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Knox City represented in all-star games Award Winners

Special to The News-Courier

WICHITA FALLS — Knox City will be represented by graduating seniors Ryan Heard, Skylar Neill and Kaylie Steele along with Coach Dylan Ballard during the all-star games at the Texas Six-Man Coaches Association meeting here.

The division II football game is scheduled at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Memorial Stadium while the division I game is scheduled the next night.

The girls basketball game is scheduled at noon on Saturday, followed by the boys game at 2 p.m. at D.L. Coliseum at Midwestern University.

The west squad claimed a 68-22 win in last year's division I game for a 5-4 edge in the series while the east rolled by a 58-6 margin in division II, extending its edge to 7-2.

In basketball, the west boys and west girls have eight and nine-game winning streaks, Sammie Hatfield, Wichita Falls CVB sports sales rep, said, "The event will not only bring all-stars, coaches, families and friends to the community creating a tremendous economic impact, it also provides a fabulous opportunity to showcase



Sheri Baty/The Knox County News-Courier

KAYLIE STEELE



Sheri Baty/The Knox County News-Courier

RYAN HEARD



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SKYLAR NEILL

Wichita Falls, Midwestern State University and the surrounding communities to potential students and families." Over 400 Coaches were expected to attend the conference at the Ray Clymer Exhibit Hall (MPEC).



Courtesy photo

The Movement Space Dance Company members include: Zoe Harris, Evan Hunter, Zoe Cedillo, Sydney Thompson, Bergen Waters, Kristen Kuehler, Kayla Jo Hunter, Madison Edgar, Karsyn Sanders, Tess Decker, Destyn Mauldin, Carlie Willison, Brenley Waters, Kendall Thompson. Director, Cori Corcoran.

Dancers earn Grace Award

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ARLINGTON—The Movement Space Dance Company earned the Grace Award for their senior lyrical piece, and the choreography award for their company Jazz during the regional and national Stage One Dance competition here last week.

The lyrical dance was showcased in the Stage One Shoot Out, which was based on the highest scoring routines from the entire competition.

The dancers excelled in the solo, duet, trio, small group, and large group divisions

while earning Platinum and Double Platinum awards with each performance.

The company earned many high point awards in the lyrical, contemporary, jazz, tap, and hip hop categories.

Brenley Waters earned a scholarship to The Dance One Intensive in Norman, OK after competing in the lyrical solo category.

A special highlight of the week for the dancers and their families was a visit to Cook's Children's Hospital in Fort Worth, where the company members performed for the patients and their families.

Clinton gets harsh rebuke, but no charges

Special to The News-Courier

WASHINGTON — The FBI recommended last week that Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton should not face criminal charges over her use of private email servers as secretary of state, although she and her aides were "extremely careless" in handling classified information.

"FBI Director James Comey offered a harsh rebuke of Clinton and her aides for mishandling classified, top-secret information, but said there was no evidence she intended to do so, the basis for any criminal charges.

"Although there is evidence of potential violations of the statutes regarding the handling of classified information, our judgment is that no reasonable prosecutor would bring such a case," Comey said. "In looking back at our investigations into mishandling of

removal of classified information, we cannot find a case that would support bringing criminal charges on these facts.

Attorney General Loretta Lynch accepted the FBI's recommendation.

"Although the FBI recommended no criminal prosecution based on a lack of precedent, it is quite clear that, as secretary of state, Mrs. Clinton was reckless with classified information," said Rep. Mac Thornberry. "That fact alone should have a significant bearing on her fitness to be the Commander in Chief."

Later, the GOP-led Benghazi Committee's report was approved, but the chairman Republican Trey Gowdy indicated the panel may seek an investigation into whether Clinton lied to the committee under oath that she never sent or received emails marked as classified.

Big Country Clay Shoot Saturday Knox Notes

Special to The News-Courier

GOREE—The third annual Big Country Clay Shoot, in memory of Kole Gray, is scheduled Saturday at the range near here.

Registration will be held from 8 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. and awards presented at 4

p.m. The main event will be a 50 bird contest.

There will also be 30 bird contest for individuals and a flush division for three-man teams.

For more information, contact Terry Gray at 940 203-1071.

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

VBS set July 26-28

MUNDAY—The Munday Church of Christ will hold its annual vacation bible school here July 26-28. A youth group from MacArthur Church of Christ in San Antonio, led by Cody Speer, will assist with the VBS. Woodlawn, The True Story, movie will be shown at 8:30 p.m. July 25 with free refreshments offered. A carnival is planned Tuesday night, July 26.

28th Annual Donald Johnson Memorial Watermelon Festival

KNOX CITY—The Watermelon Festival, presented by the Knox City Chamber of Commerce, is scheduled here July 29 and 30. Vendors will man booths starting at 1 p.m. Friday. A parade is scheduled at 7:30 p.m. and local musicians will provide live music at the city park. Booths will be open 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Saturday. In addition waterslides, free swimming, kiddie train rides and watermelon will be provided at the city park.

Correction

In the new Methodist pastor story last week, protector of our faith was used instead of perfecter as noted in Hebrews 12-2. Perfecter is not found, however, in the New American Webster dictionary.

Take precautions in summer heat

Special to The News-Courier

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Public Safety is warning Texas residents to be prepared for hotter than normal temperatures and to take precautions to stay safe as temperatures and heat indices hit 100 degrees and above in many parts of the state.

Extreme temperatures increase the risk of heat-related injuries or deaths.

"Although hot conditions are expected during Texas summers, we want to remind Texans that high temperatures can be deadly and should not be taken lightly," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "In many cases heat-related deaths and injuries are preventable, and DPS urges residents to take the necessary steps to protect themselves and others against extreme temperatures — whether they plan to be outside or indoors."

Warmer weather places children at greater risk of injury or death if left unattended in a vehicle. Every year children die from heat-related injuries after being left in a vehicle or by entering a vehicle unnoticed.

A child should never be left unattended in a

vehicle.

Temperatures inside a car can rise more than 20 degrees in only 10 minutes; and even with an outside temperature of 60 degrees, the temperature inside a car can reach 110 degrees, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Leaving windows partially rolled down does not help. Young children are particularly at risk since their bodies heat up faster than an adult.

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), extreme heat events or heat waves are one of the leading causes of extreme weather-related deaths in the United States.

Periods of severe heat and high humidity tax the body's ability to cool itself and can lead to heat exhaustion and heat stroke, which can be fatal.

DPS offers the following tips for staying safe and managing the heat:

Check on the elderly, sick or very young, especially if they don't have air conditioning.

Drink plenty of water and avoid caffeine and alcohol during prolonged outdoor exposure. Start consuming water before you head out-

doors; you may not realize you're dehydrated until it's too late.

Pay attention to your body. Heat exhaustion and heat stroke can develop quickly. If you start feeling ill, immediately find a shaded or cooler area and slowly drink fluids. Seek medical attention if necessary.

Monitor weather radios and newscasts for information on current conditions and weather alerts in your area.

Stay indoors as much as possible, and limit exposure to the sun. Consider indoor activities this summer at places like shopping malls, the library or other community facilities.

Light-colored, loose-fitting clothing and a hat are recommended during outdoor exposure.

If possible, avoid strenuous outdoor activity during the hottest part of the day.

Be extra careful when cooking outdoors, building campfires or driving off road to avoid igniting dry vegetation.

Also, stay aware of burn bans in your area and always abide by restrictions on outside burning.

Don't forget animals are also susceptible to heat-related injury or death — don't put your pets in these dangerous conditions.

DPS mourns the loss of Dallas lawmen

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AUSTIN — Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) Director Steven McCraw issued the following statement last week regarding the shootings in Dallas:

"Today the Texas Department of Public Safety mourns the loss of our fellow law enforcement officers as well as those injured in the line of duty in Dallas last night. We join the people of Dallas, our brothers and sisters in law enforcement, and the families and friends of those impacted by this attack in trying to grasp the reality of

this senseless tragedy.

"Protecting Texas would be impossible without the devotion and hard work of all the dedicated members of law enforcement who put their lives on the line every day to help keep their communities safe. As a law enforcement agency, when any peace officer dies in the line of duty, we all lose a comrade and a member of our family.

"Our department will provide any law enforcement resources and support needed to assist the City of Dallas in the wake of this reprehensible attack."

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Obituaries
Taylor Allen

Taylor Hill Allen, 94, passed away on July 10, 2016 in the Munday Nursing Home.

Taylor was born on Feb. 18, 1922 to Hill and Johnnie (Yates) Allen at his home place, Miller Creek Ranch in Throckmorton County. He was the sixth of nine children. He attended school at Brushy and Throckmorton. Taylor served in the Army Air Core for five years as an airplane mechanic. He was honorably discharged as a Corporal. Taylor could have had a career in the military, but his heart yearned for home and a life as a rancher. Taylor was a successful rancher at Miller Creek until his retirement in 1999.

Ranching was in Taylor's blood as he learned and helped his dad with the family ranch as a young boy. During the summers of his teen years and after graduating from high school, he and his oldest brother Mark worked at the Jay A Ranch in the Clarendon area. Taylor married the only girl he'd ever cared about, Margie Blankinship on March 20, 1958 in Goree. Taylor and Margie started their life together and lived in the family rock home on Miller Creek for the next 18 years. The also lived in Goree for many years before moving to Munday in 2007. The couple had one son, Kevin Hill. They loved and doted on him and years later, Taylor enjoyed teaching him and having him as a helper on the ranch.

Taylor loved the Lord and was an active and faithful member of the Goree Church of Christ and then later at the Munday Church of Christ. Taylor loved singing gospel songs. Taylor served on the school board at Goree for many years.

Taylor was loved by many. He loved to talk, joke and tell stories. He was tough, but kind and loving, especially to babies and stray dogs. He loved camping and playing games with friends. Taylor was a "meat and potatoes" guy, but thoroughly



TAYLOR ALLEN

enjoyed all of Margie's delicious home-cooked meals.

In 2003, Margie and Taylor traveled to Austin to receive recognition from the State of Texas Department of Agriculture. The recognition was for having an active ranch for 100 years.

He was preceded in death by his wife, parents and eight siblings. He is survived by son Kevin and wife Linda of Abilene, grandson Kameron of Abilene and granddaughter L'nae and husband Seth Carstens of College Station. Also, 21 nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday at the Munday Church of Christ. Funeral services followed at 11 a.m. with Greg Melton officiating. Interment was by Margie's side in the Goree Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Smith Funeral Home in Munday.

The Knox County News-Courier will post an obituary in the next possible issue for \$65. If a photo is wanted, add \$10. Death notices are free, containing name, date of death, date of service and survivors.

The 501 Leaf blowers caught in winds of change

If I were a leaf blower, I'd be checking out countries that offer safe haven to retirees or fugitives from the law or both. Or, if I didn't have the funds or connections to skip the country, I might try to get into the witness protection program or simply reinvent myself on my own.

I'm talking about the machines — not their operators, although the same advice might well apply. The future doesn't look good for leaf blowers. They're already

banned in various places for various reasons. More about why later.

I'm smiling because I've always had a vague notion they were unethical.

Of course, in the country in West Texas, the wind takes care of all leaves anyway. Leaves are designed to blow in the wind.

Grass clippings are another story. On the farm, you can't blow them into the gutter or onto the street or onto your next-door neighbor. You can bag them. But if you're not aiming for Country Yard of the Month (I made that up), why bother?

Back to leaves. As a farm-raised child, I had trouble understanding a vintage Mickey Mouse cartoon that showed Mickey raking leaves that kept

getting scattered by a malevolent whirlwind. Why was he raking them? Why not let the wind carry them away, especially a whirlwind? Nothing beats watching one capture leaves in its vortex! Up, up and away! But Mickey didn't want to give up his pile of leaves. He should have known he was no match for Mother Nature. Seems like the whirlwind eventually swept up Mickey too, along with his rake. I could be wrong.

In real life, I first encountered a raked-up pile of leaves on a Thanksgiving trip to visit aunts and uncles and cousins in McAlester, Oklahoma. My Uncle Kelly had raked up a huge pile of big dead leaves in front of their classic bungalow. We kids had great fun throwing ourselves onto that heap. The adults must not have been sitting on the porch. Or maybe they just looked the other way. At least we weren't going off on bicycles to put pennies on the railroad track.

Seems like big piles of leaves are rare now that blowers have displaced rakes. Children have one less distraction from their electronic devices. Pity. But change is in the air.

Leaf blowers are falling into disfavor in cities across the country. Noise pollution and air pollution seem to be chief concerns on the West Coast, per my cursory

research.

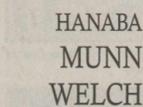
Closer to home, it's a different story. The City of Abilene has decided vegetative trash blown from thousands of lawns into city streets is clogging up the drainage systems, creeks included. Not good. Leaf blowing isn't illegal yet, but the city already has invented a slogan:

BAG IT, DON'T BLOW IT.

If they'd asked me, I would have suggested **DON'T BLOW IT OFF — BAG IT.**

They didn't ask me.

I have advice for leaf blowers too. Try inhaling. It may be your only way to fit in.



HANABA MUNN WELCH

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 2. Zootopia (PG) animated
 3. London Has Fallen (R)
 4. 10 Cloverfield Lane (PG-13)
 5. 13 Hours: The Secret Soldiers of Benghazi (R)
 6. Hello, My Name is Doris (R)
 7. Deadpool (R)
 8. The Brothers Grimsby (R)
 9. Finding Nemo (G) animated
 10. Midnight Special (PG-13)

- Top 10 DVD, Blu-ray Sales**
1. Zootopia (PG) Disney
 2. My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2 (PG-13) Universal
 3. London Has Fallen (R) Universal
 4. Deadpool (R) FOX
 5. 13 Hours: The Secret Soldiers of Benghazi (R) Paramount
 6. 10 Cloverfield Lane (PG-13) Paramount
 7. Gods of Egypt (PG-13) Lionsgate
 8. Star Wars: The Force Awakens (PG-13) Disney
 9. The Revenant (R) FOX
 10. Midnight Special (PG-13) Warner Bros.
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Letters may be edited as to content and will be printed or not printed at the discretion of the editor.



Area News

New AgriLife agent

HASKELL—After more than 15 years away from the agency, Darlene Hopkins has returned to the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service as the family and consumer sciences agent for Haskell County.

Hopkins spent 10 years in King, Dickens and Stephens counties as the AgriLife Extension family and consumer sciences agent before marrying and moving to Haskell in 2000. She began teaching home economics, English, reading, health and computer courses in the Paint Creek and Haskell school districts.

Food training course

ABILENE—Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Taylor, Jones and Nolan Counties, is offering a professional food manager certification training course for \$125 on Aug. 15-16 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.

Knox County Aging Center Menu

- Menus for week of July 18-22
- Monday: Hamburger steak, corn, mixed vegetables, rolls, banana pudding
 - Tuesday: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, dessert
 - Wednesday: Crunchy fish, potato wedges, coleslaw, bread, peach crisp
 - Thursday: Baked chicken and dumplings, rolls, peas, tossed salad, cobbler
 - Friday: BBQ sandwiches, potato wedges, salad, cookies

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From the Preacher's Desk

Biblical view of marriage

More and more couples are choosing to live together without being married. Some move in together just before the wedding, others move in to see if they want to get married, and others move in without any thought to marriage at all. Some are asking, "What difference does a piece of paper make anyway? If I love someone, it shouldn't matter if we are legally married." Some believe God doesn't care about a marriage license. I believe Scripture teaches differently.

In our very individualistic culture, we have a tendency to think marriage is just a relationship to fulfill us and make us happy. But the biblical view of marriage is so much more glorious than that. And because it is so much more glorious than that, it makes living together outside of marriage a more serious issue.

What is marriage?

The biblical view of marriage is a covenant. Marriage is a spiritual, legal, and social contract that a man and woman make with one another. What I mean is, when a couple marries, they commit to "love, honor, and cherish" one another until death do they part. If they are unfaithful to their commitment, there are consequences with God, with the state, and with the community. This was true in ancient Israel and it has been true in nearly every Christian civilization. If a man dealt poorly with his wife, he wasn't just sinning against her, he was sinning against the family, against the community, and even against God.

The Bottom Line

It isn't that you can't be forgiven if you have already slept with someone outside of marriage. Please don't hear me saying that. There is bountiful grace for you in Christ. But you do have to repent of your sins. You can't continue in sexual immorality and expect to be forgiven (see 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; Hebrews 10:26).

This article has been amended but the whole presentation is available at <http://www.radicallychristian.com/moving-in-together-does-god-care-about-a-marriage-license>

—Wayne Speer, Munday Church of Christ

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Sunday
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday
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5:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Youth: 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

WOODLAWN
THE TRUE STORY

Popcorn and drinks provided
FREE OUTDOOR MOVIE
8:30 p.m., July 25
at the Munday Church of Christ
Join us for VBS, scheduled July 26-28
and a carnival on July 26

Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

Hot weather! That's the word going around the area today, and with the south wind blowing, it only makes it worse. But it is July, so can't expect much else.

There is not much going on in our little village today—at least that I'm aware of. I'm sure there is something that would be of interest to everyone, but as I said, I don't know it.

The news of the ill of the community is varied—much as it has been for a while. Carol Dickson is in HMC in Abilene, and on Sunday when Jan Carver and Pam Duke visited her, Jan said she was feeling pretty good. No idea how long she will be in the hospital. She's undergoing some tests, and doctors are consulting regarding what medication she needs for their findings. Please keep Carol and Dick in your prayers. Days get long in a hospital, both for the patient and the caregiver, as everyone knows.

Betty Bohannon said on Sunday that Roger is having some "dizzy spells" that were affecting his walking. Said it was hard for him to walk a straight line. He had not seen a doctor, but she said if it keeps up, he will. They need our prayers also.

Here 'n there

Debbie and Megan Goforth and Megan's daughter Harper Leann, of Fort Worth spent the 4th of July weekend with Sonny and Doris Bufkin and Michele Brown and family.

Ariel Benson and children, Addison and Axle, returned home last Saturday from a three-week visit with her parents Oscar and Shannon Gideon and family in Arizona. They reported a good time but very glad to be home.

James and Jill Jackson along with Grant and Daniel spent several days last week with relatives and friends in the Cleburne area.

Nancy McGreger returned home recently from about a three-week stay with her son Chris and his wife Nancy in Germany. They did lots of visiting and lots of sightseeing, and I'm sure had a most interesting trip. Her niece Rebekah Boone and family of Abilene were there part of the time, which made the trip even more enjoyable.

Charles Griffith and his son-in-law Rickey LaShomb of Lubbock enjoyed a few days fishing in the Gulf last week and visiting with his brother Marty Griffith. Charles caught a 250-pound Blue Marlin. Now that's a big fish! He said they had a good time, even

though it was hot and humid.

Katy New of Liberty Hill and a friend B J Gilmour of Burnett were Benjamin visitors a couple of weeks ago. Katy brought a saddle (that belonged to her husband, Jack) to add to our saddle exhibit at the museum. It had belonged to Jack's uncle Hub Propps, who was killed in 1937, so it is quite old. The ladies were overnight guests of Katy's nephew and his wife Tracy and Susan Cartwright.

Also visiting the museum recently were Trent and Peggy Driver of Dallas. They were very impressed and excited to find lots of history on the Driver family. Trent said his dad Michael hated to miss homecoming, but his stepdad had passed away, and that was the weekend of the funeral.

I saw Nancy and Nathan Beavers on Saturday. They still live in Wichita Falls. Their little boy Hayden is growing fast. They were here visiting her mom Tina Sealy (and Kim) and playing in that volleyball tournament at Knox City, which by the way, their team won first place. It was good to see them. They are always so friendly and pleasant to visit with.

My sympathy to the family and friends of Taylor Allen. He passed away Sunday at the Munday Nursing Center where he had resided several years. For a while, he and his wife Margie were Deanne Lamb's neighbors over there. They were just across the hall from Deanne and enjoyed seeing folks who came to visit any of the residents. Margie passed away some time ago.

I saw Ronnie White one day last week. He said he's finally feeling pretty well. After about two months being out of commission, I imagine he's ready to be out and about. He and Susan are new grandparents. Their daughter Hannah and her husband Joey Roland have a new baby girl.

She's about two or three weeks old now and her name is Serenity Willow. Not sure of the other vitals, but I'm sure she's getting lots of attention from all her family. I congratulate Hannah and Joey.

The newest member of the Werner family is Wyatt Ray. He was born June 14 in Abilene and weighed 7 lb. 15 oz. His parents are Blaine Neill and Neil Werner, and he has one brother Rowdy and two sisters Shaelyn and Haiden. Maternal grandparents are Gary and Janet Reed of Benjamin, and Steve and Brenda Conner of Big Spring.

Maternal great grands are Edith and the late Ed Broach, and the late Bud and Von Conner. Reports are that he is doing great, as is the rest of his family.

Nurses awarded degrees at Vernon

Special to The News-Courier

VERNON—Vernon College announced a new graduating class for those earning Applied Science degrees in nursing that included several with Knox County connections.

When they pass the state board tests, they will be able to starting working as RNs.

Included in the class were Shana Lynn

Quintero and Robin Brooke Rocha of Munday and Teresa Danae Miller of Benjamin.

In addition, Kelci Raquel Ariel Hinojosa of Vernon and Roxann Jessica Lara of Seymour, who have family in Munday, and Sadie Rachelle Benson Pope of Seymour, who graduated from Benjamin High, were among the graduates

The Paperboy

Back to square one?

Do you want to have a conversation on race?

I've got advice for my fellow Americans: keep it local.



CHRIS BLACKBURN

Look, I'm a white man and I'm not to going to pretend to know for one second what it's like to be a member of another race. My experiences are unique to me.

However, you'd have to be a moron to not be aware of the history of this nation and how it relates to race, especially to blacks.

The reason I said the conversations need to be local is simple we are friends and neighbors. And if not, we should be.

Maybe that's an advantage of living in rural America versus a major city.

In my opinion, our major cities are about as segregated as they've ever been. Free-ways and business districts separate the races for the most part. Schools are divided by the racial demographics of the neighborhoods they serve. It's no wonder they are powder kegs.

But in a small town, despite the fact there remains remnants of segregation concerning some areas of towns, we do go to the same schools, churches, grocery stores, etc...

Are there racists in small towns? Of course. But you don't see rioting and race-on-race violence and I pray it never comes to that because we, as rural Americans, are better than that. We really are.

Across this country, it's time to stop the shouting and start listening. If we could

manage that, I think we'll find legitimate thoughts on race and how it impacts this nation.

Across the country, people have been asking where the leadership is. It has not come out of Washington. They're too busy shouting. So if our elected officials are not going to lead us, it has to start locally.

How we act and what we say around our children is important. They are receiving information from all corners thanks to technology, but are they receiving good information or is it hate?

Martin Luther King did more for this country with love than could have ever been achieved through violence.

This is the year 2016. It's time for grownups to set the example of right and wrong. That starts at home.

The bottom line is I don't necessarily have to understand a culture to respect it. And that is the root of this issue. There is a lack of respect all the way around.

Now is not the time to disrespect one another or the opinions of others. And for goodness sakes, get off of social media once in awhile. That poison brings out the worst in us as a nation.

Look in the mirror people. The answers we seek are right in front of us.

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Vonda's Recipe Corner

By Vonda Carter

My heart's not in it this week folks. Last Thursday was a tragic day for our country. And out of respect for those who lost their lives and fought so hard to protect the people who were there, I will not be able to make light of any subject right now. I know this is just a little recipe column, but I also try to connect with all of you in a happy, humorous way, and I can't pull it off this week. So after you read this please take a moment to reflect on what has happened and pray for the whole world, because tragedies are happening everywhere, every day. It's easy to forget that when we live in such a small community that the world is a really big place. I know I have become complacent in feeling the safety of living here and not really paying attention to what goes on in the world. I'm going to try to change that, we should not become so comfortable in our surroundings that we forget about the rest of the world.



Thanks for allowing me to share and I promise next week's column will be a happier one. Because as we mourn we must also move forward. So, let's all just be good to each other. Final thought, "all lives matter".

Loan deficiency payments available

Special to The News-Courier

COLLEGE STATION – USDA Texas Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Judith A. Canales reminds wheat producers that FSA Marketing Assis-

tance Loans can help meet cash flow needs without selling commodities when market prices are at harvest-time lows.

"In the current marketing environment for wheat, producers are encouraged to contact our office to learn more about marketing loans so that they can make the best choice for their farming operations," said Canales.

Wheat producers who are eligible for marketing loans are also eligible for loan deficiency payments (LDPs) should the loan rate fall below the posted county price.

Producers also can purchase a commodity certifi-

cate that may be exchanged for the outstanding loan collateral.

Unlike LDPs, use of commodity certificates does not affect payment limitations. Producers can check their daily LDP rates online at www.fsa.usda.gov.

For a commodity to be eligible for a loan, loan deficiency payment, or certificate, the producer must have beneficial interest in the commodity, defined as having title, possession and control of the commodity, and responsible for loss of or damage to the commodity. All related application forms must be completed at the local FSA office prior to loss of beneficial

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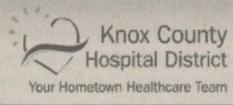
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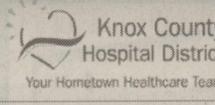


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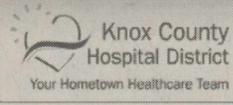
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A Sporting View

By Mark Vasto

The New Villains

I think I remember a time when letting your little kid win was the correct and right thing to do. Now, thanks to PlayStation and Xbox, it is pretty much impossible to beat them.

Over the holidays my nephew showed me his new game, NBA whatever. "Cool," I thought. Well ... it was more than just cool. It was a "mind-bending" experience. I'm not going to date myself, but Blip was our Game Boy, and our basketball game was decided by the guy who could hit the most unmissable corner threes. His game was better than anything I'd ever seen.

"Let's play!" he says. "Sure," says me.

"What team do you want to be?"

Without hesitating, I say the Knicks -- my least favorite, favorite team. (He usually picks the Philadelphia teams, so I always begin a video game with the better team.) After messing around with the uniform selection for, oh, about 20 minutes, he picks his team.

"I pick Michael Jordan, LeBron James, Kareem, Bird and Tim Duncan," he replies, before handing me a controller with 20 different knobs, levers and buttons. "Good luck!"

So the little runt, formerly known as my great little nephew, proceeds to trounce

me. Every once in a while, I get Carmelo Anthony to drive to the hoop uncontested, but it ends up as a travel because I have no earthly idea how to make him let go of the ball.

"Wanna play again?"

Fact is, I can't blame him. On long plane flights I like to play MLB Manager, and I always cheat by choosing the team with the first draft pick and trade until I have an outfield consisting of Willie Mays, Mickey Mantle and Babe Ruth (Ted Williams at DH), and a starting rotation of Feller, Koufax, Walter Johnson, Cy Young and Greg Maddux. I get upset when we don't win 140 regular season games.

But sometimes my team gets swept by the St. Louis Browns in the World Series. It happens. Herb Brooks used to say that "all-star teams don't work." This observation, while mostly true, has been disproven by the NBA Olympic "Dream Team" concept, but we get the point, and besides, it's different when it comes to individual leagues. Every year, the New York Yankees field an All-Star team on paper, and they don't (usually) win.

Then there's the curious case of Kevin Durant. Fans in Oklahoma City are inconsolable -- they've lost the face of their franchise ... the only superstar they've known since their inception. Where is he going? He's going to join Steph Curry, Klay Thompson and Draymond Green, to form what will be, in all likelihood, the greatest team of all-time.

We've seen this before (Miami Heat), and you know, they probably won't win every game. My only question is, how come Oakland has all this money? What is wrong with the Knicks?

My advice to Oklahoma City and all the other franchises struggling to keep pace is to look at this another way: You didn't lose a player, the entire league found a new villain.

Mark Vasto is a veteran sportswriter who lives in New Jersey.

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They have two daughters Ila Kay Lee and husband John and Debbie House and husband David.

George is retired from the Texas Department of Corrections. Ila Kay is retired from Haskell Memorial Hospital where she worked as the Director of Medical Records and as a nurse.

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Bring physicals on Aug. 1

Special to The News-Courier

High school athletes will need to bring the necessary forms showing that they have had physicals on the first day of practice, Aug. 1.

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One Man's Opinion

Could polls be underestimating Trump?

By Robert Romano

In days leading up to the UK's historic June 23 vote to leave the European Union, almost every single opinion poll had the Remain side winning.

Populus gave Remain a 55 to 45 percent lead. YouGov gave Remain a 51 to 49 percent edge. Ipsos Mori had it at 49 to 46 percent with 1 percent undecided.

Yet when referendum day came, it was Leave which had the distinct advantage, winning 52 to 48 percent — stunning prediction markets and pollsters alike, who were left to wonder what had just gone wrong.

The usual variety of explanations, like greater than expected turnout in Leave areas or less than expected turnout in Remain areas, or sampling error have been offered.

But perhaps a significant percent of people polled lied to the pollsters about their true intentions, or simply those who were intent on voting Leave were more likely to opt out of the poll.

Which after a year of a media and political establishment barrage against the Leave campaign as racist, xenophobic, and the like, and they would crash the economy and send the UK into a depression. Significantly, supporters of Leave were even blamed for the assassination of an MP in the closing days of the campaign.

None of it happened to be true. But who wants to be called a racist for not wanting open borders or unbridled trade policies that ship jobs overseas? Or crashing the economy? Or worse, blamed for the murder of members of Parliament?

A similar situation could be emerging across the pond in the U.S., where Donald Trump trails Hillary Clinton in national and statewide polls.

Here, the media and political establishment here consistently characterize Donald Trump as racist and xenophobic, and portray his supporters as violent — even as Trump supporters are being assaulted by protesters on television. They are told Trump's trade and immigration policies will kill the U.S. economy and those who support them are economically illiterate.

Sound familiar? Maybe Trump supporters are less likely to want to be identified. Not necessarily out of shame, but out of fear of being physically bloodied or damaged professionally. Perhaps that is being reflected in the polls.

UK Independence Party leader Nigel Farage told CNBC on June 28 that is

exactly what happened in the UK with the Brexit polls failing to predict the final outcome, and may be what is happening in the U.S., too. "There's kind of this consensus that has made people feel slightly embarrassed, ashamed to be patriotic, to believe we should control immigration, and so when pollsters ring them they tend to shy away a little bit," Farage suggested.

He may be on to something. Consider just how wrong the polls were in Republican presidential primary when it was still competitive a few months ago. The Real Clear Politics average of polls in Indiana had Trump at 43 percent to 32 percent. Instead, Trump got 54 percent of the vote.

In Pennsylvania polls said Donald Trump up by 48 percent to 27 percent. Instead, he won 58 percent to 22 percent.

In Maryland, the average had Trump up 47 percent to 26 percent. Instead, he won 56 percent to 23 percent.

In Connecticut, the polls said Trump was at 54 percent, but then he over performed again at 59 percent.

In Rhode Island, the polls had Trump at 52 percent. Wrong again, he came in at 65 percent.

In Delaware, the polls said 55 percent. Voters said 63 percent.

In New York, the polls had said Trump would get 53 percent, but instead he hit 60 percent there.

Trump beat the poll estimates by up to 13 points in some states when election day finally came around. Simply incredible.

So perhaps Trump supporters are keeping quiet, and that is what is consistently turning up in the polls. You may not see their bumper stickers or lawn signs. Perhaps they don't want their windows smashed. But they intend to vote for him all the same.

In Pittsburgh on June 28 Trump told voters, including disaffected labor Democrats, that "America became the world's dominant economy by becoming the world's dominant producer. The wealth this created was shared broadly, creating the biggest middle class the world had

ever known. But then America changed its policy from promoting development in America, to promoting development in other nations. We allowed foreign countries to subsidize their goods, devalue their currencies, violate their agreements, and cheat in every way imaginable. Trillions of our dollars and millions of our jobs flowed overseas as a result."

Trump added, "Ladies and Gentlemen, it's time to declare our economic independence once again."

We'll know soon enough if a silent majority follows Trump's call and puts him in the White House. Trump is running a Brexitionist style campaign of restoring U.S. sovereignty, stopping illegal immigration and securing better trade agreements. It is this pitch that Trump hopes

will transcend traditional party loyalties, and throw off the conventional calculations that typically predict the final outcome of presidential elections.

But one cannot deny that 2016 is already shaping up to be a year that defies the expectations of the political and media establishment — all over the world.

The only people who have a clear idea of which way things are actually going are voters — and they might not be cooperating with pollsters.

Think Hillary Clinton has this in the bag? Ask outgoing British Prime Minister David Cameron if he still believes the polls.

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VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

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Ag leases need to be in writing

By Kay Ledbetter
Special to The News-Courier

AMARILLO—Get it in writing. That may be the single most important message conveyed at a series of Rancher Leasing Workshops, which culminated in Amarillo recently, according to presenters.

The workshops were hosted by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Oklahoma State University and the National Agricultural Law Center. Other workshops were in Fort Worth, Oklahoma and Arkansas. The project was funded by the Southern Extension Risk Management Education Center.

Tiffany Dowell Lashmet, AgriLife Extension agricultural law specialist in Amarillo, said regardless if you have known the person all your life or are just meeting them, a written lease clarifies things.

"You never know what might happen between two folks with an oral lease, even if they are family or the best of friends," she said. "Lease agreements certainly do not have to be lengthy and complex, but there are some terms you need to include to protect both sides."

Dowell Lashmet said writing things down can also remind both parties of issues or situations they need to agree on before they shake on the deal. Some she pointed out include:

– Forum clause – "If you have a tenant who doesn't live in your area, you are identifying where you want any legal forum to be if there becomes an issue that requires court action."

– Dispute resolution clause – "Suing people is expensive; consider a method of avoiding court and settling the case beforehand through mediation or arbitration. These are two very different things – mediation has a third party involved and if both parties agree to settle, it's written up and everyone goes home, or if they don't, they go to court. But in arbitration, the arbitrator hears both sides of the case and then the arbitrator picks a winner and you are done. Generally you can't go to court after that. Make sure you know what you are agreeing to."

– Attorney fee provision – "If you clarify that in a court situation the prevailing party can recover attorney fees, you can pursue that, otherwise each are on their own."

– Setting a stocking rate – "If you lease me 300 acres and don't tell me how many cattle I can put on it, I will likely put everything I own on that land. The landowner wants this term, the tenant probably does not. Also be very clear on size, weight or animal units allowed. Be aware that this number may need to change based on drought or wildfire."

– Term of lease and cancellation

"There are two typical lease types when dealing with grazing leases – tenancy for term or periodic tenancy. Term has a start and end date, that's it. Periodic has a start and end date that renews itself unless one party gives written notice. Make notice of cancellation be in writing. Set a time when the notice is due."

– What may be done on

the property? "If limitations are not included on the lease, they don't exist. Put it in the lease if you want it clarified. Can kids ride four-wheelers? Can anyone hunt or is it for grazing purposes only? Do they have access to corrals or just pasture? Spell out who has hunting rights or you will have a tense situation in November when deer season opens."

– Maintenance of fixed assets – "Who has to maintain things? Who has to pay for it? You can do whatever you want, but spell it out in the lease. Fences are a big deal. Who is required to maintain those fences and make sure periodic inspections are done?"

In the area of hunting lease pointers, she said to require everyone to sign a lease and waiver.

"You want them bound by the terms of the lease, so if they breach one of those terms, you can sue for breach of contract," Dowell Lashmet said. "But if they didn't sign a lease, no contract exists for a claim to be based upon. A landowner might consider requiring that no parties beyond the lease may be brought onto the land without written permission from the landowner."

"Consider whether you will allow hunters to bring and utilize tree stands and deer blinds," she said. "From a liability standpoint, landowners may want to consider not providing these, due to the number of injuries occurring each year related to tree stands and deer blinds."

"You might also want to clarify what weapons and vehicles can be used on the property. Make sure you read your insurance policy and make sure it provides coverage for injuries to people who are paying money for hunting."

She said it also doesn't hurt to include in the lease a statement that lessee is required to follow all state and federal laws or the lease will terminate.

Describe leased property and limitations, Dowell Lashmet said.

Consider including a map clearly showing leased land and any important areas. Delineate where they should enter the property and whether anybody else is going to have rights. Consider requiring a security deposit in case there is damage.

"Leasing land can be beneficial for both landowner and tenants alike," she said. "Both parties can benefit from developing written lease agreements to protect their rights in this scenario"

Conference to help producers manage cattle

Special to The News-Courier

WICHITA FALLS – The Cattle Trails Wheat and Stocker Cattle Conference will cover how producers can meet pricing challenges in 2016 and prepare for 2017.

The conference, sponsored by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service, will be from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 26 here at the MPEC Event Center, 1000 Fifth St., Wichita Falls.

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

The information will be directed at producers in Southwestern Oklahoma and the North and Rolling Plains regions of Texas, said Stan Bevers, AgriLife Extension agricultural economist at Vernon.

Bevers said important changes are coming to the way producers manage their cattle due to the Veterinary Feed Directive regulation from the Food and Drug Administration.

"This regulation becomes effective January 2017 and will require the producer to have a valid veterinarian-client-patient relationship," he said. "If a producer does not have a veterinarian, now is the time to begin finding one. Stocker cattle that will be purchased this fall could be covered under this regulation."

The afternoon portion of the conference will focus on the specifics of the Veterinary Feed Directive and how a producer's operation will change due to it.

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.

Speakers and their topics will include:

* Wheat Variety Update for the Southern Great Plains, Dr. Emi Kimura, AgriLife Extension agronomist, Vernon.

* Wheat and Cattle Market Outlooks: What's Working and What's Not, Bevers.

* Balancing the Scales: Efficiency, Profitability, Technology, Consumerism and the Environment, Dr. Chris Richards, Oklahoma State Extension and research beef cattle nutrition specialist, Stillwater, Oklahoma.

* An Overview of the Veterinary Feed Directive: Facts and Fiction, Dr. Tom Hairgrove, AgriLife Extension program coordinator for livestock and food animal systems, College Station.

* Living with the Veterinary Feed Directive: How Will My Cattle Operation Change?, Dr. Ron Gill, AgriLife Extension livestock specialist, College Station.

Industry sponsors will have products on display during the event.

Tourism conference set July 20-23

Special to The News-Courier

CHILDRESS—Spaces are still available for the Texas Plains Trail Region's 8th annual Tourism & Preservation Roundup, the region's leading heritage tourism conference, scheduled for July 20-22, 2016 here at the Childress Event Center.

The purpose of Roundup is to prepare tourism and historic preservation professionals and volunteers with ideas they can use to attract visitors to their own Texas communities. Destination marketers, museum workers, parks personnel, elected officials, and followers of Texas history are all welcome. Registration for the full conference, which includes a Wednesday evening reception and wine tasting at the 501 Winery, Thursday lunch, a pre-dinner reception at the Childress County Heritage Museum, Thursday night dinner and entertainment at The Main Event, and Friday hands-on legislative advocacy session is only \$85.

State Historian of Texas Bill O'Neal of Carthage is

slated to deliver the keynote address, "Adventures of a Back-Trailer," at Thursday's luncheon, reliving his decades on back roads in pursuit of Texas history. A special Thursday-only registration rate of \$50 is available by July 15 to those wishing to attend the luncheon and participate in that day's sessions.

O'Neal was appointed to a two-year term as State Historian by Gov. Rick Perry in August 2012. He is headquartered at Panola College in Carthage, where he has taught since 1970. For more than 20 years O'Neal conducted the state's first Traveling Texas History class, a three-hour credit course which featured a 2,100-mile itinerary. In 2000 he was awarded a Piper Professorship, and in 2012 he received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Wild West Historical Association. The author of more than 40 books, almost half about Texas history subjects, in 2007 he was named Best Living Non-Fiction Writer by True West Magazine.

In 2013 he was awarded an honorary Doctor of Letters degree by his alma mater, Texas A&M University-Commerce.

Thursday sessions will get under way with a welcome by Childress mayor Brett Parr and Susan Leary of the Childress Chamber of Commerce/Childress Main Street, followed by a summary of the recent Red River War Heritage Partners council by Michael Grauer of the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum. Later sessions include presentations from a video showing the how the Lubbock Heritage Society moved the historic Underwood Pullman Rail Car to the Bayer Museum of Agriculture, to a book signing with Bill O'Neal and other authors.

Childress photographer/videographer Russell Graves, who heads up the Childress Economic Development Corporation, will close out the day with a video of his wildlife and nature images highlighting the attractions of rural Texas.

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July 29 & 30

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1pm

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Saturday, July 30

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by Wilson Casey

1. Is the Book of 1 Peter in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. From Matthew 13, what baking item did Jesus compare to the Kingdom of Heaven? Eggs, Milk, Salt, Yeast

3. What denotes the very precious gum of a tree shrub celebrated for its medicinal qualities? Mamre, Balm, Linen, Perez

4. Where does one go to find balm according to Jeremiah? Corinth, Joppa, Derbe, Gilead

5. What's any writing, particularly that which is sacred? Seal, Ordinance, Sacrament, Scripture

6. Who tested the will of the Lord with a fleece? Jehu, Gideon, Amos, Ahaziah

ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) Yeast; 3) Balm; 4) Gilead; 5) Scripture; 6) Gideon

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Mac's Views Magazine sees Hounds, Moguls in playoffs

While the start of the high school football season is still seven weeks away, it's always interesting to get a copy of "Dave Campbell Texas Football" to see how the magazine made its predictions.



JAMES MCAFEE

The magazine does its usual thorough job of whetting our appetite for football with plenty of information for high school, college and professional teams here in Texas.

Guess my eyes are not as good as they once were as the type size seems to be getting smaller in places.

Based on what I read, it appears that the Knox City Greyhounds and Munday Moguls will return to the playoffs while the Benjamin Mustangs, surprised winners of a spot last year, will be staying home.

The Greyhounds, under new Coach Caleb Callaway, were listed as the favorites in their new District 4-1A D1 ahead of Spur, Rotan and Paducah and appear to have an easier path to the playoffs since perennial six-man power Crowell has dropped to District 9-1A DII with Chillicothe, Harrold and Northside, replacing Benjamin.

DCTF indicated that Knox City might be one of the contenders in Region I along with Nazareth, Meadow, New Home and White Deer, but felt Happy had to be the favorite.

The Greyhounds' Sam Schnable was listed as the pre-season defensive MVP while Spur quarterback Kamben Shelton got the nod as the top offensive player.

Even with the loss of two powers in Hamlin and Seymour, DCTF called 7-2A one of the toughest in the state: "Electra, Haskell, Quannah and Munday may each take one of the four playoff spots, but Petrolia could sneak in, and there's really no clear favorite in the group. It's shaping up to be a battle

until the very last week of district play."

However, in the magazine's ratings the order of finish listed was Electra, Haskell, Quannah and Munday with Petrolia and Archer City rounding out the field.

The Moguls' Day'veon Dockins was named the pre-season offensive MVP while defensive honors went to Xavier Waggoner of Electra.

The Mustangs, who still do not have a coach yet after the departure of Jacob Navarro, were ranked fourth in their new District 8-1A DII behind Guthrie, Jayton and Patton Springs, but just might be able to finish as the runnerup behind the heavily favored Jaguars.

The high school football players will report Aug. 1 for the first day of conditioning. No contact is permitted. Aug 5 will be the first day contact is allowed.

The Moguls have scrimmages scheduled Aug. 12 against Roscoe and Aug 18 against Hamlin before opening the season Aug. 26 against Hawley. A tough non-district schedule continues against Stamford, Bron-te, Windthorst and Seymour before a Sept. 30 open date.

The Greyhounds have scrimmages against Paducah and Throckmorton the first week and Guthrie and Valley the second week before opening against Ira at Jayton on Aug. 25. Non-district opponents include Rule, Crowell, Throckmorton, Guthrie, Newcastle and May before an open date on Oct. 14.

The Mustangs' schedule was unavailable.

We all should remember that predictions made in July should be taken with a grain of salt as results have to be settled on the grid-iron. Remember, the magazine did predict the Greyhounds and Moguls would make the playoffs last season.

I did notice that something got by the proof readers of the magazine. It seems that the 2A playoffs were left out and the 3A playoffs posted again on pg. 359.

Repeat champions at Lake Creek



James McAfee/The Knox County News-Courier

Callan Coltharp, Kevin Porter and Blake Thomason repeat at Lake Creek.

Special to The News-Courier

MUNDAY—Callan Coltharp and Kevin Porter of Seymour and Blake Thomason of Archer City closed with a 15-under-par 55 at Lake Creek Golf Course last Sunday to repeat as champions of the course's three-person scramble with a 36-hole total of 112.

Cody West, Micah Yates and T.C. Redwine posted 60-59—119 to claim the first flight; Gary and Wes Crawford teamed with Todd Austin for 64-60—124 for second flight honors; and Jeff Robertson teamed with Walters and Wheatley to win the third flight at 66-62—128

Championship

Coltharp-Porter-Thomason	57-55—112
Miller-Sappington-Howell	56-57—113
Bufkin-Everett-West	55-59—114
Meador-Riffe-McLaury	56-58—114
Dillard-Dillard-Clinton	57-57—114

First

West-Yates-Redwine	60-59—119
Fuentes-Markey-Meadors	60-60—120
Rowe-Rowe-McElroy	59-61—120

Second

Crawford-Crawford-Austin	64-60—124
Longan-Key-Urbancycyk	64-61—125
Offutt-Bowen-Alcala	64-62—125

Third

Robertson-Walters-Wheatley	66-62—128
Mendoza-Eaton-Zeissel	66-64—130
Guerro-Montgomery-Key	67-63—130
Rodriguez-Garcia-Fuentes	68-62—130

Thornberry questions new troop levels

Special to The News-Courier

WASHINGTON—U.S. Congressman Mac Thornberry (R-Clarendon), Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, released the following statement in response to the President's announcement that new troop levels in Afghanistan will be set at 8,448.

"The precision of the President's new Afghanistan troop

cap would be comical were its consequences not so tragic for our mission and military readiness," he said.

"It is time that the President level with the American people about what it will really take to achieve our goals in Afghanistan, and how much it will cost. The truth is that many thousands more Americans are performing military functions in Afghanistan—than even the current troop

cap authorizes.

"The President refuses to pay for them, and his budget does not have room for the troops he is committing. For all of the bluster about funding troops in harm's way, it is the President who proposes to extend the vital mission without any resources behind it. The White House must submit a supplemental funding request to accommodate troop levels in Afghanistan immediately."

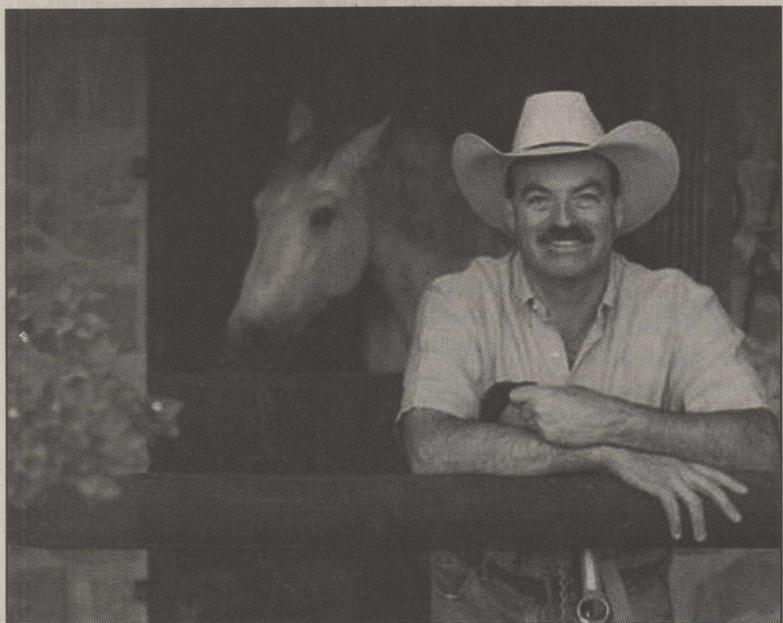
Munday recycling center closed

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MUNDAY—The Munday Recycling Center has been closed permanently.

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Health, benefit program OKed

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BENJAMIN—The Knox County Commissioners Court approved the renewal of the TAC health and benefit program for employees during their regular meeting here Monday.

In addition, the commissioners adopted a district technology fund and a re-

ords archival plan; approved a bid of \$327 from Joseph Geuss for a tax resale deed on property in Gore; authorized a county grant; approved paying residents \$12 for showing up for grand jury duty, \$20 if they served and \$40 for each consecutive day; and appointed election judges and alternates.

They discussed the possi-

bility of changing the time for the meeting, but no action was taken and tabled any action on a new phone system for the courthouse and sheriff's office until the next meeting.

During public comments, Janet Reed mentioned the possibility of building a gazebo on the courthouse lawn, using donations.

Weather Whys

Heat bursts explained

What exactly is a heat burst?

It is an odd weather occurrence that happens during thunderstorms when temperatures can rise 25 degrees or more in just a few minutes, says Brent McRoberts of Teas A&M.

"Heat bursts usually happen in the evening," he said. "It is a strong burst of hot air that is pushed down quickly and is warmed all the way down to the surface, often originating from 20,000 feet or more. When the air reaches the ground, it is very hot, in some cases

well over 100 degrees.

"Heat bursts are odd because usually during thunderstorms, the air will become cooler.

"The air in a heat burst is not only very warm, but it is very dry and sometimes can create damaging winds in excess of 75 mph."

How much can temperatures rise during a heat burst?

McRoberts says there have been some amazing

examples of rising temperatures caused by heat bursts.

In 1960, a reported heat burst in Bosque County in Texas briefly raised the temperature to a mind-boggling 140 degrees and melted crops in the area.

The intensity of a heat burst depends on the size of the thunderstorm and how much the air can heat up before descending down to the ground.

Knox City CC Golf Schedule

- July 30: Knox City Festival
- Aug. 13: Ag-Oil
- Aug. 27: Glow ball
- Sept. 5: Labor Day play day
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