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Area storms temporarily boost Millers Creek

By Caleb Hudgens

The Knox County News-Courier

Storms that came through the area last week supplied enough water to Millers Creek Reservoir for about one week of use.

Knox City Manager Sam Watson said lake levels at Millers Creek were at 21.1 percent on June 1 and only 21.2 percent this past Sunday.

"It's not a whole lot, but we caught enough to get us through the week," he said.

Millers Creek Reservoir provides water for residents of Goree, Knox City and Munday, as well several other communities and water supply corporations throughout the area.

Current levels are back to 21.1 percent, or 5,652 storage feet, which necessitate the lake remain in stage 3 of the North Central Texas Municipal Water District's drought contingency plan.

During their regular meeting last month, members of the North Central Texas Municipal Water District voted to increase restrictions on water usage for its member cities.

In light of that move, most of the district's member cities — although not required to have voted to increase their restrictions to stage 4 in order to conserve. Cities are asking their residents and businesses to cut usage by up to 25

Watson said much more rain needs to fall before restrictions are lessened.

"The level of Millers Creek would need to rise to 6,000 storage feet and remain at that level for a month before we could consider lessening the drought restrictions to stage 3,"Watson said.

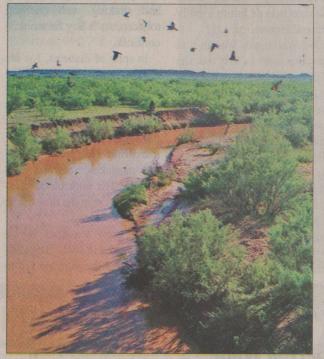
The National Weather Service in Norman, Okla., recorded a total rainfall of 1.97 inches for Munday and 1.88 inches for Knox City for the month of June.

According to a recent check of the U.S. Drought Monitor, more than 87 percent of the state was still suffering from moderate, severe, extreme or exceptional drought, despite recent

In the northern and western parts of the Rolling Plains, the areas that received rain saw livestock tanks filling back up and grazing pastures

Even though some fields were flooded and not accessible, area farmers have begun planting cotton, area agriculture officials reported.

near-triple-digit heat — with similar temperatures and low precipitation chances forecasted over the next several days — it wasn't likely the moisture would be retained.



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Considering this past week's triple-digit and Barn swallows that habitate under the FM 267 bridge over the Wichita River in northeastern Knox County flit above the free-flowing tributary surrounded by a vista of green Sunday after the drought-baked region saw a storm system that dumped up to 5 inches of rain throughout portions of the Rolling Plains last weekend.

Knox Notes

Events are listed free of charge for nonprofit civic organizations, schools and community events. Submit listings at least two weeks ahead of the date. Listings will run through the date of the event. Emailed submissions are preferred to kcnewscourier@ gmail.com.

VBS @ FBC Weinert

Families and friends are invited to attend Family Night activities and ice cream fellowship at 7 p.m. Friday. For information, call the Rev. Dan Bullock at 940-673-8310 or VBS director Mary Murphy at 940-673-8269.

Ranch rodeo

The annual Benjamin Ranch Rodeo will be at 7 p.m. nightly Friday and Saturday at the community rodeo grounds. A dance is planned from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday at the Ex-Students Building and featuring the Buster Redwine Band. For information, call Brannde Estrada at 940-256-2095.

Book signing

Bill Townsley, author of "Notes of a Spider Rock Treasure Researcher," will sign copies of his new book from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday at Henderson Book Store on the square in Haskell. Call Martha Jarred for information at 940-864-3072.

VBS @ St. Joe's

St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Rhineland will host Vacation Bible School for ages 3 through grade 6 Monday through Wednesday. This year's theme is SonWest Roundup, the Wildest Vacation Bible School in the West. For information, contact Janet Dillard at 940-422-4484 for information

Adventure Days

The third annual Knox County Adventure Days will be June 22 with a kickoff 5K/10K run at 9 a.m. at Truscott Brine Lake. Other planned events include the Amazing Grace Race, Photography Scavenger Hunt and tours of Knox County featuring Truscott, Todd Lake Farms, and H&R Organic Farms. Volunteers and participants may contact Jimi Coplan at 940-459-4121.

Summer reading

Join the Munday City-County Library for this year's summer reading program, "Dig Into Reading." The library will host a weekly story time with activities and snacks from 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesdays, June 26 through July 17. This is a free program provided for children. For information, call the library at 940-422-

Corrections

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2013 Pioneer Women Award honors three

The Knox County News-Courier

Three Knox County women will recognized this weekend by the Benjamin Ranch Rodeo Club for their contributions to their communities and the farming and ranching lifestyle.

The club's annual rodeo event is Friday and Saturday night at the Benjamin rodeo grounds.

"The Pioneer Woman Award was established in 2007 to honor the women in the surrounding area who have not only been responsibility for domestic duties and also, at times, full-time jobs, but who also are integral to the family's farm and ranch operation," said Brannde Estrada, spokeswoman for the Benjamin Ranch Rodeo.

Oftentimes, Estrada said, the women honored by the organization also possess a unique skill or trade used by the pioneers who first came to settle Texas.

This year's recipients are Jan Carver, Eugenie Daniel and Carol Dickson.

Jan Carver

Jan Carver was born and raised in Knox City and graduated from Knox City High School. She is a life long resident of Knox County, and married cowboy and rancher Fred Carver in 1960.

"Patience and love of the industry is what it takes to be a cowboy's wife," Carver said. "You have to just go with the flow, because things can change quick-

In addition to working at the Knox County Sheriff's Office for 34 years, Carver has spent a significant amount of time assisting with her family's farming and ranching operation. "There were many times when I brought food

to the field, drove wheat trucks in the summertime and loaded and unloaded cattle trucks for Fred," she Carver is also an accurate marksman. She reports

being paid \$5 per head by ranch management for every hog she killed at the Spikebox Ranch Head-

Carver's daughter Tammy Lyles said her mother's love of family is what drives her untiring dedication.

"She always hauled us to playdays, 4-H events and helped groom our animals," Lyles said. "She always took the lead when Daddy was working and couldn't be there." When asked to describe herself in one word, Carver, without hesitation, said, "Ornery."

In addition to being an active part of community volunteerism in Benjamin, Carver also expresses a deep love for her country.

"When the American flag is raised, it brings tears to my eyes," she said. "It symbolizes freedom and a great pride in our military men and women."

Carver enjoys quilting, oil painting, working in her yard and spending time with family. She has lived in Benjamin with her husband, Fred, for 43 years.

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Harvest



Knox County wheat yields will more closely resemble production numbers from 2011 than 2012. Farmers

Late freezes, drought hurt area wheat

across the county are working on harvesting their wheat before the weather interferes again.

By Caleb Hudgens

The Knox County News-Courier

Teams of wheat harvesters are working long days to reap what fields in and around Knox County have been able to produce amid unseasonable freezes and a lack of moisture.

"Last year at this time we were almost through harvesting around here," said Josh Kimmel, who was combining a field Tuesday between O'Brien and Weinert. "This drought has slowed us down a little."

Kimmel works for Adams Wheat Harvesting. Like many other farmers in Texas, he's noticed a lower yield than in

"Last year dryland farms were yielding 25 to 50 bushels per acre. This year it's more like five to 15," Kimmel said. "The yield on irrigated land is about the same. The only problem is that we're running out of groundwater."

Knox County ranks No. 1 among the Big Country's top wheat-producing which also include Haskell, Jones, Runnels and Taylor. In fact, 10 percent of the state's commercially produced wheat is harvested from farms throughout the Big Country. It is third among the region's top agricultural commodities, behind beef and cotton, with more than 1 million acres planted annually.

Texas A&M Wheat Specialist Clark Neely attributes the decrease in wheat production to the late spring freezes and longer growing season.

"The rain we've gotten recently has helped in some instances, but depending on how mature the wheat is, the rain could've hindered pro-



Kimmel with Adams Wheat Harvesting has been working long days to finish the harvest on some acreage between Knox City and Weinert. Knox County leads the Big Country in wheat production.

duction," Neely said. "Overall the rain and the cooler temperatures helped prolong the growing season and improve conditions of the wheat after the spring freezes."

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New book tells story of Texas outlaw John Wesley Hardin

Special to the News-Courier

Stories of true Texas history, Texas Rangers and outlaws continue to be very popular reading not only in the Lone Star State but also throughout the United States.

Helping meet the demand for this genre, the University of North Texas Press has recently published a new

book, "The Lawless Breed," that chronicles the life of well-known Texas outlaw John Wesley Hardin with some newly discovered information about

Authors Chuck Parsons and Norm Brown have received kudos from other "True West" authors for their telling of this story of John Wesley Hardin, Texas Reconstruction and violence in

the Wild West.

"Chuck and Norm have questioned everything in the Hardin autobiography; thereby adding a lot to our understanding of Hardin's early career," said Bill O'Neal, author and current State Historian of Texas. "Readers of gunfighter lore will embrace this fine biography, and so will Texas in general."

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JUNE 22, 2013

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Registration begins at 8:00 a.m., race starts at 9:00 a.m. Online registration available at active.com or call 940-459-

Open to all ages. Younger participants will stay around

the courthouse. Older participants will need a driver to

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Courthouse and see some unique places in Truscott.

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Tour these amazing and unique farms located right here in Knox County. Purchases will be allowed. Catch the bus

work in groups of two. The race is open to all ages.

2:00 Bus Tour of Todd Leake Shrub Farm &

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11:30 - 1:00 HAMBURGER LUNCH - BENJAMIN

1:00 AMAZING GRACE RACE - BENJAMIN

take them around the county. The winning team gets \$50.

9:00 5K & 10K FUN WALK / RUN - TRUSCOTT

BRINE LAKE (HWY 6)

10:00 PHOTOGRAPHY SCAVENGER HUNT - BENJAMIN

10:00 BUS TOUR OF OLD TRUSCOTT

Winning team gets \$100.

at the Benjamin Courthouse.

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Deaths

Joe Warren

KNOX CITY - Joe Warren, lifelong resident of Knox City, passed away Saturday evening, June 8, 2013, at Munday Nursing Center in Munday. Mr. Warren was 94.

Funeral services were Wednesday at Gillespie Baptist Church with the Rev. Matt Harrington and the Rev. H.B. Graves officiating. Burial was in Knox City Cemetery under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes.

Joe Wellington Warren first saw the light of day on the 11th day of March in the year 1919 on his family's farm near the King/Knox county line. Joe attended and graduated from Knox City High School, after which he began farming. He was baptized in the Grace Missionary Baptist Church on August 16, 1935.

Joe married Oma Nell Rushing on January 21, 1955, in Goree. Joe and Oma Nell raised two boys, Ricky and Rodney, and together, continued to farm.

Joe smoked for 60 some

RHINELAND — Bertha

Herring Wilde, 92, passed

away Friday, June 6, 2013.

Bertha was born February

23, 1921, to Peter and Ber-

tha Herring in Rhineland.

She and Arnold Wilde

were married October 10,

She was a retired li-

censed vocational nurse,

1942 in Rhineland.

Bertha Wilde



JOE WARREN

odd years until giving it up and sticking with chewing tobacco. As a boy he smoked corn silk.

In spite of diabetes, Joe ate a variety of sweets daily. He loved coffee and cookies. He passed to his grandchildren the love of peanut butter, maple syrup and Country Crock margarine. He spread the trio on pancakes, biscuits and waffles. His high blood pressure didn't stop the flow of the saltshaker.

Joe grew tomatoes in his back yard. He said, "The stuff they sell at the store ain't fit to

He served as a deacon at Gillespie Baptist Church.

Joe often wore pink shirts to church. Oma Nell said he looked "handsome in pink." He wore every silly tie his grandchildren gave him.

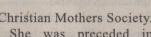
Joe was one heck of a fish-

He loved his wife, kids and grandkids with all he had. We have never known a gentler, honest, genuine and even-tempered man.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Gladys Tackitt; father, J.O. Warren; his wife of 50 years, Oma Nell; son Ricky Warren; and a special cousin, L.E. "Jack" Warren.

Survivors include son Rodney Warren and Linda Hearn of Knox City; sister, Edna Wooldridge of Wellington; grandchildren, Julia Warren and husband, Wendal Elam, of Knox City, Josh Warren also and husband, Jason, of Post; Savanah Warren of Giddings; and eight great-grandchildren.

Online condolences can be shared with the Warren family at smithfamilyfh.com.



She was preceded in death by her husband and two sons, Gifford Wilde and Edwin Wilde.

Survivors include daughters Betty Wilde Wilde Schulte of Lubbock; seven grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.



BERTHA WILDE a member of St. Joseph's Church and St. Anne's

County Commission report

Knox County officials met in regular session of Commissioners Court on Monday afternoon.

Among the agenda items presented, commissioners approved 4-0 a oneyear quote from Jerry Love to conduct the county's annual financial audit for \$13,400.

Commissioners also voted 4-0 to decline the renewal of the county's membership with the National Association of

"I just don't see this \$450 doing any good for Knox County," Judge Travis

The court also approved, 4-0, the refor county employees.

Commissioners meet at 1:30 p.m. the floor meeting room at the Knox County Courthouse in Benjamin.

Caleb Hudgens

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The Paperboy

Connecting the dots

here's nothing like feeling you've been violated. You know that feeling you get when someone breaks your window? How about the feeling you get when someone steals from you? Or the feeling you get when someone wrongly accuses you? Or the feeling you get when you hear a rumor about yourself?

Looks like the whole country should have that feeling right now with all of the spying this government is doing via the

PRISM program.

The U.S. government is rotten to the core. It is a rogue state, and it's targeting its very own!

I bet scandal-ridden politicians are really questioning why they started going after news folk. The Obama Administration already had the mainstream media in their pocket ... pretty much guaranteeing a nice victory lap for the president to do as he's always done and never get called out (with the exception of Fox News and

Now the media has turned on Washington and each new week brings a new scandal.

The fact is, Washington is quickly losing all credibility. of Knox City, Jala Brunkow There are now foreign governments ... including our own allies ... wondering if they've been compromised.

If you have a Droid, Blackberry or iPhone ... if you're on Facebook ... if you've ever Googled ... the government

If they choose to connect your personal dots, they can with ease. They have all the data they will ever need, and we handed it over to them like they were our best friends.

All it took was a smartphone.

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Speaking of spying ... "There are millions of contractors Christian Mothers Society. inside the nation's intelligence agencies," said Angela Canterbury, director of public policy at the Project on Government Oversight. "The U.S. intelligence community is rife with outsourcing."

Right now in the United States, 5 million people hold a government security clearance, according to a 2012 report by the Director of National Intelligence. Nearly 1.4 million of Rhineland and Sandra people have top-secret clearance, with half of those being employees of private businesses.

Around 480,000 contractors hold top-secret credentials, and 2,000 companies supply contractors to the intelligence

Did you know any of this? Me neither. I wonder why the press never ... looked.

A number of the world's biggest companies ... most of them headquartered right here in our own back yard ... are reeling after this latest spy scandal.

They want the world to trust them with personal information ... emails, photos, documents ... but now the trust is gone after disclosures the U.S. government was given access newal of the Air Evac Lifeteam contract to their customers' data online via the PRISM program operated by the National Security Agency.

The companies involved ... Microsoft, Yahoo, Google, second Monday of the month in the first- Facebook, PalTalk, AOL, Skype, YouTube, Apple ... deny giving the Obama Administration backdoor access. They are supposedly shocked.

> Maybe they're just shocked the secret got out. Who knows? Like I said, the trust is gone.

What do you know? Sales of George Orwell's "1984" are up 69 percent on Amazon.com and climbing at a rapid rate.

Amazon lists the paperback version of the sci-fi classic "Big Brother" book at No. 19 on its "Movers and Shakers"

People, you don't need to read the book ... we are living it. If you are still a naive sheeple following this administration like some stoned fan of The Beatles, it's time to wake up. It's time to toss them all out on their collective butts.

It's hard to come to grips with the fact that someone you may have loved and honored completely destroyed your trust. They did. It's over. They now have your life's details on a server in Utah.

Come to terms with the fact that what we're witnessing is a sick mistrust and rips at the very fabric of this country. We should not stand for it.

OK, Uncle Sam, I said my piece. Bring it on!

Christopher Blackburn is publisher of The Knox County News-Courier and CEO of Blackburn Media Group.



Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

After another pretty nice weekend, we are beginning another week today with promises from our weather "guys" that it may be a hot one. Being June, we can expect it, but the cooler days of last week were pleasant and appreciated. Also, the rains have been very nice and welcome, certainly they have made the grass greener and the world around us just looks a little more alive.

About Our III

Barbara Ryder is doing well following knee surgery in Fort Worth last Wednesday. If all goes well, she is to come to Knox City (hospital) today for about a week or so and then should be home. She's having therapy and husband, Donnie, said it is helping her so much. And, of course, she will continue with the therapy when she gets to Knox City.

We heard from Doug Brown through Penny Brown last night (Sunday). She said he is still bad but improving a little each day. Still in the induced coma, but doctors bring him out of it from time to time for a short period of time. Not just a lot of change, but the fact there is some improvement each day is encouraging. Please continue to pray for Doug and his family during this time.

And an update on James Jackson from Munday who is the interim pastor at First Baptist Church here while the search for a permanent pastor continues. James is still undergoing tests — has two this week and one later in June — to try to determine the cause of his problem.

He says at times he has what he calls episodes, when he temporarily loses his memory. These "spells" don't last long, but he thought he needed to be checked out. He asks our prayers as his testing

Emily Brown is having some problems with her right eye. She has lost some of the sight in it, and doctors are not sure just what's going on. She has been to a doctor in Oklahoma City, and he thinks it's something to do with the optic nerve. They have ruled out several possible causes and are still testing. She is to have an MRI today, and hopefully that will help them with a diagnosis.

Donnie Reed, who lives at Jolly, underwent shoulder surgery Thursday in Wichita Falls. According to his mom, Irene, he is doing well and should be able to go home in a few days. And hopefully this will relieve him of the pain he has had for quite some time.

Sympathy Sent

My sincere sympathy to the family of Bertha Wilde today. Bertha passed away Friday after declining health for quite a while. She was a lovely person who has had heartaches in her life but always had a smile and a positive attitude when you saw her. Her funeral was Sunday in Rhineland.

Here and There

Visiting Brent and Dawn Vanderpol last week and attending their son Benjamin's junior high commencement were daughters Jessica and Leah, and a friend, Jacob, all of Abilene. Benjamin returned home with them for a few days' visit.

Chad and Kathy Rainwater had a house full during graduation weekend. Their son Justin graduated into high school, and Jonathan was a member of the high school graduating class. Attending the commencement programs and visiting for the weekend were Patti Bufkin of Roanoke, Amanda Bufkin of Frisco, Jessica Bufkin of Carrollton, Mary Rainwater of Nocona, Cathy Rainwater of Wichita Falls, Rebel and Bryan Huffman of Tyler, Toby Shawn and family of Decatur, Max Rainwater of Run Away Bay, and Karen and Jim Ritchy of Plainview.

On Saturday, Kathy hosted (with help from her visitors) a family baby shower for Rebel and Bryan. This was a "couples party" so all the family got to enjoy it. She said they all had a good time.

Visiting Bud Conner on Friday were his son and his wife, Keith and Pam, of Midland, and his brother Larry (and Kathy) Conner of Wolfforth. They also visited Hazel Stockton.

Debi and Mike Moorhouse had their kids and grandchildren during the weekend for a combination late birthday get together for Mike and a "welcome to the family" party for Noah, the baby son of Jessica and Brandon. Grandchildren Lexie, Katie, and Blaze Taylor remained for a two weeks' visit. They live in Ama-

Debbie Goforth of Fort Worth visited her parents, Doris and Sonny Bufkin, and sister and family, Michele, Kelsey, and Emily Brown, and attended Emily's 8th grade graduation last week.

On Sunday, the congregation of the First United Methodist Church here honored their pastor and his wife, Tom and Rhonda Carter, with a going away lunch at the church. Tom and Rhonda have been here a couple of years (or there about) but will be leaving the last of June for Olton, where he will serve the church there. We will all miss them but certainly wish them well as they make the move.

Judy Barnett told me her grandson Cayden Conner, (Jeff's son) is in Florida this week with the Boy Scouts. Cayden has been active in Scouts for a long time and has had lots of experiences that he may not have enjoyed if he were not a part of that group. I think the fact that he is so interested and active is great.

Cricket and Sean Wilson honored their little graduate, Lexie, and also Tremane Wilson, with a party after their kindergarten graduation last week. Helping the youngsters celebrate going to first grade were Sherry and Nate Escobedo of Haskell, Kyle and Gabby Wilson of Wichita Falls, Jenny Sue Wilson of Goree and Linda and Jerry Parker of Benjamin.

Vista Sage is the new baby girl of Lanham and Jess Jones. She was born Thursday, June 6, at Childress Regional Medical Center. Her siblings, Canyon, Mesa and Brazos, are very proud of their new playmate.

Gladene Green is the longtime Benjamin correspondent for The Knox County News-Courier.

Munday senior awarded KCVG scholarship

Special to the News-Courier

BENJAMIN — Tyrone Dockins, a 2013 graduate of Munday High School, has been awarded a \$1,500 scholarship by the Knox County Visioning Group.

The scholarship was awarded to an individual interested in pursuing a career in heating, ventilation and air-conditioning and requires the recipient to complete school and return to Knox County for one year and work in an HVAC field.

Dockins will be attending the HVAC program at Texas State Technical College in Breckenridge. This program and technical school were featured at the September 2012 Career Day hosted by the KCVG, exposing several students to the future need of this profession in rural

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and urban communities.

'We offered this scholarship last year, but no one applied," KCVG director Jimi Coplen said. "We were excited to get a better response this year."

Coplen said Knox County would experience a loss of professionals in the HVAC area in the future. The KCVG is taking a proactive approach to this problem by encouraging individuals to get this training.

will help replenish the talent and skills to Knox County, along with helping an individual interested in this line of work," Coplen said.

For information on this program or others, visit the KCVG website at Find us on thescoopofknoxprairie.blogspot.com or call Coplen at Facebook! 940-459-4121.

"This proactive approach Tyron Dockins, a graduating senior of Munday High School, is awarded a \$1,500 scholarship by the Knox County Visioning Group by board member Travis Floyd.

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TO: ANNA WITHERSPOON, ADONELL MASSIE LINK, and R. T. EVANS, Defendants, and THEIR HEIRS, UNKNOWN HEIRS, and LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Original Petition for Appointment of Receiver and Order for Receiver to Execute Mineral Lease at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days, the same being the 15 day of JULY, 2013, before the Honorable 50th Judicial District Court of Knox County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Benjamin, Texas.

Plaintiff's petition was filed in said court, by Bobby D. Burnett (Attorney for Plaintiff), whose address is P. O. Drawer 390, Munday, Texas, on the 21st day of May, 2013, in cause numbered 9573 on the docket of said court, and styled, KPK RESOURCES, LLC, PLAINTIFF VS. ANNA WITHERSPOON, ADONELL MASSIE LINK, AND R. T. EVANS, AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, SUCCESSORS, ASSIGNS, AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OF SUCH PERSONS, DEFENDANTS.

The names of the parties to this cause are as follows:

ANNA WITHERSPOON, ADONELL MASSIE LINK, and R. T. EVANS.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:

Plaintiff requests the appointment of a receiver of the undivided mineral interests owned by Defendants in:

All of Section No. Seven (7), G. C. & S. F. RR Company Survey, Abstract No. 542, in Knox County, Texas, and Abstract No. 1228 in King County, Texas, and containing 320 acres of land, more or less.

and an order of the Court authorizing and directing the receiver to execute and deliver to Plaintiff an oil, gas and mineral lease covering the undivided mineral interest of Defendants in the real property described above, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's petition on file in this suit.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to the requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.

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Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Benjamin, Texas, this the 30 day of May, 2013.

CLERK OF THE COURT

Benjamin, Texas 79505



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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

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LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas, 78711-2967. (Telephone 512/463-6792)

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The 501

Ethical dilemma surrounds curiosity

Tho's an archaeologist? Maybe me. Maybe you. Per the loosest definition, it's somebody who learns about history from things that get dug up.



HANABA MUNN

The bug bit me during the drought of the 1950s. The south wind blew and uncovered little tidbits of an earlier civilization in the driveway that circles our farmhouse. During my childhood, I spent much time digging at one particular site or, better said, scratching. I've never quit.

The finds are mostly pieces of pottery and glassware. May-WELCH be it's where some circa-1900 dugout dwellers took their

trash. Since it's my 60-year-old dig — older really — I get to establish the leading theory. So far, that's it.

As a child, I put my finds in a cigar box. I'm still saving stuff. When my husband questions the meaning of broken bits of glass on the kitchen counter, I sweep them away quickly and stow them in the designated plastic lunchmeat container. I tell him I'm planning to create a mosaic. He pretends to believe me. So do I.

Just last week, a fragment of clear glass turned up in the driveway. The raised lettering intrigued me: "...AYR'S ...TOMA... CH...."The middle letters made me think I'd found some sort of stomach medicine. The "CH" made me wonder if it was cherry-flavored.

On my third Internet search, an "M" in front of "...AYR'S" turned up "Mayr's Wonderful Stomach Remedy, Chicago." Yea! My little piece of glass suddenly became significant.

George Mayr, it seems, was quite the quack. When it comes to patent medicines, his false claims alone would have been reason enough to justify establishment of the Food and Drug Administration. He wasn't the only slick seller of miracle potions, but he was among the most shameless, all in the tradition of the proverbial snake-oil salesman.

On the Internet I saw an intact Mayr's bottle with lettering exactly matching my fragment. In the rush of the moment of discovery, I contributed to an online discussion — one with an earlier post from someone named Jan, who took a defensive stance on behalf of her late Uncle

Ah the Internet.

In a way, amid so much information, the initial mystery around my find evaporated, creating a bit of a letdown. Except I was left to wonder who'd bought Mayr's Wonderful Stomach Remedy in the first place and tossed the bottle on our farm. Was it a traveler passing through on the old road that followed the old cattle trail? Or was it my Great-Grandmother Ella, who once lived here in a half-dugout? Or her second husband, a man named Leathers?

The bigger question: Would it be unethical for me to plant the artifact somewhere for my grandchildren to find? They'd love looking it up on the Internet. They'd relate to that part of archaeology.

Maybe it wouldn't be unethical if I told them 20 years later I found it first?

Pondering the ethics angle is giving me a knot in my stomach.

I think I know the cure. Lunch.

Hanaba Munn Welch is a columnist and contributor to the Blackburn Media Group family of newspapers.

Farm Briefs

Grassland Reserve Program signup underway

The Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Farm Service Agency are accepting applications for the 2013 Grassland Reserve Program.

GRP is a voluntary program that provides financial and technical assistance to landowners and operators for the restoration and conservation of grasslands through permanent easements or rental contracts.

In Texas, all applications must be received by June 14. Deadlines vary by

GRP benefits the environment by preventing grasslands from being converted to cropland or used for urban development. Rural economies also benefit from NRCS and FSA program participation.

For more information or to submit a GRP application, please contact your local NRCS or FSA Office.

New director appointed to spearhead state FSA

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack has appointed Judith Canales as the new state executive director for the Texas Farm Service Agency.

Canales, a native of Uvalde, is no stranger to USDA. She was appointed to the Department of Agriculture in 2009 as administrator of Rural Business-Cooperative Service. Since 2012, she has served

as Rural Development's acting deputy undersecretary for operations and management in Washington, D.C.

Prior to her appointment, Canales worked as executive director of the Maverick County Development Corp. in Eagle Pass and was an adjunct faculty member for Southwest Texas Junior College.

Canales' previous roles with USDA include serving as deputy state director for Texas Rural Development and the acting associate administrator for Rural Business and Cooperative Service in Washington, D.C. She was also appointed as the legislative representative for the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Before Canales started her federal career, she served as an assistant city manager for the city of Eagle Pass.

Canales' extensive education includes a master of public administration degree from Harvard University at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, a master of arts degree in urban studies from Trinity University in San Antonio, a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Texas at Austin and an associate of arts degree from Southwest Texas Junior Col-

As state executive director, Canales will be responsible for overseeing FSA programs that protect agricultural practices to ensure a safe, affordable, abundant and nutritious food supply for consumers.

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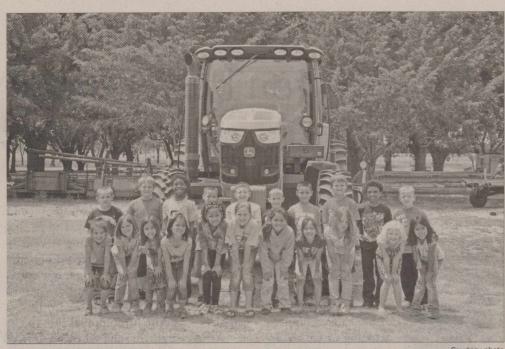


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Knox City second graders pose in front of a tractor while touring the James E. "Bud" Smith **Plant Center.**



Students enjoy looking at the seedling plants in the greenhouse.

KC students tour Plant Materials Center

Special to the News-Courier

On May 6, 21 students from the Knox City second grade class took a field trip to the James E. "Bud" Smith Plant Materials Center.

Students learned about the history of the plant center in Knox City and how the plant materials program provides products and information to meet the conservation needs of farmers and ranchers.

The group was able to get their hands dirty, exploring plant samples from the root system all the way up to the seed head. They learned how they depend on plants in their everyday life from conservation to food to alternate energy.

The students also had the opportunity to tour some of the equipment used for seed

production, including the seed cleaner, tractors, transplanter and production

The group also explored the greenhouse, which has more than 15,000 plants that will be transplanted this spring.

There are 27 Plant Materials Centers in the United States; three in Texas. The other two Texas locations are in Nacogdoches and Kingsville.

The James E. "Bud" Smith Plant Materials Center is responsible for developing conservation plants and cultural techniques for use within targeted Major Land New Mexico and Colorado.

Staff is available from 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday or by phone at 940-658-3922, Ext. 5.

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Citizen input precedes redistricting debates

By Ed Sterling For the Courier

AUSTIN — An issue of a supremely contentious nature, redistricting, is the reason lawmakers are still at work in a 30-day special session, and a great deal of citizen input is being gathered before the coming House and Senate floor debates.

When Gov. Rick Perry called the special session May 27, it was his intention the Legislature would move quickly to make "permanent" the redistricting maps drawn by a federal court last year and used in the November 2012 election.

With that task behind them, Perry on Monday expanded the special session call to include transportation funding.

"Texas' growing economy and population demand we take action to address the growing pressure on the transportation network across the state," Gov. Perry said in a statement released early Monday evening. "As we enjoy the benefits of a booming economy, we have to build and maintain the roads to ensure we sustain both our economic success and our quality of

By Tuesday afternoon, Perry had continued to expand the special session with two partisan issues relating to late-term abortion and establishing a mandatory sentence of life with parole for a capital felony committed by a 17-year-old offender.

The special session will now also consider legislation relating to the funding of transportation infrastructure projects.

Meanwhile, the Texas House of Representatives on June 3 met briefly and recessed until this coming Monday to give its Select Committee on Redistricting time to conduct public hearings in Austin and other cities (Dallas on June 6 and San Antonio on June 7). The Texas Senate adjourned until last Wednesday and its Select Committee on Redistricting met at the Capitol, received citizen input and scheduled more hearings to receive additional input from citizens in Corpus Christi on June 7 and in Houston on

Monday, when the full House next meets, will be 21 days into the special session, leaving only nine days for legislation to pass. If the Legislature had succeeded in drawing legally viable redistricting maps in 2011 — the year after the decennial U.S. census was taken — lawmakers would not be spending this month in Austin. But the current maps are interim maps: They were not meant to have a long shelf life or furthermore last until the 2020 census.

Lawmakers and citizens have already noted the population clusters in urban areas have grown mightily since the 2010 census, suggesting today the court-drawn maps would not survive the scrutiny Texas must undergo by the U.S. Department of Justice or the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals, because of Section 5 of the U.S. Voting Rights Act. Section 5 subjects Texas and certain other states and jurisdictions to enhanced scrutiny in voting-related matters because of a history of racial discrimination.

A potentially dynamic aspect to Texas redistricting is the pending outcome of a U.S. Supreme Court case in which Shelby County, Alabama, is seeking to have Section 5 declared unconstitutional, asserting that racism in voting practices is no longer an issue. The high court, after months of processing and deliberation, should render its ruling any day now.

Service animal bill signed

Gov. Perry on June 7 ceremonially signed HB 489, legislation passed in May that enables citizens with disabilities to be accompanied by their service animals in all public places without having to show the animal's qualifications or certificates.

"For veterans suffering from (post traumatic stress disorder), a service animal can be a strong part of their recovery and a comforting presence in the midst of what can feel like chaotic and stressful situations," Perry said.

Authored by state Rep. Jose Menendez, D-San Antonio, and sponsored by Sen. Carlos Uresti, D-San Antonio, HB 489 takes effect Sept. 1.

TxDOT to privatize 'IT'

Texas Department of Transportation on June 3 announced it has signed a five-year, \$190 million contract with Planobased NTT DATA to privatize most of its information technology (IT) functions.

NTT DATA will be responsible for application maintenance and development, customer support, network and telecommunications systems support, professional support services and IT security. Agency officials said the partnership "will help the agency realize greater efficiencies and allow TxDOT to reinvest savings into other priorities."

Bexar disaster declared

Gov. Perry on June 6 issued a disaster declaration for Bexar County because of severe flooding there May 25 through May 27. Three people are known to have died as a result of the flooding, and according to the City of San Antonio, the city and Bexar County have identified more than 200 homes that have been affected.

Resource areas including Texas, Oklahoma, Knox County arrests

The following report, provided by the Knox County Sheriff's Office, includes a list of individuals from Knox County who were processed through the county jail on felony charges.

· Young, Michael, (May 5), DWI third or more offense (third-degree felony) Knox

gent homicide (state jail felony), delivery of a

controlled substance (second-degree felony); awaiting transport to Texas Department of Corrections, Knox County

• Bumpass, Eric Brian (May 16), evading arrest with a vehicle (third-degree felony) Baylor

· Garcia, Paul Jr., (June 6), parole violation: • Rhodes, Allen (May 7), criminal negli- delivery of cocaine (first-degree felony) Knox

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Cattle restocking



Cattle can become infected with bovine anaplasmosis through transfer of red blood cells.

Producers urged to be mindful of infectious blood disease in herds

By Blair Fannin Special to the News-Courier

With cattle producers restocking herds in certain parts of Texas following drought, experts are urging ranchers to be mindful of bovine anaplasmosis, an infectious disease that can be transmitted among cattle by blood.

"Due to sustained drought in Texas, many cattle operations have been downsized or depopulated," said Dr. Tom Hairgrove, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service program coordinator for livestock and food systems in College Station. "With restocking beginning on some operations, carrier cattle from areas where infection is common could be problematic."

Cattle can become infected with bovine anaplasmosis through transfer of red blood cells, said Hairgrove, a veterinarian who formerly had a practice in Haskell County.

"Horse flies and deer flies are mechanical carriers, and the infected blood on their mouth parts is the only way they can spread the disease," he said. "Contaminated ear-tagging instruments, needles and surgical instruments used while working cattle also can be a cause of transmission. Thoroughly clean instruments and change needles between cows."

Biological vectors, such as ticks, also can be carriers. Pete Teel, Texas A&M AgriLife Research entomologist at College Station, said two Dermacentor ticks — the winter tick and the American dog tick — may serve as both vectors and reservoirs to sustain the disease in Texas.

"The winter tick attacks cattle and other large animals such as deer and horses from October to April,"Teel said. "They feed as larvae, nymphs and adult ticks on the same host, but may be groomed off as bloodfed-nymphs, which molt to adults and then attach to another host. If the initial host is an infected cow, and the second is not, transmission of the anaplasma agent may occur.

"The American dog tick attacks a wide variety of animals and feeds separately on three hosts, one for larvae, nymphs and adults, respectively.

"Small-, medium- and large-sized animals are included, often in a progressive fashion," Teel said. "However, cattle are known to be attacked by nymphs, which fall off when bloodfed to become adult ticks. The adult ticks can then transmit the agent acquired as a nymph to a non-infected cow. Spring and summer are the primary seasons of activity for the American dog tick. Thus, ticks are a year-round risk for transmission of the anaplasma agent."

For ranchers, the potential for the disease is greater when co-mingling non-infected cattle with those that carry the disease. Such an example is when ranchers introduce purchased cattle to those in an existing herd.

"The purchased cattle could be carriers," Hairgrove said. "On the flip side, introducing non-carrier cattle into a carrier herd could also be problematic."

Cattle that survive initial infection become lifetime carriers of the infection and are important to disease epidemiology.

"Red blood cells have a 160-day lifespan and newly developed erythrocytes must be continually infected to maintain persistent infection," Hairgrove said. "Although all ages of cattle can become infected, the disease is usually not apparent in animals less than a year of age. Disease is more prevalent in cattle more than three to four years of age."

There are preventive aids that ranchers can

"Ranchers should use strict adherence to sanitation procedures when using needles, surgical instruments, ear taggers, etc.," Hairgrove said.

As an additional preventive measure, strategically feed Tetracycline during the vector season, he said. Beef producers can consult with their local veterinarian for additional control

Overall, Hairgrove stressed there is not a widespread problem with the disease, but ranchers should become educated about bovine anaplasmosis.

The Idle American

Who are you busier than?

guess — not even an educated one — is that the average person these days believes himself or herself far too busy for engagement in conversational drivel about, uh, who we are "busier than."

Where my wife and I live, quasiretired, our busiest hours precede twice-

a-month housecleaner

My wife simply can't abide the thought of the cleaner-upper catching us with a disorderly house.

"Busier than" com-

give thought to deeper

parisons brought smiles for the longest stretch, DON even when we'd heard **NEWBURY** the expressions dozens - maybe hundreds of times. Rarely did we

meanings. ("Googling" sounded like something we'd do with crawdads; even then, most of our thinking was done at the shallow end of the pool.)

My Uncle Mort, 101 in July, remembers being asked occasional "what-doyou-think" questions.

After a brief pause, he'd answer, "If you're interested in anything that calls for thinking, you'll do well to ask some-

one with more experience in thinking." Anyways, thanks to Google, we're mere seconds away from learning origins of almost anything, including hundreds of expressions about folks we're

"busier than." When first hearing of a guy claiming to be "busier than a cranberry merchant," my mind whirled. Why, thought I, would a merchant dealing in cran-

berries be any busier than a strawberry merchant? Or dewberry? Or raspberry? Add your own "infinitums."

A couple of computer clicks and I learned what should be obvious: Need for cranberries peaks sharply in November, thanks to Thanksgiving, of course. It is for this annual national observance that our turkey population is thinned out. And what would Thanksgiving dinner be without turkey - and cranber-

No doubt, farmers, processors, distributors and grocers truly are exceedingly busy meeting the demanding crush for

At other times of the year, perhaps growers and processors — mostly turning out cranberry juice — have long lists of people busier than they are....

I once knew a travelling salesman somewhat like Mr. McFeely, the little

guy perpetually hurrying his "speedy deliveries" on "Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood." My friend always looked forward to twice-monthly visits to a certain town.

He stayed at a modest motel there, always requesting a room on the second floor. It had a small balcony, and he loved the sound of a babbling stream down below. In fact, he often dropped a line in the water, enjoying a few treasured fishing moments. But he was torn — they had pinball machines in the lobby — and he loved pinballing, too.

An idea light flashed when he devised a way to do both. He tied the fishing line to the phone receiver before hastening to the lobby. Every few minutes, he'd call his room, and if the line was busy, he'd hurry upstairs to fetch the

A florist friend thinks there ought to be a mention of the "busyness" of his profession — at least at Christmas, Valentine's Day and Mother's Day, when about three-fourths of the year's roses

In fact, he said if I'm lucky, my demise will occur outside these annual holiday

"There are just too many possibilities for errors," he said.

I asked why.

"One time, a customer ordered roses for a business that had re-located, and another ordered roses for a funeral. There was a mix-up in the messages attached. One wished for the new business to 'rest in peace,' and the funeral note extended 'best wishes in your new location'."

I know, there are many expressions worth chasing down that have nothing to do with how busy we are. We've gotten sloppy with a lot of them, sometimes fragmenting them badly.

How about comparative happiness? We've all heard the short version — "Happy as a clam."

It is important to add the oft-omitted phrase: "and it at high tide."

Clam aficionados believe that except at high tide, clams are no happier than mussels, snails and other water-loving organisms.

Bring on tidal elevation, however, and they're happy to be alive, straining in their shells to be the life of the party.

Now you've got a "bone to pick" - or maybe a shell — but my office — like our kitchen — is "closed until further notice." You wouldn't believe how "unbusy" we are.

Don Newbury, former chancellor of Howard Payne University in Brownwood, is a humorist and motivational speaker.

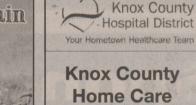




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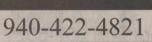
















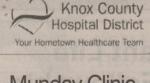


















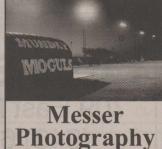




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Eugenie Daniel

Eugenie Daniel was born in Ney York City and raised in Greenwich, Conn. She is a family descendant of the Pitchfork Ranch, which her grandfather purchased as an investment in 1881.

Daniel's father was an avid polo player, and over a lifetime purchased close to 100 Pitchfork horses for competition. Little Eugenie began traveling to the ranch with her father at age 6 and was expected to keep up with the cowboys all day. "Sometimes the ranch wives would take pity on us and let us lay down in the floor and take a nap," Daniels said.

Through these experiences, Daniel developed an avid love for horses and the ranch life at a young age.

Daniel received her formal education at Bennett College in Middlebrook, N.Y., earning a bachelor's in English. She spent many summers and holidays actively working on the ranch and in February 1981 secured a full-time, permanent position managing the Pitchfork's mare program.

She married local cowboy Jerry Bob Daniel in 1981, and together they established the Circle Bar Ranch in 1982. After living in Cottle County for 10 years, and ranching close to 100,000 acres in lease land, the Daniels' decided to headquarter themselves in Truscott and downsize to 40,000 acres to better focus on their changing ranch goals.

Those goals included role in assisting her husband

developing a high quality black Angus cow herd and continuing work to develop an elite horse-breeding pro-

Daniel continues her work managing the Pitchfork horse-breeding program. She oversees mare purchases, bloodline research and documentation, halter breaking, mares and foals, and all horses younger than two years old.

Daniel attributes her strong work ethic to her German-born father, and the hard work continues to pay off.

In 2010, Circle Bar Ranch was the recipient of the highly esteemed American Quarter Horse Association Ranch Versatility Award. The prized horse was ridden by her son Colton. During the acceptance speech, Daniel took great pride in announcing that she "raised the horse and the rider."

The Daniels live on the Circle Bar Ranch in Truscott and have been married for 32 years. They have two children, Colton and Becky.

Carol Dickson

Carol Dickson was raised in O'Brien and received her bachelor's in elementary education from Sul Ross State University in Alpine. She and her husband, Dick, married in 1978, and they ranched their first year of marriage in Electra.

After a brief move to Knox City in 1979, the Dicksons settled in Benjamin in 1980.

Although a schoolteacher by profession, Dickson has always played a supporting

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in various ranch duties.

"Carol is as much of a tenderheart as she is a hard worker," said Dick Dickson, a cowboy and retired ag teacher. "She is always willing to help. It doesn't matter if it's a community cause or feeding and branding cattle. She always names her calves."

Being a cowboy's wife, Carol Dickson said, is not for the faint of heart.

"You can't mind getting dirty," she said. "You need a sense of humor, and you've got to be willing to turn out steers in the roping pen."

Dickson is also an avid quilter, learning the art from her mother and grandmother.

"In the old days, women used scrap fabric and spun batting from cotton in the field," she said. "These were utility quilts made for warmth - not for decoration — although some quilts were made to tell stories, and techniques have dramatically changed through the years."

Dickson retired from teaching school in 2001 and is the co-owner of Front Porch Quilts in Benjamin. She enjoys making decorative quilts to enter in shows across the state.

The Dickson have been married for 35 years and continue to reside in Benjamin.

This year's recipients will be honored during both Friday and Saturday night events at the Benjamin Ranch Rodeo.

Rodeo events begin at 7 p.m. nightly. All proceeds go to support scholarships and the Benjamin School.



Caleb Hudgens/The Knox County News-Courier Wheat is the third largest agricultural commodity in the Big Country. Most Big Country wheat is used in the milling industry or exported out of the United States.

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mented book."

Neely said parts of the Panhandle experienced five freezes and the Rolling Plains saw four by the end of May.

"This year's crop is expected to be less than in 2012," Neely said. "Between the freezes and droughts, the production will be more similar to yields

David Johnson, author of

Times from the Hoo Doo

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Hardin was a truly unique

gunfighter in that he wrote

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magazine and the "Wild

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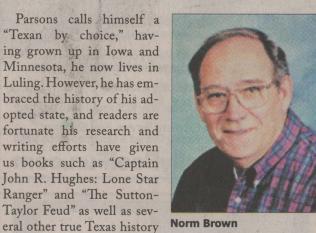
Texas produces more than 80 million bushels of wheat in an average year, but Neely said, that number will come in around 50 million bushels this year.

Most of the area wheat is used in the milling industry to make bread, tortillas and other flour-based goods. Another large part of the region's wheat will be shipped to a

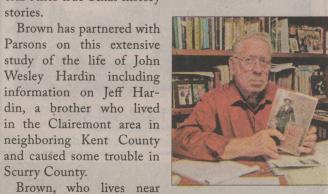
port and exported to another country.

Kimmel and the rest of his harvesting crew will head south to Elgin after finishing some 3,000 acres of wheat here in Knox County.

"The drought has caused a delay in harvest at our next job, too, but there's nothing we can do about that," Kimmel said. "Everyone's feeling it, and nobody likes it.



Norm Brown



Chuck Parsons

Southwest.

The authors will discuss West History Association their research and sign copies of "The Lawless Breed" "A Lawless Breed" is the at 2:30 p.m. Friday at Ruby 14th book published by Lane Books, 127 E. Main UNT Press as part of the St., in Post.

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