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## Munday Church of Christ hosts VBS, youth and community



Geoff Baumgartner/The Knox County News-Courier  
**The Christian themed film "Home Run" is about to begin as the volunteer of the Munday Church feverishly serve food and refreshments to the hungry crowd. Over 200 people showed up for the event and literally filled the street.**

By Geoff Baumgartner  
 The Knox County News-Courier

MUNDAY — The Munday Church of Christ organized an eventful week for not only the young Vacation Bible School attendees, but the visiting teens from San Antonio and Arizona.

The MacArthur Church of Christ in San Antonio selected 23 dedicated high school members to travel to Munday, teach the VBS, and to assist with community services.

Members from the Camp Verde Church of Christ in Arizona also attended, sending eight members.

Wayne Speer, Minister at Munday Church of Christ, was very excited about the activities and the amount of teens that arrived. His son, Cody MacArthur, is the Youth Minister of the San Antonio Church, and he and his father have been planning this since March of last year.

It all started after the San Antonio Church vis-  
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Geoff Baumgartner/The Knox County News-Courier  
**The "Watermelon Express" filled with children being driven around the funhouses. Another teen, Clay Burkham also drove the kids around the vendors and the classic car show.**

## Watermelon Festival brings fun to area

By Geoff Baumgartner  
 The Knox County News-Courier

KNOX CITY — The 26th Annual Knox City Watermelon Festival took place last weekend and was very well attended.

The festival began on Friday July 25, and the vendors and events went through to the next afternoon on July 26.

The Festival started at 3 p.m. and was immediately swarmed with vendors from all over the county and state. Some even came from out of state.

Booths varied and were all very original. There was a Pop's Famous Hotdog booth, The Surfing Cowboy Café-famous for serving those favorite Cajun chicken sticks, Cotton Candy/Snow Cone/Lemonade booth, Fajita Booth, and a Texas Crafts and Antiques booth; just to name a few. The local Knox City Volunteer Fire Department even had a dunking booth and when participants hit the small red target with a small ball, the fireman got soaked.

The main event on the first night was the parade that traveled through Knox City. The parade started at 6 p.m. and traveled most of the city strip. There were ambulances mixed with four-wheeler's and floats. Several students participated in the parade including the middle school cheerleaders all standing in the back of a pickup truck with the bed decorated in the O'Brien Bulldog Blue and Yellow, waving and smiling with pep. Their coach was very happy to be there with them as well.

"The O'Brien Junior High Cheerlead-

ers had a wonderful time during the parade representing their school," said Junior High Cheer Sponsor Mrs. Camp.

Shortly after the parade was over, former Knox City Police Chief Caleb Hodges and the County Line Band took the stage under the community center's open pavilion to play a set under the stars. They played the festival last year also and continued the tradition of playing Texas County hits combined with Southern Rock and Roll while the folks danced below. The band played a few hours and the festival's first night extended shortly past midnight. The band was a favorite of Knox County residents.

The booths began doing business much earlier the second day of the fest, setting up at 9 a.m. and extending through 4 p.m. A Classic Car show occurred on the second day, with registration lasting from 8-11 a.m. and the show winner being awarded by 2 p.m.

All throughout the second day, the children attending the fest were driven in and around the booths and vendors by local resident Clay Burkham, who really enjoys the fest every year.

"I like to come down every year to help my grandmother with the festival, and it's always a great time," said Burkham.

Shortly after the car show winner was crowned, the booths recommenced normal business for the next couple of hours. By 4 p.m., everything was winding down and the cleanup crew was beginning to work.

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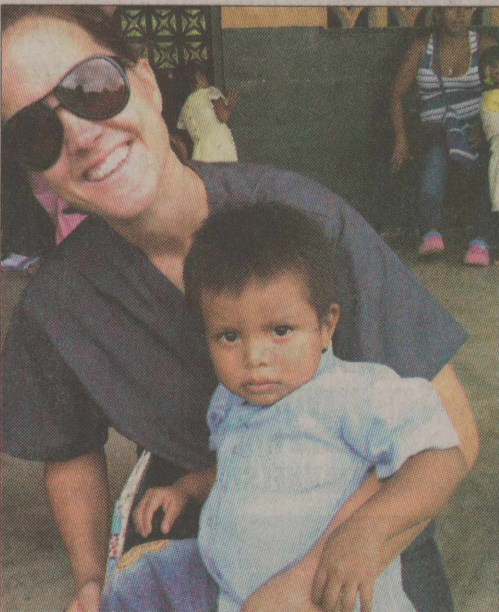
## KC group has mission to Central America

By Geoff Baumgartner  
 The Knox County News-Courier

KNOX CITY — Amy White, her family, and other members of Knox City First United Methodist Church recently returned from Central America where they spent over a week handing out medical supplies, assisting with medical care, and spreading Christianity.

The Knox City group also traveled to Panama with a group from Louisiana who brought with them a translator. Once in Panama City, the group then traveled six hours to the village of Gua-Bal. While there, they passed out medical supplies such as antibiotics, anti-parasite creams, delousing shampoo and Tylenol pain relievers.

In addition to the medical services provided, the group also handed out dozens of Bibles and led prayer services inside the village to help spread Christianity in the under-



Courtesy photo by Amy White/Special to the News-Courier  
**Brylee White reads some entertaining children's books to some of the local villagers after they get out of school. The Panamanian Government has assigned a school for each village in the country to make it less agrarian.**

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## Knox Notes

Events are listed free of charge as a service by this newspaper for nonprofit groups, civic organizations, churches, schools and select community events. Listings should be submitted at least two weeks in advance and will run as often as possible through the date of the event. News staff does not guarantee placement of events. Emailed submissions are preferred to kcnewscourier@gmail.com.

### Rifle Raffle Winner

July 25's drawing for a Smith & Wesson M&P 15 sport rifle was won by Heath Turner. 1000 tickets were sold and \$4000 was raised for the Masonic Lodge Orient #905 Scholarship Charities. Thank you to all who participated. Contact Greg at 361-877-6165 for more information.

### BBQ Fundraiser

Come on downtown Munday for a BBQ sandwich, chips, dessert for just \$7. Aug 5th at 5 until sold out! Proceeds will go toward the upgrade of the Munday City Park. Call 940-422-4540 for more info.

### Kids are Welcome to VBS

First Baptist Church of Weinert will hold a one-day SonTreasure Island Vacation Bible School Aug 7, 9am to 2pm. Registration begins at 9am at the new fellowship. Bible study of 1 Cor. 13, the Love chapter, crafts, music & fun. Food provided. All area children age 3 thru finished 6th grade are invited to attend. Call for info, 940-673-8310 or 940-673-8269.

### Munday Athletic Booster Club Meeting

All parents of girls and boys participating in Munday athletics are invited to attend the Athletic Booster Club meeting on Monday, August 11 at 7 pm in the high school cafeteria. Agenda items include election of officers and to plan Meet the Moguls/Mogulettes and other activities throughout the year. 940-422-4321.

### Blood Drive

The Red Cross will be in Munday August 12 from 1 - 6pm at Munday High School, 911 W. D St. Although it's the summer, patients don't get a vacation from needing blood. Driver's license or two other forms of ID are required. Those who are 17 years of age (16 with parental consent), weigh at least 110 lbs and are in good health may be eligible to donate. Call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org for more information.

## Corrections

**CORRECTION:** Last week's article (7/24) regarding the Munday park plan was brought forward by the Park Committee not the Munday Chamber of Commerce.

**CORRECTION:** Last week's article (7/24) over the Rock Church remodeling job in Munday contained an error. The EDC and the Keep Munday Beautiful group will be in charge of the church revamp, not the Munday Chamber of Commerce as stated in last week's edition.

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

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## Help Wanted!

Attention News-Courier readers: I need help.

As publisher of this newspaper, I'm looking for a person or two to cover the events and people of Knox County.

The work is rewarding and like most things, you'll get out of it what you put into it.

I'm currently looking across the state for help in this endeavor, but come next week, I'll be without. I would love for a Knox County resident or two to step forward and help make this newspaper the pride of the Big Country.

If you are interested in writing and photography and you are able to take instruction, email me your resume at chris@blackburnmediagroup.com so we can begin a dialogue.

Respectfully,  
 Chris Blackburn

## Pharmacy's friendly staff serves whole region



Geoff Baumgartner/The Knox County News-Courier  
**Pharmacy Technicians Belinda Lerma, Lupe Serrato and Pharmacist David Lee.**

By Geoff Baumgartner  
 The Knox County News-Courier

KNOX CITY — It has been nearly two years since Larson's Pharmacy in Knox City closed its doors and the new Knox County Pharmacy & Supply was built into the clinic that was being constructed across the street. Since then, business has been good; very good.

One of the reasons for the new pharmacy's success is its friendly and dedicated staff members that offer quick convenient service to all of its Knox County customers. And it is not only Knox

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## Deaths

### Elma Rodriguez-Garcia

Elma Rodriguez-Garcia, 57 of Hobbs, NM was called home by our Lord on July 10, 2014. She was born on March 14 to Vidal and Erminia Rodriguez. On August 30, 1975, she married Eulalio Garcia at the Santa Catholic Church in Knox City, TX.

Elma was a member of St. Helena Catholic Church and of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. She participated in Relay for Life and was always willing to lend a helping hand with a smile and a heart of gold.

She is survived by her husband of 38 years, Eulalio; 2 daughters and a son: Tricia Sam (Rodney) of Arlington, TX; April Garcia (Joseph Cotton II) of Hobbs, NM; Joseph Garcia of Arlington, TX;



**ELMA RODRIGUEZ-GARCIA**

3 grandchildren: Issac and Elijah Lopez of Arlington, TX; and Arien Kai Rice of Hobbs NM. Brothers: Martias Rodriguez (Mary) of Coleman, TX; Ernest Rodriguez (Martha) of Boyd, TX; Richard Rodriguez (Annie) of Brush, CO;

Mike Rodriguez (Mary) of Odessa, TX; Henry Rodriguez (Anna) of Abilene, TX; Leonard Rodriguez (Martina) of Hobbs, NM; sisters: Anna Flores (Manuel) of Rule, TX; Margaret Ribera (Jesse) of Hamlin, TX; mother-in-law Santos Zavala of Harlingen, TX and numerous family and friends all of whom she lovingly called "SUNSHINE".

She is preceded in death by her parents: Vidal and Erminia Rodriguez; in-laws: Juan and Julia Garcia; granddaughter: Isela Lopez; nephews: R.J. Pedroza and Nathan Rodriguez.

A mass was celebrated at St. Helena Catholic Church with Deacon Pablo Merjil of Artesia officiating.

## USDA Reminds Farmers of 2014 Farm Bill Conservation Compliance Changes

For The News-Courier

WASHINGTON — Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today reminded producers that changes mandated through the 2014 Farm Bill require them to have on file a Highly Erodible Land Conservation and Wetland Conservation Certification (AD-1026). The Farm Bill relinked highly erodible land conservation and wetland conservation compliance with eligibility for premium support paid under the federal crop insurance program.

"It's important that farmers and ranchers taking the right steps to conserve valuable farm and natural resources have completed AD-1026 forms on file at

their local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office," said Vilsack. "This will ensure they remain eligible for crop insurance support."

For farmers to be eligible for premium support on their federal crop insurance, a completed and signed AD-1026 form must be on file with the FSA. Since many FSA and Natural Resource Conservation (NRCS) programs have this requirement, most producers should already have an AD-1026 on file. If producers have not filed, they must do so by June 1, 2015.

When a farmer completes the AD-1026, FSA and NRCS staff will outline any additional actions that may be required for compliance with the provisions. The Risk Management Agency, through the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC), manages the federal crop insurance program that provides

the modern farm safety net for American farmers and ranchers.

Since enactment of the 1985 Farm Bill, eligibility for most commodity, disaster, and conservation programs has been linked to compliance with the highly erodible land conservation and wetland conservation provisions. The 2014 Farm Bill continues the requirement that producers adhere to conservation compliance guidelines to be eligible for most programs administered by FSA and NRCS. This includes the new price and revenue protection programs, the Conservation Reserve Program, the Livestock Disaster Assistance programs and Marketing Assistance Loans implemented by FSA. It also includes the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, the Conservation Stewardship Program, and other conservation programs.

## Cut the line on scammers posing as IRS employees

Special to The News-Courier

DALLAS — If there's an issue with your federal taxes, you'll initially receive a letter or notice in the mail from the IRS. Don't fall for scam artists on the internet or over the telephone. Real IRS employees have badge numbers. Ask the caller for his or her badge number, and then call 1-800-829-1040 to confirm it. Sometimes the caller may brazenly volunteer a fake badge number before you even ask for one.

In many cases, the caller becomes aggressive and insulting. Victims may be told they owe money to the IRS. If the victim refuses to cooperate, they may be threatened with arrest, deportation or suspension of a business or driver's license.

"These crooks make detailed efforts to try and scam you out of divulging personal information—including checking account numbers and other types of bank account information," said Clay Sanford, an IRS spokesman in Dallas. "Don't fall victim to these misleading attempts to steal your identity and hard-earned cash."

Other characteristics of this scam include:

- Scammers may be able to recite the last four digits of a victim's Social Security number.
- Scammers spoof the IRS toll-free number on caller ID to make it appear that it's the IRS calling.
- Scammers sometimes send bogus IRS emails to some victims to support their bogus calls.
- Victims hear background noise of other calls being conducted to mimic a call site.

- After threatening victims with jail time or driver's license revocation, scammers hang up and others soon call back pretending to be from the local police or DMV, and the caller ID supports their claim.

If you get a phone call from someone claiming to be from the IRS, here's what you should do:

- If you know you owe taxes or you think you might owe taxes, call the IRS at 1.800.829.1040. The IRS employees on that line can help you with a payment issue — if there really is such an issue.
- If you know you don't owe taxes or have no reason to think that you owe any taxes (for example, you've never received a bill or the caller made some bogus threats as described above), then call and report the incident to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at 1.800.366.4484.

- If you've been targeted by this scam, you should also contact the Federal Trade Commission and use their "FTC Complaint Assistant" at FTC.gov. Please add "IRS Telephone Scam" to the comments of your complaint.

Taxpayers should be aware that there are other unrelated scams (such as a lottery sweepstakes) and solicitations (such as debt relief) that fraudulently claim to be from the IRS.

"It doesn't have to be tax season to fall prey to one of these scams—unfortunately, they happen during other times of year as well," Sanford added. "To be safe—always be alert to phone and email scams that use the IRS as a lure."

The IRS does not initiate contact with taxpayers by email to request personal or financial information. This includes any type of electronic communication, such as text messages and social media channels. The IRS also does not ask for PINs, passwords or similar confidential access information for credit card, bank or other financial accounts. Recipients should not open any attachments or click on any links contained in the message. Instead, forward the e-mail to phishing@irs.gov. More information on how to report phishing scams involving the IRS is available on the genuine IRS website, IRS.gov.

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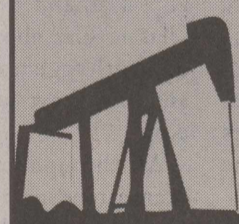


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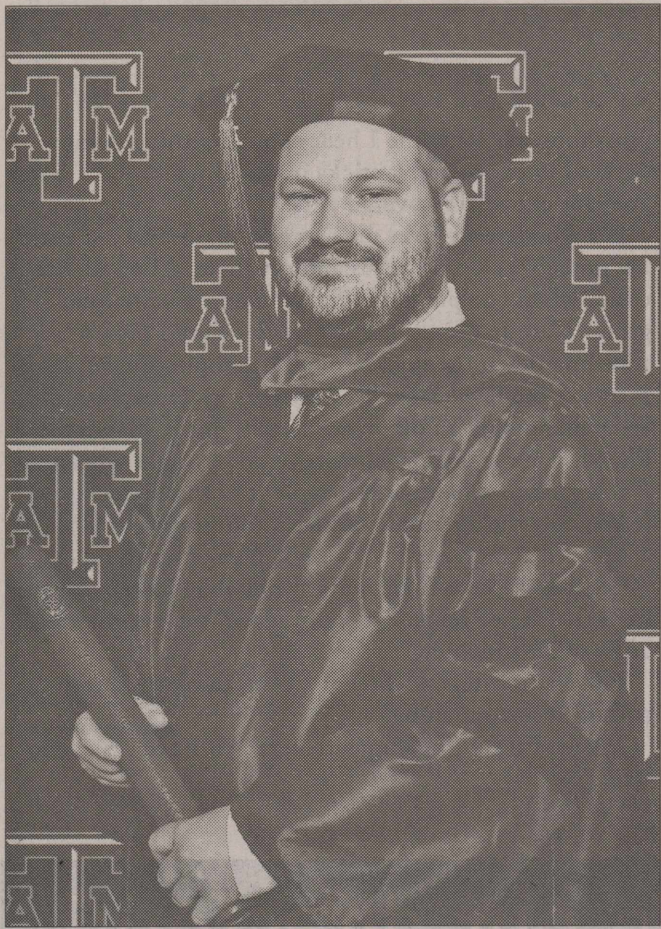
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## Reo Graduates from A&M Law School



Chad Robert Reo graduated May 16, 2014 from the Texas A&M School of Law in Fort Worth. He was a member of the first spring graduate class of the Texas A & M School of Law.

Chad is the son of Glenna and Tommy Decker of Goree and the late Patrick Hobert of Munday and the late Robert Reo of Lubbock. Chad is the grandson of Mary Anna Beach and the late Glenn Beach of Seymour and the late C. W. and Winnie Hobert of Munday.

Chad is a graduate of Seymour High School. He attended the University of North Texas where received a bachelor's and master's degree.

Chad resides in Arlington with his wife Autumn and two children. He is currently employed in the DFW area as a financial analyst.

In the upcoming weeks, a list of taxpayers who owe delinquent property taxes to the Knox County Appraisal District will be published in the Knox County News-Courier. Delinquent taxpayers should make full payment to the Knox County Appraisal District before August 11, 2014 to ensure they are not included in this list. Payment must be received by August 11. Those taxpayers who are current with their payment plans or are in bankruptcy will not be included in this list. For further questions, or to see if you are eligible for a payment agreement, please contact the appraisal district's law firm of Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins, and Mott at 1-800-525-2481 and speak with Leisa Hawkins.

## Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

After a busy and very hot weekend, everyone is back in their regular routines today (Monday) and with a few clouds floating around and much cooler temperatures, today is a bit more pleasant than that past few and the chance of rain is even more encouraging.

### About Our Ailing

Mike Young is still about the same in HMC. He's waiting for the doctors to decide when he may have his surgery to close the place that has been open in his chest since his first surgery. He's hoping it won't be too much longer until he can have that done. Maybe finally he will be able to come home before too much longer.

Deann Lamb had a procedure done on her back on Thursday. Had some vertebrae cemented together. I'm sure that's not the medical term for it, but that is what happened. It was done to relieve the pain she has had for quite some time. She's doing OK but the doctors told her she may have to have some more of the same type of procedure done later.

Linda Griffith had some foot surgery on Friday in Lubbock and she said she is pretty sore from it. They did a lot of cutting, broke some bones in her toes and did quite a lot to correct a problem she has been bothered with a long time. She's home but will have to take it easy a while but she's glad to have it over with and looks forward to no pain after it heals.

### Sympathy Extended

We learned Saturday of the death of Buddy Crenshaw, former resident, who had been living in El Paso for several years. Buddy had been battling cancer for quite some time. He was here in June for the Homecoming and though he wasn't feeling too well, he did enjoy seeing all his friends and several family members who were here. Buddy's services are pending at this time with Seymour Memorial Funeral Home. Of course, my sincere sympathies to his wife, Ruth, and the rest of his family and his many friends.

### Here N'There

As I said at the start of this column, we had a very busy weekend as my family hosted our annual family reunion. We had it out at Mike and Debi Moorhouse's and about 35 were in attendance. The two days were filled with lots of visiting, recalling the past, eating and just having lots of fun. Guests were present from Arlington, Aubrey, Denton, Ponder, Saginaw, Mineola, Allen, Snyder, Childress, Seymour, Munday and Benjamin. Next year, plans are to

have it at Mineral Wells.

Debbie Niel and her grandchildren Krista and Colin of Boca Raton, FL are here for a couple of weeks visiting with Debbie's mom, Mary Young and other relatives and friends.

Irene Reed and her cousin from Red Springs spent Saturday visiting their relatives at Gustine. Irene was reared down there and enjoys going back from time to time just to see how things are, and of course, visit. She said they really enjoyed it.

Mike and Debi Moorhouse were in Abilene Monday for dinner with their daughter and family, Jessica, Brandon and Noah Hutchinson and Brandon's parents, who live in Ohio, here for a visit with their children.

I talked to Buddy Tolson today and he said they both are doing OK. He has his colon surgery on August 11 and hopefully after that, and the recuperation time, he will be able to resume his regular activities. Needless to say, he is ready to!

Hazel Stockton is having some pretty uncomfortable days. Has lots of trouble with her legs and now has been told to stay in her chair with her legs elevated all day. .not her "cup of tea." She always has been active and though she's much slower now than she was in the past, she sure doesn't like the idea of sitting all day, but she does because she knows she has to.

Vicki Spence had some misfortune today. She is a teacher here (the daughter of Wilma Smith) and was at a work shop when she fell and hurt herself—among other things she received a broken nose so she's at home trying to recover. Of course, we wish Vicki well.

Kim and Tina Sealy, Jakey Siemens and Margaret and Sal Silva and children (of Knox City) vacationed in the San Antonio area a few days last week.

Fred Carver continues to improve after his stroke a couple of months ago. He's having physical therapy and that seems to be helping a lot. He still stays pretty close to home most of the time.

Have you noticed the work at the Conoco station? They are putting some Cedar looking "stuff" on the outside and it is looking good. Just a little bit of change to a building makes a big difference.

I just learned of the death of Dorothy Carver of Knox City. Dorothy had a stroke several months ago and since that time had been residing in the Munday Nursing Center until a few weeks ago when she broke her hip and was hospitalized both in Knox City and Wichita Falls. She was back in Knox City when she passed away. Dorothy was a lovely person and loved by everyone. Services are pending at this time. Of course, my sincere sympathy to her sons Fred and Johnny and their families and all the rest of her relatives and many friends.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### NOTICE TO BANKS OF KNOX COUNTY

As authorized and required by Art. 2544, V. C. S. State of Texas, the Commissioners Court of Knox County at their regular meeting place will accept bids for designation as County Depository for Knox County funds until 1:00 P. M., August 11, 2014. Any banking concern within the County desiring appointment as depository bank will file their bid application with the County Judge of Knox County and must be in his hands by 1:00 P. M., August 11, 2014.

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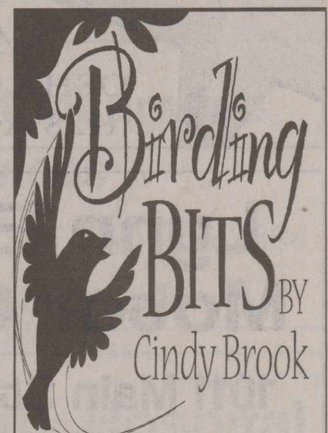
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# The 501 Insects for Breakfast?

**W**hat's for dinner? If it's got six legs, I'm not sure I'm hungry.



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On the other hand, I'm easily influenced. If everybody in the tent circle is eating fried locusts, who am I to demur? After all, insects are the new buzz in the food world. I just heard it on National Public Radio. It must be true.

Are bugs the latest fad at restaurants that serve offbeat food like flower blossoms to people like New York-based NPR reporters? Nope. Insects, a bountiful source of micronutrients and protein (and I can't remember what else), represent a potential global food source for the world's increasing population, meaning insect farming could become an industry.

Maybe "farming" isn't the right word. Since insects are creatures, therefore more comparable to cows than crops, insect "ranching" is probably a better term. Count me in. Per this year's grasshopper numbers,

we've got a good start on building a herd. From the sound of things, we've got locusts too. But maybe they're different from the edible ones described in Leviticus and the locusts John the Baptist ate in the wilderness. The kosher locust niche market might be a perfect place to develop a distinctive brand, but I wouldn't want to risk getting it wrong.

Meanwhile, my friend Beverly, in the interest of teaching kindergarten-age vacation Bible school students about King Hezekiah's poultice, recently researched ancient food and medicine in general. She learned that locusts and such can be ground and added to flour. She taught the kids that too. I'm thinking some interesting scenarios may develop if they remember the whole lesson.

Whether adding pulverized insects to flour just makes it go farther or spices it up or both, a modern application might be to add crunchy insect parts to Hershey's Bars and Mars Bars. Both products are rising in price due to the cost of ingredients. Anything to make chocolate go farther could help poor people afford chocolate. Right? And haven't we all heard about chocolate-covered

grasshoppers? Anytime I hear about anything being covered in chocolate, it sticks in my mind. Same goes for chocolate-covered ants.

If anybody ever gives me any chocolate-covered ants, I'll probably close my eyes and eat them. After all, life's easier when you put ants somewhere in a basic food group. Case in point, just last week I found myself traveling down the highway and depending for nourishment on the few snacks I'd hurriedly grabbed from the kitchen, notably an off-brand nutrition bar that, unbeknownst to me, had been discovered by some tiny ants.

Such a situation divides people into three kinds: You toss the ant-infested snack. Bummer. You are an ant-eater. You eat it. Yum. You smile. You brush off as many ants as possible, fatally smushing some. They remain stuck in place. You eat the treat anyway, ants included.

Put me in category three. I like to think it's a step toward insect ranching.

Maybe I'll try grasshoppers next. All I need is chocolate.

Lots of chocolate.

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## The Paperboy

### Two families in need of healing

Lives can change in an instant. A little over a week ago, Jaydan Willis, 6, a Childress boy, could not stop his forward momentum and was struck by an man driving a pickup.

In an instant, the lives of two families were changed.



CHRIS BLACKBURN

There are many emotions in such a tragedy. Jaydan - what can you say? He's a great kid and he's fighting for his life. He's showing some incredible heart at University Medical Center in Lubbock.

Childress, like every small town I know of, has rallied for Jaydan. Prayer vigils, Sunday school classes, Facebook posts ... all reflect an outpouring of love and well wishes for this young man.

Prayers are also being sent up for Joey Bourland, a man who happened to be at the wrong place at the wrong time. Mr. Bourland, the driver of the vehicle, has probably played the scene out in his head over and over. It's a natural reaction. I'm sure the Willis family has as well. Each person wishing they could go back in time and just change things for an instant.

When my oldest son Jackson was 4, he dashed out behind my wife who was already in reverse. Sharon never saw him as her SUV backed over him.

Jackson only suffered minor head injuries as the vehicle somehow straddled his body. The wait to find out whether those injuries were serious or not was

excruciating.

To say Jackson was lucky is an understatement.

The accident with Jaydan brought many emotions forward again. Not just for me, but Sharon as well. We have prayed for the Willis and Bourland families daily. We pray for healing, both physically and mentally. We also pray for understanding what is nearly impossible to understand.

While we all wish the accident would have never happened, we realize that lives have been changed. Hopefully, they are changed for the better. If not now, down the road.

Sometimes there is no rhyme or reason as to why things happen. And as hard as it is to believe, we are all pretty lucky to be here. A few seconds here or there and things could be much different for each and every one of us.

Jaydan is making progress. His little body is doing its best while a team of talented doctors do theirs.

Mr. Bourland is fighting as well.

I pray the Willis and Bourland families get some sense of relief soon. They've really been through it. And I hope that the good people of Childress recognize how special they are. Really, there's nothing quite like a small town rallying during a time of need.

Chris Blackburn serves as CEO at Blackburn Media Group, proud owner of Red River Sun, The Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon, The Knox County News-Courier and The Post Dispatch. He can be reached by email at [chris@blackburnmediagroup.com](mailto:chris@blackburnmediagroup.com) and you can follow him on Twitter @WCSBlackburn.

## Pink Ladies

The Pink Ladies staff met at the store July 16 at 4:30 pm.

President, Glenda Huff, called the meeting to order with nine present.

Old business was handrails to help folks get up the three steps because four people have fallen on them. The City has the state required specification for the installation, but has found no one to do the work.

New business included a minor leak where the buildings are attached. Judy Leaverton was to contact Booe Roofing, installer of the new roof that is guaranteed for 10 years.

Glenda appointed a nominating committee to select a slate of officers for the new year which begins in September.

The committee was scheduled to meet on Wednesday afternoon at the store.

Thanks for keeping us busy. Friday, July 18, two pickup loads came in plus other smaller donations. Our customers are always welcome!

Billie Walker, Reporter

Note: The Pink Ladies Auxiliary thrift store is located downtown Knox City. Proceeds from the store go toward the support of the Knox County Hospital District providing funding for needed medical equipment, ambulances and patient comfort items.

## Knox County Aging Center Menu

August 4-8

**Monday:** Swedish meatballs, parsley noodles, mixed vegetables, rolls, oatmeal cookies

**Tuesday:** Polish sausage/BBQ pinto beans, coleslaw, cornbread, peaches

**Wednesday:** Beef taco bake, Spanish rice, cauliflower, tossed salad, country

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## Vilsack Proclaims August 3-9 National Farmers Market Week

For The News-Courier

WASHINGTON — Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has declared August 3 through 9, 2014, "National Farmers Market Week." Throughout the week, USDA

will celebrate our nation's thousands of farmers markets, farmers who make them possible and the communities that host them.

The declaration was made via an official proclamation signed by Secretary Vilsack. This year marks the 15th Annual National Farmers Market Week recognizing the important role that farmers markets play in the agricultural and food economy. The U.S. Department of Agriculture began declaring National Farmers Market Week in 2000.

"National Farmers Market Week is a great opportunity for farmers markets across the country to host special events to showcase all the tremendous services they provide," said Secretary Vilsack. "Farmers markets play a key role in developing local and regional food systems that support family farms, and help grow rural economies. They bring communities together, connecting cities with the farms that support them and provide Americans across the country with fresh, healthy food."

In honor of National Farmers Market Week, USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) Administrator Anne Alonzo will be at the Dane County Farmers Market located on the

grounds of the State Capitol building in Madison, Wisconsin on Saturday, August 2. The Madison farmers market is the largest producer-only farmers market in the U.S. On August 8, the USDA Farmers Market, located at USDA headquarters in Washington, DC, will host a Healthy Back-To-School Challenge to show kids and their families how to cook simple, healthy, and delicious snacks with seasonal ingredients. Other USDA officials will be at other farmers market locations across the country throughout the week.

Thousands of farmers markets across the country offer consumers fresh, affordable, convenient, and healthful products sold directly from the farm. They also offer additional market opportunities for local producers, especially smaller or newer operations. Farmers markets increasingly offer electronic benefits transfer technology that can be used by recipients of USDA's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - as well as low-income women, infants, and children and seniors participating in the WIC and Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Programs - to get fresh, seasonal ingredients.



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**VBS**  
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ited the Arizona Church, and after a successful trip, Cody and his father decided it would be a great idea to have the two meet in Munday and combine their efforts and experience. Needless to say it all worked out for the greater good of Munday.

While the VBS and community activities do benefit the town of Munday, the whole idea is really more for the youth of the town and the values it instills in them.

"Everything we are doing this week is not for us,

it's for the kids!" exclaimed Cody Speer.

The visiting teens from San Antonio and Arizona not only worked around the church and made signs for the congregation, but also went around Munday performing services such as municipal park clean up.

"We have Vacation Bible School in the morning and help serve the community in the afternoon. It helps develop leadership skills for everyone involved," Speer said.

VBS activities culminated with an outdoor community movie presentation of the Christian themed film, "Home Run." Hundreds of people showed up and the MVFD had to block off

a section of 3rd St. with their fire engines while the crowd filled the street sitting in chairs and on lawns. People from Knox City and Benjamin also enjoyed the festivities.

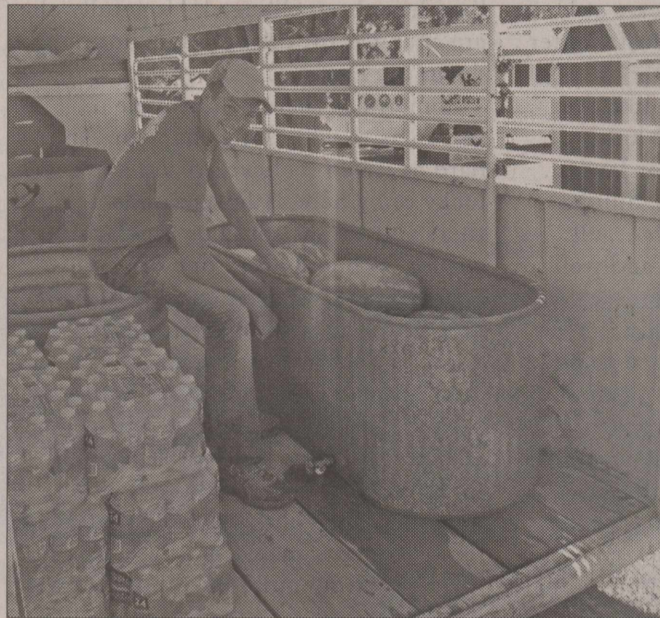
"The movie presentation was not only for the youth of Munday and visiting teens, but the community as a whole," said Wayne Speer.

The movie presentation occurred at twilight. Popcorn, nachos and sodas were served.

The food and drink were served up by volunteer members of the Munday Church of Christ so the teens that worked all week could enjoy the movie.



Geoff Baumgartner/The Knox County News-Courier  
Betty Johnston slices watermelon for hungry kids as Knox City resident Lezlee Moore patiently looks on. There were seedless, as well as non-seedless watermelons being passed out.



Geoff Baumgartner/The Knox County News-Courier  
Logan Campbell sits a guard in the watermelon trailer as the fruit was dispensed one by one to the cutting booth. Campbell also took turns with another teen driving around the "Watermelon Express" for all the children.



Geoff Baumgartner/The Knox County News-Courier  
Reena Johnson takes a big bite out of her watermelon. Johnson attended the fest last and posed for a similar picture.

**MISSION**  
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developed region. "Lots of antibiotics for scabies were handed out and shampoo for lice. We handed out Bibles and the villagers really loved and embraced the religious side of it," said White.

In all, there were eight members of FUMC on the trip, which was organized and funded through Volunteer Mission, a nonprofit organization.

Dr. Duke and his wife Amanda also took the journey, providing medical services to the impoverished

villagers of Panama.

White and daughter Brylee passed out non-medically and religiously related gifts. They also gave away athletic equipment and handed out candy.

"We gave away soccer balls and homemade suckers to the local children and adults, they loved it," said Brylee.

The trip had been a long time coming according to White and her family.

"We have wanted to make this trip for a very long and when it was over, none of us really wanted to leave," White said. "We wanted to stay down there and continue to help."

The trip put modern American life into perspective for the White family and gave them a new found appreciation for the type of lifestyle we are afforded in this country. Even her children have a new understanding that not everyone has what we have and we are very fortunate and blessed.

"There was no XBOX, no television, no electricity and no running water, but the children still had the biggest smiles on their faces when we arrived to help. It was very fulfilling and gave my family a new appreciation," said White.

**PHARMACY**  
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County they are supplying either. Patients come from all over the surrounding counties as well, even so far as Guthrie.

"We even supply the 6666 Ranch and all the incoming industrial workers," said KCP&S Pharmacist David Lee.

Lee has had extensive experience in the medical field of pharmacology. He has worked for the hospital in Wichita Falls, as well as

other pharmacies and has over 12 years of experience.

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In addition to Lee, the KCP&S also has three pharmacy technicians.

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While the KCP&S hours are typically Mon.-Fri. 9-5:30 and Sat. from 9-12, the staff almost always stays later to better serve the community. They will stay until the neighboring clinic is closed and all the patients are taken care of. That is real dedication to the community and what real local business is all about.



Geoff Baumgartner/The Knox County News-Courier  
Knox City Volunteer Firefighter Adrian Soto is preparing to be dunked in the dunk booth. Several other KCVFD Firefighters also participated at the booth and became equally as drenched. Several junior high students enjoyed dunking the men throughout the day.

**WATERMELON**  
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# Vintage beauties on display at car show

By Geoff Baumgartner  
The Knox County News-Courier

KNOX CITY — A Classic Car show took place this past Saturday in Knox City and dozens of vintage American luxury and sport sedans were on display. The vehicles were all painted and trimmed perfectly and varied according to make, model, and year.

While some of the cars were classic American, built in Detroit, others were more modern models. There was even a Ford Model A on display. Registration for the show lasted from 8-11 a.m. and the show itself took place from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. The three judges for the car show were Angela Burkham, Bob Burkham, and Rolland Marion.

One interactive aspect of the show was the Kids Choice Award given out to the car the kids liked best. When the children were called from the neighboring Watermelon Festival, they each browsed the cars and stood in place next to their favorite vehicle. The car that eventually won the award was the 1968 Pontiac Firebird owned by Dwayne

Lawrence of Aspermont.

Some of the other remaining winners were as follows:

- Best Engine Award: Dwayne Lawrence, 1968 Pontiac Firebird
- Best Paint Award: Gary Outlaw, 2008 Chevy Corvette
- Longest Distance Award: Gary Outlaw, 2008 Chevy Corvette
- Kids Choice Award: Dwayne Lawrence, 1968 Pontiac Firebird
- Best in Show Award: Ed Corvey, 1957 Chevy Bel-Air
- Best Interior: The VW Beatles-name unknown
- Best Interior - George Taylor of Abilene, 2013 Volkswagen Fender Beetle.
- Chamber Choice - Lyn McEntire of Abilene, 2011 Chevy Corvette.
- Best Interior - George Taylor of Abilene, 2013 Volkswagen Fender Beetle.

All car owners also received a participatory plaque from the Knox City Chamber of Commerce.



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A vintage 1957 Ford Fairlane on display with a patriotic ribbon on the grill. The vehicle even had a makeshift 1950's carhop meal attached to the driver's side window for authenticity. Notice the dog paying tribute to the classic on the front driver's side tire.



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A Ford Model A was on display at the Classic Car Show. The Model A was the oldest vehicle there.



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Ed Corvey stands by his 1957 Chevrolet Bel-Air. The car was very unique and even gold plated. It eventually won the best in show grand prize.



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Dwayne Lawrence of Aspermont is presented with a plaque for the Kids Choice Award by Knox City Chamber of Commerce President Greg Oliver. Several of the kids from the Watermelon Festival chose the vehicle. Lawrence also won the Best Engine Award.



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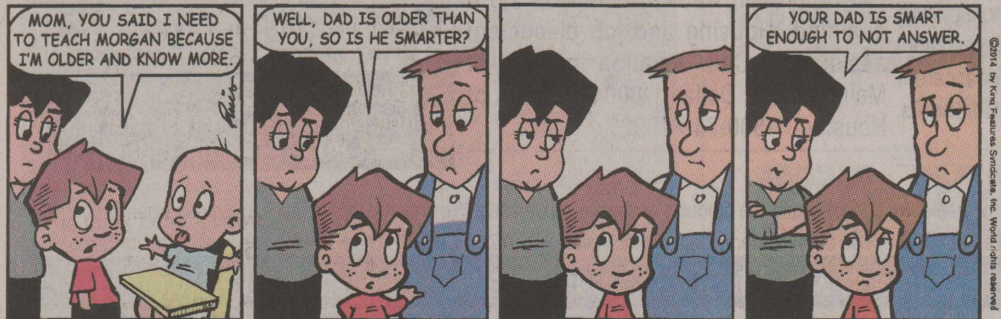
Gary Outlaw and his wife stand next to their 2008 Chevy Corvette. The Outlaw's traveled from Arkansas to visit family and participate in the car show. Their Corvette eventually won the Best Paint Award and the Longest Distance Award.



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Show judge Angela Burkham views the classics while trying to decide which one to choose. The cars were from the 1957 Heaven Museum in Knox City.

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