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Watermelon Festival begins Friday in Knox City

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KNOX CITY—The 28th edition of the Donald Johnson Memorial Watermelon Festival, presented by the Knox City Chamber of Commerce, will take place here Friday and Saturday.

Vendors will man booths starting at 1 p.m. Friday. A parade is scheduled at 7:30 p.m. and local musicians will provide music at the city park following the parade.

Booths for the festival will be open 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Saturday. Local musicians will provide live music throughout the day. In addition, free swimming, kiddie train rides and watermelon will be provided at the city park.

The festival was started 28 years ago as a point of community pride since the seedless watermelon was developed here in Knox County.

Chamber officials noted that Knox City was designated by the Texas Legislature as the "Seedless Watermelon Capital of Texas," thanks to crops from Donald Johnson. However, after his death in 2005 and then after his son left the business a few years later, not many seedless watermelons have been grown around Knox City.

Architects visit to finalize plans

By James McAfee
The Knox County News-Courier

MUNDAY—Leland and Stuart Gray, the architects for the new school facilities, made a visit here last week to finalize details about the final designs.

"We got some answers today that we needed," Leland Gray said after visiting with Supt. Troy Parton and listening to comments from some citizens, members of the Munday Consolidated Board of Trustees and a day care representative at an hour meeting last Tuesday.

Among the changes will be the addition of a courtyard between the gym and junior high and a more secure way to enter the junior high and high school.

"We want to give an identity to the school where the

kids will have a sense of pride," Leland noted.

In looking at modifications for the gym, it was decided that no scoreboard would be included in the center of the court since it might affect volleyball games.

"The gym can be used for graduation ceremonies as well as for games," Leland noted.

He also said that soil tests had been conducted and that they would know more in a few weeks when the results are available.

"We're a little ahead of schedule," he added, pointing to having final designs ready in August and specifications ready for publication for bids in mid-September.

He did recommend that work on the sewers and electrical system needed to be done soon.



Youngsters enjoying watermelon at last year's festival.

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New scoreboard



A new scoreboard was installed at Scruggs Field last week.

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Knox Notes

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'The Chosen' to perform Sunday

MUNDAY—The Munday Ministerial Alliance will present "The Chosen," a Southern Gospel singing group consisting of area ministers, at 6 p.m. Sunday at First Baptist Church Munday. Paul Wright of Common Ground Ministries in Stamford, formerly of Munday, is the director. Other members include Danny Edmond of Hopewell Baptist Church in Haskell, Billy Ford of Bethsaida Baptist Church in Anson, Gene Ward of Liberty Church of God in Christ Church in Knox City and Ernest Flanders of Munday.

Outreach services

KNOX CITY—Double Mountain Outreach Services/ASBDC will be here at City Hall from 1-4 p.m. today. Come by if you need help with your utility bills, eyeglasses, dental (fillings or extractions) or overcoming poverty. Call 940-989-3538 or 940-200-0864 for any questions.

Time to start practice

Members of the Munday Purple Cloud band and the Knox City Greyhound Pride band will start rehearsals on Monday while athletes participating in football at the three Knox County schools will begin conditioning drills without pads on Monday and then continue with pads starting on Friday and girls participating in volleyball kick off practice on Monday and can start scrimmages on Friday.

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Rowland clan adds 21 to Knox

KNOX CITY—The Rowland clan, which includes in-laws from the Rodas and Costas families, has attracted 21 new residents to the Knox City area in the last three years.

So it was no surprise that the last one, four-week-old Serina Rowland, daughter of Joseph Lee and Hannah Rowland of Rochester, allowed the Rowlands the distinct privilege of having five generations all living in the area.

"It was the first girl in three generations," said new grandfather Lee Rowland.

Lee and Stefany moved to Knox City 15 years ago to start the parade of Rowlands and moved to a 60-acre ranch west of Knox City recently.

His mother Kathleen Gupton moved here 14 months ago from Florida and his grandmother Mary Hayes followed suite four months later.

Lee's brother Nathan also

Perry feels ID laws can be fixed

Special to The News-Courier

AMARILLO—Now that the Fifth Circuit appeals court in New Orleans ruled that Texas' strict law requiring voters to show one of seven approved forms of identification at the polls discriminated against minorities, a new question arises:

how to fix it before the November election.

While the ruling found that the Texas law violated Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act in having a discriminatory effect, it did not strike down the law in its entirety. Instead, it ordered the district judge to reweigh evidence that lawmakers acted

with intent to discriminate racially.

On this question, the appellate majority noted the Legislature's "cloak of ballot integrity could be hiding a more invidious purpose." Should the district judge come back with a convincing finding of intent to discriminate, that could once again

make Texas subject to federal oversight for any changes in its voting rules.

"In the upcoming session, I am confident we will be able to craft legislation in compliance with the court's findings to ensure we meet constitutional requirements while protecting election integrity at the ballot box," said Sen. Charles Perry, who was the co-author of the law.

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Matriarch Mary Hayes (left) is shown with son Lee and grandson Joseph, holding great-granddaughter Serina, and daughter Kathleen Gupton at the Rowlands' home.

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lives here and the Rodas and Costas families joined the move to be closer to everyone

else. "We get together as a family every Saturday night," said

matriarch Hayes. "There's always so much hugging on these nights."

News on the go



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Area News

Rochester garage sale

ROCHESTER—A community-wide garage sale will be held here Saturday. Maps will be available at 7 a.m. that day downtown. In addition, a bake sale to benefit the Rochester Museum will be held on the same day.

New 4-H agent

WICHITA FALLS—Donny Gray may have spent years as a college and high school football coach, but he doesn't expect to have a difficult time transitioning to his new position as the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service 4-H youth development agent in Wichita County.

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Brown changes jobs

WICHITA FALLS—Rachel Brown, who has been the community manager for the American Cancer Society for the Knox/Haskell Relay for Life, has resigned to accept a position as director of membership for the Wichita Falls Chamber of Commerce.

The Paperboy

The DNC, MSM have hurt our country

How bad is our Mainstream Media (MSM)?

How corrupt is the Democratic National Committee (DNC)?

Just how deep does the corruption go? NBC, CBS, ABC, CNN and all of their accompanying cable networks, are in so deep with the Democrats it's ridiculous.

The Wikileaks email dump late last week

reveals the collusion that exists between the DNC and MSM. It shows how DNC Chair Debbie Wasserman Schultz, who has already resigned her position as a result of the scandal, made sure that Hillary Clinton never faced a serious challenger.

The leaks exposed racism, xenophobia and misogyny. The exact things Democrat leaders have accused Donald Trump of being.

Concerning the MSM, it is obvious they receive their marching orders from the DNC and most likely, the Obama Administration.

Do you understand what that means? It means that the news has not been covered objectively. And had it been, Clinton is probably is not the DNC nominee for president. Instead, she would be answering serious charges.

And what is the result of all of this corruption? Are we living in some liberal utopia where everything is fair and everyone gets along?

Hell no!
We are living in a very divisive time where class warfare is the norm and terrorism dominates the landscape.

We have a government who refuses to uphold the law and even rewrites laws concern-

ing illegal immigration.

This country is broke and is a political dumpster fire. Again, this is the direct result of a corrupt MSM and DNC.

Remember when Obama promised the most transparent government in history? Was that the biggest political lie in history or what?

And guess what? There is much more to come according to Wikileaks. And Wikileaks founder Julian Assange says they are even more damaging and expose even more corruption concerning Clinton, The Clinton Foundation and on and on.

So again, we are having to get the truth from hacked emails. All because the MSM is in bed with Democrats and refuses to properly investigate stories.

If personally find this situation terrible for the country. When the dust settles, the level of collusion and corruption between Democrats and the MSM will be even more shocking and it will take years before the majority of the American people have trust in the MSM much less our government.

We have reached a low point in this country. We have reached a point where one party controls the media which makes us no different than some of the countries we've had to fight in world wars.

Ask questions America!

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Pet Talk

Degenerative myelopathy is a degenerative disease of the spinal cord that begins in older adulthood and progresses slowly until dogs are no longer able to walk unassisted. The cause of the disease is associated with a mutation in the SOD1 gene. It is not known exactly how the mutation of this gene leads to degeneration of the spinal cord in dogs, but the disease does interfere with the brain's communication to the limbs, resulting in difficulty walking.

Dr. Beth Boudreau, clinical assistant professor at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, further explained

the disease. "In degenerative myelopathy, the pathways that carry neural information in the spinal cord lose their insulatory coating and begin to fragment, and eventually the neurons that produce those signals also begin to die," she said. "This results in a loss of motor control that begins in the hind limbs, but can spread to involve the front limbs as well as the pathways that control breathing, urination, and defecation. Currently, these changes are irreversible. Advanced cases may cause difficulty breathing as well. The disease is considered to be eventually fatal."

The signs of degenerative myelopathy often begin around eight to nine years of age in larger breeds, and small breeds may have a later onset of signs around eleven years of age. Initially, mild stumbling, weakness, or incoordination of the hind limbs may be apparent. Although both hind limbs are usually affected, one is often weaker than the other. The signs slowly progress over a period of weeks to months and the disease does not cause the dog any apparent pain.

Testing for the associated mutation is an important part of the diagnosis of degenerative myelopathy.

However, some dogs that have this mutation may never develop the disease, so a positive result of the genetic test alone cannot be relied upon for

diagnosis. Additionally, other health conditions may share similar signs of degenerative myelopathy.

"Compared to other common causes of chronic spinal cord injury in older dogs, degenerative myelopathy often has a slower onset and progression, and it is not painful," Boudreau said. "However, other spinal cord diseases, such as chronic intervertebral disc herniation, and even some tumors, may appear clinically similar. A complete evaluation with diagnostics and performed by a neurologist is recommended to rule out diseases that can mimic degenerative myelopathy."

Currently, there is no known effective medical or surgical treatment for degenerative myelopathy. However, physical rehabilitation therapy at veterinary clinics has been shown to result in longer survival times for dogs affected by the disease.

"Unfortunately, this disease progresses, with most dogs becoming unable to walk within six to nine months after the first signs appear," Boudreau said. "Because this condition does not appear to be painful, many dogs can continue to have a good quality of life even after they become unable to walk, if provided good supportive care."

Dogs that cannot walk will need an assistance device, such as a cart or harness, to help them move about."

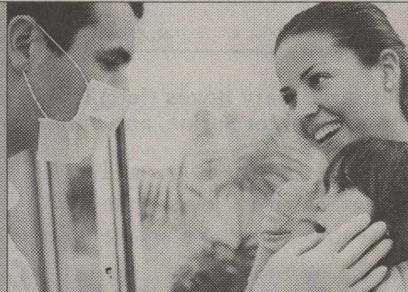
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Knox County Aging Center Menus

Menus for week of Aug. 1-5
Monday: Chicken tenders, gravy, mixed vegetables, wheat rolls, Mandarin oranges
Tuesday: Ham slices, bliss potatoes, corn, dessert
Wednesday: Chicken fajita, Spanish rice, salad, cookies
Thursday: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, rolls, cake
Friday: Turkey sandwich, salad, broccoli raisin salad, gelatin

**Pink Ladies plan
election in August**

KNOX CITY—Pink Ladies president Glenda Huff appointed Connie Boone, Judy Leaverton and Billie Walker as the nominating committee to have a slate of officers prepared for the Aug. 17 meeting during the group's monthly meeting here last week at the Thrift Store.

The members heard that the bathroom, the air conditioner and the new telephone are working and the trash containers are now in place. An electrician will be called to check to see if the outlets can be made safer.

Boone also is the process of counting all the volunteer hours through August.

Walker reminds everyone to bring donations Monday or Wednesday afternoons or on Friday so they won't disappear.

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And the heat goes on

"Five Tips to Beat Summer Heat" was the subject of an email from my health insurance company. They want me healthy.

What do they know that I don't? I decided to write down my tips before reading theirs.

PAUSE FOR YOU TO MAKE YOUR LIST.

Of course, first you lower your thermostat and stay inside. Duh. But I figured the idea was to come up with inventive ways to stay cool when you're outdoors or if you can't afford to keep your house cool. Who can?

Here's my list:

1. Go to Wal-Mart.
2. Walk through lawn sprinklers every chance you get.
3. Take a dip in an outside tub or lie down in a wading pool with your clothes on.
4. Look for something in the refrigerator that's not there.
5. Go to a different hemisphere.

That last one's a joke. Everyone knows Texans go to Colorado. Same difference.

Don't you love those comments you hear when Texans returning from the Rockies are suddenly back in triple-digit Texas?

Example:

"It was 38 degrees this morning when we left Creede (or wherever)."

I never know whether I'm supposed to feel sorry for them or what. (Maybe you can tell we don't have a place in Colorado.)

Back to the competing heat-beating lists. I won.
For starters, the first tip from the experts automatically disqualified them from the competition. They said I should protect my skin from the sun's harsh rays. Good idea, but what's sunscreen got to do with staying cool?

I won't bore you with the rest of the official list. Three of the other tips were off-topic too – like how to know if you're having a heat stroke or what you can eat to stave off dehydration. The very last tip said drinking smoothies is a way to stay cool. Good idea.

I checked out their smoothie video and learned you can make a green one with kale. I'd rather eat my kale sautéed with yams, bacon and purple cabbage. We digress.

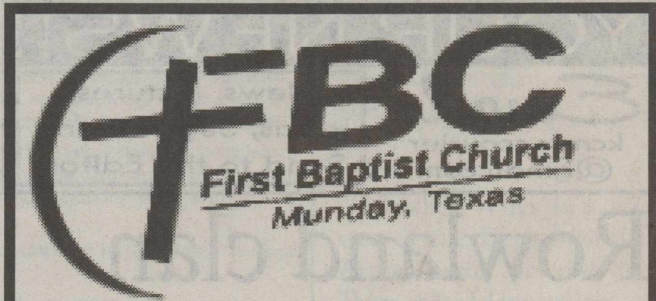
Anyway, the upshot of all this is that the person who compiled the health tips obviously didn't write the headline. Whoever did was more interested in catching my attention than writing a truthful headline.

That's what's wrong with society today – too many irresponsible online misleading headlines. We expect it with supermarket tabloids, but I don't like being exploited in the more subtle ways, yea, even by my health insurance company. Or maybe they just got careless. Either way, that headline writer should be fired.

Enough pontificating. To conclude, here's a beat-the-heat anecdote:

I was heading home from work on a hot day, still wearing my letter carrier uniform. I stopped at the funeral home to pay my respects to someone who'd died. Suddenly I was off the sidewalk, headed straight for the sprinkler on the front lawn. I wish I could say I walked right through it. That would make a better story. But I caught myself.

I still think it's a good story, and it's true.



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Sunday**

Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
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Wednesday

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5:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Youth: 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

And the heat goes on! It sure isn't getting much cooler so far, but maybe if these rain predictions come true, we will see a little bit more pleasant temperatures. Let's hope so!

Regarding our ill Carol Dickson was released from HMC in Abilene last Friday, and although tired, she's very glad to be home. She was hospitalized for several weeks, and after a stay like that, home does look mighty good. Hopefully, as she regains her strength, she will begin to feel much better.

Linda Parker spent the bigger part of last week in a Wichita Falls hospital. She came home last Thursday, and like Carol, is "washed out" but glad to be home. Please remember both of these friends in prayer.

Here 'n there
Barry and Debbie Neil of Lake Worth, FL spent last week with her mom Mary Young. On Friday they all went to the Ft. Worth area for the Young family reunion at the home of Butch and Letha Young. Also attending from Benjamin were Sheila and Stephen Kuehler, Kinsey and Will, and Ricky and Kaitlyn Acevedo, Carter and Cason. The Neils left Sunday night for their home.

Debi and Mike Moorhouse and I attended the funeral of Johnny Daniel in Vernon on Wednesday morning.

Janice Tolson was telling me that her grandchildren Kiley, Nicholas and Harley are having a fun summer attending the play days in Throckmorton. It's a twice a month happening, and the kids are really enjoying all the events. Seems Harley is really doing well. She's quite a horse lover and puts her heart into the competition. The kids' parents are

Chad and Heather.

The convenience store and station is really looking good. Those who are supposed to know say it should be open by mid August. It's really a nice looking structure, and everyone is looking forward to it being open and ready to serve.

Word from our friends from Benjamin who are residents of the Munday Nursing Center is that they are all holding their own. They do love company, and we all need to drop by to see them when we are over that way.

Mike and Debi Moorhouse attended the funeral of his uncle Owen Mobley, in Seymour Sunday afternoon. Owen was Mike's mom's (Bobbye) brother. Of course, my sympathy to the Mobley family.

Lexie, Katy and Blaze Taylor of Amarillo are here for a couple of weeks visit with their dad Cody and their grandparents Debi and Mike Moorhouse.

Chad and Kathy Rainwater and Justin enjoyed a few days trip last week to Oklahoma to do some fishing. They were met there by their son and brother Jonathan of White House. No word on whether they caught any fish or not, but just a few days away is relaxing.

Well, did you watch the Republican Convention last week? And did you get enough politics? If not, stay tuned. We still have the Democrats and their promises to listen to this week. If either of the candidates do what they say, we have nothing to worry about. Things are "gonna be good." I was more interested in the Rangers last week. Poor guys—just got in a slump and had a hard time winning, but have won the last two games, so maybe things are looking up! I hope so.

Traffic stop leads to two arrests

Special to The News-Courier

BENJAMIN—During a recent traffic stop for an expired registration on the east side of the city, Sheriff Dean Homstad made two arrests.

After a short investigation and inquiry, it was determined that the driver Roy Lee Mayes had an expired

and suspended driver's license. He also had in his possession a water pipe device used primarily for smoking illegal substances.

Taylor Elizabeth Bohannon, the other occupant in the vehicle, was questioned and found to be in possession of a controlled substance, (meth/ice) and mari-

juana. Mayes was arrested for driving while license invalid as well as filed on for possession of drug paraphernalia while Bohannon was arrested for possessing controlled substance, as well as possession of marijuana, in addition to a possession of drug paraphernalia charge.

TxDOT plans work on Knox roads

Special to The News-Courier

CHILDRESS—The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will begin a project starting Monday to increase the life of its existing pavement structures.

More than 187 miles of state roadways in King (US 83 and US 82), Knox (US 82 and SH 222), Hardeman (US 287), Childress (US 62 and FM 401), Wheeler (FM 1046), Collingsworth (US 83), Briscoe (SH 86) and Motley (SP 196) counties will see \$5.6 million worth of preventive maintenance seal coat work.

Weather permitting, contractor Northeast Pavers, Inc., expects to complete this project by Sept. 2, 2016.

"Maintenance and system preservation is our largest expenditure, and seal coating provides a variety of benefits to the roadway," said Chris Reed, P.E., Childress District Construction Engineer, "including a

waterproof surface that prevents moisture from entering and weakening the roadbed. Seal coating also reduces deterioration and cracking of the asphalt surface, which will prolong the life of the pavement."

"Safety is the top priority at TxDOT and the basis for planning, building, and maintaining our transportation system. The system that allows all of that requires constant maintenance and preservation," said Darwin Lankford, P.E., Childress District Director of Maintenance. "The public depends on transportation every day and TxDOT is responsible to Texas drivers, our partners and others to address transportation needs and to be responsible stewards of our state's resources."

Motorists can expect lane closures and a pilot car to guide traffic through the work zone, and are asked to drive with caution, be on the lookout for workers and avoid distractions for their own safety.

Pet Talk

Familiarize yourself with skin irritations

Familiarizing yourself with common canine skin irritations and diseases is important to your pet's health. Certain skin problems could be sign of a more serious underlying issue, such as physical pain, discomfort, or infection.

"There are many different types of skin conditions in dogs. As we try to figure out what type of condition may be affecting your pet, we have to answer one question first, 'Is your dog itchy?'" said Dr. Alison Diesel, clinical assistant professor at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences. "Itch in dogs can take on a number of different forms, including scratching, rubbing, rolling, licking, chewing, head shaking, or scooting. You may be bringing your dog in for hair loss or skin sores, but if those signs are present with itchy behaviors, we will be looking that direction first."

Common reasons dogs have itchy skin include parasites, such as fleas, lice, or microscopic mites; infections, such as those caused by bacteria; and allergies.

"Fleas are extremely common in dogs, particularly in Texas where fleas are endemic year-round. Not only are fleas a nuisance and can carry disease, but they can also cause flea allergy dermatitis, an allergic reaction from the flea's bite that occurs in some dogs," Diesel explained.

"Mites are another common reason for skin disease in dogs, particularly Demodex; these non-contagious mites may be found in young or older patients. Sarcoptes

mites, also known as scabies, are also rather common; these mites are contagious and typically cause severe itch.

Bacterial skin infections are also prevalent in dogs; however they are typically due to a secondary problem, such as parasites or allergies."

Other skin conditions that occur in dogs include hormone imbalances, such as hypothyroidism or Cushing's disease; cancer, which may be benign or malignant; and autoimmune skin diseases, such as pemphigus or lupus. All of these typically come without signs of itch unless secondary infections are present.

Sometimes dog owners may notice that their pets have a skin lesion or that a part of the skin has an abnormal growth or appearance compared to the skin around it. According to Diesel, lesions should be evaluated by a veterinarian to determine the cause. "As there are numerous causes of skin lesions in dogs, it is important to determine the underlying cause to help guide treatment recommendations," she said.

In addition to monitoring your pet's skin conditions, you should also keep track of your dog's shedding. Excessive shedding could potentially be a sign of another health condition. First, it is important to determine whether the hair is being scratched out, or if it is falling out on its own. "If the hair is falling out on its own and leaving obvious areas of baldness, this may be a sign of internal illness, such as hormone imbalances, metabolic changes, or even potentially


cancer; it could also be a sign of skin disease, such as ringworm," Diesel said. It is also important to remember that certain breeds may shed much more than others. If there is no baldness seen along with the excessive shedding, this may actually be normal for your dog. Seasonal variations may additionally occur, although this is less noticeable in Texas where seasonal variation is minimal compared to other regions of the country.

To keep your dog's coat healthy and shiny and to minimize unwanted excessive shedding, routinely brush and groom your pet. Depending on the breed, some dogs may require periodic haircuts for coat care, while others may need only a bath and brush. Additionally, veterinarian-prescribed omega fatty acids such as fish oil can help keep the skin and hair coat healthy in dogs.

If you notice any excessive scratching or shedding, lesions, or any change in your dog's normal hair coat appearance, you should have your dog evaluated by a veterinarian to help determine any underlying health conditions that may be a cause for the change.

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...Ask the beasts, and let them teach you; and the birds of the heavens, and let them tell you. Or speak to the earth, and let it teach you; and let the fish of the sea declare to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this, in whose hand is the life of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind?

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A Rose by Ichiro's Name

Pete Rose follows me on Twitter now, or at least he retweeted something I wrote about him, and that's good enough for me. I'm also friends on Facebook with Jenny Mollen and Willie Nelson, and depending on which generation you talk to, nobody knows anyone I just talked about. (You can follow me too @sportingview ... and unlike here, I am a man of few words there.)

In case you missed the past two or three decades, Pete Rose was a real son of a gun who hustled and played baseball with the sort of tenacity that only a few other players and marauding bands of Vikings could understand or match. He is Major League Baseball's undisputed hit king. He is not in the Hall of Fame because he was banned from baseball for betting on baseball games, something every single baseball player has known not to do since the Taft administration.

The guy completely blew it, yet the man persists to somehow remain in the news. How many other Hall of Fames can this guy be inducted to? It seems like every other week he is inducted into the Reds' Hall of Fame, Cincinnati's Hall of Fame, Ohio's Hall of Fame, the guy down the street's Hall of Fame ... Pokemon Go should make him one of their

monsters because he has a statue or plaque in just about every major park in the Buckeye State. He has to have several hundred Rotary Club coffee mugs.


Then along comes Ichiro Suzuki. By the time you read this, Ichiro will have reached the 3,000 hit mark in Major League Baseball. If you were to add up the hits he made in Japan with the hits he made here, mathematics show that he has more professional base hits than Pete Rose. On a slow news day, there are reputable news organizations that will make a case for Ichiro being the all-time hit king.

That is, of course, totally preposterous. I know guys who bet on Wiffleball games ... sure, it takes them out of the running for Cooperstown, but they get paid, and I know guys who throw perfect games every time I'm not in the opposing team's lineup. Does that make them pros, worthy of being compared to Koufax and Walter Johnson? Tony Lazzeri, the Hall of Fame second baseman for the Yankees (who completely disrespect him, by the way), once hit a kajillion home runs in the minor leagues. Is he the home run king?

Ichiro is all class and truly, I love watching him play. He is a Hall of Famer, but he is not the hit king. That man is Pete Rose. This is probably not the last time I say this, but it's good to forgive. It's time for Pete Rose to enter the Hall or be allowed to participate in Old Timer's or Cincinnati Wiffleball games. No offense to Ichiro, but it is well past time for our pastime to set the record straight once and for all.


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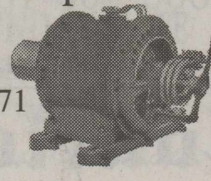
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Cut blocking from side eliminated Munday School Supplies

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SAN ANTONIO—One of the major rule changes in high school football moving forward deals with cut blocking and it was the biggest topic at the football rules meeting at the Texas High School Coaches Association convention.

Numerous cut blocks are now confined to a tackle box and not the low-blocking zone mentioned in previous years.

The difference between the two is the low-blocking zone extended five yards past the line of scrimmage. The tackle box doesn't extend past the line of scrimmage in any way. It's the same tackle box used for intentional grounding, for example.

Players who are inside the tackle box at the snap can block low from the front—or

what the Texas Association of Sports Officials calls "10-2"—and from the side until the ball leaves from the tackle box or until they leave the tackle box.

If the ball or the player is outside the box and the player wants to block low, it has to be from the front and not the side. Of course, blocking in the back is always prohibited.

The gripe from coaches is determining how ambiguous the call could be and deciphering what's a legal block and what's an illegal block in the heat of competition.

But the changes are part of continuously taking steps toward making the game safer.

There was a proposal presented to the UIL at the June Legislative Council meeting to eliminate any block below the waist. That would drastically change football.

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 - 1 school box
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 - 2 tubs Play-Doh

- Second Grade**
- 1 canvas zipper pencil bag
 - 1 pair of ear buds (no headphones or Beats)
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- 1 spiral (70 count wide-ruled)
 - 1 composition notebook-not spiral
 - 3 package #2 pencils

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 - 2 1 ½ inch 3 ring binders with pockets
 - 4 large glue sticks
 - 2 boxes tissues
 - 3 composition books
 - 2 blue folders with pockets
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Pencils (you will need to replenish throughout the year as needed)

Ear buds (no headphones or Beats)
Please do not label supplies

- Fifth Grade**
- 1 (3 inch) 3 ring notebook
 - 1 (1 inch) notebook (no zippers) (math)
 - 6 packages of 12 #2 pencils
 - 2 large erasers
 - 1 pencil sharpener (not battery)
 - 3 large boxes of tissues
 - 1 large supply bag (no boxes)
 - 1 package of fine tip markers
 - 2 bottles Elmer's glue
 - 1 pair of headphones

- Sixth Grade**
- 1 3 ring, 1-inch notebook with dividers-no straps or zippers
 - 4 packages of 12 #2 pencils
 - 3 large erasers
 - 3 large wide-ruled spirals (more than 70 sheets)
 - 4 boxes of tissues
 - 2 large plastic supply bags- no boxes
 - 3 folders with brads and pockets
 - 1 good pencil sharpener-No Battery
 - 2 large bottles of glue
 - 2 packages of index cards

- 2 packages earbuds (no headphones, no Beats-least expensive is best)
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6. The Purge: Election Year(R) Frank Grillo, Elizabeth Mitchell
7. Central Intelligence(PG-13) Dwayne Johnson, Kevin Hart
8. The Infiltrator(R) Bryan Cranston, John Leguizamo
9. The BFG(PG) Mark Rylance, Ruby Barnhill
10. Independence Day: Resurgence(PG-13) Liam Hemsworth, Jeff Goldblum

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Lake Creek Golf Schedule

Aug. 14: Guys & Dolls
Aug. 21: 1 Person Scramble
Sept. 10-11: 3 Person Scramble

Knox City School Supplies

Knox City School Supply lists
PRE-KINDERGARTEN & PPCD
 8 Crayola Twistables crayons
 Headphones
 4 glue sticks (PURPLE)
 1 bottle of Elmer's glue
 1 box soft tissue
 2 plastic folders with brads
 1 plastic school supply box
 1 backpack - (no rolling backpacks, please)
 Boys - 1 refill baby wipes
 PK-4-1 pkg. small paper plates (cheap)
 PK-3-1 pkg. large paper plates (cheap)
 Girls - 1 container Clorox Wipes
 1 pkg. zip top sandwich bags
 **Note - Please buy Crayola brand crayons as the colors are true and easier to learn. They are less waxy than other brands and are easier to color with. Even though they are more expensive, they will last longer.

KINDERGARTEN
 3 boxes Crayola Brand crayons (no Twistables)
 10 #2 pencils (not jumbo)
 2 pink erasers
 1 watercolor paint set
 1 pair Fiskars school scissors
 4 large glue sticks
 2 plastic folders with pockets
 2 folders with brads
 1 plastic pencil box
 1 large box Kleenex
 1 box qt. size zipper bags
 1 box gallon size zipper bags (Girls only)
 2 containers Clorox disinfecting wipes
 Backpack (no rolling backpacks, please)

GRADE 1
 1 plastic school box
 2 boxes of 24 Crayola Brand Crayons
 24 #2 Yellow Hardwood Pencils w/erasers
 1 box Crayola Markers
 2 pink erasers
 1 pair school scissors
 1 bottle white glue
 10 glue sticks
 1 bottle white glue
 4 plastic folders (blue, red, green, orange)
 1 box of Ziploc bags
 2 large boxes facial tissue
 1 container of Clorox wipes

1 backpack
 1 pair of headphones (not Earbuds)
GRADE 2
 4 plastic folders w/pockets (blue, red, green, yellow)(brads are optional)
 24 #2 pencils
 2 bottles glue
 10 glue sticks
 1 boxes Crayola Brand Crayons
 1 box Markers
 1 pair Fiskars scissors
 1 plastic school box (not oversized)
 1 box Crayola Brand Colored Pencils
 2 pink erasers
 1 container Clorox wipes
 1 box of Ziploc bags (quart)
 3 pkg 3x5 index cards
 1 large box facial tissue
 1 backpack (no rolling backpacks, please)
 1 pair of Headphones
GRADE 3
 2 boxes of tissues
 1 single subject spiral
 4 plastic folders with pockets
 3 dry erase markers
 12 sticks of glue
 1 bottle of liquid glue
 12 #2 pencils
 2 pink erasers
 Box of Each: Markers, Crayolas, Map Pencils
 1 large rectangular box or zipper pouch
 1 container Clorox wipes
GRADE 4
 12 #2 pencils w/erasers
 Box of Each: Markers, Crayolas, Map Pencils
 2 pink erasers
 12 sticks of glue
 1 bottle liquid glue
 1 pair school scissors
 2 boxes of tissue
 2 pkg. WIDE-RULED notebook paper
 4 plastic folders with pockets
 3 dry erase markers
 1 large rectangular box or zipper pouch
 1 grading pen (red)
 1 box of gallon size Ziploc bags (boys)
 1 box of quart size Ziploc bags (girls)

Coaches gather to share ideas

Special to The News-Courier

SAN ANTONIO— Coaches from all corners of the state converged here last week for the Texas High School Coaching Convention and School at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center.

It was a three-day affair focused on sharing new technologies and information.

Thousands of coaches roamed a football-centric flea market, seeing the latest in helmets, jerseys, training equipment and nutrition, a true one-stop shop.

The room exuded optimism as the football season starts in a few weeks and all the coaches were ready to talk about the 2016 season. Each coach shared the same goal, realizing that the only way to

reach a state championship was to knock off the other programs represented here at the event. Future district opponents and possible playoff contenders mingled freely. Each anchored by the same goal - improve the young men inside the program and improve the program on the field.

It provided coaches with a chance to talk football with the greatest minds the state produces. It was also a time to enjoy the company before two-a-days and sweat replace

smiles and handshakes. The coaching staffs were here to learn, to share and to network.

Non-district games were settled here in a few cases. Offensive and defensive schemes were explained. Offseason programs and summer workout procedures were also discussed and analyzed.

The week did offer more than football talk. There were talks about teacher retirement, basketball, baseball and soccer forums.

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Leadership program deadline Sept. 1

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Sept. 1 will be the deadline to sign up for the Knox-Haskell Rural Leadership Program, an eight-month leadership series packed with outstanding speakers, tours, workshops, networking and much more.

The leadership series will be open to 20 people. The program costs \$275 and may be paid by the employer or by individuals. Each participant will receive 4.8 CEUs from Vernon College. This fee includes all travel, food, a shirt, the overnight trip to Austin and all supplies.

Those participating will attend an orientation on Sept. 23. Monthly sessions will be

held on the first Friday of each month from 9 a.m.- 3p.m., starting October and going through April 2017 in Knox and Haskell County. The group will take a trip to Austin in February 2017. And, each group will launch a community project upon completion of the training in April.

Applications are available to Knox County residents at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service office in the Knox County Courthouse or downloaded at <http://knox.agrilife.org/>.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension-Knox County and the Development Corporation of Haskell (DCOH) are sponsoring the program

Applications accepted for graze-out

Special to The News-Courier

KNOX CITY- USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Knox County Executive, Director Nancy Birkenfeld announced that FSA is now accepting ap-

plications for 2016 graze-out payments for producers who elect to use their acreage planted to wheat, barley, oats, or triticale for grazing by livestock and agree to forgo any other harvesting of the commodity in 2016.

"Producers must request graze-out payments by farm and complete form CCC-633 GRAZING," said Birkenfeld. "If multiple producers share in the acreage, all signatures must be obtained before the request is considered complete."

The graze-out payment rate is determined by the amount the applicable commodity loan rate exceeds the CCC-determined value of the commodity for the county where the farm is located. This is referred to as the Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP) rate. The graze-out payment will be based on the LDP rate in effect for the county on the date of request.

Producers may file an application for graze-out any time prior to March 31, 2017.

Birkenfeld emphasizes that acres identified on form CCC-633 GRAZING will not be eligible for an indemnity under the Federal Crop Insurance Act or Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP).

Graze-out payments are subject to the same basic

eligibility requirements as commodity loans and LDPs including, but not limited to Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) provisions, beneficial interest, conservation compliance, foreign person, payment limitations for crop years 2014 through 2018, together with market loan gains and ARC/PLC.

Before MAL repayments with a market loan gain (MLG) or LDP disbursements can be made, producers must meet the requirements of actively engaged in farming, cash rent tenant and member contribution.

The 2014 Farm Bill also establishes payment limitations per individual or entity not to exceed \$125,000 annually on certain commodities for the following program benefits: price loss coverage payments, agriculture risk coverage payments, MLGs and LDPs.

AGI provisions state that a producer whose total applicable three-year average AGI exceeds \$900,000 is not eligible to receive an MLG or LDP. Producers must have a valid CCC-941 on file to earn a market gain of LDP.

For more information and additional eligibility requirements, please visit a nearby USDA Service Center or FSA's website www.fsa.usda.gov. For an FSA office near you, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

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Words that mean something different to farmers

By Julie Tomascik
Special to the News-Courier

Same words. Different meanings. Agriculture is full of them—those homonyms that can confuse us.

Farmers and ranchers seem to speak their own language sometimes. Jargon. Technical words. Or just words that mean something different to you.

It's a learning process for sure. We've all been there. Endured the vocabulary tests. Learned the definitions of words. It wasn't the most fun part of school, but essential.

Who would've thought agriculture went hand-in-hand with English class?

Turns out, it does! Test your vocabulary. And see how much you know about these seven words that mean something different on the farm.

Cab.
What it means to most: The yellow vehicles. The ones Uber is competing with in cities across the country.

Tractor.
What it means to a farmer: The portion of the tractor where farmers ride. Not always air-conditioned. And it can seem like a second home during certain times of the year—planting and harvest.

Hybrid.
What it means to most: A tiny, electric-powered car with a gasoline motor. Common in big cities.

Seed.
What it means to a farmer: Seed produced by cross-pollinated crops. And one of the major reasons for a rise in agricultural output.

Post.

Facebook.
What it means to most: Facebook. Need I say more?

Fence.
What it means to a farmer: The rigid objects holding the fence together. And they come in all shapes, sizes and colors. If they're painted purple, it means no trespassing.

Header.
What it means to most: Making a shot or pass with your head in soccer/football. Could be a little painful, right?

Harvest.
What it means to a farmer: The business end of a combine. It acts like scissors to harvest the crops.

Elevator.
What it means to most: A compartment or platform that raises or lowers people or things to different floors/levels.

Building.
What it means to a farmer: A building or terminal where grain is elevated and stored or transferred to an alternate mode of transportation.

Stalk.
What it means to most: Social media creeping. Or someone who has an obsession with you in real life.

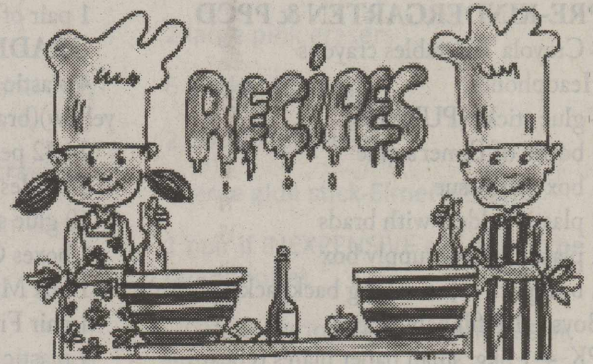
Trunk.
What it means to a farmer: Trunk or stem of crops like corn or grain sorghum.

Pen.
What it means to most: A writing tool. Applies ink to paper. A bit of a foreign concept these days with technology, but still useful!

Livestock.
What it means to a farmer: The act of gathering livestock. The world of agriculture has a language all its own. What one word means to you may not mean the same to a farmer.

Vonda's Recipe Corner

By Vonda Carter
Hey guys, let's talk about how beastly hot it has been. Or not! I can't talk about the heat because it makes me want to fall on the floor and cry until Winter shows up. You think I'm kidding, but I'm totally serious. The heat stinks and I'm not a fan at all. As a matter of fact, I'm counting days until cooler weather, 56 days until Fall and 134 days until Winter. Really, I've been trying to use my psychic powers to will it to get really cold and snow, yes, in July. You can see how successful I've been. Not very, but I'm still working on it. I'm thinking I'll have it pulled off by sometime in October or November. Better late than never. I'm actually putting in a request to do away with Summer all together. Here's a thought, why don't you all join me in my efforts. There's supposed to be power in numbers, so show a little support here, I don't ask for much. Hope you enjoy this week's recipes. Until next time.



Empty pasta mix into three quart saucepan boiling water. Gently boil uncovered 12 minutes, stirring occasionally. Drain pasta; rinse with cold water. Shake to drain well. In medium bowl, mix seasoning mix, dressing and dill weed. Stir in pasta and remaining ingredients. Store covered in refrigerator.

Garden Ranch Pasta Salad

- 1 box Betty Crocker™ Suddenly Salad® ranch & bacon pasta salad mix
- ½ cup ranch dressing
- ½ tsp. dried dill weed
- 1 ½ cups small broccoli florets
- ½ cup thinly sliced red bell pepper
- ½ cup cucumber slices, halved
- 4 med. green onions, sliced (1/4 cup)

Empty pasta mix into three quart saucepan boiling water. Gently boil uncovered 12 minutes, stirring occasionally. Drain pasta; rinse with cold water. Shake to drain well. In medium bowl, mix seasoning mix, dressing and dill weed. Stir in pasta and remaining ingredients. Store covered in refrigerator.

Greek Tossed Pasta Salad

- 1 box Betty Crocker™ Suddenly Salad® classic pasta salad mix
 - Water and oil called for on salad mix box
 - 4 cups torn romaine lettuce
 - 2 med. tomatoes, coarsely chopped
 - 1 small cucumber, coarsely chopped
 - 1 cup crumbled feta cheese
 - 1 can sliced ripe black olives, drained
 - ½ cup thinly sliced red onion, slices cut in half
- Make pasta as directed on box. In large bowl, stir together seasoning mix water, water and oil. Stir pasta and remaining ingredients except cheese. Sprinkle with cheese. Store in refrigerator.

Pink Lemonade Pie

- Graham Cracker Crust**
 - 1 ½ cups finely crushed graham crackers
 - 1/3 cup butter or margarine, melted
 - 3 tsp. sugar
 - Filling**
 - 1 Quart vanilla ice cream, softened
 - ½ can (12 oz.) frozen pink lemonade concentrate, thawed
 - 1 container (4 oz.) whipped topping
 - Red food color, Lemon or Lime peel if desired
- Heat oven to 350 degrees. In medium bowl, mix all crust ingredients until well blended. Press in bottom and up side of nine-inch glass pie plate. Bake eight to 10 minutes or until golden brown; cool. In large bowl, mix ice cream, lemonade concentrate, whipped topping and a few drops food color. Spoon ice cream mixture into cooled crust. Freeze until firm, about four hours. Let stand at room temperature a few minutes before cutting. Garnish with lemon or lime peel.

If you're enjoying my little recipe corner, let me know, and send some recipes of your own to kcnewscourier@gmail.com or mail them to P.O. Box 151, Munday, TX 76371. Trademarks referred to herein are the properties of their respective owners.

Weather Whys

What are sea breezes?

Sea breezes occur most commonly during the summer afternoons when the air over land is hottest, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University.

"Because land heats quicker than the ocean, air over the continent becomes unstable and rises to create low pressure at the surface," he explains. "The air at the surface

over the ocean is then drawn in toward the lower pressure over land, creating an on-shore wind. This sea breeze brings in much-welcomed cooler air to the cities near the coast during the hottest times of the year."

Can sea breezes cause rain and thunderstorms?

In many cases, yes, but the effects vary with locations,

adds McRoberts. Sea breeze storms are common in Florida and in places like Houston and New Orleans, but not on the West coast.

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

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by Freddy Groves

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It's not enough to say we have X number of homeless veterans on the street. Before there can be real solutions, we have to know why those veterans are out there, and specifically what they need. The Community Homelessness Assessment, Local Education and Networking Groups (aka CHALENG) is organized to bring together all those who can work to remove barriers for those homeless veterans.

CHALENG has two goals: pair Department of Veterans Affairs service providers with those in the civilian community, and conduct surveys to identify the real needs of homeless veterans. Previous surveys have allowed the VA to pinpoint and then create programs to fill specific needs. A 2015 CHALENG survey of over 6,000 participants showed the following:

- Needs that are generally being met for homeless veterans included medical services, testing for TB and HIV, services for psychiatric problems, substance-abuse treatment and case management.
- The top two unmet needs were the same for both male and female veterans, with housing for registered sex offenders being first on the list, followed by child care.
- Legal issues — hurdles that many veterans can't overcome on their own and the VA can't provide — include preventing an eviction, credit counseling, having a discharge upgraded, dealing with outstanding warrants and fines, child support and restoring a drivers license.
- Veterans age 45-60 provided the bulge in the bell curve, with their numbers exceeding half the total.

CHALENG has been able to bring together help from services for veterans families, dental programs, Housing and Urban Development housing help and legal programs.

If you're a veteran who is at risk of being homeless or needs services, there is help. Veterans and families can call 1-877-4AID-VET (1-877-424-3838) to get VA services. You also can call the closest VA Medical Center. Don't wait until your situation is dire. Address it early and ask for help.

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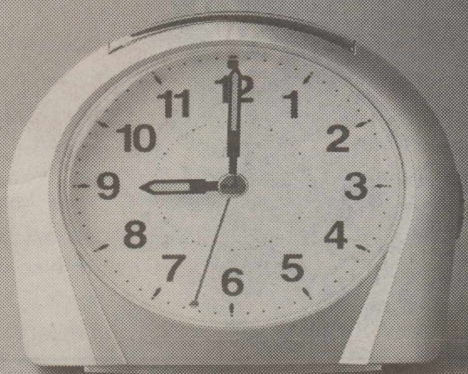


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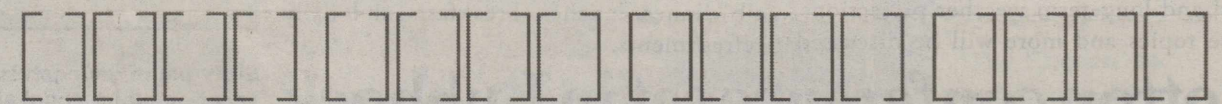


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Mac's Views

Difference between citizens and politicians

After listening to all the politicians and so-called commentators doing a lot of talking at the recent conventions, I found an interesting item on Facebook from my friend Norm Guenther in Hawaii that is worth passing on since it expresses my views that there should be term limits for politicians.

One day a florist went to a barber for a haircut. After the cut, he asked about his bill and the barber replied, 'I cannot accept money from you, I'm doing community service this week.'

The florist was pleased and left the shop. When the barber went to open his shop the next morning, there was a 'thank you' card and a dozen roses waiting for him at his door.

Later, a policeman comes in for a haircut, and when he tries to pay his bill, the barber

again replied, 'I cannot accept money from you, I'm doing community service this week.' The cop was happy and left the shop.

The next morning when the barber went to open up, there was a 'thank you' card and a dozen donuts waiting for him at his door.

Then a Congressman came in for a haircut, and when he went to pay his bill, the barber again replied, 'I cannot accept money from you. I'm doing community service this week.' The Congressman was very happy and left the shop.

The next morning, when the barber went to open up, there were a dozen Congressmen lined up waiting for a free haircut.

And that, my friends, illustrates the fundamental difference between the citizens of our country and the politicians who run it.

As Ronald Reagan said: "Both politicians and diapers need to be changed often and for the same reason."

Using the barber as an example, maybe all of us need to sometimes do something for others and see how they respond.

LAW

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One option is allowing voter-registration cards to be used as ID. Those cards are mailed to voters and do not have a photograph, and might be more readily available to an impoverished voter than a government-issued photo ID. Another option is expanding the list of acceptable IDs to include student IDs or government-employee IDs. And yet another possible solution involves having the state ex-

empt the poor from having to show a photo ID to vote, an exception modeled on Indiana's voter ID law.

The court ruling and even changes aren't likely enough for Democrat Hillary Clinton to win in Texas.

Federal courts earlier reined in a strict voter ID law in Wisconsin and there also is a legal battle going on in North Carolina.

FUMC to host Relay fundraiser

MUNDAY—The Carnival for Hope team from the First United Methodist Church will hold a fundraiser for the Knox/Haskell Relay for Life here Sunday.

Hamburgers, with all the trimmings, chips, drinks

and homemade desserts will be served from 12 to 1:30 p.m. at the church. Donations will be accepted.

There will also be a silent auction for donated items, including two tickets to a Texas Rangers

game on Aug. 27.

"We're hoping for a turnout of more than 200," said Carla Key.

The team will also be serving soft ice cream and "Hope Floats" at the relay for life on Sept. 17 at the Phillip McAfee Track.

Cattle conference set next week

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COLLEGE STATION — After a historic run in beef cattle prices, producers are left with many decisions regarding the future of the cattle market, consumer demand and long-term weather projections. These topics and more will be discussed

here at the 62nd Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course Aug. 1-3 at Texas A&M University. Registration is \$220 and it includes educational materials, a copy of the 600-page short course proceedings, trade show admittance, admission to the prime rib dinner, lunches, breakfasts and daily refreshments.

Cotton conference set in Lubbock

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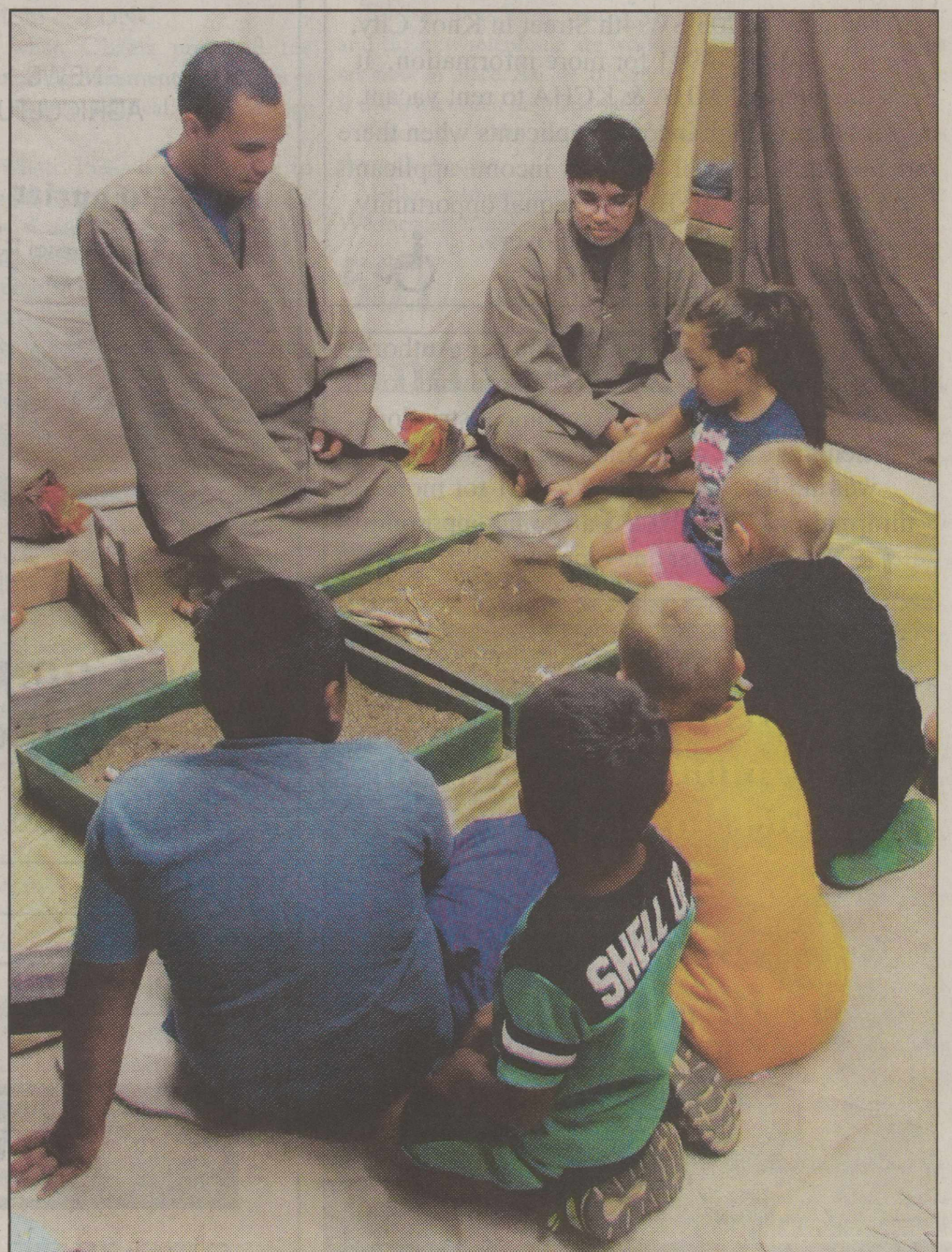
LUBBOCK — Raising quality cotton means better products for the consumer and more return to the producer.

To ensure growers have

all the information they need to make decisions that impact quality, the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will conduct the Cotton Fiber Quality Conference and Tours Aug. 4 in Lubbock.

The educational program will start with registration at 8 a.m. at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center, 1102 E. Farm-to-Market Road 1294, also known as Shallowater Road.

Youngsters learn more about Bible



James McAfee/The Knox County News-Courier

Sixty-eight youngsters from age 3 to the fifth grade attended the first day of the vacation bible school at the Munday Church of Christ Tuesday morning. A group from the MacArthur Church of Christ in San Antonio, led by Kody Speer, was joined by others from Camp Verde, AZ in assisting the local church. Other activities during the week included a movie Monday night, a carnival Tuesday night and an ice cream party Wednesday night.

Weather Whys Cool summer locations

What's the coolest location in the U.S. during the summer?

The place with the lowest daily temperature in the continental United States is Mount Washington, N.H., which has an average July temperature of only 54 degrees, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "But the problem is that no one lives on Mount Washing-

ton," he explains. "If you're talking about places where people live, San Francisco has to be rated near the top with an average July temperature of 66 degrees. San Francisco has one of the most stable climates in the country — the average high temperature in January is 56 degrees, only 10 degrees difference from its July high."

What are some other

cool places?

If you really like cool weather, consider traveling to Barrow, Alaska, where the average July high temperature is a chilly 47 degrees, McRoberts adds. "In the Northeast, head to Caribou, Maine, which has an average July temperature of 76 degrees, and Martha's Vineyard is not far behind at 79 degrees. Boston checks in at 82 degrees, which is a far cry from most Texas cities, whose average July highs are well above 90 degrees. On the Pacific Coast, the always-cool Pacific Ocean keeps the entire coastline very mild in summer. That's why it's often warmer in January on the West Coast than in many U.S. cities."

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From the Preacher's Desk

Changing view of politics

Like most people, I want a better community, a better state, a better country, and a better world. I want less crime, less violence, less hatred, less war, and less poverty; I especially want abortions to be a thing of the past. I used to think electing the right President, having the right men and women in Congress, and seeing the right judges on the Supreme Court were the best ways for these dreams to come true. I've changed my mind.

Here is my political position: "Jesus is King!" Not President, but King. For the record, I absolutely would NOT vote for Jesus for President. He is already King of kings and Lord of lords, I am quite certain He would not want a demotion to President of the United States.

In the past, I have failed to realize that "Christ" is a very political title. Saying Jesus is the "Christ," is to say God has anointed His Son to be the supreme Ruler of the world. It doesn't get more political than that. So when I say, "Jesus is King" I truly mean that is my political position.

Jesus has a plan to change the world. His plan cannot fail. His plan is called, "the Good News" (gospel). Here's the gist of it:

- By virtue of who He is and what He has done, Jesus is King
- His kingdom is already here and in the midst of us
- All people are welcome in His kingdom.
- He makes an agreement (covenant) with all the citizens of His kingdom to love them, protect them, forgive them, and even raise them from the dead.
- All citizens of His kingdom must give total allegiance to Him and must live according to His instructions for their lives.

By doing this, Jesus is creating a "holy nation" (1 Peter 2:9), scattered all over the world. Jesus transforms His citizens, filling them with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23).

This is why I want to pour my heart, soul, mind, and strength into Jesus' plan. I don't have the time or the energy to be divided in my allegiance. I will commit myself to living by the principles of the New Testament and I will tell the world, Jesus is King. As more and more people obey His Good News, the world will become a better place.

This isn't wishful thinking, this is reality. The Good News of Jesus' Kingship has already done far more to transform this world than democracy, the Republican or Democrat parties, or any other political idea man has concocted.

Let me be clear, I am not saying I'll never vote. What I am saying is that voting is no longer my strategy for making the world a better place. I will not let the political process, a political candidate, or a political party have my heart. I will not attach my hopes and dreams to any of these carnal things.

No matter what happens in this country, Jesus is King and He has already won! Those are my politics. (Wes McAdams- www.radicallychristian.com)

After I read this, I decided those are my politics, too!

—Wayne Speer, Munday Church of Christ

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