

Kilgore Marine remembered for courage, humor



Marine Sgt. Kenneth May Jr.

'He's what all of us should aspire to be,' says area congressman Gohmert

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KILGORE — Family and friends gathered Friday afternoon at First Baptist Church to mourn their hero lost in the war. The funeral of U.S. Marine Sgt.

Kenneth B. May Jr. held the grief of parents who lost their only son, a young woman who lost her big brother, a wife who lost her husband. Something, or some things, showed brighter through that grief Friday. Family members

and friends told of May's conviction, humility, strength of faith, courage, service and easy, humorous personality to celebrate his life and sacrifice. "I'll be honest. He would have made light of this situation. He would have told us to save this

accolade for a real hero," said the Rev. John Grabberg. "Sgt. Kenneth May was a real hero." May, 26, was one of two Marines killed May 11 by an improvised explosive device blast in eastern Afghanistan. The 2002 Kilgore High School graduate is survived by wife Krystal (Barton) May, parents Kenneth and Karen May and sister Kalyne May —

all of Kilgore. Grabberg picked up an American flag near the pulpit and said, "Flags are more special to me now." As he found it difficult to place the flag staff back into its base, he said, "I probably shouldn't have ever touched this. Kenny would have liked this." The laughter that followed was **See MARINE, Page 3A**

SUMMER FARMER'S MARKETS

Area produces bounty of fresh fruit, vegetables

Longtime Longview Farmer's Market to open in early June

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Northwest Texas has more outlets for fresh fruits and vegetables than you can shake a carrot stick at.

The recent opening of the Historic Longview Farmer's Market was just a harbinger of good things to come as produce stands begin to sprout on roadsides, pick-your-own farms blossom and the traditional Longview Farmer's Market makes ready for summer 2010.

As of Thursday, six farmers and some dealers, who buy from farmers to sell in a separate area beneath the pavilion at the Longview Fairgrounds, had joined the Longview Farmer's Market.

"We hope to have more farmers, because a lot of them have called," said Daphne Claiborne, secretary/treasurer of the Longview Farmer's Market. "We told them to come on opening day. ... We are opening the second of June."

The Longview Farmer's Market will operate 7 a.m. till the tables empty on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The operation also is adding Saturday hours this year, beginning at 8 a.m., to accommodate shoppers.

"We had so many customers that couldn't come during the week," Claiborne said. "That Saturday morning is because that's when people can come."

The Historic Longview Farmer's Market, so-named to reflect its downtown location **See PRODUCE, Page 3A**



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Arlene Parker talks with James Brown of Big Sandy as he shops at her produce market Thursday in Union Grove. Farmer's markets and roadside produce stands, promising customers the freshest fruits, vegetables and more, are popping up all over East Texas.

A plethora of produce is for sale on the opening day this past year of the Longview Farmer's Market. This year's market opens June 2.

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STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Panel OKs curriculum standards

Texas guidelines will influence schools across United States

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AUSTIN — The Texas State Board of Education adopted a social studies and history curriculum Friday that altered the teaching of the civil rights movement, religious freedoms, America's relationship with the U.N. and hundreds of other items.

The new standards were adopted after a final showdown by two 9-5 votes along party

lines, after Democrats' and moderate Republicans' efforts to delay a final vote failed. The ideological debate over the guidelines, which drew intense scrutiny beyond Texas, will be used to determine what important political events and figures about 4.8 million students will learn about for the next decade.

The standards, which one Democrat called a "revolting," also will be used by textbook publishers who often develop materials for other states based on guidelines approved in Texas, although teachers in the Lone Star State have latitude in deciding how to teach **See CURRICULUM, Page 2A**

Former Gregg sheriff, Upshur DA Fetter dies at 62

Local judge: 'He was a gentle giant'

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Former Gregg County Sheriff and Upshur County District Attorney Michael Fetter was remembered Friday for his leadership and integrity.

Fetter, 62, died Friday at Good Shepherd Medical Center after a brief illness.

He served as Gregg County sheriff for about 10 months in

1979 and 1980 and as Upshur County district attorney from 2003-06.

He also worked for the Gregg County District Attorney's Office and as an attorney in private practice.

Funeral services for Fetter will be 3 p.m. Sunday at Croley Funeral Home Chapel in Gilmer.

Judge David Brabham of the 188th District Court in Gregg County, who worked with Fetter in the 1970s and remained friends with him, said Fetter **See FETTER, Page 3A**



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