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## 'White Snake' finishes sixth

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AUSTIN— In their 10th appearance in the 90th state one act play, Munday High School's presentation of "The White Snake" finished in sixth place here last Monday.

Director Karen Longan felt the cast and crew delivered their best performance of the year to a large crowd at the Austin ISD Performing Arts Center.

Kale Lewis, who did triple duty as Master Lin, the brother-in-law and narrator, and Kolbey Brown, who was a narrator, were named to the honorable mention all-star cast.

Bryson High's presentation of "The Balkan Women" took first place and gold medals. Last year's winner Abbott finished second and Whiteface third.

Others schools competing included Cross Plains, Chireno, Hermeligh and Slidell

Jill Ludington, Carrie Klychak, Phillip Morgan were the judges for the contest.

## Five MHS girls compete in Austin

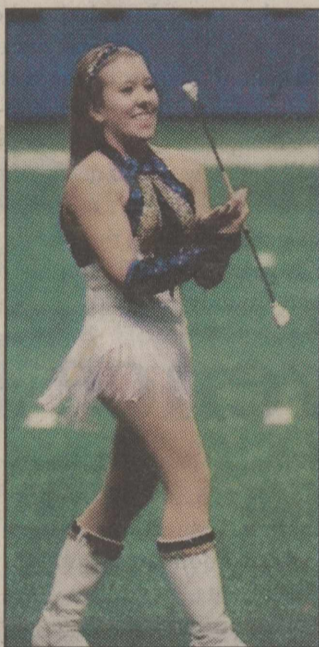
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AUSTIN— Kamille Redder will be hoping for an even higher rating in twirling when she returns to the State Solo and Ensemble contest here next Monday.

She received a Division II rating in 2014 and a Division III rating last year.

In addition, Redder will be competing in piano for the first time.

Joining her in the Austin competition will be the Purple Cloud flutist quartet of Denise Araujo, Rebecca Carranza, Alexis Nunez and Ana Vega.



KAMILLE REDDER

## Flowers named new director

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ASPERMONT—Lisa Flowers will assume duties as the new executive director of the Aspermont Small Business Development Center in June.

Earlier in the year, the ASBDC changed the name of its Community Action Service department to Double Mountain Outreach Services, saying this allows residents to realize what it can actually do to help them with its rural transportation services.

Since being formed in 1965 as part of the Economics Opportunity Act, this agency has served the residents of Knox, Kent, Stonewall, Jones, Haskell and Throckmorton, assisting low-income veterans, senior citizens and other families achieve and maintain economic security.

"We are committed to the task of replacing the disadvantages with opportunities because it is right, because it is wise and because, in our hearts and minds, we believe it is possible to conquer poverty in our lifetime," said Flowers.

"In June, we will be scheduling specific times in each of the counties so that residents will be able to visit with us," she added.

## Top scholars



Briley Bernard and Wyatt Casillas were recognized as the top Knox City Elementary students.

## Arrington wins runoff

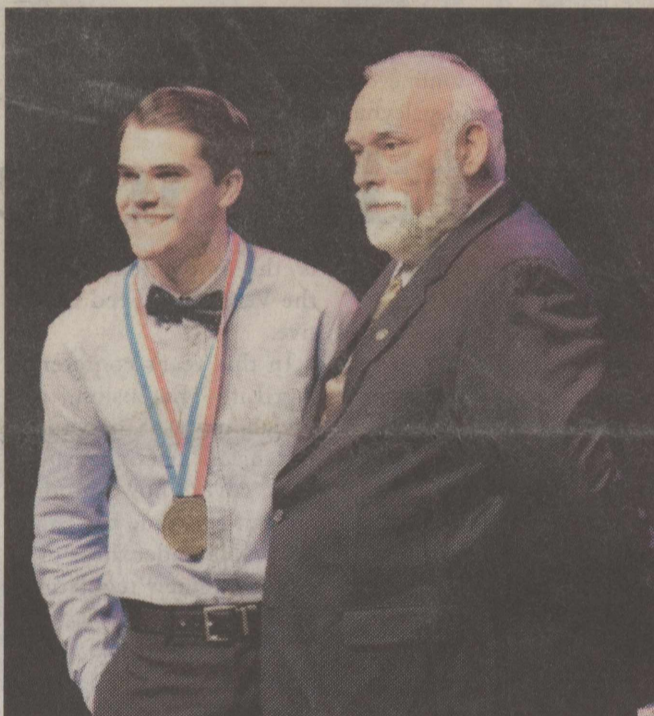
Jody Arrington of Lubbock, who missed an opportunity to serve in the state Capitol when he lost a 2014 election, now appears headed to Capitol Hill.

He won 54 percent of the vote Tuesday to win the Republican runoff for the 19th Congressional District, which includes Haskell County, over Glen Robertson, the mayor of Lubbock.

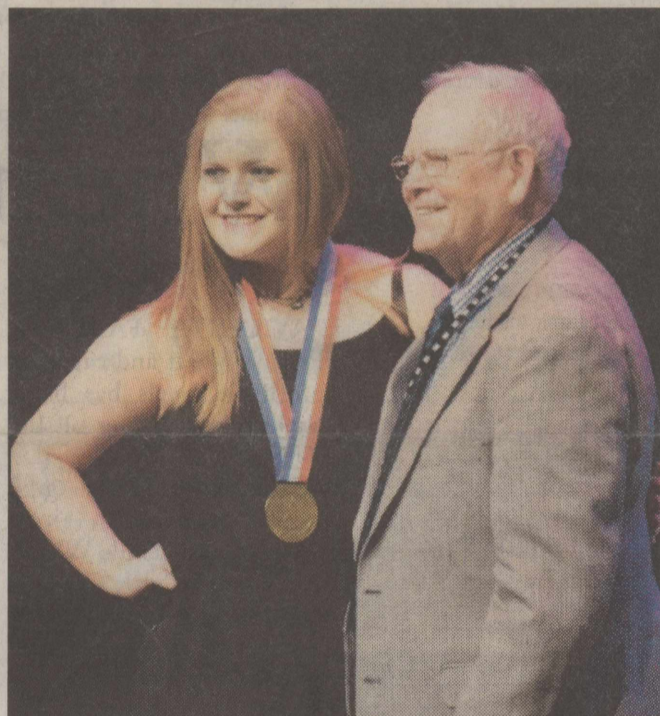
As the Republican nominee in the November general election, he is expected to go to Washington, D.C. as there is no Democrat opponent.



Munday High School performed "The White Snake" at the state Class 1A one act play contest Monday night. The cast and crew pictured (l-r) front row: Ana Vega, Ariana Arellano, Grace Tidwell, Kamille Redder, Cole Redwine, Ayleen Arellano and Kendall Thompson. In the back are: Denise Araujo, Kale Lewis, Allison Josselet, Emily Scott, Kasey Lowrance, Kolbey Brown, Cole Parton, Alexis Nunez, Brendan Kuehler, Aiden Hunter, Kathryn Cude and Madison Thompson.



KALE LEWIS



KOLBEY BROWN

## History of Memorial Day

For nearly 150 years, Americans have gathered in late spring to honor the sacrifice of those who have given their lives in service to their country. What began with dozens of informal commemorations of those killed in the Civil War has grown to become one of the nation's most solemn and hallowed holidays. From its earliest incarnation as "Decoration Day" to its modern-day observances, check out some surprising facts about the history of Memorial Day.

Memorial Day and its traditions may have ancient roots.

While the first commemorative events weren't held in the United States until the 19th century, the practice of honoring those who have fallen in battle dates back thousands of years. The ancient Greeks and Romans held annual days of remembrance for loved ones (including soldiers) each year, festooning their graves with flowers and holding public festivals and feasts in their honor. In Athens, public funerals for fallen soldiers were held after each battle, with the remains of the dead on display for public mourning before a funeral procession took them to their internment in the Kerameikos, one of the city's most prestigious cemeteries. One of the first known public tributes to war dead was in 431 B.C., when the Athenian general and statesman Pericles delivered a funeral oration praising the sacrifice and valor of those killed in the Peloponnesian War—a speech that some have compared in tone to Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.

One of the earliest commemorations was or-



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more than 1,000 recently freed slaves, accompanied by regiments of the U.S. Colored Troops (including the Massachusetts 54th Infantry) and a handful of white Charlestonians, gathered in the camp to consecrate a new, proper burial site for the Union dead. The group sang hymns, gave readings and distributed flowers around the cemetery, which they dedicated to the "Martyrs of the Race Course."

The holiday's "founder" had a long and distinguished career.

In May 1868, Gen. John A. Logan, the commander-in-chief of the Union veterans' group known as the Grand Army of the Republic, issued a decree that May 30 should become a nationwide day of commemoration for the more than 620,000 soldiers killed in the recently ended Civil War. On Decoration Day, as Logan dubbed it, Americans should lay flowers and decorate the graves of the war dead "whose bodies now lie in

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## Commencements scheduled

Seniors in Knox County will get their high school diplomas Friday and Saturday nights.

The MHS commencement is scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday at the school auditorium while the KCHS commencement is scheduled at 7 p.m. Saturday at the W.R. Baker Auditorium.

Sheldon Baty and Ryan Heard earned

Valedictorian and Salutatorian honors at KCHS while MHS officials were unable to give the names of the winners by deadline, saying that it was too close between Alexis Nunez, Kimberly Shahan, Kathryn Cude, Kamille Redder and Grace Tidwell.

(A special section honoring all seniors will now appear in next week's issue.)

## Knox Notes

Please notify the News-Courier about your upcoming events. Emailed submissions to kc-news@courier.com are preferred. The deadline for inclusion will be the Friday before the following week's issue.

### KC splash day

KNOX CITY - The Knox City swimming pool will open Saturday with a free splash day scheduled for 1-5 p.m.

### Ramirez Scramble

MUNDAY - The annual Daniel Ramirez Memorial Scramble is planned here Saturday and Sunday at the Lake Creek Golf Course. The format will be a three-person scramble. Tee times are planned at 8 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

### Singing set Sunday

MUNDAY - The First United Methodist Church will host the fifth Sunday Sing-Along at 6 p.m. See NOTES, Page 10

## News on the go



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**Obituaries**

**Jeffrey Clark Cooke**

Jeffrey Clark Cooke, 54, of Burkburnett passed away Tuesday, May 17, 2016. Jeff was born Oct. 25, 1961 in Knox City to Jimmie and Nancy Cooke.

Jeff enjoyed the Texas Longhorns, working with wood and remote control cars. He loved his grandchildren and being with his family.

He was preceded in death by his father Jimmie Lynn Cooke, Sr.

Jeff is survived by his mother Nancy Tolleson; children Adam Jimmie Cooke



**JEFFREY CLARK COOKE**

and Jenny Lynn Cooke of Burkburnett; brother Jim-

mie Lynn Cooke Jr. and wife Rhonda of Munday; sisters Kendra Latham and husband Bill of Wichita Falls and Kammi Don Bonham and husband Mike of Munday; grandchildren McKenzie Lynn Hibbs, Bailey Lynn Cooke, Luke Jeffrey Cooke and Haelynn Cooke and Mimmaw Jean Clark of Mapleton, UT; and several nieces and nephews.

Cooke's services were held at the First United Methodist Church in Munday last Thursday and burial followed at the Bushy Cemetery.

**Samuel Tankersley**

Longtime resident of Knox City Samuel Wesley Tankersley passed from this life into eternal life with his precious Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on May 20, 2016 at his home in The Woodlands.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at the First Baptist Church in Knox City under the direction of Tankersley Funeral Home of Stamford.

Samuel was born to J.W. and Virgie Tankersley on Jan. 9, 1931 in Tallapoosa County, Alabama.

He graduated from Knox City High School in 1949. He served our country for four years in the Air Force, during the Korean War, attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant. He had many fond memories of his time served, where he also ran a successful popcorn business on the side.

He married June Lowrey on March 2, 1955, and in September of 1956 they welcomed a daughter Linda Gayle. Samuel and June just celebrated 61 years of marriage.

He chose farming as his life's work. He loved the land and watching things grow to maturity.

He enjoyed his orchard and working in the yard where he grew zinnias for June. He also had a very successful career managing the O'Brien Coop Gin for over 20 years.

Samuel was an avid fisherman and deer

hunter, and always returned with a bounty.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Knox City where he served as deacon, teacher of the Anglers class, and treasurer for more than 50 years.

Samuel was one of the best story tellers of all time, whether it was a time in the service, a deer hunt with family, the right way to run a trot line, a bed time story, a bible story, or just a life experience in general. For a man of few words, he had much to share.

He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings Ozelle Stephens, James H. (Buddy) Tankersley, Ruth Middlebrook, Estelle Hawkins, Mamie Emerson and Virginia Adkins.

Left to cherish his memory are wife June; daughter Gayle Daniel and husband Mark; granddaughter Jamie Levet and husband Brent; grandson David Daniel; and great grandchildren Beau and Bella Levet.

Adored and admired by his family, respected by his friends and neighbors, Samuel had a great love for His Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and shared his faith and testimony joyfully.

A wealth of knowledge and a source of inspiration, Samuel leaves behind a rich harvest of memories to cherish, honor and emulate.

Online condolences may be left at [www.tankersleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tankersleyfuneralhome.com)

**Knox County Aging Center Menu**

**Knox County Aging Center Menus**

Menus for week of May 30-June 3  
Monday: Closed Happy Memorial Day  
Tuesday: Chicken tenders, gravy, green beans, wheat rolls, dessert  
Wednesday: Glazed meatloaf, red bliss potatoes, bread stick, mixed vegetables, cake  
Thursday: Sweet and sour chicken, rice, carrots/peas, salad, dessert  
Friday: Ham salad sandwich, potato salad, lettuce, tomato slices, pudding

**Free Texas travel info.**

Special to The News-Courier

AUSTIN – If you're planning a road trip this summer, the Texas Department of Transportation offers the Texas State Travel Guide, Texas Highways Events Calendar and Texas Official Travel Map to help you get where you're going and have fun along the way.

"Whether you have a particular destination in mind or are just planning to explore Texas, these publications will help you every mile of your trip," said Joan Henderson, TxDOT's Travel Information Division director.

"Texas is big, and so is the list of things to do and places to see offered in these publications. Plus, the travel information is free."

The 264-page Travel Guide offers features on history, arts and culture, music, food, shopping, sports, family activities and the outdoors. In addition, you'll find information on more than 450 cities and 3,000 attractions. The city and attraction listings are separated into regions and each has a section highlighting some of the must-see places.

The Events Calendar is published quarterly by season. The summer edition, available now, includes events ranging from festivals and fairs to rodeos, food events, music, art and museum exhibits, theatrical performances and market days.

The Texas Official Travel Map shows highways, farm/ranch roads, airports, communities and recreational areas to assist travelers in safely exploring the state.

Pick up these publications at any of the 12 Texas Travel Information Centers across the state. They also may be ordered online or by calling (800) 452-9292.

Along with the free travel publications, summer vacationers will find a wealth of destination information and colorful feature stories in Texas Highways magazine. Founded as a travel magazine in 1974, the award-winning Texas Highways today has nearly 400,000 monthly readers across the United States and around the world.

**Wheat, cattle conference July 26**

Special to The News-Courier

WICHITA FALLS – Pricing wheat and cattle at profitable levels has been challenging during 2016, said a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agricultural economist.

The Cattle Trails Wheat and Stocker Cattle Conference on July 26 will cover how producers in the North and Rolling Plains regions of Texas and Southwestern Oklahoma can meet these challenges and prepare for 2017, said Stan Bevers,

AgriLife Extension economist at Vernon.

While it appears the weather has returned to normal and agricultural production has reached more favorable levels, greater production has led to commodity prices below cost of production, Bevers said.

Add to this environment more government directives regarding production, and a producer's stress level rises, he said.

One regulation cattle producers will face in 2017

is the implementation of the Veterinary Feed Directive.

In this year's conference, AgriLife Extension and Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service experts will cover how producers can continue to remain profitable under these prices and the new regulations, Bevers said.

The conference, which alternates between Texas and Oklahoma each year, will be from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the MPEC Event Center, 1000 5th St.,

Wichita Falls. Registration is \$25 per person and includes educational materials, a noon meal and refreshments.

Producers are encouraged to preregister by contacting their local AgriLife Extension county agent, their Oklahoma Cooperative Extension county educator or Allison Ha at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center near Vernon at 940-552-9941, ext. 225 or [Allison.ha@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:Allison.ha@ag.tamu.edu).

The slogan of the conference is "Driving your cattle to profits," although Bevers said the last couple of years have made it tough to generate a consistent profit.

"We know agricultural producers are continuing to plant crops and grow cattle," he said. "They must also be aware of new directives on how animal drugs can be utilized. The Veterinary Feed Directive is a federal regulation from the Food and Drug Administration that controls the use of animal drugs."

Dr. Emi Kimura, AgriLife Extension agronomist at Vernon, will provide a wheat variety update, while Bevers will provide a wheat and cattle market update. Dr. Chris Richards,

Oklahoma State Extension and research beef cattle nutrition specialist in Stillwater, Oklahoma, will discuss balancing the scales in cattle production between efficiency, profitability, consumerism and the environment.

After lunch, Dr. Tom Hairgrove, AgriLife Extension program coordinator for livestock and food animal systems, College Station, will provide an overview of the Veterinary Feed Directive. Dr. Ron Gill, AgriLife Extension livestock specialist in College Station, will cover how a cattle producer should go about implementing the directive on their operation.

**From the Preacher's Desk**

**A little child shall lead them**

Someone described Rivers Clark as "a four-year old girl full of life, energy and love for Jesus."

A little over a year ago, Rivers began asking her 'Da Da' if he would read her a Bible story before bedtime every night. Even though he himself wasn't going to church or following Jesus at the time, he still agreed. Night after night of reading Bible stories to her, he began to think about his life – about things like peace, joy, happiness, and of course, purpose.

After a few weeks, Rivers asked her 'Da Da' if he would come to church with her. Even though he didn't really want to, he once again said he would just because she wanted him to. He would take her to class and then sit in the back of the auditorium, doing his best to avoid any conversations. Truth is, he felt guilty for even being in church. He was under the misconception that in order to attend a church, you have to have your life in order; you couldn't have a past; you had to have all of the answers.

Since he knew that he didn't, he felt guilty even being there. But week after week, he started to notice that others there were also struggling with temptations. They didn't have it all together or have all the answers. They, too, had a past, just like he did. Slowly he started to talk with people and study the Scriptures.

One Wednesday night in the 4-year-old-class, Rivers asked the teacher the most beautiful question anyone has ever heard, "Are you going to baptize my Da Da?" A year after he started coming to church with his daughter, he made the decision to put Christ on in baptism for the forgiveness of his sins. He realized that his life was in need of a Savior. He finally found the purpose for which he'd always been searching.

"Just like that daddy, we all have a story. We all have a past. We all have things in our lives of which we aren't proud." But that is the very reason for which Jesus came: to save us from our sins (Luke 19:10)! God loves us so much that He gave His One and Only Son to die on the cross for our sins (John 3:16; 1 John 2:2). On the cross, Jesus paid the price for our sins so that we can be forgiven and receive the gift of eternal life (Ephesians 1:7; Romans 6:23). Aren't you thankful for little Rivers who loved her Daddy so much that she wanted him to know about Jesus? "A little child shall lead them..." (Isaiah 11:6). (copied & adapted)

—Wayne Speer, Munday Church of Christ

**Thank You**  
The Munday community's outpouring of concern for our loved one, Bill Burtram, is very much appreciated!  
Thank you all so much for all the cards, calls, visits, acts of kindness and most of all the prayers to God on his behalf.  
Sincerely,  
The Bill Burtram family

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Sgt. Eric Valencia was the grandson of Mary Valencia and Balaz Sosa of Munday. He was born in Seymour, the son of Diane and Ernest Valencia, attending Munday Elementary School before graduating from Southland High School in 2001. He won numerous awards and decorations while serving in the U.S. Army.



## Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

It's another unsettled day weather wise here on the Knox Prairie, as I prepare this report. Clouds are hovering overhead, and at any time I expect to see a severe weather alert flash across the TV screen. Some would love to see rain, others hope it stays away for a few more days, but I imagine whatever comes our way, we'll deal with it. Just pray we do not have anything damaging.

Not much change on those in the area who are not feeling too well. Most are pretty much as they have been the past few weeks. Dennis Duke is still checking with his doctor regularly and still on some pretty strong medicine for his pneumonia. He's been out working quite a bit, so maybe that's an indication he may be feeling some better. We hope so.

Mitzi Welch went Wichita Falls Tuesday to see her cardiologist. This was her consultation trip, and she will know more about what will happen next after her visit with him. She said she was feeling pretty good since her recent trip to the hospital with what apparently was a heart problem.

Dorothy Spikes is undergoing therapy in the Seymour hospital after recent surgery to repair a broken hip. After dismissal from the hospital, she likely will go to a nursing facility for continued therapy.

Here 'n there

School is out! The last day was Wednesday. Junior high and kindergarten graduation is tonight at the Ex Student Building. Then it's a summer of freedom for

kids, teachers, and parents! They will all be doing different things, but I'm thinking by the time school starts again, they will be ready.

The memorial service Saturday for Lonnie Vincent was well attended by many relatives and friends. At the reception for the family after the service, we all had a chance to visit with those attending. It was good to see them and learn what's going on in their families now.

Lonnie was a former Benjamin resident several years ago. He and his family lived on the Moorhouse Ranch, and his children Lonnie Jr. and Jennifer were students at Benjamin Elementary for a while before transferring to Guthrie. It was good to see his family and know what's been going on with them the last several years.

Fred Louis Crenshaw called on Monday to ask about the homecoming agenda. He had gotten his newsletter but had misplaced it, so he needed some info concerning it. He said he would be here for the Saturday goings on and was looking forward to seeing everyone. He has been in the hospital quite a bit lately and had some stents in his legs recently. He's had bad circulation for a while. It was good to hear from him.

I extend sincere sympathy to the family of Sammy Tankersley. Sammy died last Friday after declining health for several months.

He and June had just recently moved to the Houston area to be near their daughter Gayle and her family.

Sammy's funeral was held Tuesday in Knox City.

## Offutt, Oustad join historical commission



Mary Jane Young/Knox County News-Courier

Third graders from Benjamin visit museum. Special to The News-Courier

BENJAMIN—Becky Offutt and Linda Oustad were welcomed as new members of the Knox County Historical Commission at a meeting here last week.

The main topic for discussion was the "Breakfast on the Porch," which will be held on June 11 during the Benjamin Homecoming.

Breakfast burritos, sweets and drinks will be served beginning at 7:30 a.m. The museum will be open until 10 a.m. on that day for the homecoming visitors.

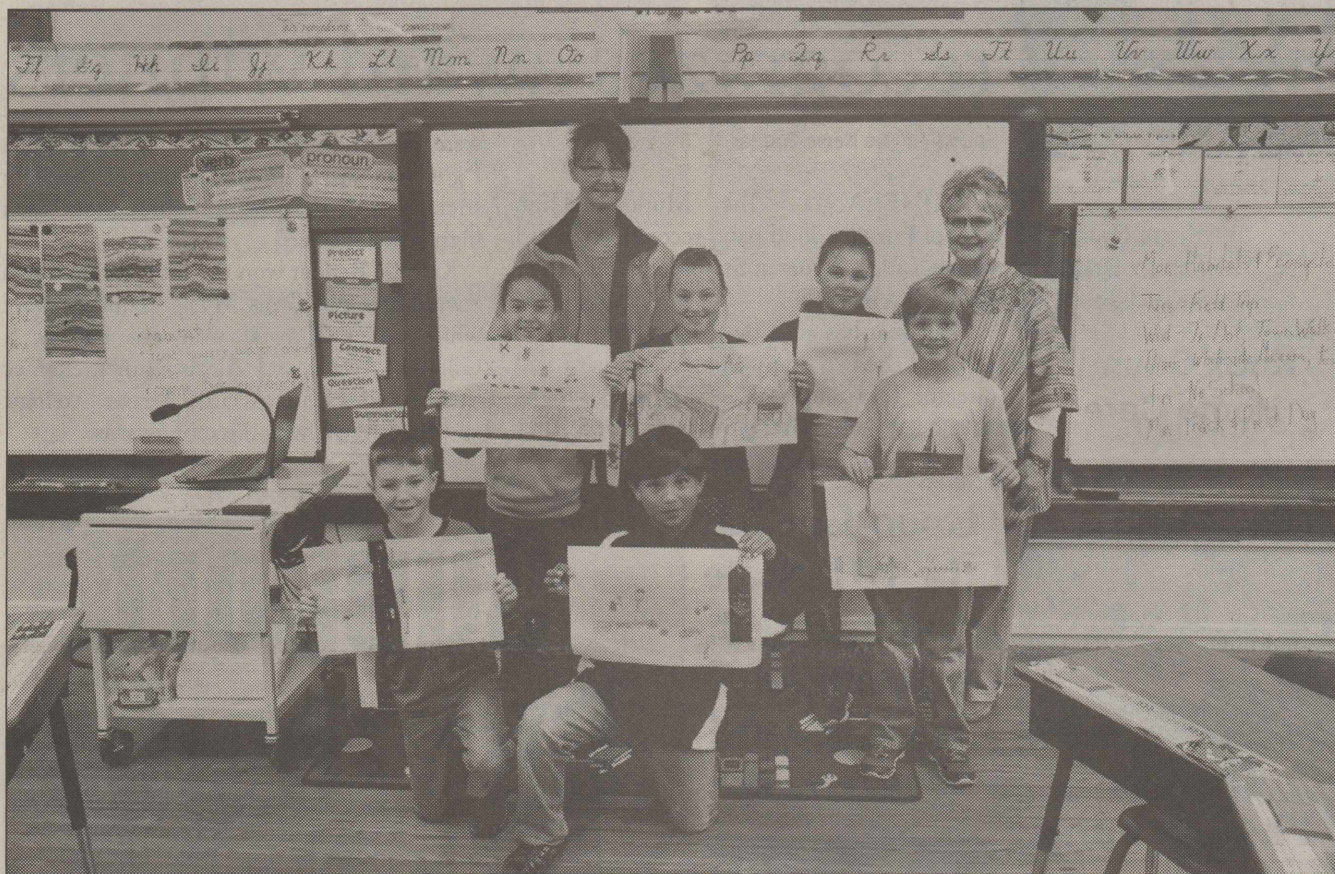
On June 4, the museum will be open from 1-4 p.m. to accommodate the Knox City Homecoming attendees. Anyone with any

items you may think would be of interest, please bring them and we will get them on display. The museum is open from 1-5 p.m. Tuesday thru Friday and other times by appointment.

A large group of Munday High School students visited earlier in May and came away quite impressed with what they saw, according to Mary Jane Young.

Third grade students from Susan Jones' third grade class at Benjamin also visited. "The students showed much interest, most of them taking written notes as they visited each display," said Young. "Of special interest to them was the new "Wildlife Exhibit" where a life-sized buffalo was added. It was a pleasure to have these well behaved groups."

## Work zone safety



Courtesy photo

Third grade students from Benjamin show off their work for TxDOT's Work Zone Safety Award poster contest. The students were urged to talk to their parents about the danger of driving in a work zone as well as driving distracted.

## Food training course scheduled

Special to The News-Courier

ABILENE Statistics indicate that foodborne illness continues to be a health issue in the United States. Each year, 1 in 6 Americans will become sick, 128,000 will become hospitalized, and 3,000 will die due to a foodborne illness.

Texas Food Establishment Rules state that each food establishment is required to have one certified food

manager on site.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Taylor, Jones and Nolan Counties, is offering a professional food manager certification training course. This two day program will be offered for \$125.00 on August 15 and August 16 at the Taylor County Extension Office.

Cost includes training, materials, and the ServSafe food manager certification examination. The food

manager's certification will be valid for five years. Registration deadline is July 25.

Foodborne illnesses can be prevented by following simple food safety practices. For more information about "Food Safety: It's Our Business," call Jane Rowan at 325-672-6048. Y

ou may also access a downloadable registration form at <http://taylor.agrilife.org>.

## Hogan Company wins award

Special to The News-Courier

FORT WORTH- Ben Hogan Golf Equipment Company announced it has been selected as the People's Choice Award winner at the 2016 TECH Fort Worth annual Impact Awards.

Fellow exhibitors, local entrepreneurs and businessmen and women attending the event voted on the award.

"As one of the three Impact Award recipients for 2015, we were thrilled to follow up with this recognition by the 400+ attendees at this year's event," said Terry Koehler/President/CEO of the company. "This is truly a testament to the team we have built to drive the Ben Hogan brand."

TECH Fort Worth's programs are the core of its business development services. They are specifically designed to provide entrepreneurs and early stage companies with a wide range of services to meet their needs at various stages in the startup process.

"The 'new' Ben Hogan Golf Equipment Company may be a "60-year-old startup", explained Koehler, "but the technology used in our products is state of the art, innovative and raising the bar when it comes to high performance golf equipment."



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Registration at Benjamin ISD Administration Office  
**Starts Monday, May 31, 2016**  
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
(All-Day Pre-K)  
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### Unique ride to prom



Courtesy photo  
Juan Rangel decided to use a John Deere tractor to get his date, Rhealea Hendrix, to the Munday High junior-senior prom last Saturday.

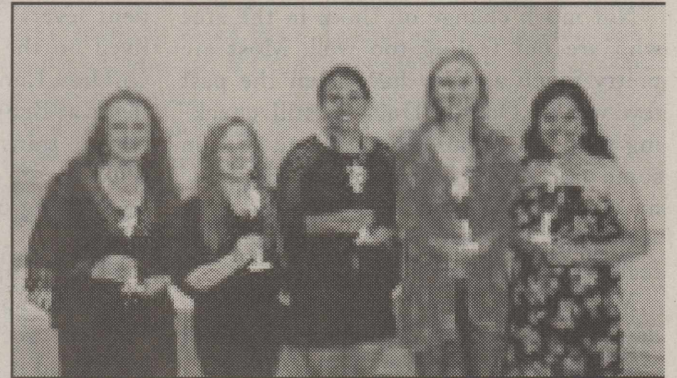
### Purple Cloud banquet



**Most improved winners**  
Courtesy photo  
Winners of the most improved awards for the Purple Cloud band were: Kaven Alvarado (9th), Eduardo Rangel (12th), Charity Hunter (11th), Kayla Taylor (10th), Kameron Redder (8th)

#### Tops in their grade

Courtesy photo  
Named as winners of the outstanding awards by grades for the Purple Cloud band were: Bryanne Cude (8th), Bailey Speck (9th), Ana Vega (12th), Kristen Kuehler (10th) and Rebeca Carranza (11th).



Winners of the top awards for the Munday Purple Cloud band included, Ariana Arellano, Director's Award; Grace Tidwell, Patrick S. Gilmore Award; Alexis Nunez, Mogul Heart Award; Kamille Redder, John Philip Sousa Award and Texas Music Scholar Award; and Kale Lewis, Director's Award.

## Purple Cloud band recognizes award winners

Special to The News-Courier

RHINELAND— The Munday High School Purple Cloud band recognized award winners at a banquet at St. Joseph's Church in Rhineland recently.

"This year has gone by so fast and the band accomplished so many things this year," said director Trey Singleton. "This year's seniors have been such a vital part of this band. They

were the first class of eighth graders when I got here and I am very proud of them for sticking with the program throughout their high school career."

Kamille Redder won the John Philip Sousa Award and the Texas Music Scholar Award while Grace Tidwell won the Patrick S Gilmore Award and Alexis Nunez claimed the Mogul Heart Award. Ariana Arellano and Kale Lewis won director awards.

**Good Luck at the UIL State Solo Contest, Kamille!**  
We love you!  
—Dad, Mom & Ryan



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### Lake Creek Golf Schedule

May 28-29: Daniel Ramirez Memorial Scramble	Aug. 7: Guys & Dolls
June 25: 3 Lady Scramble	Aug. 21: 1 Person Scramble
July 9-10: 3 Person Scramble	Sept. 10-11: 3 Person Scramble

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May 30: Memorial Day play day	July 30: Knox City Festival
June 4: 22nd annual Ladies Wild Hog Classic	Aug. 13: Ag-Oil
June 18: Par 3 Classic I	Aug. 27: Glow ball
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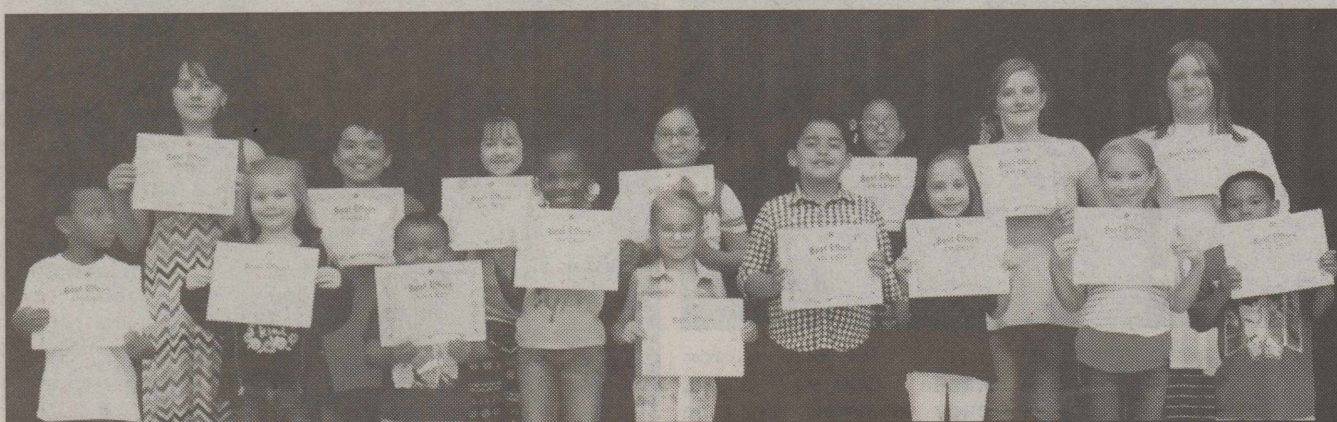
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# Munday awards



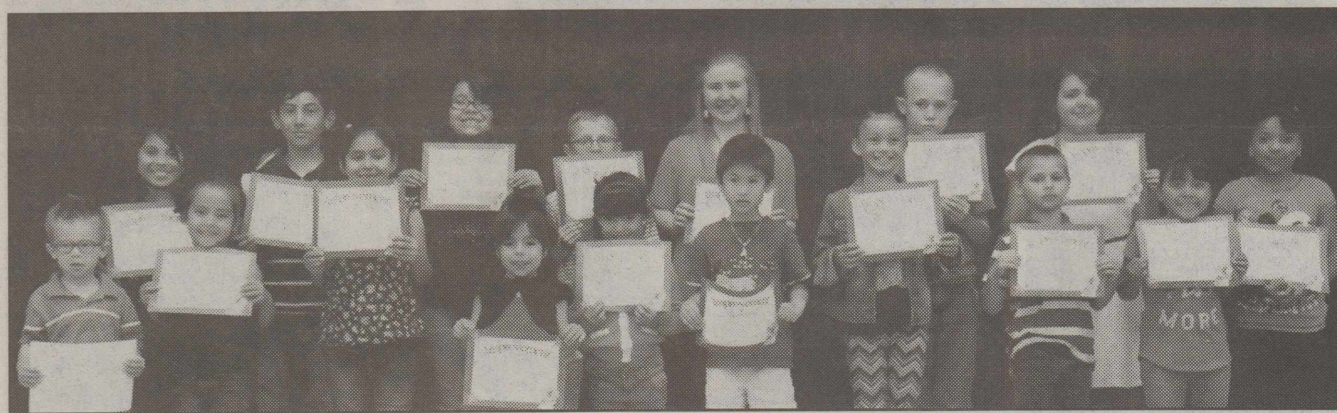
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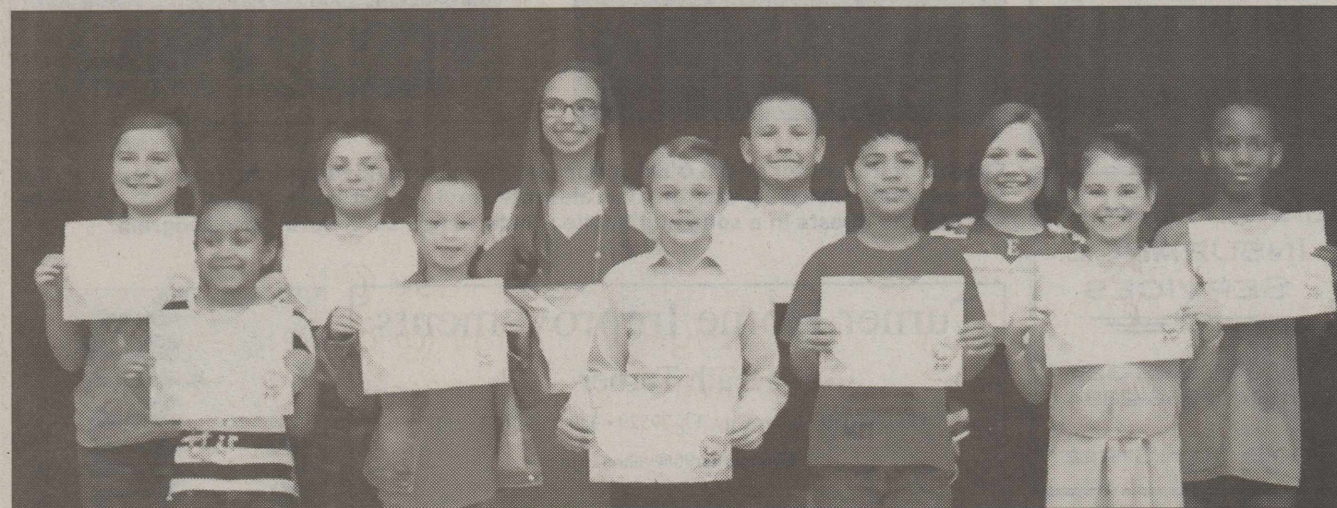
Citizenship awards



Most improved awards



Perfect attendance awards



Top scholar awards

# Master of Memory series scheduled

**ABILENE** Many people believe that memory loss and aging go hand-in-hand: as a person gets older his or her memory begins to fail. While some change may be expected as you age, that doesn't mean you can't do something about it, in the absence of a brain disease, such as Alzheimer's Disease – you can be proactive in using some strategies and lifestyle adaptations.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Taylor County will be offering Master of Memory, a two part series, that will help you understand how your memory works and what may affect your memory.

Medical conditions, medications, diet and exercise, among other things, may all play a role in how your memory works. Master of Memo-

ry will also help you identify and use strategies to improve your memory

Part 1 of the series will be held on Thursday, June 16 with Part 2 scheduled the following week, Thursday, June 23. Participants may choose to attend either the morning sessions from 9:30 a.m. – Noon, or the evening sessions from 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Classes will be held at the Taylor County Extension Office located at 1982 Lytle Way in Abilene.

Cost of the two part series is \$10 per person. To participate, you must pre-register by June 10 by calling the Taylor County Extension Office at (325) 672-6048.

If memory is a concern for you or someone you know, consider attending the Master of Memory series.

# Meissner wins Bluebonnet title

Special to the News-Courier

**BROWNWOOD**– They say records are meant to be broken. Well San Antonio's McClure Meissner did that and then some Sunday afternoon at the 15<sup>th</sup> Bluebonnet Championship. His tap-in eagle on the 18<sup>th</sup> hole Sunday capped off his dominant weekend at Brownwood Country Club. Meissner finished the tournament at 13-under-par 131 after a fi-

nal round 7-under-par 65.

Andy Lopez of Dallas finished in second place, five shots behind Meissner.

Vishnu Sadagopan captured the boys 14 & under division crown after his 3-under-par 69 final round. First round leader Sara Camarena won the girls 12-18 title

The Bluebonnet Championship was started by Brownwood businessman Bart Johnson in 2001. pr

# Nominations accepted for employers who aid education

Special to the News-Courier

**AUSTIN** – The State Board of Education (SBOE) is currently accepting applications for the 2016 Employers for Education Excellence (EEE) Award. The annual award recognizes Texas employers who encourage and support employee participation in school activities.

Any Texas employer is eligible, including private businesses, nonprofit organizations and governmental and educational entities that meet the criteria. Employers will be eligible to receive an award at one of three levels: Bronze, Silver, or Gold. Eligibility is based on the business or organization meeting the following criteria:

**Bronze** – An employer that implements a policy to encourage and support employees who attend parent-teacher conferences.

**Silver** – An employer that meets the requirements of bronze, and implements a policy to encourage and support employees who volunteer in school activities.

**Gold** – An employer that meets the requirements of silver, and implements a policy to encourage and support employees who participate in student mentoring programs in schools.

The EEE program requires a business to submit an application to the Texas Education Agency. The application form is available online; it can be downloaded and mailed to the address on the application form, or filled out and submitted via email.

Once the application is received, the Commissioner of Education's designee will review the applications and make recommendations to the SBOE regarding businesses or organizations that should receive an award, as well as the level of recognition. The SBOE may approve or modify those recommendations.

The SBOE will honor the recipient(s) with an award that includes the level of recognition.

The EEE awards will be valid for three years. At the end of three years, an entity may reapply for the same level of recognition or for a higher level if it meets the criteria.

The complete EEE application must be emailed or postmarked by July 1 to: Texas Education Agency, Communications Division, Employers for Education Excellence Award, 1701 Congress Avenue, Austin, TX 78701. It can be emailed to deetta.culbertson@tea.texas.gov.

# Weather Whys

**Q:** Which state gets hit by lightning most often?  
**A:** The state of Florida gets more lightning strikes than any place in the world, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "Because of its large coastline and the frequent thunderstorms that pop up almost daily, Florida is a lightning center and the city of Tampa is called the lightning capital of the United States," McRoberts says. "It records about 40 lightning strikes per square mile each year, an incredible amount. But you have to recognize that worldwide, over 4 million lightning strikes hit the earth each year, which comes out to about 50 each second."

**Q:** What about Texas cities and lightning strikes?  
**A:** Houston is the lightning capital of Texas by far, recording about 20 strikes per square mile, and the city averages 1,700 strikes between the months of June and August, McRoberts adds. "A single bolt of lightning can carry up to 50,000 volts of electricity," he notes. "That's why lightning kills about 100 people in the U.S. each year, second only to floods. Of people struck by lightning, 85 percent are under the age of 35 and of those, 1 out of 5 will die. Of those who survive, 70 percent will suffer long-term serious side effects from a lightning strike. The spring and summer months are the most active for lightning, so people need to be aware of just how deadly lightning can be."

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# Knox City kids out of school



Photos by Tony Logsdon  
Braden Urbanczyk gets ready to break the tape during a race at last week's Knox City PTO track and field day while other kids enjoy other activities. Students got out of school last Friday.

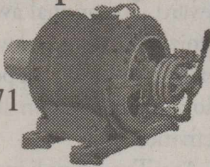


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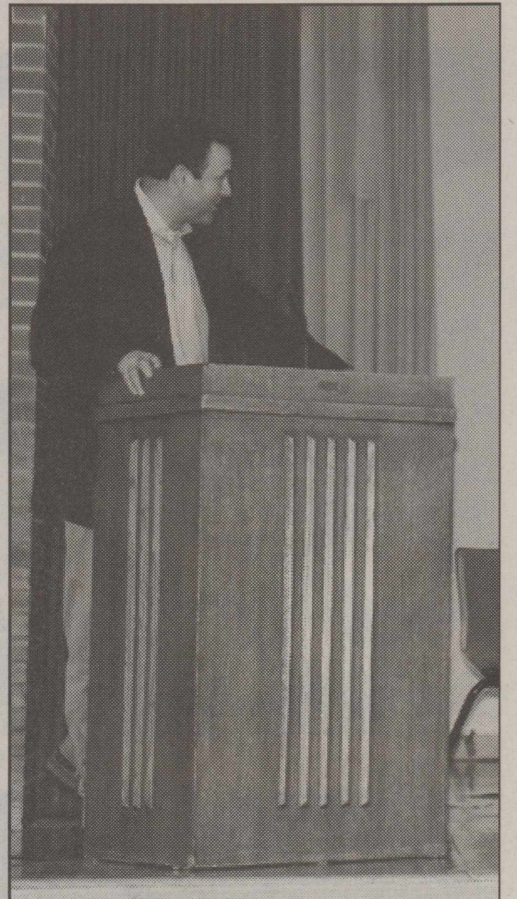
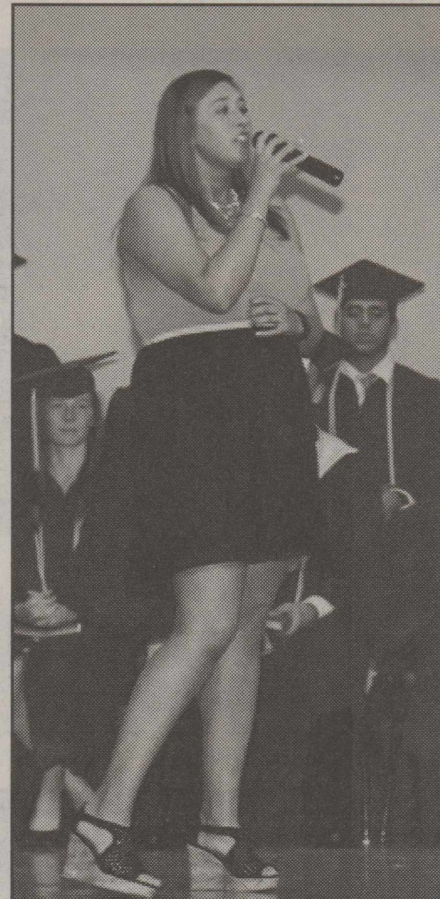
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Charles Spira, pastor at the O'Brien Baptist Church, provided seniors from Knox City High School some advice at was the baccalaureate services last week. Tracy Carter and Haley Cox led the guests in a song and Kaylie Steele sang a song during the program.

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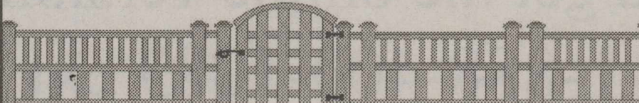
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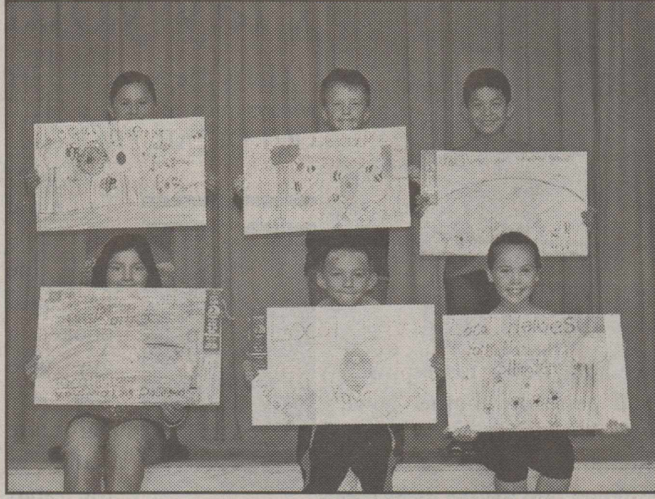
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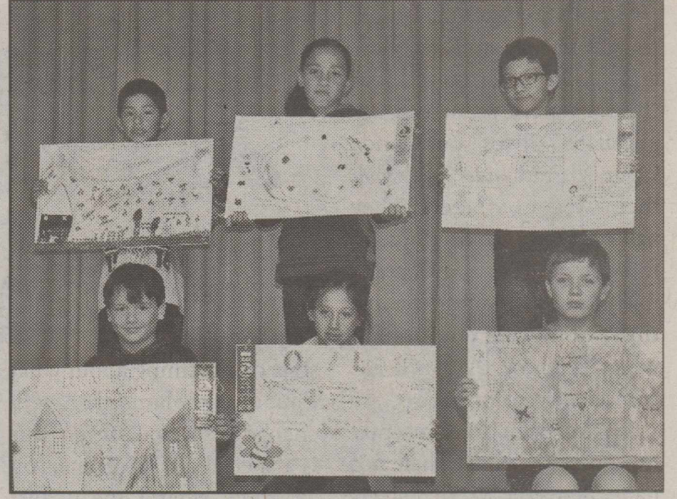
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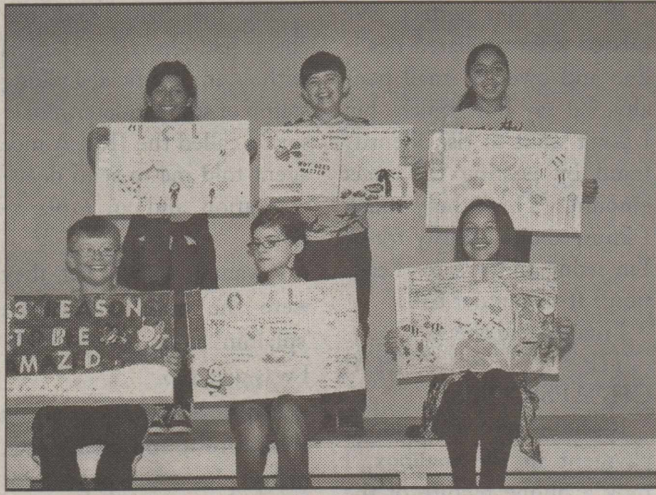
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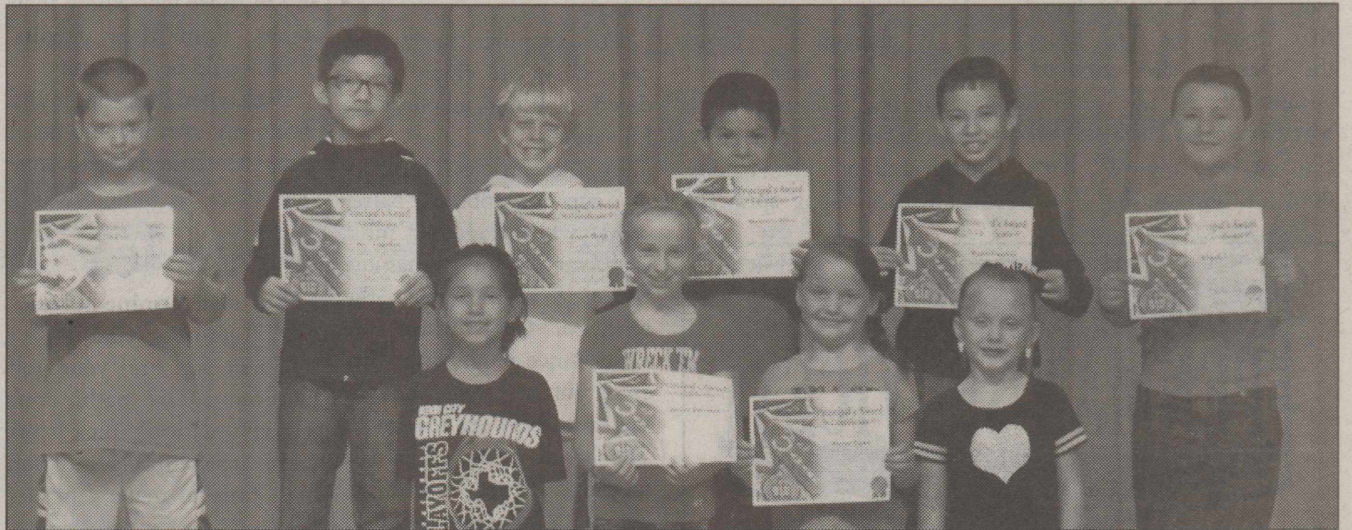
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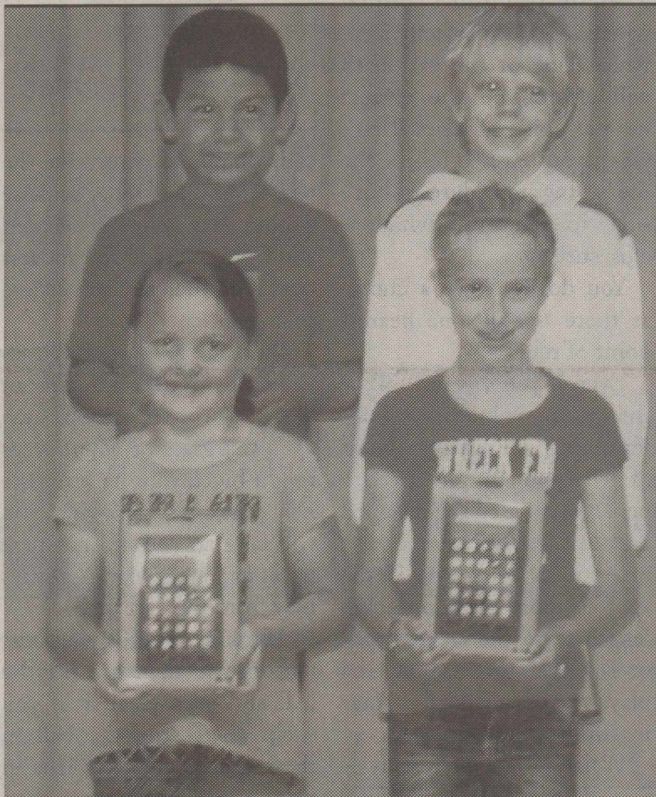
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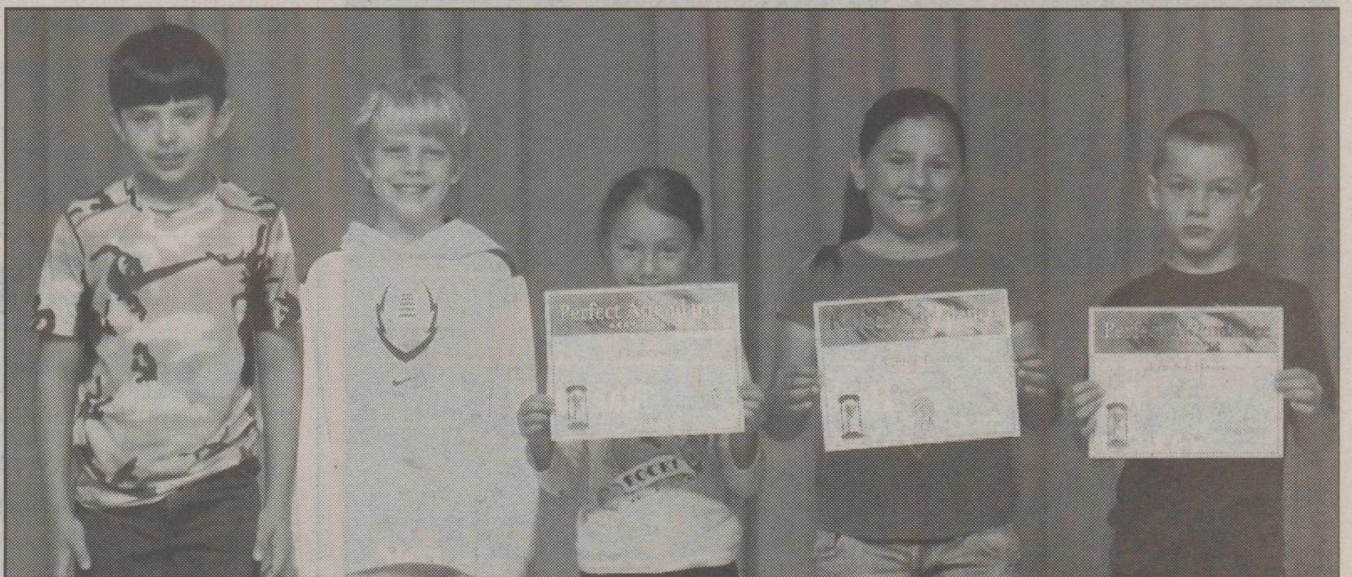
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# Vonda's Recipe Corner

By Vonda Carter

What an exciting week this is, graduation is here and school is letting out for the summer. I want to congratulate all of our Knox County graduates and wish them well in whatever they have chosen to do moving forward. We have an incredible group of young people that will moving out into the world, I know they will accomplish great things.

I have been told recently by someone who I shall not name here (Betty!) that she is tired of chicken. So this week there will be no chicken recipes in my column. I suppose I have included a lot of chicken, but it seems that so many recipes these days revolve around chicken that it doesn't even occur to me how often I use chicken. Chicken is considered better for you and is more easily digested than red meat. So, out of respect for my friend who also happens to be James' (my boss) wife, whom you'll remember that I did not name here, and also to Mark the chicken on Survivor, you will see no recipes for chicken this week. You all watched Survivor didn't you? Well then you know that thanks to Tai, Mark the chicken also survived. Almost made me rethink whether or not I will still eat chicken. I say "almost". Now don't go thinking that if you



start complaining about what I put in my column that I will change it for you, oh no, this is a special circumstance, you all know what I mean. Just kidding, I love you all and I love Betty, and well you just have to love Mark the chicken. But I do welcome any comments, suggestions or critiques that you might have, just don't get carried away, I'm sensitive.

### Spinach and Ravioli Lasagna

1 bag (6 oz.) fresh baby spinach leaves, chopped  
 1/3 cup refrigerated basil pesto  
 1 jar (15 oz.) Alfredo pasta sauce  
 1 pkg. (25 oz.) frozen cheese filled ravioli, 1 cup shredded Italian cheese blend (do not thaw)  
 1/4 cup vegetable or chicken broth  
 Chopped fresh basil leaves and paprika, if desired  
 Heat oven to 375 degrees. Spray 11x9 inch glass baking dish with cooking spray. In

medium bowl, toss spinach and pesto. In another bowl, mix Alfredo sauce and broth. Spoon one-third of sauce mixture into baking dish. Top with half of spinach mixture. Arrange half of ravioli in single layer over spinach mixture. Repeat layers. Top with remaining sauce mixture. Bake uncovered 30 minutes. Sprinkle with cheese. Bake five minutes longer or until bubbly. Garnish with basil and paprika.

### French Toast in a Mug (microwave)

1/3 cup whole milk  
 2 large eggs  
 1 tsp. McCormick Extra Rich Pure Vanilla Extract  
 1/2 tsp. McCormick cinnamon  
 1 tbs. butter, softened  
 4 slices sandwich bread, cubed  
 1 tbs. toppings (raisins, pecans, chocolate chips) powdered sugar and maple syrup for serving  
 In a large glass measuring cup (or spouted batter bowl) whisk together milk, eggs, vanilla and cinnamon. Set aside. Lightly grease the inside of 4 microwave safe eight ounce mugs with softened butter. Divide half of the bread between the mugs. Top bread with half of the toppings. Repeat the layering with remaining bread and toppings. Gently pour milk mixture over the top of each mug, dividing evenly between the cups. Microwave each mug on high for about one minute and 15 second or until milk mixture is set. Watch carefully because the French toast will puff in the microwave. Serve warm with powdered sugar and maple syrup.

If you're enjoying my little recipe corner, let me know, and send some recipes of your own to [kcnwscourier@gmail.com](mailto:kcnwscourier@gmail.com) or mail them to P.O. Box 151, Munday, TX 76371.

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# The 501 Play your Monopoly cards

Life is like Monopoly. It's always nice to have a GET OUT OF JAIL FREE card.



HANABA MUNN WELCH

A jailer friend of mine told me he once booked a guy who was acting quite smug at the start of the process. That's when the petty lawbreaker handed over his GET OUT OF JAIL FREE card. Seriously. Ah today's criminals.

The Monopoly card that seems even more unrealistic to me is the one that says BANK ERROR IN YOUR FAVOR. Yeah, right. Without fail, when something's not right about my checking account, it's never the bank's mistake. But I'm content to leave bookkeeping to those who know their debits from their credits. That would be the bank.

Back when I was single and doing my own income tax, I put the Internal Revenue Service in the same category

as the bank. Once the IRS said I'd miscalculated my income tax and, shades of Monopoly, they owed me! Not one to look a gift horse in the mouth, I took the refund and did not - I repeat, did not - try to determine what I'd done wrong. If there's anything worse than figuring income tax, it's refiguring income tax.

Now I turn over all receipts and tax documents to my husband. Ah marriage. But he's not perfect. We missed a farm-related deadline and owed a small penalty. I'd say how much, but I don't want to risk identity fraud by posting the exact amount. (That's how much I know about identity fraud. I'm erring on the side of caution.) It was under \$30.

I mailed the check. TIP FOR EVERYONE: Never check your mail late

FOR CHEAPSKATES: Right before I dropped the payment in the mailbox, I took a phone picture of the check partially tucked in its envelope. Next-best thing to certified mail.

One month later, late on a Friday, I found a notice in our mailbox for a certified letter from the IRS. I worried all weekend.

TIP FOR EVERYONE: Never check your mail late

on Friday. When I retrieved the letter on Monday, my fears were confirmed. The IRS seemed to be saying they'd take our property if we didn't pay the afore-mentioned penalty plus interest - 11 cents. (When you have a farm, seizure for one reason or another is an ever-abiding fear left over from the Depression Era, even if you weren't alive then. Those fears get handed down. They should.)

But the bank said our check had cleared, endorsed with an official-looking stamp of some indeterminate sort. I called the IRS. A nice agent told me to send documentation and an explanation.

I wanted to tell her they were the ones with some 'splainin' to do, but I didn't. I was nice too.

I wrote a note and sent the bank's front-and-back check image plus a full-page color print of my picture of the check. Then I took a video of the envelope going in the mailbox.

Hopefully, the IRS eventually will find our lost payment. If not, I've got a GET OUT OF JAIL FREE card somewhere.

## On the Tee

How to determine nearest point of relief

When you find your golf ball on a cart path, don't just automatically pick it up. Leave it where it is until you have time to make a proper decision.

The rules allow you to drop a ball within one club length when you have interference from an immovable obstruction such as an artificially surfaced cart path. It's important to know how to determine the nearest point of relief to make the correct drop. Sometimes it is obvious which side of the cart path you can take your drop, but other times it is not.

When it is obvious, it's recommended that you find a stance with the club you expect to use that avoids the interference, is not nearer the hole and is not in a hazard or on a putting green. Place a tee in the ground on the

spot where the ball would lie. That's your nearest point of relief.

There are going to be times when the ball is in a position where it is not perfectly clear which side of the cart path will afford you the correct nearest point of relief. That's when you have to follow the measuring procedure on both sides to determine which is closest.

You do not have a choice as there is only one nearest point of relief.

Even if you did not follow the recommended way of determining the nearest point of relief, you might avoid a penalty provided the dropped ball satisfies the requirements mentioned. However, if the spot is more than one-club length from the correct spot or is closer to the hole, the player is penalized for playing from the wrong spot.

What if you were physi-



cally unable to determine the nearest point of relief because a boundary fence prevented you from the required address position? Then you can estimate that point.

There are going to be times where the free drop might put you in a worse position, such as in tall grass or where trees might block your path for the next shot. That's when you will be glad you did not pick up your ball. You can always play from the cart path.

If taking relief is your best option, you then can lift the ball and even clean it if you wish. Then drop the ball in the required area and it is in play unless it rolls more than two club lengths or closer to the hole or out of bounds or into a hazard.

After determining the nearest point of relief, it's recommended that you use the club, address position, direction of play and swing (right or left-handed) which you would use to make the next stroke if the obstruction or condition had not been there.

However, if there are conditions like trees blocking the direction of play to the hole or a bush blocks your backswing, you can always change the club or direction in any manner you wish.

A club may not use a local rule that allows players to drop on a specified side of a cart path. Local rules are for abnormal conditions.

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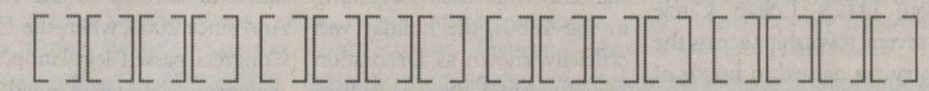


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**NOTES**

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Sunday in its fellowship hall. An offering will be taken to benefit the Munday Ministerial Alliance Food Bank.

**Free lunches offered**

Free lunches will be offered to children in Knox City and Munday this summer in the respective elementary school cafeterias. Breakfast will be served from 8-9 a.m. and lunch from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. from June 6 to July 1 in Knox City. Munday will do likewise from May 31 to June 24 with breakfast served from 8-8:30 a.m. and lunch from 11:45-12:15.

**DAY**

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almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land." According to legend, Logan chose May 30 because it was a rare day that didn't fall on the anniversary of a Civil War battle, though some historians believe the date was selected to ensure that flowers across the country would be in full bloom. After the war Logan, who had served as a U.S. congressman before resigning to rejoin the army, returned to his political career, eventually serving in both the House and Senate and was the unsuccessful Republican candidate for vice president in 1884. When he died two years later, Logan's body laid in state in the rotunda of the United States Capitol, making him one of just 33 people to have received the honor. Today, Washington, D.C.'s Logan Circle and several townships across the country are named in honor of this champion of veterans and those killed in battle.

Logan probably adapted the idea from earlier events in the South.

Even before the war ended, women's groups across much of the South were gathering informally to decorate the graves of Confederate dead. In April 1886, the Ladies Memorial Association of Columbus, GA resolved to commemo-

rate the fallen once a year—a decision that seems to have influenced John Logan to follow suit, according to his own wife. However, southern commemorations were rarely held on one standard day, with observations differing by state and spread out across much of the spring and early summer. It's a tradition that continues today: Nine southern states officially recognize a Confederate Memorial Day, with events held on Confederate President Jefferson Davis' birthday, the day on which General Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson was killed, or to commemorate other symbolic events.

It didn't become a federal holiday until 1971.

America's embraced the notion of "Decoration Day" immediately. That first year, more than 27 states held some sort of ceremony, with more than 5,000 people in attendance at a ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery. By 1890, every former state of the Union had adopted it as an official holiday. But for more than 50 years, the holiday was used to commemorate those killed just in the Civil War, not in any other American conflict. It wasn't until America's entry into World War I that the tradition was expanded to include those killed in all wars, and Memorial Day was not officially recognized nationwide until the 1970s, with America deeply embroiled in the Vietnam War.

It was a long road from Decoration Day to an official Memorial Day.

Although the term Memorial Day was used beginning in the 1880s, the holiday was officially known as Decoration Day for more than a century, when it was changed by federal law. Four years later, the Uniform Monday Holiday Act of 1968 finally went into effect, moving Memorial Day from its traditional observance on May 30 (regardless of the day of the week), to a set day—the last Monday in May. The move has not been without controversy, though. Veterans groups, concerned that more Americans associate the holiday with first

long weekend of the summer and not its intended purpose to honor the nation's war dead, continue to lobby for a return to the May 30 observances.

More than 20 towns claim to be the holiday's "birthplace"—but only one has federal recognition.

For almost as long as there's been a holiday, there's been a rivalry about who celebrated it first. Boalsburg, PA bases its claim on an 1864 gathering of women to mourn those recently killed at Gettysburg. In Carbondale, IL, they're certain that they were first, thanks to an 1866 parade led, in part, by John Logan who two years later would lead the charge for an official holiday. There are even two dueling Columbus challengers (one in Mississippi, the other in Georgia) who have battled it out for Memorial Day supremacy for decades. Only one town, however, has received the official seal of approval from the U.S. government. In 1966, 100 years after the town of Waterloo, NY, shuttered its businesses and took to the streets for the first of many continuous, community-wide celebrations, President Lyndon Johnson signed legislation, recently passed by the U.S. Congress, declaring the tiny upstate village the "official" birthplace of Memorial Day.

Memorial Day traditions have evolved over the years.

Despite the increasing celebration of the holiday as a summer rite of passage, there are some formal rituals still on the books: The American flag should be hung at half-staff until noon on Memorial Day, then raised to the top of the staff. And since 2000, when the U.S. Congress passed legislation, all Americans are encouraged to pause for a National Moment of Remembrance at 3 p.m. local time. The federal government has also used the holiday to honor non-veterans—the Lincoln Memorial was dedicated on Memorial Day 1922. And, while its origins have little to do with fallen soldiers, the Indianapolis 500 has certainly become a Memorial Day tradition of its own—this year marks the 102nd time the race will be run to coincide with the holiday.

**Mac's Views**  
**Swimming lessons important**

Memorial Day is just around the corner, and that means it's nearly the start of summer where families with kids will be going to swimming pools and water parks in search of fun in the sun.



**JAMES MCAFEE**

I appreciate getting a reminder from Jan Roberts last week who said, "I was thinking about Munday and the Miller Creek drowning last year and teachers trying to get the swimming pool open" when she sent me an interesting article from the Washington Post.

While I have to admit I never learned how to swim as my parents never did allow me to get close to a pool after my mother's cousin drowned. However, Betty and I did make sure all of our kids learned how to swim.

I think all kids should take swimming lessons, especially in a nation where more than 3,000 die each year by drowning, including about a 1,000 youngsters.

Olympic swimmer Cullen Jones also is an advocate of teaching kids to swim at an early age after a near death experience at a water park when he was 5.

On a ride down a slide on an intertube, Jones was trapped underneath it and didn't have the strength to pull himself up and out of the water. Meanwhile, his father had taken his eyes off him for just a moment before realizing there was a problem. He also needed to attend to his wife, who couldn't swim either. So a lifeguard pulled his son out of the water. Jones, who was submerged for about 30 seconds, had lost consciousness, but staff members resuscitated him.

The episode did prompt Jones' parents to sign him up for swimming lessons. It took some time for Jones to feel comfortable around the water again, but he did and he went on to become the first African American swimmer to break a long-course world record, the first to win gold at the World University Games, and the second to win gold at

the Olympics.

In that Post article, Aleatha Ezra, an official at the World Waterpark Association, agreed that people of all ages need to learn how to swim. "It just plays such a fundamental role in keeping safe in and around the water, and, in fact, research has shown that participating in swimming lessons can reduce the risk of drowning by 88 percent among children aged 1 to 4," Ezra said. "So we think it's a powerful tool."

But learning to swim is not the only precaution families can take before going to water parks. She recommends those who can't swim or aren't confident in the water should wear a Coast Guard-approved life jacket, provided free at some facilities. "There's certainly no stigma involved," Ezra said. "It's great to put on a life jacket, and it's the safest thing to do if you don't feel strong as a swimmer, or if you haven't taken swim lessons."

She cautioned that air-filled swimming aids commonly known as water wings are not the same thing, warning that they "can create a false sense of water safety." Some parks even ban them.

She also recommends parental supervision. "Your child should be within arm's reach at all times when enjoying water recreation activities," Ezra said. "It's just really important that the parent play an active role and be very close to their children when they're enjoying these types of activities."

Ezra pointed out that lifeguards and other staffers "are there to be the last line of defense."

Here are some tips for those going to a swimming pool or a waterpark this summer:

- ☒ Never swim alone or in unsupervised places. (Children should always have a buddy.)
- ☒ Keep toddlers in shallow play areas.
- ☒ Warn kids to avoid swallowing park water.
- ☒ Note water depth when going from one attraction to another.
- ☒ Make sure kids understand the importance of reading all posted signs.
- ☒ Don't drink alcohol.

**Successful clean up**



Courtesy photos  
Manuel Sepeda needed three weeks to clean up a piece of property with an abandoned house on it next to his home, getting assists from Sevriano Garcia and Micky Jackson. Everyone seems to agree that others need to follow his example. A city-wide cleanup is planned for June 4.

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