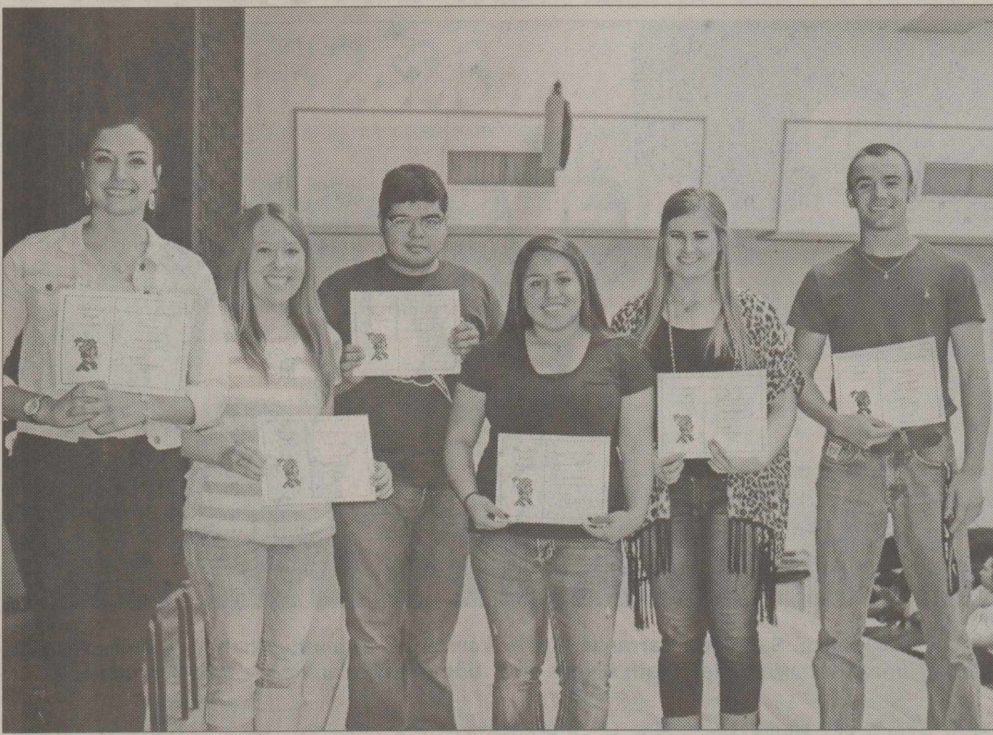
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Perfect attendance



Raci Dillard, Kamille Redder, Eduardo Rangel, Denise Araujo, Kendall Thompson and Heath Bivens earn perfect attendance awards at Munday High School.

The Paperboy

As the world turns ... wet

If you see a farmer, pat him on the back. They have issues with the weather. Isn't it strange how we've gone from one extreme to the other?

In the 1950's, following a horrible drought, the ground healed.

In 2015, the ground is healing ... right before our eyes.

Over the past 60 days or so, we've witnessed a weather phenomenon. You might be tired of me writing about it, but after the 3 to 10 inches received in the area over the weekend, it is the topic everyone is talking about.

So, here we are almost halfway through the year, and many places have had from 20-30 inches of rain or more. It's just incredible.

So, our farmers sit there, some with cotton in and some with it partially in. Now they wait to get in the fields again. Some farmers have wheat in the fields waiting on harvest, which was going strong. Some farmers are rotating in other crops.

On the plus side, after what we've been through with the drought, farmers would not trade this weather for the other extreme. The farmer's biggest issue is uncertainty. And while it's not ideal, they are a resilient group.

The ranchers I know are pretty darn happy.

Abilene man dies in Hwy. 180 accident

ALBANY - Sammy Keith Sorenson, 70, of Abilene died in a one-vehicle crash 17.5 miles west of Albany on Highway 180 last Friday.

The investigation officer was Louis Lopez, DPS Abilene.

Farmers get tips on volunteer cotton

Special to The Knox County News-Courier

COLLEGE STATION — Rotation of crops and herbicides, as well as new technology, were on display at the recent 2015 Grow Smart Field Tour held at the Texas A&M Field Laboratory.

Dr. Gaylon Morgan, AgriLife Extension state cotton specialist, discussed management of volunteer cotton in new XtendFlex cotton varieties, which are tolerant to Dicamba, Liberty and Roundup. He said the best volunteer and stalk destruction herbicides available are 2,4-D and Dicamba.

In evaluating several products for controlling volunteer cotton, using Sharpen at 2 ounces to the acre provided "really good results when applied at five to six leaf stage," Morgan said.

"We got more death as a whole," he said. "Basically at a one ounce rate to the acre (of Sharpen), we observed some regrowth on a small number of plants, but the two ounces to

the acre smoked everything here."

Dr. Muthu Bagavathiannan, AgriLife Research weed scientist, advised the attendees of the importance of a proactive approach to herbicide resistance management. He particularly emphasized the value of crop and herbicide rotation in managing resistant weeds such as the pigweeds.

"Crop rotation must provide opportunities for the use of diversified weed management," he said. "Rotating different crops, with the same herbicide-resistant technology will not provide robust resistance-management benefits."

Bagavathiannan also advised producers to keep an eye on any early signs of potential weed control failure in their fields and test for resistance as soon as possible. He distributed information about the Lone Star Herbicide Resistance Screening Program in which producers can submit weed samples at no charge and receive evaluation results to quickly and effectively manage resistant weeds.



CHRIS BLACKBURN

py. They have full tanks and green pastures. They also have the benefit of strong prices.

For us that like to work in the yard, we now have a landscape to work with again. In Childress, we no longer have the luxury to water our lawns, then again, we haven't had to this year. And if our water source gets the kind of rain we've seen in other places, some restrictions could be lifted. Regardless, we should all be much wiser when it comes to water conservation.

Back to the yard: Right now, my Bermuda grass is spreading and reclaiming the ground from the weeds. I don't know how much you know about Bermuda grass, but it can be highly aggressive under these circumstances.

Trees, flowers, frogs ... it's almost like we packed up and moved to East Texas.

As I write this, however, there are millions is the path of Tropical Storm Bill. Those in jeopardy are in my prayers.

If someone would have forecasted that Texas and Oklahoma would have the most rain ever over a 60 day span, I think 99 percent of us would have laughed. No one is laughing now.

Be safe and be smart out there.

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WASHINGTON — The Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) announced earlier this week that all 50 states, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and Washington, D.C. may now apply for up to \$100 million in grants under the Biofuels Infrastructure Partnership (BIP).

The funding is to support the infrastructure needed to make more renewable fuel options available to American consumers. The Farm Service Agency will administer BIP.

USDA continues to aggressively pursue investments in American-grown renewable energy to create new markets for U.S. farmers and ranchers, help Americans save money on their energy bills, support America's clean energy economy, cut carbon pollution and reduce dependence on foreign oil and costly fossil fuels. A typical gas pump delivers fuel with 10 percent ethanol, which limits the amount of renewable energy most consumers can purchase at the pump.

Through BIP, USDA will award competitive grants, matched by states, to expand the infrastructure for distribution of higher blends of renewable

fuel. These competitive grants are available to assist states with infrastructure funding. States that offer funding equal to or greater than that provided by the federal government will receive higher consideration for grant funds.

States may work with private entities to enhance their offer. CCC funds must be used to pay a portion of the costs related to the installation of fuel pumps and related infrastructure dedicated to the distribution of higher ethanol blends, for example E15 and E85, at vehicle fueling locations. The matching contributions may be used for these items or for related costs such as additional infrastructure to support pumps, marketing, education, data collection, program evaluation and administrative costs.

This new investment seeks to double the number of fuel pumps capable of supplying higher blends of renewable fuel to consumers. This will expand markets for farmers, support rural economic growth and the jobs that come with it, and ultimately give consumers more choices at the pump.

Applications must be submitted by July 15, 2015, using www.grants.gov. To locate, search by funding opportunity number "USDA-FSA-2015-22."

New members elected to Texas Wheat Board

AMARILLO — Five board members were elected or re-elected to the Texas Wheat Board in a state-wide election earlier in the Spring. Each person selected will serve a six-year term.

Scott McGarraugh of Perryton was re-elected to his seat in voting District I, Ben Scholz of Lavon was re-elected to his seat in voting District IV, and Freddie Streit of Vernon in voting District III, was re-elected to his seat. Corby Shadid of Panhandle was elected to fill the expiring seat in District II, previously held by Ron Kuehler of Groom, who served eight years on the board. Scott Born of Ferris were elected to fill the expiring seat in District IV, previously held by Bob Beakley of Ennis, who served 30 years on the board.

Each member will represent growers from their district as they oversee allocation of funds from a state-wide wheat producer assessment of two cents per bushel. These funds are applied to wheat research, education and market development to further the wheat industry in Texas.

Other members on the board include Jody Bellah of Throckmorton, Collin Bowers of Spearman, David Cleavinger of Wildorado, Bryan Clift of Stratford, Ken Davis of Grandview, Fred Dwyer of Wichita Falls, Glen Gibson of Lometa, Gary Murphy of Dawson, Jack Norman of Howe and Tommy Womack of Tulia.

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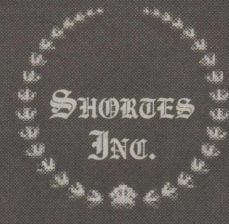
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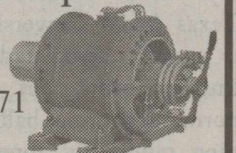
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Storywalk Path planned for Munday City Park

By Jimi Coplen
Special to the News-Courier

MUNDAY—Munday High School seniors Grace Tidwell and Kathryn Cude have embarked on a new project to help better their community. They will be adding a Storywalk Path to the Munday City Park. And, they will be selling engraved bricks to place along the path. This project will help the girls complete their leadership course with the Texas Midwest Community Network (TMCN) and compete for scholarships.

The Storywalk Path is a designated path with children's books placed along it. The path will wind around the park. Along the path will be small stands holding a page from a children's book. A little further along the path is another page of the book. Parents and kids can walk the path and read a page, continue on, then read another page until the final page is read at the end of the path. Books will be exchanged throughout the year to keep it interesting.

"This path will be fun for parents and kids to enjoy together, and it adds another element to the park," said Tidwell.

The young ladies are selling engraved bricks to help fund-raise for the project. The path itself will be three foot wide and consist of base material and be lined with engraved bricks. Bricks can be purchased for \$25 each. Each brick can contain up to three lines of copy with 11



Kathryn Cude and Grace Tidwell plan Storybook Path at Munday City Park

characters on each line. "Bricks can be purchased in honor or in memory of a loved one," said Cude. "Or they can simply have a family name on them."

The TMCN youth leadership program kicked off in January. The ladies attended two training meetings in Abilene. Their final meeting will be in September where they will present their project to a panel of judges and compete for a TMCN scholarship. This project will also count towards their 4-H service project and help

them compete for a Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship. Project mentors are Lorrie Coop with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and Jimi Coplen with the Knox County Visioning Group. The City of Munday is a member city of TMCN.

For more information, or to order your brick, please contact Tidwell at 940 203-1443 or Cude at 940 203-2616. Orders will be taken until July 31. On-line payments and donations can be made at <https://eventbrite.com/event/17316508142/>.

Mac's Views Sometimes you may get tested

I wanted to pass along a story told to me recently by Jim Monroe, who attended church with me back in Richardson, that I found interesting and think you will like too.

It seems several weeks after moving to a new church in Houston, a preacher decided to take the bus downtown. After getting on and going to his seat, he discovered that the driver had given him a quarter too much in change.

As he considered what to do, he thought to himself, "You'd better give the quarter back. It would be wrong to keep it. Then he thought, Oh, forget it, it's only a quarter. Who would worry about this little amount? Anyway, the bus company will never miss it. Accept it as a 'gift from God' and keep quiet."

However, the preacher instead gave the quarter back as he got off the bus, telling the driver "you gave me too much change."

To his surprise, the driver, with a smile, replied, "Aren't you the new preacher?"

"Yes," the preacher answered. "Well, I have been thinking a lot lately about going somewhere to worship," the driver said. "I just wanted to see what you would do if I gave you too much change. I'll see you at church on Sunday."

When the preacher stepped off of the bus, he literally grabbed the nearest light pole, held on, and said, "Oh God, I almost sold your Son for a quarter."

As Christians, we need to remember our lives are sometimes the only bible that others see. So always set a good example!

I'm trying, but sometimes may not have given back that quarter.

My wife recalls a story passed on by her uncle in Abilene, who did set a good example as a Christian as long as I knew him.

He went through the drive up window at his bank to cash his check, waiting patiently in line on a Friday afternoon. However, when he checked the envelope with the money in it, he found an extra \$100. So he got back in line and when he got to the teller told him that a mistake had been made.

"I don't make mistakes," the teller said. So he just drove off with the extra \$100.

And that teller probably came up \$100 short that day, thinking back and wishing he had listened to the man who wanted to bring the money back.

It's official. Betty and I signed papers to accept ownership of 1131 Cisco from Gary, Randy and Sue Cypert last week. We are legally home owners in Munday. I'm actually thinking about retiring when I reach the age of 75 as my golf game seems to be suffering from lack of play.

Daughter Jamie came to visit Saturday and did some trimming of the trees and bushes, leaving a pile of them out front. Later that afternoon, our neighbor Jorge came over and checked to see if I wanted the trees between our homes trimmed even a little more. An hour later, I discovered it had been done and all the limbs, including the ones that had been left in our front yard, were in a trailer next to his house. Not sure this would happen in a bigger city. Jorge also mowed our large yard on Sunday with his riding mower. My regular guy's mower is broke.

Weather Whys Sightings of ball lightning rare

What exactly is ball lightning?

Ball lightning is one of the strangest and controversial of all weather occurrences, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "It is usually associated with thunderstorms, but unlike normal lightning, ball lightning reportedly appears as a glowing ball or orb. Ball lightning discharges energy a bit differently than common lightning, and unlike common lightning, there

are reports of ball lightning lasting five to 10 seconds or even longer," McRoberts says. "Some people believe the famous Marfa lights in West Texas are actually ball lightning, but this has never been proved."

Does ball lightning happen frequently?

Not at all, and sightings of ball lightning are rare and often met with skepticism, McRoberts adds. "There appear to be few if any photographs of ball lightning," he

notes. "People claiming to have seen ball lightning report that it appears to float in the air for several seconds, and colors can range from white to red, orange or yellow and it can be oval, rod-like or even teardrop in shape. There have been attempts to create ball lightning in a laboratory, but with not much success. Because of its shape and the way it tends to float in the air, many people have mistaken ball lightning for UFOs, which only adds to the mystery of this rare weather phenomenon."

Weather Whys is a service of the Department of Atmospheric Sciences at Texas A&M University

New business in Munday



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At the sentencing, Burnett also took into account a 2013 offense that allegedly occurred in Travis County involving Cantrell -- a non-adjudicated offense described as "indecent with a child by exposure." Admitting the Travis County offense into evidence at the sentencing (at the request of Travis County) ensures that Cantrell will not face charges in connection with the incident.

Offenses involving Cantrell that occurred in the 50th District jurisdiction happened in 2012 and 2013, according to court records.

In 2011, Cantrell coached the Paducah High School boys basketball team to a state championship.

The school district put Cantrell on administrative leave in December 2013 when law enforcement began an investigation of his reported misdoings. By January 2014, he had resigned.

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