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Van Fleet named new FUMC pastor

Special to The News-Courier

MUNDAY—Benjamin “Benji” Van Fleet has assumed duties as the new pastor here at the First United Methodist Church.

Benji comes to Munday after serving as the part-time pastor for the past two years at the Noodle Baptist Church.

He and wife Anna have a one-year-old son Abijah.

Van Fleet grew up in Lubbock and received a B.A. from Texas Tech University in 2009. He later attended the Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, KY before transferring to Logsdon Seminary at Hardin-Simmons University where he received a M. Div. in 2015.

“My family is eager to become a part of the community in Munday and to walk with

such a great church,” he said in a letter to the church. “As the congregation faces a new season of change for the county and our country, it is my hope to be a servant leader who keeps our eyes ‘looking to Jesus—the pioneer and protector of our faith,’ so that we might love God and our neighbors better today and tomorrow than we did yesterday. May we honor our past as

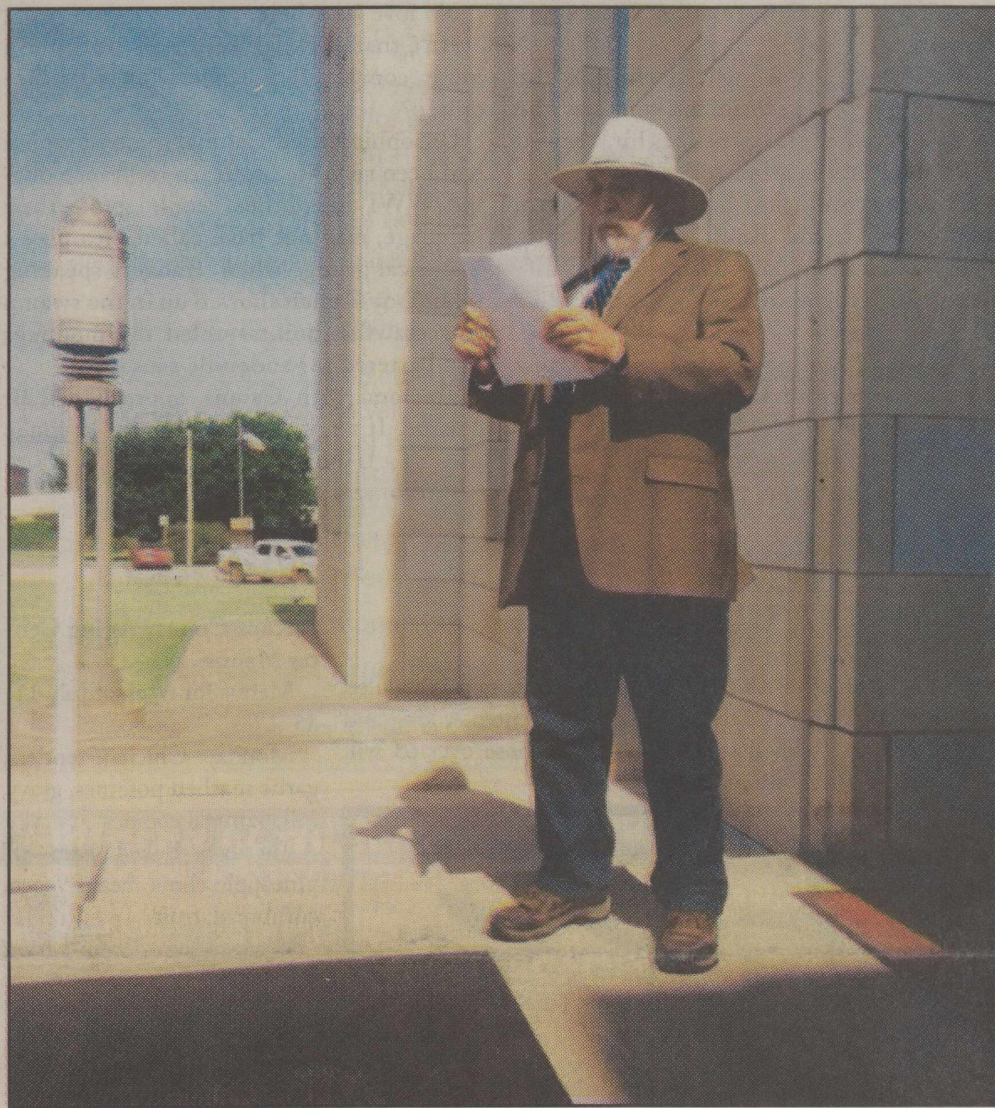
we look to our hope for the future together in Christ.”

Anna is a graduate of Baylor University (2008) and Asbury Theological Seminary (2011), where she obtained her Masters in Counseling.

For the past four years, she has worked for the Betty Hardwick Center as she completed her work to be a licensed professional counselor.



Reading of Declaration of Independence



Courtesy photo

Declaration of Independence read last Friday at Knox County Courthouse.

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HOUSTON— In celebration of Independence Day, the Harris County Criminal Lawyers Association (HCCLA) held its seventh annual reading of the Declaration of Independence in celebration of its 240th anniversary. This year’s event was led by **JoAnne Musick**, HCCLA’s immediate past president.

HCCLA’s reading of the Declaration is an annual tradition that was started in 2010 by past president **Robert Fickman**. Last year our tradition was shared in 139 counties across Texas, covering more than one-half of all county seats.

This year, Robert Fickman has led the statewide effort through our affiliate, **TCDLA**, and has secured readings in all 254 counties within Texas, including Knox County. Judge Stan Wojcik indicated that two different

individuals did the readings in Benjamin.

HCCLA continues to lead Texas with the largest gathering, boasting over 100 local attorneys, judges and Houstonians in attendance.

“The Declaration of Independence is our nation’s most cherished symbol of liberty embodying a stand against tyranny,” said Musick. “Our founders resisted the illegal and immoral practices of the crown. Today, we continue to fight against the abuses of government: police and prosecutorial overreaching and misconduct. Prosecutors continue to withhold evidence, courts persist in plea mills, police abuse our citizens, and appellate courts engage in intellectual dishonesty to achieve a desired result while disregarding rules of law. Our reading is a reminder to all that abuses will be exposed and the government will be held accountable.”

Tidwell elected Lions president



DOUG TIDWELL

Special to The News-Courier

MUNDAY—Doug Tidwell has assumed the duties as the president of the Munday Lions Club, replacing Patrick Corcoran.

Other officers include: Wes Latham, secretary-treasurer; Lina Trevino, first vice president; and Troy Parton, second vice president.

Committee chairmen include: Jeff Robertson, tail twister; Richie Smith, assistant tail twister; James McAfee, publicity; Sandy King, Crippled Children & Vision; Bobby Burnett, parliamentary; Kenneth Baker, membership; Jamie Cowsert, programs; and Jamie Welborn, Pancake Supper.

Knox gets 100s plus rain

As temperatures climbed above 100 degrees in Knox County over the weekend, the area also received some much needed rain from a series of thunderstorms.

Brandon Carr of the James E. “Bud” Smith Plant Mate-

rial Center in Knox City recorded 1.41 inches. Higher amounts around two inches were reported elsewhere in the county.

Heavier rain totals were reported south and east of Knox County.

Relay for Life promotes cancer awareness

By Leann Harlan

Living in an area where the word “cancer” is heard much too often, it is good to know there are people doing something about it —namely, participating in the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life. The event is designed to promote cancer awareness while raising funds to fight the disease.

Relay for Life of Knox/Haskell County will be held Saturday, Sept. 17 from 4-10 p.m. at the Munday Track Field. Everyone is invited to join us at “Carnival for a Cure”!!!

Here is why we do the relay:

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life represents the hope that those lost to cancer will never be forgotten, that those who face cancer will be supported, and that one day cancer will be eliminated.

Relay for Life is more than just a fundraiser. It’s a life changing experience. At relay, every person in the community has a chance to celebrate, remember and fight back to end cancer.

Everyone’s reason to relay is as unique as their own personal story. At relay, you can

find healing, comfort and support from others who have faced cancer or who have lost a loved one to the disease. You have a chance to meet people in the community who are equally as passionate about finding an end to cancer in our lifetime.

You can thank all the people who have done so much to support you through your personal cancer experience. And you can gather together with friends, family and colleagues to laugh, cry and create lasting memories. No matter why you take part in relay, however, one thing is clear: with every step you take, you are helping the American Cancer Society save lives. With your help, we aren’t just fighting one type of cancer —we’re fighting for every birthday threatened by every cancer in every community.

Each person who shares the relay experience can take pride in knowing that they are working to create a world where this disease no longer threatens the lives of our loved ones or claims another year of anyone’s life.

Leann Harlan is the chair for the Relay for Life of Knox/Haskell Counties.

Temps climb over 100



James McAfee/The Knox County News-Courier

Temperatures reached triple digits this past weekend as evident from this sign at the Knox City/O’Brien school district office.

Knox Notes

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

Jamaica Festival

KNOX CITY The Santa Rosa Catholic Church Jamaica Festival is scheduled Saturday. Volleyball starts at 9 a.m., concession stands open at 11 a.m. and booths, bingo and games start at 1 p.m.

Blood drives Tuesday

The Meek Blood Center will conduct blood drives Tuesday, setting up bloodmobiles at the Munday Clinic and the Knox County Hospital. Each donor will receive a patriotic t-shirt and a free cholesterol test.

Clay shoot July 16

GOREE—The third annual Big Country Clay Shoot, in memory of Kole Gray, is scheduled July 16 at the range here. For more information, contact Terry Gray at 940 203-1071.

VBS set July 26-28

MUNDAY—The Munday Church of Christ will hold its annual vacation bible school here July 26-28.

News on the go



Use your smartphone to scan the quick response, or QR, code to visit us online.

Seal coating finished

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MUNDAY—The Munday maintenance crew from the Texas Department of

Transportation finished a seal coat project on SH222 from just west of the 3rd Street intersection to just west of 12th street intersection last week.

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Obituaries
Pauline Pineda

Pauline Pineda, 84, longtime resident of Knox City passed away Monday, June 27, 2016 at the Seymour Healthcare and Rehab. A funeral mass was held last Friday at the Santa Rosa Catholic Church in Knox City with Father John Perkomabyil officiating. Burial took place immediately following the service at Knox City Cemetery under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Home. A rosary was held last Thursday at the Santa Rosa Catholic Church.

Pauline was born June 1, 1932, in Benjamin to Thomas Everett and Paula (Hernandez) Everett. She was a member of the Santa Rosa Catholic Church of Knox City, Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Seymour and the Catholic Church of men and women club. She enjoyed spending time with family, loved her novelas (soap operas), western shows, gardening, cooking, and working at the food pantry for her church.

She was preceded in death by her parents Thomas Everett and Paula (Hernandez) Everett; first husband Edmund Casillas, Sr. and second husband Jack Pineda; two sons George Manuel Casil-



PAULINE PINEDA

las and Ray Casillas; brother Pete Everett; and sister Gloria Ramirez.

Pauline is survived by her daughters Maggie Saucedo and husband David of Corpus Christi, Gloria Vasquez of Waco, Nita Casillas of San Antonio, Phyllis Molina of Seymour, Maxine Hasten and husband Marty of Dean and Janie Perkins and husband Frances of Seymour; sons, Edmund Casillas and wife Yolanda of Knox City, Gilbert Casillas and wife Diana of Knox City and Tony Casillas and wife Jeanette of San Antonio; 28 grandchildren; 49 great-grandchildren; brothers Tommy Everett, David Everett, Edward Everett; and sisters Marylou Garcia, Betty Harris and Susan Chavez.

Online condolences can be shared with Pauline's family at www.smithfamilyfh.com.

Shari Lynn Shelton

Shari Lynn Shelton passed from this life on Thursday, June 23, 2016. Memorial services will be held in Arlington at a later date.

She was preceded in death by her parents Carl and Evelyn Shelton of Knox City and her sister Carla Marie Merton of Arlington.

She is survived by brother-in-law Robert E. Merton, niece Carley A. Merton, fiancée Pablo Maldonado, nephew Matthew W. Merton and his wife Tabitha and children Piper and Elliott, life partner Brent A. Alexander of Knox City and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

The 501
U-boat stories still making waves

What? More pesky U-boats?! Afraid so. In the wake of last week's look at U-boats in the Gulf of Mexico, more rumors have surfaced.

If you're tired of U-boat sightings, stop reading. Come back next week. I promise to steer clear of U-boats.

If you missed last week, then you aren't tired of U-boats.

If you read my U-boat musings and found the topic intriguing, hang in.



HANABA MUNN WELCH

Something tells me it's the nature of government, even in countries with a free press, to suppress information that doesn't support the agenda.

But Americans who lived close to the action knew, like Floridians who saw the explosions when the torpedoes hit. Viewed from shore it was a fireworks show.

That's according to my friend Montey, whose late friend Keith (from Wichita Falls) was a merchant marine on two different ships torpedoed by the Germans off Florida. Two!

My friend Jon in Houston said he grew up with stories of German subs trolling offshore Texas waters "looking for blood."

More from Jon:
"A childhood trip to Galveston Island

always included playing in one of the four or five abandoned anti-submarine gun bunkers set back from the beach.

Tales of U-boat sightings during the war were part of my young education. All my friend's relatives had a story."

It gets better.

"In the '60s, one bunker briefly became a rock 'n' roll club (very small), and another was a hippie-owned beer- and snack-to-go place. By the '70s, George Mitchell bought a hotel with gunnery installation on the property. I worked with him to save that bit of history. And when his engineers said it would cost more to remove all that iron and concrete than to refurbish the entire hotel, our battle with the lawyers, city officials and bankers was won."

Makes me want to go look for those bunkers.

But probably the best story is one told me by my historian friend Tai - that Cajuns supplied the U-boaters with fresh provisions.

Tai himself initially scoffed. But some of his colleagues, wearing conspiratorial smiles, told him he shouldn't necessarily assume it didn't happen, mentioning specifically the Cajun history of strife with the British.

No love lost there.

Isn't that just like historians to offer a more complicated explanation than required?

Unsophisticated Cajuns, some of whom had been surprised to learn in France during WWI that other people spoke their language, may not have called into play a historical grudge when strangers speaking schoolboy French showed up in the swamp at a crawfish boil, sampled the mudbugs and bartered for andouille sausage.

To bond with Cajuns, appreciate their cuisine. It's not hard, especially if you're just off a U-boat.

End of story. I promise.

Area News

Old Settlers Reunion

SEYMOUR-The 120th Old Settlers Reunion is scheduled here Saturday at the Cliff Styles Activity Center. A king and queen will be crowned at 11:30 a.m. All those over 65 will receive a free meal; others will pay \$10.



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Menus

Knox County Aging Center Menus

Menus for week of July 11-15

Monday: Chicken tenders, garlic mashed potatoes, gravy, roll, oatmeal cookies

Tuesday: Baked ham w/ pineapple, lima beans, corn, cornbread, fruit

Wednesday: Oven fried chicken, bliss potatoes, gravy, rolls, cake

Thursday: Beef enchilada, Spanish rice, ranch style beans, salad, pudding

Friday: Hamburgers w/lettuce and tomatoes, tater tots, dessert

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From the Preacher's Desk

God does answer your 'mayday'

Several years ago when I was living in South Africa, Brenda and I were invited by a couple to spend the night on a cabin cruiser on a lake. The place was about four hours from where we lived near a town called Knysa Lagoon. The place rented cabin cruisers and people would take them out and fish or boat on the lagoon and spend the night. The boats were very nice and had two bedrooms on each boat. They also had a bathroom and a table so people could enjoy a meal.

When we arrived and received out boat, the owners told us that although the boat had a radio the radio could receive signals, but it was broken and could not send signals out. We had the radio on and listened to many people talking back and forth from their boats.

We enjoyed some time fishing, but caught nothing. We had brought our own food and went to the shore and prepared, cooked and ate a delicious meal. As darkness approached, we gathered everything and got back on the boat and headed out to a place we put down the anchor and started to prepare for the night.

About 10 p.m., I decided to play around with the radio. Since I had been told the radio could not send out signals, I played with the mike and just for the fun of it, started saying, "mayday, mayday, out on Knysa Lagoon." I heard no response and did not expect to since told it didn't work with outgoing signals.

About 10:30 pm, we saw a boat approaching our boat. Soon we heard a megaphone saying, "Is this the boat that was calling, mayday, mayday?" Well, I was really embarrassed, while Brenda and the couple dodged below and left me standing to take all the blame. After all, it was all me! The man berated me while telling me he had been eating in a restaurant, heard the distress signal, and raced more than 30 minutes to help rescue someone!

When a real distress signal was alerted about our souls, God immediately responded and sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to rescue us. The problem is that many individuals do not even realize they are in distress and are headed for hell. "For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23)

God will help our serious "Mayday, Mayday" if we will just send the signal. He wants to respond and give us comfort and relief from our distress. Send out your distress signal today and receive His immediate and loving response.

—Wayne Speer, Munday Church of Christ

Vonda's Recipe Corner

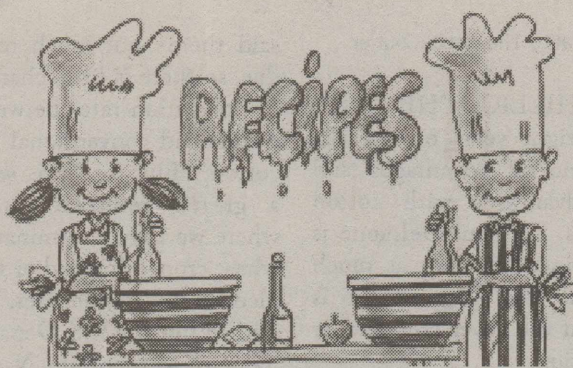
By Vonda Carter

I hope everyone had a wonderful Fourth of July weekend. I did some freezer cleaning. I know I said I was doing hamburgers and hot dogs, but it seemed like a good time to make room in the freezer. I tend to buy meat and frozen items when they're on sale or clearance, I love clearance, so the freezer gets full and I have no space. We had chicken thighs, chicken legs and ribs. We had a lot of food going on, but my freezer has a lot more space. Of course I got very excited about all the newly created room. Julie, however, told me not to start buying up stuff again or we would be right back where we started. I'm going to try to resist, but I have a hard time passing up good deals. My pantry and cabinets are the same-stuffed full of canned and boxed food. My reasoning, I'm stocking up for the zombie apocalypse and if we lose power, as long as we can build a fire we'll be able to eat. I stock up on bottled water as well. Hey, you never know. Now here are some recipes because at least for now we don't have to worry about the zombies. For now! Something to think about.

Maple Pork Chop Dinner

- 1 tbsp. vegetable oil
- 5 pork chops (¾ inch thick)
- 1 can (17 oz.) sweet potatoes, drained
- ¾ cup maple-flavored syrup
- 1 can (10.2 oz.) Pillsbury™ Grands!™ Homestyle refrigerated buttermilk biscuits

Heat oven to 350 degrees. In 12-inch nonstick skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat. Cook pork chops in oil until browned on both sides. Place pork chops in ungreased 15x10x1-inch pan. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Arrange sweet potatoes around pork chops. Cover with foil. Bake 10 minutes. Move pork chops and sweet potatoes to one side of pan; drain and discard drippings. Separate dough into five biscuits; arrange in pan next to pork chops and potatoes. Drizzle syrup over pork chops, potatoes and biscuits. Bake uncovered 20 minutes or until biscuits are golden brown and pork chops are no longer pink and meat thermometer inserted in center reads 160 degrees. To serve, spoon liquid in pan over pork chops and sweet potatoes. If desired, brush biscuits with additional syrup.



Banana-Cinnamon Cake

- 1 box Betty Crocker™ Supermoist™ yellow cake mix
- ½ cup water
- 1 cup mashed very ripe bananas
- ½ cup butter or margarine
- 2 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 3 eggs
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Cinnamon Glaze

- ½ cup Betty Crocker™ Rich & Creamy cream cheese frosting
- 2 to 3 tbs. milk
- ¼ tsp. ground cinnamon

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and lightly flour 12-cup fluted tube cake pan, or spray with cooking spray. In large bowl, beat cake mix, water, bananas, butter, cinnamon and eggs with electric mixer on low speed 30 seconds, then on medium speed two minutes, scraping bowl occasionally. Stir in walnuts. Pour into pan. Bake 47 to 57 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan 10 minutes. Turn pan upside down onto cooling rack or serving plate; remove pan. Cool completely, about two hours. In small bowl, stir glaze ingredients until thin enough to drizzle. Drizzle over cake. Store loosely covered.

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

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Wichita Falls to host six man stars, coaches

Special to The News-Courier

WICHITA FALLS —Wichita Falls will host the Texas Six-Man Coaches Association all-stars and coaches beginning next week.

In addition to the all-star activities, the coaches will hold their annual conference beginning on Wednesday. Over 400 coaches are expected to attend the conference and activities. They will be staying at several local hotels with their conference to take place at the Ray Clymer Exhibit Hall

(MPEC).

Approximately 145 players and coaches will begin practice on Monday. The group consists of four football teams, East and West from both divisions; and four basketball teams, both girls and boys teams representing East and West.

Basketball practices will be held at the gym facilities at Midwestern State University while football players will be practicing on artificial turf fields at City View and Iowa Park stadiums.

The all-stars will be housed at MSU,

but will get opportunities to see some of the local attractions during their evening social events.

Knox City will be represented by three graduating seniors, Ryan Heard, Skylar Neill and Kaylie Steele, along with Coach Dylan Ballard.

The division II football game is scheduled at 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 15 at Memorial Stadium while the division I game is scheduled the next night. The girls basketball game is scheduled at noon on July 16, followed by the boys game at 2 p.m.

Naturalists training program set

Special to The News-Courier

ABILENE — The Big Country Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalists is now taking applications for its next Master Naturalist volunteer training class. The application deadline is August 1, 2016.

Naturalists are students of natural science or natural history. If you are interested in the beneficial management and conservation of

our natural resources such as land, minerals, plants, birds, animals, and insects and sharing that love with your community, then the Texas Master Naturalist program is for you.

The training program begins on Aug. 9 and runs

through Oct. 20. Classes are held weekly, typically on Tuesday nights from 6-9 p.m. However, scheduled fieldtrips will move some sessions to Thursdays or Saturday.

Those completing classroom training and passing

the final exam will be required to complete a minimum of 40 hours of volunteer service within a one year of training graduation.

Individuals completing the training become certified Master Naturalists, assisting both the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department through community education in natural resources.

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Rotation, cover crops impact cotton yields

Special to The News-Courier

CHILLICOTHE – After eight years of research on no-till advantages and disadvantages with cotton crops, Dr. Paul DeLaune is convinced it's not as much about the tillage as it is about the cover crop and/or rotation.

DeLaune, a Texas A&M AgriLife Research environmental soil scientist in Vernon, said he has compared no-till, strip till and conventional till, as well as cotton with a terminated wheat crop in the Rolling Plains.

"What we've seen over eight years is you are really not changing carbon levels," he said. "But we shouldn't be looking at one thing only. Even though carbon levels aren't changing, we've dramatically changed some soil physical properties."

With cotton, DeLaune

said there's not much residue, so there is little change in infiltration rates between no-till and conventional till cotton. "But we have seen a greater infiltration rate where we have a terminated wheat crop – doubled or tripled our infiltration rates," he said. While the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service program sometimes requires a multispecies cover crop to qualify for cost share programs, depending on the county, DeLaune said he has been experimenting with both single and mixed cover crops since 2011.

The monocultures he has researched include Austrian winter field pea, hairy vetch, crimson clover and wheat, and the mixed species included rye, wheat, hairy vetch, turnips and radishes. Cover crops are planted at lower than full seeding rates, which may differ from information seen in other parts of the country, he said.

DeLaune said everyone knows cover crops aren't free, as there is cost for the

seed and use of soil moisture, but the benefits can potentially outweigh the costs over time.

"We have maintained our cotton yields. We have seen an increase in our soil nitrogen in the upper 6 inches, particularly following legume monospecies. We have seen a visible response to cotton behind those cover crops."

He said his team measures neutron probes in all of the cover crop research plots every other week and he has compiled four years of moisture graphs.

"Yes cover crops use water," DeLaune said. "But some people say cover crops make water. What they are talking about is increased infiltration. We pull soil moisture down by timing of cover crop termination in mid to late April, but if we get rains in May and plant in June, we get a much higher infiltration rate and by planting season, we are back to status quo."

He said he likes to let the wheat form a head and stem

before terminating it, adding that may use a little more water, but that's what makes the residue, which is the key to protecting the soil surface building root biomass and subsequently infiltration.

The ultimate goal with cover crops is to build soil structure and make it more functional, he said. "With cotton on cotton, no-till alone is probably not going to cut it," DeLaune said. "But we've done very well with just a wheat cover crop that's a \$6 or \$8 treatment per acre compared to the \$20 to \$25 per acre with a mix of some of these species."

But cover crops alone are not the answer, he said. "If you are doing continuous cotton, some type of cover crop would be good, but I would encourage a crop rotation," DeLaune said. "I have data that shows a cotton-sorghum rotation can increase carbon more rapidly increasing carbon levels in four years under the rotation, whereas we haven't in eight years with cotton on cotton."

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Submit common acreage information just once

By Judith A. Canales

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) requires farmers and ranchers participating in our programs to submit an annual report on all cropland use on their farms. Crop insurance agents for providers approved by the USDA Risk Management Agency (RMA) also require these reports to ensure accuracy with your premiums and when you file claims.

Yet for years, farmers and ranchers have entered the same basic common information from their acreage reports at these two different places.

No longer. Now, farmers

and ranchers can provide the common information from their acreage reports just once – either to FSA or to their crop insurance agent – and that common information will be securely and electronically shared with the other.

This new process is part of USDA's Acreage Crop Reporting Streamlining Initiative (ACRSI), an interagency collaboration to streamline the collection of common information to better serve our customers.

Over the past seven years, USDA implemented new ways to help farmers and ranchers conduct business with us more efficiently and effectively. Instead of farmers and ranchers juggling 54 acre-

age reporting dates for RMA that covered 122 crops, or 17 acreage reporting dates for FSA covering 273 crops, USDA established 15 common acreage reporting dates. These improvements, coupled with filing your common acreage report information in just one place, will not only save you time, but increase the accuracy in your crop reporting data.

More than 93 percent of all annual reported acres to FSA and RMA now are eligible for this common data reporting, and USDA is exploring adding more crops. Although you must still visit both offices to validate and sign their respective acreage reports, complete maps or provide program-specific information, the common data from your first-filed acreage report will now be available to pre-populate and accelerate completion of the second report, eliminating redundant reporting.

In the coming months and years, USDA will continue to build upon this framework. In fact, already we anticipate that some insurance providers will allow reporting to include precision agriculture geospatial data from a producer's planter along with regular crop and acreage information, and that third parties may begin designing electronic tools to assist with the reporting.

Since 2009, these are the types of targeted investments that USDA has made to help spur growth in the rural economy, make farming and ranching even better and help you achieve your personal version of the American dream. We hope you will explore participating this spring in our new streamlined acreage reporting initiative.

Judith A. Canales is the Executive Director for the Texas Farm Service Agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

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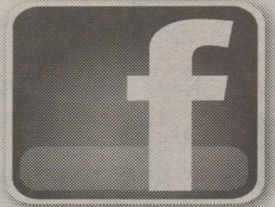
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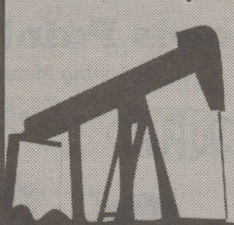
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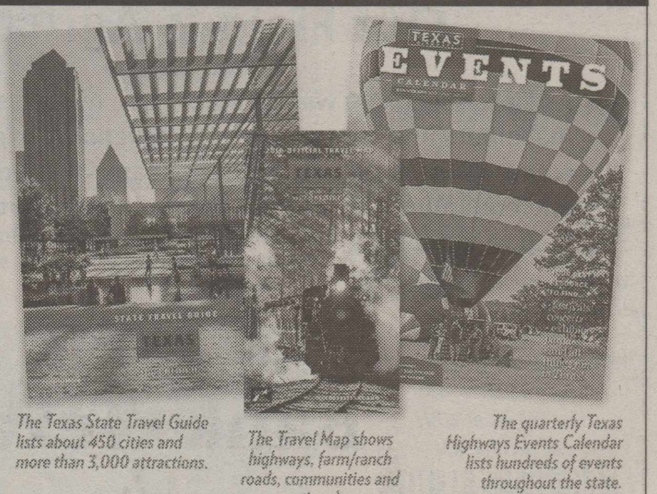
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Mac's Views Using apostrophes correctly

I'm still amazed at how many people, including some of my fellow media members,



JAMES MCAFEE

I see many times in print that these years are called the 1980's, not the 1980s. It would be the 1980s' if you wanted to say that time period's music was your favorite.

The use of the apostrophe can be confusing and so here are some tips.

I've covered the issue before, showing how a cat owner confused a caregiver by writing a note about the

cat's food when she really meant to write cats' (two of them) food. Of course, only one cat got fed while she was gone as that was the only one in sight.

As with nearly all rules, there are exceptions that some writers use when forming a plural of a word that is not normally a noun. For example, using do's and don'ts instead of dos and don'ts like I do.

However, with single lowercase letters, it is advisable to use apostrophes. An example would be my a's look like u's. Imagine the confusion if you wrote that sentence without apostrophes. Readers would see as and us, and feel lost.

Some irregular nouns like child and tooth become plural by slightly changing the spelling to children and teeth. Saying two children's hats would be incorrect. The correct way would be two children's hats.

Things can get really con-

fusing with the possessive plurals of proper names ending in s, such as Hastings and Jones. If you're the guest of the Ford family, you are the Fords' guest. If you are the guests of the Hastings, you would need to add es to make the family plural and so you would use Hastingses' guests.

But what if it's the Hastings family? Most would call them the Hastings, referring to a family named Hasting. For a name ending in s, we must add -es for the plural, making it the Hastingses.

The members of the Jones family are the Joneses. To show possession, add an apostrophe.

Never use an apostrophe to make a name plural. Use the Wilsons are here not the Wilson's are here.

How about showing possession for a singular compound name like brother-in-law. You add the apostrophe plus the s at the end, brother-in-law's golf clubs.

Reyes finishes 2nd

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SEYMOUR—Jr. Reyes of Munday finished second in the 45-mile race during the Wild Pig Pedal here last month, trailing only

Dwayne Landreth of Rule.

Other winners were Randall Dugan of Henrietta, 62 mile; Daryl Sullivan of Woodson, 22 mile; and Sommer Portwood of Seymour, 6 mile.

Baker champs



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J.D. Moore and Mario Avila show off Baker Memorial trophies.

Avila, Moore win Baker Memorial

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KNOX CITY—Mario Avila of Knox City and J.D. Moore of Munday claimed the title at the fourth annual W.R. "Bill" Baker Memorial Golf Tournament here last Saturday.

The duo posted an eight-under-par 62 in a scramble format, the same score as Kevin Leach of Haskell and Terry Curd posted

and won a scorecard playoff on the fifth hole.

Bruce and Donnie Skiles finished third with a 64.

In a preliminary putting contest, Troy Burbank won the men's and Betty Starnes the women's top prizes.

Proceeds benefit the W.R. "Bill" Baker/Knox City Exes Memorial Scholarship.

USDA promotes pollinators health

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WASHINGTON, DC — During National Pollinator Week and in advance of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) seventh annual Pollinator Week Festival, the USDA announced two initiatives in support of the President's National Strategy to promote the health of Honeybees and other pollinators, announced just over one year ago.

A review of USDA's most popular conservation program found that farmers and ranchers across the country are creating at least 15 million acres of healthy forage and habitat for pollinators, and the department has also entered into a new partnership with leading honey bee organizations that will help to ensure future conservation projects continue to provide benefits to these important species.

"Pollinators are small but mighty creatures who need our help as much as we need theirs, and that is why USDA is dedicating resources from all corners of our department to boost their habitat and better understand how to protect them," said Agriculture Secretary Vilsack. "In addition to creating healthy habitat and food for pollinators through our conservation work, USDA research is leading to breakthroughs in pollinator survival that may reverse the declines we've seen over the past few decades.

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