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Grasshoppers take their toll

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BENJAMIN — It has been obvious in recent weeks that there has been an explosion in the grasshopper population. If you have walked through green vegetation of any size, you have no doubt had to shield yourself from a flurry of the winged pests as they search for another suitable place to hide.

Just last week Knox County was all over the local and national news as well as social media when the National Weather Service Office in Norman, Okla. reported a swarm of grasshoppers and beetles was large enough to be detected on radar. It was also noted that the swarm went from the ground up to 2,500 feet.

Jennifer Stiewert, office manager here for the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office, re-

ported she found a screenshot of the radar and was amazed at the size of the swarm. "It went as far south as Munday, north to Fredrick, Oklahoma, west to Quanah, and east to Olney," she explained.

"Our office had several calls from media outlets looking for more information so I contacted several producers in the northeastern corner of the county. No one I spoke with had seen the swarm but did acknowledge that this infestation was very severe."

She added that In Hardeman County it was reported that damage to cotton had been heavy in some areas as well as some damage to pecan trees.

Why are we being invaded by such a large number of the pests.

"It's an overused cliché, but an accurate one,"

she said. "Perfect Storm. Last fall, conditions were conducive to a longer egg laying season and this spring leant itself to a good hatch. The hatch was delayed somewhat due to the extremely wet May and June, but by the time the grasshoppers were hatched there was an overabundance of vegetation to feed on.

"For the past few weeks, we have returned to our normal pattern of hot dry mid-summer which is coinciding with the maturation of the hatch. Hence, we are seeing high numbers of adult hoppers.

"The grasshopper life cycle is sometimes interrupted by a fungal disease that occurs during periods of wet weather. So, until we get out of this hot, dry spell the problem will continue. There are a few things you can do.

"First, for the homeowner, keep vegetation cut

short on your property. This will remove habitat for feeding, nesting, and egg laying. Trees become more problematic. They are harder to treat due to their size and insecticide use needs to be carefully planned with your neighbor if live in town.

"Crop producers need to stay on top of pest populations. There are several insecticides labeled for grasshopper control. The problem is timing and economics. Spraying can be expensive plus it is possible to gain control of the problem today and be hit with another wave of pests later.

"In the end, it appears that the best solution is the same as always in the Rolling Plains- we need another rain."

For more, information contact the Knox County AgriLife Extension Service office.

Texas economy creates more jobs

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COLLEGE STATION — Despite lower oil prices, the Texas economy continues to create more jobs, according to a new report compiled by the Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University.

The report shows the state's economy gained 276,400 non-agricultural jobs from June 2014 to June 2015, an annual growth rate of 2.4 percent, compared to 2.1 percent for the nation.

According to the Real Estate Center's latest Monthly Review of the Texas Economy, the non-government sector added 253,900 jobs, an annual growth rate of 2.6 percent compared with 2.4 percent for the nation's private sector.

Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 4.2 percent last month, compared to 5 percent a year ago. The nation's rate decreased from 6.1 to 5.3 percent.

All Texas industries except mining and logging and manufacturing had more jobs in June 2015 than in June 2014. The state's leisure and hospitality industry ranked first in job creation followed by education and health services, professional and business services, and transportation, warehousing and utilities.

All Texas metro areas except Wichita Falls had more jobs. Midland ranked first in job creation, followed by Dallas-Plano-Irving, Odessa, Beaumont-Port Arthur, Austin-Round Rock and San Antonio-New Braunfels. However, the rate of job growth in oil-dependent metro areas has been growing at decreasing rates in recent months.

The Wall Street Journal reported Monday that last week's "beige book" release from the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas showed that, despite the struggling oil and gas industry, the Texas economy is still enjoying moderate growth.

The state's actual unemployment rate last month was 4.4 percent. Amarillo had the lowest unemployment rate, followed by Austin-Round Rock, Midland, Lubbock, San Antonio-New Braunfels and College Station-Bryan.

High school students start practice Monday

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While schools will not start until Aug. 24, it's time for high school students participating in band, cross country, football and volleyball to start making preparations for their favorite extracurricular activities.

Football players from Benjamin High School, Knox City High School and Munday High School will report next Monday for two-a-day workouts without pads. They will be able to start full contact when they get their pads next Friday and start scrimmages with other schools Aug. 14.

Volleyball participants from the three schools will issue equipment and start drills outside the school day starting next Monday. Then they can start scrimmages Aug. 7 and can begin the season starting the week of Aug. 10. All three schools will be in the same District 6-2A along with Albany, Hawley, Moran and Woodson.

Band members at Munday and Knox City will be issued instruments this week and start band camps starting next week.

Munday cross country runners were also scheduled to start running.

Munday Movie night



James McAfee/The Knox County News-Courier

Laura Dodd of Burnet provides popcorn for the audience at the screening of the movie "23 Blast" at the Munday Church of Christ last Friday. Minister Wayne Speer reported 121 attended the inspiring movie about a blind high school football player. (See photos from the Munday Church of Christ VBS on page 5.)

Cotton prospects looking good

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All the hot weather and warm nights are definitely helping provide the right environment for cotton here in all parts of Texas, including Knox County.

Agriculture agents says that the forecast for more warm and sunny days ahead in August will allow cotton to catch up up to what would be considered more normal development for the latter part of July.

Weathermen said the reason for the drier weather is an upper-level high-pressure region over Mexico that pushes weather disturbances away and keeps warm air aloft, inhibiting thunderstorms.

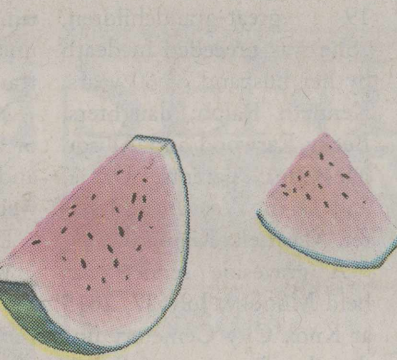
Of course, some rain in August would boost the yield potential.

Insects have not caused a lot of problems, but farmers need to realize the importance of continuing to scout their fields regularly.

Meanwhile, Texas' first cotton bale of 2015, weighing in a 1,660 pounds, was delivered to Harlingen Gin Company in the Rio Grande Valley on July 16. It was produced on the Platon Farms at Mercedes by brothers Arturo, Saul and Jose Platon.

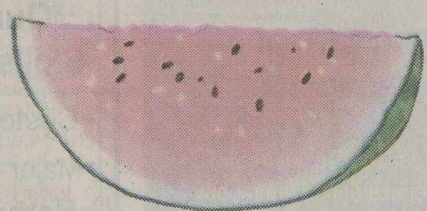
By tradition, the first bale of cotton grown in the United States will be auctioned off Aug. 14 at a scholarship fundraiser to raise money for students pursuing a degree in an agricultural-related field.

Knox City Watermelon Festival



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There was plenty of free seedless watermelon available at the 27th annual Johnson Memorial Knox City Watermelon Festival last Friday and Saturday as these youngsters can testify.



Thornberry votes to end 'sanctuary city' policies

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WASHINGTON — U.S. Congressman Mac Thornberry (R-Clarendon) voted last week in support of a bill that would remove key federal funding from sanctuary cities that ignore federal immigration law.

The "Enforce the Law for Sanctuary Cities Act," H.R. 3009, passed the House by a vote of 241-179. It would block specific federal grants from cities that prevent law enforcement officials from gathering

information or communicating with the Department of Homeland Security about an individual's citizenship or immigration status.

According to federal law, states and local governments cannot "prohibit, or in any way restrict," law enforcement officials from sending or receiving such information, but some municipalities, known as "sanctuary cities," do not comply with this statute.

Thornberry has voted for three similar

provisions regarding sanctuary cities in the past two years.

"America is a nation of immigrants and a nation of laws," Thornberry said. "And while I believe our immigration system is broken and must be fixed, that does not mean state and local governments — including these so called 'sanctuary cities' — can ignore federal law. Anyone who disagrees with current immigration law should work with Congress to pass new laws, and that includes the President."

The Department of Justice offers grants to cover some of the costs of incarcerating illegal immigrants and to provide personnel, training, and other support for criminal justice purposes.

This bill would make the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program grants, Community Oriented Policing Services grants, and the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant unavailable to state and local governments that refuse to comply with current federal immigration law.

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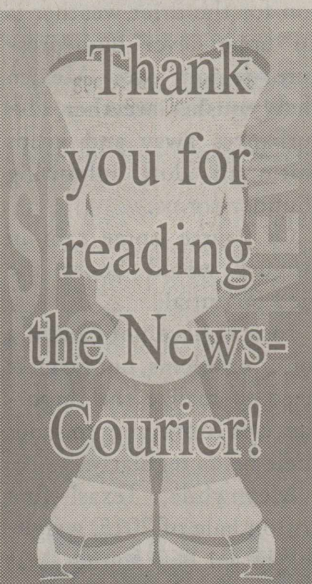
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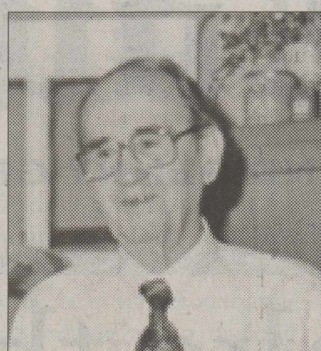
Obits

Paul Sampson Grinstead

Paul Sampson Grinstead, 97, passed away Wednesday, July 22, 2015. Paul was born June 5, 1918 in Hamlin to Albert and Eva Grinstead. He married the late Flo Grinstead on Sept. 25, 1944 in Abilene.

Paul was a graduate of Rochester High School. He served in the U.S. Navy and later was a self employed farmer. He was a member of Abundant Life Christian Fellowship in Knox City for many years.

Mr. Grinstead was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Flo; two brothers, Ira Grinstead and Neil Grinstead;



PAUL GRINSTEAD

five sisters, Grace Hitt, Willie Blanche Decker, Louie Shaver, Ruth Woods, and Charlie Addington; and one grandson Jo Paul Archer.

Paul is survived by two

daughters, Linda Archer of Seymour and Lisa Grinstead of Lubbock; two granddaughters, Vonda Archer of Seymour and Ann Archer of Lubbock; two great granddaughters, Addi Archer and Katie Jo Archer both of Lubbock; and many nieces, nephews and family friends.

Funeral services were held last Saturday, July 25, 2015 at the Abundant Life Christian Fellowship Church in Knox City. Interment followed in the Rochester Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Smith Funeral Home in Munday.

Jimmie Lou Rutledge

Services for Mrs. Jimmie Lou Rutledge, age 88, of Lindale Club Lake were on Wednesday, May 20, 2015 in the Mt. Sylan Baptist Church with Dr. Mark Neeley and Pastor Bruce Rudd officiating. Interment followed in the Lindale City Cemetery under the direction of Caudle-Rutledge Funeral Directors in Lindale.

Jimmie went to be with her Lord and Savior on Sunday evening, May 17, 2015 at the Hospice Homeplace in Tyler, after a courageous 13 month battle with cancer. She was born on May 29, 1926 on a rural cotton farm in O'Donnell to C. James and Mary Drucella Smallin Bohannon and grew up in Knox City where she graduated High School.

Jimmie was preceded in death by her parents, C. James and Mary Bohannon; sisters, Edrie Bohannon, Jessie Mae McAuley and her husband Charles; and her husband of 69 years, Rev. James B. Rutledge.

She was a faithful pastor's wife, taught Sunday School,



JIMMIE RUTLEDGE

served as church secretary and was a loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother, known as "Giggy" to all of her grandchildren.

She was a tremendous care giver for her husband during his illness prior to his death and was a member of the Mt. Sylan Baptist Church and the T.E.L. Sunday School Class.

She is survived by daughter Marilyn Eledge of Lubbock; son and daughter-in-law C. James and Janet Rutledge of Lindale; grandchildren Craig Adams and wife Jeanna of

Winston-Salem, NC, Allison Renee' Rutledge of Lindale and Cory Paul Rutledge and wife Cassie of Spring; and great grandchildren: Ethan, Mason, Madison, and Mackenzie Adams of Winston-Salem, N.C. and Connor James Rutledge of Spring.

Pallbearers were Charles C. McAuley, Mike Ficke, Junior Olive, John Raleigh Leonard, Kenneth James, and Danny Adams

Honorary pallbearers were Clarence Evans, Tom Brewster, Owen Scott, and Ken Darnell.

The family received friends the evening before the service at the Caudle-Rutledge Funeral Home in Lindale.

The family extended thanks to the staff, nurses, and care givers of Hospice of East Texas, especially Jackie Clewis, Julie Wilcox, Sarah Neely, and Dr. Heidi McKellar.

Memorials may be made to the Hospice of East Texas, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, TX 75701

Marian Dorece Earwood

Marian Dorece Earwood, 81, a resident of Benson, Ariz., entered her Heavenly Father's home on July 19, 2015. The Lord called her home quietly from complications of her long battle with ovarian cancer.

Dorece was born in Plainview to Daniel B. and E. Doris (Tidwell) Weaver Jr. She served the Lord in music, playing piano and organ from the age 10 with her Pastor/Chaplain father, while he pioneered Southern Baptist churches in California. She also served as Nursery Director for the church for many years.

In addition to raising six children Dorece enjoyed a long successful career as a real estate broker in both California and Arizona. She worked with Roy Long Real-



MARIAN EARWOOD

ty and opened her own office, Stage West Realty. She had an avid interest in all things Jane Austen, enjoying several trips to England, taking on an alias -- Lady D. Dorece and husband, Ken enjoyed many close friendships from their church associations, Kens Air Force service, and friendships across the pond over many years.

Dorece is survived by daughters, Linda Baugh, Laurie Baker and Melanie Earwood; son, Ken Earwood; brother, Jim Weaver; 14 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, Kenneth Ralph; daughters, Becky Earwood and Allison Melendez; parents, Daniel and Doris Weaver; and sister, Marthella Kennard.

A graveside service was held Monday, July 27, 2015 at Knox City Cemetery under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes. Visitation took place that morning at the funeral home in Knox City.

"The Lord goes before and behind" (Psalms 139). "No matter what comes my way, my Life is in His hands."

Aging Center Menu

Menus for week of August 3-7

Monday: Chicken tenders, gravy, mixed vegetables, wheat rolls, mandarin oranges

Tuesday: Ham slices, mashed potatoes, corn, dessert

Wednesday: Chicken fajita, Spanish rice, salad, cookies

Thursday: Salisbury steak, yams, English peas, bread, fruit

Friday: Turkey sandwich, salad, broccoli, raisin salad, gelatin

The Paperboy

How to live in a world of instant gratification

Now! Now! Now!
When I was a kid and I wanted something, I'd get out the giant Sears Catalogue and look through it, making mental notes of things I wanted for my birthday or Christmas. I may have gotten a few things at other times of the year, but those were the two days of the year that really counted as far as obtaining toys and games.

Today - and I'm as guilty of this as the next parent - it seems like we are pressured into caving into the instant gratification of our children.

Most of you carry a smart phone, which is kind of a double-edged sword. One one hand, you have the power to explore, gain knowledge and stay informed through the device. On the other hand, you have every product known to man at your fingertips and people are hard-pressed to say "no."

Like many of you, we teach our children that they are to earn things. Whether through chores, conduct, grades, etc... we feel like if they live up to their end of the bargain, then they will be rewarded.

Unfortunately, our children know us. They know how to work us and they know the art of manipulation. If we're not careful, we can drift away from the "reward for work" mentality and fall face first into the "spoil them rotten" category.

As parents, sometimes we forget that our love, support and involvement is enough to guarantee a happy and healthy home and all of the other stuff is just stuff.

Usually, when I've been trapped into getting one of my boys something for nothing, it occurs to me that I've been suckered. I don't admit it to them, but I get a little disappointed in myself. Deep down I know if I would have said, "No, and don't ask me for anything again today," it would have worked and I failed to adhere to my own rules.

Sometimes, before we head to the store, I let my boys know not to ask me for anything. It works. They know not to disobey me and I don't have to worry about saying "no" over and over again.

Us old folk like to talk about the good ole days and how things were when we were young, but let's face it, those times are gone. Today's society, including us adults, are inundated with an instant gratification mentality. And it's a train that is gaining steam!

Not long ago we were in Colorado without cell service or any internet. My phone and the smart devices my wife and children have quickly became little more than paperweights.

Do you know how we reacted?

We played board games, rode 4-wheelers, fished, hiked, hunted waterfalls, cooked out and had campfires. There was very little boredom. I also noticed that everyone remained in a good mood for the most part.

Recently, one of my sons got himself grounded from his iPad. He filled his free time by reading a book and drawing.

Lately, we've been keeping our boys busy with chores and outdoor activity. While they still love their iPads, it's a healthy change of pace for them.

I encourage all of you parents and grandparents to make your children well-rounded. You are their protection from instant gratification and while it's easy to say "yes" and keep them happy, you can actually be doing them a disservice.

One day they will be on their own and when you're an adult working your butt off to make ends meet, there's no such thing as instant gratification in terms of material objects. It's better to learn that discipline now.

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4-H District shooting contest



Justin Rainwater and Parker Finley show off trophies after winning first in the senior two-man division of the recent 4-H district contest in Iowa Park.

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The 501

A book review ... sort of

Things happen. Due to a logistical mishap, my regular weekly column will be delayed a week. Rather than leave you 501-less, allow me to write the same number of words about a book I've started reading.

Yes, I know that critics who review books should read them first, beginning to end. Some probably cheat, the way some students don't read a book entirely before turning in the required book report. I'm cheating.



HANABA MUNN WELCH

Look at it this way: If a book contains elements of suspense that keep the reader hanging to the end, a reviewer who reveals too much of the plot is a spoilsport. Since I've not read that much of the book, not to worry.

Speaking of plots, I'm not sure you can say the book officially has one. It's non-fiction. In literary realms, plots are devised, making plots fiction by their very definition. But in the real world, non-fiction people plot their lives. If they're outlaws, like the characters in the book at hand, they plot a lot. In that sense, the book is rich in plots – or at least it starts out that way. I'm guessing the plots all thicken.

Speaking of suspense, I've not yet revealed the name of the book. It's "Skullduggery, Secrets, and Murders: The 1894 Wells Fargo Scheme That Backfired." The author is retired attorney Bill Neal, Hardeman County native, who both defended and prosecuted criminals over his

career, serving as district attorney in both the 46th District and the 50th in Texas. He now lives in Abilene and also spends time on his ranch at Hackberry Flat, near Quanah.

In the spirit of cheating, I'm simply going to extract enough verbiage from a review I've already written about the book to give you my usual 501 words.

Like Neal's other books, the stories come right from the part of the Old West he knows so well – Texas and Oklahoma. The book represents the author at his story-telling best.

"Skullduggery," if the title can be shortened, starts with a tale about one Oklahoma Territory outlaw's flawed plan to defraud Wells Fargo of \$25,000 – a scheme that wouldn't have worked if everything had gone right, which it didn't. The Hemphill County sheriff ends up shot to death in Canadian, Texas, and from that point things go from bad to worse as lawmen and outlaws mix it up across the rugged terrain of Oklahoma Territory's D County (a notorious haven for outlaw gangs) and Indian Territory and in courtrooms in places like Quanah, Texas, Neal's hometown. Characters who play both sides of the law add intrigue to the storyline. That's just how things begin.

Neal's style, as always, is down-to-earth and readable. He knows how to tell a good story.

The fascinating narrative holds deeper significance relative to the way the crimes and trials relate to the development of the legal system on the frontier.

Another bonus:

If you know the area, don't be surprised if you recognize some of the family names. Yep, outlaws included.

Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

No use mentioning the weather this week. Everyone knows it's hot and not much chance of any change for a while. The weekend was hot as well, but the weather didn't bother those in Knox City for the Watermelon Festival. From all indications, it was another pretty successful event.

The news is pretty scarce this week. I'm sure there's "goings on" that I'm not aware of, but I do know a few items that may interest my readers.

I express sincere sympathy to the family of Naomi Pape of Munday, who passed away last Sunday. Her funeral was Wednesday. Also to the family and friends of Paul Grinstead who passed away last week. His funeral was Saturday in Knox City.

Here 'n there

Jessica and Brandon Hutchinson and Noah of Abilene spent the weekend with her parents Mike and Debi Moorhouse. Debi returned her granddaughter Katy Taylor to her home in Amarillo after several weeks stay here and with her dad Cody and his wife in Seymour. Katy's brother and sister went home a couple of weeks ago, but she decided to stay a while longer.

Clayton Conner of Lubbock spent one day last week with relatives here.

Those from Benjamin attending the funeral of Stella Carver on Wednesday were Jan and Fred Carver, Tammy Lyles, Linda Griffith and Gladene Green. Bera Faye Spann Johnson of Abilene was also in Knox City for Stella's funeral. It was good to see her and have a short visit.

I visited with my friend Brenda Correll on Saturday. She's doing pretty well. She has finished her chemotherapy and began six weeks of radiation therapy Monday. That seems like a long time, but it will pass pretty quickly, and the benefits of it will be well worth it. Please keep Brenda and her family in your prayers. Her husband Sonny was the custodian at the courthouse in Benjamin for several years.

Kara Hurt, bride-elect of Heath Welch, was honored with a pre-nuptial bridal shower on Friday evening in the Shipman home in Guthrie. According to reports, lots of useful gifts were received by the honoree. The young couple will be married in early August here at Benjamin.

Weekend guests of Reyes Barrientez were her daughter and her family, Mary and Sean Widmer and Hannah of Denton. Reyes said Hannah will be entering her first year of college (in Ohio) in the fall.

Sal and Margaret Siemens Silva have purchased her mom's home (the Nora Duke home) and are doing some "adding on" to it before they move over here from Knox City. We'll be glad to have them "back home."

Those from Benjamin attending the Young family reunion at the home of Butch and Letha Young in Saginaw were Mary Jane Young, Stephen and Sheila Kuehler and granddaughter Marley Bell Kuehler, Dillon and Ariel Benson, Addison and Axel and Ricky and Kaitlyn Acevedo and sons. Mary Jane said there were about 60 in attendance—the descendants of Wayne and Carmen Young.

Jack Young, Jr of Round Rock is here for a few days visiting his mom and attending to some business.

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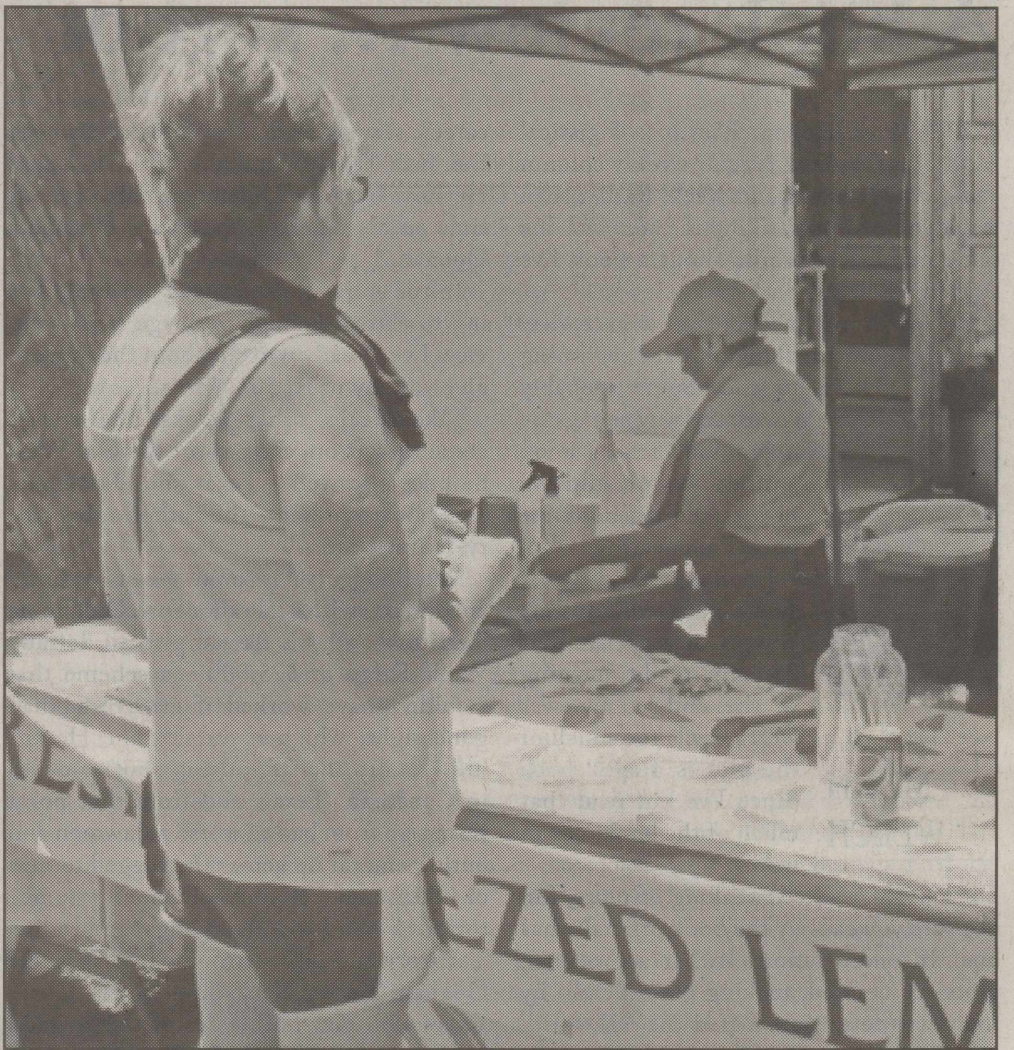
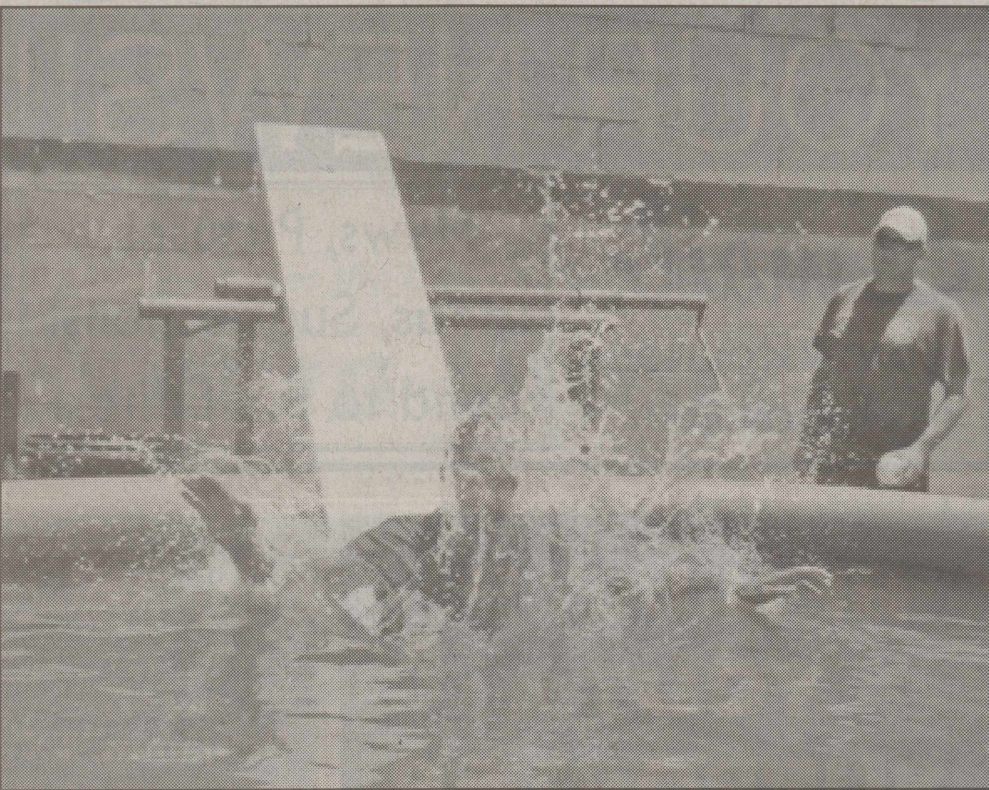
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27th Watermelon Festival a success



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 Knox City celebrated the 27th edition of the Johnson Memorial Knox City Watermelon Festival last Friday. There was a parade through downtown on Friday. Of course, there was plenty of free cold red seedless watermelon available. Vendors set up booths. The swimming pool was full as kids and others enjoyed free swimming as a way to escape the heat. Younger kids enjoyed train rides around the park. Local musicians also performed during the festival.

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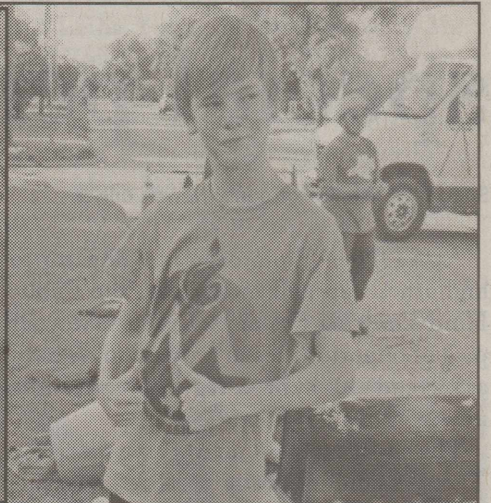
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Just Jeff Balloon ride not on bucket list

This last weekend I did something I have been wanting to do my whole life, it's right up there with being a tackling dummy for a varsity football team and being a glass cleaner on skyscrapers. Of course, I'm just kidding. My good friend Fred Ledesma invited me to go with him to visit a friend in West Texas. Being a good friend and since Fred is recovering from his first marriage (I am sure he will have three or four more), we decided to celebrate by going on a hot air balloon ride.

It actually was some *#! raffle Fred won at the local Taco shop and tire store. You know how those guys from Mexico can multi task.

So Fred and I get to the place and the old boy that was the ship's captain came limping up and looked like he just got done trying to give a mountain lion a bath. He was scrapped up and he had that old Gouch-eye and the hammerhead eye syndrome. Yes, you know when they can look at both sides of the room at the same time. It's bad when your waitress has that and you don't have a clue who she is asking for the order—kinda like an

old hammerhead shark, eyes on both sides of his head.

So hammerhead, the captain of this floating deathtrap, looks at Fred and says some stuff in Mexican Spanish and then they look at me and laugh. I decided later that it was a comment about my weight since Fred laughed and said something about El Grande and kept looking at my belly.

Shark boy tells us to saddle up and hop aboard and then tells us that we will get up to 5,000 feet. So we are going to float up and drop off weights that might keep us on the ground. We are riding in a basket that was made by the cheapest bidder. I said a basket, not a metal or aluminum compartment—just a big picnic basket. I felt like a kamikaze pilot before take off.

The lift off assistant was some old lady that shark boy dated or is friends with. She's laughing and telling us good luck as she untied the vessel from a old trailer and tethered down with bull rope and railroad spikes. The first 100 feet was not bad, but you could hear the neighbors saying look at those idiots hammerhead done suckered into another trip.

Well, once we get up and going, the only thing I can say is the temperature at 5,000 feet is cooler than ground level. That was the highlight of the trip as otherwise it was a huge disaster. I will never let Fred talk me into anything again!

Once you get going you cannot stop a *#! balloon, it has no motor. Fred didn't listen when he choked down the super

breakfast burrito with three different types of burn your buttonhole sauce and found out it had no dum bathroom either. So here we are floating over Lubbock with Fred cramping like an old lady in need of a hysterectomy and begging for us to just land over in that field over there so he can run to the Stripes and use the facilities.

So he and hammerhead are arguing over the strategy over land. Fred is sweating like a fat guy in a tuxedo and on lock down like a new prisoner in the shower. So we start the decent towards the nearest toilet at an amazing rate. Fred, by this time, has the color of a lucky charm and I actually feel sorry for him. We drop down to the 100 foot level and by gosh we get caught up in a dirt devil and end up over some neighborhood where Fred decided to chance it and jump in a swimming pool.

Have you ever seen the cliff divers of Acapulco? Well, Fred is no kin. No, he looked like the fat kid doing belly flops off the city pool diving board, the only difference that kid hits the water. Instead, Fred hit the jackpot right through the neighbor's sky light and into the living room. After the cops left and hammerhead explained the dirt devil, they let Fred and I come back to Knox City. So if you see Fred around Knox City, you will know why he is all scared up and ugly.

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Mac's Views

A victory for punctuation, sanity!

I'm still amazed at how many people, including some of my fellow media members, have not looked in their dictionaries to learn that an apostrophe can not be used for the plural of nouns.



JAMES MCAFEE

I've covered that issue before, showing how a cat owner confused a care giver by writing a note about the cat's food when she really meant to write cats' (two of them) food. Of course, only one cat got fed while she was gone.

Today's grammar lesson is designed to show the importance of a comma.

I recently came across an interesting story of how an Ohio woman persuaded an appeals court to throw out her conviction because of a missing comma in a city ordinance.

Andrea Cammelleri successfully appealed a conviction in a West Jefferson,

Ohio, municipal court for leaving her 1993 Ford pickup parked on a village street for more than 24 hours, pointing out that the ordinance prohibited "any motor vehicle camper, trailer, farm implement and/or non-motorized vehicle" from daylong parking and argued that her truck was not a "motor vehicle camper."

The village argued that the lack of a comma, separating motor vehicle from camper, was a typo and did not invalidate her violation.

However, the court sided with Cammelleri. Grammar counts, the judges said. "If the village desires a different reading, it should amend the ordinance and insert a comma," Judge Robert A. Hendrickson wrote.

West Jefferson reportedly will have to reimburse Cammelleri about \$1,500 for the costs of towing and legal fees. The woman launched her crusade for better punctuation after her boyfriend noticed the missing comma.

"I was told, 'Don't fight City Hall,'" Cammelleri said. "I'd never win. I did."

Showing off Watermelon Festival t-shirts



Members of the Knox City Chamber of Commerce proudly show off their t-shirts for the 27th annual Johnson Memorial Knox City Watermelon Festival. Shown (l-r) are Vonnie Ivie, Faby Vasquest, Gail Nunn and Leona Burkham. (More photos on page 4)

Acree threesome wins Festival Scramble



The winners of the Knox City Country Club Festival Scramble with a 58 were (l-r) Sean Weiser, Matthew Acree and Gus West.

Special to The Knox County News-Courier

KNOX CITY — Youth prevailed in the Knox City Country Club Festival Scramble last Saturday morning during the 27th edition of the Johnson Memorial Knox City Watermelon Festival.

Matthew Acree of Knox City teamed with Sean Weiser of Haskell and Gus West of Stamford for a 12-under-par 58 at the Knox City Country Club to claim first

place, allowing them to finish a stroke in front of Bruce Skiles, Scooter Thompson and June Tankersley.

Winning a scorecard playoff for third place with a chip-in birdie on No. 6 after posting a 63 were James McAfee, Fred McGregor and Donnie Roberts.

The wild card winner from the field of 12 threesomes were Belle and Benny Grill of Benjamin along with Janice Verhalen of Munday.

Area News

Haskell Pink Ladies to close

HASKELL — The Pink Ladies store here closed last Saturday so that renovations can be done in August. It will re-open Sept. 3 and resume its regular hours of 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday through Saturday each week.

Food training program

ABILENE — A Food Protection Management training for food service managers in the Big Country area will be held from 8:15 a.m.-5 p.m. Aug. 18-19 here at the Taylor County Extension Office located on the Taylor County Expo grounds. Cost for the class is \$125, which includes the course book and exam. The registration deadline is Saturday, Aug. 1. You may also access a registration form at <http://taylor.agrilife.org>.

BLM opposes Thornberry's bill on Red River land

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WASHINGTON — The Bureau of Land Management has objected to Rep. Mac Thornberry's bill to remove federal claims along the Red River, arguing that the plan would short-change the government and transfer public land without fully compensating U.S. taxpayers.

The BLM would be forced to cede land along the river to people who can prove ownership through county or state records under Thornberry's bill. It also would have to approve land transfers within 120 days.

Sens. John Cornyn and Ted Cruz are pushing similar legislation in the Senate.

At issue is land along a 116-mile strip that the federal government says it has owned since the Louisiana Purchase. The issue affects 170 property owners and about 30,000 acres along the Red River — spanning Wichita, Wilbarger and Clay counties.

While BLM has never actively managed the property, it is now in the early stages of completing a land-planning effort for the area.

BLM's major concern is the legislation's lack of guidance on how to address competing ownership claims.

Thornberry said it isn't fair for landowners to continue paying taxes on land subject to the BLM's plans. "Would you want to own a piece of property that you couldn't sell, borrow, make improvements on until 2018?" Thornberry said.

Disputes over ownership are mired in two centuries of litigation and the river's changing course.

Pat Canan, whose property lies on the boundary of Wichita and Clay counties, said uncertainty has stalled land sales along the river and pushed down property values. "Most of this land has been fenced and managed for livestock and farming since the late 1800s," Canan said.

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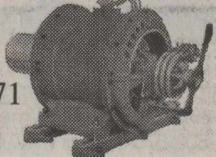


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