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Easter egg hunt



Vonda Carter/The Knox County News-Courier
More than 100 children, including many from out of town visiting family, gathered last Saturday to hunt Easter eggs at Centennial Park. They are shown here making a mad dash to collect the eggs.

Knox Calendar

Please notify the News-Courier to add or update your events and meeting times. Emailed submissions to kcnewscourier@gmail.com are preferred, but will also be accepted by phone at 940-422-5350. The deadline for inclusion in the next week's issue will be 5 p.m. on Fridays.

Thursday, April 9

One Act Play, bi-district, Guthrie Benjamin, Munday JH at District 8-1A, Munday

Friday, April 10

Knox City track at Spur
 Munday track at Rotan

Saturday, April 11

Knox City baseball vs. Rotan

Monday, April 13

Knox County Commissioners Court, Courthouse
 KC baseball vs. Stamford JV
 Munday golf teams at regional tournament, Lubbock

Tuesday, April 14

Munday golf teams at regional tournament, Lubbock
 Munday City Council

Thursday, April 16

Benjamin, Munday track at 8-1A, Munday
 Knox City track at 7-1A, Knox City

Saturday April 18

Regional One Act Play, Lubbock

New restaurant



James McAfee/The Knox County News-Courier

Caroline's opened its doors in Munday on Monday. Shown here with Caroline Garcia are her kids Victor, Monica and Tony Junior after a busy opening day. Caroline's will be open 6 a.m. until 2 p.m. Monday through Saturday serving breakfast and lunch.

Kids disappointed when circus fails to appear

MUNDAY—Many kids here were disappointed on Monday afternoon when their parents couldn't find the Magicland Circus set up anywhere in the city as it had in the past.

Posters were placed on the windows of stores the previous week, advertising 4:30 and 7 p.m. performances.

A call to Magicland Tuesday revealed that the trucker had called and said they had mechanical problems getting to Munday, but there was no word if another appearance was planned here.

The Family Fun Circus, owned and operated by Chuy Davenport, his wife Lola, and children Jairo, Zenya, Johnny and Zaira travels throughout the United States and Canada to the smaller communities that would not regularly have live entertainment.

Rep. Thornberry receives Award

WASHINGTON—Area Congressman Mac Thornberry (R-Clarendon) received the Benjamin Franklin Award from the 60 Plus Association, a non-partisan seniors advocacy group, for his continued efforts to repeal the death tax.

"I appreciate being recognized for my work to repeal the death tax, but, more importantly, I'm encouraged that a bill to repeal it was passed out of the Ways and Means Committee last week," said Thornberry. "That is an important step to remove the burden the death tax places on family farms, ranches, and small businesses."

The death tax, also known as the inheritance tax or estate tax, requires families to turn over portions of an inheritance to the government. Small business owners, farmers, and ranchers are often particularly vulnerable to this tax, making it more difficult for future generations to build upon their family's hard work.

Thornberry has introduced or cosponsored a bill to repeal the death tax over 20 times while serving in Congress. On the opening day of the 114th Congress this year, he filed the "Death Tax Repeal Act," H.R. 173, which would permanently repeal the federal estate, gift, and generation-skipping taxes. Thornberry also cosponsored a bill by Rep. Kevin Brady (R-TX), H.R. 1105. Brady's bill passed out of the Ways and Means Committee last week - a key step before a bill can come to the House floor for a vote.

"Since the estate tax was temporarily imposed in 1916 to help pay for World War I, by every measure it's failed to achieve the purposes its supporters champion," Brady said in a statement about his bill. "It's robbed America's economy of \$1.1 trillion in capital investment. It generates little annual revenue - less than enough to cover one day of Washington spending. It hurts the economy, encourages income inequality and fails to meet any basic standard of fairness."

Other organizations that support the repeal of the death tax include: National Cattlemen's Beef Association, The Farm Bureau, Family Business Coalition, National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, Americans for Tax Reform, American Trucking Association, Associated General Contractors of America.



MHS's 'Time on Fire' claims 8-1A trophy

MUNDAY—Munday High's one act play, "Time on Fire," a story about the Revolutionary War in the summer of 1775 through the spring of 1776, claimed first place in the District 8-1A contest here last Thursday, earning the right to advance to bi-district today in Guthrie.

Earning places on the all-star cast were Janie Salinas, aka Mady; Mitchell Lowrance, aka Winston Onslow; Kathryn Cude, aka Elizabeth

Coles; and Grace Tidwell, aka Epiphany Brown. Kimberly Shahan was named as the outstanding stage manager.

The overall tech award went to MHS with Shahan joined by Alexis Nunez on lights, Maria Vega on sound and Ariana Arellano and Kasey Lowrance as crew members.

See MHS Page 3

KCHS's 'Wizard of Oz' advances to bi-district



GUTHRIE—Knox City High School's one act play, "The Wizard of Oz," will compete here today in the bi-district competition along with fellow District 7-1A schools Spur and Guthrie and Munday, Crowell and Northside from District 8-1A.

The top three advance to the area round, scheduled April 18 at Lubbock Christian College in Lubbock.

In the 7-1A contest in Spur, Clayton Richardson, aka the Tin Man, and Keelie DeVille, the

Witch of the West, claimed honors as the best actor and actress.

Hailee Cox, playing Dorothy, Kinslee Cox, playing Glenda, and Adrian Silva, playing the King of Winged Monkeys, were named to the district all-star cast.

Earning honorable mention were Sheldon Bаты as the Wizard of Oz, Kryz Campos as the Scarecrow and Marlie Steele as the Cowardly Lion.

Alfredo Martinez was named as the best sound technician.

Knox Notes

Munday Pre-K Round-Up

MUNDAY—Pre-Kindergarten Round-up for the 2015-2016 school year will be held at Munday Elementary School from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, April 24. Students who will be four years old on or before September 1, 2015 are eligible to attend. Parents are invited to bring their child to school to register them, bringing their child's birth certificate, social security card, immunization record and proof of residency.

Lineage of David April 19

MUNDAY—The Lineage of David will present a concert at 6 p.m. April 19 at the First Baptist Church Munday.

Cage tourney April 25

KNOX CITY—The Knox Visioning Group has announced it will hold a basketball tournament April 25 here at the Knox City High School Gym.

Ranch Rodeo May 1-2

MUNDAY—The Munday Volunteer Fire Department has announced that the 2015 Knox Prairie Ranch Rodeo will be held May 1-2.

Relay for Life adds golf event

HASKELL—A golf tournament has been added at the Haskell Country Club for the Relay for Life celebration May 9. A planning meeting is scheduled tonight at Dixie Bz.

Knox receives .26 of Rain

Brandon Carr reported that .26 inch of rain was measured at the James E. "Bud" Smith Plant Materials Center in Knox City.

Other reports from Knox County were in the same quarter of an inch range.

The next chance of rain, according to forecasters, will likely come Sunday.

Corrections

The correct location for the District 7-1A one act play competition last month was Spur and Guthrie will host the bi-district today. In addition, the namelines were switched for Munday field events photos and Doug Tidwell was misidentified as Gary in Capital Farm Credit photo. The News-Courier regrets the errors.

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

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Deaths

Vera Conwell Cluck

Vera Conwell Cluck went to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Tuesday March 3, 2015 at home with her family at the age of 91. She was born June 25, 1923 in Silverton to George Claude and Celia Conwell. She had five brothers and one sister who preceded her in death: George, Carl, G.C. Conwell Jr., Marie Conwell Cook, Claude and Alvis Conwell.

She married Clifford Calvin Cluck on Feb. 15, 1941 and had five children. She was preceded in death by her husband Clifford, sons Danny, Stephen, Gary and daughter Sharon. She is survived by her daughter Lori Cluck Hill and husband Dyol Hill of Aledo and grandchildren Heidi Cluck of Corpus Christi and David Cluck of Garland, Jordan Hill Holliday

and husband Hal Holliday, Jr. of Bozeman, Mont., Andrew Hill of Aledo and great-grandchildren Fischer Phillips of Corpus Christi and Hayes Clifford Holliday of Bozeman, Mont.

Vera owned Cluck's Red Barn gift shop in Seymour for many years. Her favorite job was working as a guide in the prayer chapel at the Great Passion Play in Eureka Springs, Ark. Her favorite hobbies were traveling, reading, fishing and watching the birds.

She taught juniors in Sunday School at Gillespie Baptist Church in Munday and beginners and primaries at Red Springs Baptist Church. She had been a member of Emmanuel Church in Weatherford since 2006. Vera was active in her church and community her whole life. She visited people in the nurs-

ing home and took many friends to doctor's appointments until she could no longer drive at the age of 91. She helped with the raising of her grandchildren their whole lives and would not give up this world until she met her newest great-grandchild Hayes.

Her strongest desire was to share the love of Jesus with everyone she met. If you knew Vera, you knew Jesus. She will be deeply missed, but we know she is celebrating in Heaven now with all her loved ones.

Celebration of life services will be held at Emmanuel Church, 201 Kathey St in Weatherford (formerly Bethel Baptist) at 1:30 p.m. on April 25 at and at Red Springs Baptist Church in Seymour at 2 p.m. on April 26. Vera requested donations that would glorify God in lieu of flowers.

Lake Creek announces golf schedule

MUNDAY--The Lake Creek Golf Course in Munday will begin its weekly scrambles on Thursday, April 23. Scrambles begin at 6 p.m. every Thursday evening. Entry fee is \$6 for members and \$11 for non-members.

The schedule:
May 23-24--Daniel Ramirez Memorial 3-person scramble
June 27--3 lady scramble
July 11-12--3 person scramble
Aug. 9--Guys & Dolls
Aug. 23--1 person scramble
Sept. 12-13--3 person scramble

It's better to put grazing leases in writing

FORT WORTH--Surprisingly, some grazing leases are simple verbal agreements, but for both parties' protection it is always best to get the agreement in writing, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service law specialist Tiffany Dowell-Lashmet.

"Sadly, the most common situation is two guys in a pasture who come to an oral agreement," she said. "Some of you may not think you need a written lease, but you will wish you had one if there is ever a problem. Additionally, in order to be legally enforceable, any real estate lease for a year or more has to be in writing."

Lashmet advised to have limits in a lease. For example, if you lease property, Dowell said be clear on what you are leasing. "If the lease is for grazing and you want to reserve hunting rights, you need to have that spelled out," she said. "If the landowner wants to reserve the right to go in and inspect anything, then the landowner has to specify that in the agreement."

Grafs celebrate 50th anniversary



Richard Graf and Johnnye (Michels) Graf of Athens celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on March 28, 2015 at the Fellowship Hall of the Flatwood Assembly of God Church in Ben Wheeler. The festivities were highlighted by the couple renewing their wedding vows and sharing stories of how they met with their family and friends. Among those who came to join them in the celebration were their youngest son Michael Graf, his wife LaMesia and their son Zachery of Tyler. Also celebrating with them was Johnnye's sister Mildred Vadney of Hilltop Lakes. Their son Michael was asked how he felt about seeing his mom and dad get married. He said, "Awesome". Friends from as far away as San Diego, Calif. and as close as Ben Wheeler came to honor the Grafs on this wonderful milestone of their 50 years of marriage. When asked, the Grafs said, "it was the most perfect celebration they could have ever wished for." The Grafs' oldest son Robert and his family from Murietta, Calif. were unable to attend, but sent best wishes to their mom and dad.

AREA NEWS

Baylor ag day set

SEYMOUR--Awards will be presented to the Rancher/Cattlemen of the Year, the Farmer/Conservationist of the Year and the Agri-Business of the year here Tuesday during the 25th annual Baylor Ag Appreciation Day. Michael White, Farm Bureau State Director for District 3, will be the featured speaker while. Bary Mahler will be the emcee for the 25th year and Jason Huckabee, youth pastor and worship leader from Harvest Christian Fellowship, will provide entertainment. A health fair will be held with 80 plus Ag and health related booths open from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Free blood tests will also be offered. Raffles for shotguns will raise money for scholarships.

StarWalk series starts April 18

QUANAH--Copper Breaks State Park, now an International Dark Sky Park, will kick off the the 20th year of the StarWalk program on Saturday, April 18 at sunset, or around 8:15 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 binoculars. Copper Breaks has been designated an International Dark Sky Park and the park is one of only four sites in the state of Texas with an International Dark Sky Association Gold rating. The 2015 StarWalk schedule continues monthly through October.

Annie's Project starts today

FORT WORTH--New U.S. census data indicates that more women in Texas are managing farms and a series of workshops is scheduled in Fort Worth to help cater to this trend. Annie's Project is an educational program dedicated to strengthening women's roles in the modern farm enterprise, said Dr. Jason Johnson, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service economist, Stephenville. The series will be offered in six sessions, from 6-9 p.m. each Tuesday beginning today through May 14, at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden. Cost is \$50 per person.

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Knox County Aging Center

Menus for week of April 13-17

Monday: Chicken tenders, gravy, mixed veggies, wheat rolls, mandarin oranges.

Tuesday: Pork roast, sweet potatoes, succotash, rolls & pudding.

Wednesday: King ranch casserole, Spanish rice, pinto beans, brownies.

Thursday: Chef's salad, corn, crackers, dessert.

Friday: Lasagna, garlic bread, Brussel sprouts and pears.

25th Annual Baylor County Agriculture Appreciation Day

Cliff Styles Ag Pavilion - Seymour, Texas

Tuesday, April 14, 2015, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

- Keynote speaker will be Michael White, Farm Bureau State Director for District 3.
- Noon meal will be provided free of charge.
- Musical entertainment prior to the meal will be provided by Jason Huckabee, Youth Pastor and Worship Leader from Harvest Christian Fellowship.
- A drawing for an ATI Cavalry SX410 Over and Under shotgun, sponsored by Loving Insurance and The Tractor Shop in Seymour, will take place following the noon program.
- Approximately 80+ Booths and Exhibits
- Door Prizes Given All Day • Free Admission

The Seymour Hospital Health Fair will once again be held, and blood draws will begin at 7 a.m. with the opportunity to donate blood throughout the day.

PLEASE RECYCLE



Salt Creek Veterinary Hospital opens in Seymour

SEYMOUR--Seeing a need for a veterinary in Seymour and Baylor County, Dr. Keelan Lewis of Olney decided to open a second office here for Salt Creek Veterinary Hospital to make it more convenient for a growing list of clients from the

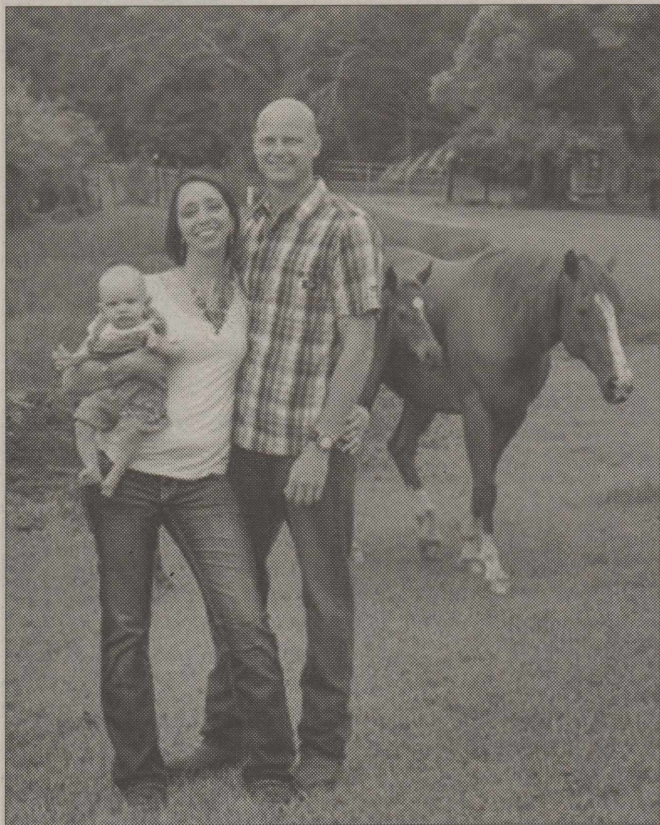
area. The Seymour office will be open from 8 a.m. until 5:30 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays with Dr. Lewis rotating duties with Dr. Katie Lee. Both veterinarians make their homes in Olney. Lewis, a native of Bowie,

opened a clinic in Olney in May of 2011 after getting her doctor's degree from Virginia Tech in 2011. She received a BS degree in animal science and rangeland management from Texas A&M in 2007. Dr. Katie Lee, who was raised in Pecos, earned her

Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Texas A&M University in 2014. She received a BS in animal science from Angelo State in 2010. "We strive to provide 'big city' medicine in a personable, small town environment,"

Dr. Lewis said, adding that they would provide service for small and large animals. She added that Salt Creek will be able to offer a full service practice for additional days later in the summer when a third veterinarian is hired.

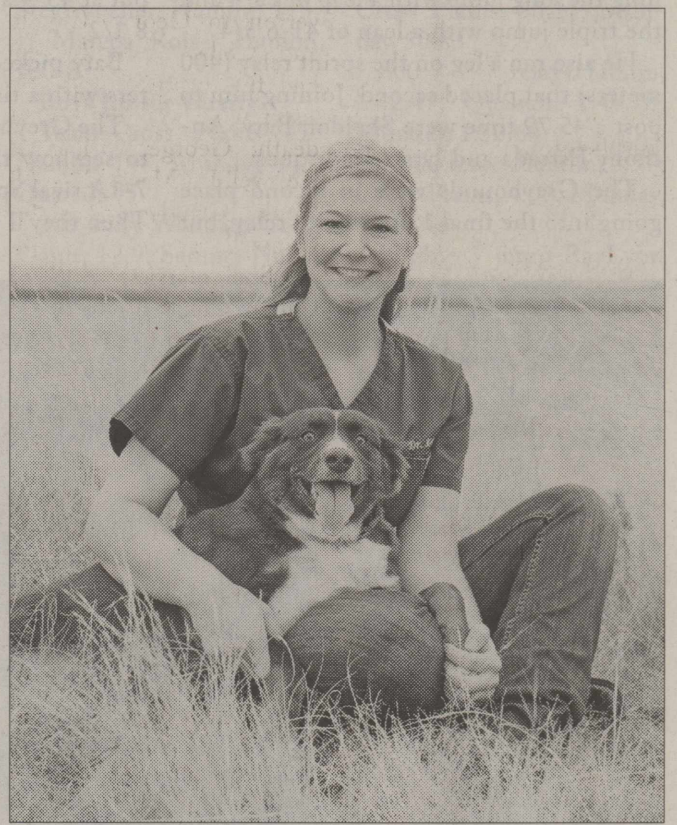
Dr. Heather Kittrell is scheduled to graduate from Louisiana State University in May and will make her home in Seymour. She received a BS in biology from East Carolina University. She also served nine years in the Marine Corp.



Dr. Heather Kittrell



Dr. Katie Lee



Dr. Keelan Lewis

Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

After a busy weekend, things are sort of back to normal this Monday morning. The weather "semi-cooperated" both Saturday and Sunday. It was some cooler than the few days before, but nevertheless, fairly pleasant. We did have a light shower Saturday night, and it looked like rain Sunday most of the day, but we didn't even get a drop (that I know of).

The Sunrise Service at the Methodist Church was well attended, and Jim Wright, Methodist pastor, brought the message. Charles Jones led the group singing, and Gene Gloria opened the service with prayer. Potluck breakfast followed in the Fellowship Hall, and everyone enjoyed that time of wonderful food and lots of visiting.

I'm told that the service at the Moorhouse Ranch was also well attended. Penny Eaton and Dorothy Spikes went out there, and they said it was also very nice. It always has been, and they go to great lengths to make it the success it is.

After church and lunch, the annual egg hunt was held at the city park. A bunch of youngsters found their spot and waited for the siren to sound when they could get busy and fill their baskets, and that they did! The firemen sponsor this event every year and do a wonderful job getting it all together. They hid 30 prize eggs, and every one of them was found. Each "finder"

got a gold dollar, so they were all excited about that.

You can see it was a busy day and a very enjoyable one.

Regarding our ill

Still pretty good news regarding Dillon (my great grandson). He's recovering nicely from his recent surgery. He did have a little bit of a "setback" when he woke up Tuesday with the shingles. However, a quick trip to the doctor and medication helped so much, and now they are beginning to go away. I've never had them, but I am told they are mighty painful. Dillon was scheduled to see his doctor for a post op checkup.

Buddy Tolson underwent surgery Wednesday night in Abilene and at last report was improving. I'm not real sure of the nature of his surgery. Prior to being taken to Abilene, I do know that he and Janice have both had this terrible stomach virus that has been going around. It's good to know that he is improving.

Barbara Ryder told me she would be having foot surgery Thursday to correct some problems she's had for a while. She said the main thing she dreads about it is that she will have to be off of it for about six weeks.

Here 'n there

There was lots of visiting taking place during the weekend, and there's no way I can get it all in, but I'll do what I can and maybe have more next week.

Chris McGreger, who with his wife, Nancy, lives in Ger-

many, has been here a few days visiting his parents, Nancy and Fred, and with other relatives and friends. He was leaving for California (San Diego or San Francisco—I forgot which "San" he said). He will be teaching out there for a while, then he and his wife will do some traveling here in the states before returning to Germany. She's at her mom's in Victoria now. It was good to see him.

Dick and Carol Dickson were in Midland the last of the week for the funeral of her brother, Royce Cox. Carol said his health had been failing for quite some time. Of course, my sympathy to Carol and the rest of her family.

Cassie Waincott of Georgetown spent the weekend with her parents, Mike and Tammy Lyles, and with other relatives and friends.

Wanda Benson Jennings of Wichita Falls, Lucille Golden McCanlies of Fort Worth, Claudia Meinzer Renthrop of San Augustine, and Linda Swanner Gooch, who lives in the Dallas area, visited in Benjamin on Sunday. They all attended church at First Baptist, stopped by and visited relatives here in town, went to the cemetery, and just had a good day. It was good to see them, and they all said, "There's nothing like coming back home and seeing old friends."

Judy Whitten of Lake Stamford and her daughter, Rhonda Sheldon, Rhonda's husband

Dustin, and their daughters were here Sunday to visit relatives and friends. They still live in Sydney, Iowa, and left Monday morning for their return trip home. They (Rhonda and the girls) had to be back in school Wednesday.

Clyde McCullough of Whitney was here Sunday. He attended the Sunrise Service and also church. He is a former pastor of the First Baptist Church here, where he served in the 1980s. It was good to see him.

Jenna and Jeff Copeland and children of Wichita Falls spent Easter weekend with her parents, Dickie and Laura McCanlies, and enjoyed the egg hunt Sunday afternoon.

Among those at the home of Charles and Joy Jones for Easter were their daughter, Sheila, and Sheila's son Chase Polvado and family of Wichita Falls, and Sheila's daughter Tiffany and her daughter Nevaeh of Vernon. It's always good to see these folks we don't see them real often.

Weekend guests of Dennis

and Pam Duke were Phil and Rebekah Boone and Peyton of Abilene, and Zeke and Amanda Duke, Daniel and Jonah of Knox City.

My weekend guests included Diane Evans and Ashlee of Childress, Liz, Nathan, Taylor, and Westin Herring, Beckie Smith and family of Munday and Mike and Debbie Moorhouse.

Easter weekend guests of Charles and Linda Griffith were Vince and Amy Tyson of Clovis, NM, Lori and Rickey LaShomb of Lubbock, Becky and Kemp Jones, Brooke and Kamryn of Knox City, Blake Jones of Odessa, Devon Jones of Midwestern University in Wichita Falls, Brandon Bradley of Tarleton State University in Stephenville and Ronald and Verna Griffith of Park Rapids, Minn.

Easter weekend guests of Sonny and Doris Bufkin were Mike and Lori Bufkin of Crowell, and their grandchildren, Caden and Kaley McIntosh of Key West, FL. Their parents, Ashley and Kenny,

were in Dallas on business, so the kids visited here a few days. Also visiting with Sonny and Doris were Megan Goforth of Fort Worth, and Michele Brown, Emily, Kelsey, and Zane of Benjamin.

Weekend guests of Jan and Fred Carver were Gary and Stasia Antilley of Wingate and Ryder Laird of Knox City. They all had lunch with Mike and Tammy Lyles on Sunday. Others at Tammy's for lunch were Jacy, Jara, Talon and Lexie Collins of Munday, Cassie Waincott of Georgetown and Betty Lyles, Kip and Joy Lynn Pool, Heather Carver and a friend, Bella and Ashburn Carver, and Carol and Dick Dickson, all of Benjamin.

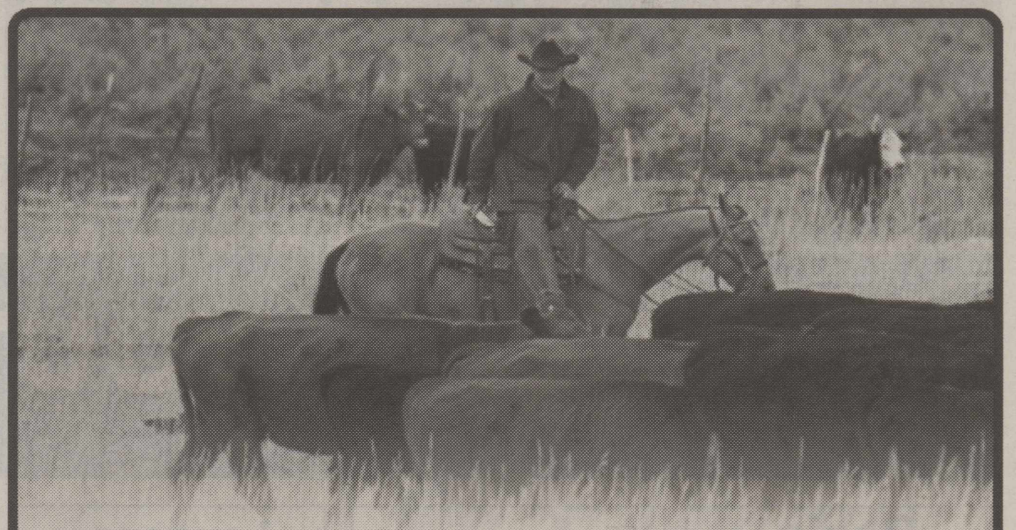
Ronald and Verna Griffith, who live in Minnesota arrived back at Benjamin Thursday, after several weeks' stay in various places here in Texas. They will probably return home after the cold weather season is gone. We always enjoy seeing them when they are here.

MHS From Page 1

Raci Dillard, playing Rebecca Bradshaw, and Kale Lewis, playing Tribulation Brown, were honorable mention selections.

Other members of the cast include Julio Vitolas, Chandler McCombs, Cole Redwine, Kade Sanders, Ana Vega, Aiden Hunter, Myca Flowers, Kolbey Brown and Denise Araujo.

Munday will now join Crowell and Northside of 8-1A along with Knox City, Spur and Guthrie from 7-1A in Guthrie. The top three there advance to area on April 18 at Lubbock Christian College in Lubbock.



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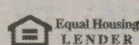
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Thomas gets silver in 100, pair of golds in jumps

ASPERMONT—Running the 100 meters for the first time this season, Knox City High's Jacoby Thomas ran a 11.24 to pick up a silver medal in the Double Mountain Relays here last week.

Thomas swept the jumping events, winning the long jump with a leap of 22-4 and the triple jump with a leap of 41-6 3/4.

He also ran a leg on the sprint relay (400 meters) that placed second. Joining him to post a 45.79 time were Sheldon Baty, Anthony Estrada and Israel Rodriguez.

The Greyhounds were in second place going into the final 1,600-meter relay, but

without a team competing, they dropped to fourth place with 66, trailing Shamrock (96), Guthrie (85) and Valley (84).

Zach Rodriguez threw a personal best of 123-2 1/4 for second in the discus while Krys Campos placed second in the shot put at 43-4 and third in the discus at 121-8 1/2.

Baty picked up a fourth in the 400 meters with a time of 54.69.

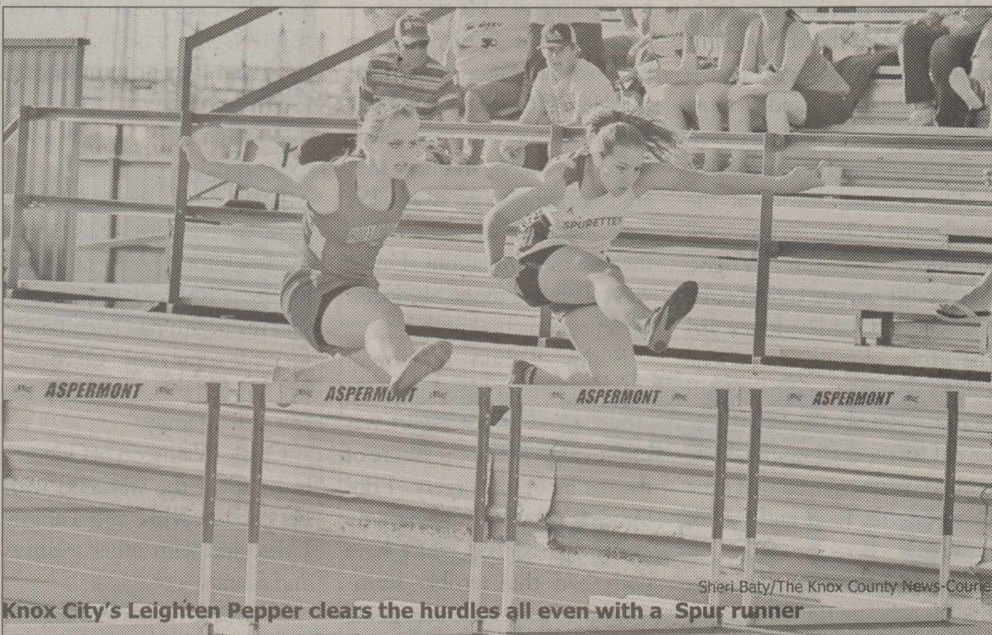
The Greyhounds will get another chance to see how they stack up against District 7-1A rival Spur Friday in an event at Spur. Then they'll host the 7-1A meet April 16.



Sheri Baty/The Knox County News-Courier
Zach Rodriguez (top right) gets off person best in the discus throw, Israel Rodriguez lands a triple jump and Sheldon Baty hands off to Jacoby Thomas in 400 meter relay.



Houndettes show improvement at Aspermont



Sheri Baty/The Knox County News-Courier
Knox City's Leighton Pepper clears the hurdles all even with a Spur runner



ASPERMONT—Continuing the get healthy after nursing injuries, the Knox City Houndettes continued to make improvements at the Double Mountain Relays here last week.

The sprint and mile relay teams improved their times with the foursome of Brittany Hawkins, Elissa Hacker, Kirstin Tuckness and Caitlyn Baxter running sixth in the longer race with a 4:49.28 time.

Andrea Lynn placed sixth in the 100

meters with a 13.9.

In the field events, Jordyn Eaton earned a silver in the discus with a throw of 101-5 while McKaylie Steele finished fifth in the shot put with a throw of 32-3 1/2.

The Houndettes finished 11th as Shamrock outscored Jayton, 134-117, for the team title.

The Houndettes compete at Spur on Friday and will host the District 7-1A meet on April 16.

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Munday claims titles at District 8-1A golf



Courtesy photo
Munday swept the District 8-1A golf titles at River Creek Park Golf Course in Burk Burnett Monday. Pictured (l-r) in back are Mitchell Lowrance, Chandler McCombs, Coach David Middleton, Heath Bivens and Holt Bivens. In the front are: Kendall Thompson, Taylor Thompson, Kathryn Cude and Reagan Sanderson

BURKBURNETT—Munday High School made a successful trip here Monday to the River Creek Golf Course, sweeping the District 8-1A golf titles.

Chandler McCombs captured medalist honors for the boys, beating teammate Heath Bivens on the first hole of a suddendeadth playoff after they had tied with 89s. Holt Bivens and Mitchell Lowrance added 91 and 101 scores for the 370 total.

Taylor Thompson claimed medalist honors for the girls with a 96 while Kathryn Cude

posted a 124 to finish third, winning a playoff on the second playoff hole. Reagan Sanderson and Kendall Thompson added scores of 134 and 142.

The boys advance to the 36-hole regional competition Monday and Tuesday at the Lake Ridge Country Club while the girls will play at nearby Reece Golf Center. Two teams and two individuals will advance to the state tournament.

"It's our first district titles in golf since I've been here," said Coach David Middleton.

Mogulettes capture Moguls Relays title

MUNDAY—The Munday Mogulettes captured five individual goals and firsts in two of the three relays to capture the title in the Mogul Relays on a windy day here last Friday, compiling 174 points to finish 12 in front of Hamlin. Cross Plains and Quannah followed with 141 and 82, respectively.

Charity Hunter, Kayla Taylor and Karla Taylor won the three shorter races with times of 14.37, 28.20 and 1:04.04, respectively while Janie Salinas captured both of the longer races.

Kimberly Shahan joined Karla Taylor, Hunter and Kayla Taylor for a 53.88 time to claim the 400 meter relay while Kayla, Charity, Karla and Myca Flowers posted a 4:21.26 to take the 1600 meter relay.

Raci Dillard captured the shot put with a throw of 37-4 and finished second in the discus at 111-6.

Earning silvers for the Mogulettes were Shahan in the 200 and Hunter in the long jump.

Flowers finished fourth in both the 800 and triple jump; Skylar Gomez got fourth in the 200 and fifth in the 100; Jeanna Wertz placed third in the 3,200 and sixth in the 1,600; Kristin Kuehler and Reagan Sanderson got fourth and fifth in the discus; Kasey Lowrance finished fourth in the shot put; and Ana Vega placed fifth in the 400.



Courtesy photo
Kimberly Shahan running first leg of winning relay

Mogul Track Relays wins allow Moguls to take title

MUNDAY—Winning two of the relays and finishing second in the other allowed the Munday Moguls to claim the title in the Mogul Relays in windy conditions last Friday, finishing with 175 points while Hamlin, Quannah and Cross Plains had 130, 129 and 128, respectively.

Rayshuan Dockins, Day'veon Dockins, Zachary Huffman and Temerick Reagins posted times of 44.89 and 1:36.84 to win the 400 and 800 relays while Heath Bivens and Alfonso Nunez joined Day'veon Dockins and Reagins for a second in the 1,600 relay.

As expected, Christian Araujo scored a double victory, winning the two longer races, while Nunez claimed the 400 with Bivens right behind him.

Day'veon Dockins, Julio Vitolas and Mitchell Lowrance collected golds in the long jump, discus and shot put.

Others earning points for the Moguls were

Zachary and D'Undrea Huffman, fifth and sixth in the 100; Brady Weaver, sixth in both hurdles and the long jump; Kellen Redder, fourth in the 800 and the long jump; Chandler McCombs fourth in the discus; and Emmaual Carranza, sixth in the 1,600.

In the boys junior varsity division, Munday finished third behind Cross Plains and Hamlin with 117 points.

RayLynn Dockins and Omar Nunez claimed the only golds, winning the high jump at 5-4 and the long jump at 17-2. Dockins also got a third and fourth in the two hurdles races while Bryan Castorena took third in the 100 and Kade Sanders fifth in the same race. Munday had a 2-3-4 finish in the discus with Osbaldo Carranza, Sanders and Joseph Ramirez. Sasha Thompson placed third in the triple jump while Dakota Taylor, Juan Rangel and Heder Lopez were second, fifth and sixth in the shot put. Munday finished third in all three relays.



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Temerick Reagins anchors relay team to victory

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Property rendition deadline set April 15

If you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income, you must file a rendition with the Knox County Appraisal District by April 15.

A rendition is a report that lists all the taxable property owned or controlled on Jan. 1 of this year. It includes inventory and equipment. Farmers' agricultural products and equipment are exempt. So is church property.

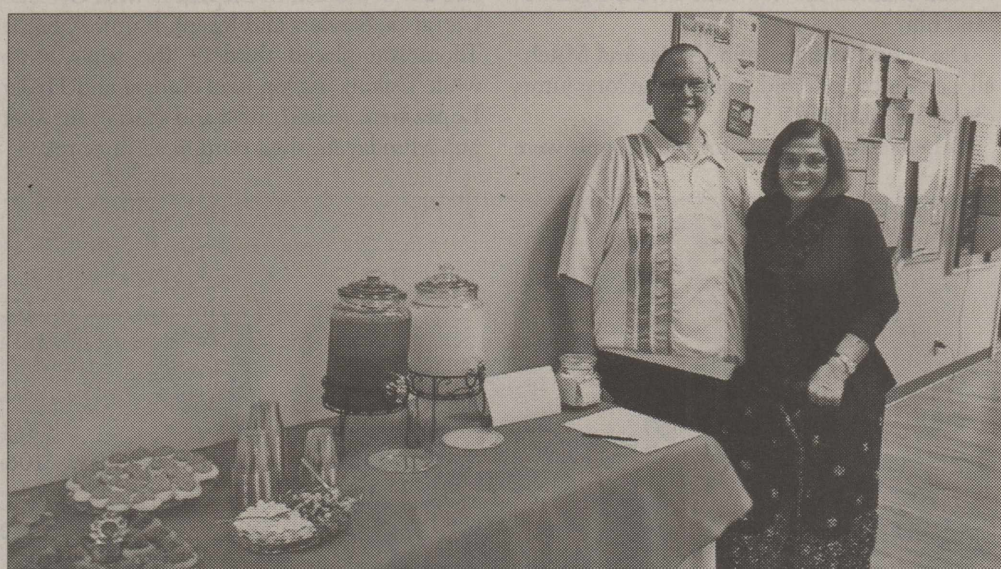
The advantage of filing is that you can give your opinion of the property's value, especially if the value has decreased.

Property owners who need more time may file a written request with the chief appraiser on or before April 15 to receive an extension until May 15. If necessary, the chief appraiser can grant an additional 15 days for those who show good cause.

Those failing to file or missing the deadlines could face penalties of 10 to 50 percent.

File renditions with the Knox County Appraisal District, County Courthouse, PO Box 47, 120 West Cedar, Benjamin, TX 79505 or call 940 459-3891 with any questions.

Martin retires as RN



Retirement party held for Phillip Martin at Knox County Hospital

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The Paperboy

In the small towns we serve, there aren't many paid firemen. The fact they aren't paid speaks volumes about the kind of people we have living among us.

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Just last week in Childress, the quick response by the local fire department kept a fire from endangering the city's park and structures in the area.

Other VFDs have been battling several grass fires.

The next time you see a volunteer fireman, give them a pat on the back or a handshake and let them know you appreciate their efforts.

Looks like the Republican Party is going to have some interesting choices for president. Let's hope they keep the people's interests front and center and the special interests to the side.

As for the Democrat Party, they need candidates. This bunk about Hillary Clinton just waltzing her way to the nomination

is ridiculous.

Clinton can't even be transparent about email and would likely be headed to prison if the mainstream media paid the kind of attention to her that they should. What she has done is treasonous.

Do you want to know how you can tell a Clinton is lying? There mouth is moving.

But seriously, Democrats can surely give the American people a better choice than her.

According to a report done by some smart people, robots may be able to perform most jobs a human can by 2045.

Advances in technology is leading to rapid growth in the industrial machinery market, which includes robots. That sector doubled in value in 2014 and will reach \$2 trillion by 2018.

The International Federation of Robotics estimates that 225,000 industrial robots were sold worldwide in 2014, a 27 percent increase over the year before.

While most of the robots are made for the automotive and electronics industries, they are also being used in a growing number of fields.

Unfortunately for you, dear reader, I haven't heard of a robot writing a column for a newspaper so you are stuck with yours truly for awhile longer.



Destiny Crossley of Haskell and Gabriela of Knox City/O'Brien check out medical training posters and the electronic baby used to train nurses on infant care

Courtesy photo

VTC students check out career opportunities

BRECKENRIDGE—Thirty Rochester Certified Nurse Assistant and VoTech Mechanical students attended the Career Exploration Day at Breckenridge High School last month.

Students were able to check out careers in the medical fields, law enforcement, military, fire and rescue, automobile and diesel technology, welding technology, environmental

sciences, cosmetology, culinary arts, chemical dependency counseling, digital arts and computer drafting and many other technical areas.

After completion of the event, the group then toured the TSTC/Breckenridge campuses.

The career day was sponsored by TSTC/Breckenridge and Breckenridge High

Trailers also require safety inspections

Special to the News-courier

Some owners of trailers registered with the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles received a surprise when they got notices in March that it was time to renew, learning they have been violating a law of which many were not aware.

Trailers will be required to have passed a safety inspection at a state-certified vehicle inspection station within 90 days prior to the new registration sticker's being issued. No proof of safety inspection, no renewal of registration.

"Some trailer owners haven't been aware of the safety inspection requirement," said Candy Southerland of the Texas DMV. "I've even talked with trailer dealers who were surprised when they learned certain trailers fall under the inspection requirements."

For decades, the law in the state has required annual safety inspection of trailers with a gross weight (weight of the trailer plus its carrying capacity or actual load) of more than 4,500 pounds. That includes travel trailers, most dual-axle boat trailers, and many larger utility trailers such as those hunters use to haul tractors, ATVs, blinds and other equipment to hunting leases.

However, the safety inspection process was separate from the vehicle registration process, which allowed vehicle owners to renew either without proof of complying with the other.

The owners of those trailers faced citations and fines if they'd been stopped by law enforcement officers, but because the inspection sticker was placed on the trailer's tongue it was difficult to tell at a glance if a trailer was in compliance

Under a law that started Mach 1, annual ve-

hicle safety inspection requirements will remain the same, but certification stickers will no longer be issued. Inspection stations will send electronic notification to the DMV that a vehicle (trailer, motor vehicle) has passed the safety inspection and issue a certification document to the vehicle owner.

Before a vehicle can be registered or renew current registration and is issued an annual registration sticker (which goes on license plates of trailers), the vehicle owner must have proof, either in the DMV database or by showing the inspection document, that the vehicle has a currently valid safety inspection.

Because expiration dates of safety inspection certification and vehicle registration are, in many cases, different, the new law will be phased until both safety inspection and registration will be due the same month in 2016. Safety inspections will have to be done within 90 days of the registration expiring.

So since the new law makes it impossible to register a vehicle or renew a registration without that vehicle having passed a safety inspection, trailer owners who were either unaware of the inspection requirement or simply ignored it and took their chances will be forced to get those trailers inspected.

"It's pretty simple: As of March 1, to register a non-farm trailer that has a gross weight of 4,501 pounds or more, that trailer has to have a valid inspection," Southerland said.

Because that annual registration sticker will be on the trailer's license plate, law enforcement officers will be able to tell at a glance if the trailer is legal.

Texas cattle producers beginning rebuilding process

Special to The News-Courier

Water, drought, border security and the cattle market outlook were pertinent issues discussed at the 2015 Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association Convention held recently at the Fort Worth Convention Center. The 3-day convention featured cattle handling demonstrations and presentations from industry leaders on a variety of issues.

Overall, Texas cattle producers continue to slowly rebuild herds as parts of the state continue to deal with drought conditions.

"I don't think anybody is wholesale going out and buying bunches of cows and restocking," said Dr. Joe Paschal, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service beef cattle specialist, Corpus Christi. Paschal gave a live demonstration on the function of a cow's rumen during opening-day activities.

"What we're seeing is when people normally in the past hold back 10 to 15 percent females as replacements, they are (now) holding back maybe 20 or 25 percent or they are going to buy some replacement females to fit that sort of bill," Paschal said. "A guy that has 100 cows that is holding back 15 heifers... it doesn't take long for that steady, slow incremental process to get us back (to larger inventory levels)."

However, Paschal said drought and high cattle prices have put a lot of producers in a dilemma of either choosing whether to sell out amid high prices and buy back later when cow costs come down in price.

"We are a long ways from getting back to where we were," he said. "To be honest, I don't think some folks are going to come back. As I look across the country, the big guys will come back and some of the smaller guys may not."

Paschal advised producers to use AgriLife Extension spreadsheets and advice from the agency's livestock economists to choose which options are best.

"We have enough AgriLife Extension spreadsheets and livestock economists who can help you as to what it is going to cost you, and can I (you) pay x amount of dollars for these cows to keep her around 4 to 6 years and still have a positive net return. It is very important to go through that process. It is pretty easy to fall in love with a cow as she runs through the ring or standing out there in the pasture and being a hold for 3 or 5 years."



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Mogul Relays results

Girls
 Team-Munday 174, Hamlin 162, Cross Plains 141, Quanah 82
 100-Charity Hunter, Munday, 14.37; Kersey Wyatt, Cross Plains, 14.5; Jaylan Williams, 14.62
 200-Kayla Taylor, Munday, 28.2; Kimberly Shahan, Munday, 30.06; Alexia Heaton, Hamlin, 30.37
 400-Karla Taylor, Munday, 1:04.04; Alexia Heaton, Hamlin, 1:11.51; Veshay Hernandez, Hamlin, 1:14.09
 800-Shelby McWilliams, Cross Plains, 2:37.06; Cassie Kieschnick, Hamlin, 2:44.17; Micah Silvey, Quanah, 2:46.18
 1,600-Janie Salinas, Munday, 6:02.54; Alicia Flores Hamlin, 6:16.11; Micah Silvey, Quanah, 6:20.58
 3,200-Janie Sainas, Munday, 16:21.51; Alicia Flores, Hamlin; Jenna Wertz, Munday
 100 hurdles-Kersey Wyatt, Cross Plains, 17.73; Alexia Woods, Quanah, 19.42; Klaye Georges Hamlin, 19.92
 300 hurdles-McKenzie Halse, Cross Plains, 52.0; Kersey Wyatt, Cross Plains, 56.68; Shana Yates 1:00.1
 400 relay-Munday (Kimberly Shahan, Karla Taylor, Charity Hunter, Kayla Taylor), 53.88; Cross Plains, 54.72; Hamlin, 54.84
 800 relay-Cross Plains, 1:56.67; Hamlin, 1:57.33; Munday, 2:04.26
 1,600 relay-Munday (Kayla Taylor, Charity Hunter, Myca Flowers, Karla Taylor) 4:21.26; Hamlin 4:26.66; Cross Plains, 4:27.57
 High jump-McKenzie Halse, Cross Plains, 5-2; Mikayla Dillon, Hamlin, 5-0; Macy VanCleave, Hamlin, 4-8
 Long jump-Mikayla Dillon, Hamlin, 16- 3/4; Charity Hunter, Munday, 15-9 1/2; Jaylan Williams, Quanah, 14-10
 Triple jump-Jaylan Williams, Quanah, 32- 1/2; Shelby McWilliams, Cross Plains, 31-3 3/4; Klaye Georges Hamlin, 30- 3/4
 Shot put-Raci Dillard, Munday, 37-4 3/4; Taryn Estes, Cross Plains, 35-8 1/2; Oliva Bills, Hamlin, 32-7 1/2
 Discus-Oliva Bills, Hamlin, 124-9; Raci Dillard, Munday, 111-6; Jurnee Thomas, Cross Plains, 97-11
Boys
 Team-Munday 175, Hamlin 130, Quanah 129, Cross Plains, 128
 100-Tyrone Johnson, Hamlin, 11.6; B.J. Louis, Quanah 11.76; Rylan Laminack Cross Plains, 11.98
 200-Tyrone, Johnson, Hamlin, 23.26; Cisco Fuqua, Quanah, 23.64; Rylan Laminack, Cross Plains 24.25
 400-Alfonso Nunez, Munday, 56.14; Heath Bivins, Munday, 57.59; Ethan Leija, Quanah, 58.93
 800-Cedar McIlwain, Hamlin, 2:13.51; Austin Chevie, Hamlin, 2:17.84; Dakota Willis, Cross Plains, 2:20.24
 1,600-Christian Araujo, Munday, 5:13.63; Marcus Jernigan, Hamlin, 5:26.07; Dakota Willis, Cross Plains, 5:28.73
 3,200-Christian Araujo, Munday, 11:32.58; Marcus Jernigan, Hamlin, 11:32.68; Emmaul Carranza, Munday, 12:16.59
 110 hurdles-James Briggs, Cross Plains, 18.20; Trenten Rohm, Quanah, 18.63; Creede Goode, Cross Plains, 18.9
 300 hurdles-Adam Medina, Quanah, 43.88; Creede Goode, Cross Plains, 44.79; James Briggs, Cross Plains, 44.85
 400 relay-Munday (Rayshuan Dockins, Day'veon Dockins, Zachary Huffman, Temerick Reagins), 44.89; Hamlin, 45.17; Quanah, 45.61
 800 relay-Munday (Day'veon Dockins, Zachary Huffman, Rayshuan Dockins, Temerick Reagins) 1:36.84; Quanah 1:38.94; Cross Plains, 1:42.47
 1,600 relay-Hamlin, 3:39.89; Munday (Day'veon Dockins, Heath Bevins, Alfonso Nunez, Temerick Dockins), 3:44.09; Cross Plains
 High jump-Cory Bordin, Quanah, 5-10; Rayshuan Dockins, Munday, 5-6; Holden Sinclair, Cross Plains, 5-4
 Long jump-Day'veon Dockins, Munday, 21-2 1/2; Adam Medina, Quanah, 19-2 1/2; Rylan Laminack, Cross Plains 19- 1/2
 Triple jump-Cisco Fuqua, Quanah, 40-11 3/4; Codie Perry, Hamlin, 40-10; Temerick Reagins, Munday, 39-8 1/2
 Shot Put-Mitchell Lowrance, Munday, 44-8; Bronc Dillard, Cross Plains, 42-9 3/4; Rylan Reese, Quanah, 40- 1/2
 Discus-Julio Vitolas, Munday, 113-7; Brannon Stegrmoeller, Hamlin, 113-1; Marcos Rojas, Hamlin, 100-8
Boys Junior Varsity
 Team-Cross Plains 153 Hamlin 148, Munday 117, Quanah 45
 100-Billy Woodard Cross Plains, 12.9; Sammy Nucio, Quanah, 13:08; Bryan Castorena, Munday, 13.12
 200-Devin Perez, Hamlin, 24.48; Billy Woodard Cross Plains, 26.58; Tyler Fambrough, Quanah, 26.78
 400-Joe Crockett, Cross Plains, 1:00.28; Larson Walker, Cross Plains, 1:01.07; Sean Armer, Cross Plains, 1:01.48
 800-Eddie Calvagna, Cross Plains, 2:30.02; Tibor Vorbeck, Cross Plains, 2:30.06
 1,600-Eddie Calvagna, Cross Plains, 5:46; Tibor Vorbeck, Cross Plains, 6:05
 110 hurdles-Brayden Kennedy, Cross Plains, 19.2; A.G. Partin, Cross Plains, 19.25; RayLynn Dockins, 19.35
 300 hurdles-Ayron Wagner, Hamlin, 48.54; A.G. Partin, Cross Plains, 48.60; Luis Hernandez, Hamlin, 49.41
 400 relay-Hamlin, 49.77; Cross Plains, 50.11; Munday, 50.83
 800 relay-Hamlin, 1:42.47; Quanah, 1:49.70; Munday, 1:50.64
 1,600 relay-Hamlin, 3:57; Cross Plains, 4:08, Munday, 4:41
 High jump-RayLynn Dockins, Munday, 5-4; Devin Perez, Hamlin, 5-2
 Long jump-Omar Nunez, Munday, 17-2 1/2; Devin Perez, Hamlin, 17-1 3/4; Joe Crockett, Cross Plains 15-5 1/2
 Triple jump-Ayron Wagner, Hamlin, 33-11 1/4; Reason Fuqua, Quanah, 33-11; Sasha Thompson, Munday, 32-8 3/4
 Shot put-David Flores, Hamlin, 41-5 1/2; Dakota Taylor Munday, 40-5 1/2; Shawn Montanez, Hamlin, 38-1
 Discus-Robert Montanez, Hamlin, 109-9' Osbaldo Carranza, Munday, 106-3; Kade Sanders, Munday, 90-5

Good crop of peaches likely in Texas

COLLEGE STATION—Conditions are so favorable for an outstanding Texas peach crop this year that he almost hates to talk about them lest he jinxes the crop, joked Dr. Larry Stein, a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

"We've probably had the best chilling year we've had in many, many years," Stein said. "We had a lot of cloudy, cool wet weather - not necessarily extremely cold weather, just cool and wet - which is ideal chilling weather for fruit trees. So the bloom on the trees has been just phenomenal this year, and the crop is potentially outstanding."

Chilling hours are typically the number of hours of temperature between 32 and

45 degrees that a fruit tree needs to break dormancy. The minimum number of chilling hours a peach tree needs to produce a good crop varies with the variety, but this year all trees have received what they needed and more, he said.

This is true throughout the state, and not just in the Hill County, where a large part of the state's peach crop is produced, Stein said. In previous years, good filling weather was offset by late freezes, but he doesn't expect that to happen this year.

"Right now, we've dodged the bullet, so far, so to speak, on late freezes," he said. "You almost don't want to talk about it because we don't want to jinx it going into the spring."

Japanese youths will visit Texas in summer

COLLEGE STATION—For Texas youth and their families wanting to experience Japan this summer without leaving home, the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program will be bringing "delegates" from the Land of the Rising Sun here to the Lone Star State.

"We will again coordinate the placement of 20 youth from Japan with families throughout Texas for a four-week homestay program," said Dr. Darlene Locke, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service 4-H youth development specialist. "It is being done as part of Texas Global Education and Cultural Exchange program partnership with Texas 4-H."

She said participating

families benefit by expanding their global knowledge and learning about other cultures.

"And the young people involved can make life-long friendships and can keep in touch if they wish, especially with today's technology," Locke said. "The experience will also help them learn how to adapt to those who live and do things differently from them."

For the program, Japanese youth ages 12 to 16 will be paired with Texas families with a child of the same gender, approximate age and similar interests. They will live with the host family from July 21 to Aug. 19.

Locke added that host families are also needed during that same time frame for youth ages 15-18

from the American Farm School in Thessaloniki, Greece.

Locke said conversely that Texas youth desiring an experience abroad can visit Japan for a four week homestay, also through the program. "Texas youth are assigned to a Japanese family and live in their home, totally immersed in the culture," she said. "Expenses for the outbound program average \$4,000, but there are some scholarships available."

Araujo wins bronze



Munday High junior Denise Araujo claimed third place and a bronze medal in the District 7-1A tennis tournament in Vernon last week, winning a pair of matches at 6-0 6-0 but losing to the second-place finisher from Crowell, 6-1 6-3.

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duce income, such as the equipment or inventory owned
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What is a rendition?

A rendition is a report to your county appraisal district that
lists all of the taxable property that you owned or controlled
on Jan. 1 of this year. This often applies to furniture, fixtures,
equipment or inventory owned by a business.

What are the advantages of filing?

- You give your opinion of your property's value.
- You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills
will go to the right address.
- If your property's value depreciated, you can file a report
of decreased value.

What is the deadline?

- The last day for filing renditions is April 15.
- An automatic extension to May 15 is available if requested
in writing by the April 15 deadline.
- The chief appraiser may grant an additional 15 days to an
owner who shows good cause in writing.

REMEMBER!!

Filing is your responsibility. If you render late, don't render
or file an incomplete or false rendition, you may face a 10 to
50 percent penalty.

File renditions with your local appraisal district at:

Knox County Appraisal District
County Courthouse
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Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to
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Location of Polling Place: Knox County Aging Services Building, 107 North Avenue E

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at Knox City O'Brien
CISD Administration Building 606 East Main, Knox City, Texas between the hours of 8:00
a.m. and 4:00 p.m. beginning on April 27, 2015 and ending on May 5, 2015. Applications
for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: Tammy Gonzales, 606 East Main, Knox City, Texas
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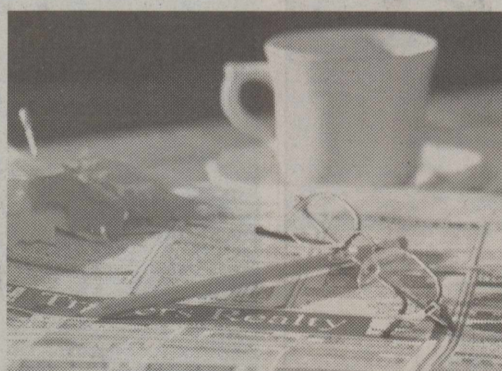
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Jerry and Temi Webb receive an award from Leona Burkham at the recent Knox City Chamber of Commerce Banquet

'Don't mess with Texas' cleans Texas highways

CHILDRESS—Cleaning trash from area highways may not be a glamorous job, but it is one that will attract people from all over to Texas to volunteer their time Saturday as part of this year's "Don't mess with Texas" Trash-Off.

Volunteers from Knox County and the other counties of the Childress District will be out in force picking up litter on their designated adopted section of highway.

The annual event is a partnership between the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and Keep Texas Beautiful. It is the single, largest one-day cleanup event in the state when thousands of volunteers pick up litter on roadways to keep Texas highways clean and beautiful. The cleanup is conducted in conjunction with the Great American Cleanup, which takes place an-

nually across the nation from March 1 through May 31.

"Research has shown that people are less likely to litter when the roadside is clean," said Barbara Seal, Childress District Adopt-a-Highway Coordinator. "We want everyone to have pride in this great state of ours. Keeping our roadways free from litter is a great way for all of us to come together to do our part to protect the beauty of our state."

Last year, more than 100,000 Trash-Off volunteers participated statewide in the cleanup, which is Texas' largest annual roadway and community improvement effort. A total of 2,735 events were held and 8,839 miles of highway were cleared of litter and debris. Volunteers collected more than 6.7 million pounds of trash.

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- 1976-Leon Burkham, Lee Smith
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- 1978-L.W. Graham
- 1979-Martha Jones, David Counts
- 1980-E. Hob Smith, A.A. Cox
- 1981-Doris Crownover
- 1982-Floyd Bailey
- 1983-Joe Counts
- 1984-Celso, Elva Gonzales
- 1985-David Albus
- 1986-W.R. (Bill) Baker
- 1987-Knox County Hospital Auxiliary (Pink Ladies)
- 1988-Bruce Campbell Jr.
- 1989-Emergency Medical Services
- 1990-Jim Dillon
- 1991-Persian Gulf Service
- 1992-Knox City Lions Club
- 1993-Oscar, Leta Mangis
- 1994-Tommie (Bud) Reynolds

- 1995--Leon Ward
- 1996-John Crownover
- 1997-Volunteer Fire Department
- 1998-Judy Perdue
- 1999-Weldon, Willard Skiles
- 2000-Charles Auburg
- 2001-Cathey Williams
- 2002-Doris Crownover
- 2003-Sammy B. White
- 2004-Steve Pepper
- 2005-Jimmy Lynn
- 2006-Knox County Food Pantry
- 2007-Clyde Voss
- 2008-Marla Hawkins
- 2009-Sequoyah Reynolds
- 2010-Joanna Albus
- 2011-Knox County Hospital Auxiliary (Pink Ladies)
- 2012-Marvin Jones Jr.
- 2013-Tracy Carter
- 2014-Leona Burkham
- 2015-Glen Dell Large

Dinner for MHS seniors



Photo courtesy Becky Offutt
The Munday Church of Christ hosted a dinner for seniors at Munday High School last Monday night

Mac's Views Sharing history of Masters

It's time for the Masters and time for me to share a few things about the history of the event, now regarded as one of four majors for professional golfers.



JAMES MCAFEE

If the USGA hadn't turned down Bobby Jones' request to host the 1934 U.S. Open, it might never have been started.

It's an invitational, not a championship like the other three, and actually may have the weakest overall field with around 100 players.

It was the first four-day, 72-hole event, the first to use the over and under par scoring system and the first to use grandstands for viewers

Out of respect for Jones, amateurs have always been invited, getting to stay in the Crow's Nest, located above the clubhouse. Matias Dominquez of Texas Tech will be among that number this year.

In a tradition dating back to 1949, the winner is presented a green jacket. He gets to take home a custom version tailored for him, but must relinquish it when he returns. It's left in

a locker, but available any time he returns to play. Seve Ballesteros once challenged the decision, saying: "If they want it, they can fly to Spain and come and get it."

The level of respect that the patrons--they're not called fans or a gallery--of The Masters have is only surpassed by their understanding of the game. There is no need for marshals to hold "Quiet Please" signs because everyone respects the tournament so much. Patrons can show up early and place their chairs and leave and return to find their chairs waiting for them. That would not happen anywhere else.

At any other tournament, you'll see a cadre of sign-bearers, media and cameramen behind the players, but not at the Masters. Only competitors, caddies and rules officials are allowed between the ropes.

Even the announcers have to be careful with their other choices of words. It's observation stands not bleachers, bunkers not sand traps and first/second nine not front/back nine.

Augusta National is definitely beautiful at this time of year. That's not surprising, considering it was once home to Fruitland Nurseries, which helped to make Georgia famous for its sweet Georgia peaches.

Beekeepers to receive disaster assistance

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency announced that nearly 2,700 applicants will begin receiving disaster assistance through the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) for losses experienced from Oct. 1, 2013, through Sept. 30, 2014.

The program, re-authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill, provides disaster relief to live-

stock, honeybee, and farm-raised fish producers not covered by other agricultural disaster assistance programs.

Eligible losses may include excessive heat or winds, flooding, blizzards, hail, wildfires, lightning strikes, volcanic eruptions and diseases, or in the case of honeybees, losses due to colony collapse disorder.

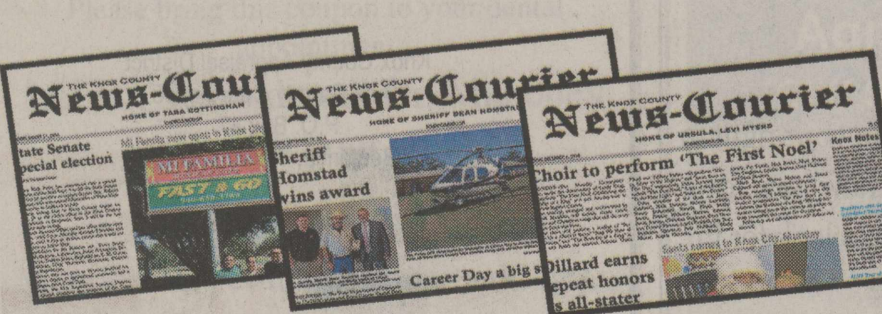
Beekeepers, most of whom suffered honeybee colony losses, represent more than half of ELAP recipients.

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