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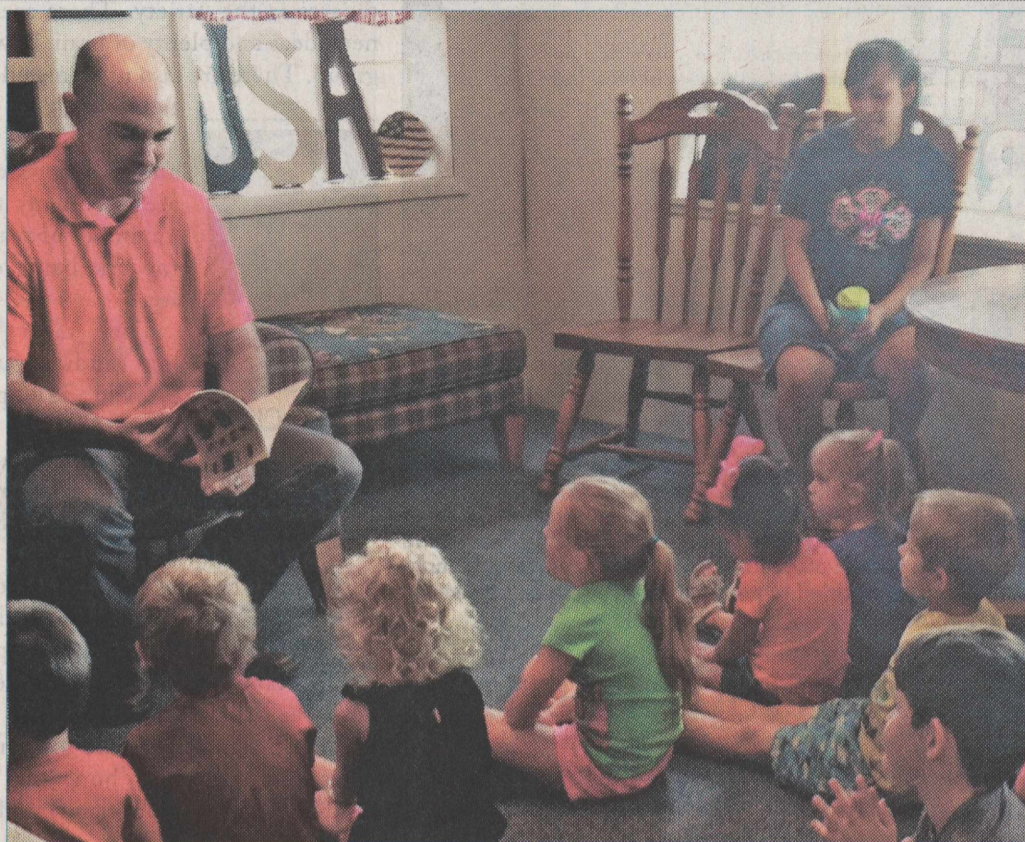
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MUNDAY — The Munday Consolidated Independent School District Board of Trustees narrowed down the list of candidates in their search for a new superintendent during an executive session Monday night.

Darren Francis of Region 9, who is assisting in the search for a replacement for Robert Dillard, indicated that finalists to be interviewed should be selected within the next two to three weeks and then the trustees could make a selection for the lone finalist before the first of August. There would still be 21-day period before it became official.

Meanwhile, Skip Casey continues in the role of interim superintendent. He spoke at last week's meeting of the Munday Lions Club.

Earlier in the special meeting, the trustees approved the Education Department Grants and Regulations (EDGAR Manuel), necessary for the district to be eligible for future state and federal grants.



Wes Latham reads to children attending the summer program at the City-County Library. Courtesy photos

Deep fryers now OK in schools



Ag commissioner Sid Miller

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AUSTIN — Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller announced last week that the state is repealing a decade-old ban on deep fryers in public schools.

In addition, Miller is also relaxing restrictions on certain soft drinks in campus vending machines, saying that school districts need flexibility.

Miller indicated his focus remains on combating childhood obesity, but that government mandates have failed to make kids healthier in Texas.

Hw indicated regulations have provided students with healthier lunches, but students aren't eating as much food and are complaining of hunger.

"The biggest complaint we get is that the kids won't eat," he said. "We're feeding them healthier food, but we're ending up with healthier garbage cans instead."

"You got a boy that goes to Anson High School — he plays in football, he plays both (offense and defense) — he can't make it on 870 calories. That boy burns 3,500 calories a day. He gets home, he hauls hay and milks cow and moves irrigation pipe. Then there's another child that's not active athletically. He may be into academics or band or some other extracurricular and 870 calories may be fine for that kid."

Without the fryers, Miller said districts have had to purchase from out-of-state kitchens things such as french fries, explaining they're packed with preservatives, flash-frozen and shipped.

If school districts chose to add deep fryers, there will be fewer steps in the process, Miller said. "They'll be able to cut up a potato and serve it fresh. They won't be able to serve any additional fried foods, they'll still have to meet the federal nutrition guidelines."

"Soft drink guidelines will not have sugary sodas in them. They don't meet the federal guidelines. So it has to be low-calorie drinks, milk, certain fruit juices, infused water."

The American Heart Association says the changes fail to provide a healthy school environment.

Leslie Boggs, president of the Texas PTA, said, "It sends the message that food prepared in a deep fat fryer is acceptable."

Library summer reading program to continue

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MUNDAY — "Every hero has a story" is the theme for the summer reading program that started last Wednesday here at the Munday City-County Library.

Wes Latham, a member of the Munday Volunteer Fire Department, read "Curious George and the Firefighter" to the youngsters during the first story time.

Additional sessions were scheduled yesterday, July 1 and July 15 from 10-11 a.m.

Munday High School teacher Christel Shahan is the coordinator and will be joined by other volunteers in providing crafts, games and snacks for the youngsters.

The library reopened this week after new flooring was added at the back of the building following flooding in May.

Carla Key of the "Friends of the Library" group also noted that almost \$2,000 was raised in a recent fund-raising effort. "We'll use the funds for new books and computers," she said.



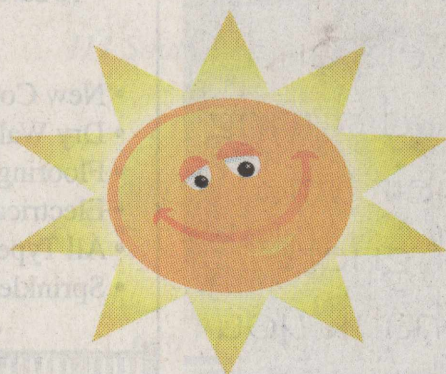
Volunteers help kids during activities.

What are the best things about summer?

It's officially summer here in Knox County.

The Knox County News-Courier would like to hear from its readers about what they think are the best things about summer.

Please send your comments to editor James McAfee via email at kcnewscourier@gmail.com, remembering that the deadline for news is 5 p.m. on Mondays.



Knox Notes

Lake Creek golf event

MUNDAY — The Lake Creek Golf Course will host a 3 Lady Scramble here Saturday. To enter call Angela Henricks at 940 203-0168.

Purple Cloud band activity

MUNDAY — The Purple Cloud Band leadership team will travel to Arlington next week for its summer leadership camp. Then there will be a leadership workshop next Thursday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the MHS Band Hall.

Ten County Camp

ROARING SPRINGS — The Ten County Camp, where kids ages 9-18 from Briscoe, Hall, Motley, Cottle, Dickens, King, Kent, Stonewall, Foard, and Knox counties are invited to participate in a day full of fun and recreation, is scheduled here next Wednesday at the Roaring Springs Country Club. The cost is \$20.

Re-roofing bids solicited

MUNDAY — A pre-bid conference and site visit is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the MCISD administration building for contractors interested in submitting bids for re-roofing both the Munday Elementary and the Munday High School. The deadline for proposals will be 2 p.m. July 7.

Baker Scholarship events

KNOX CITY — The Bill Baker Memorial Scholarship committee will host a golf tournament, coed volleyball tournament and informal class reunions here July 3-5. The golf tournament will feature a two-person scramble at the Knox City Country Club. Entry fee will be \$100. Contact Kelly Robinson at 806 773-8088 to sign up. To enter the volleyball tournament, call Michele Stanfield at 940 256-0318. If a class is interested in getting involved, contact Patti Lain Currie at 325 721-3001.

Benjamin public hearing

BENJAMIN — The City of Benjamin will hold a public hearing at noon on July 9 regarding its 2015-2016 budget.

Guitar, fiddle camp

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

Miller Creek open again

MUNDAY — Miller Creek was scheduled to re-open earlier in the week after being closed June 15-20 for aerial spraying to eliminate trees on the dam and out of the emergency spillway.

David Kuehler, manager of the North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority, said that the aerial spraying will continue to be done during the third week of June each year.

Corrections

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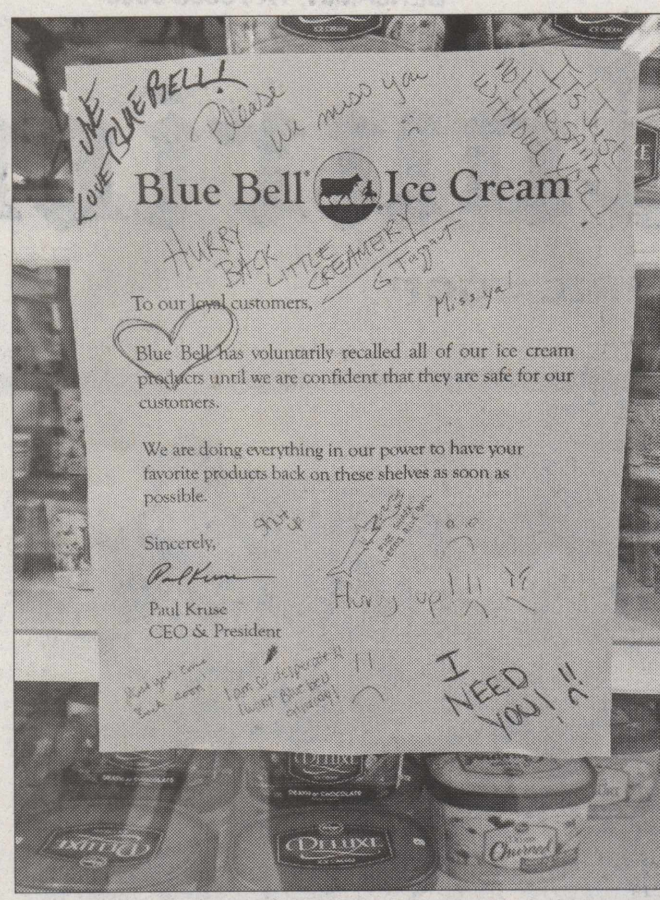
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Love notes for Blue Bell



When Kroger's in Richardson posted a message from Blue Bell outside a vacant place in its ice cream department, some fans of Blue Bell decided to post notes saying they missed the "Little Creamery."

McNutts capture Guys & Dolls

KNOX CITY — Margie and Gary McNutt posted a 66 to win the championship flight title at the Guys & Dolls tournament last Saturday at the Knox City Country Club, finishing three strokes ahead of Lacy and Cody West.

AREA NEWS

Elected officials seminar set July 14 in Abilene. ABILENE — The West Central Texas Council of Governments and Texas Midwest Community Network will host a seminar for elected officials on July 14. It will focus on providing basic information and tools for city and town officials, helping them manage their first year in office and build a foundation for a successful term.

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

Lake Creek golf schedule

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

The Paperboy GOP field getting interesting

Upon looking at the potential GOP field for president, here's my top 5 as it stands today: 1. Dr. Ben Carson 2. Gov. Bobby Jindal 3. Gov. Jeb Bush 4. Sen. Marco Rubio 5. Gov. Scott Walker



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Gov. Chris Christie and Gov. Rick Perry are not in my top 5 for a number of reasons, the top one being electability. The most intriguing candidate to me is Donald Trump. I like Trump in the field because he's unapologetic and says what other candidates will not.

Knox County Aging Center

Menus for week of June 29-July 3 Monday: Baked chicken, carrots, beets, bread, cookies. Tuesday: Chicken tenders, gravy, mixed vegetables, rolls, fruit.

Sheriff's report

Arrests June 4-18 Lynch, James Earl, 6/8/15, Dob 8/21/83, Insufficient bond/possess controlled substance (Stephens County warrant) Knox County

Knox City C.C. golf schedule

July 4—Bill Baker Memorial Tournament, 2-person scramble, \$100. 8:30 a.m. July 5—July 4th Scramble, blind draw, \$15, 1:30 p.m. July 25—Knox City Festival, 3-person scramble, \$75, 8 a.m.

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The Munday City-County Library would like to thank everyone who supported our "Friends of the Library" fundraiser.

The almost \$2,000 collected will be used for new books and computers.

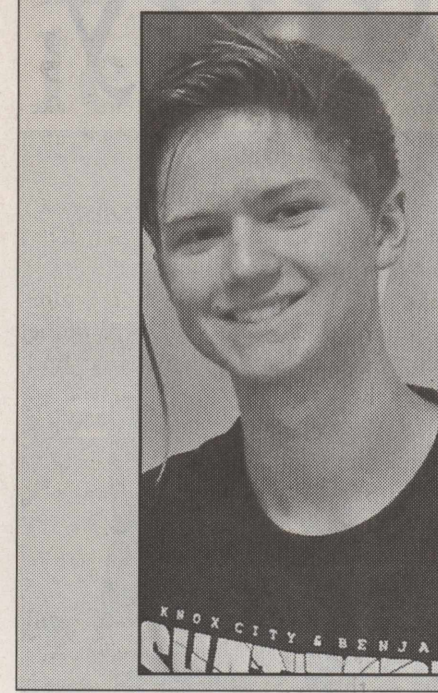
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100 on STAAR



Benjamin Vanderpol, a sophomore at Benjamin High School, scored a 100 on the STAAR. Only 112 of 315,048 who took the test in 2014 made 100s.

Gov. Greg Abbott vetoes 42 bills

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott flexed his executive muscle by vetoing 42 bills, the most since 2007, and struck \$300 million from the \$209 billion state budget. The bills Abbott vetoed centered around avoiding unnecessary laws or repetition of policies already in place.

Texas High School Fishing Open this weekend

BROADDUS — The Texas High School Fishing Open is scheduled this weekend at the nearby Sam Rayburn Reservoir. It is a two-person event for students in grades 7-12. Registration is available online at HighSchoolFishing.org.

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Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

These Monday mornings come pretty regularly, and this week I sure don't have a lot to report. For a change, we haven't had any rain for several days. Now we have switched to winds, so I guess the moisture we had will dry out pretty soon.

There's not much news regarding the ill of the community. I talked to Jan Carver one day last week. She said Fred is feeling pretty well. He tires out pretty easily, but after he rests for a while, things are better.

Linda and Charles Griffith were in Lubbock on June 15 for doctors appointments, and she had one she didn't expect to make. They were hit from the back by a vehicle when the driver wasn't paying much attention to what was going on.

Barbara Ryder is still recovering from her accident two weeks ago. She still has some bruises, but they are going away, and she's feeling much better. Maybe in a few days they both will be back "up to par."

Janice Tolson was scheduled to have colon surgery this week in Lubbock. By the time this paper is out, she should be on the road to recovery, but please continue to pray for her and Buddy as well.

Hazel Stockton is not feeling too well these days. She sees a gastroenterologist in Abilene next Monday. At her age (she's 97) she doesn't "spring back" as fast as she used to.

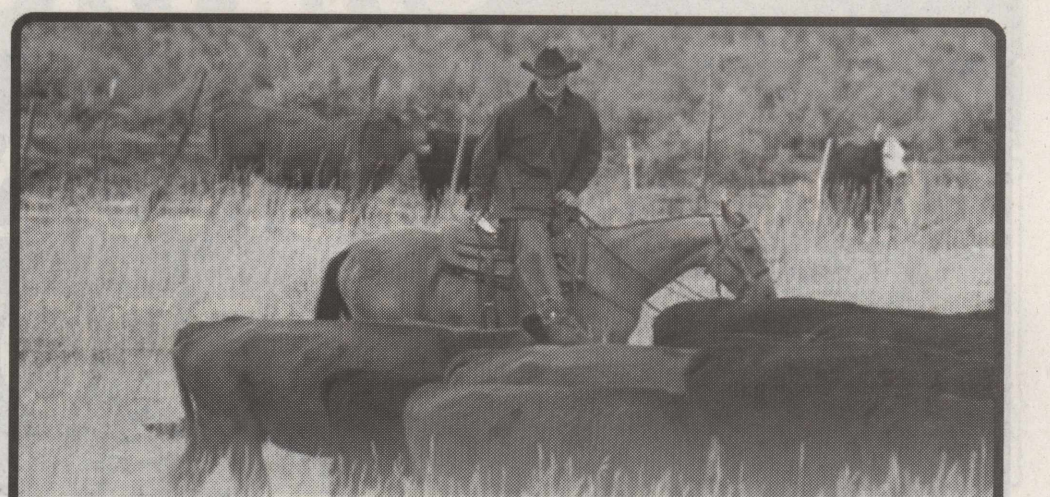
Here 'n there My great granddaughters, Lexie and Katie Taylor of Amarillo spent last Wednesday with me.

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Brazos Bowl set Saturday

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KNOX CITY — The third annual Brazos Bowl, featuring some of the top six-man players in North Texas, is scheduled for a 7 p.m. kickoff here Saturday at Greyhound Stadium.

Krys Campos and Zach Rodriguez, recent graduates of Knox City High School, will be among the all-stars.

The coaches for the all-star game include Bret Taylor and Brandon Smith of Valley and Dewayne Lee and Dale Pustejovsky from Strawn.

KCHS athletic director Charles Steele reported that the 34 players were scheduled to report yesterday morning. After a combine-type workout, the coaches will participate in a draft to select players for

their respective teams. Then each team was scheduled to practice at 4 p.m. Additional practices are scheduled from 9-11 a.m. and 4-6 p.m. today and Friday.

The Blue team, which included Greyhounds Tylonne Eaton and Chris Lewis, won last year's game, 71-26.

Joe Helms of Grandfalls-Royalty and Craig Templeton of Harrold were the offensive and defensive coaches for Blue while Bret Taylor of Valley and Shane Mallory of Throckmorton were the Red coaches.

Josh Matt of Balmorhea, playing for the Blue, was named game's overall MVP while Kenneth Aguerro of May and Junior Marquez of Grandfalls-Royalty were recognized as the offensive and defensive MVPs, respectively.



Zachary Rodriguez and Kry Campos, who received the most athletic awards at last month's awards banquet, will participate in Saturday's Brazos bowl.

Brazos Bowl All-Stars

PLAYER	SCHOOL
BAXTER, SETH	MOTLEY COUNTY
BENIVAMONDEZ, SEBASTIAN	LORAINNE
BIGHAM, BRADEN	MOTLEY COUNTY
BROWN, JARED	CROWELL
CAMPBELL, TYLER	VALLEY
CAMPOS, KRYS	KNOX CITY
CASTANEDA, XAVIER	GORDON
CLARY, CALEB	MOTLEY COUNTY
COFFMAN, CHASE	GORDON
DIGBY, ZACHERY	HERMLEIGH
FAULKNER, JUSTIN	NORTHSIDE
FISHER, DEMARIAS	SOUTHLAND
GARRETT, COLTON	ANNAPOLIS CHRISTIAN
GRAVES, DENZEL	CHILLICOTHE
HIBBITTS, COLTEN	HARROLD
HOWELL, MASON	ROCHELLE
MATHIS, OSCAR	PADUCAH
MCCARLEY, CAMERON	HAPPY
MEDRANO, TJ	ROPES
MOORE, TYLER	LUEDERS-AVOCA
MOYA, NATHAN	CROWELL
NIX, WADE	LUEDERS-AVOCA
PATTERSON, TAYLOR	WHITE DEER
PORTILLO, MICHAEL	HERMLEIGH
RODRIGUEZ, JOHN	RANKIN
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SAEDARSONA, GAGA	HIGHLAND
SELF, ETHAN	SOUTHLAND
SIMPSON, KORBYN	MOTLEY COUNTY
SIMS, WYATT	HAPPY
STEWART, STETSON	SIERRA BLANCA
WELCH, JAKE	HARROLD

Keeling salutatorian at Lubbock school



Stephanie Keeling

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LUBBOCK — Stephanie Keeling, daughter of Wayne and Julie (Hines) Keeling, was recently recognized as the salutatorian at Coronado High School with a GPA of 4.8571.

Keeling is the granddaughter of Pansy Hines and the late Alvin Hines and sister of Kevin Urbanczyk Jr. of Knox City.

She plans to major in biology and attend medical school with a focus on primary care at the University of Texas in Austin.

BEST OF LUCK IN THE BRAZOS BOWL, KRYS AND ZACH!

Dance Company learns new styles

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MUNDAY — Members of the Movement Space Dance Company attended a summer workshop here earlier this week, learning some new styles of dance and new techniques.

"We had two instructors from Dallas-based MA Dance—Jordan Baird of Beaumont and Monique Jordan of San Antonio—providing help," said Cori Corcoran, director of the Movement Space.

Corcoran also noted that each dancer was

evaluated throughout the three days.

Members of the team this year are Zoe Cedillo, Tess Decker, Madison Edgar, Zoe Harris, Evan Hunter, Kayla Jo Hunter, Kristen Kuehler, Destyn Mauldin, Karsyn Sanders, Kendall Thompson, Sydney Thompson, Bergen Waters, Brenley Waters and Carlie Willison.

The dance company will compete along with others from across the United States in the MA Dance regional and hopefully national events July 7 and July 11 in Arlington.



The Movement Space Dance Company learned some new moves in a workshop this week, preparing for MA Dance regional competition July 7 in Arlington. Keeling (l-r) are Kendall Thompson, Evan Hunter, Zoe Harris, Carlie Willison and Karsyn Sanders. Standing are Brenley Waters, Bergen Waters, Kayla Jo Hunter, Madison Edgar, Tess Decker, Kristen Kuehler, Sydney Thompson, Zoe Cedillo and Destyn Mauldin.

Kids enjoying summer



For the first time in three summers, children and others are enjoying the chance to swim in the pool in Munday City Park, open from 1-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Jamie Lowrance is shown looking out to ensure the safety of the swimmers.

Best of luck to the Movement Space Dance Company at the MA Dance Regional Competition!

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Coop receives Pioneer Leader Award

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HORSESHOE BAY — Two Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service county agents were honored with the Dr. Frank W. Sheppard Jr. Pioneer Leaders Award by the Texas Rural Leadership Program at its recent conference here.

Alexis Cordova of Liberty County and Lorrie Coop of Knox County received the honor in recognition of having "gone the extra mile in bringing communities together," according to Ronnie McDonald, Texas Rural Leadership Program director.

The award, which was presented for the first time, was named for Sheppard, a 1947 graduate of Texas A&M University, who used his degree in agricultural education, first as a high school teacher in Hutto and ultimately throughout the world serving with the U.S. Department of State as a rural development leader.

Coop began her career with AgriLife Extension in 2004 after serving 11 years with the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, a child protective services specialist. She helped organize a five-county Rolling Plains Rural Health Partnership that has brought together agencies and organizations in several unified annual projects such as child passenger safety and diabetes screenings combined with diabetes classes in Spanish and English. They also launched a mental health first aid program for youth in the county in coopera-



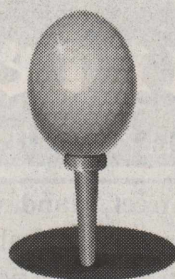
Lorrie Coop

tion with schools, churches and families. Coop also helped coordinate a career day that helps youth from eight schools in six counties discover career options and how to prepare for careers of interest to them.

Cordova, a native of Corpus Christi, has been the family and consumer sciences agent in Liberty County since January 2006 and was in Calhoun County from 2004-06. She was cited for carrying out the mission of AgriLife Extension for "improving the lives of people, businesses, and communities" through her community partners, volunteers, and coalitions

such as the Liberty Leaders in Action, Liberty County Health Awareness Coalition, Liberty County Child Fatality Review Team, various school health advisory councils, and the outreach committee at her church, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church.

More than 80 participants at the Texas Rural Leadership Program conference engaged with each other and with diverse speakers, from educators and social workers to elected officials—all sharing the belief that inclusive servant-based leadership brings out a community's best assets, McDonald said.



On the tee Spieth continues to amaze us!

The best find a way to win regardless of the conditions or even when they do not have their best stuff. That seems to be the case for Jordan Spieth, who just added the U.S. Open title to his earlier victory at the Masters. This



JAMES MCAFEE

leaves him halfway to a grand slam, winning all four majors in the same season. Shrugging off a disastrous double bogey on the 71st hole after taking a three-shot lead with a spectacular birdie on No 16, Spieth regained his composure and took a little off his tee shot with a soft fade to miss the fairway bunker on the final hole. He then hit a 3-wood onto the green, but didn't make the eagle putt, tapping in for a birdie.

Dustin Johnson, who had been struggling most of the round with his putting, then birdied the 71st, a three-shot swing. He hit a phenomenal drive and a 5-iron to 12 feet on the final hole, leaving him with a putt to win the title. Even if he missed and could two putt, he would tie Spieth and force an 18-hole playoff. To everyone's surprise, Johnson struck the eagle putt too firmly and missed a three-footer coming back.

Admitting the turn of events shocked him, Spieth was delighted with the title, but also felt for a fellow competitor on how it happened.

The U.S. Open had a lot of drama on Chambers Bay, a different kind of course than what you normally see hosting the national championship. There was really nothing wrong with the course layout itself and even the way the USGA set it up. It produced a deserving champion in Spieth.

However, there was little doubt that the putting surfaces, which were patchy and could be better described as "browns" instead of "greens," were not up to major championship standards and rightfully received a lot of criticism from the competitors.

The problem on the fescue grass greens

was the added mix of poa anna, actually a weed that sometimes is used for putting surfaces on the west coast of the U.S., including those at Pebble Beach.

The poa here was just in patches. Since it grows faster than the fescue, the poa can sometimes throw a putt off line, especially later in the day on greens as fast as they were for the U.S. Open.

"It's pretty much like putting on broccoli," said Henrik Stenson.

Rory McIlroy, the game's No. 1-ranked player, countered, saying it was more like "putting on cauliflower."

Trying to be a little more diplomatic, Phil Mickelson said, "The surface area around the hole is a bit challenging for everybody." Mickelson felt a bigger concern was that they were a different speed from green to green.

Billy Horschel was even more to the point in a television interview, saying that he hit a lot of really good putts that bounced all over the place when they hit one of the bad spots on the greens. He did later apologize for taking a two-handed swing at the ground after one putt, but said he stopped short of slamming the putter into the turf. "I think a lot of players, and I'm one of them, have lost some respect for the USGA and this championship this year for the greens," he said.

Colonial champion Chris Kirk added, "The USGA should be ashamed of what they did this week."

Wasn't it the same for everyone? Not necessarily. One player could have a four-footer without poa and have no problem while another on the other side of the cup from the same length could have a different situation with poa in the line he needed to take.

Despite a few more three-putts than usual and a few missed putts he normally makes with ease, you didn't hear Spieth complaining.

Neither was former U.S. Open champion Geoff Ogilvy, who added, "There's a lot of talk about the greens and stuff like that, but forever great putters have putted well on bad greens, forever. You have to use your brain, which is a rare thing in modern golf, and something we're not very good at."

Weather Whys Strength of wind determining factor

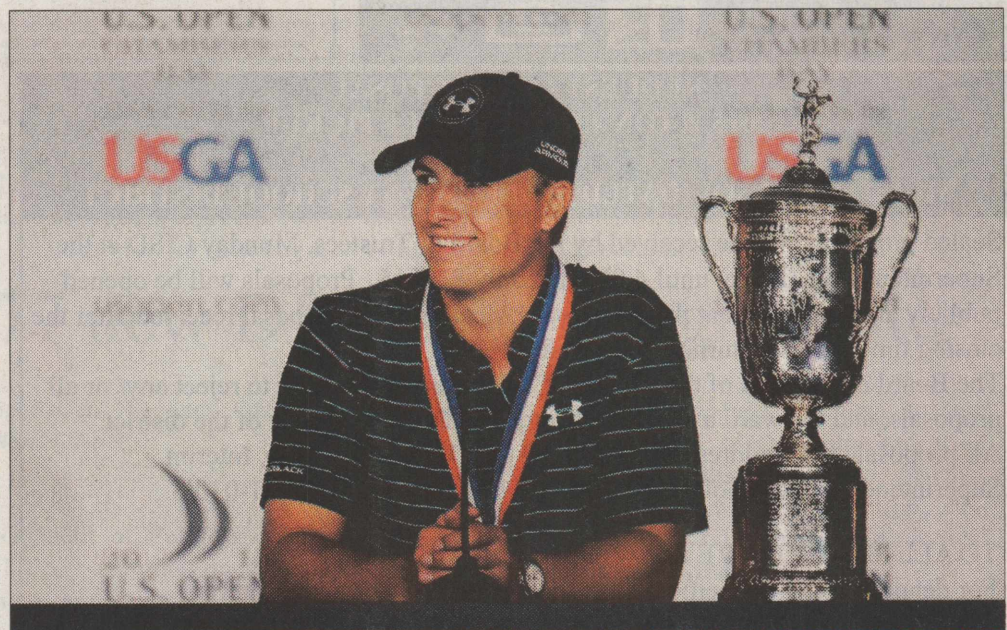
What is the difference between a tropical storm, a depression, a hurricane and a cyclone?

The short answer is that they range in strength from mild to catastrophic, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "Tropical depressions have a well-defined circulation and can cause heavy rains, and they are classified as having winds no more than 38 miles per hour," McRoberts explains. A tropical storm is much stronger, containing heavy thunderstorms and high winds of no more than 73 miles per hour. "And then there are hurricanes, which contain some of the strongest winds on Earth. These have winds of at least 74 miles per hour and are classified according to their severity on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being the strongest. Hurricanes are assigned names for use as a reference point."

What about cyclones?

Cyclones and hurricanes are virtually the same thing, McRoberts adds. "But where they are formed is the difference. A storm that forms in the Atlantic is called a hurricane and one that forms in the Pacific is called a typhoon, while those formed in the Indian Ocean are cyclones. All are assigned names. Hurricanes, cyclones and typhoons contain winds of from 74 to more than 200 miles per hour and they are the most devastating of all weather events. Hurricanes Andrew (1992) did more than \$25 billion in damage and Katrina (2005) more than \$125 billion in damage to Florida and the Gulf Coast region. The 1900 hurricane that hit Galveston is still the worst natural disaster in U.S. history in terms of fatalities, killing at least 6,000 people."

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Jordan Spieth answers questions from media after winning the U.S. Open.

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Farming family Glenn Herring and son Nathan
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When did you know you wanted to be a farmer? I knew I wanted to farm in '73.

Crops raised We grow wheat and cotton. Me and Nathan will have about 500 acres of cotton this year. I have felt for years that being a part of the system to help feed and clothe the world is a good thing, and I try to do it with as little impact as possible on the environment.

Best thing about being a farmer Harvest time, to be able to drive the combine in the field to harvest your own crop. To own your cotton harvest equipment and harvest a good cotton crop.

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Advice for future farmers It is a tough business with long hours and sometimes with no financial reward, and it can change without warning, it can bring families closer together by allowing them to work together.

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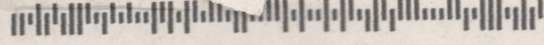
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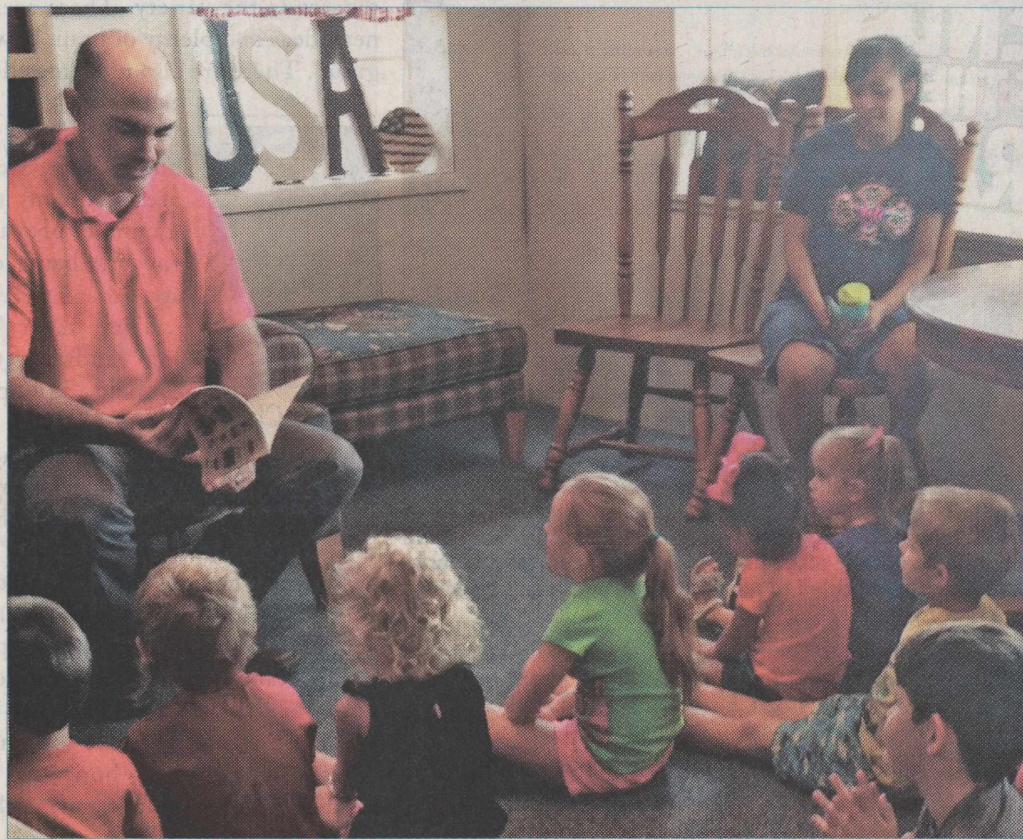
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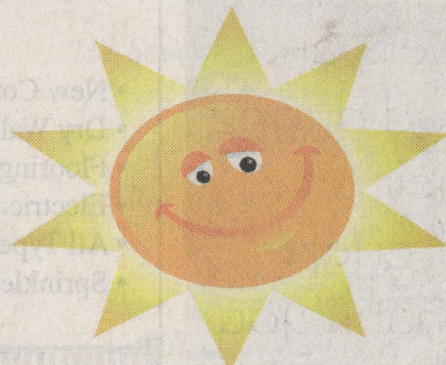
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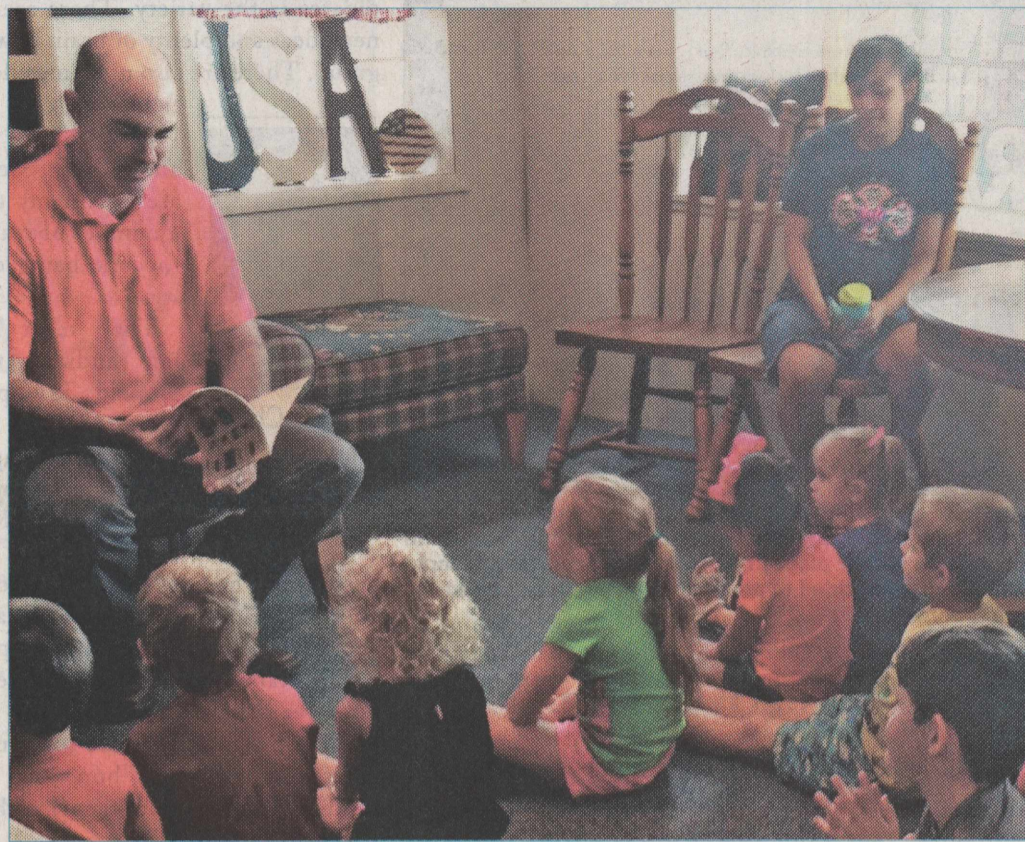
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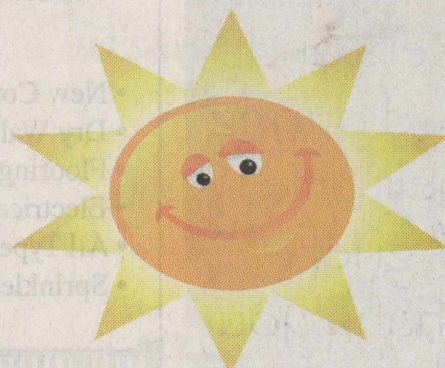
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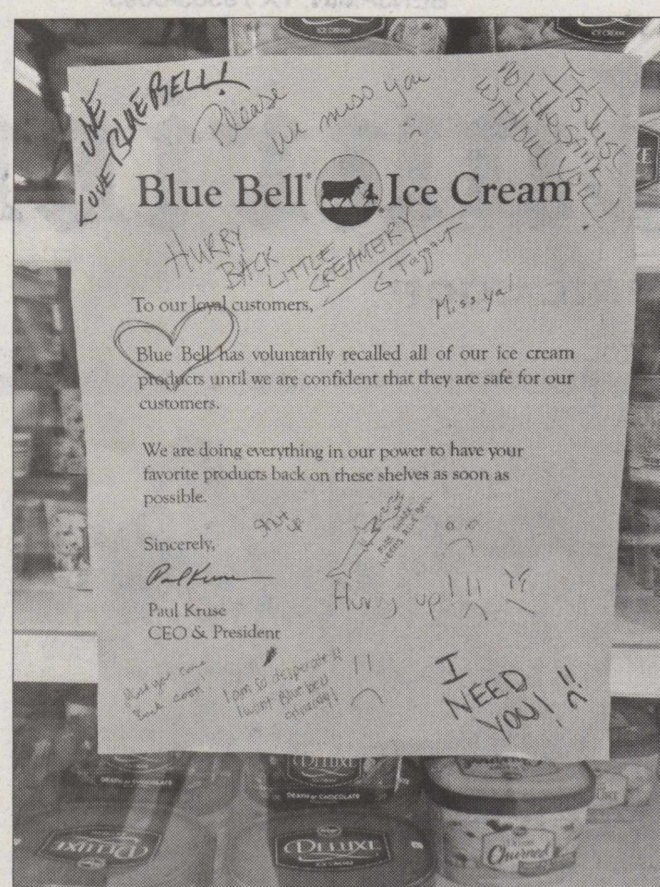
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Love notes for Blue Bell



When Kroger's in Richardson posted a message from Blue Bell outside a vacant place in its ice cream department, some fans of Blue Bell decided to post notes saying they missed the "Little Creamery."

McNutts capture Guys & Dolls

KNOX CITY — Margie and Gary McNutts posted a 66 to win the championship flight title at the Guys & Dolls tournament last Saturday at the Knox City Country Club, finishing three strokes ahead of Lacy and Cody West.

Chanelle and Mitch Hall took the first flight and Debbie and Gary Meader claimed the second flight, winning scorecard play-offs after finishing at 71 and 73, respectively

AREA NEWS

Elected officials seminar set July 14 in Abilene

ABILENE — The West Central Texas Council of Governments and Texas Midwest Community Network will host a seminar for elected officials on July 14. It will focus on providing basic information and tools for city and town officials, helping them manage their first year in office and build a foundation for a successful term. Experts in the fields of city management, ethics and conflict of interest, parliamentary procedure and budget planning will provide key insights to equip participants with the knowledge and confidence to meet the challenges that come with public service. Attendees will also be given an opportunity to network and share ideas during small group roundtable discussions.

Food training course scheduled Aug. 17-18

ABILENE — The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Jones, Taylor and Nolan Counties, will offer a professional food manager certification training course Aug. 17-18 here at the Taylor County Extension office. The \$125 fee includes training, materials and the ServSafe food manager certification examination. The food manager's certification will be valid for five years. Registration deadline is Aug. 1.

Lake Creek golf schedule

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

The Paperboy GOP field getting interesting

Upon looking at the potential GOP field for president, here's my top 5 as it stands today:

1. Dr. Ben Carson
2. Gov. Bobby Jindal
3. Gov. Jeb Bush
4. Sen. Marco Rubio
5. Gov. Scott Walker

What I like about the Republican candidates is the variety. There seems to be new ideas and plenty of brain power in the group. There are also proven leaders in the field.



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Gov. Chris Christie and Gov. Rick Perry are not in my top 5 for a number of reasons, the top one being electability. The most intriguing candidate to me is Donald Trump. I like Trump in the field because he's unapologetic and says what other candidates will not. He's not the most polished person, but he does have plenty of insight and brings ideas that the other candidates should listen to and perhaps adopt.

Sen. Rand Paul is very intelligent, but I don't really have a feel for him. I like the fact there are so many candidates and I sincerely hope that the best candidate for the country wins the nomination.

The debates should be both entertaining and enlightening as the Republican Party needs to nominate the absolute best candidate which has the ability to communicate and reach across the aisle; something that's been missing for some time. I also hope

the nominee can set pride aside and take the best ideas offered from the other candidates and run with them.

On the left, it still looks like Hillary Clinton is the front runner with Sen. Bernie Sanders making waves.

Unless you live in a cave, you are probably familiar with Clinton. She's the one who lies a bunch about a lot of things and seemingly always has.

In fact, it's easy to tell when Clinton is lying ... her mouth is moving.

As far as Sanders is concerned, he seems like a clueless Progressive who loves to spend money. Boy does that sound familiar.

Of course, there is a long way to go until the primaries and even longer until election day so things will change. However, I'm anticipating a wild ride.

My hope is that the GOP picks the smartest leader they can while not running each other into the mud.

The Democrats need to find a viable candidate. Neither Clinton nor Sanders can win the presidency in my opinion and if Clinton wins the nomination, she will get crushed in the general election.

I encourage all Americans to study the candidates and vote your conscience. It's time to elect a leader that can unite the country and get it rolling again. This era of divisiveness and big government can't end soon enough.

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Knox County Aging Center

Menus for week of June 29-July 3

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Wednesday: Chicken fajita, Spanish rice, salad, cookies.
Thursday: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, rolls.
Friday: Closed "Happy 4th of July"

Sheriff's report

Arrests June 4-18
Lynch, James Earl, 6/8/15, Dob 8/21/83, Insufficient bond/possess controlled substance (Stephens County warrant) Knox County
Dickerson, Daniel, 6/10/15, Dob 1/10/79, DWI (M-A), DWLI (M-C), Escape from custody (M-A), Possess drug paraphernalia (M-C) Knox County
Tole, Katie Marie, 6/13/15, Dob 1/27/91, MTR: Possess Marijuana (M-B) arrested in Vernon, Knox County
Dean W. Homstad Sheriff Knox County

Knox City C.C. golf schedule

July 4—Bill Baker Memorial Tournament, 2-person scramble, \$100, 8:30 a.m.
July 5—July 4th Scramble, blind draw, \$15, 1:30 p.m.
July 25—Knox City Festival, 3-person scramble, \$75, 8 a.m.
Aug. 8—Knox City CC Ag-Oil, 4-man, \$240, 8 a.m., 2 p.m.
Aug. 22—Glow Ball Scramble, 4-person, \$25, 5 p.m.
Sept. 7—Labor Day Scramble, blind draw, \$15, 1:30 p.m.
Sept. 12—Knox City Fall Classic, 3-person, \$75, 1:30 p.m.
Sept. 19—Knox City Chamber of Commerce Scramble, 3-person, \$120, 1:30 p.m.
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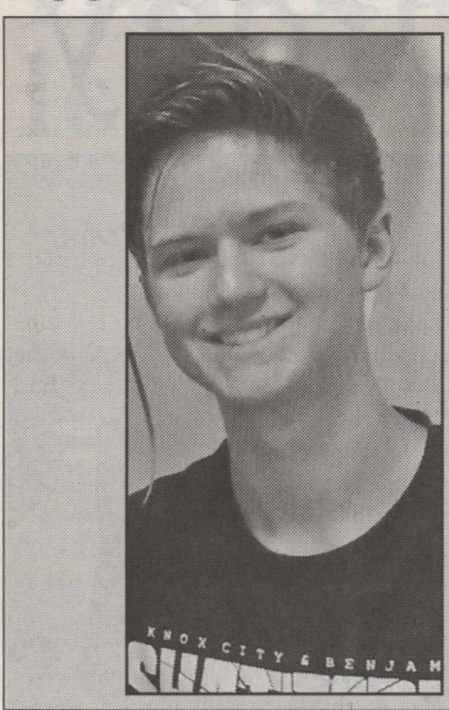
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One of the bills vetoed would have required certain water conservation measures in connection with correctional facilities. He said it goes too far by subjecting prisons and jails to the conservation mandates of local water utilities that do not share the correctional facilities' penological mission. "Ceding control of the state's correctional facilities' water use to local water utilities creates the potential for interference with a core function of government," Abbott added.

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Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

These Monday mornings come pretty regularly, and this week I sure don't have a lot to report. For a change, we haven't had any rain for several days. Now we have switched to winds, so I guess the moisture we had will dry out pretty soon. Is it ever exactly the way we want it? Very seldom, it seems.

There's not much news regarding the ill of the community. I talked to Jan Carver one day last week. She said Fred is feeling pretty well. He tires out pretty easily, but after he rests for a while, things are better. So far, so good, and that's good news.

Linda and Charles Griffith were in Lubbock on June 15 for doctors appointments, and she had one she didn't expect to make. They were hit from the back by a vehicle when the driver wasn't paying much attention to what was going on. Linda took the worst hit, and the result was two black eyes and cuts and bruises on her face. She spent the night in the emergency room for observation and several CAT scans. She was released the next day. Other than the bruises and a cut between her eyes and on her forehead that required more than seven stitches, she's OK and feels very grateful that it was no worse than it was.

Barbara Ryder is still recovering from her accident two weeks ago. She still has some bruises, but they are going away, and she's feeling much better. Maybe in a few days they both will be back "up to par." We hope so.

Janice Tolson was scheduled to have colon surgery this week in Lubbock. By the time this paper is out, she should be on the road to recovery, but please continue to pray for her and Buddy as well.

Hazel Stockton is not feeling too well these days. She sees a gastroenterologist in Abilene next Monday. At her age (she's 97) she doesn't "spring back" as fast as she used to. However, she still does mighty well. She has trouble getting around as she has arthritis pretty bad. Pray for her also.

Here 'n there
My great granddaughters, Lexie and Katie Taylor of Amarillo spent last Wednesday with me. It was fun to have these little girls, 10 and 9 years old, visit and do the things girls that age enjoy.

In my last week's column there were a few misspelled names. Don't know what happened—probably just typos (or maybe someone couldn't read my handwriting), but I want to correct them. The band from Haskell that played for the rodeo dance was Parris (not Pavis) Pittman and her group. The other names spelled incorrectly were Weldon Gideon (not Sheldon) and Wyman Meinzer (not Wayman). No harm done—just wanted this corrected! Also Moorhouse does not have an "e" in it where Tom's name was mentioned.

Judy and Randolph Barnett were in Lubbock two or three days last week helping with their grandchildren Calli and Camryn Conner while their mom Jenny Beth was helping with a church camp. They divide their "babysitting" privileges with the other grandparents, and that works out well for all of them. That way, the girls' dad Jim Bob is assured they are well cared for.

I see Dennis Duke out mowing several of these lots around places where the owners don't live here. That's such a good deed, as it helps the town's appearance and also helps keep down the mosquito problem. And hats off once again to City Manager Kim Sealey, who sprays often, and that also is a good mosquito fighter. All this rain has really made them plentiful.

Debi and Mike Moorhouse were in Snyder Friday night for their granddaughter Maddie's second birthday party. Maddie's parents are Lynn and Michael Rogers. Will Moorhouse of Big Spring spent the weekend with his parents.

The community-wide vacation bible school held at Munday a couple of weeks ago was a success, and several Benjamin kids attended and enjoyed every minute of it. Jill Jackson was responsible for getting them over there and back home, and she said she had a week's average of nine attending from here. Jill also helped with the week's activities.

Irene Reed and her daughter Laura McCantles were in Abilene Monday for a day of catching up on things that need to be done. Every so often we have to do that.

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Krys Campos and Zach Rodriguez, recent graduates of Knox City High School, will be among the all-stars.

The coaches for the all-star game include Bret Taylor and Brandon Smith of Valley and Dewayne Lee and Dale Pustejovsky from Strawn.

KCHS athletic director Charles Steele reported that the 34 players were scheduled to report yesterday morning. After a combine-type workout, the coaches will participate in a draft to select players for

their respective teams. Then each team was scheduled to practice at 4 p.m. Additional practices are scheduled from 9-11 a.m. and 4-6 p.m. today and Friday.

The Blue team, which included Greyhounds Tylyne Eaton and Chris Lewis, won last year's game, 71-26.

Joe Helms of Grandfalls-Royalty and Craig Templeton of Harrold were the offensive and defensive coaches for Blue while Bret Taylor of Valley and Shane Mallory of Throckmorton were the Red coaches.

Josh Matt of Balmorhea, playing for the Blue, was named game's overall MVP while Kenneth Aguerro of May and Junior Marquez of Grandfalls-Royalty were recognized as the offensive and defensive MVPs, respectively.



Zachary Rodriguez and Kry Campos, who received the most athletic awards at last month's awards banquet, will participate in Saturday's Brazos bowl.

Brazos Bowl All-Stars

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Keeling is the granddaughter of Pansy Hines and the late Alvin Hines and sister of Kevin Urbanczyk Jr. of Knox City.

She plans to major in biology and attend medical school with a focus on primary care at the University of Texas in Austin.

BEST OF LUCK IN THE BRAZOS BOWL, KRYS AND ZACH!

Dance Company learns new styles

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MUNDAY — Members of the Movement Space Dance Company attended a summer workshop here earlier this week, learning some new styles of dance and new techniques.

"We had two instructors from Dallas-based MA Dance—Jordan Baird of Beaumont and Monique Jordan of San Antonio—providing help," said Cori Corcoran, director of the Movement Space.

Corcoran also noted that each dancer was

evaluated throughout the three days.

Members of the team this year are Zoe Cedillo, Tess Decker, Madison Edgar, Zoe Harris, Evan Hunter, Kayla Jo Hunter, Kristen Kuehler, Destyn Mauldin, Karsyn Sanders, Kendall Thompson, Sydney Thompson, Bergen Waters, Brenley Waters and Carlie Willison.

The dance company will compete along with others from across the United States in the MA Dance regional and hopefully national events July 7 and July 11 in Arlington.



The Movement Space Dance Company learned some new moves in a workshop this week, preparing for MA Dance regional competition July 7 in Arlington. Kneeling (l-r) are Kendall Thompson, Evan Hunter, Zoe Harris, Carlie Willison and Karsyn Sanders. Standing are Brenley Waters, Bergen Waters, Kayla Jo Hunter, Madison Edgar, Tess Decker, Kristen Kuehler, Sydney Thompson, Zoe Cedillo and Destyn Mauldin.

Kids enjoying summer



For the first time in three summers, children and others are enjoying the chance to swim in the pool in Munday City Park, open from 1-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Jamie Lowrance is shown looking out to ensure the safety of the swimmers.

Best of luck to the Movement Space Dance Company at the MA Dance Regional Competition!

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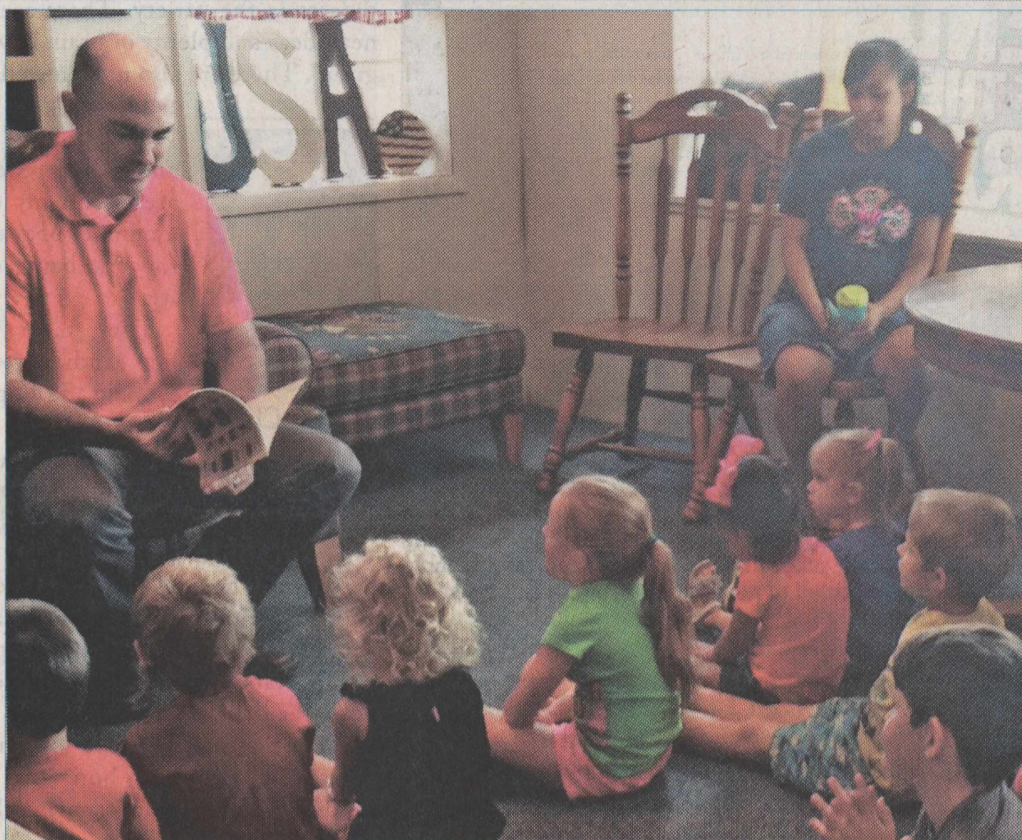
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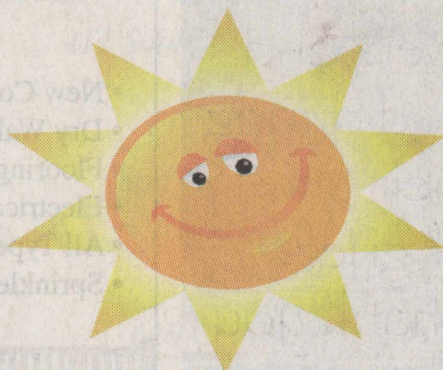
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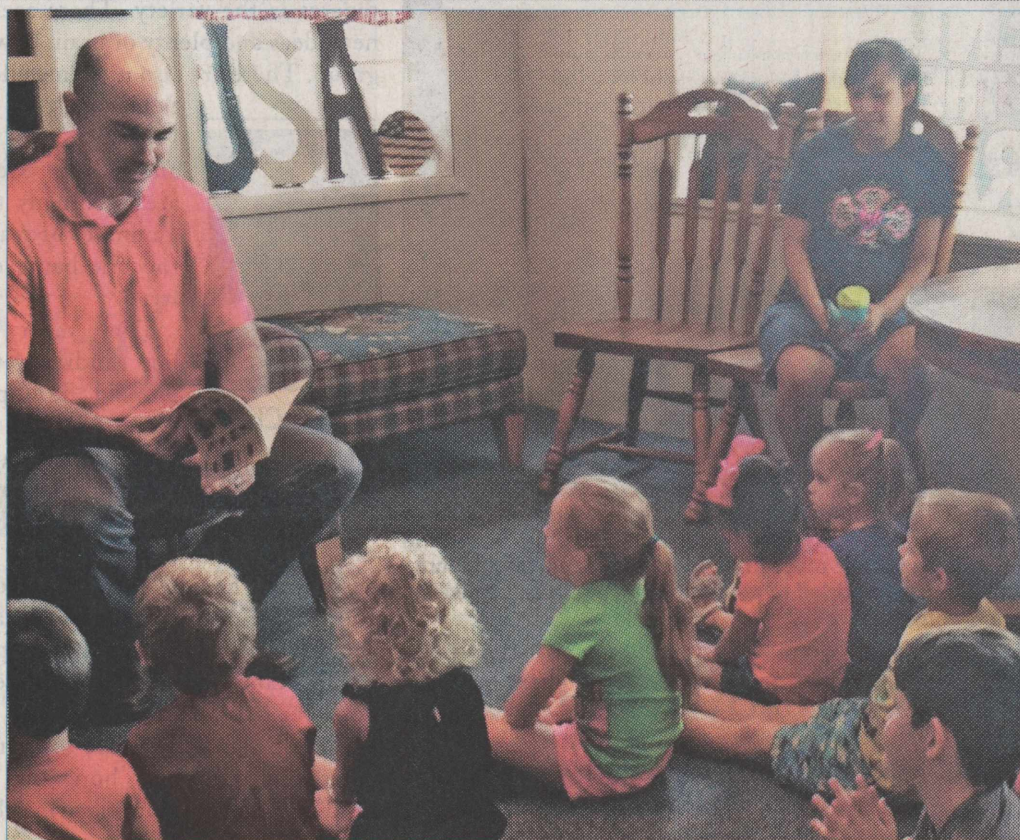
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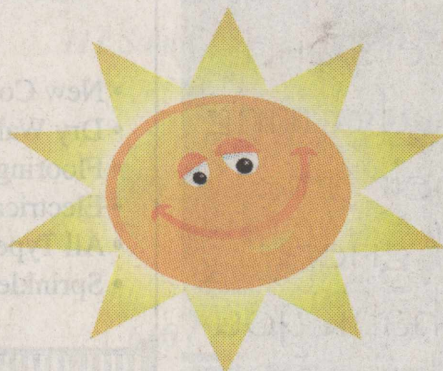
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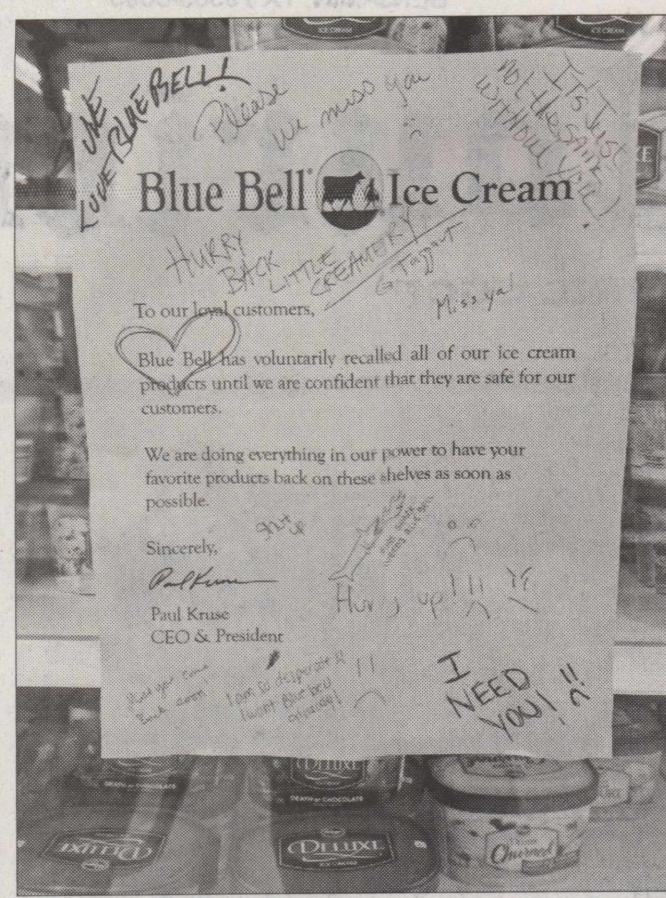
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When Kroger's in Richardson posted a message from Blue Bell outside a vacant place in its ice cream department, some fans of Blue Bell decided to post notes saying they missed the "Little Creamery."

McNutts capture Guys & Dolls

KNOX CITY—Margarie and Gary McNutt posted a 66 to win the championship flight title at the Guys & Dolls tournament last Saturday at the Knox City Country Club, finishing three strokes ahead of Lacy and Cody West.

AREA NEWS

Elected officials seminar set July 14 in Abilene

ABILENE — The West Central Texas Council of Governments and Texas Midwest Community Network will host a seminar for elected officials on July 14. It will focus on providing basic information and tools for city and town officials, helping them manage their first year in office and build a foundation for a successful term.

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

Lake Creek golf schedule

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

The Paperboy GOP field getting interesting

Upon looking at the potential GOP field for president, here's my top 5 as it stands today:

- 1. Dr. Ben Carson 2. Gov. Bobby Jindal 3. Gov. Jeb Bush 4. Sen. Marco Rubio 5. Gov. Scott Walker

What I like about the Republican candidates is the variety. There seems to be new ideas and plenty of brain power in the group. There are also proven leaders in the field.

Gov. Chris Christie and Gov. Rick Perry are not in my top 5 for a number of reasons, the top one being electability.

The most intriguing candidate to me is Donald Trump. I like Trump in the field because he's unapologetic and says what other candidates will not. He's not the most polished person, but he does have plenty of insight and brings ideas that the other candidates should listen to and perhaps adopt.

Sen. Rand Paul is very intelligent, but I don't really have a feel for him.

I like the fact there are so many candidates and I sincerely hope that the best candidate for the country wins the nomination.

The debates should be both entertaining and enlightening as the Republican Party needs to nominate the absolute best candidate which has the ability to communicate and reach across the aisle; something that's been missing for some time. I also hope

the nominee can set pride aside and take the best ideas offered from the other candidates and run with them.

On the left, it still looks like Hillary Clinton is the front runner with Sen. Bernie Sanders making waves.

Unless you live in a cave, you are probably familiar with Clinton. She's the one who lies a bunch about a lot of things and seemingly always has.

In fact, it's easy to tell when Clinton is lying ... her mouth is moving.

As far as Sanders is concerned, he seems like a clueless Progressive who loves to spend money. Boy does that sound familiar.

Of course, there is a long way to go until the primaries and even longer until election day so things will change. However, I'm anticipating a wild ride.

My hope is that the GOP picks the smartest leader they can while not running each other into the mud.

The Democrats need to find a viable candidate. Neither Clinton nor Sanders can win the presidency in my opinion and if Clinton wins the nomination, she will get crushed in the general election.

I encourage all Americans to study the candidates and vote your conscience. It's time to elect a leader that can unite the country and get it rolling again. This era of divisiveness and big government can't end soon enough.

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100 on STAAR



Benjamin Vanderpol, a sophomore at Benjamin High School, scored a 100 on the STAAR. Only 112 of 315,048 who took the test in 2014 made 100s.

Gov. Greg Abbott vetoes 42 bills

Special to The Knox County News-Courier

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott flexed his executive muscle by vetoing 42 bills, the most since 2007, and struck \$300 million from the \$209 billion state budget.

The bills Abbott vetoed centered around avoiding unnecessary laws or repetition of policies already in place.

One bill would have allowed elected officials to hide their personal financial business from the eyes of voters. "At the beginning of this legislative session, I called for meaningful ethics reform," he said. "This legislation does not accomplish that goal. Provisions in this bill would reduce Texans' trust in their elected officials, and I will not be a part of weakening our ethics laws. Serious ethics reform must be addressed next session — the right way. Texans deserve better."

One of the bills vetoed would have required certain water conservation measures in connection with correctional facilities. He said it goes too far by subjecting prisons and jails to the conservation mandates of local water utilities that do not share the correctional facilities' penological mission. "Ceding control of the state's correctional facilities' water use to local water utilities creates the potential for interference with a core function of government," Abbott added.

Texas High School Fishing Open this weekend

BROADDUS — The Texas High School Fishing Open is scheduled this weekend at the nearby Sam Rayburn Reservoir.

It is a two-person event for students in grades 7-12. Registration is available online at HighSchoolFishing.org.

The top three teams from each of the six 2015 High School Fishing Opens will advance to a High School Fishing conference championship along with the top 10 percent from

each of the TBF/FLW state championships. The top 10 percent of each conference championship field will then advance to the High School Fishing National Championship, coinciding with the TBF National Championship and an FLW Tour stop in the spring of 2016.

The High School Fishing national championships will each receive a \$5,000 college scholarship to the school of their choice.

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Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

These Monday mornings come pretty regularly, and this week I sure don't have a lot to report. For a change, we haven't had any rain for several days. Now we have switched to winds, so I guess the moisture we had will dry out pretty soon. Is it ever exactly the way we want it? Very seldom, it seems.

There's not much news regarding the ill of the community. I talked to Jan Carver one day last week. She said Fred is feeling pretty well. He tires out pretty easily, but after he rests for a while, things are better. So far, so good, and that's good news.

Linda and Charles Griffith were in Lubbock on June 15 for doctors appointments, and she had one she didn't expect to make. They were hit from the back by a vehicle when the driver wasn't paying much attention to what was going on. Linda took the worst hit, and the result was two black eyes and cuts and bruises on her face. She spent the night in the emergency room for observation and several CAT scans. She was released the next day. Other than the bruises and a cut between her eyes and on her forehead that required more than seven stitches, she's OK and feels very grateful that it was no worse than it was.

Barbara Ryder is still recovering from her accident two weeks ago. She still has some bruises, but they are going away, and she's feeling much better. Maybe in a few days they both will be back "up to par." We hope so.

Janice Tolson was scheduled to have colon surgery this week in Lubbock. By the time this paper is out, she should be on the road to recovery, but please continue to pray for her and Buddy as well.

Hazel Stockton is not feeling too well these days. She sees a gastroenterologist in Abilene next Monday. At her age (she's 97) she doesn't "spring back" as fast as she used to. However, she still does mighty well. She has trouble getting around as she has arthritis pretty bad. Pray for her also.

Here 'n there My great granddaughters, Lexie and Katie Taylor of Amarillo spent last Wednesday with me. It was fun to have these little girls, 10 and 9 years old, visit and do the things girls that age enjoy.

In my last week's column there were a few misspelled names. Don't know what happened—probably just typos (or maybe someone couldn't read my handwriting), but I want to correct them. The band from Haskell that played for the rodeo dance was Parris (not Pavis) Pittman and her group. The other names spelled incorrectly were Weldon Gideon (not Sheldon) and Wyman Meinzer (not Wayman). No harm done—just wanted this corrected! Also Moorhouse does not have an "e" in it where Tom's name was mentioned.

Judy and Randolph Barnett were in Lubbock two or three days last week helping with their grandchildren Calli and Camryn Conner while their mom Jenny Beth was helping with a church camp. They divide their "babysitting" privileges with the other grandparents, and that works out well for all of them. That way, the girls' dad Jim Bob is assured they are well cared for.

I see Dennis Duke out mowing several of these lots around places where the owners don't live here. That's such a good deed, as it helps the town's appearance and also helps keep down the mosquito problem. And hats off once again to City Manager Kim Sealey, who sprays often, and that also is a good mosquito fighter. All this rain has really made them plentiful.

Debi and Mike Moorhouse were in Snyder Friday night for their granddaughter Maddie's second birthday party. Maddie's parents are Lynn and Michael Rogers. Will Moorhouse of Big Spring spent the weekend with his parents.

The community-wide vacation bible school held at Munday a couple of weeks ago was a success, and several Benjamin kids attended and enjoyed every minute of it. Jill Jackson was responsible for getting them over there and back home, and she said she had a week's average of nine attending from here. Jill also helped with the week's activities.

Irene Reed and her daughter Laura McCannies were in Abilene Monday for a day of catching up on things that need to be done. Every so often we have to do that.

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Brazos Bowl set Saturday

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KNOX CITY — The third annual Brazos Bowl, featuring some of the top six-man players in North Texas, is scheduled for a 7 p.m. kickoff here Saturday at Greyhound Stadium.

Krys Campos and Zach Rodriguez, recent graduates of Knox City High School, will be among the all-stars.

The coaches for the all-star game include Bret Taylor and Brandon Smith of Valley and Dewayne Lee and Dale Pustejovsky from Strawn.

KCHS athletic director Charles Steele reported that the 34 players were scheduled to report yesterday morning. After a bombline-type workout, the coaches will participate in a draft to select players for

their respective teams. Then each team was scheduled to practice at 4 p.m. Additional practices are scheduled from 9-11 a.m. and 4-6 p.m. today and Friday.

The Blue team, which included Greyhounds Tyllyne Eaton and Chris Lewis, won last year's game, 71-26.

Joe Helms of Grandfalls-Royalty and Craig Templeton of Harrold were the offensive and defensive coaches for Blue while Bret Taylor of Valley and Shane Mallory of Throckmorton were the Red coaches.

Josh Matt of Balmorhea, playing for the Blue, was named game's overall MVP while Kenneth Aguerro of May and Junior Marquez of Grandfalls-Royalty were recognized as the offensive and defensive MVPs, respectively.



Zachary Rodriguez and Kry Campos, who received the most athletic awards at last month's awards banquet, will participate in Saturday's Brazos bowl.

Brazos Bowl All-Stars

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MOYA, NATHAN	CROWELL
NIX, WADE	LUEDERS-AVOCA
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Keeling salutatorian at Lubbock school



Stephanie Keeling

Special to the News-Courier

LUBBOCK — Stephanie Keeling, daughter of Wayne and Julie (Hines) Keeling, was recently recognized as the salutatorian at Coronado High School with a GPA of 4.8571.

Keeling is the granddaughter of Pansy Hines and the late Alvin Hines and sister of Kevin Urbanczyk Jr. of Knox City.

She plans to major in biology and attend medical school with a focus on primary care at the University of Texas in Austin.

BEST OF LUCK IN THE BRAZOS BOWL, KRYS AND ZACH!

Dance Company learns new styles

Special to The Knox County News-Courier

MUNDAY — Members of the Movement Space Dance Company attended a summer workshop here earlier this week, learning some new styles of dance and new techniques.

"We had two instructors from Dallas-based MA Dance—Jordan Baird of Beaumont and Monique Jordan of San Antonio—providing help," said Cori Corcoran, director of the Movement Space.

Corcoran also noted that each dancer was

evaluated throughout the three days.

Members of the team this year are Zoe Cedillo, Tess Decker, Madison Edgar, Zoe Harris, Evan Hunter, Kayla Jo Hunter, Kristen Kuehler, Destyn Mauldin, Karsyn Sanders, Kendall Thompson, Sydney Thompson, Bergen Waters, Brenley Waters and Carlie Willison.

The dance company will compete along with others from across the United States in the MA Dance regional and hopefully national events July 7 and July 11 in Arlington.



The Movement Space Dance Company learned some new moves in a workshop this week, preparing for MA Dance regional competition July 7 in Arlington. Kneeling (l-r) are Kendall Thompson, Evan Hunter, Zoe Harris, Carlie Willison and Karsyn Sanders. Standing are Brenley Waters, Bergen Waters, Kayla Jo Hunter, Madison Edgar, Tess Decker, Kristen Kuehler, Sydney Thompson, Zoe Cedillo and Destyn Mauldin.

Kids enjoying summer



For the first time in three summers, children and others are enjoying the chance to swim in the pool in Munday City Park, open from 1-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Jamie Lowrance is shown looking out to ensure the safety of the swimmers.

Best of luck to the Movement Space Dance Company at the MA Dance Regional Competition!

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Nominations open for FSA committees

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KNOX CITY — Knox County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Nancy Birkenfeld, announced that the nomination period for local FSA county committees began on June 15, 2015. Nomination forms must be postmarked or received in the Knox County FSA Office by close of business on Aug. 3.

"County Committees are unique to FSA and allow producers to have a voice on federal farm program implementation at the local level," said Birkenfeld.

To be eligible to serve on the FSA county committee, a person must participate or cooperate in an agency administered program, be eligible to vote in a county committee election and reside in the Local Administrative Area (LAA) where they are nominated.

This year, nominations and elections will be held in LAA 3, which is located in the Southeast portion of Knox County. Bordered on the North by the Brazos River, on the East and South by the county line, and on the West by FM 267 to the point FM 267 intersects with US Hwy 277 South of Munday. From this point south to the county line, US Hwy 277 is the West boundary of LAA-3. The towns of Goree, Hefner, Munday and Rhineland are included in LAA-3.

Enrollment opened for USDA programs

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WASHINGTON — U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that eligible producers may now formally enroll in the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs for 2014 and 2015. The enrollment period will end Sept. 30, 2015.

"The extensive outreach campaign conducted by USDA since the 2014 Farm Bill was enacted, along with extending deadlines, is central to achieving an expected high level of participation," said Vilsack.

"We worked with universities to simplify these complex programs by providing online tools so producers could explore how program election options would affect their operation in

direct market conditions; these tools were presented to almost 3,000 organizations across the country.

"The Farm Service Agency also sent more than 5 million educational notices to producers nationwide and participated in over 4,880 educational events with more than 447,000 attendees. I am proud of the many committed USDA employees who worked hard over the last several months to provide producers support to help them make these important decisions."

The new programs, established by the 2014 Farm Bill, trigger financial protections for agricultural producers when market forces cause substantial drops in crop prices or revenues. More than 1.76 million farmers have elected ARC or PLC. Previously, 1.7 million producers had enrolled to receive

FSA-669A. The form and more information about county committee elections is available online at: www.fsa.usda.gov/elections.

Elected county committee members serve a three-year term and are responsible for making decisions on FSA disaster, conservation, commodity and price support programs, as well as other important federal farm program issues. County committees consist of three to 11 members.

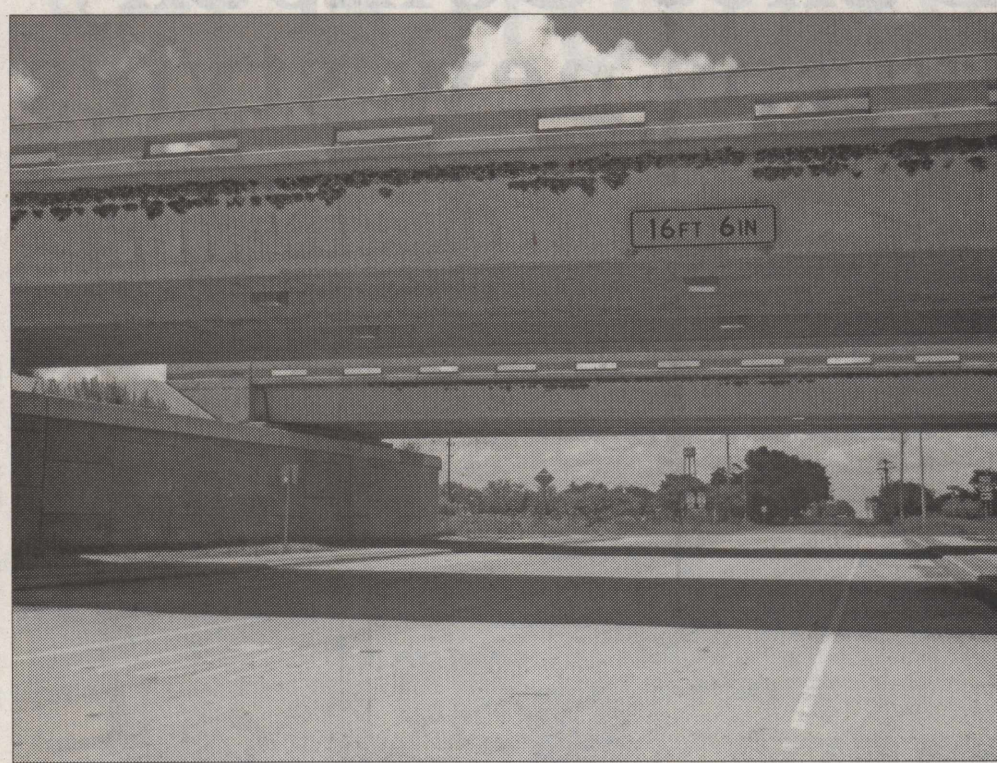
"It is important that county committees are comprised of members who fairly represent the diverse demographics of production agriculture for their community," said Birkenfeld. "All producers, including women, minority and beginning farmers and ranchers are encouraged to participate in the nomination and election process."

FSA will mail election ballots to eligible voters beginning Nov. 9. Ballots are due back in the Knox County Office by mail or in person no later than Dec. 7, 2015. All newly elected county committee members and alternates will take office January 1, 2016.

"Nominating potential county committee members, voting for candidates and serving on the committees are truly services to your community and the agriculture industry," said Birkenfeld. "County Committee members make important decisions on how federal farm programs are administered locally to best serve local needs and interests."

For more information about county committees, please contact the Knox County FSA office at 940-658-3537 Extension 2 or visit www.fsa.usda.gov/elections.

Birds make mud nests



Swallows or martins have been busy nesting under this overpass in Goree, leaving mud nests underneath the structure. The birds fly in a darting pattern, frequently changing directions. They do create a clean up problem on the road below with their droppings.

The 501 A barndominium by any other name ...

Barndominiums are trending. As indicated by the portmanteau name, a barndominium combines the features of a barn and a condo, except you don't have to invite the cows in. You can if you want to.

OK, to be honest, I've only heard about barndominiums. Maybe I've seen one and didn't know it. Maybe you have too. Or maybe you live in one and are smiling at my ignorance.

Whatever the case, all that's new is the name. A ski lodge in little Teter, Austria comes to my mind from a visit there years ago. Half the place was a dairy barn and the other half accommodated us guests. The cream at breakfast was really fresh. Looking at the building from the outside, you couldn't tell it was half barn. But I heard a moo.

Who can blame someone in a snowy climate for not wanting to walk to the barn in winter? Not me. And capturing the body heat of 20 or so milk cows must cut down on utility bills. Barndominiums make sense in the Alps.

In places like New England, people have been turning iconic old barns into grand living spaces for decades. I've seen pictures. They evict the cows first, but the end result still has the look of a barn. Just no manure.

I myself grew up spending a lot of time in

a barn-house, but it wasn't our house. It was our barn. As a child, I had no idea it had once been a house, so complete was the transformation. Standing on several inches of straw and feed chaff, could I have guessed there was a floor somewhere beneath my feet? A pantry turned into an oat bin looks nothing like a pantry. An exposed attic full of hay looks more like a hayloft than an attic. Put a manger in the living room and take out a wall and you suddenly have a milking parlor. Yep, once you let the cows into half a house and you put feed in the other rooms, voila! You've got a barn.

Nobody glorifies such house-barns in "how-to" books or in slick architecture magazines or smart treatises on repurposing old buildings. It's too easy to do and not very lofty in the lofty sense of the word.

Maybe a lowly preservationist (like me) should make a case for house-to-barn conversions as an alternative to demolishing houses not quite fit for human occupancy. Or maybe not.

Meanwhile, back at the farm, I miss our barn. It collapsed on its own when I was away at college. I'm left only with memories. I can see Daddy in his overalls milking Pet and Brownie and aiming a teat at Mother Barn Car's nose a few feet away. She never learned to open her mouth. Rat terrier Spot dug vigorously for mice under the feed barrels. They always eluded him.

It was a great place to be. It's probably best it's gone. Otherwise I'd be wanting to turn it into a barndominium.

77 new DPS troopers graduate

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AUSTIN — Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) commissioned 77 men and women as the

state's newest Highway Patrol Troopers during the recruit graduation ceremony here.

The new troopers will report to duty stations across Texas in the coming weeks and spend the first six months in on-the-job training.

The troopers began the 23-week training academy in January. Instruction covered more than 100 subjects, including counterterrorism, traffic and criminal law, arrest and control procedures, accident reconstruction, first aid and Spanish. They also received training in use of force, communication skills, firearms, driving, criminal interdiction, cultural diversity and physical fitness.

DPS is currently accepting applications for the first recruit class of 2016, which begins in January. The application deadline for the January A-2016 class is Sept. 1; and applicants must complete and pass the physical fitness and written tests by Sept. 9. To apply or for more information about joining the Texas Highway Patrol, visit www.joindps.com.

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Coop receives Pioneer Leader Award

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HORSESHOE BAY — Two Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service county agents were honored with the Dr. Frank W. Sheppard Jr. Pioneer Leaders Award by the Texas Rural Leadership Program at its recent conference here.

Alexis Cordova of Liberty County and Lorrie Coop of Knox County received the honor in recognition of having “gone the extra mile in bringing communities together,” according to Ronnie McDonald, Texas Rural Leadership Program director.

The award, which was presented for the first time, was named for Sheppard, a 1947 graduate of Texas A&M University, who used his degree in agricultural education, first as a high school teacher in Hutto and ultimately throughout the world serving with the U.S. Department of State as a rural development leader.

Coop began her career with AgriLife Extension in 2004 after serving 11 years with the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, a child protective services specialist. She helped organize a five-county Rolling Plains Rural Health Partnership that has brought together agencies and organizations in several unified annual projects such as child passenger safety and diabetes screenings combined with diabetes classes in Spanish and English. They also launched a mental health first aid program for youth in the county in coopera-



Lorrie Coop

tion with schools, churches and families. Coop also helped coordinate a career day that helps youth from eight schools in six counties discover career options and how to prepare for careers of interest to them.

Cordova, a native of Corpus Christi, has been the family and consumer sciences agent in Liberty County since January 2006 and was in Calhoun County from 2004-06. She was cited for carrying out the mission of AgriLife Extension for “improving the lives of people, businesses, and communities” through her community partners, volunteers, and coalitions

such as the Liberty Leaders in Action, Liberty County Health Awareness Coalition, Liberty County Child Fatality Review Team, various school health advisory councils, and the outreach committee at her church, St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church.

More than 80 participants at the Texas Rural Leadership Program conference engaged with each other and with diverse speakers, from educators and social workers to elected officials—all sharing the belief that inclusive servant-based leadership brings out a community’s best assets, McDonald said.

On the tee Spieth continues to amaze us!



The best find a way to win regardless of the conditions or even when they do not have their best stuff. That seems to be the case for Jordan Spieth, who just added the U.S. Open title to his earlier victory at the Masters. This leaves him halfway to a grand slam, winning all four majors in the same season.



JAMES MCAFEE

Shrugging off a disastrous double bogey on the 71st hole after taking a three-shot lead with a spectacular birdie on No. 16, Spieth regained his composure and took a little off his tee shot with a soft fade to miss the fairway bunker on the

final hole. He then hit a 3-wood onto the green, but didn’t make the eagle putt, tapping in for a birdie.

Dustin Johnson, who had been struggling most of the round with his putting, then birdied the 71st, a three-shot swing. He hit a phenomenal drive and a 5-iron to 12 feet on the final hole, leaving him with a putt to win the title. Even if he missed and could two putt, he would tie Spieth and force an 18-hole playoff. To everyone’s surprise, Johnson struck the eagle putt too firmly and missed a three-footer coming back.

Admitting the turn of events shocked him, Spieth was delighted with the title, but also felt for a fellow competitor on how it happened.

The U.S. Open had a lot of drama on Chambers Bay, a different kind of course than what you normally see hosting the national championship. There was really nothing wrong with the course layout itself and even the way the USGA set it up. It produced a deserving champion in Spieth.

However, there was little doubt that the putting surfaces, which were patchy and could be better described as “browns” instead of “greens,” were not up to major championship standards and rightfully received a lot of criticism from the competitors.

The problem on the fescue grass greens

was the added mix of poa anna, actually a weed that sometimes is used for putting surfaces on the west coast of the U.S., including those at Pebble Beach.

The poa here was just in patches. Since it grows faster than the fescue, the poa can sometimes throw a putt off line, especially later in the day on greens as fast as they were for the U.S. Open.

“It’s pretty much like putting on broccoli,” said Henrik Stenson.

Rory McIlroy, the game’s No. 1-ranked player, countered, saying it was more like “putting on cauliflower.”

Trying to be a little more diplomatic, Phil Mickelson said, “The surface area around the hole is a bit challenging for everybody.” Mickelson felt a bigger concern was that they were a different speed from green to green.

Billy Horschel was even more to the point in a television interview, saying that he hit a lot of really good putts that bounced all over the place when they hit one of the bad spots on the greens. He did later apologize for taking a two-handed swing at the ground after one putt, but said he stopped short of slamming the putter into the turf. “I think a lot of players, and I’m one of them, have lost some respect for the USGA and this championship this year for the greens,” he said.

Colonial champion Chris Kirk added, “The USGA should be ashamed of what they did this week.”

Wasn’t it the same for everyone? Not necessarily. One player could have a four-footer without poa and have no problem while another on the other side of the cup from the same length could have a different situation with poa in the line he needed to take.

Despite a few more three-putts than usual and a few missed putts he normally makes with ease, you didn’t hear Spieth complaining.

Neither was former U.S. Open champion Geoff Ogilvy, who added, “There’s a lot of talk about the greens and stuff like that, but forever great putters have putted well on bad greens, forever. You have to use your brain, which is a rare thing in modern golf, and something we’re not very good at.”

Weather Whys Strength of wind determining factor

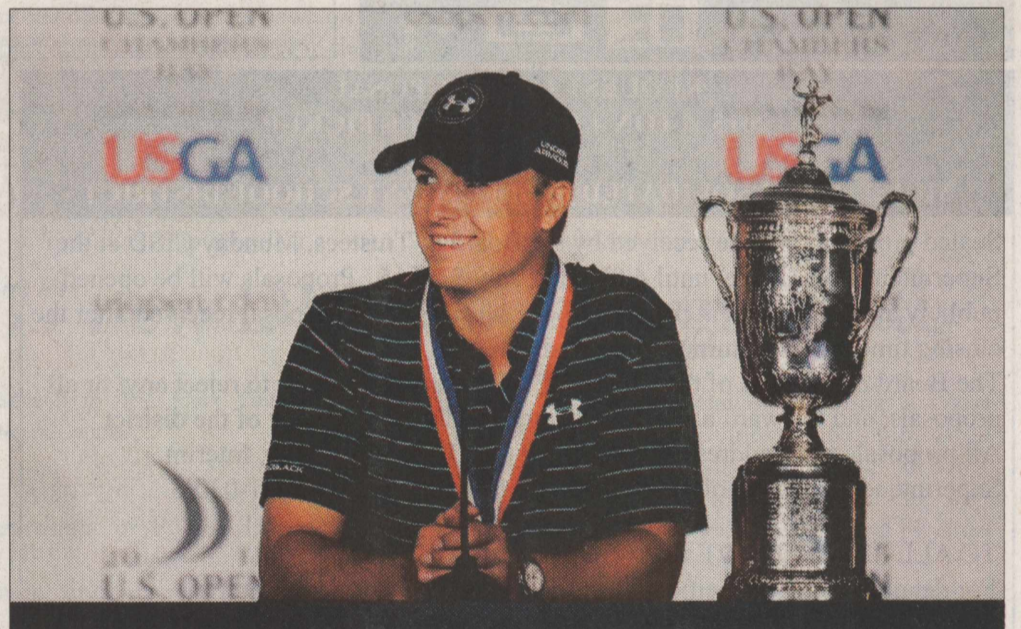
What is the difference between a tropical storm, a depression, a hurricane and a cyclone?

The short answer is that they range in strength from mild to catastrophic, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. “Tropical depressions have a well-defined circulation and can cause heavy rains, and they are classified as having winds no more than 38 miles per hour,” McRoberts explains. A tropical storm is much stronger, containing heavy thunderstorms and high winds of no more than 73 miles per hour. “And then there are hurricanes, which contain some of the strongest winds on Earth. These have winds of at least 74 miles per hour and are classified according to their severity on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being the strongest. Hurricanes are assigned names for use as a reference point.”

What about cyclones?

Cyclones and hurricanes are virtually the same thing, McRoberts adds. “But where they are formed is the difference. A storm that forms in the Atlantic is called a hurricane and one that forms in the Pacific is called a typhoon, while those formed in the Indian Ocean are cyclones. All are assigned names. Hurricanes, cyclones and typhoons contain winds of from 74 to more than 200 miles per hour and they are the most devastating of all weather events. Hurricanes Andrew (1992) did more than \$25 billion in damage and Katrina (2005) more than \$125 billion in damage to Florida and the Gulf Coast region. The 1900 hurricane that hit Galveston is still the worst natural disaster in U.S. history in terms of fatalities, killing at least 6,000 people.”

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Jordan Spieth answers questions from media after winning the U.S. Open.

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Challenges of farming The drought—we can’t change the weather, we have to be able to adapt to changes and try to survive the bad times. This year it changed to extremely wet as we approached wheat harvest and cotton

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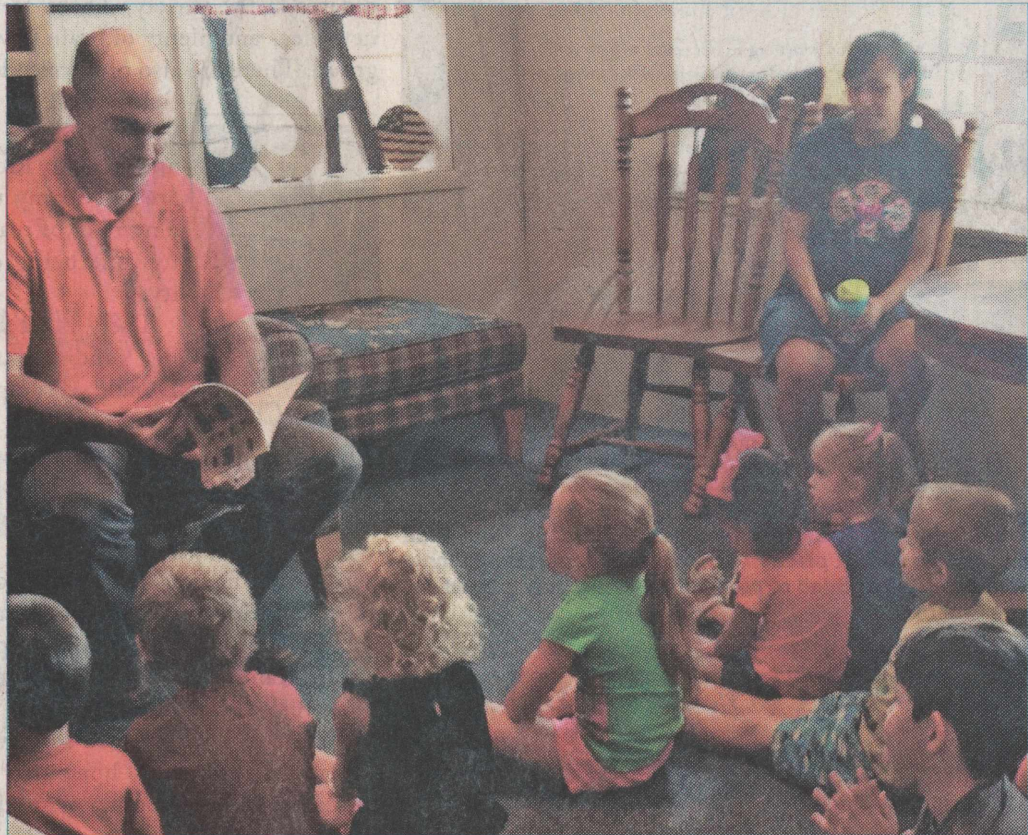
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Meanwhile, Skip Casey continues in the role of interim superintendent. He spoke at last week's meeting of the Munday Lions Club.

Earlier in the special meeting, the trustees approved the Education Department Grants and Regulations (EDGAR Manuel), necessary for the district to be eligible for future state and federal grants.



Wes Latham reads to children attending the summer program at the City-County Library. Courtesy photos

Library summer reading program to continue

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MUNDAY — "Every hero has a story" is the theme for the summer reading program that started last Wednesday here at the Munday City-County Library.

Wes Latham, a member of the Munday Volunteer Fire Department, read "Curious George and the Firefighter" to the youngsters during the first story time.

Additional sessions were scheduled yesterday, July 1 and July 15 from 10-11 a.m.

Munday High School teacher Christel Shahan is the coordinator and will be joined by other volunteers in providing crafts, games and snacks for the youngsters.

The library reopened this week after new flooring was added at the back of the building following flooding in May.

Carla Key of the "Friends of the Library" group also noted that almost \$2,000 was raised in a recent fund-raising effort. "We'll use the funds for new books and computers," she said.

Deep fryers now OK in schools



Ag commissioner Sid Miller

Special to The Knox County News-Courier

AUSTIN — Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller announced last week that the state is repealing a decade-old ban on deep fryers in public schools.

In addition, Miller is also relaxing restrictions on certain soft drinks in campus vending machines, saying that school districts need flexibility.

Miller indicated his focus remains on combating childhood obesity, but that government mandates have failed to make kids healthier in Texas.

Hw indicated regulations have provided students with healthier lunches, but students aren't eating as much food and are complaining of hunger.

"The biggest complaint we get is that the kids won't eat," he said. "We're feeding them healthier food, but we're ending up with healthier garbage cans instead."

"You got a boy that goes to Anson High School — he plays in football, he plays both (offense and defense) — he can't make it on 870 calories. That boy burns 3,500 calories a day. He gets home, he hauls hay and milks cow and moves irrigation pipe. Then there's another child that's not active athletically. He may be into academics or band or some other extracurricular and 870 calories may be fine for that kid."

Without the fryers, Miller said districts have had to purchase from out-of-state kitchens things such as french fries, explaining they're packed with preservatives, flash-frozen and shipped.

If school districts chose to add deep fryers, there will be fewer steps in the process, Miller said. "They'll be able to cut up a potato and serve it fresh. They won't be able to serve any additional fried foods, they'll still have to meet the federal nutrition guidelines."

"Soft drink machines will not have sugary sodas in them. They don't meet the federal guidelines. So it has to be low-calorie drinks, milk, certain fruit juices, infused water."

The American Heart Association says the changes fail to provide a healthy school environment.

Leslie Boggs, president of the Texas PTA, said, "It sends the message that food prepared in a deep fat fryer is acceptable."



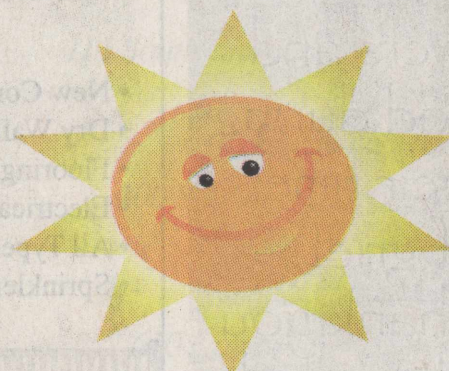
Volunteers help kids during activities.

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Knox Notes

Lake Creek golf event

MUNDAY — The Lake Creek Golf Course will host a 3 Lady Scramble here Saturday. To enter call Angela Herricks at 940-203-0168.

Purple Cloud band activity

MUNDAY — The Purple Cloud Band leadership team will travel to Arlington next week for its summer leadership camp. Then there will be a leadership workshop next Thursday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the MHS Band Hall.

Ten County Camp

ROARING SPRINGS — The Ten County Camp, where kids ages 9-18 from Briscoe, Hall, Motley, Cottle, Dickens, King, Kent, Stonewall, Foard, and Knox counties are invited to participate in a day full of fun and recreation, is scheduled here next Wednesday at the Roaring Springs Country Club. The cost is \$20.

Re-roofing bids solicited

MUNDAY — A pre-bid conference and site visit is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the MCISD administration building for contractors interested in submitting bids for re-roofing both the Munday Elementary and the Munday High School. The deadline for proposals will be 2 p.m. July 7.

Baker Scholarship events

KNOX CITY — The Bill Baker Memorial Scholarship committee will host a golf tournament, coed volleyball tournament and informal class reunions here July 3-5. The golf tournament will feature a two-person scramble at the Knox City Country Club. Entry fee will be \$100. Contact Kelly Robinson at 806-773-8088 to sign up. To enter the volleyball tournament, call Michele Stanfield at 940-256-0318. If a class is interested in getting involved, contact Patti Lain Currie at 325-721-3001.

Benjamin public hearing

BENJAMIN — The City of Benjamin will hold a public hearing at noon on July 9 regarding its 2015-2016 budget.

Guitar, fiddle camp

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

Miller Creek open again

MUNDAY — Miller Creek was scheduled to re-open earlier in the week after being closed June 15-20 for aerial spraying to eliminate trees on the dam and out of the emergency spillway.

David Kuehler, manager of the North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority, said that the aerial spraying will continue to be done during the third week of June each year.

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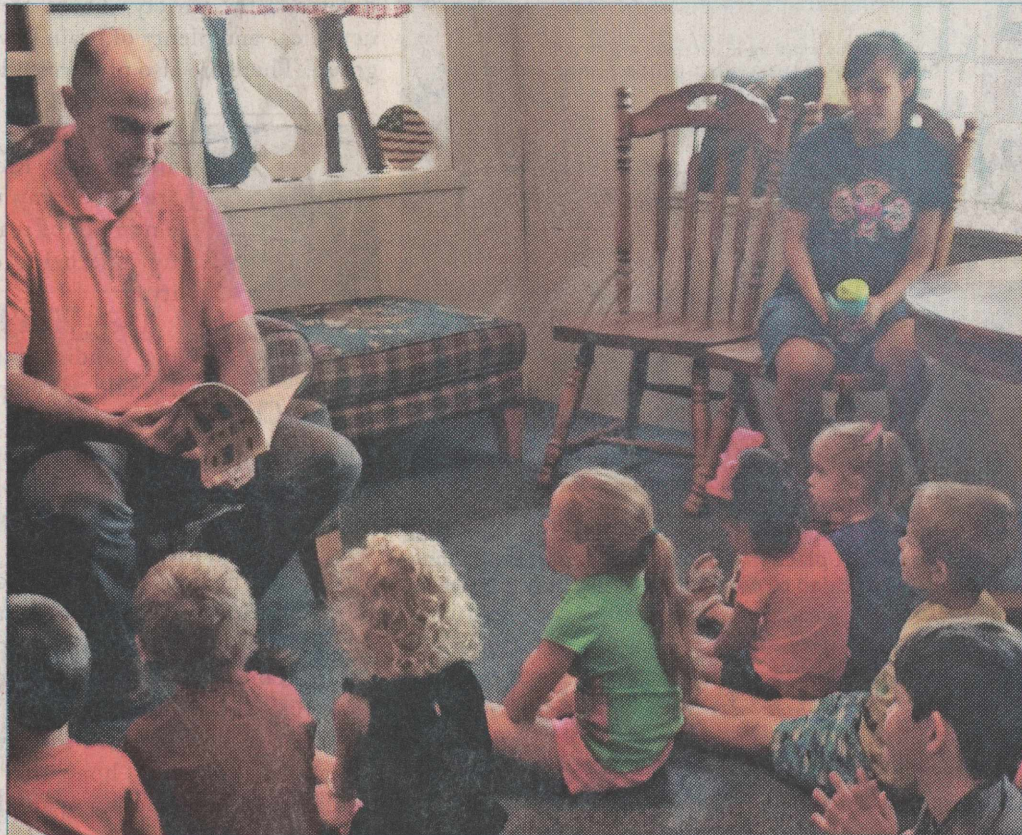
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Darren Francis of Region 9, who is assisting in the search for a replacement for Robert Dillard, indicated that finalists to be interviewed should be selected within the next two to three weeks and then the trustees could make a selection for the lone finalist before the first of August. There would still be 21-day period before it became official.

Meanwhile, Skip Casey continues in the role of interim superintendent. He spoke at last week's meeting of the Munday Lions Club.

Earlier in the special meeting, the trustees approved the Education Department Grants and Regulations (EDGAR Manuel), necessary for the district to be eligible for future state and federal grants.



Wes Latham reads to children attending the summer program at the City-County Library. Courtesy photos

Library summer reading program to continue

Special to Knox County News-Courier

MUNDAY — "Every hero has a story" is the theme for the summer reading program that started last Wednesday here at the Munday City-County Library.

Wes Latham, a member of the Munday Volunteer Fire Department, read "Curious George and the Firefighter" to the youngsters during the first story time.

Additional sessions were scheduled yesterday, July 1 and July 15 from 10-11 a.m.

Munday High School teacher Christel Shahan is the coordinator and will be joined by other volunteers in providing crafts, games and snacks for the youngsters.

The library reopened this week after new flooring was added at the back of the building following flooding in May.

Carla Key of the "Friends of the Library" group also noted that almost \$2,000 was raised in a recent fund-raising effort. "We'll use the funds for new books and computers," she said.

Deep fryers now OK in schools



Ag commissioner Sid Miller

Special to The Knox County News-Courier

AUSTIN — Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller announced last week that the state is repealing a decade-old ban on deep fryers in public schools.

In addition, Miller is also relaxing restrictions on certain soft drinks in campus vending machines, saying that school districts need flexibility.

Miller indicated his focus remains on combating childhood obesity, but that government mandates have failed to make kids healthier in Texas.

Hw indicated regulations have provided students with healthier lunches, but students aren't eating as much food and are complaining of hunger.

"The biggest complaint we get is that the kids won't eat," he said. "We're feeding them healthier food, but we're ending up with healthier garbage cans instead."

"You got a boy that goes to Anson High School — he plays in football, he plays both (offense and defense) — he can't make it on 870 calories. That boy burns 3,500 calories a day. He gets home, he hauls hay and milks cow and moves irrigation pipe. Then there's another child that's not active athletically. He may be into academics or band or some other extracurricular and 870 calories may be fine for that kid."

Without the fryers, Miller said districts have had to purchase from out-of-state kitchens things such as french fries, explaining they're packed with preservatives, flash-frozen and shipped.

If school districts chose to add deep fryers, there will be fewer steps in the process, Miller said. "They'll be able to cut up a potato and serve it fresh. They won't be able to serve any additional fried foods, they'll still have to meet the federal nutrition guidelines."

"Soft drink machines will not have sugary sodas in them. They don't meet the federal guidelines. So it has to be low-calorie drinks, milk, certain fruit juices, infused water."

The American Heart Association says the changes fail to provide a healthy school environment.

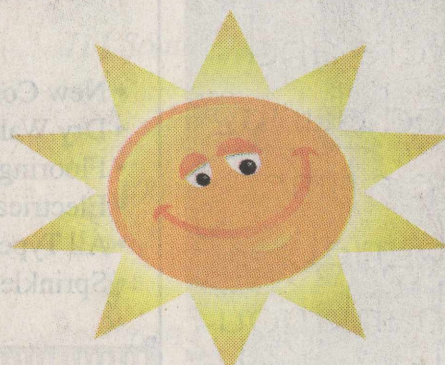
Leslie Boggs, president of the Texas PTA, said, "It sends the message that food prepared in a deep fat fryer is acceptable."



Volunteers help kids during activities.

What are the best things about summer?

It's officially summer here in Knox County. The Knox County News-Courier would like to hear from its readers about what they think are the best things about summer. Please send your comments to editor James McAfee via email at kcnewscourier@gmail.com, remembering that the deadline for news is 5 p.m. on Mondays.



Knox Notes

Lake Creek golf event

MUNDAY — The Lake Creek Golf Course will host a 3 Lady Scramble here Saturday. To enter call Angela Herricks at 940 203-0168.

Purple Cloud band activity

MUNDAY — The Purple Cloud Band leadership team will travel to Arlington next week for its summer leadership camp. Then there will be a leadership workshop next Thursday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the MHS Band Hall.

Ten County Camp

ROARING SPRINGS — The Ten County Camp, where kids ages 9-18 from Briscoe, Hall, Motley, Cottle, Dickens, King, Kent, Stone-wall, Foard, and Knox counties are invited to participate in a day full of fun and recreation, is scheduled here next Wednesday at the Roaring Springs Country Club. The cost is \$20.

Re-roofing bids solicited

MUNDAY — A pre-bid conference and site visit is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the MCISD administration building for contractors interested in submitting bids for re-roofing both the Munday Elementary and the Munday High School. The deadline for proposals will be 2 p.m. July 7.

Baker Scholarship events

KNOX CITY — The Bill Baker Memorial Scholarship committee will host a golf tournament, coed volleyball tournament and informal class reunions here July 3-5. The golf tournament will feature a two-person scramble at the Knox City Country Club. Entry fee will be \$100. Contact Kelly Robinson at 806 773-8088 to sign up. To enter the volleyball tournament, call Michele Stanfield at 940 256-0318. If a class is interested in getting involved, contact Patti Lain Currie at 325 721-3001.

Benjamin public hearing

BENJAMIN — The City of Benjamin will hold a public hearing at noon on July 9 regarding its 2015-2016 budget.

Guitar, fiddle camp

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

Miller Creek open again

MUNDAY — Miller Creek was scheduled to re-open earlier in the week after being closed June 15-20 for aerial spraying to eliminate trees on the dam and out of the emergency spillway.

David Kuehler, manager of the North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority, said that the aerial spraying will continue to be done during the third week of June each year.

Corrections

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

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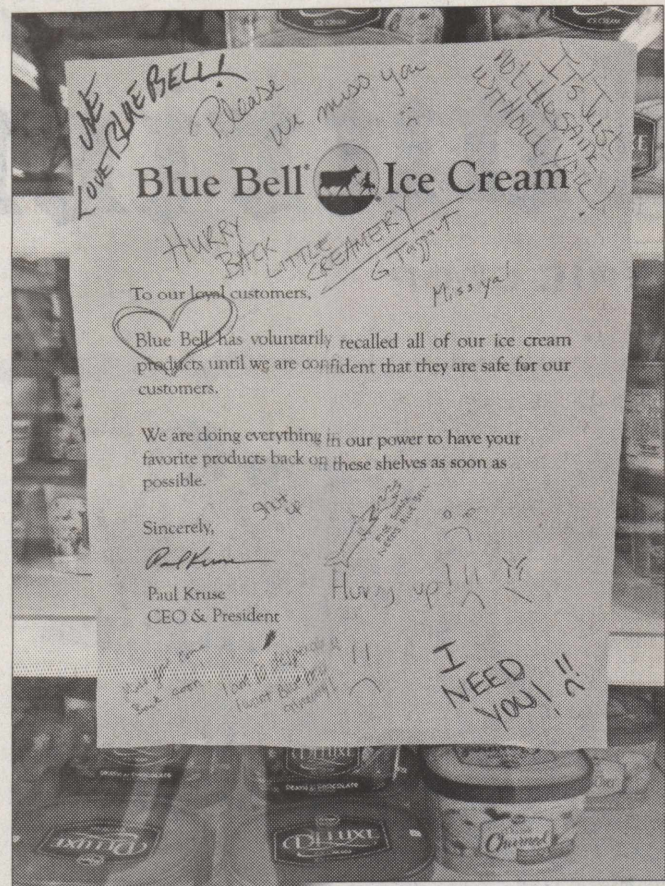
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Love notes for Blue Bell



When Kroger's in Richardson posted a message from Blue Bell outside a vacant place in its ice cream department, some fans of Blue Bell decided to post notes saying they missed the "Little Creamery."

McNutts capture Guys & Dolls

KNOX CITY — Margie and Gary McNutt posted a 66 to win the championship flight title at the Guys & Dolls tournament last Saturday at the Knox City Country Club, finishing three strokes ahead of Lacy and Cody West.

AREA NEWS

Elected officials seminar set July 14 in Abilene

ABILENE — The West Central Texas Council of Governments and Texas Midwest Community Network will host a seminar for elected officials on July 14. It will focus on providing basic information and tools for city and town officials, helping them manage their first year in office and build a foundation for a successful term.

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

Lake Creek golf schedule

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

The Paperboy
GOP field getting interesting

Upon looking at the potential GOP field for president, here's my top 5 as it stands today:

- 1. Dr. Ben Carson
2. Gov. Bobby Jindal
3. Gov. Jeb Bush
4. Sen. Marco Rubio
5. Gov. Scott Walker



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Gov. Chris Christie and Gov. Rick Perry are not in my top 5 for a number of reasons, the top one being electability. The most intriguing candidate to me is Donald Trump. I like Trump in the field because he's unapologetic and says what other candidates will not.

The debates should be both entertaining and enlightening as the Republican Party needs to nominate the absolute best candidate which has the ability to communicate and reach across the aisle; something that's been missing for some time. I also hope

Knox County Aging Center

Menus for week of June 29-July 3

- Monday: Baked chicken, carrots, beets, bread, cookies.
Tuesday: Chicken tenders, gravy, mixed vegetables, rolls, fruit.
Wednesday: Chicken fajita, Spanish rice, salad, cookies.
Thursday: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, rolls.
Friday: Closed "Happy 4th of July"

Sheriff's report

Arrests June 4-18
Lynch, James Earl, 6/8/15, Dob 8/21/83, Insufficient bond/possess controlled substance (Stephens County warrant) Knox County
Dickerson, Daniel, 6/10/15, Dob 1/10/79, DWI (M-A), DWLI (M-C), Escape from custody (M-A), Possess drug paraphernalia (M-C) Knox County

Knox City C.C. golf schedule

July 4—Bill Baker Memorial Tournament, 2-person scramble, \$100. 8:30 a.m.
July 5—July 4th Scramble, blind draw, \$15, 1:30 p.m.
July 25—Knox City Festival, 3-person scramble, \$75, 8 a.m.
Aug. 8—Knox City CC Ag-Oil, 4-man, \$240, 8 a.m., 2 p.m.
Aug. 22—Glow Ball Scramble, 4-person, \$25, 5 p.m.
Sept. 7—Labor Day Scramble, blind draw, \$15, 1:30 p.m.
Sept. 12—Knox City Fall Classic, 3-person, \$75, 1:30 p.m.
Sept. 19—Knox City Chamber of Commerce Scramble, 3-person, \$120, 1:30 p.m.
Oct. 3—Glow Ball Scramble, 4-person, \$25 (includes meal), 5 p.m.
Oct. 10—Guys & Dolls Scramble, 2-person scramble, \$75, 1:30 p.m.
To enter tournaments, call 940 658-3911 after 6 p.m. or send to PO Box 734, Knox City, TX 79529

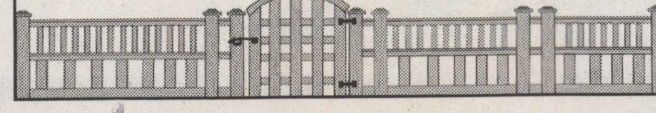
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Courtesy photo
Benjamin Vanderpol, a sophomore at Benjamin High School, scored a 100 on the STAAR. Only 112 of 315,048 who took the test in 2014 made 100s.

Gov. Greg Abbott vetoes 42 bills

Special to The Knox County News-Courier

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott flexed his executive muscle by vetoing 42 bills, the most since 2007, and struck \$300 million from the \$209 billion state budget.

The bills Abbott vetoed centered around avoiding unnecessary laws or repetition of policies already in place.

One bill would have allowed elected officials to hide their personal financial business from the eyes of voters. "At the beginning of this legislative session, I called for meaningful ethics reform," he said. "This legislation does not accomplish that goal."

Abbott also vetoed a measure that would have allowed physicians to temporarily detain patients who are believed to be mentally ill or a danger to themselves or others.

Abbott also nixed a bill that directed the State Board of Education to take a new look at the state's public school curriculum standards with an eye on how long it takes to teach — and learn — everything that is required.

Another veto went to a bill, which would've protected people calling for help in the event of an overdose emergency even if the person making the plea to law enforcement possessed small amounts of drugs.

The bill does not include adequate protections to prevent its misuse by habitual drug abusers and drug dealers," Abbott said.

Abbott nixed a bill which would have let counties create certain tax reinvestment zones to help improve transportation projects such as roads in areas hit by oil and gas production.

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Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

These Monday mornings come pretty regularly, and this week I sure don't have a lot to report. For a change, we haven't had any rain for several days. Now we have someone couldn't read my handwriting), but I want to correct them.

There's not much news regarding the ill of the community. I talked to Jan Carver one day last week. She said Fred is feeling pretty well. He tires out pretty easily, but after he rests for a while, things are better.

Linda and Charles Griffith were in Lubbock on June 15 for doctors appointments, and she had one she didn't expect to make. They were hit from the back by a vehicle when the driver wasn't paying much attention to what was going on.

Barbara Ryder is still recovering from her accident two weeks ago. She still has some bruises, but they are going away, and she's feeling much better.

Janice Tolson was scheduled to have colon surgery this week in Lubbock. By the time this paper is out, she should be on the road to recovery, but please continue to pray for her and Buddy as well.

Hazel Stockton is not feeling too well these days. She sees a gastroenterologist in Abilene next Monday. At her age (she's 97) she doesn't "spring back" as fast as she used to. However, she still does mighty well. She has trouble getting around as she has arthritis pretty bad. Pray for her also.

Here 'n there
My great granddaughters, Lexie and Katie Taylor of Amarillo spent last Wednesday with me.

It was fun to have these little girls, 10 and 9 years old, visit and do the things girls that age enjoy.

In my last week's column there were a few misspelled names. Don't know what happened—probably just typos (or maybe someone couldn't read my handwriting), but I want to correct them.

The other names spelled incorrectly were Weldon Gideon (not Sheldon) and Wyman Meinzer (not Wayman). No harm done—just wanted this corrected! Also Moorhouse does not have an "e" in it where Tom's name was mentioned.

Judy and Randolph Barnett were in Lubbock two or three days last week helping with their grandchildren Calli and Camryn Conner while their mom Jenny Beth was helping with a church camp.

I see Dennis Duke out mowing several of these lots around places where the owners don't live here. That's such a good deed, as it helps the town's appearance and also helps keep down the mosquito problem.

Debi and Mike Moorhouse were in Snyder Friday night for their granddaughter Maddie's second birthday party. Maddie's parents are Lynn and Michael Rogers.

The community-wide vacation bible school held at Munday a couple of weeks ago was a success, and several Benjamin kids attended and enjoyed every minute of it. Jill Jackson was responsible for getting them over there and back home, and she said she had a week's average of nine attending from here. Jill also helped with the week's activities.

Irene Reed and her daughter Laura McCanlies were in Abilene Monday for a day of catching up on things that need to be done. Every so often we have to do that.

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Texas High School Fishing Open this weekend

BROADDUS — The Texas High School Fishing Open is scheduled this weekend at the nearby Sam Rayburn Reservoir.

It is a two-person event for students in grades 7-12. Registration is available online at HighSchoolFishing.org.

The top three teams from each of the six 2015 High School Fishing Opens will advance to a High School Fishing conference championship along with the top 10 percent from

each of the TBF/FLW state championships. The top 10 percent of each conference championship field will then advance to the High School Fishing National Championship, coinciding with the TBF National Championship and an FLW Tour stop in the spring of 2016.

The High School Fishing national championships will each receive a \$5,000 college scholarship to the school of their choice.



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Brazos Bowl set Saturday

Special to The Knox County News-Courier

KNOX CITY — The third annual Brazos Bowl, featuring some of the top six-man players in North Texas, is scheduled for a 7 p.m. kickoff here Saturday at Greyhound Stadium.

Krys Campos and Zach Rodriguez, recent graduates of Knox City High School, will be among the all-stars.

The coaches for the all-star game include Bret Taylor and Brandon Smith of Valley and Dewayne Lee and Dale Pustejovsky from Strawn.

KCHS athletic director Charles Steele reported that the 34 players were scheduled to report yesterday morning. After a combine-type workout, the coaches will participate in a draft to select players for

their respective teams. Then each team was scheduled to practice at 4 p.m. Additional practices are scheduled from 9-11 a.m. and 4-6 p.m. today and Friday.

The Blue team, which included Greyhounds Tylonne Eaton and Chris Lewis, won last year's game, 71-26.

Joe Helms of Grandfalls-Royalty and Craig Templeton of Harrold were the offensive and defensive coaches for Blue while Bret Taylor of Valley and Shane Mallory of Throckmorton were the Red coaches.

Josh Matt of Balmorhea, playing for the Blue, was named game's overall MVP while Kenneth Aguerro of May and Junior Marquez of Grandfalls-Royalty were recognized as the offensive and defensive MVPs, respectively.



Zachary Rodriguez and Kry Campos, who received the most athletic awards at last month's awards banquet, will participate in Saturday's Brazos bowl.

Brazos Bowl All-Stars

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CAMPOS, KRYS	KNOX CITY
CASTANEDA, XAVIER	GORDON
CLARY, CALEB	MOTLEY COUNTY
COFFMAN, CHASE	GORDON
DIGBY, ZACHERY	HERMLEIGH
FAULKNER, JUSTIN	NORTHSIDE
FISHER, DEMARIAS	SOUTHLAND
GARRETT, COLTON	ANNAPOLIS CHRISTIAN
GRAVES, DENZEL	CHILLICOTHE
HIBBITTS, COLTEN	HARROLD
HOWELL, MASON	ROCHELLE
MATHIS, OSCAR	PADUCAH
MCCARLEY, CAMERON	HAPPY
MEDRANO, TJ	ROPES
MOORE, TYLER	LUEDERS-AVOCA
MOYA, NATHAN	CROWELL
NIX, WADE	LUEDERS-AVOCA
PATTERSON, TAYLOR	WHITE DEER
PORTILLO, MICHAEL	HERMLEIGH
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SAEDARSONA, GAGA	HIGHLAND
SELF, ETHAN	SOUTHLAND
SIMPSON, KORBYN	MOTLEY COUNTY
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Keeling salutatorian at Lubbock school



Stephanie Keeling

Special to the News-Courier

LUBBOCK — Stephanie Keeling, daughter of Wayne and Julie (Hines) Keeling, was recently recognized as the salutatorian at Coronado High School with a GPA of 4.8571.

Keeling is the granddaughter of Pansy Hines and the late Alvin Hines and sister of Kevin Urbanczyk Jr. of Knox City.

She plans to major in biology and attend medical school with a focus on primary care at the University of Texas in Austin.

BEST OF LUCK IN THE BRAZOS BOWL, KRYS AND ZACH!

Dance Company learns new styles

Special to The Knox County News-Courier

MUNDAY — Members of the Movement Space Dance Company attended a summer workshop here earlier this week, learning some new styles of dance and new techniques.

"We had two instructors from Dallas-based MA Dance—Jordan Baird of Beaumont and Monique Jordan of San Antonio—providing help," said Cori Corcoran, director of the Movement Space.

Corcoran also noted that each dancer was

evaluated throughout the three days.

Members of the team this year are Zoe Cedillo, Tess Decker, Madison Edgar, Zoe Harris, Evan Hunter, Kayla Jo Hunter, Kristen Kuehler, Destyn Mauldin, Karsyn Sanders, Kendall Thompson, Sydney Thompson, Bergen Waters, Brenley Waters and Carlie Wilison.

The dance company will compete along with others from across the United States in the MA Dance regional and hopefully national events July 7 and July 11 in Arlington.



The Movement Space Dance Company learned some new moves in a workshop this week, preparing for MA Dance regional competition July 7 in Arlington. Kneeling (l-r) are Kendall Thompson, Evan Hunter, Zoe Harris, Carlie Wilison and Karsyn Sanders. Standing are Brenley Waters, Bergen Waters, Kayla Jo Hunter, Madison Edgar, Tess Decker, Kristen Kuehler, Sydney Thompson, Zoe Cedillo and Destyn Mauldin.

Kids enjoying summer



Vonda Carter, The Knox County News-Courier
For the first time in three summers, children and others are enjoying the chance to swim in the pool in Munday City Park, open from 1-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Jamie Lowrance is shown looking out to ensure the safety of the swimmers.

Best of luck to the Movement Space Dance Company at the MA Dance Regional Competition!

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Nominations open for FSA committees

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KNOX CITY — Knox County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Nancy Birkenfeld, announced that the nomination period for local FSA county committees began on June 15, 2015. Nomination forms must be postmarked or received in the Knox County FSA Office by close of business on Aug. 3.

"County Committees are unique to FSA and allow producers to have a voice on federal farm program implementation at the local level," said Birkenfeld.

To be eligible to serve on the FSA county committee, a person must participate or cooperate in an agency administered program, be eligible to vote in a county committee election and reside in the Local Administrative Area (LAA) where they are nominated.

This year, nominations and elections will be held in LAA 3, which is located in the Southeast portion of Knox County. Bordered on the North by the Brazos River, on the East and South by the county line, and on the West by FM 267 to the point FM 267 intersects with US Hwy 277 South of Munday. From this point south to the county line, US Hwy 277 is the West boundary of LAA-3. The towns of Gore, Hefner, Munday and Rhineland are included in LAA-3.

Producers may nominate themselves or others as candidates. Organizations representing minority and women farmers and ranchers may also nominate candidates. To become a nominee, eligible individuals must sign form

FSA-669A. The form and more information about county committee elections is available online at: www.fsa.usda.gov/elections.

Elected county committee members serve a three-year term and are responsible for making decisions on FSA disaster, conservation, commodity and price support programs, as well as other important federal farm program issues. County committees consist of three to 11 members.

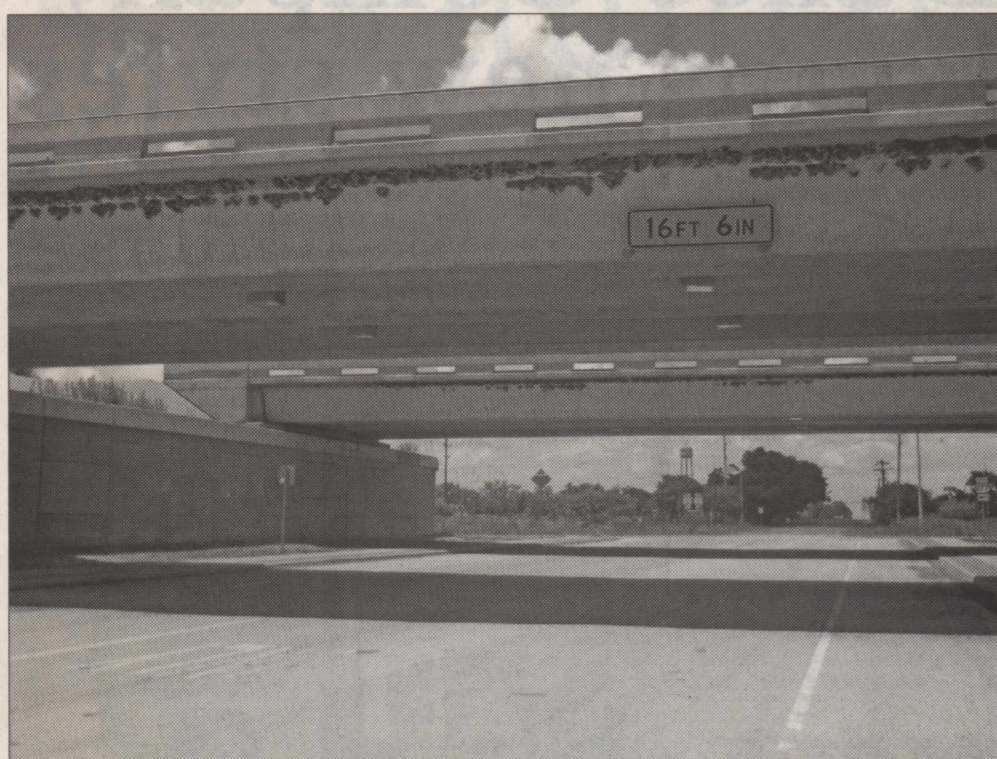
"It is important that county committees are comprised of members who fairly represent the diverse demographics of production agriculture for their community," said Birkenfeld. "All producers, including women, minority and beginning farmers and ranchers are encouraged to participate in the nomination and election process."

FSA will mail election ballots to eligible voters beginning Nov. 9. Ballots are due back in the Knox County Office by mail or in person no later than Dec. 7, 2015. All newly elected county committee members and alternates will take office January 1, 2016.

"Nominating potential county committee members, voting for candidates and serving on the committees are truly services to your community and the agriculture industry," said Birkenfeld. "County Committee members make important decisions on how federal farm programs are administered locally to best serve local needs and interests."

For more information about county committees, please contact the Knox County FSA office at 940 658-3537 Extension 2 or visit www.fsa.usda.gov/elections.

Birds make mud nests



Swallows or martins have been busy nesting under this overpass in Gore, leaving mud nests underneath the structure. The birds fly in a darting pattern, frequently changing directions. They do create a clean up problem on the road below with their droppings.

The 501 A barndominium by any other name ...

Barndominiums are trending. As indicated by the portmanteau name, a barndominium combines the features of a barn and a condo, except you don't have to invite the cows in. You can if you want to. OK, to be honest, I've only heard about barndominiums. Maybe I've seen one and didn't know it. Maybe you have too. Or maybe you live in one and are smiling at my ignorance.

Whatever the case, all that's new is the name. A ski lodge in little Irter, Austria comes to my mind from a visit there years ago. Half the place was a dairy barn and the other half accommodated us guests. The cream at breakfast was really fresh. Looking at the building from the outside, you couldn't tell it was half barn. But I heard a moo.

Who can blame someone in a snowy climate for not wanting to walk to the barn in winter? Not me. And capturing the body heat of 20 or so milk cows must cut down on utility bills. Barndominiums make sense in the Alps.

In places like New England, people have been turning iconic old barns into grand living spaces for decades. I've seen pictures. They evict the cows first, but the end result still has the look of a barn. Just no manure. I myself grew up spending a lot of time in

a barn-house, but it wasn't our house. It was our barn. As a child, I had no idea it had once been a house, so complete was the transformation. Standing on several inches of straw and feed chaff, could I have guessed there was a floor somewhere beneath my feet? A pantry turned into an oat bin looks nothing like a pantry. An exposed attic full of hay looks more like a hayloft than an attic. Put a manger in the living room and take out a wall and you suddenly have a milking parlor. Yep, once you let the cows into half a house and you put feed in the other rooms, voila! You've got a barn.

Nobody glorifies such house-barns in "how-to" books or in slick architecture magazines or smart treatises on repurposing old buildings. It's too easy to do and not very lofty in the lofty sense of the word.

Maybe a lowly preservationist (like me) should make a case for house-to-barn conversions as an alternative to demolishing houses not quite fit for human occupancy. Or maybe not.

Meanwhile, back at the farm, I miss our barn. It collapsed on its own when I was away for college. I'm left only with memories. I can see Daddy in his overalls milking Pet and Brownie and aiming a teat at Mother Barn Cat's nose a few feet away. She never learned to open her mouth. Rat terrier Spot dug vigorously for mice under the feed barrels. They always eluded him. It was a great place to be. It's probably best it's gone. Otherwise I'd be wanting to turn it into a barndominium.

77 new DPS troopers graduate

Special to The Knox County News-Courier

AUSTIN — Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) commissioned 77 men and women as the

state's newest Highway Patrol Troopers during the recruit graduation ceremony here.

The new troopers will report to duty stations across Texas in the coming weeks and spend the first six months in on-the-job training.

The troopers began the 23-week training academy in January. Instruction covered more than 100 subjects, including counterterrorism, traffic and criminal law, arrest and control procedures, accident reconstruction, first aid and Spanish. They also received training in use of force, communication skills, firearms, driving, criminal interdiction, cultural diversity and physical fitness.

DPS is currently accepting applications for the first recruit class of 2016, which begins in January. The application deadline for the January A-2016 class is Sept. 1; and applicants must complete and pass the physical fitness and written tests by Sept. 9. To apply or for more information about joining the Texas Highway Patrol, visit www.joindps.com.

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WASHINGTON — U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that eligible producers may now formally enroll in the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs for 2014 and 2015. The enrollment period will end Sept. 30, 2015.

"The extensive outreach campaign conducted by USDA since the 2014 Farm Bill was enacted, along with extending deadlines, is central to achieving an expected high level of participation," said Vilsack.

"We worked with universities to simplify these complex programs by providing online tools so producers could explore how program election options would affect their operation in

different market conditions; these tools were presented to almost 3,000 organizations across the country.

"The Farm Service Agency also sent more than 5 million educational notices to producers nationwide and participated in over 4,880 educational events with more than 447,000 attendees. I am proud of the many committed USDA employees who worked hard over the last several months to provide producers support to help them make these important decisions."

The new programs, established by the 2014 Farm Bill, trigger financial protections for agricultural producers when market forces cause substantial drops in crop prices or revenues. More than 1.76 million farmers have elected ARC or PLC. Previously, 1.7 million producers had enrolled to receive

direct payments (the program replaced with ARC and PLC by the 2014 Farm Bill). This means more farms have elected ARC or PLC than previously enrolled under previously administered programs.

Nationwide, 96 percent of soybean farms, 91 percent of corn farms, and 66 percent of wheat farms elected ARC. 99 percent of long grain rice farms, 99 percent of peanut farms, and 94 percent of medium grain rice farms elected PLC. For data about other crops and state-by-state program election results go to www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc.

Covered commodities under ARC and PLC include barley, canola, large and small chickpeas, corn, cranberry, flaxseed, grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, dry peas, rapeseed, long grain rice, medium grain rice (which includes short grain and sweet rice), safflower seed, sesame, soybeans, sunflower seed and wheat. Upland cotton is no longer a covered commodity.

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Coop receives Pioneer Leader Award

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HORSESHOE BAY — Two Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service county agents were honored with the Dr. Frank W. Sheppard Jr. Pioneer Leaders Award by the Texas Rural Leadership Program at its recent conference here.

Alexis Cordova of Liberty County and Lorrie Coop of Knox County received the honor in recognition of having "gone the extra mile in bringing communities together," according to Ronnie McDonald, Texas Rural Leadership Program director.

The award, which was presented for the first time, was named for Sheppard, a 1947 graduate of Texas A&M University, who used his degree in agricultural education, first as a high school teacher in Hutto and ultimately throughout the world serving with the U.S. Department of State as a rural development leader.

Coop began her career with AgriLife Extension in 2004 after serving 11 years with the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, a child protective services specialist. She helped organize a five-county Rolling Plains Rural Health Partnership that has brought together agencies and organizations in several unified annual projects such as child passenger safety and diabetes screenings combined with diabetes classes in Spanish and English. They also launched a mental health first aid program for youth in the county in coopera-



Lorrie Coop

tion with schools, churches and families. Coop also helped coordinate a career day that helps youth from eight schools in six counties discover career options and how to prepare for careers of interest to them.

Cordova, a native of Corpus Christi, has been the family and consumer sciences agent in Liberty County since January 2006 and was in Calhoun County from 2004-06. She was cited for carrying out the mission of AgriLife Extension for "improving the lives of people, businesses, and communities" through her community partners, volunteers, and coalitions

such as the Liberty Leaders in Action, Liberty County Health Awareness Coalition, Liberty County Child Fatality Review Team, various school health advisory councils, and the outreach committee at her church, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church.

More than 80 participants at the Texas Rural Leadership Program conference engaged with each other and with diverse speakers, from educators and social workers to elected officials—all sharing the belief that inclusive servant-based leadership brings out a community's best assets, McDonald said.



On the tee Spieth continues to amaze us!

The best find a way to win regardless of the conditions or even when they do not have their best stuff. That seems to be the case for Jordan Spieth, who just added the U.S. Open title to his earlier victory at the Masters. This leaves him halfway to a grand slam, winning all four majors in the same season.



JAMES MCAFEE

Shrugging off a disastrous double bogey on the 71st hole after taking a three-shot lead with a spectacular birdie on No. 16, Spieth regained his composure and took a little off his tee shot with a soft fade to miss the fairway bunker on the final hole. He then hit a 3-wood onto the green, but didn't make the eagle putt, tapping in for a birdie.

Dustin Johnson, who had been struggling most of the round with his putting, then birdied the 71st, a three-shot swing. He hit a phenomenal drive and a 5-iron to 12 feet on the final hole, leaving him with a putt to win the title. Even if he missed and could two putt, he would tie Spieth and force an 18-hole playoff. To everyone's surprise, Johnson struck the eagle putt too firmly and missed a three-footer coming back.

Admitting the turn of events shocked him, Spieth was delighted with the title, but also felt for a fellow competitor on how it happened.

The U.S. Open had a lot of drama on Chambers Bay, a different kind of course than what you normally see hosting the national championship. There was really nothing wrong with the course layout itself and even the way the USGA set it up. It produced a deserving champion in Spieth.

However, there was little doubt that the putting surfaces, which were patchy and could be better described as "browns" instead of "greens," were not up to major championship standards and rightfully received a lot of criticism from the competitors.

The problem on the fescue grass greens

was the added mix of poa anna, actually a weed that sometimes is used for putting surfaces on the west coast of the U.S., including those at Pebble Beach.

The poa here was just in patches. Since it grows faster than the fescue, the poa can sometimes throw a putt off line, especially later in the day on greens as fast as they were for the U.S. Open.

"It's pretty much like putting on broccoli," said Henrik Stenson.

Rory McIlroy, the game's No. 1-ranked player, countered, saying it was more like "putting on cauliflower."

Trying to be a little more diplomatic, Phil Mickelson said, "The surface area around the hole is a bit challenging for everybody." Mickelson felt a bigger concern was that they were a different speed from green to green.

Billy Horschel was even more to the point in a television interview, saying that he hit a lot of really good putts that bounced all over the place when they hit one of the bad spots on the greens. He did later apologize for taking a two-handed swing at the ground after one putt, but said he stopped short of slamming the putter into the turf. "I think a lot of players, and I'm one of them, have lost some respect for the USGA and this championship this year for the greens," he said.

Colonial champion Chris Kirk added, "The USGA should be ashamed of what they did this week."

Wasn't it the same for everyone? Not necessarily. One player could have a four-footer without poa and have no problem while another on the other side of the cup from the same length could have a different situation with poa in the line he needed to take.

Despite a few more three-putts than usual and a few missed putts he normally makes with ease, you didn't hear Spieth complaining.

Neither was former U.S. Open champion Geoff Ogilvy, who added, "There's a lot of talk about the greens and stuff like that, but forever great putters have putted well on bad greens, forever. You have to use your brain, which is a rare thing in modern golf, and something we're not very good at."

Weather Whys Strength of wind determining factor

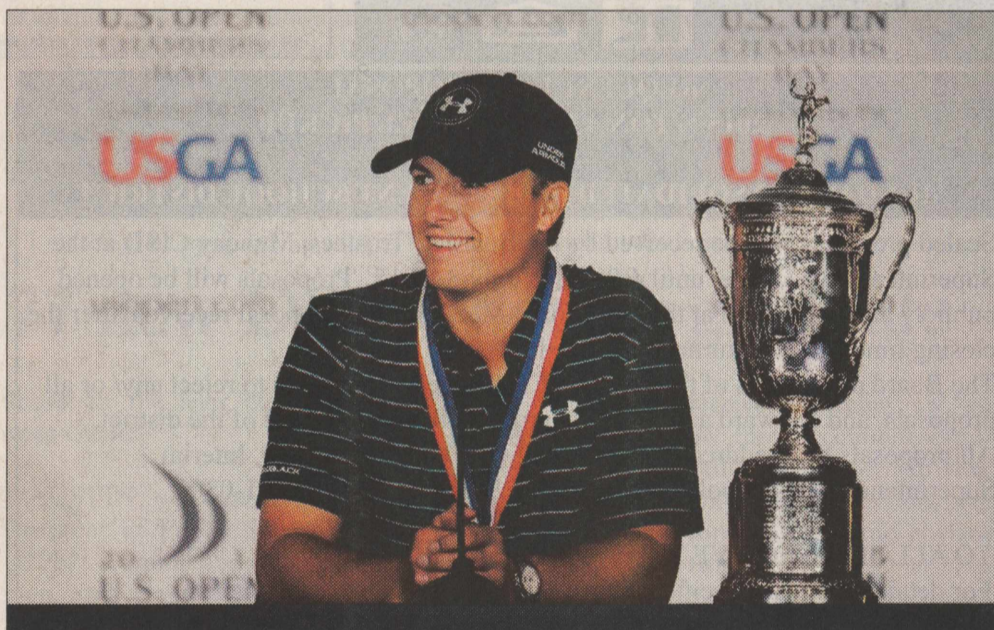
What is the difference between a tropical storm, a depression, a hurricane and a cyclone?

The short answer is that they range in strength from mild to catastrophic, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "Tropical depressions have a well-defined circulation and can cause heavy rains, and they are classified as having winds no more than 38 miles per hour," McRoberts explains. A tropical storm is much stronger, containing heavy thunderstorms and high winds of no more than 73 miles per hour. "And then there are hurricanes, which contain some of the strongest winds on Earth. These have winds of at least 74 miles per hour and are classified according to their severity on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being the strongest. Hurricanes are assigned names for use as a reference point."

What about cyclones?

Cyclones and hurricanes are virtually the same thing, McRoberts adds. "But where they are formed is the difference. A storm that forms in the Atlantic is called a hurricane and one that forms in the Pacific is called a typhoon, while those formed in the Indian Ocean are cyclones. All are assigned names. Hurricanes, cyclones and typhoons contain winds of from 74 to more than 200 miles per hour and they are the most devastating of all weather events. Hurricanes Andrew (1992) did more than \$25 billion in damage and Katrina (2005) more than \$125 billion in damage to Florida and the Gulf Coast region. The 1900 hurricane that hit Galveston is still the worst natural disaster in U.S. history in terms of fatalities, killing at least 6,000 people."

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Jordan Spieth answers questions from media after winning the U.S. Open.

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Best thing about being a farmer Harvest time, to be able to drive the combine in the field to harvest your own crop. To own your cotton harvest equipment and harvest a good cotton crop.

Challenges of farming The drought—we can't change the weather, we have to be able to adapt to changes and try to survive the bad times. This year it changed to extremely wet as we approached wheat harvest and cotton

planting. Being patient in adverse weather helps.

Advice for future farmers It is a tough business with long hours and sometimes with no financial reward, and it can change without warning, it can bring families closer together by allowing them to work together.

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