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## Burn ban instituted in Knox county

By Hanaba Munn Welch  
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Knox County commissioners voted unanimously to institute a burn ban in the county during their regular meeting Monday.

Blame the dry weather. "I think we're at risk," said Charles Griffith, Precinct 2 commissioner. Judge Travis Floyd mentioned fireworks that could come into play during Christmas and New Year's.

"If we do have all the fuel that we have, and they start doing these skyrockets and things like that, we could be in trouble," Travis said.

In other reports, property tax collection is moving slower than usual in Knox County. Blame the economy.

Tax Assessor-Collector Mitzi Welch reported to commissioners Monday her office had collected 19.476 percent of taxes due, compared to 28.67 percent at the same time last year.

"I'm thinking the economy is the reason," she told commissioners. "Everybody's holding onto their money to the last minute."

January is normally See **BURN BAN**, Page 4

## Munday 55, Albany 13



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L.J. Collier (7) hauls in a pass during Munday's 55-13 Quarterfinal victory over Albany. Munday (13-0) now faces Wellington (13-0) in a rematch of last year's Semifinal game.

## Moguls are regional champs

By Hanaba Munn Welch  
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CLYDE — The weather turned chilly, but the Munday Moguls stayed hot, outscoring the Albany Lions, 55-13, Friday night at Bulldog Stadium in Clyde to win the Region II-1A Division II championship.

The game showcased the Moguls' all-round skills and gave quarterback Dee Paul two chances to churn the artificial turf from one end of the field to the other, thrilling the purple crowd with the two early long runs, both for touchdowns.

Scoring on runs of 19, 72, 20, 96 and 19 yards, Paul finished with 315 yards on only 15 carries. He also hit six of 10 pass attempts for 71 yards and an additional score.

Munday will face the Wellington Skyrockets at 7 p.m. Friday in Wichita Falls in the State Semifinals in a rematch of last year's semifinal game. The winner will play the following week for the state championship.

At Clyde, Moguls' fans almost filled the seating on the visitors' side of the field. Albany's red-clad followers were also out in force, many waving heavenward-pointing index fingers aloft as their band played the Albany alma mater, making it clear they were there to see their Lions snatch an unlikely victory from the heavily favored Moguls (12-0). Albany went into the game with

an 11-1 record, having lost to Munday 55-28 in pre-district play.

The Lions took the kickoff to open the game, but they weren't able to score, turning the ball over on downs to the Moguls, who took just six plays to cross the goal line. To end the drive, Paul looked for a receiver and then rushed zigzaggedly past various defending Lions on a slant toward the Munday fans as he carried for the touchdown, following up with a keeper for two more points.

The game wasn't all about Paul. Tyrone Dockins' put his array of kicking talents to good use on punts and kickoffs, and the team as a whole played excellent football, defending, intercepting, tipping Albany passes, forcing turnovers and generally executing assignments with skill all over the field.

But it was Paul's two long-distance touchdown runs that stamped his cachet on the game in a way not to be forgotten. Early in the second quarter, the Moguls needed only a couple of yards for a first down from their own 28-yard line when Paul burst out onto the open field with a 72-yard scoring run, out of reach of all pursuing red uniforms.

Near the end of the second quarter, after Albany quarterback Jake Bumgardner failed to connect on two consecutive passes to intended Lions in the See **MOGULS**, Page 8

## Knox Notes

Events are listed free of charge for nonprofit civic organizations, schools and community events. Submit listings at least two weeks ahead of the date. Listings will run through the date of the event. Emailed submissions are preferred to kcnewscourier@gmail.com.

### Football tickets

Advanced, discounted ticket sales for the Munday-Wellington football game are on sale now at the Munday High School principal's office. Discounted pre-sale tickets will be sold until 3:45 p.m. Friday and cost \$8 for adults and \$5 for students. Cash only. All tickets at the gate Friday will cost \$10. Senior citizens discounts and district passes will be honored at the gate with no ticket required. For information, contact the high school at 940-422-4321.

### Recycling center hours

The Munday Recycling Center is now open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursdays and 10 a.m. to noon Fridays. Plastic grocery bags are no longer being accepted. Most other recyclable materials are accepted, including No. 1 and 3 plastic containers and most electronics, including cell phones. For information, contact Cindy Zuniga at 940-445-3666.

### Living Nativity

Members of O'Brien Baptist Church, 902 Grand Central Ave., will present "O, Little Town," a living Nativity, from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday. After the short program, visitors can walk through, enjoy carolers and refreshments. Admission is free. For information, call the Rev. Pastor Lance Rogers at 940-658-3553 or 658-3725.

### Christmas meal outreach

Believers Chapel is sponsoring its third annual Christmas Meal Outreach designed to provide a holiday meal for any widows, shut-ins or others who have a special need on Christmas. Deliveries will be made Dec. 23 in Munday and the surrounding communities. For information, contact Shannon Waters at 940-422-4885 by Dec. 22 and leave a contact name, address and phone number.

### Correction

Michelle Solis Esquivel, 42, of Knox City was arraigned Nov. 28 in 50th District Court in Benjamin. Esquivel, a former county employee, has been charged for embezzling more than \$20,000 from the county's "hot check fund." A story in last week's edition was inaccurate.

If you spot an error of fact, contact Editor Wayne Hodgins at kcnewscourier@gmail.com.

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## Highway 6 bridge to be replaced

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The Texas Department of Transportation recently held a pre-construction meeting to discuss a project to replace a bridge on State Highway 6, north of Benjamin in Knox County.

Contractor for this \$1.9-million project is Hodges and Sons Construction of Omaha, Texas. Construction efforts began Dec. 4 with the contractors setting barricades. The first phase of the contract will be to build a detour on the west side of the existing structure.

Weather permitting, traffic will be switched to the detour in late January and demolition of the old bridge will begin. The new bridge should be complete in August.

A 40-mile an hour speed advisory sign will be posted at the detour.

## Local entities assume control of nursing home

By Hanaba Munn Welch  
The News-Courier

MUNDAY — Munday Nursing Center made a smooth transition Dec. 1 from a private ownership to the Knox County Hospital District, but the Development Corporation of Munday still owes money in the deal — about \$91,000 of the group's \$150,000 obligation.

Previously operated by Advanced Healthcare Solutions of Arlington, the local facility was in danger of closing — hence the ultimate decision of the DCM, the hospital district, the county and the city of Munday to pool their resources to keep Munday Nursing Center open under the auspices of the hospital district.

"We needed to let people know what we have collected. They may want to make a contribution," said Richard Albus, DCM president. "All money raised privately will go against the \$150,000 debt. The doors would have closed if we hadn't taken this on several months ago."

Albus reiterated the scenario. "The original cost of the care home was \$900,000," Albus said. "The hospital agreed to take on \$450,000 of that, leaving the rest to be split between the development corporation and Knox County."

The county contributed \$150,000 toward the cost, and the city of Munday offered its support through in-kind services — water,

garbage collection and sewer service. "That's the gist of what we've done," Albus said.

The takeover didn't happen without analyses from many corners, including time donated by accountants, a study done by an Abilene professor and guidance from the Texas Tech Small Business Development Center in Abilene, Albus said.

If the nursing home had closed, more than 30 people would have lost their jobs — a blow not only to the employees but also to the local economy, Albus said.

Munday Nursing Center was still listed Dec. 9 on the AHS website as an AHS facility, no doubt for lack of an update to reflect the recent change. AHS has other nursing homes in the area, including facilities at Bowie, Crowell, Clyde, Lubbock, Plainview, Seymour, Vernon and Wichita Falls.

Albus complimented Advanced Healthcare.

"They were nice to work with," he said. "They helped us make this transition."

Anyone who would like to make an end-of-the-year donation to help the DCM pay off the debt should make the check to Knox County Hospital District, Albus said.

"The checks can be mailed to the hospital or dropped off at First Bank Texas in Munday," he said.



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It's Bingo as usual at the Munday Nursing Center, where ownership shifted Dec. 1 to the Knox County Hospital District. Seated, from left, are residents Hazel Cypert, Bea Parks, Jessie Roberts and Kenneth Roberts. Standing next to Cypert are her daughter, Cathy Albus, and her little great-granddaughter, Aashlynn Young. Standing at the corner of the table is bingo volunteer Neva Gonzales, representing St. Joseph's Catholic Church at Rhineland, one of the area churches that helps with activities at the nursing home. An annual Christmas tradition at Munday Nursing Center is a Christmas Shopping Spree sponsored by the First Baptist Church in Munday. Most nursing home activities benefit from volunteer help.

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**What is the fiscal cliff?**

I speak with a lot of business owners, and I continue to hear fear and uncertainty. Of course, when you turn on the TV and hear of nothing but the fiscal cliff, China and impending doom, all that creates a lot of fear.



**CHRIS BLACKBURN**

but let's face it, neither side is going to bend much.

What is the fiscal cliff? Here is the definition according to investopedia.com:

"A combination of expiring tax cuts and across-the-board government spending cuts scheduled to become effective Dec. 31, 2012. The idea behind the fiscal cliff was that if the federal government allowed these two events to proceed as planned, they would have a detrimental effect on an already shaky economy, perhaps sending it back into an official recession as it cut household incomes, increased unemployment rates and undermined consumer and investor confidence. At the same time, it was predicted that going over the fiscal cliff would significantly reduce the federal budget deficit."

What that means for most U.S. families, accord-

ing to the experts at the Tax Policy Center, is this: Middle-income families will pay an average of \$2,000 more in taxes in 2013. Many itemized deductions will be subject to phase-out, and popular tax credits like the earned-income credit, child tax credit, and American opportunity credits will be reduced. Retirement accounts such as 401(k)'s will be subject to higher taxes.

Your marginal tax rate is the tax you pay on each additional dollar of income you earn. As your income rises, your marginal tax rate (better known as your tax bracket) rises. For 2012, the tax brackets are 10 percent, 15 percent, 25 percent, 28 percent, 33 percent and 35 percent. If Washington does not act, those rates will go up respectively to 15 percent, 28 percent, 31 percent, 36 percent and 39.6 percent.

In addition, the Congressional Budget Office estimates that 3.4 million or more people will lose their jobs. The October 2012 unemployment rate of 7.9 percent represents significant improvement over the October 2009 rate of 10 percent. The Congressional Budget Office believes =up to 3.4 million jobs would be lost, post fiscal cliff, due to a slowing economy with layoffs stemming from cuts in the defense budget and other things. This could result in an increasing unemployment rate up to 9.1 percent or more.

Where we stand is here: Obama and Democrats want higher taxes (they say on the wealthy, but it would affect nearly every wage earner in the coun-

try) while not dramatically reducing spending.

Republicans want to leave the tax rates where they are while reducing spending.

At this point, it appears that neither side is willing to concede much to find common ground.

Most Americans remain clueless on how the fiscal cliff will impact them. Most small businesses fear it will have a negative impact and are making preparations as best they can.

As it stands right now, taxes are going to go up. In addition, Obamacare is going to place a burden on employers with unfunded mandates.

I can't predict the future, but if I were forced to predict what's going to happen if nothing is done, I'd say our fragile economy will plunge into recession and millions will be jobless.

Because we print money like it's going out of style, interest rates will begin to skyrocket and so will inflation, which will effectively place millions of Americans out of purchasing big ticket items like cars and houses.

I pray calm leadership surfaces and action is taken to ensure much of this does not happen. However, that has been the prayer of many who are aware of the negative possibilities, but those prayers continue to go unanswered.

There is one certainty: the time for action is running out.

Christopher Blackburn is publisher of The Knox County News-Courier and CEO of Blackburn Media Group.

**Celebrations**

**Parrish, Richardson wed**

Alyssa Parrish and Tyler Richardson were united in marriage at 6 p.m. Nov. 3 at Stone Creek Special Events Center in Lubbock.

The double-ring ceremony was officiated by the Rev. Daniel Clayton, university minister at South Plains Church of Christ. Music for the ceremony was provided by Logan LaDuke.

The bride is the daughter of Tommy and Lezlie Parrish of Lubbock. She is the granddaughter of Ben and Betty Parrish of Ballinger and Byron and Shirley Gass of Goree. The groom is the son of Ronnie and Lisa Richardson of Burleson. He is the grandson of Leonard and Carol Pittman, also of Burleson.

Escorted by her father and presented by her parents, the bride wore an ivory lace couture gown. The strapless gown, a sweetheart décolletage, was accented beautifully with a beaded belt at the waist. To complement the gown, the bride wore a fingertip-length veil and a double strand of pearls that belonged to her great-grandmother, Ruby Middleton.

She carried a hand-tied bouquet of coffee-break roses, Asiatic and oriental Sumatra lilies, orange-spray roses, eggplant dahlias, gold mums, moon carnations, orange wax flowers and purple-tinted gravellier wrapped in purple satin with pearl pin accents. Attached to her bouquet was her great-great-grandmother's mother of pearl coin purse, which contained a half-dime dated 1857. Her grandmother Betty Parrish also carried the coin purse in her wedding.

Maid of honor was Lexi Parrish of Lubbock, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids included Whitney Ribinskas of Burleson, Heidi Daniel of Pinedale, Wyo., Abby Thiry of Fort Worth and Makenzie Gass of Haskell, cousin of the bride. Her bridesmaids chose their own plum-colored gowns and carried bouquets to compliment the bride's bouquet.

Jacob Richardson of Burleson, brother of the groom, served as the best man. Groomsman included Jason Nutt of Floydada, Shawn Fear of Burleson and Aaron Minniear of Burleson. Serving as ushers were Reagan Doyal of Lubbock, Preston Weems of Lubbock, Clint Chapman of Midland and Todd Bowen of Stafford, Mo.

Tamara Urbanczyk of Knox City, cousin of the bride, registered guests.

Following the ceremony, the bride's parents hosted a meal and reception at Stone Creek. On the eve of the wedding, the parents of the groom hosted a rehearsal dinner at the South Plains Church of Christ.

The bride is a 2007 graduate of Coronado High School and Covenant School of Nursing in 2011. She also graduated from Lubbock Christian University with a Bachelor of Science in nursing in 2012. She is employed as a nurse in the neonatal intensive care unit at Covenant Hospital in Lubbock.

The groom is a 2006 graduate of Burleson High School and a graduate of Lubbock Christian University with a bachelor's degree in Accounting. He will complete his master's in business leadership in 2013. He is employed with Tuff Shed as an area organizational sales manager.

Following the couple's honeymoon to Sandal's Whitehouse in Jamaica, the new Mr. and Mrs. Tyler Richardson will reside in Lubbock.



**ALYSSA PARRISH**

**Deaths**

**Betty Sue Bellinghausen**

Betty Sue Bellinghausen, 79, of Fort Worth, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family on Monday, December 10, 2012, after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

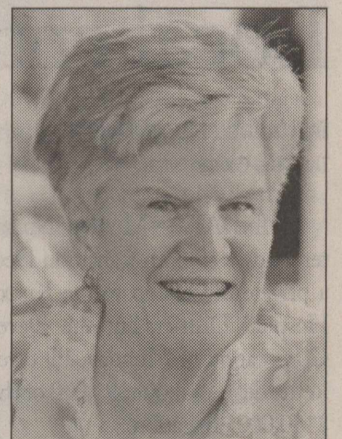
Funeral services were Wednesday at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Rhineland with the Rev. David Bellinghausen, Order of Saint Benedict, officiating. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of McCauley-Smith Funeral Home in Munday.

Betty is survived by her husband of 59 years, Charles; sons and daughters-in-law Chuck and Sharon; Paul; Mark and Jennifer; daughters and sons-in-law Loretta and Barry, Lisa and Don; six grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Betty is also survived by brothers Robert and Charles, and sisters Peggy, Nancy and Mary.

Betty was preceded in death by parents Clifton and Mozelle Patterson, and sister Jerry Honeycutt.

Betty was born October 29, 1933, in Seymour. Although she spent time following her father's employment in Arizona, Betty moved back to



**BETTY SUE BELLINGHAUSEN**

Seymour at age 7 and graduated from Seymour High School in 1951, after which she worked at a variety of jobs before becoming assistant to Dr. Crowley in Munday.

It was during that time that she met and married Charles Bellinghausen, before Charles served in the U.S. Army and spent time overseas. When Charles returned to the U.S., they moved to Fort Worth and Charles went to work for John Deere. In 1957, Charles and Betty settled in Bedford and started their family.

The family requests donations be made to the New Dawn Hospice in Desoto, or the Renal Center of North Denton.

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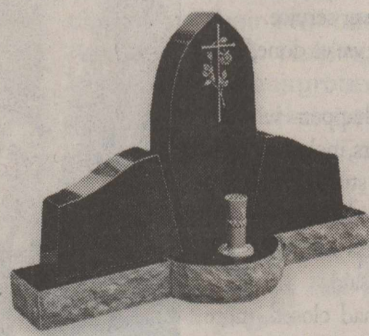
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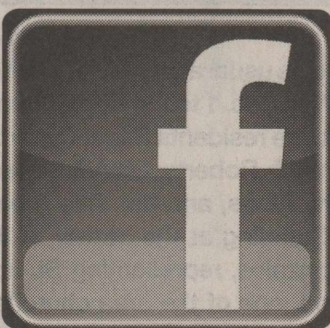


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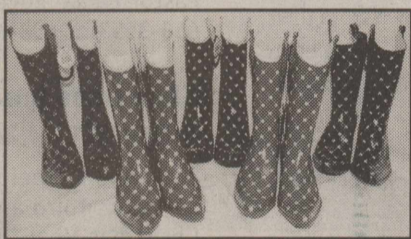
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# Conservation program aps now being accepted

## Special to the News-Courier

Applications for funding opportunities with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service Environmental Quality Incentive Program are being accepted at all NRCS offices across Texas. NRCS in Texas has received its initial allocation of EQIP funding for 2013 and will begin ranking and obligating EQIP contracts after February 15. All agriculture producers interested in submitting an EQIP contract application for 2013 should do so before this ranking deadline.

EQIP is a voluntary, continuous sign-up program that allows landowners or operators to apply for financial and technical assistance for the application of specific conservation practices; but the deadline for the first 2013 funding is Feb. 15.

Contracts are offered periodically depending on budgetary allocations. Applications made after the deadline will be considered in the next funding cycle. Higher priority will be given to those applications that address national, state and local priorities and provide higher cost efficiency.

NRCS encourages any person interested in participating

in their programs to contact their local field office, usually located at the county seat.

EQIP offers technical and financial help to install or implement structural, vegetative, and management practices that can benefit the soil, water, air, plants, livestock, and wildlife. Each county in the state is funded yearly to assist producers financially with these land management practices.

Last year, NRCS in Texas funded more than 4,000 EQIP contracts with \$76 million to accomplish conservation practices such as irrigation efficiency, minimum tillage, brush management and more on 2.1 million acres across the entire state.

In addition to helping our environment, Farm Bill conservation program funds support rural communities. In Texas, it is estimated that each dollar of NRCS and private matching expenditures on NRCS conservation programs generates an additional \$2.54 in sales of goods and services.

For information, including eligibility requirements, call the USDA Service Center office serving the county where your land is located.

Service center locations and program information can be found on the Texas NRCS Web site at [tx.nrcs.usda.gov](http://tx.nrcs.usda.gov).

# Cecil Bingham: A butcher

By Hanaba Munn Welch  
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The butcher, the baker, the candlestick maker — they were the trio that made history by setting out to sea in a tub, “rub-a-dub-dub.”

Nursery rhyme aside, the three professions recall a picturesque bygone era when every village would have had one or more of each ilk.

In Knox County, it's not bygone.

There's Cecil Bingham, who butchers in Knox City, albeit now for a grocery store, but he used to have his own market, and he still deals with customers the same way. There's Karen Shahan, baker of breads and pastries in Munday, and there's Stephany Rowland, not a candlestick maker but close enough to count with her homemade scented candles, manufactured at her home in Knox City and for sale at the Herring Agency in Munday.

As Christmas approaches, all three have skills that suit a season that's always celebrated with food and fragrances and things nostalgic. Taking the three in the order of the rhyme, this week's News-Courier tells the story of Bingham, an unlikely butcher.

Cecil Bingham didn't plan on being a butcher at age 18. He was on his way to enlist in the military when the late Bud Bradbury, Knox City grocer, persuaded him to be his butcher.

Bingham could have ended up in Vietnam instead, despite Bradbury's offer.

“I went in there (Bradbury's



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**Butcher Cecil Bingham stands next to the Lawrence Bros. meat case in Knox City, the work of his hands displayed neatly on three levels. He didn't choose his career, but he's right where he wants to be.**

market) for something,” Bingham said, recalling the way it all happened. “I was on my way to Wichita Falls to enlist in the service.”

But two of Bingham's uncles had lost their lives in World War II — reason for the military not to take him. From then on, his career course was set. He went to butchering.

Bingham had no experience on initial inclination to cut meat. He remembers his first response to Bradbury's job offer and Bradbury's reply:

“I never have butchered a day in my life.”

“Well, your fixin' to learn,” the grocer said.

The military's loss turned out to be Bradbury's gain.

Now a veteran at his craft, Bingham enjoys a customer following and has the respect of Lawrence Bros., where he

now works to keep attractive cuts of meat on the shelves.

“He's the best,” said Carolyn Pettes, a co-worker. “I'm positive.”

His work philosophy is simple. What's important is “cutting the meat right and keeping it fresh and waiting on the customers,” he said last Thursday morning, wearing his trademark white apron, still fresh at day's beginning.

If he's seen any changes in the butchering business lately, it's a preference for lower-priced cuts of meat, a trend Bingham believes is tied to a tougher economic situation for many people. His advice for making the less expensive cuts palatable is simple.

“Cook it for a long time,” he said. “Don't rush it.”

Through his years of experience he's also honed the

art of knife sharpening. He uses both a whetstone and a roughened steel rod called a “steel.”

Bingham grew up in agriculture, first in Del Rio and then Knox County.

“We were farming down there,” he said, “but we got to where we couldn't make a living.”

His father was the late T.B. Bingham.

Not following in his father's career path has worked out fine for Cecil Bingham. He likes being a butcher. He's also butchered in Aspermont and Haskell, reason enough for some of his longtime customers to make the drive to Knox City to order just what they want from Bingham.

He's got no plans to quit.

“I don't get tired of it,” he said. “I enjoy doing it.”

# Menus

## Knox City ISD

### Breakfast

**Monday:** Pork sausage, biscuit or cereal bowl, toast, mixed fruit, juice, milk

**Tuesday:** Biscuits with sausage gravy or cereal bowl, toast, peaches, juice, milk

**Wednesday:** Breakfast pocket or cereal bowl, applesauce, juice, milk

**Thursday:** Golden waffles with syrup or cereal bowl, toast, majestic pears, juice, milk

**Friday:** Breakfast pizza or cereal bowl, toast, pineapple tidbits, juice, milk

### Lunch

**Monday:** Rib sandwich or Italian antipasto salad with salami or energy meal with bologna and cheese; sweet corn, green beans, mixed fruit, fruit slushy, milk

**Tuesday:** Frito chili pie or fajita chicken salad or energy meal with turkey and cheese; glazed carrots, lettuce and cheese, fruit, fruit slushy, milk

**Wednesday:** Chicken quesadilla or garden pasta salad or energy meal with ham and cheese; Mexican corn, refried beans, fruit slushy, milk, applesauce

**Thursday:** Steakfingers or zesty

tuna salad or energy meal with tuna salad; mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit slushy, beets, milk

**Friday:** Pizza or chef salad or energy meal with po-boy; tater tots, baked beans, fruit, pineapple slushy, milk

## Knox County Aging Services

**Monday:** Charbroiled beef patty with pepper and onions, garlic mashed potatoes, beets, sliced bread, mandarin oranges

**Tuesday:** Salisbury steak with gravy, red bliss potatoes, peas, whole-wheat roll, fruit cocktail

**Wednesday:** Spaghetti with meat sauce, Italian vegetables, broccoli, garlic toast, autumn Jell-O.

**Thursday:** Stew, turnip greens, cornbread, black-forrest parfait

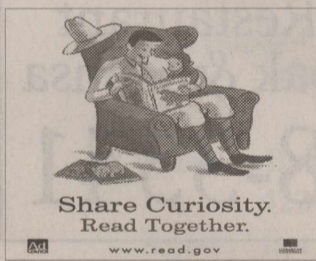
**Friday:** Pork chop, black-eyed peas, spinach, cornbread, apple crunch

## By Charlie Schur

Special to the News-Courier

There have been several articles lately in farm magazines and the Internet about using annual cover crops to reduce farming costs and increase profits.

Cover crop is a crop planted during normally fallow periods between the main crops. They can reduce erosion, increase soil organic matter, promote nitrogen fixation, suppress weeds, minimize and reduce soil compaction and increase water infiltration.



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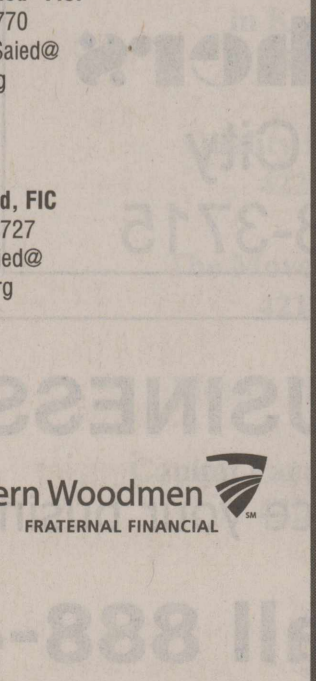


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# Cover crops a good option for fallow periods

This practice may be performed on cropland or pasture/hayland. They are especially beneficial in a no-till farming system.

Before planting, ensure herbicides used on the previous crop will not carry over to cover crops, especially due to dry weather. Also, check your crop insurance policy, and with your local Farm Service Agency.

The EQIP program will require a three-year implementation commitment. Therefore, you may want to try only a few acres.

A minimum of four species mixture

consisting of grasses, legumes and forbs will be required to provide multiple benefits. Termination in preparation for the following crop may be done by mowing, tillage, crimping or approved herbicides.

An example of a cool season mixture may include oats, Austrian winter peas, white clover, turnips and radishes. A warm-season mixture might include sorghum, buckwheat, hairy vetch, cowpeas, sunhemp and soybeans.

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the month that sees the most tax revenue flow into the county coffers, Welch said.

Gene Ward, representative of the Texas Department of Transportation, also updated commissioners on TxDOT work in the county.

Ward described a patching project for a stretch of road south of the Knox City Country Club where the edges of the road are breaking off.

"We have a motor-grader with a modified blade on it,"

Ward said. "We hope to have that complete pretty soon."

A seal coat project at Rhineland is also under consideration.

"We probably won't start that until maybe around spring because of the weather," Ward said. "The pavement has to be a certain temperature."

Floyd also asked Ward about TxDOT's curtailment of some roadside mowing, allowing mesquites to grow in some areas.

"We're hoping that changes," Ward said, blaming the lack of mowing on forced cuts in TxDOT expenditures.

"This funding issue, is it all

the way through the Childress District?" Floyd asked.

Ward replied that it was.

"We're hoping that changes," Ward said, referring to the restrictions on mowing. "We'll try to mow here and there — those places that are safety issues, as much as possible."

Commissioners also authorized Floyd to sign a document agreeing to notification procedures outlined by Jacob & Martin Engineering of Abilene in the event emergencies occur related to Lake Benjamin.

Johnny McCown, Precinct 1 commissioner, pointed out that a dam failure would dam-

age roads and other existing infrastructure.

"There is a bunch of erosion in the dam," he said. "If it washed out, it would jeopardize a good many things."

In the Texas AgriLife Extension realm, Jerry Coplen, extension agent for agriculture, reported that upcoming livestock shows are keeping him busy.

"I am in full-blown livestock show mode," he said.

A showmanship clinic is tentatively scheduled, "probably for the 22nd," Coplen said.

"We'll take off in a ball of fire after the first," he said.

Several youngsters will exhibit animals both locally and at various shows around the state, he said. The county show will be in January.

"From there until sometime in April, it's one right after the other," he said.

In other business, the court approved bonds for county officials, authorized Texas County & District Retirement to maintain the retirement plan for 2013, approved a Knox County Rural Water Supply Corp. plan to construct water lines in Knox County, approved trading a John Deere 770D motor-grader in as part of a lease-purchase deal to ac-

quire a new John Deere 672G grader from Yellowhouse Machinery and heard reports from other departments — community development, aging services, 9-1-1 and the justice of the peace.

The judge and commissioners ended with a session devoted to paying bills, looking at financial statements for November, considering the budget for 2012-2013 and paying expenses incurred in the current 2011-2012 fiscal year.

The courthouse will be closed Dec. 24-25 for Christmas and Jan. 1-2 for New Year's.

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# Students donate to food pantry



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Members of the Knox City High School student council and National Honor Society sponsored a food drive recently at the school. The students donated all items to the local food pantry Monday.

## AgriLife Research contributing new quality to state's No. 1 cash crop

By Kay Ledbetter  
Special to the Dispatch

Can you imagine trying to build a competitive race car with old parts? Chances are, the entry would not fare well at the Indy 500. Very much the same thing might be said about today's crops, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Research scientist.

"Contemporary crops such as Texas cotton are like finely tuned racing machines — they need high quality parts to perform optimally," said David Stelly, AgriLife Research cotton geneticist in College Station. "And they constantly need new ones to replace ones that are no longer functional, as well as those that are still effective but no longer at the cutting edge of competition."

Stelly said his role in the AgriLife Research cotton breeding program is to infuse new genes and gene combinations into the genetics and

breeding research arena, "so that we can utilize natural genetic resources to help meet the many challenges breeding programs face."

Transferring genes into a cultivated crop from a wild species "is like swimming upstream, one is fighting all sorts of biological and genetic barriers," he said.

For years, he and his long-time research assistant, Dwaine Raska, have been transferring the alien genes by a special breeding process called "chromosome substitution."

"Using chromosome substitution, we can target one pair of cultivated cotton chromosomes at a time, and replace it with the corresponding pair of chromosomes from a wild species chosen as the donor. On average, each substitution replaces about 2,000 cotton genes with donor genes," Stelly said.

Having already developed chromosome substitution lines for many

chromosomes from three donor species, Stelly is working in collaboration with a former graduate student, Sukumar Saha, now with the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Agricultural Research Service unit at Mississippi State University, and his associates, to document their effects on cotton plant and fiber improvement.

Stelly noted that the chromosome substitution breeding and research was made possible only because of teamwork among researchers and research supporters, especially AgriLife Research, the Texas State Support Committee, Cotton Inc., the Texas Department of Agriculture's Food and Fiber Research Commission and the Agricultural Research Service.

To significantly advance the cotton industry's "racing machines," breeders must shop around to find the best parts, and figure out how to optimize their contributions to performance, he said.

"Fortunately, nature provides a plethora of genetic variation," Stelly said. "It's up to us to find it, move it into agronomically useful types, and to figure out how to use it wisely. Whether mechanical or genetic, making one change often requires that others be made to achieve superiority."

Contemporary production of cotton in Texas and elsewhere requires cotton seed with superb genes, plus good production infrastructure and technology, superb growers and a good dose of luck, he said.

"If a grower sows cotton seeds lacking a fantastic set of genes that confer high production, high fiber quality, resilience to stresses, pests and pathogens, expectations for the crop would be less than good from the outset."

The grower's requirements pose an extreme challenge for cotton breeding programs that release cultivated varieties, because producers must buy

elite genetic types that are good-to-great for all traits, Stelly said.

Because of the ever-present pressure for rapid development of successful cultivars, U.S. breeding programs have historically relied heavily on previously developed cultivars and closely related lines as parents, he said. This recycling of genes from relatively few historically elite agricultural types of cotton has created a genetic "bottleneck."

"We are actively seeking partners to help breed derived types that can help the research community pinpoint single-gene and multi-gene effects in manners complementary to other means of genetic analysis," he said. "My expectation is that with the aid of marker-based selection, the cotton breeding community will be able to use these new kinds of wild germplasm resources far, far more effectively than in the past. It just keeps getting more and more exciting."

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## The 501 One-woman marching band

**T**he last time I wrote about a timely topic, so did everybody else. Therefore, I'm staying mum about the fiscal cliff and where it fits on the Mayan calendar. Call me out of sync. I don't care.

My fifth year in college I joined the marching band. (I'd always wanted to be in a band.) The director and his assistant



HANABA MUNN WELCH

amused themselves at half-time from the top bleacher looking to see if I was out of step. Maybe they couldn't tell whether I was blowing that sax or faking it. Anyone inept at group routines has to try harder. When you're in a marching band, trying harder means extra practice — difficult when the only place to march is up and down an almost deserted city street in the wee hours of the morning alone. I exaggerate.

I talked my friend Rick into

pretending he had his tuba and marching with me this way and that until I had all those lefts and rights and about-faces burned into my brain.

Anybody else out that late was likely to be intoxicated anyway. They probably asked themselves if they really saw what they thought they saw — two college students marching on Race Street with imaginary instruments. How nice of Rick to go with me on that outing! Rick, if you're reading this column in heaven, it's dedicated to you, dear friend.

More likely I'm on the reading list in Purgatory. I say that only because a somewhat autobiographical book written by Stephen King mentions the possibility that Purgatory will have a library. He thinks it will be his punishment to be able to check out only "Chicken Soup for the Soul."

Presumably, if you believe in Purgatory, some people will be forced to read nothing but my 501-word essays.

If you think "essay" is too fine a word, go with the second meaning — simply an attempt. Even the best essays are attempts. It's just that the best essay writers not only try but

also succeed. Good for them.

Back to marching, and if I've told this one before, sorry.

On a December night my friend Beverly and my now-husband Hugh and I marched in a Christmas parade. They had it easy; I was on stilts — the kind you hold with your hands.

We were behind a marching color guard. Hugh and Beverly were in step with the guard. I was not. Did I mention I was playing a harmonica? Beverly was singing and jangling a tambourine. Hugh was beating a stovepipe-looking percussion instrument from one of Beverly's elementary music classes.

For about seven blocks I tried to think how I could get in step. It seemed to me if I could skip just once, I'd be fine. I wanted to skip, but I just couldn't. And maybe that's why I still have all my front teeth.

Closing thought: When I took my stilt act to the nursing home, solo, all the residents seemed delighted. Maybe that's somewhere I'll someday be in step.

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## Dixie Divas The art of grooming and the artless way of pointing it out

**N**ot long ago, I was in Los Angeles and visiting Tink on the set of a television show that he was executive producing. We sat side-by-side in director chairs, watching as the scene was set up and actors took their place. I looked across Tink to see a woman studying me carefully.

I smiled.

She tilted her head then asked, "Are you Mrs. Tinker?"

I smiled bigger. "Yes, I am."

She nodded, silently studying me. "I thought so. You're Southern, right?"

There was no smile, no social engaging from her. I felt like a rat in a laboratory examination.

Again, "Yes, I am."

"I can tell," she remarked solemnly. "I can tell by the grooming."

I blinked. Tink did, too. We both were speechless.

When I think "grooming," I think horses. I don't even groom Dixie Dew. She gets a bath and her nails

clipped. After a long moment of digesting the comment, Tink finally spoke.

"Grooming?" he asked.

Now, let me tell you — no one washes and cleans more than Tink. He does an extraordinary job with soap, dental floss and cologne. So, the fact he found the comment odd shows it wasn't just me.

She nodded, still unsmiling and looked directly at me. "You have this Texas thing going. The hair, everything."

I laughed. What else to do?

There was a chance, after all, it was a compliment, even if it was back-handed.

"Well, OK. Thanks."

Fortunately, the director called for "quiet on the set" so the dialogue ceased before I got offended and she got to hear one of my quick-witted but dangerously sharp barbs.

My husband is a gentleman in every sense of the word, so I strive to remember that always and not embarrass him with a memorable zinger. Of course, we're still newlyweds, so I'm still able

to contain myself.

There, though, is surely coming a time when my restraint will vanish like dew under the hot summer sun.

Tink and I talked about it off and on for the rest of the day, both puzzled at the oddness, and I have continued to give it a lot of thought. It wasn't big hair that gave that impression that day.

Now, I love back-teasing and stiff hair spray as much as any self-respecting Southern woman, but that morning when I dressed then sprayed and fluffed my hair, I didn't like the look with the peasant-style chiffon shirt I was wearing. So, I "re-fixed" my hair. I flat-ironed it and gave it a straight, edgy, trendy look. It was mostly flat.

I applied a light hand of make-up, paying careful attention to lip gloss and mascara then put on earrings that dangle and bracelets that jangle. If anything, I was under-dressed compared to my Sunday morning church dresses and high heels.

I know what you're thinking, my friend. How did the other woman look? I'm getting there. For therein, perhaps, lies the answer.

Her hair was clean but disheveled, her face scrubbed but pale and bare and she wore no jewelry. She was attired in a rumbled white, ill-fitting cotton blouse, jeans and fat sneakers. I could make further comment, but since Tink chides me for being "mean," I'll stop. You can figure it out from here.

So, I have decided it isn't grooming I or any typical Southern woman have, it is more appropriately termed as "polish." We take a stone rough but pure in its beauty and spiff it up to a high sheen and maximum sparkle. This, I believe, is something to take pride in, not shame.

Later, I saw her again. I chuckled, a bit mischievously. "We're still talking about your grooming comment."

She nodded, her face emotionless. "You can use that in a story."

"Oh, don't worry," I assured her with a sly smile and tone that took her aback.

After all, I'm "groomed" to find good story material.

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### ORDER RESTRICTING OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court has determined that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoors burning;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners Court of Knox County that all outdoor burning is banned in the unincorporated area of the county for 90 days from the date of adoption of this Order, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by this Court. This Order is adopted pursuant to Local Government Code § 352.081, and other applicable statutes. This Order does not prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Natural Resources Commission for (1) firefighter training; (2) public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations; (3) planting or harvesting of agricultural crops; or, (4) burns that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager certified under Section 153.048, Natural Resources Code, and meet the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resources Code.

The court hereby places these restrictions on outdoor burning as follows:

1. The use of combustible materials in an outdoor environment by any person is prohibited. Combustible materials include, but are not limited to the use of all fireworks, outdoor cooking apparatus and materials used outdoors in activities such as welding and any other activity that could result in a fire.
2. Notwithstanding No. 1 above, outdoor welding shall be allowed under the following circumstances:
  - A. Welding and cutting and grinding associated with welding activities shall not take place when the wind is over 15 miles per hour;
  - B. The welder must notify the Knox County Sheriff's Department before any welding, cutting or grinding begins;
  - C. All grass, leaves, brush and other easily combustible materials must be cleared within a fifty (50) foot radius surrounding the area where the activity is to take place before any welding, cutting or grinding begins; and,
  - D. A spotter with water and a ready pressurized delivery system must be on hand before any welding, cutting or grinding begins and remain on hand until the activity is completed.
3. Notwithstanding No. 1 above, outdoor branding shall be allowed under the following circumstances:
  - A. The heating method for the brands shall not be from an open wood fire, but from a butane/propane unit.
  - B. All grass, leaves, brush and other easily combustible materials must be cleared within a fifty (50) foot radius surrounding the area where the activity is to take place before any branding begins; and,
  - C. A spotter with water and a ready pressurized delivery system must be on hand before any branding begins and remain on hand until the activity is completed.
4. Notwithstanding No. 1 above, backyard cooking shall be allowed under the following circumstances:
  - A. Outdoor cooking activities shall not take place when the wind is over 15 miles per hour.
  - B. All grass, leaves, brush and other easily combustible materials must be cleared within a fifty (50) foot radius surrounding the area where the activity is to take place before any outdoor cooking begins; and,
  - C. A spotter with water and a ready pressurized delivery system must be on hand before any outdoor cooking begins and remain on hand until the activity is completed.

The purpose of this order is the mitigation of the public safety hazard posed by wildfires during the current drought and severe weather conditions by restricting use of combustible materials.

In accordance with Local Government Code § 352.081(h), a violation of this Order is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00.

Approved and so ordered this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2012.



*Travis C. Floyd*  
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TRAVIS C. FLOYD

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## The Idle American Welcome to McDonald's — now get out

**N**o loitering." The message seems abrasive; we recoil. "Loitering" — like "spoil, roil and embroil" — wallows in negativity. So does "soil" when used as a verb.

It would seem as difficult to enforce as those "NO STOPPING OR STANDING"



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signs on city streets. Come on, now. Have you ever seen or heard of a citation for either one? Sorta — like the puzzling post office door sign: "No Dogs Allowed — Except Seeing-eye Dogs." (Dogs — and sightless people — can't read.)

And the sign at school: "In case of nuclear attack, the ban on prayer in public schools will be temporarily suspended."

The unraveling world we live in provides fertile ground for "thou shalt not" signs to spring up — even at McDonald's.

Despite Ronald McDonald's best efforts, ad campaigns that boast of happiness, splashy ad art throughout stores and despite smiling, warm "welcome-to-McDonald's" greetings, some stores post stern warnings to deter "loiterers."

On balance, I'm a more-than-satisfied McDonald's patron. "Mickey D's" coffee is predictably good and generously "senior-priced." Their soft-serve ice cream is a hit, their restrooms are consistently clean, and they offer free Wi-Fi. Still, the sternly worded warning on the entrance door in downtown Houston seems so "unMcDonald like."

It emphasizes "manager-

enforced" loitering policies.

"Loiterers" choosing to go inside face "30-minute time limits, while consuming food." The sign is less than one-foot square and is dwarfed by colorful window ads pushing iced vanilla coffee, peppermint mocha and "real pork — really awesome." But it's at eye level.

Unshaven that morning, I wondered if I might be "labeled," and I kept a wary eye out for stopwatches. I could have easily been thought a "loiterer." Lots of others — perhaps between buses on their way to day work — hurried in and out. I'd say most of them had jobs with no time for coffee breaks, much less "loitering." An older woman at the next table took a foil-wrapped burrito from her tattered purse,

chasing it down with McDonald's "senior coffee." Was she a "loiterer?"

Internet postings hint the sign is aimed at gangs of purposeless teens, roaming aimlessly. (One teen was said to have left his socks on a table.)

In some stores, piped-in classical and operatic music seems to keep the traffic flowing, the result, management maintains, of a subconscious "get-outta-here" response to highbrow musical programming.

Across the pond, they've installed outdoor high-pitched sound devices designed to combat mosquitoes. They say the sounds also are displeasing to most humans under 25 (those whose hearing hasn't been muffled by too much loud music).

Before too long, the warning in Houston may seem tame.

I've thought a good deal about the sign for several days, happy I don't have to enforce it.

The engraved "welcome" on the Statue of Liberty may say more of the way we were

than the way we are — "Give me your tired, your sick, your huddled masses." Maybe some warnings and disclaimers should be mentioned, too.

Recalled is the sign entering New York City: "If you can make it there, go back."

By definition, "loiterers" are folks who "linger aimlessly." Maybe they one day aimed for higher marks, but somehow missed. Many down-on-their-luck victims of assorted misfortunes have long forgotten what it means to aim high — or even to take aim. They may be preoccupied with worry about finding their next meal and/or lamenting missed ones.

McDonald's has a \$2-plus billion ad budget annually to project a shiny image.

Probably not even .000001 percent is spent on signs warning "loiterers." Me, I'm mostly sad about a "coarsening culture" that makes discussion of such topics germane.

As cold winds swirl in downtown Houston this holiday season, I hope some slack will be cut for the poor who, for whatever reasons, "linger aimlessly."

Few of them, I believe, set out to join the flock Jesus Christ himself described as the poor we'll have with us always.

May he provide — in this blessed Christmas season and beyond — a spirit in us that urges a "reaching out and reaching down" to assist the less fortunate. Christ also said, "Inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, you have done it unto me."

May we know peace on earth, good will toward men.

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### FIRST QUARTER

M -- Dee Paul 19 run (Paul run), 8:18  
M -- Tyrone Dockins 3 run (run failed), 2:19

### SECOND QUARTER

M -- Paul 72 run (Ryder Dillard pass from Paul), 11:51  
M -- Paul 20 run (run failed), 5:57  
M -- Paul 96 run (Roddrick Taylor run), 1:05

### THIRD QUARTER

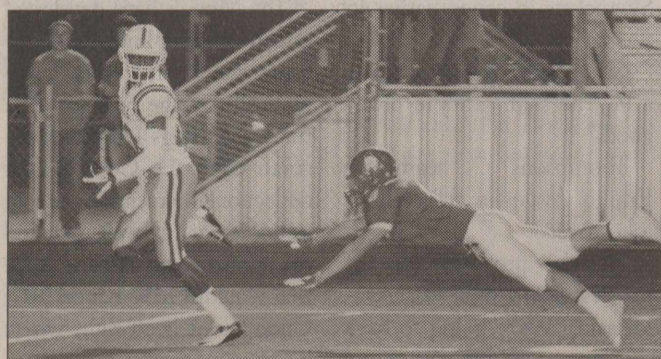
M -- Dockins 25 pass from Paul (run failed), 10:49  
M -- Dockins 1 run (Ryder Cude kick), 4:33  
A -- Andrew Hamilton 4 pass from Jake Bumgardner (Bumgardner kick), 0:08

### FOURTH QUARTER

M -- Paul 19 run (kick blocked), 6:45  
A -- Raykeese McCree 4 pass from Bumgardner, 0:00  
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Rushes-Yards 45-422 42-148  
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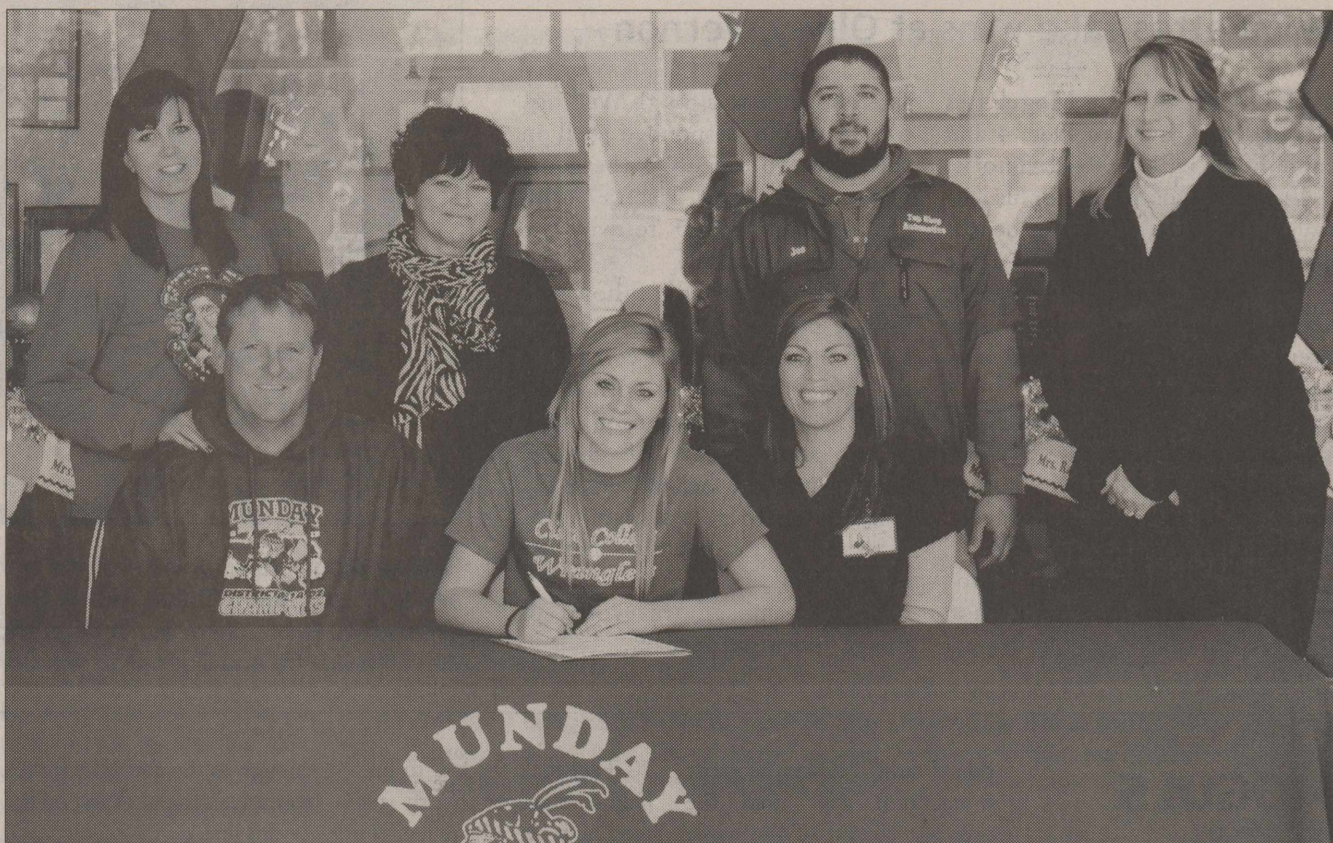
### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**RUSHING** — Munday, Dee Paul 15-315, Roddrick Taylor 11-54, Garrett Weaver 5-31, Tyrone Dockins 9-25, Jarret Masias 2-0, Dewayne Castorena 1-(minus 1), Alfonso Nunez 2-(-2). Albany, Jake Bumgardner 22-63, Rahkeese McCree 7-40, Ryan Pleasant 11-24, Lewis Kelly 2-21.  
**PASSING** — Munday, Paul 6-10-1-70. Albany, Bumgardner 12-27-1-181.  
**RECEIVING** — Munday, L.J. Collier 3-28, Dockins 1-25, Ryder Dillard 2-17. Albany, Pleasant 5-108 Kelly 4-53, Andrew Hamilton 3-20.  
**RECORDS** — Munday 13-0; Albany 11-2.



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Dee Paul (10) finished off one if his five touchdown runs against Albany. Paul rushed for 315 yards on 15 carries.

## Urbanczyk signs with Cisco

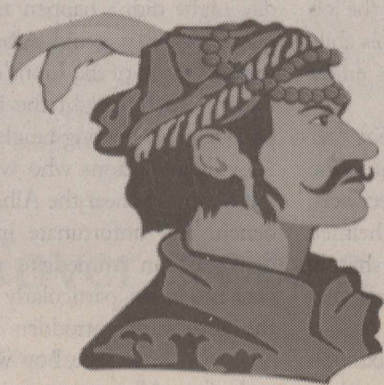


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Munday Mogulette volleyball player Kylie Urbanczyk on Monday signed with Cisco College. Pictured (sitting): father Greg Urbanczyk, Kylie Urbanczyk, mother Deeanna Fernandez; (standing) Sheri Urbanczyk, Munday coach Kim Kuehler, Cisco coach Susan Moore and Joe Fernandez.

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## Sports roundup

### Mogulettes take wins at Olney, Vernon

MUNDAY — The Mogulettes traveled to Olney on Dec. 4 and came home with a 69-41 victory.

"It was a good win for us because we had to move people around due to an injury, and the girls got some good experience at different positions," coach Cory Stephenson said. "That will help us out in the long run."

Scorers in the game were: Kylie Urbanczyk 16, Raci Dillard 15, Tiffany Serrato 12, Tori Thompson 10, Maria Vega 9, Rylie Decker 4, and Kaylan Urbanczyk 3.

Over the weekend the Mogulettes traveled to the Vernon tournament. The Mogulettes lost

the first game to a tough Wellington team but responded well in the next two executing the game plans and beating Electra 46-40 and Quannah 49-45 to win the consolation bracket.

"I am real proud of how the girls responded to the loss against Wellington they didn't come into the next two games with their heads down," Stephenson said. "They showed lots of character and pride. I feel we are really coming together as a team right now and that is exactly what we need to do."

Tori Thompson was voted to the all tournament team.



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Smiling Mogulettes, winners of the consolation trophy last weekend in a tournament in Vernon, are, from left, Tatum Bufkin, Tiffany Serrato, Rylie Decker, Tori Thompson, Kylie Urbanczyk, Kaylan Urbanczyk, Raci Dillard, Maria Vega and Kennedy Redder. The Mogulettes lost to Wellington, then defeated Electra and Quannah to win Consolation.

## MOGULS

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end zone, Munday took over on the 4-yard line. Paul didn't tarry. On the first play, he held onto the ball, breaking through all defenders and into the open to take the ball to the opposite end of the field, coasting into the end zone with only Albany's Hunter Munden in not-so-close pursuit.

Before that 96-yard touchdown run, the Lions' had mounted an effective play-by-play drive with Bumguardner gaining yards on his own and in concert with receiver Lewis Kelly and running back Ryan Pleasant. But when Munday defenders foiled Bumguardner's pass attempts at the end of that drive, the Lions saw their good chance to score vanish into the cool night air.

Beleaguered by the amazing Moguls, the Lions didn't score until near the end of the third quarter, when Bumguardner managed to cap off a successful drive with a short pass to Andrew Hamilton in the end zone. The extra point attempt was also good, but the Lions' 7

points didn't change the game momentum. Not until the very last second of the game did the Lions score again with Rahkeese McCree catching a Bumguardner toss into the end zone, giving the Lions 13 points to show for their struggle against the mightier Moguls. Better than nothing.

The game had plenty of other highlights, mostly painted in purple and gold.

The Munday defense made it tough on Bumguardner. Defensive back Dewayne Castorena sacked the talented passing-running Albany quarterback for a several-yard loss in the first quarter, and lineman L.J. Collier deflected a Bumguardner pass on the next play. Mogul defensive end Jake Myers smacked into Bumguardner hard on the next play just as he got off a pass to Pleasant that somehow was right on target despite the Mogul hit. Myers was the main man in on another sack of Bumguardner near the end of the second quarter.

Also in second-quarter action, Munday defensive back Garrett Weaver intercepted a Bumguardner pass in the end zone for a touchback. From the

20, Paul took the ball to mid-field on a keeper, smartly stepping high over one defender at the end of the sideline sprint before stepping out of bounds at the Albany 49.

On the same drive, Mogul running back Roddrick Taylor made a nice 20-yard run, breaking several tackles and reaching the 5-yard line. Tyrone Dockins rushed for a touchdown on the next play.

Dockins' kickoffs kept the ball on the ground by design, bouncing along on the uniform turf and giving the Moguls chances to recover muffed receptions and otherwise hold the Lions to short or zero return yardage. The tactic didn't match his kickoff style the week before against Hamlin, a different way of getting the job done. Dockins proved his ability to do what it takes either way.

Albany's punts went far afield rather than into the hands of Mogul deep receivers. Wearing his punter's helmet, Bumguardner sent two sharply sideways onto the track that surrounds the field.

Dockins got off textbook punts, landing one close

enough to the end zone for his teammates to put to rest on the 1-yard line.

In the fourth quarter, Collier and Ryder Cude combined on defense to deflect and catch an Albany pass, respectively.

On a down note for Munday, Taylor suffered a third-quarter injury that sent him limping off the field and seemed to limit his effectiveness when he returned to play later in the game.

"He's fine," Patrick Corcoran, head coach, said Monday. "He practiced today."

On the other hand, Myers will be sporting a cast Friday. He broke his thumb in Friday's game.

"He's casted," Corcoran said. "He'll be able to play."

The most serious injury Friday night didn't happen to a player. An 8-year-old Albany water boy, son of the Lions' defensive coach, caught the impact of a fast-moving tangle of Moguls and Lions who went out of bounds near the Albany bench. The unfortunate incident cast an immediate pall over the game, particularly for the already downtrodden Lions, who knew the boy well, and for Albany spectators,

who witnessed what happened from the near stands. Munday fans strained their eyes from the far side of the field, trying to follow the action. The injury turned out to be what it looked like — a broken leg.

Munday will play Wellington on Friday, meeting the Skyrockets in a semi-final match at Memorial Stadium in Wichita Falls. If the Moguls win, next game will be for the state title.

The Moguls expect the Skyrockets to be a challenge to outplay.

After practice Monday, lineman Jerico "Koko" Thompson acknowledged that Wellington will challenge the Moguls, having seen some footage of the Skyrockets in action earlier in the day.

"They like to run counter a lot," he said. "They're pretty good."

Thompson's teammate Emilio Avalos, a fellow-line-man, agreed.

"They're probably one of the best teams we'll see," Avalos said. "We're going to have to keep a good mindset to get where we're wanting to go."

Wellington won regional with a 55-28 victory Friday

over Sudan, bringing their season record to 13-0.

Wellington is a balanced team, good on offense and defense, Corcoran said.

"They score points," he said. "They execute throwing the ball and running the ball. Defensively they're aggressive and try to create negative plays. We just need to execute our schemes."

Corcoran is confident the Moguls will play well, complimenting his players on the skills and attitudes that have brought them through the season so far.

"They do an excellent job of doing what we ask them to do," he said.

The Moguls have developed as a team that knows how to think quick and react automatically on the field to make the right things happen. Corcoran cited the Cude-Collier deflection-interception as an example of a well-executed disruption to an Albany drive that wouldn't have happened if Cude hadn't been right where he was supposed to be.

"Little things like that make such a big difference," Corcoran said.

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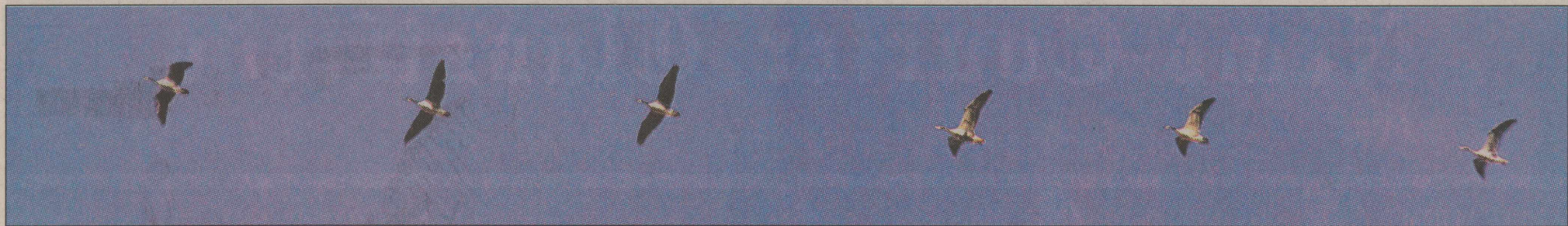
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# Canada geese an annoyance to area farmers

By Hanaba Munn Welch  
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What's good for the goose isn't good for the farmer.

The big birds — mostly Canada geese — are honking and swooping their way over and about Knox County and the surrounding region to feast on peanuts and wheat and trample the ground with their big goose feet and take their ease at area lakes.

Besides the picturesqueness of the geese, both up close and flying in gently changing formations early and late in the day, the good side of the yearly invasion is an accompanying invasion of hunters. They're a plus for the local economy, even for farmers who lease land for hunting.

Some of the migratory

geese land on Joyce Turner's land between Rule and Rochester.

"The geese are all over where the peanuts had been harvested," she said. "They may not return again, but they are there today."

Cranes also frequent the area.

"Usually the cranes come later," Turner said.

The birds also behave differently in the peanut patches, at least to Turner's eye.

"The cranes dig them," she said. "The geese only eat what's on top."

Cranes can complicate the hunting scene.

Area Game Warden Jay Oyler enforces the rules, and he wants to get a message out regarding ammunition: Lead shot is allowed for crane hunting

only. Anyone who hunts both geese and cranes cannot have lead shot in his or her possession.

"It's easy to mess that up," Oyler said.

A scenario that could get a lead-shot crane hunter into trouble would be taking a shot at a lone goose that happens to fly by, Oyler said.

"We want to keep them out of trouble when we can," he said.

It's a busy time of year for Oyler, hunters and hunting guides.

"The guys and the outfitters, they wish it would rain," Oyler said.

But hunting has been brisk.

"They've been killing quite a few Canadas," Oyler said. "I've seen quite a few dead specklebellies."

A specklebelly by any other name is a greater white-fronted goose, which, despite the name, is considered a dark goose.

The limit on dark geese is five, but only one can be a specklebelly, Oyler said.

The Canada goose is a more common sight in Knox County and the area, with its black head with white on its face and eyes.

"That's the one that everybody sees and knows," Oyler said. "The specklebellies have a little more of a striped pattern on their breasts and stomachs."

Ducks are also in season.

"They're killing quite a few ducks up around Truscott," Oyler said.

The bag limits is six but not just any six.

"Only five can be mal-

lards; only two can be hens," Oyler said.

Otherwise, the rules allow three wood ducks, two redheads, two pintails, one canvasback and one dusky duck.

In Abilene recently, Barry McCollum, general superintendent of Willis Electric, was looking forward to hunting both ducks and geese in Knox County, even if it wasn't his idea.

"My son's been wanting to go," he said.

Once McCollum's son had located a guide, the trip was on. It will be the duo's first time to hunt geese.

McCollum works some in Knox County, and he's already seen geese in the evenings in the same peanut field every time he drives by. He's heard about the damage the geese can do.

"I've talked to some wheat farmers," he said. "They say the pack the ground down and ruin the wheat tromping on it. You get set up with decoys in the peanut fields or whatever they're coming to."

Both he and his son will be hunting, but McCollum won't be cooking the birds.

"My son is the one who does the cooking on the wild game," he said. "He marinates them (ducks) and chicken-fries them."

If they bring down any Canada geese, the same recipe will likely apply and be on the menu at the McCollums' New Year's party. Two years ago it was dove and duck. Last year wild hog, and this year a plan was in the offing to order alligator from Louisiana.



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Residents of Munday Nursing Center always enjoy visits from children, especially from their own families. Visiting Hazel Cyfert is her great-granddaughter, Ashlynn Young. Helping to hold the child is Cyfert's daughter, Cathy Albus. Visible in the background are, from left, Florene Hornsby, Colester Fobbs, Mary Welch and Ruth Hutchens.



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