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Knox will issue same sex marriage licenses

By James McAfee The Knox County News-Courier

BENJAMIN — Judge Travis Floyd indicated that same sex marriage licenses would be issued here in Knox County if requested.

"It's the law," he said Tuesday. "But I will not perform any such marriages myself."

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton earlier issued a religious liberty-protection direction to county officials on same-sex marriage licenses, but law experts don't see it as a way to avoid issuing them.

Rick Rosen, a Texas Tech School of Law professor, said the situation is different from a pastor being told to officiate a gay marriage. "I don't think this is a lawful basis on which to refuse marriage licenses to same-sex couples," he said.

As government officials, Rosen noted, they're bound by the U.S. Constitution, and that constitution is interpreted by the U.S. Supreme Court. "It's the law of the land," he said. "That's it. Game over."

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled 5-4 last Friday

that it is legal for all Americans, no matter their gender or sexual orientation, to marry the people

Thirty-seven states and the District of Columbia had already recognized marriage equality, but these unions were banned in 13 states, including Texas.

The justices found that, under the 14th Amendment, states must issue marriage licenses to samesex couples and recognize same-sex unions that have been legally performed in other states.

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Knox Notes

Benjamin public hearing BENJAMIN — The

City of Benjamin will hold a public hearing at noon next Thursday regarding its 2015-2016 budget.

Orient Lodge raffle KNOX CITY — The

Grand Masonic Lodge installation of officers for this area is scheduled here at the Knox City Community Center at 6 p.m. July 18, The Orient 950 Masonic Lodge will hold a raffle for a Windham Weaponary rifle as a fundraiser for local scholarships and charity programs.

Guitar, fiddle camp

TRUSCOTT - Only a few openings remain for the Knox County Visioning Group and Circle Bar Ranch's annual guitar and fiddle camp to be held July 12-16 here at the Circle Bar Ranch Lodge.

Dunbar reunion Aug. 7-9
ABILENE —An allschool reunion for those attending Dunbar High School in Munday during the late 1960s and early 1970s is scheduled Aug. 7-9 here at the MGM Elegante

Knox on way to wettest year

Special to The Knox County **News-Courier**

KNOX CITY — With the latest 1.12 inches of rain this past week raising the June total to 3.50, Knox County was well ahead of its six-month average with

a total of 20.79. May was officially the wettest month since the USDA-NRCS keeping records here in Knox County at the James E. "Bud" Smith Plant Materials Center. The 11.05 inches eclipsed the 10.81 from July 2010 and the

10.40 from August 1966. The wettest year was the 39.77 that fell in 2004. The next wettest was the 36.49 in 2010.

The driest year was 2011 when only 8.13 of rainfall was recorded. Only .15 was recorded during June, July and August that year.

(See complete rainfall records on pg. 6)

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Thornberry introduces bill to rein in EPA overreach

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WASHINGTON - U.S. Congressman Mac Thornberry (R-Clarendon) introduced the Federal Regulatory Certainty for Water Act, H.R. 2705, to clarify the definition of "navigable waters" in the Clean Water Act (CWA) to help protect private property owners from regulatory expansion by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps).

"Those who live and work in our part of Texas, especially the farmers and ranchers, understand the importance of clean water and work hard to be good stewards of the environment, but we also understand that personal property and water rights are fundamental to the American way of life, a family's business, and many people's livelihoods," said

For decades, the courts and the EPA have grappled over the scope of the CWA, which simply defines "navigable waters" as "the waters of the United States, including the territorial seas." In May 2015, the EPA and Corps finalized the "Waters of the United States" (WOTUS) rule, which could allow the regulation of almost any wet area on private land that has some arbitrary connection to a navigable body of water.

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Groundwater Management Area 6 planning meeting today

Special to News-Courier

MUNDAY — Citizens in Groundwater Management Area 6 are invited to provide input today at 10:30 a.m. here at the North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority, 135 North Munday Ave.

Texas Water Code Chapter 36 requires groundwater conservation districts to conduct joint planning within groundwater management areas.

The groundwater conservation districts must meet at least annually to review groundwater management plans, accomplishments of the management area, and proposals to adopt new or amend existing desired future conditions for the relevant aquifers within the management area.

The TWDB will calculate modeled available groundwater values, based on the desired future conditions, which will be used for regional water planning, groundwater conservation district management plans and for permitting groundwater withdrawals.

Groundwater Management Area 6 consists of the following groundwater conservation districts: Clear Fork Groundwater Conservation District, Gateway Groundwater Conservation District, Mesquite Groundwater Conservation District and Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District.

Counties within Groundwater Management Area 6 include Archer, Baylor, Childress, Clay, Collingsworth, Cottle, Dickens, Fisher, Foard, Hall, Hardeman, Haskell, Jack, Jones, Kent, King, Knox, Motley, Palo Pinto, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Throckmorton, Wichita, Wilbarger and Young.

KC residents warned about high grass

Special to The Knox County News-Courier

KNOX CITY — City administrator Sam Watson reminds Knox City residents about the ordinance, allowing 12-inch high weeds and grass on their properities.

"All the recent rains have definitely allowed weeds and grass to grow quickly, but we do need to enforce the ordinance," Watson explained



Knox City's Zachary Rodriquez provides block that gives Paducah's Oscar Mathis running room

Red claims Brazos Bowl, 56-22

By James McAfee The Knox County News-Courier

KNOX CITY — Just like the previous year, the third edition of the Brazos Bowl, featuring some of the top six-man players in North Texas, turned into a runaway. This time the Red scored a 56-22 victory at Greyhound Stadium here last Saturday night.

in the Brazos Bowl where the Red scored a 56-22.

Led by coaches Dewaine Lee of Strawn and Mike Bingham of Motley, the Red allstars assumed command early with a strong offensive and defensive effort, taking a 28-0 lead into halftime.

Jared Brown of Crowell, named the game's most valuable player, led the way, scoring three touchdowns on short gains and setting up one of his scores with an intercep-

Oscar Mathis of Paducah then added touchdown scampers of 33 and 65 to an earlier one from 22 to finish the night with 201 yards rushing. He was named the game's offensive MVP.

The defensive MVP was Gaga Soedarsona of Highland, who was Johnny-on-the-spot for two fumble recoveries in the first half that provided the Red with short fields. Knox City's Zachary Rodriquez was a

member of the Red team, getting in plenty of action and providing the kickoffs. Down wind, his kicks carried out of the end zone, leaving the Blue no chance to return them.

Zachary and father Augie left for Canada earlier in the week as he is scheduled to play in the Can-Am Bowl, matching the U.S. vs. Canada. The U.S. leads the series, 14-4.

Knox City's Krys Campos performed well for the Blue.

Knox City High athletic director and football coach Charles Steele coordinated the third edition of the all-star game. "Every year it has grown," Steele said, pointing to an estimated attendance was 500 people. "The Brazos Bowl is a win-win situation for our community and those that come to town to watch the game," he continued. "The restaraunts and stores in Knox City see an increase of business and the fans see good six-man football."

The Red got on the scoreboard first, going 55 yards in 10 plays after a 35-yard Zachery Digby to Jake Welch pass for a touchdown was wiped out by a holding penalty. Digby converted a fourth and 18 with a 37yard connection with Mathis to the Blue 1. Brown then scored, but the PAT kick was

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News-Courier closed Friday

The Knox City News-Courier will be closed Friday for the Fourth of July holiday to allow staff members to be with their families.



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Obits

Carolyn Middlebrooks

brooks passed away Tues- past 20 years, she was a three nieces Katie of Ozona, day, June 23, 2015 at the Knox City resident. She en- Misty and Jeanene; and her age of 70. A memorial ser- joyed playing solitaire in her dear friends Cheryl Daniel, vice was held at Gillespie spare time. Baptist Church, located direction of Smith Fam-

Carolyn was born July of San Angelo; brother Mel-15, 1944 in Sonora to Mel- vin C. Parker, Jr. and wife shared with Carolyn's family vin Clarence and Ella Ruth Laura of Sonora; sister Betty at www.smithfamilyfh.com

Carolyn Janet Middle- (Gamel) Parker. For the Parker of Phoenix, AZ;

She was preceded in death In lieu of flowers, memo-East of Knox City five miles by her parents; Melvin and rials can be given to Knox out, last Friday under the Ella Parker and her hus- County Aging Center, 107 band J.F. Middlebrooks. North Avenue East, Knox ily Funeral Homes. Private Carolyn is survived by her City, TX 79521 and Pink inurnment will be held at a daughter Christy Siems of Ladies of Knox City, 701 Lake Dallas; son Billy King SE 5th Street, Knox City.

Online condolences can be

Jan Frost and John Griffin.

Leadership program seeks applicants

The Knox County Visioning Group project upon completion of the training in (KCVG) and the Development Corpora- May. tion of Haskell (DCOH) are sponsoring

management, dealing with difficult people/ a t-shirt, the overnight trip to Austin and situations, diversity, leadership styles, cus- all supplies. places that make each county unique. These at their community and the region.

The leadership series will be open to is limited. 20 people. Those participating will attend For more information, call the KCVG at an orientation on Sept. 18. Monthly ses- 940459-4121.

BENJAMIN - The Knox-Haskell Rural sions will be held on the first Friday of Leadership Program is gearing up for round each month from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., starting tours, workshops, networking and much will take a trip to Austin in February 2016. And, each group will launch a community

The program costs \$275 and may be paid by the employer or by individuals. Each par-Each class will include curriculum ele- ticipant will receive 4.8 CEUs from Vernon ments such as communication, conflict College. This fee includes all travel, food,

tomer service and team building to name Applications are available to Knox Counjust a few. In addition, there will be local ty residents at the Knox County Visioning tours of businesses, museums, and other Group office in Benjamin or downloaded http://www.thescoopofknoxprairie.

tours will help participants learn more about blogspot.com, The application deadline is Sept. 1, but sooner is better because space

be left wondering what in the world just happened. **Goree High School 50th reunion**

My second thought was, "They are well within their rights to think how they wish. This is America.'

the Confederate flag repugnant, some find a rainbow White House

right now the majority of Americans think their rights are in jeopardy because of the actions of a very few. Meanwhile, they are watching people celebrate in their faces on television and on the streets.

they do not have equal protection under the law and they too, will fight for their equal rights.

Their voices will be heard.

The Goree High School class of 1965 enjoyed three days of cool weather, great seafood and sightseeing on Martha's Vineyard, Provincetown and Hyannis in Cape Cod recently. Shown (I-r) are Jan Roberts of Atlanta, GA, Roy Lee Russell of DeSoto, Robbie Cooke Forsberg of Orleans, MA, Donny Land of Comfort, Matilda Bryant Albidr-

Have a Happy 4th of July!

ez of San Angelo and Lynell Jetton Williams of Spearman.



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MARGUS KIMMEL

We would like to thank everyone for the prayers, visits, calls, food and cards over the past ten months. The pain of losing James reflects how deeply we love him. We find comfort knowing God will lead us through this most difficult time.

Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.' ~Hebrews 4:16

In Christian Love, Nancy Merrell and Family



The Paperboy Liberal Christmas season

T'm not trying to anger anyone today so some of you may need to read this twice in order to really get the point of my observation, which is: Everyone expects their voice to be heard and their constitutional rights to be upheld.

This past weekend must have felt like Liberal Christmas for my friends on the left. The Supreme Court weighed in on the side of same-sex marriage and the Affordable Care Act. They also struck down Texas' new abortion laws.

> So much for State's Rights, right? I think we can all agree that President Obama

has delivered on his campaign promise. He has fundamentally transformed the United States of America. That was very evident this weekend. But lost in the fog of elation is the fact that

millions of silent voices have now been ignored BLACKBURN their equal rights.

The vast majority of people from Texas, Oklahoma and other conservative states have voted in state elections against same sex mar-

riage and Obamacare. That's a fact. It's also a fact that despite those millions of voters voting in state laws, five to seven people overturned those laws: Obama and the Supreme Court Justices who voted to overturn the laws.

Regardless of how you feel about the topics, you have to wonder if it's good for just a few people to cast aside the opinions and beliefs of

millions and millions of people. Look, I get it. We have states where like-minded people live. two! This eight-month leadership series in October and going through May 2016 Texas is largely conservative while California is largely liberal. We're will be packed with outstanding speakers, in Knox and Haskell County. The group free to think how we want and live how we want. That's good in my

> What's not good is when a few people, who are likely out-of-touch with an enormous amount of Americans, rule as if we all want to be like California. And the simple truth is, we do not.

> What Obama, his cronies and the Supreme Court have done is begin a groundswell of opposition. Liberals may not want to hear this and may not even believe it, but power has an ebb and flow and politics is cyclical in this country

Americans do not like things shoved in their faces - especially when it goes against their very belief system. The talking heads in the mainstream media find it unbelievable

that many of us actually believe in God and try and obey the teachings in the Holy Bible. That is a large miscalculation.

When you watch these morning shows, they speak to us as if we all think the same. The reality is that there are tens of millions of Americans that are angry. They are the silent majority and they will be out in force during the 2016 election.

By the time it is said and done, the Liberals and Progressives will

In the meantime, we can expect the narrow-minded and radicals to react in negative ways.

For instance, I was traveling home from Austin (Yes - Austin was in a good mood) Sunday and saw a jeep full of white teens in Mineral Wells with a monstrous Confederate flag attached waving from the

My first thought was, "That's not good." And that's just it. We know it's America. Just as some people find

Don't shoot the messenger, but that's a lot of people who think

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Knox County Aging Center

Menus for week of July 6-10 Monday: Pork chop supreme, rice, vegetables, lemon iced

Tuesday: Summer chicken stew, turnips, salad, cornbread,

Wednesday: Turkey tetrazzini, peas and carrots, salad, garlic oread, cake. Thursday: BBQ chicken, herbed corn, green beans, salad, rolls,

Friday: Chicken salad sandwich, macaroni salad, carrot stick,

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Patrick appoints Perry to transportation committee

LUBBOCK — Senator Charles Perry (R – islators to ensure our infrastructure needs are lect Committee on Transportation Planning provide West Texas a voice at the table." that was created by House Bill 20.

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look forward to working with my fellow leg- ropolitan planning organizations.

Lubbock) was appointed this week to the Se- met, and I'm glad to have the opportunity to House Bill 20 created this committee to

"I am thankful to be appointed to the Sen- examine issues related to transportation planate Select Committee on Transportation ning, financing and performance, as well as Planning by Lt. Governor Dan Patrick," he the Texas Department of Transportation's said. "It is imperative food, fuel, and fiber collaboration with stakeholder groups such as can be transported safely across the state. I elected officials, local governments and met-

Till that moment, neither

instructor. I even worked in

Calling all Wyldewood-

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Lanyards make a difference

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her house key on a lanyard. sound like sopranos.

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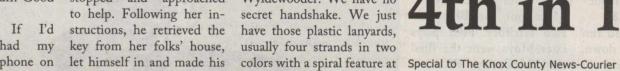
Close below her, friend and neighbor Bobby passed back and forth on a tractor, shredding the pasture. She yelled at him. She waved her arms wildly. He kept shred-

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Anyway, after that epi- crafts and taught inept little One morning a while back sode Beverly started wearing campers how to weave their

current visit to Arkansas.

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Area notes

Texas Cowboys Reunion under way

STAMFORD — The 85th Texas Cowboys Reunion is under way here with rodeo performances scheduled at 6 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. Dances follow each night. The Old Timers' Fiddlers contest is set for 10 a.m. Sat-

Cowboy singer at Coppers Break

QUANAH — Horse whisperer and cowboy singer Larry Hannon will join park manager David Turner in presenting cowboy songs and Native American tales on Saturday at 3 p.m. here at park headquarters at Coppers Break State Park. The regular "Meet the Longhorns" program starts at 2 p.m., giving people the chance to get up close to the seven steers.

Seymour Rodeo scheduled July 10-11

SEYMOUR — The 119th Seymour Rodeo & Reunion is scheduled here July 10-11. There will be rodeo performances at 7:30 p.m. nightly. Tickets will be \$8 for Friday and \$12 for Saturday. A two-night pass costs \$25 and includes tickets to the dance and for the drawing. Children 3-12 pay \$5 and those under 3 get in free. Registration for the Old Settlers Reunion opens at 8:30 a.m. on July 10. A parade is scheduled at 5 p.m. Saturday, July 11.

StarWalk July 18 at Coppers Break

QUANAH — Copper Breaks State Park, now an International Dark Sky Park, will continue its twentieth year of the StarWalk program on Saturday, July 18 at sunset, or around 9: 00 p.m. The StarWalk starts with a naked eye tour of the night sky over Copper Breaks State Park followed by a closer look through telescopes and

Food training course set Aug. 17-18

ABILENE — The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Jones, Taylor and Nolan Counties, will offer a professional food manager certification training course Aug. 17-18 here at the Taylor County Extension office. T

Mustangs picked

BENJAMIN — With everyone return- 11-1A, Division II. ing, the Benjamin High football team is The Chillicothe Eagles, the defending My first one was brown hoping to show signs of improvements on champions, received the nod to repeat

hardware store whose moth- At camp, lanyards indi- expected to be a playoff contender by Dave in the playoffs

Campbell's 2015 Texas Football as they were selected for fourth place in District

while Harrold was picked ahead of Vernon However, the Mustangs were still not Northside for the second spot and a place

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TODAY'S FORECAST:

Greyhounds ranked Brazos Bowl No. 6 in state

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golden opportunity when

ble recovery.

KNOX CITY — The Knox City Greyhounds were ranked sixth in the state in Class 1A by Dave Campbell's Texas Football Magazine released last month.

However, the Greyhounds are not the favorites in District 8-1A. That honor goes cats were ranked fifth. to the Crowell Wildcats, the winners of the

state titles for the past two seasons. The question posed by Texas Football

A minute later, Brown lead to 50-8 early in the fi-**BOWL** picked off a Cameron Mc- nal period. Carley pass and returned it After converting another From Page 1 to the Blue 4. Brown scored fourth down, McCarley on the next play and Porti- narrowed the deficit to 56-The Red got another

The Blue showed some yards in seven plays and Soedarsona recovered a life to start the second half, scoring himself from four fumble on the Blue 18. converting a pair of fourth vards out. However, Nathan Moya downs in moving 60 yards Brown returned the failed deflected a pass to Crowell in 10 plays. Colton Garrett on-side kick to the Blue 35 teammate Brown in the end went the final 15 yards. The and then Caleb Clary went zone to stop the threat. key was a 21-yard run by up the middle for the TD Then in the second quar-McCarley after he picked on the Red's first play from ter, the Blue went for it on up a bobbled ball on the scrimmage. fourth down and turned the previous play. McCarley A 36-yard pass connecball over at its 31. Digby hit added the PAT kick, reduction from McCarley to Korby Simpson for 23 yards

ing the deficit to 28-8. Moya put the Blue into and two plays later Brown Following a 12-yard run Red territory. Four plays made it 12-0. The PAT by Brown on third down, later Moya went the final kick was blocked again. Mathis went the final 33 yard. McCarley's PAT left The Blue appeared on yards. Patillo's kick made it score at the final count, 56its way to making a game of it, racking up three first

Justin Faulkner picked The Blue offense ran 29 downs and moved to the off a McCarley pass and plays as compared to 10 for Red 12 before Soedarsona got deep into Blue terri- the Red in the second half, came up with another fumtory. However, an illegal but were still outscored 28block penalty moved the 22. On the second play, Ma-Red back to its own 15. The coaches for the Blue this found daylight down On the second play, Mathis were Brandon Smith and the right side and scored on again found daylight and Jacob Hancock of Valley a 22-yard scamper. Michael raced all the way to the end and Bret Tyler of Sterling Portillo's PAT made it 20-0 zone. Patillo's kick upped City. with 2:03 left in the half.

was, "Can Knox City get off the snide with district foe Crowell and make a run for themselves in the postseason?"

The Wildcats, however, were not the magazine's choice to score three titles in a row. Border County got the nod, just head of Valley, Gordon and Abbott. The Wild-

While the Greyhounds and Wildcats appear destined to make the playoffs, Rotan and Aspermont will likely be staying home.

14 by driving the Blue 57



Knox City's Zachary Rodriquez prepares to kick off for the Red during the Brazos Bowl, getting plenty of chances after the Red score eight touchdowns.



Knox City's Krys Campos saw plenty of action in a losing cause for the Blue during the third

Congratulations Zachary and Krys on your accomplishments during the Brazos Bowl!

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Texas Football ranks Munday 19th in state

MUNDAY — Dave Campbell's 2015 Texas Football tabbed Munday at the 19th ranked team in Class 2A, pointing out that the Moguls always seem to find a way to

However, the Moguls were selected second in District 7-1A, Division II behind 11 in the state.

state runnerup, as the likely favorite from while Temerick Reagins was named its region II, Texas Football did say not to choice as the district's defensive MVP.

overlook Munday, Hamlin and Iraan. Texas Football named defending state champion Bremond as its choice for a repeat title with Seagraves as the choice for No. 2 ahead of Albany.

Electra was picked as the third playoff team from 7-1A with Haskell, Seymour and Petrolia in the bottom half.

Munday running back Day'veon Dockdefending champion Hamlin, ranked No. ins, who rushed for 1,823 yards and scored 20 touchdowns as a sophomore, was labeled While pointing to the Albany, last year's a "youngster to watch" by Texas Football

Thompson will compete in youth rodeo

SHAWNEE, Ok —Tyson Thompson of riding and bareback riding. Munday will participate in team roping as

Thompson will join more than 1,000 of short go for fame and prizes.

Contestants will compete in nine other national Finals Youth Rodeo. away roping, goat tying, tie-down roping, yond."

July 20-23 — Youth camp

The IFYR consists of two long goa heeler in the 23rd annual International rounds and a short go. All contestants Finals Youth Rodeo held here starting Fri- compete once in each of the long goday at the Heart of Oklahoma Exposition rounds. The top 15 averages in each event will compete in the championship round

the top high school rodeo athletes from "Our main purpose from the beginning across the United States, participating in of the International Finals Youth Rodeo the world's richest youth rodeo, hoping to has been to provide high school athletes win his share of more than \$200,000 in with a professional rodeo," said Michael prize money and championship saddles Jackson, operations manager of Heart of Oklahoma Exposition Center and Inter-

events running simultaneously in three "It's a great opportunity for these young arenas throughout the week. Events in- athletes to get an idea of what to expect if clude barrel racing, pole bending, break- they continue to rodeo in college and be-

FBC Munday youth schedule

July 6 — Munday Night Madness, 3-6 p.m. July 8 — Sonshine Fun, messy games, 3-6:30 p.m. July 13-16 — Pre-teen camp, Lueders

Youth leadership conference helps Texas students

That's where Texas Farm Bureau's (TFB) County Youth Leadership Conference (YLC) comes into play. For 52 years, the program skills and economic knowledge, as well as boosted their confidence with goal-setting abilities.

month at Tarleton State University in election campaign.

terprise economic system that our counhelp them travel the road of excellence."

STEPHENVILLE—A strong Tex- try was built on," said Tyler Thompson, as demands high leadership standards. County Farm Bureau President Knox

YLC participants heard from motivational speakers, learned about the free enhas equipped students with leadership terprise system and engaged in hands-on activities to build character and leadership

The students assumed the role of a High school juniors and seniors from freshman U.S. Congressman to pass legacross the state attended the week-long islation, represent constituents, work with conference, which was held here last other members of Congress and run a re-

"These students are our future leaders, Cole Redwine and Julio Vitolas repre- and we want to provide them with the sented Knox County at the annual confer- skills needed to help them be successful," Thompson said. "The in-depth look at "Hundreds of students from across Tex- our free enterprise system and constituas-including Knox County-have been tional government, combined with their encouraged and inspired by the free en- leadership and teamwork exercises, will

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They wrote that the right to marriage is an inherent aspect of individual autonomy, since "decisions about marriage are among the most intimate that an individual can make."

BILL From Page 1

In addition to repealing the misguided EPA/Corps WOTUS rule, Thornberry's bill redefines "navigable waters" in the CWA as waters that are navigable-in-fact or are permanently flowing bodies of water that physically connect to navigable waters. H.R. 2705 also clarifies what types of waters are excluded from federal jurisdiction.

"This Administration, the EPA in particular, has shown total disregard for the rights of private citizens," Thornberry said. "No landowner should have to worry about whether the

supported and the House supporting documents. has passed three other bills that would help rein in EPA regulatory overreach:

• H.R. 2028, the "FY Appropriations bill," with a provision that would bar the Corps from developing, to the CWA definition of

develop a new WOTUS electricity system.

They also said gay Ameri- is biblical and a super majorcans have a right to "intimate ity of Texans have affirmed association" beyond merely this through the democratic freedom from laws that ban election process. It is a shame that once again the Supreme Court has decided to ignore Sen. Charles Perry issued the 10th Amendment to the the following statement: "Re-U.S. Constitution and decidgardless of what any court says, true marriage will aled to legislate from the bench ways be between one man and impose their will on the and one woman. This truth states."

federal government will get rule by consulting with in the way of their business state and local officials and because of the bar ditch be- taking into actual consideration the public comments Thornberry has recently on the 2014 proposal and

• H.R. 2042, the "Ratepayer Protection Act of 2015," which would delay the compliance date of 2016 Energy and Water greenhouse gas emission standards for existing power plants until all judicial and administrative reviews are adopting, implementing, final and no longer eligible or enforcing any change to for appeal. The bill would rules or guidance pertaining also allow states to opt out of compliance if the governor determines that the rule · H.R. 1732, the "Regu- would have an adverse eflatory Integrity Protection fect on rate-payers or have a Act," which would require significant adverse effect on the EPA and the Corps to the reliability of the state's

For fire ants without visable

Keck said your options are

vegetable gardens," Keck said.

or both. If the ant population

is really dense, treat individual

mounds with a liquid drench

or a dust labeled for fire ants.

Then use a broadcast granule

treatment to provide a bar-

rier to prevent new mounds

from popping up, as well as

to treat any unseen mounds.

Use of baits best way to control fire ants

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cent rains have brought fire ants sion there are more of them than closer to the surface, both liter- there were during dry months." best solution. ally and as a matter of concern Keck said unless homeownfor area property owners, said a ers have been treating regularly, more limited if the ants are in

state are seeing more fire ant vard. mounds after recent rains, said Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service entomologist Mol- etable beds, along the sidewalk, ly Keck. (Texas A&M AgriLife next to my newly planted fig bait, as it is labeled for use in Extension Service photo by Dr. tree and in the middle of the Bart Drees)

Special to The Knox County News- able. When it rains, the ground putting less pesticide into the becomes saturated and the fire environment while getting betants move their colonies higher, ter long-term results." SAN ANTONIO - The regiving some people the impres-

sion Service expert based here. ready have or will be getting at water and oils will work, but People in many parts of the least one fire ant mound in their depending on how close that "I have found mounds when may kill some vegetable roots.

weeding my garden, in my veg- "I suggest products containing vard," Keck said. "They are huge, ugly, and look fairly ominous."

Extension entomologist and from the use of fire ant baits. broadcast bait. You will elimi-





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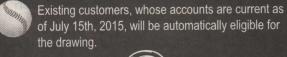
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February	0.76	0.08	1.24	1.39	1.57	0.31	0.37	1.37	0.11	1.81	1.20	0.71	1.80				
March	0.98	0.31	4.24	1.62	4.40	0.00	0.12	3.61	0.46	0.58	1.08	1,32	0.20	3.15	0.71	0.94	0.81
April	6.49	9.03	0.94	1.18	0.31	1.32	0.81	2.18	2.92	1.13	4.97	4.07	0.14	0.36	0.85	3.16	1.50
May	0.30	0.65	3.43	5.63	2.80	6.10	3.33	0.85	1.18	5.80	0.60	5.51	2.28	2.60	8.36	4.48	10.14
June	0.12	2.03	0.42	1.69	0.42	1.25	3.75	2.16	1.72	1.51	0.41	1.30	1.94	4.11	0.95	2.41	8.02
July	0.83	5.74	1.32	0.33	0.00	1.84	1.04	2.95	0.38	4.04	2.25	0.36	0.40	1.04	0.08	0.11	1.11
August	10.40	0.11	3.29	2.78	0.96	5.58	4.05	1.40	1.12	1,96	1.46	1.44	9.07	3.40	0.51	2.80	2.31
September	3.38	2.41	0.45	5.76	4.90	3.91	4.70	6.36	6.53	5.74	4.22	0.22	4.87	0.06	6.42	0.81	2.23
October	0.73	1.25	1.39	4.32	3.37	6.08	6.87	0.86	4.91	0.98	7.73	0.63	1.27	0.44	0.77	3.90	0.70
November	0.05	0.53	2.74	0.71	0.06	0.62	1.15	0.98	0.40	1.94	0.21	0.33	1.01	4.12	1.11	0.40	2.26
December	0.03	0.83	0.58	1.07	0.28	1.94	1.00	1.00	1.14	1.52	0.15	0.05	0.69	1.07	1.27	0.42	1.27
Total	25.29	22.97	25.41	26.91	19.07	28.95	27.23	25.83	21.05	27.94	24.30	17.22	24.15	22.16	22.08	22.05	32.62

Total	25.29	22.97	25.41	26.91	19.07	28.85	21.23	20.03	21.00	21.94	24.30	16.22	24,10	22.10	22.00	22.00	32.02
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January	0.36	0.20	0.09	0.00	0.86	0.35	0.73	1.63	2.52	1.96	0.88	0.85					
February	0.14	1.49	1.45	0.93	3.35	0.16	1.77	2.95	0.04	3.38	5.06	1.40	1.10	2.20	2.00	1.83	1.6
March	2.13	1.28	3.33	0.36	1.23	1.55	0.51	3.28	0.28	1.80	0.38	1.03	1.42	0.42	2.90	1.38	1.7
April	1.49	0.35	2.62	4.54	0.48	1.26	0.44	6.65	0.24	2.05	1.25	1.89	2.24	1.15	1.25	2.03	2.86
May	4.06	0.38	1.60	3.05	8.59	0.63	4.45	6.32	5.28	3.09	4.84	3.50	3.65	2.56	3.65	3.76	3.5
June	3.73	1.77	6.44	1.32	4.76	0.83	4.23	2.06	6.11	7.23	3.29	2.75	2.74	2.34	2.88	2.22	2.9
July	0.00	1.59	1.06	3.03	1.87	1.81	0.53	1.82	0.41	3.60	1.58	2.01	2.25	2.18	1.58	2.64	2.2
August	3.33	1.85	0.51	2.88	3.95	0.23	3.19	2.37	4.80	1.36	2.21	2.59	2.89	1.77	2.21	2.21	3.70
September	0.38	1.27	2.87	5.22	1.42	5.51	5.10	3.02	6.13	1.54	1.73	3.00	5.58	2.97	2.74	2.82	0.7
October	9.60	4.85	3.79	6.27	0.19	0.92	0.14	0.83	1.64	0.02	1.75	2.20	2.20	1.83	1.85	2.56	1.5
November	2.56	2.20	0.50	1.74	0.07	0.94	0.00	2.45	0.19	3.57	0.79	1.01	1.34	1.40	0.90	1.20	1.2
December	0.47	3.98	0.11	1.35	1.43	0.60	0.40	0.95	4.21	1.19	1.25	0.76	1.25	1.08	1.16	0.97	1.5
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February	1.52	2.67	1.01	0.49	2.93	1.25	0.83	0.11	0.79	0.51	2.76	0.83	1.06	1.09	0.65	0.44
March	2.66	3.33	2.74	0.46	1.85	1.67	1.95	4.66	1.25	0.45	1.67	0.02	1.48	0.03	0.18	1.38
April	0.72	0.65	3.78	0.90	2.85	0.30	3.65	2.95	2.04	1.61	4.68	0.00	0.63	2.96	0.69	2.38
May	3.24	3.59	0.75	1.44	2.42	2.21	3.05	4.06	3.28	2.75	2.81	1.12	2.62	1.24	2.42	11.05
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July	2.58	0.81	7.30	0.00	5.75	3.86	0.57	1.00	1.00	4.36	10.81	0.00	1.27	3.46	2.47	
August	4.56	3.56	2.04	2.02	2.96	8.67	1.05	4.63	3.46	0.19	1.18	0.00	1.47	3.63	2.55	
September	2.20	2.66	2.25	2.18	2.98	1.28	2.23	1.17	2.18	5.60	6.51	0.30	4.75	3.14	1.98	
October	1.53	0.27	5.67	0.03	2.37	3.15	9.03	0.28	2.86	2.93	1.01	3.21	0.40	0.61	1.55	1879
November	0.82	3.14	0.50	1.23	5.66	0.00	0.26	0.38	0.21	0.00	0.40	0.19	0.03	0.40	2.77	100
December	0.23	0.70	2.70	0.00	0.33	0.04	1.38	0.96	0.00	1.73	0.06	2.21	0.09	1.44	0.50	
Total	25.50	24.13	33.07	14.87	39.77	24.97	24.66	28.60	19.09	23.77	36.49	8.13	17.81	22.11	20.66	17.29

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The concealed signs have to feature also promote gun-free zones. For fire ants in yards, Keck contrasting colors, text must be at least an suggests treating individual

Private property owners and colleges can

inch tall and the 38-word messages must

Hospitals, schools, bars and sporting

appear in English and Spanish.

make fire ants more abundant," "Overall, I think the most efsaid Molly Keck, AgriLife fective and lasting results come couple of days later with a Throck student gets scholarship

program specialist for Bexar they are attracted to it and take of the mounds you treat indi- Throckmorton is one of six recipients of a merce. Brown served the community in County. "They were always it back to the mound and share vidually, and the bait will help 2015 scholarship from Lone Star Ag Credit. many ways by volunteering at sports camps there; they just weren't as notice- it with the others. This means keep the populations down and Brown and the other winners each received for kids, Christmas Angels, serving meals knock out the mounds that you a \$2,500 grant.

> If you're having a party or ton High School and plans to attend Texas West Texas State Fair. outside gathering in a few days, Tech University in Lubbock this fall.

or need to treat quickly for some Throughout his high school career in ter, Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers other reason, Keck suggested Throckmorton, he was a member of a state Association, Texas Junior Red Angus Assousing broadcast granules or championship football team, served in lead- ciation and the Ranch Horse Association of individual mound treatments ership roles in both FFA and 4-H as well as America.

integrated pest management Baits are food to the ants, so nate or at least reduce the size FORT WORTH - Lanham Brown of sat on the board of the Chamber of Comat the Faith Mission Homeless Shelter and Brown is a recent graduate of Throckmor- participating in Planet Agriculture at the

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Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidney, or central nervous systems, and may have in increased risk of getting cancer.

You do not need to use an alternative water supply. However, if you have health concerns, you may want to talk to your doctor to get more information about how

We are taking the following action to address this issue: Continue to monitor on a quarterly basis. North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority is lowering tank levels to increase water turnover rate and reduce water age in the distribution sys-

Please share this information with all people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (i.e., people in apartment, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, you may contact Sam Watson at 940-658-3313.

Notice of Bid Proposal

Posted/Delivered on 07-1-2015

INVITATION TO BID

INVITATION TO BID: Sealed Proposals will be received by Skip Casey, Interim Superintendent Munday Consolidated Independent School District 811 West D. Street, Munday, Texas 76371 for general construction of Roof Repairs.

Proposals are solicited for one lump sum bid for all General Construction Work.

All work shall be as shown and described in the Drawings and Project Manual as prepared by LBL Architects, 1106 W. Randol Mill, Suite 300, Arlington, Texas 76012 which will be available June 23, 2015. The work generally consists of re-roofing the High School (approximately 41,500 SF) and the Elementary School (approximately 30,400 SF) and some other work. The roofing will be Polyurethane Foam Roofing.

BID TIME AND PLACE: Proposals will be received until 2:00 p.m. CST, Tuesday, July 7, 2015, at Munday CISD, 811 West D. Street, Munday, Texas 76371, at which time and place the

DRAWINGS AND PROJECT MANUALS:

Drawings and Project Manuals may be examined at the office of LBL Architects.

Bids will only be accepted from General Contractors who have obtained the Drawings and the Project Manual from the Architect. It is anticipated that the Roofing Sub-Contractor will serve as the General Contractor because the scope of the project is primarily roofing. To obtain an electronic version of the Drawings and Project Manual or if you have questions regarding the projected project please contact Michael Barnard at

PRE-BID CONFERENCE AND SITE VISIT: A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday June 30th, 2015 at the School Administration Building at 811

INSURANCE: The successful bidder will also be required to submit certificates of insurance within ten (10) days of the award of the Contract. Proposed Insurance and bonding Companies are required to be included with the Bid.

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120 L. Street, Munday 3/2 (\$59,900) REDUCED 203 S. Birch, Knox City 3/1 (\$39,000) NEW 107 N. Ave. A, Knox City Post Office (\$47,500) NEW

160 +/- Acres NW Corner of Haskell Co. (\$1,000) A/c NEW 405 6th St., Rochester 3/2 (\$67,500) REDUCED 1216 CR 113, Rochester 3/1 on 15 ac. (\$69,900) SOLD 401 S Hilmar, Weinert, 3/2 on corner lot (\$69,900) NEW

405 S. Hilmar, Weinert, 3/2 w/ shop (\$112,500) NEW 566 +/- Ac. SW Knox Co. on FM 2279 (\$1,650 / Ac) NEW 3037 CR 428, Rule - 3/1.5 on 1.36 acres (\$74,900) NEW **304** S. Leavitt, Weinert - 2/1 (\$29,900) *NEW* **355+/- Ac.** on Hwy 6 (\$995/Ac) *NEW*

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COMBINED NOTICE NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Date of Publication: July 2, 2015

City of Goree P.O. Box 248 Goree, TX 76363 940/422-5306

This Notice shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities

to be undertaken by the City of Goree. REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or after July 20, 2015, the City of Goree will submit a request to the Texas Department of Agriculture, Office of Rural Affairs, for the release of Community Development Block Grant Funds under Section 104(f) of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as Water Improvements: 3 new water wells; site work; chlorination facility; instrumentation & controls; 2,400 LF of 4", 8" & 10" water line. Project located (Site A) in Goree, west of 8th, between Hickory and Oak, and along Hickory to the City elevated tank; and (Site B) In NCTMWA well field, SW of the City of Munday, west of U.S. Highway 277. Project sites are functionally related and address the same project need. Possible alternates include drilling of additional wells and/or constructing additional water appurtenances in support of primary facility.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Goree has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at Goree City Hall, 306 W. Holley, Goree, TX 76363, and may be examined or copied weekdays from 8:30 AM

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON FINDING

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments for consideration to the City of Goree to the Office of the Mayor. All comments received by July 17, 2015, will be considered by the City of Goree prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Goree certifies to the Texas Department of Agriculture, Office of Rural Affairs, that Glenna Decker in her capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The Department's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the City of Goree to use HUD Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO STATE RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Texas Department of Agriculture, Office of Rural Affairs, will consider objections to its release of funds and the City of Goree certification received by August 6, 2015, or a period of fifteen days from its receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer or other officer of the City of Goree approved by the Department; (b) the City of Goree has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the Department; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR 58) and shall be addressed to the Texas Department of Agriculture, Office of Rural Affairs, P.O. Box 12847, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711. Potential objectors should contact the Department to verify the actual last day of the objection period

Glenna Decker, Mayor, City of Goree

P.O. Box 248

Goree, TX 76363

Be careful with fireworks

Special to The Knox County News-Courier

Shooting off fireworks is a tradition on the Fourth of July

Everyone should already know that it isn't legal to use fireworks within the city limits. It's also illegal to do so on a roadway or ditch. Before all the rain, there were bans in some counties.

For those planning to enjoy the custom, use good judgment to do so in a safe manner, following these common sense rules:

- · Read and follow all warnings and instruction labels on fireworks.
- Use fireworks only under close adult supervision and in safe areas away from structures, dry grass
- Keep a hose, bucket of water and wet towels nearby in case of a malfunction or fire.
- Dispose of used fireworks in a bucket of water.
- · Never ignite fireworks in a container, especially a glass or metal container.
- · Consider wearing safety glasses,
- If you have a dud, leave it alone and wet it down with water.
- Be respectable and end your fireworks show before midnight.
- Clean up your spent fireworks afterwards.

Obamacare saved by Supreme Court

WASHINGTON — In a 6-3 decision,

The ruling holds that the Affordable Care Act authorized federal tax credits for eligible Americans living not only in states with their own exchanges, but also in the 34 states with federal

It staved off a major political showdown and a

ake Creek Knox City C.C.

"Congress passed the Affordable Care Act to improve health insurance markets, not to dethe former, and avoids the latter."

Mac's Views Texas Football magazine full of previews

he 56th edition of Dave Campbell's Texas Football magazine is now available, providing all kinds of interesting information with 400 pages previewing the upcoming fall football season. I've got my copy. Do

The magazine is still the bible for high school football in the state just as it was when I was a sports writer and editor with the Wichita Falls Record-News, the Odessa-American and the Abilene Reporter-Newsback in the 1960s.

Elsewhere in today's is-JAMES sue are previews about the MCAFEE prospects for the three high schools here in Knox County. Knox City is ranked sixth

in 1A, but second in 8-1A, Division I behind Crowell. Munday is ranked 19th in 2A, but second in 7-2A, Division II behind Hamlin. Benjamin is expected to be improved, but picked fourth in 11-1A, Division II.

It's only 32 days until the high school players

report for the first day of conditioning drills on

The cover story is all about Texas and Texas A&M needing to resume their football rivalry, having not played since 2011. I'd like to see that

Texas Christian University is the magazine's choice to win the Big 12-actually the conference now has only 10 schools—followed by Baylor, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, Texas, Texas Tech, Kansas State, West Virginia, Iowa State

In the event, two teams end up tied for the Big 12 title as it did last year with Baylor and TCU, the coaches earlier voted to make the tie breaker be the winner of the game between the two.

On a national level, the magazine goes with defending champion Ohio State as No. 1 followed by Alabama, TCU, Oregon and Baylor--much the same as it was last season.

High school football coaches in the state now are making plans to attend the Texas Six-Man Coaching School July 15-17 in Wichita Falls and the Texas High School Coaches Association convention and coaching school July 19-22

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the Supreme Court saved the controversial health care law that will define President Barack Obama's administration for generations to

marketplaces.

mad scramble in states that would have needed to act to prevent millions from losing health care

Golf schedules

stroy them," Chief Jutice JohnRoberts wrote in the majority opinion. "If at all possible, we must interpret the Act in a way that is consistent with

nedy -- who is often the Court's swing vote -and the four liberal justices.

joined by Justices Clarence Thomas and Sam-

As expected, Republican presidential candidates denounced the ruling.

DPS reminds Texans about dangers Roberts was joined by Justice Anthony Ken- of leaving children in vehicles

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Justice Antonin Scalia wrote the dissent, Public Safety (DPS) reminds Texans that as summer temperatures increase, so does the potential for vehicular heatstroke deaths in children. Every year, children die from heatstroke after being left in a vehicle or entering a vehicle unnoticed.

> "Children should never be left unattended in a vehicle regardless of the weather; however especially in warmer temperatures, the likelihood of serious injury or death increases exponentially when a child - or anyone - remains in a hot vehicle for too long," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "DPS urges parents, caretakers and the public to do their part to prevent vehicular heatstroke by never leaving a child inside a vehicle without an adult present, and by notifying emergency personnel if they see a child alone in a car."

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, temperatures inside a car can rise more than 20 degrees in only 10 minutes; and even with an outside temperature of 60 degrees, the temperature inside a car can reach 110 degrees. Leaving windows partially rolled down does not help In addition, young children are particularly at risk since their bodies heat up faster thar

DPS offers the following tips for preventing vehicular heatstroke deaths and inju-

Always check the back seats of your vehicle before walking away.

Establish reminders that help ensure you remove children from the vehicle. For example: leave your bag, lunch or cell phone ir the back seat with the child's car seat.

Call 9-1-1 if you see a child alone in a car and emergency personnel will instruct you what to do next.

If a child goes missing, open the doors and trunks to every vehicle in the area. Onethird of all of the deaths occur when a chilc accesses a parked car unnoticed.

Teach children not to play in vehicles and make sure to place the keys out of reach when not being used.



July 11-12--3 person

Aug. 23--1 person scram-

Aug. 9--Guys & Dolls

Sept. 12-13--3

scramble

scramble

July 4—Bill Baker Memorial Tournament, 2-person scramble, \$100. 8:30 a.m.

July 5—July 4th Scramble, blind draw, \$15, 1:30 p.m. July 25—Knox City Festival, 3-person scramble, \$75, 8 a.m. Aug. 8-Knox City CC Ag-Oil, 4-man, \$240, 8 a.m., 2

Aug. 22—Glow Ball Scramble, 4-person, \$25, 5 p.m. Sept. 7—Labor Day Scramble, blind draw, \$15, 1:30 p.m. Sept. 12—Knox City Fall Classic, 3-person, \$75, 1:30 p.m. Sept. 19—Knox City Chamber of Commerce Scramble, 3-person, \$120, 1:30 p.m. Oct. 3—Glow Ball Scramble, 4-person, \$25 (includes meal),

Oct. 10—Guys & Dolls Scramble, 2-person scramble, \$75, 1:30 p.m.

To enter tournaments, call 940 658-3911 after 6 p.m. or send to PO Box 734, Knox City, TX 79529



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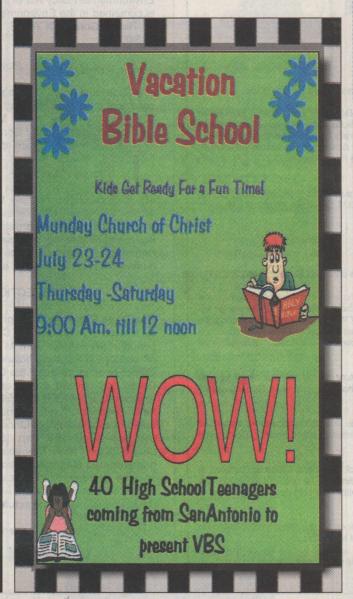
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Sunday

Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Awanas, Pre-K to 6th grade: 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Youth: 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.