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## Munday's Paul bound for Tech

By Hanaba Munn Welch  
The Knox County News-Courier

It's no secret anywhere. Munday Mogul football standout Dee Paul is bound for Texas Tech University in the fall.

Paul made the news official with a live announcement Saturday night.

In one sense, Paul is already on his way out of his hometown. On Monday, the high school senior wore Texas Tech gear to school — a black sports shirt with the red Double-T Texas Tech logo over his heart. Goal-oriented, he sees himself not only playing football for Tech but also setting records in the 300-meter hurdles — first at state high school competition this spring and then doing well enough in college ultimately to represent the United States in hurdles at the Olympic games.

Career-wise, he's aiming for degrees in sports communication and kinesiology to

help him one day be a college football coach. Based on his past achievements, Paul has a good start on going just that far. But wherever his career path takes him and whatever insignias end up on his shirts, Munday will stay in his heart. He's got too many good memories ever to forget his hometown. Besides, West Texas is his culture.

Not surprisingly, Dee Paul has relatives in East Texas. Like many Texas families, his originally migrated west from that direction.

"A lot of trees" is how he describes Dekalb, where he's been more than once on family trips to visit relatives.

The broad horizons of the Texas Plains seem to better match his far-reaching dreams. Like anyone else who's grown up in the wide open spaces, he feels hemmed in by the East Texas trees, he said — reason enough to prefer Munday to Dekalb.

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Even on a Monday, it's easy for Munday Moguls to smile when they're together and thinking about their state championship in football. Wearing the Texas Tech logo is quarterback-defensive back Dee Paul, who Saturday announced his decision to accept a football scholarship from Tech, where he'll also run track. Kneeling is Rodrick Taylor, also a senior. Others standing, from left, are L.J. Collier, coach Patrick Corcoran and Jerico Thompson. Paul will work for a slot on the college team as defensive back and also hopes to be on the kick and punt return team.

### 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](mailto:kcnewscourier@gmail.com).

#### One-Act fundy

Drama students at Knox City High School are selling hand-crafted KCHS metal keychains for \$7. All proceeds benefit the One-Act Play production. For information, contact Terra Martinez at [terra.martinez@esc9.net](mailto:terra.martinez@esc9.net).

#### Retired teachers

The Knox County Retired Teachers will meet at 2:30 p.m. Jan. 22 in the Knox City Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Ronnie Brown will speak about the county's emergency medical services department. All members are encouraged to attend. For information, contact Daniel Sloan at [dsns@srcaccess.net](mailto:dsns@srcaccess.net).

#### Food pantry

A Helping Hand Food Pantry, 107 NE Second St. in Knox City, will distribute food from 2 to 6 p.m. Jan. 22. Call 325-436-4145 for information.

#### 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.

#### Munday council

The Munday City Council meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month in the conference room at City Hall. The next scheduled meeting will be Jan. 8. For information, call City Hall at 422-4331.

#### Commissioners Court

The Knox County Commissioners Court meets at 1:30 p.m. the second Monday of the month in Commission Chambers at the Knox County Courthouse in Benjamin. The next scheduled meeting will be Jan. 14. For information, contact County Clerk Annette Offutt at [kcdisco@srcaccess.net](mailto:kcdisco@srcaccess.net) or 459-2441.

### Corrections

If you spot an error of fact, contact Editor Wayne Hodgin at [kcnewscourier@gmail.com](mailto:kcnewscourier@gmail.com).

In the December 20 issue of the News-Courier, a caption under a picture of Ronnie White, former city manager of Benjamin, and members of the City Council and other officials who attended his retirement party, incorrectly identified Charles Jones as Charles Griffith.

The Knox County Livestock Show will be Friday and Saturday, Jan. 18 and 19. A story in last week's News-Courier contained the wrong dates.

A picture in last week's News-Courier incorrectly identified Larry Urbanczyk at work at the water treatment plant near Millers Creek Reservoir.

### Sales taxes

## Cities collect more than 9 percent more in sales taxes than 2011

December numbers see increase during holiday shopping season

By Wayne Hodgin  
The Knox County News-Courier

Sales tax collections for the month of December for the cities of Benjamin, Goree, Knox City and Munday were up nearly 11 percent over December 2011, according to information recently released by the state comptroller's office.

Total collections were \$44,763 for the four municipalities compared to \$40,409 over the same period last year.

Knox City Manager Chad Roberts said the continued oilfield traffic and the power-line installers have contributed to the local economy.

Comparing year-to-year allocations, sales tax collections were up more than 3 percent over 2011 allocations. Payments for 2012 were \$484,773 compared to \$469,490 in 2011.

Statewide, total sales tax collections for December were \$2.17 billion, up 9.4 percent compared to December 2011.

"Strong sales tax collections continue in most major economic sectors in Texas," state Comptroller Susan Combs said. "The strongest growth was from business spending-driven sectors including oil and natural gas, manufacturing and construction."

Local sales tax allocations totaling \$531 mil-

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## Livestock show kicks off this weekend

By Hanaba Munn Welch  
The Knox County News-Courier

The 2013 Knox County Junior Livestock Show will squeal to a start Friday at the Munday Events Center with pigs weighing in at 8 a.m. The swine division, by far, is the largest category in the yearly show with young exhibitors showing eight distinct breeds plus a plethora of crosses. Beef cattle, sheep, goats, chickens and rabbits round out the competition.

Other Friday weigh-in times are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for sheep and goats and 4 p.m. for broilers and rabbits, both small divisions.

A showmanship clinic at 2 p.m. Friday will feature not only Jerry Coplen, Extension agent for agriculture, but also some of the more experienced exhibitors themselves, if plans for the new event go as Coplen expects them to.

"There's lots of little tricks and tips," Coplen said.

For youngsters who've exhibited before, the presentations



Photo by Hanaba Munn Welch/The Knox County News-Courier

Sheltered from the cold, 4-H member Shannon Reeves' shorthorn steer gets a grooming, all part of preparation for the Knox County Livestock Show. For Reeves, 4-H is an organization that not only provides a way for him to compete in livestock shows but also to develop leadership skills. Reeves is on tap to help with a showmanship clinic Friday at the county show.

will be a refresher course. For first-time exhibitors, the clinic will be an introduction to basic techniques of showing an animal to best advantage in the ring.

Coplen is counting on steer and swine exhibitor Shannon

Reeves, a teen leader with certification as a 4-H Livestock Ambassador, to handle part of the clinic. Reeves, a student at Munday High School, earned

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## KC debate team wins big in Holliday

By Caleb Hudgens  
For the News-Courier

Knox City High School sophomores Jessica Wilburn and M'Kayla Ericson placed second in cross-examination debate at the seventh annual Peggy Wallace Classic in Holliday on Saturday, their final tournament before the district meet Jan. 24.

"I was worried about the teams from Iowa Park that I went to debate camp with because they're strong competition," Wilburn said. "Holding our own against them and beating them in the second round was a great confidence boost."

Holliday invited speech teams from eight area schools ranging in size from 6-man to 3A to compete in debate, prose and poetry interpretation, and both informative and persuasive extemporaneous speaking. Iowa Park took gold in cross-

examination debate and won the overall team competition.

"I'm really excited to see what the district tournament has in store for Jessica and me," Ericson said. "Going from debating AAA schools all season to 6-man schools at district will be a complete change — we're ready."

Junior Tyler Clark and sophomore Ian Lagway will join Ericson and Wilburn at the district tournament.

"After debating in the Hamlin and Big Spring tournaments, I'm looking forward to district," Clark said. "I feel like our chances of taking two teams to state are strong this year."

Knox City will host 10 cross-examination debate teams from Jayton, Harrold, Chillicothe, and Crowell at the district tournament Jan. 24. Two teams will advance from district to the state UIL competition March 11-12 at the University of Texas in Austin.



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M'Kayla Ericson and Jessica Wilburn show off their trophies from the Holliday debate invitational last weekend.

### News on the go



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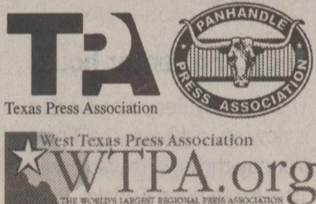
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## Letters to the Editor

### Congrats to the Moguls

I had planned to write this right after you guys won. With the holidays, plus other things getting in the way, I'm now getting to this. I am sorry for the delay. I have stayed silent since my last article write up about your then up-and-coming football season because I didn't want to be a destruction to you guys. I wanted to write a motivational speech right after the two-a-days started back in August and then lay low in the background and watch you from afar. Once you got that focus and that fire started to burn from within, I didn't want to cause or do anything to get you off that focus so I stayed quiet. Once you got that focus you never lost it. Just like I said in my last article getting to Cowboys Stadium wasn't

a fluke, and that not only could you get back there but you would bring that state title home. And you did it. Not only that, but you had a perfect season too. You all are living proof that believing in yourself and never giving up on that dream that all things can and will come to pass with our Holy Father and the Holy Son always by your side. My hat is off to the coaches and the coaching staff and the hard-working players of the Mighty Munday Moguls. No matter what you do from here, no one can or will take that moment away from you. I have no doubt that you can and will get back out there and do it again next season. I'm very proud of you. Congratulations!

**CHAD MCGHEE**  
Munday

#### Letters to the Editor Policy

The Knox County News-Courier welcomes letters from readers on topics of local, state, national and international importance. Email letters are preferred to [thepostcitydispatch@gmail.com](mailto:thepostcitydispatch@gmail.com). All letters must include a first and last name, street address (no post office boxes), daytime phone number. Letters sent via U.S. mail may be sent to P.O. Box 426, Post, TX 79356.)

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## Deaths

### Frances Cypert

Frances Jenell Cypert, 86, passed away Friday, January 11, 2013, in Abilene, Texas. Frances was born January 30, 1926, in Knox County to C.A. and Maude Reagon. She and Ralph Cypert were married January 30, 1946, in Benjamin, Texas. He preceded her in death in 2010.

Frances lived most of her life in the Munday area. She was an active member of the First Baptist Church in Munday and retired from Munday ISD.

Frances is survived by two sons, Gary



FRANCES CYPERT

and Lisa Cypert and Randy and Sharon Cypert, all of

Munday; one daughter Sue and husband, Rick Liles, of Lubbock; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; also, several nieces and nephews.

Services were Sunday at the First Baptist Church in Munday. Burial was in Johnson Memorial Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Smith Funeral Home of Munday.

In lieu of flowers memorials can be made to the Munday Fire Department, Make Munday Beautiful or First Baptist Church of Munday.

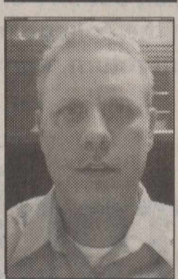
## The Paperboy

# We're on our own in this

Times are changing fast, people. The power in Washington is going after guns, and if we don't increase the debt ceiling, everyone will die!

Nothing like guilting a political party into taking part in bankrupting a country.

Our government is hell-bent on spending like crazy with hardly any cutbacks, while businesses and individuals are asked to make up



CHRIS BLACKBURN

the difference. They spend more, we pay more. And if you don't like the extra money coming out of your check, get used to it. It's just

the beginning. So what do we do? Seems our national politicians are helpless against the machine. Or spineless.

Anyhow, the way to combat Washington is to keep your economy local. If you have the mentality of shopping town, area, state and national — in that order — then we might make it out of this mess in a decade.

Think of it like this: You need some groceries and home items. You can make a couple of extra stops and find what you need in your town, or you can go to a nearby larger town and give them your business.

In one hand, you've saved time and helped your local economy. In the other had you've actually spent more in another town because of fuel and a meal and now the tax money coming from everything you've consumed is not local, it's in another ZIP code.

Personally, I'd like to thank you for your business in 2012 and wish you success in 2013. As a reader and/or advertising customer, I appreciate your business.

Our small towns are important. What we do is important. This publication must help lead the way toward growth and prosperity. We have a lot of work to do and we need each other.

Most of us are like-minded. We want a safe community to live in and opportunity. We have those things before us. They may not be easy to recognize sometimes, but I believe they are real. Look around your community and notice the volunteers delivering meals, serving on the Chamber, working the concession stands. It takes a lot to make our communities hum.

Through organization, communication and hard work, we can have the kind of communities we all want. We should always strive for excellence regardless of what happens in Washington.

So much of our local economies are based on attitude. It can be argued the chances of a thriving economy are related to optimism on what to expect. Nationally, we get a very pessimistic view of the economy. Either view can gain momentum.

I'm optimistic. I know too many people in the communities we serve who are motivated and ready. They love their homes and they fight the good fight daily trying to make it better.

Small businesses are the backbone of this country. You take the risk, you provide jobs, you work your tail off to make ends meet — you are the lifeblood of your town and this country. Be proud of that!

Our communities can be what we make of them. You read your newspaper. You may love it or hate it, but you care enough to take interest. Seems to me we can set aside our differences and party affiliations locally and continue to reach common ground. I guess we're more mature than those we are electing.

For me, I'm done with national politics. I honestly don't care because so very few are in charge, and, really, what's the difference anymore? Neither party is in it for us poor, rural folk. If you think otherwise, prove me wrong.

It's up to us to do our own thing and make our towns what we want. We're on our own and I honestly think we're better off.

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

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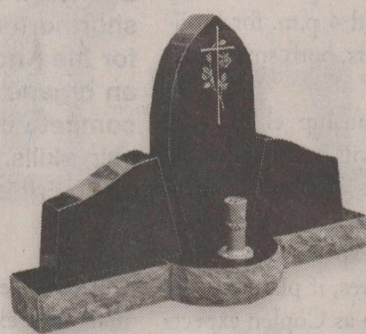
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# The 501 Economic theory, a la Uncle Scrooge and the Three Stooges

No way should I be writing about that multi-trillion dollar coin that someone has proposed as a way to pay off the national debt. I can't help myself.

The mint-one-coin theory is beyond me. For that matter, so is most economic theory, especially the creative spin-off ideas, if we can call them that. Probably we can't, but I just did. If

nothing else, a wild idea like the jillion-trillion-dollar coin sounds more interesting than Keynes vs. whoever; Keynes being the only economist I remember from college economics, maybe because I'm impressed he was important enough to turn himself into an adjective, as in Keynesian. I'll never be an adjective.

All I understand is supply and demand. Uncle Scrooge gets the credit. In my youth, I faithfully read Disney comic books; Don-

ald and Scrooge being my favorites. In one scenario, Donald and his nephews and Uncle Scrooge were visiting an undeveloped part of country untainted by things like soda pop. Scrooge dropped a bottle cap. The natives fought over it.

Before I get this story wrong, let's find it on the Internet. INTERNET PAUSE.

Wow, it's a better story than I remembered.

Magnus Christensson, a Swede, has posted a scholarly paper on Uncle Scrooge on a website, and the bottle cap story is one topic. Per Christensson, the adventure takes place in a country called The Land of Tra-la-la, an exotic remote venue inspired by Samuel Taylor Coleridge's Xanadu in his poem "Kubla Khan." Who knew? Christensson summarizes a "Ducktales" movie plot that sounds just like the comic book story I read. Uncle Scrooge's bottle cap turns out to be worth three sheep in Tra-la-la, a land with no currency per se.

At Scrooge's directive, Launchpad McQuack (a character I don't remember) airdrops a million bottle caps onto Tra-la-la, making the previously valuable bottle cap worth nothing at all. In fact, Scrooge gets in trouble

with the Tra-la-la-ians for littering. Somehow he and Donald and Huey, Dewey and Louie manage to escape, learning a lesson in supply and demand from their dangerous adventure. And so did I, except it all seemed like common sense to me.

The comic book tale made me think of all the colorful bottle caps that virtually paved the area in front of one of the country stores where I myself often popped the top on a Grapette or Nehi drink. Not a litterer, I made sure my caps ended up in the box on the icebox that held the bottle drinks by their necks in something like a series of soft drink squeeze chutes, if that comparison can be made. Anyway, I just made it.

Back to common sense, if it doesn't work out for one coin to pay the national debt, a certain Three Stooges routine might work. Each member of the trio owed the other \$20. They circulated one 10-dollar bill twice and managed to pay off all the debts. Or maybe that's how the one-coin theory works. What do I know? Not very much.

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HANABA MUNN WELCH

## Dixie Divas

# A Lack of Empathy

One night while out to dinner, I noticed an elegant elderly lady at the next table over who was dining alone. I was drawn to her because sorrow clouded her eyes and she smiled sadly, the kind we all force when we do not feel happy.

The waiter seemed to know her. He leaned down to chat with her, placed his hand on her shoulder and was kindly solicitous. She responded with a grateful look. It was, for all practical purposes, an empathetic exchange. I called the waiter over and asked about the woman.

"She and her husband used to dine here all the time but he died a few months ago. Now, she comes here alone." Though we were on dessert, I went over and invited her to join us but she quietly declined. She explained that her husband had died five months earlier. They

had been married for sixty years. She dropped her eyes. "It's so hard without him, after all those years together."

I squeezed her hand and sympathized. I saw Mama go through that when Daddy died after 57 years of marriage. "I'll be praying for you," I said. Again, she nodded quietly. "Please."

Of all the things I see or hear, I am most saddened by the lack of empathy that some folks have. I had it, too, in my ignorant youth. I saw things only from my point of view and criticized soundly, often eloquently. Life changed that in me. It whipped me around, taught me the frailty of life and showed me how, despite our very best efforts, we can still get in terrible jams.

I wrote a column on a house I passed often that was once filled with a happy family but foreclosure forced the family out. The house heaved with sadness and loneliness as the weeds grew and the flowers died. Many of you wrote in to express

similar thoughts on similar situations. One man wrote, "I tell everyone close to me not to buy a foreclosed home because, to me, it feels like taking advantage of another's misfortune."

One lone voice and opinion saddened me terribly. She wrote that she had no sympathy for anyone who lost their home because she and her husband had lived in an apartment and eaten sandwiches for nine years in order to afford the home they bought. I see things differently. I see myself as blessed that some terrible tragedy or loss of job has not forced me from a home that was purchased after years of sewing my own clothes, clipping coupons and even working two or three jobs at a time. Yes, I worked hard and saved diligently to get here but by the grace of God and lack of misfortune, I am able to stay here.

When I wrote about the dire straits of the post office and asked folks to start writing more letters and buying more stamps so that we could save jobs as well as an American institution, one man took it seriously. For his 70th birthday, he asked only for a copy of that column so he could mail to his friends and rally the cause. He forwarded the email to hundreds of friends and family and said, "For my birthday, buy a stamp and mail a letter. Let's help our fellow Americans."

Of course, another response was different. He listed all the reasons he used email and refused to use the postal system (though I can't believe he doesn't receive mail). How is it possible not to care about the welfare of others? How is it possible to be callous about a part of Americana that dates back to Benjamin Franklin and the founding of this great country?

Because some people are not empathetic. They don't see another's point of view.

Maybe I'm too empathetic but that troubles me.

Ronda Rich is a Southern humorist, storyteller and best-selling author. Her latest book, "There's A Better Day A-Comin'," is available at rondarich.com.



RONDA RICH

## The Idle American

# The walk and the talk

When life's talkin' lines up so closely with the walkin', light sheds on how joy can trump sadness at a funeral. That's my nutshell description of the Rev. Dr. Mike Toby's memorial service, one he largely planned himself.

At 80 minutes, it didn't seem protracted, though he might have disagreed. After all, he had included no allowances for senior staff ad-libbing, or for reflective pauses shared by an overflow crowd of almost 2,000 people at First



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Woodway Baptist Church, where he had been senior pastor for 35 years.

His life was a testimony, his stature obvious and his leadership consistent. Mike "stood tall" in the faith, and, at 6-foot-5, towered over most congregants, his disarming smile projecting an "all is well" countenance. "Be a lighthouse" was the credo of this beloved pastor.

He was the kind of man who "seized the day" at an early hour, ready to face the opportunities, challenges and demands that would surface later.

Mike dealt with numbness during a sermon back in October. He went to the doctor, sharing symptoms he simply didn't understand.

Doctors understood and medical tests confirmed that brain cancer was entrenched.

Jackie, his wife of 45 years, sons Joshua and Scott and their families knew the course their loved one would take. He had options of invasive surgery that might have extended his life for a year or so, or he could finish his earthly pilgrimage at home, with the probability of living two or three months.

He made a short video for a church service, explaining he "wouldn't bargain with the Lord for 15 seconds beyond his allotted time."

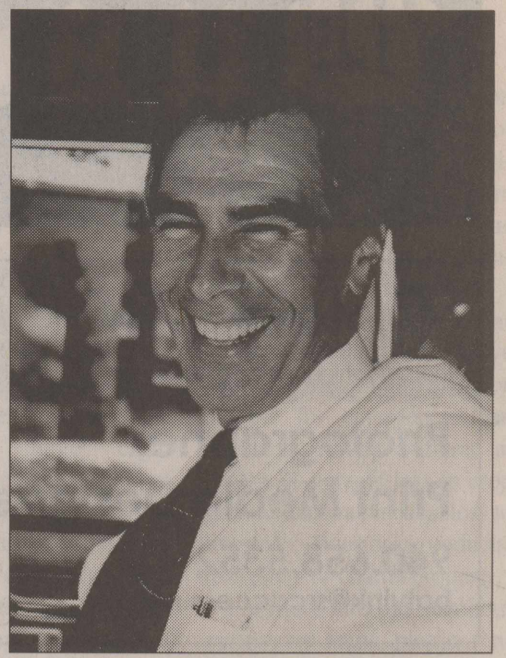
Mike spent November and December at home, medication keeping him comfortable. There, he said what he needed to say and did what he needed to do.

Mike had "are we there yet, daddy," kinds of questions, as enthusiastic as a 12-year-old on the road for summer vacation. He looked forward to the next step. "If it were up to me, I'd be in the front seat of the next flight out," he mused. (His staff often kidded about his penchant for punctuality. "To be on time," one said, "was to be a few minutes late!")

His ever-present sense of humor lightened the moment when the senior staff gathered at the Toby home to "nail down" memorial service details.

"I don't want a preacher doing my funeral," he insisted, turning to the Rev. Terry Graham, his associate pastor for the past 18 years, "I want you to do it." Chuckles erupted.

This God's man/family's man/man's man — his spiritual calling never questioned but prank-



The Rev. Dr. Mike Toby

ster tendencies sometimes were — was a tender leader, tough only when situations demanded.

In reality, his life work began almost a half-century ago while a student at Pasadena High School. Each morning, he offered prayer and devotionals on the intercom system.

Relentless in athletic competition and an outdoorsman, his experiences became life lessons for sermons.

Mike spent much time in reflection during his eight weeks at home preceding his death on Dec. 29. Included were thoughts of his support of mission points in the Waco area and around the world.

Probably every person at the service had favorite "Mike Toby stories."

I do, most of them centering on his gracious spirit, unbounded enthusiasm and infectious "yes we can" attitude.

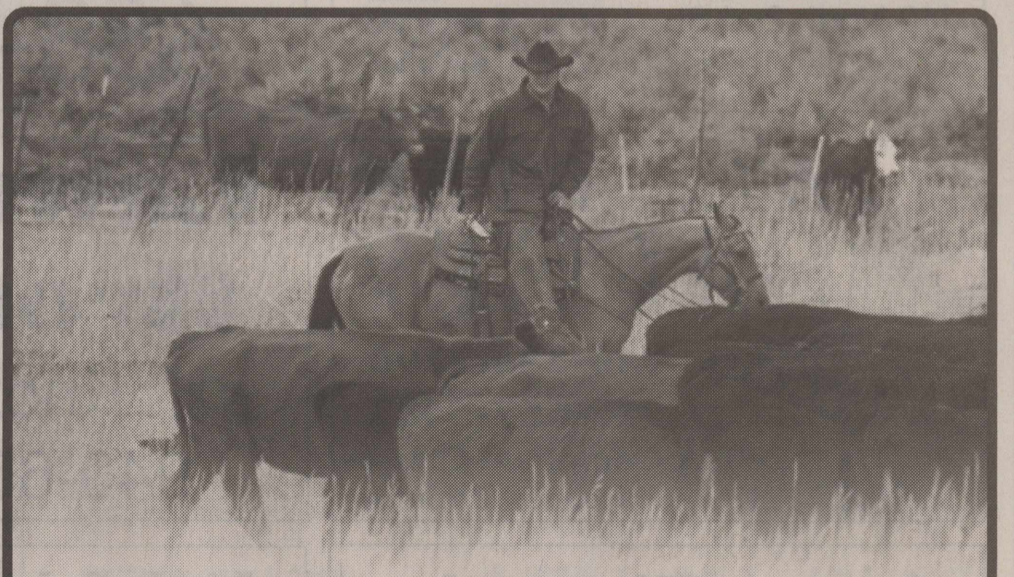
In his final hours, he told his wife, Jackie, he wanted to "take a puppy along." Puzzled, she recited all the dog names she could remember. He interrupted, "You know, the one we had when we moved to Waco."

To conclude the service, the Tobys' grandchildren walked with the Rev. Graham in front of the casket. A trumpeter belted out "When We All Get to Heaven." Behind the family were 50 or so children, "whosoever will" participants. All of them carried glow sticks. Congregational singing closed it out with lively singing of "I'll Fly Away."

Putting the glow sticks away, the children — some of them as young as 5 — hastened to an adjacent room, where their parents were waiting. Though the church has grown large — from a membership of 1,000 to 4,600 during Toby's ministry — they knew "the way."

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Don Newbury, former chancellor of Howard Payne University, is a columnist, humorist and motivational speaker.



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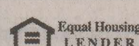
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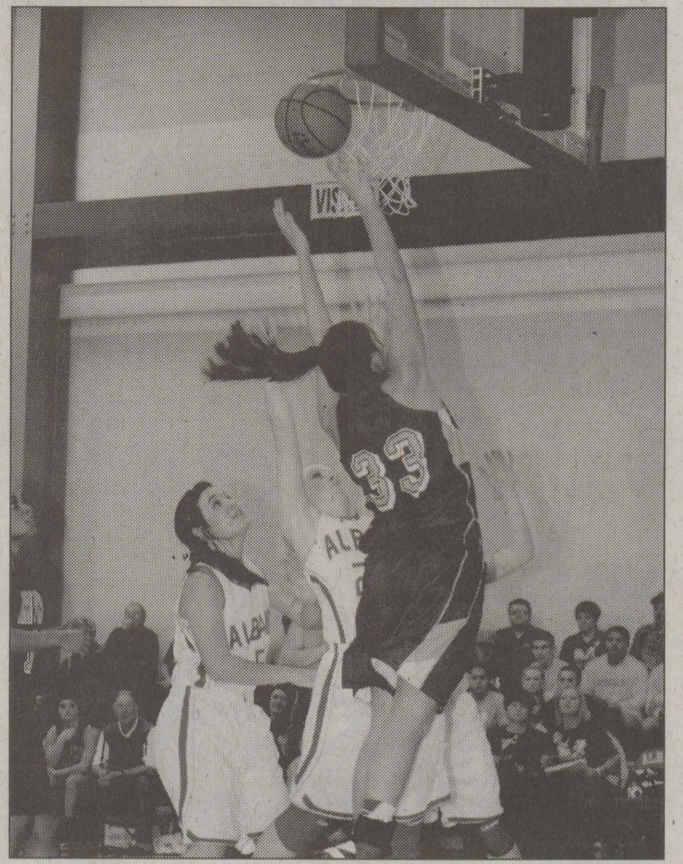
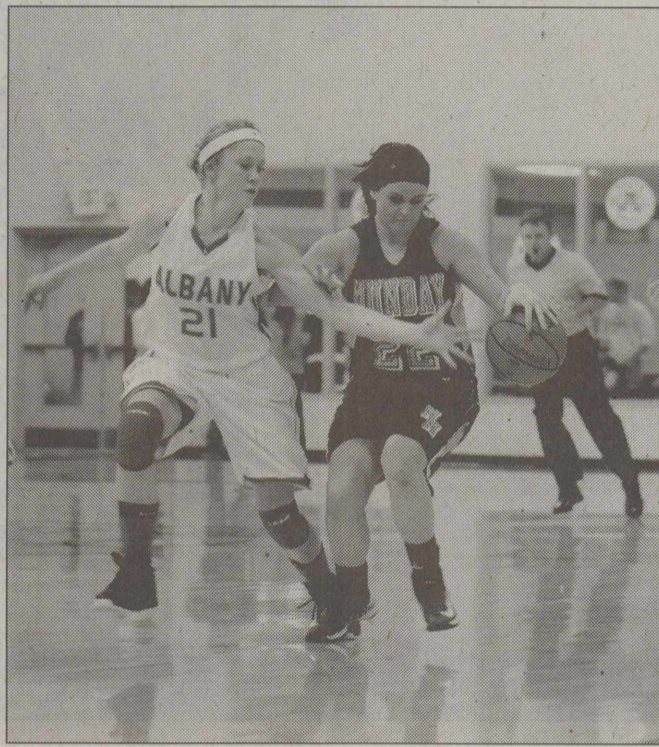
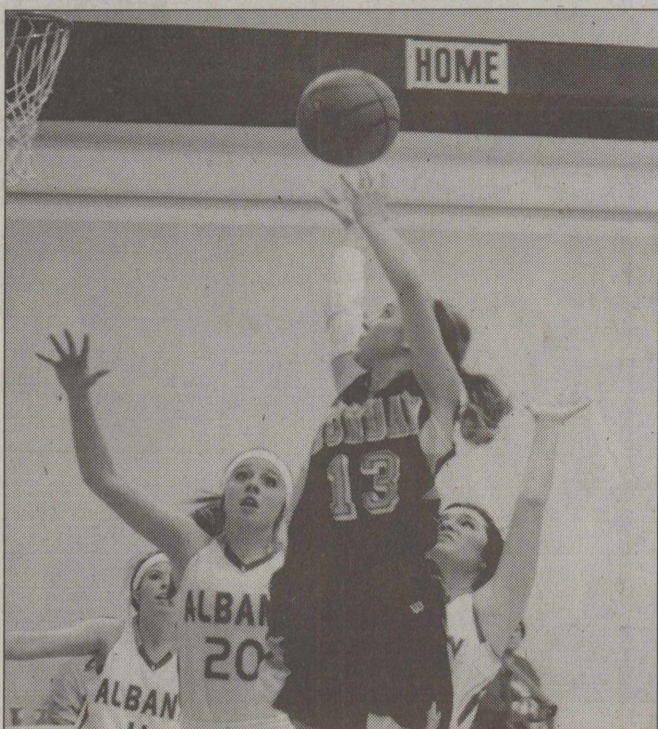
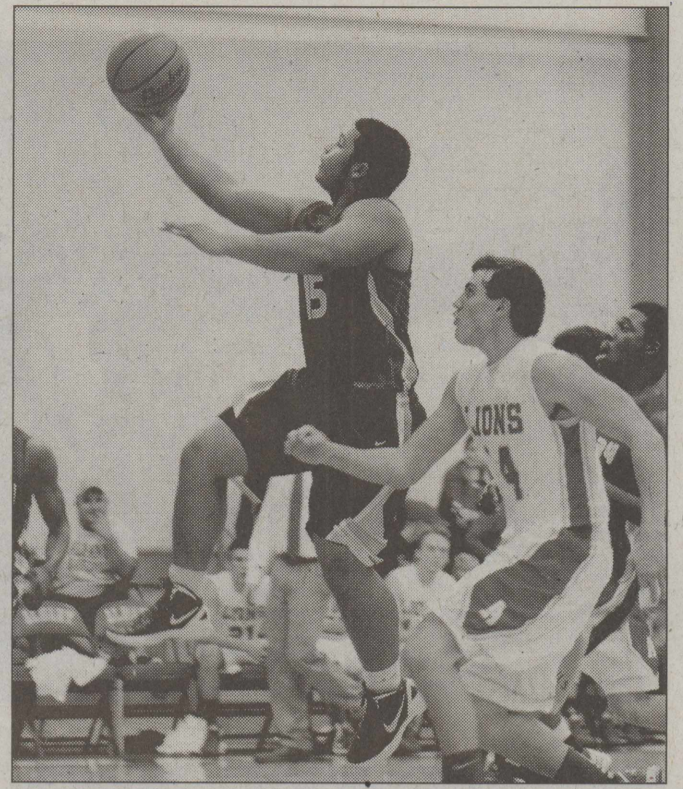
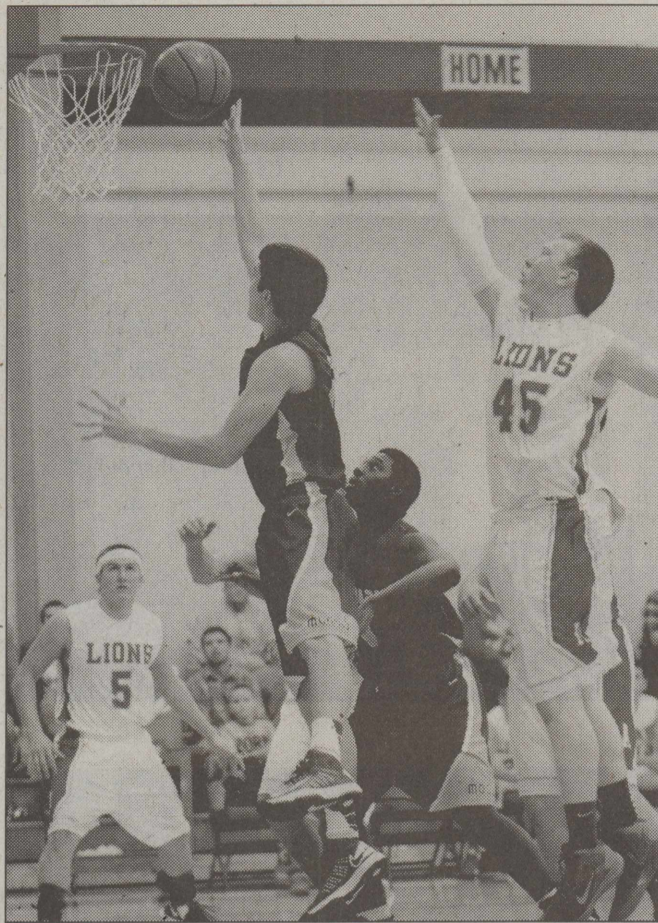
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## Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

Monday morning has "dawned" very cold. Weather guys say it will be the way several days before it starts to warm up. But it's mid-January, so I guess we can expect some of this. At best, there are no icy conditions. As much as we need the moisture, a good warm rain would sure be better than something more unpleasant.

Sympathy to the John Chilcoat family today. John, a former Benjamin resident, died last Wednesday after being in failing health for quite some time. He and Francis had been living in Knox City several years. John was a brother-in-law of Charles Jones. His funeral was Saturday here in Benjamin and burial was in the Truscott Cemetery.

Also, sympathy to the family of Johnny Bob Turner, also a former resident of Benjamin. Johnny Bob, too, had been in failing health for several months, and passed away last Wednesday in Abilene. A memorial service for him was Tuesday at Piersall Benton Funeral Home in Abilene. Johnny Bob was a brother of the late Sue Sheedy also of Benjamin.

### Regarding Our Ill

The latest word I have had on Roy Ed Griffin is that he is back at home in Stephenville and making progress daily. He did suffer a broken neck in a bulldozer accident a couple of weeks ago and was taken to Scott & White Hospital in Temple. He was paralyzed but after surgery, he is walking and reports are that he should do pretty well after all the post-op treatment he is getting. We surely do hope and pray that is the case. Roy Ed was reared here out on the League Ranch. He graduated from B.H.S. in the '60s and makes it back to homecoming when he can. He was here for the last on in June 2012 and we look forward to seeing him at the next one.

Bud Conner was in Lubbock Wednesday to see a hand surgeon. He will see a nerve doctor on the 22nd and then do further consulting with the surgeon. And it does look like now he will be having some surgery. Just how extensive it will be is not known at this time.

Irene Reed has had a bout with allergies and that makes her feel terrible. Just a bad cough and sneezing and, of course, that makes her tired. She was feeling better on Saturday, however, so

maybe the worst has passed. Lots of people have been bothered with those symptoms.

### Here 'n' There

Bud and I visited his sister, Judy Redwine in Crosbyton Wednesday. She is doing pretty well though she is on oxygen all the time and with the rain and wind on Wednesday, she didn't want to get out any as she has lots of problems when the weather is like that. It was good to visit with her.

Judy and Randolph Barnett, Philomae Roberson and Corrine Parrish were in Lubbock on Saturday to spend time with Jim Bob and Jenny Beth Conner and family and also have Christmas. They just couldn't get together until now due to unexpected things happening. Jim Bob and Jenny Beth are having a new home build at Wolfforth and they had a chance to see the progress on it. So it was a good day. They also had a nice visit with Jeff Conner and his family.

Saturday was Gloria West's birthday, and her kids honored her by visiting and taking her out to lunch. Her guests were Cathy Tomlinson and Penny Tomlinson of Denton, Betty Parker and Chelsea Parker of Aspermont, Betty's friend, Tom Bowman of Dickens, and Debbie and Sara Clower of Benjamin. She said they had a wonderful day.

Kim Lyles of Amistad, N.M., spent a couple of days here last week with Hazel Stockton, Bud Conner and Betty Lyles. Her daughter, Shelby and Samijo (and D.J.) returned home with her after spending Christmas with her and Tom. Shelby left Saturday for Wichita Falls to begin the next semester at Midwestern University and Sami and D.J. left the same day for Lubbock where she will make her home and work at a clinic.

I extend sympathy to the family of Frances Cypert today also. Frances died on Friday in Abilene. She was a nice person and always friendly when we would meet. Her passing leaves a void in many lives and friends and family will miss her greatly.

And today is the first day of the new post office hours. Strange not to get our mail early, but we will adjust and be thankful we still have it open a few hours a day. We can handle that.

Gladene Green is a longtime Benjamin correspondent and resident of that community.

# FSA Emergency Loans Available

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that 207 counties in Texas, including Knox and surrounding counties, were declared a disaster on January 9, 2013, due to drought and heat using the new, streamlined Secretarial Disaster Designation process.

Under this designation, producers with operations in any of the 157 primary disaster counties or 50 contiguous disaster counties are eligible to apply for low interest emergency loans.

The streamlined disaster designation process issues a drought disaster declaration when a county has ex-

perienced a drought intensity value of at least a D2 (severe drought) level for eight consecutive weeks based on the U.S. Drought Monitor during the crop year.

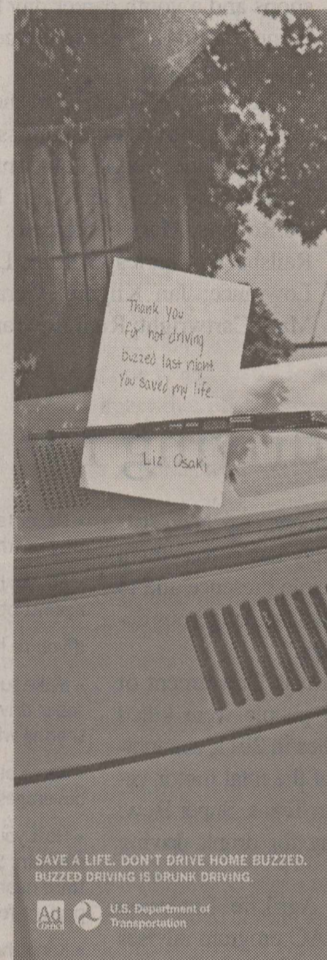
Emergency loans help producers recover from production and physical losses due to drought, flooding and other natural disasters or quarantine.

Producers have eight months from the date of the declaration to apply for emergency loan assistance. FSA will consider each loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of losses, security available and repay-

ment ability. Producers can borrow up to 100 percent of actual production or physical losses, to a maximum amount of \$500,000. The current emergency loan interest rate is 2.25 percent.

Producers with operations in counties that did not receive a disaster designation could be eligible for emergency loan assistance if they suffered at least a 30 percent loss in crop production or a physical loss to livestock, livestock products, real estate or chattel property.

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## Cotton Meeting

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	General Fund	SSA Special Education	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES:</b>				
Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 1,061,869	\$ 167	\$ 88,559	\$ 1,150,595
State Program Revenues	1,600,470	250,584	58,301	1,909,355
Federal Program Revenues	48,813	-	819,845	868,658
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>2,711,152</b>	<b>250,751</b>	<b>966,705</b>	<b>3,928,608</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>				
<b>Current:</b>				
Instruction	1,425,602	67,710	399,335	1,892,647
Instructional Resources and Media Services	25,183	-	-	25,183
Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	8,677	1,541	12,294	22,512
Instructional Leadership	3,771	117,867	51,943	173,581
School Leadership	194,853	-	-	194,853
Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	44,913	75,515	64,463	184,891
Health Services	405	-	-	405
Student (Pupil) Transportation	18,705	-	1,000	19,705
Food Services	4,263	-	185,775	190,038
Extracurricular Activities	167,819	-	-	167,819
General Administration	256,437	-	-	256,437
Facilities Maintenance and Operations	356,875	20,389	-	377,264
<b>Debt Service:</b>				
Principal on Long Term Debt	-	-	70,000	70,000
Interest on Long Term Debt	-	-	18,985	18,985
Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	-	-	323	323
<b>Intergovernmental:</b>				
Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	81,686	-	159,565	241,251
Other Intergovernmental Charges	34,744	-	-	34,744
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>2,623,933</b>	<b>283,022</b>	<b>963,683</b>	<b>3,870,638</b>
Net Change in Fund Balances	87,219	(32,271)	3,022	57,970
Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	2,345,062	404,118	28,426	2,777,606
<b>Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)</b>	<b>\$ 2,432,281</b>	<b>\$ 371,847</b>	<b>\$ 31,448</b>	<b>\$ 2,835,576</b>



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# Commissioners Report Members appointed to hospital, historical boards

By Hanaba Munn Welch  
The Knox County News-Courier

Knox County commissioners took action on several items Monday in a regular session, approving Michael Wilde to serve on the Knox County Hospital District Board and also approving the Knox County Historical Commission roster.

Wilde fills a vacancy left by the resignation of Lezli Meers.

Commissioners tabled their first agenda item — “Listen, discuss and consider a recommendation made by Kyle Bibb regarding text notifications to the first responders” — delaying a vote to allow time to get more information on the issue.

Other items and reports got routine approval, including the renewal of a partnership with Four Winds Resource and Conservation and Development Area for 2013 and a proclamation making Feb. 1 “Wear Red Day” in Knox County to support National Wear Red Day to draw attention to heart disease in women.

- Commissioners heard reports from several entities:
- Rural bridge inspection, Texas Department of Transportation.
- Racial profile report, Sheriff Dean Homstad.
- Extension activity, agents Lori Coop and Jerry Coplen.
- Community development, Jimi Coplen.
- Aging services report.
- 9-1-1 report.
- Tax office report.
- Justice court report.
- Road and bridge issues.

In the extension report, Jerry Coplen updated commissioners on livestock shows, including the Knox County Show slated for Friday and Saturday. Lori Coop announced “Dinner Tonight!” — a cooking school at Vernon College.

“We’re doing them all across the state in conjunction with colleges and universities,” Coop said. “We will put on demonstrations of how to prepare certain recipes — soup, two entrees, two sides, dessert. There’ll be another one in February. The goal is to promote family mealtime, teach families healthy meal planning and food preparation techniques and promote Texas agriculture.”

Coop also reminded commissioners of another extension project — the “40-Gallon Challenge,” a nationwide program that teaches home water conservation. The challenge to households is to use various techniques to save 40 gallons of water a day.

In her report to commissioners, Jimi Coplen listed Knox County Visioning Group activities in 2012, an 18-point report that included events ranging from business development workshops and a youth career day to efforts to develop the Truscott Brine Lake as a feasible venue for a solar pond for the generation of electricity.

The list of appointees to the Knox County Historical Commission approved by commissioners:

Mary Jane Young, chairman; Clara Brown, co-chairman; Doris Crownover, secretary; Kenneth Roberts, treasurer; Jessie Roberts; Mary Birkenfeld; W. R. Baker; Harold Beck; Faye Railsback; Charles Griffith; Linda Griffith; Ben Grill; Homer Lowrance; Jan Kilgore; Geraldine Tomanek; Margaret Hill; Mary Cartwright; Ruth Lowrance; Byron Gass; Annelie Welch.

# Munday library receives grant for online services

The Knox County  
News-Courier

The Munday City-County Library has received a grant from the Tocker Foundation to implement a new computer-integrated library system to enable users to access the library and its services via an online catalog.

The new Bibliox’s Apollo system replaces an older Athena system. In short, it’s an upgrade that will keep the city-county library up-to-date and accessible to patrons via the Internet.

“This was a much needed upgrade for the library,” said Bobby Sosolik, board member, who announced the news. “The old Athena system was not sustainable and became inoperable. The grant will allow the system to be sustainable for the next five years.”

Previously, the Abilene Public Library worked with rural libraries like the one in Munday.

“They used to be our support,” Sosolik said. “With the state budget cuts, they’re gone. They were supporting rural libraries. We used to have a person that came out and helped with the computers.”

Now the library board and librarian Peggy Urbanczyk are left on their own to keep the library functioning at its best in an environment that has become increasingly computerized, both for library users and those who oversee the operation.

The old card catalog case stands against one wall near Urbanczyk’s desk.

“We got rid of it a long time ago (as a place to keep track of library holdings),” Urbanczyk said. “I’m keeping it as a piece of history.”

The Apollo system funded by the Tocker grant, housed remotely, will allow the library to avoid hardware upgrades and file server replacement and manual data updates.

Sosolik filled out the grant initially. Next, his fellow board members edited his work, and lastly the Abilene Library System offered some suggestions.

“Then we submitted it,” Sosolik said.

Other members of the board are Carla Key, president; Janet Dillard; Kim Kuehler and Glenna Shahan.

# Extensions touts sober driving for Super Bowl

The Knox County News-Courier

As one of America’s most anticipated and celebrated sporting events, the Super Bowl brings together families, friends and fans each year to enjoy the excitement of the big game.

In many instances, fans will gather to watch the game at sports bars, restaurants, or Super Bowl-themed parties.

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Watch UR BAC program is spreading an important safety message to the public about designating a sober driver on Super Bowl Sunday — Fans Don’t Let Fans Drive Drunk.

“Before choosing to drink, choose a sober designated driver. Avoid the unsportsmanlike conduct of driving drunk by handing off your keys so that you, your passengers, and everyone on our roads can safely arrive home,” said Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agent Lorrie Coop. “Drunk driving is always preventable, and driving drunk could result in seriously injuring or

killing yourself or someone else. Motorists can expect Knox County law enforcement agencies to have a visible presence and to stop anyone who makes the dangerous decision to drink and drive.”

According to the Texas Department of Transportation, 1,039 people were killed in drunk-driving crashes in 2011, accounting for 34.5 percent of the total motor vehicle traffic fatalities in Texas. Super Bowl Sunday is a risky day for drunk driving crashes.

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Watch UR BAC program advises that if you’re attending a Super Bowl party or watching the game at a sports bar or restaurant:

- Avoid drinking too much alcohol too fast. Pace yourself. Eat plenty of food; take breaks, and alternate with non-alcoholic drinks.
- Designate your sober driver before the party begins. If you don’t have a designated driver, ask a sober friend for a ride home; call a cab, friend, or family member to come and get you; or if possible, stay where you are for the night and don’t drive until you are sober.

• Never let friends drive drunk. Arrange a safe way for them to get home.

• Always buckle up. It’s still your best defense against other drunk drivers.

If you’re hosting a Super Bowl party:

• Make sure all of your guests designate their sober drivers in advance, or help arrange ride-sharing with sober drivers.

• Serve plenty of food and non-alcoholic beverages at the party.

• Host your party just like they do at the stadium. Stop serving alcohol at the end of the third quarter of the game. The fourth quarter is perfect for serving coffee and dessert.

• Keep the phone numbers of local cab companies on hand, and take the keys away from anyone who is thinking of driving drunk.

• Remember, you can be held liable and prosecuted if someone you served ends up in a drunk-driving crash.

• If an underage person drinks and drives, the parent may be legally liable for any damage, injury, or death caused by the underage driver.

• Likewise, parents or other adults who provide alcohol to, or host a party where alcohol is available to, those under age 21 could face jail time.

## ABOUT THE TOCKER FOUNDATION

The Tocker Foundation began in 1964 to implement the philanthropic interests of Phillip and Olive Tocker. Phillip Tocker was a practicing attorney but changed careers in his later years by purchasing the Waco outdoor advertising plant and later expanding to own outdoor advertising plants throughout the United States. His vocational career culminated with his presidency of the Outdoor Advertising Association of America. After retiring to Austin in 1973, Phillip and Olive Tocker actively pursued their philanthropic avocations.

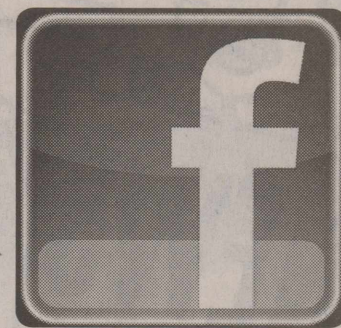
The couple endowed the foundations with their estates in the early 1990s. After years of supporting a wide range of community-based causes, the foundation discovered a need in small rural Texas libraries serving populations of 12,000 or less. In 1992, the foundation board began focusing their grant distribution accordingly. The foundation partners with community libraries to meet the particular needs of the community.

## LEGAL NOTICE

### CALL FOR SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

The window for filing for a place on the May 11, 2013, ballot for election to the Munday CISD Board of Trustees will officially open January 30, 2013. There are a total of two places to be filled. They are both three-year terms. Expiring terms are currently held by Jason Redwine and John Myers. District residents interested in filing for candidacy may do so at the Administration Building located at 811 West D Street, in Munday, Texas. Filing candidacy may be accomplished by personal appearance at the MCISD Administration Building from Wednesday, January 30, 2013 through Friday, March 1, 2013 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Requests for ballots for early voting by mail will be accepted from March 12, 2013 through May 3, 2013. Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted weekdays April 29, 2013 through May 7, 2013, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the MCISD Administration Building.

BENJAMIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2012			
	General Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES:</b>			
Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 351,041	\$ 6,565	\$ 357,606
State Program Revenues	624,533	5,573	630,106
Federal Program Revenues	11,287	108,300	119,587
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>986,861</b>	<b>120,438</b>	<b>1,107,299</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>			
<b>Current:</b>			
Instruction	566,200	62,353	628,553
Instructional Resources and Media Services	6,416	-	6,416
Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	4,630	442	5,072
School Leadership	14,634	-	14,634
Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	11,164	-	11,164
Health Services	300	-	300
Student (Pupil) Transportation	123,763	-	123,763
Food Services	629	53,368	53,997
Extracurricular Activities	42,166	-	42,166
General Administration	154,462	-	154,462
Facilities Maintenance and Operations	89,371	-	89,371
Security and Monitoring Services	550	-	550
Data Processing Services	33,647	-	33,647
<b>Debt Service:</b>			
Principal on Long Term Debt	21,662	-	21,662
Interest on Long Term Debt	2,142	-	2,142
<b>Intergovernmental:</b>			
Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	27,993	-	27,993
Other Intergovernmental Charges	10,791	-	10,791
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>1,110,520</b>	<b>116,163</b>	<b>1,226,683</b>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(123,659)	4,275	(119,384)
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):</b>			
Capital Leases	86,750	-	86,750
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>86,750</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>86,750</b>
<b>Net Change in Fund Balances</b>	<b>(36,909)</b>	<b>4,275</b>	<b>(32,634)</b>
Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	436,084	1,506	437,590
<b>Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)</b>	<b>\$ 399,175</b>	<b>\$ 5,781</b>	<b>\$ 404,956</b>



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# World Trade Center survivor to speak at First Baptist Church

## Special to the News-Courier

First Baptist Church is pleased to host Sujo John. Sujo will be here Sunday, April 17 to share his testimony about September 11, 2001 at our 11:00 A.M and 6:00PM services.

Sujo John was on the 81st floor of Tower 1 when the first airliner exploded into flames just above his office. Sujo, whose pregnant wife's office was in Tower 2, will recount the details of the incredible events he witnessed during his narrow escape from death. His inspiring story has been covered in the New York Times, The B.B.C. and the London Times, The 700 Club, TBN, Billy Graham Specials and other national and international media. Sujo has spoken nationwide and around



SUJO JOHN

the world to thousands since September 11, 2001. The City of New York had asked him to speak at the dedication of the memorial at Ground Zero on September 11, 2011.

Please come and hear the amazing testimony of Sujo John. If you have questions please call First Baptist Church at 422-4559.

## PAUL

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Of greater significance, growing up in Munday has given him a family of a different sort — peers he's played with all his life and adults who've given him guidance and support, whether up close as coaches or from the stands as fans.

"How great it is seeing everybody at the football games," he said, expressing his feelings about the community that's always been his home.

Playing basketball with his friends at the little basketball court beside the elementary school is one of his main memories of a happy childhood.

As a fifth-grader, he broke into high school sports as a water boy for the football team. All ears, he soaked up the game from the inner circle.

"I caught on fast, listening to the coach," he said. "My seventh-grade year, we won state."

Being close to that winning team gave him players to look up to — "my cousin B.J. Dockins, Anason Jones, Steve Urbanczyk," he said, recounting some of the guys he'll never forget.

Seventh grade was also the year Paul started running hurdles, a track and field

choice made by the coaches. "They just threw me in it," he said.

Paul proved to be a track standout. He runs the 40-yard dash in 4.43 seconds. Last spring he won state 1A titles in the long jump and 300 meter hurdles. This year he's got his mind set to do even better in the hurdles.

"I'll break the record this year," he said, displaying his characteristic mild-mannered confidence.

Call it goal setting or bravado. Either way, Paul has a way of making things come true.

At the same time, he recognizes others for helping him along the way, even in track events like the hurdles, an event that measures individual accomplishment.

"My teammates are running with me," Paul said. "They try to push me."

But nobody pushes Paul quite like he pushes himself. At Tech, he sees himself graduating and then working in the football system as a graduate assistant, a step on the way toward coaching at the college level.

"I'll work my way up," he said.

First he sees himself earning a place on the team, not just as a defensive back but also returning kicks and punts. How fast can it happen?

"It depends on how fast I



Hanaba Munn Welch/The Knox County News-Courier  
L.J. Collier holds the newspaper while he and his teammate Dee Paul read sports coverage of Paul's announcement Saturday to attend Texas Tech University. Only a junior, Collier has a year to go before he can hope to be recruited by Tech or any other college. If colors count, he's also wearing Tech red and black.

come in and learn," he said. "How much I work at it."

Paul already feels comfortable with the men who'll be his coaches at Tech.

"I like those guys a lot," he said. "I saw all of them this morning."

But it's the Tech coaches who'll have to work to exceed Paul's opinion of Patrick Corcoran, his coach and a mentor since Paul's water-boy days.

"I've got a really good relationship with Coach Corcoran," Paul said, mentioning Corcoran's love for

the game and love for his players.

"You have to have a good relationship with your players," Paul said, sounding like the coach he wants to be someday.

When Paul and Corcoran posed for a picture together in the high school hallway, it took only seconds for three nearby teammates to squeeze into the picture too, still exuberant over winning the state championship, happy for their friend and teammate Paul, happy to be Munday Moguls — good hometown relationships frozen in time forever.

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## LIVESTOCK

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the ambassador certification by completing a short course in animal science at Texas Tech in the summer of 2012 to learn how sheep, goat, cattle and swine production relates to the show ring. Helping novice 4-Hers with livestock projects is a responsibility of the leadership position.

Competition will begin at 6 p.m. Friday with broilers, rabbits, market lambs and market goats.

The judging of swine will start at 8 a.m. Saturday with breeds showing in alphabetical order — Berkshire, Chester White, Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace, Poland, Spots, Yorkshire — followed by crosses.

Steers exhibitors will have their animals in place by 10

a.m. to be judged following the swine.

The premium auction of prize-winning animals will start one hour after the completion of the steer judging with bidding open to anyone, including buyers who put their money into a pool rather than bidding on specific animals. Information about the sale is available from Konnie Kuehler, 940-422-4778, or Jeanette Reeves, 940-422-5515.

Members of the Texas Extension Education Association will operate a concession stand at the MEC.

Next week's News-Courier will include complete results of the livestock show and will offer space for advertising in the livestock show section. For more information about placing an ad, contact News-Courier office at 940-522-5350 or email [kcnewscourier@gmail.com](mailto:kcnewscourier@gmail.com).

## TAXES

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will be sent out this month to cities, counties, transit

systems and special purpose taxing districts — an increase of about 7.3 percent compared to last year, according to the comptroller's office.

### ON THE WEB

For details of local sales tax allocations, visit the state comptroller's website at [window.state.tx.us](http://window.state.tx.us).

### LOCAL SALES TAX ALLOCATIONS

Local sales tax allocations for the month of September 2012 compared with the same month last year.

City	Payment Prior Year	Net Payment This Period	% Change	2012 Payments To Date	Comparable 2011 Payments To Date	% Change
Benjamin	\$994	\$881	12.83%	\$15,441	\$15,763	-2.04%
Goree	\$2,968	\$1,633	1.75%	\$24,664	\$20,938	17.85%
Knox City	\$27,076	\$11,780	3.68%	\$276,641	\$262,975	5.2%
Munday	\$13,725	\$11,780	16.51%	\$168,027	\$169,814	-1.05%

# THE KNOX COUNTY News-Courier

**Will be featuring local youth participating in the 2013 Livestock Show in next week's Edition. We encourage local businesses and supporters to show their support with a congratulations!**

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