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Knox Notes

Events are listed free of charge

for nonprofit civic organiza-

tions, schools and community

two weeks ahead of the date.

Listings will run through the

submissions are preferred to

Parents and grandparents of

Knox County, send us your

student(s) photo from the

first day of school. Include

names and school they attend

and we'll "Show them off" in our Sept. 5 edition. Deadline is noon Tuesday. Email photos

and information to kcnewscourier@gmail.com or bring them in to the Munday office. Call Anna Gibson at 495-2816

for information.

rts@poka.com

Photo workshop The third annual Wyman Meinzer Photography Work-

shop will be at 5 p.m. Sept. 28 at the Heritage House in Post. Event is sponsored by

the Caprock Cultural Associa-

tion for \$100 per participant. To reserve your place, call 806-495-4148 or email cca-

Munday pre-k classes

two half-day classes for pre-

kindergarteners. The morning

Munday Elementary offers

class is from 8 to 11 a.m.

The afternoon class is from

12:30 to 3:30 p.m.Parents may drop off and pick up

their children on the west

end of the elementary build-

ing. To be eligible to attend,

children must be 4 years old

on or before Sept. 1. If you

would like to register your

at 940-422-4341.

child please come by the elementary school office. For information, call the school

Beth Moore simulcast

Harvest Christian Fellow-

ship, 211 N. Main, Seymour,

will host a live simulcast of

and best-selling author Beth

well-known Bible teacher

Moore's "Living Proof" for

women Sept. 14. Registration begins at 8 a.m. with the

simulcast from 9 a.m. to 4:15 a.m. Music will be led by

award-winning contemporary

trell, and the message will be

live Internet stream. For tick-

ets or information, call Jeannie Allbritton at 940-256-0988

Christian singer Travis Cot-

conducted by Moore all via

or email her at tiptopcj@

windstream.net. Also visit the Beth Moore Simulcast on

Alzheimer's Support The Munday Nursing Center sponsors a support group for

Alzheimer's patients, care-

givers, family and friends

at 12:30 p.m. the second

United Methodist Church.

Tuesday of the month in Fel-

lowship Hall at Munday First

Bring a sack lunch. The Next

meeting is Aug. 12. Call Ron-

da Thompson at 940-422-4541

Facebook.

date of the event. Emailed

kcnewscourier@gmail.com.

Brag page

events. Submit listings at least

Sign vandalism on the rise, officials say

Texas Department of Transportation roadway signs in the Childress District, officials say vandalism of roadway signs is on the rise.

Vandalizing, tampering with or stealing Texas Department of Transportation property such as roadway warning and safety devices cost Texas taxpayers millions of dollars annually. Most importantly, it can cause serious injury or death to the traveling public.

"Signs are put up for a reason," said Barbara Seal, spokeswoman for TxDOT's Childress District. "If tampered with or stolen, it can create a serious problem. If a stop sign is removed, or a paint gun has caused the reflectivity to be compromised, a serious

CHILDRESS — In a recent observation of accident could occur if a motorist does not know to stop at an intersection."

Tampering with any TxDOT property is a class B misdemeanor and carries a penalty or fine not to exceed \$2,000, confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days or both such fine and confine-

However, much stiffer penalties can be handed down in cases where vandalism has resulted in serious injury or death.

"If someone is killed as a result of a sign being stolen or tampered with, the charge will most likely be manslaughter," Seal said. "This is a second-degree

Back to the books

If an individual is judged guilty of a felony of the second degree the punishment will be imprisonment in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for any term of not more than 20 years or less than two years. In addition to imprisonment, an individual judged guilty of a felony of the second degree may be punished by a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

"Safety is the top priority at TxDOT and the basis for planning, building and maintaining our transportation systems," Seal siad. "Let's all work together to make sure our highways are safe for the traveling public."

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U.S. files suit against Texas voter ID law

By Ed Sterling For the News-Courier

The Obama administration last week announced it would file a lawsuit against the state of Texas over its voter photo identification law, passed as Senate Bill 14 in 2011.

In filing the lawsuit, U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder said the federal government is seeking a declaration that SB 14 violates Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act (non-discrimination requirement) and the voting guarantees of the 14th (due process and equal protection) and 15th (right to vote) amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

'The United States' complaint contends that SB 14 was adopted with the purpose, and will have the result, of denying or abridging the right to vote on account of race, color or membership in a language minority group," Holder said in a released state-

Gov. Rick Perry said the lawsuit was nothing short of an attack on Texas.

"The filing of endless litigation in an effort to obstruct the will of the people of Texas is what we have come to expect from Attorney General Eric Holder and President Obama," Perry said. "We will continue to defend the integrity of our elections against this administration's blatant disregard for the 10th

Amendment." Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott, on behalf of the state government, has filed 25 lawsuits against the Obama administration over a variety of issues such as voter ID, redistricting, environmental protection and the Affordable Care Act.

Within a much longer statement, Abbott said Holder's claim that the voter ID would disenfranchise minority votes is offensive to Texans of all races who support the ballot integrity measure.



Fifth-grade students in Tena Myers' homeroom at Munday Elementary School enthusiastically begin their first class Monday with myriad questions to kick off the new academic year.



Dakota Sanchez, a fifth-grader at Munday Elementary School, rummages through his locker Monday

See SUIT, Page 3 morning looking for the correct book for an upcoming class.

Greyhounds look for breakout season

By Ryan Mills

The Knox County News Courier

The Knox City Greyhounds enter the 2013 season looking for big things. Others' expectations are up there as well as Dave Campbell's Texas Football has the Greyhounds ranked No. 10 in the state in Six-Man Division I.

However, District 8 is one of, if not the toughest district in the state of Texas and two other Greyhound district foes are ranked as well including No. 1 Throckmorton (back-toback state champions) and No. 5 Crowell. The Greyhounds meet Crowell and Throckmorton in the last two regular season games on Nov. 1 and Nov. 8 respectively and those two games are certainly circled on fans' calendars.

"We have great core group coming back and However, they rewe think we can definitely compete with those two teams," head coach Charles Steel said. "It's crazy that we're all three in the top 10. We only lost two seniors and these kids expect a lot of

themselves."

Steele's hounds are coming off a 4-6 season where they went 1-3 in district play. turn 12 lettermen



including six offensive and five defensive start-

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for information.

Corrections

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

News on the go



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Moguls hit the field Friday

By Ryan Mills

The Knox County News Courier

The Munday Moguls have been one of the most talked about teams in the state of Texas after two consecutive appearances in the Class 1A Division II state championship game winning the title last season.

The Moguls outscored their opponents by an average margin of 57-9 on their way to a 15-0 season and their third state champion-

This year, coach Patrick Corcoran's Moguls are ranked No.

4 in the state according to Dave Campbell's Texas Football despite returning just two starters on each side of the ball.

With losses to graduation, this year's Moguls will be led by senior Texas Tech commit L.J. Collier (6-4, 245). Collier plays defensive end on defense and after two seasons as a tight end, will move to fullback this season. Collier hauled in passes for 465 yards and four touchdowns last year and made 76 tackles and seven sacks on defense.

> See MOGULS, Page 3 **Munday Moguls**



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Deaths

Martell Tankersley

2 THURSDAY, AUGUST 29, 2013

Martell Tankersley, known to all as "Granny," left this world on Friday, August 23rd, just shy of her 93rd birthday.

She is celebrating in Heaven alongside her Savior Jesus, her beloved husband E.H., her eldest son Bobby, her granddaughter Jodie, and greatgranddaughter Crystal. Granny had long awaited this reunion.

Born to Ernest and Floy Goodson in Comanche County on August 30, 1920, Martell adored life on the farm. She moved to Haskell County as a young girl and remained a resident in the area for most of her

She married E.H. Tankersley on November 28, 1937 and made a happy home filled with the sounds of gospel music and the smell of bacon. E.H. and Martell were the proud parents of Bobby Aaron, Frances Lynelle, and Jimmy Neal. Granny devoted her life to taking care of her family.



MARTELL TANKERSLEY

She will be lovingly remembered for her endless supply of bottled cokes, her love of pulling a trailer, her delicious southern cooking, and countless other things that conjure a picture of a weed-killing, hairnet-wearing, loving wife, mother, grandmother, and farme

Those rejoicing her life are: a daughter, Nell Williams and husband Ken of Abilene; a son, Jimmy Tankersley and wife Ann of Knox City; a daughter-in-law, Judy Tankersley

Mitchell and husband Jim of Wichita Falls. Grandchildren passed away at 1:11 PM at include Payton Tankersley and the Munday Nursing Center, wife Kristi of Knox City, Shane Munday, Tx on Friday, August Tankersley Porter and husband 16, 2013. She was born Au-Scott of Wichita Falls, Kim gust 4, 1920 to Winifred and Clonts and husband Greg of Genevee Sessions Brewster in Knox City, Ken Williams II of Munday. She was a resident Tulsa, Oklahoma, Lawri Lynn of Knox County for 71 years. and husband Scott of Knox City, Boyce Tankersley and wife by her husband Wally Rob-Maria of Abilene, and April erts; previous husband, John Mercer and husband Matt of R. Peysen; mother Gene-Abilene. Martell and E.H. had vee (Ginks) Tyler; father, 21 great-grandchildren and 8 Winifred (Dutch) Brewster; great-great-grandchildren, and and sister, Joyce Lemae Crain. numerous other relatives

her honor for graveside funeral Lee and Joel Smith of Mun-2013 at the Knox City Cem- of Lakeland, FL; son, John etery, under the direction of R. and Bonnie Peysen, Jr. of

viewed at www.tankersleyfuneralhome.com http://www. tankersleyfuneralhome.com> dada High School in 1938.

for several years and retired as a postal mail carrier in 2010. He also served as a volunteer and chief on the Rochester Fire Department for thirtyfive plus years.

Survivors include his wife, Patsy Rogers; daughter Venetia Strickland and husband Paul; son Craig Rogers and wife Sammie all of Rochester; five grandchildren, Shane, Colton, Macy, Alexandra and Bryce; and two great grandchildren, Seth and Bree'.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a grand-

daughter, Tamara Strickland. You may view and sign the starbuckfuneralhome.com

Clistene Rue Del Roberts

She was preceded in death

Surviving her are daugh-She was loved by us all. ters, Jimmie Del and Mike Granny's loved ones gathered in Killpatrick of Kyle, TX; Exa services on Sunday, August 25, day, TX; Anna Marie Latta Tankersley Funeral Home of Knox City, TX; step-daughter, Ina Ruth Laney of Sey-Online condolences may be mour, TX; and step-son Sam Roberts of Fort Worth, TX.

She graduated from Floy-Known as Rue Del all her life, she had been a newspareporter/photographer for the Wichita Falls Times for 5 years and for 9 years she delivered the aforementioned newspaper in Munday. In the 1960's she became secretary on the Director of the North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority until she began working for the City of Munday as a clerk from which retired. She married Wallace

Clistene Rue Del Roberts (Wally) w. Roberts on October 27,1972 in Burkburnet, TX.

> Later in the 1970's the couple established Wally's Barbeque Café in Goree, TX where she baked the bread and cooked all the pies and side dishes. Her passion was vegetable and flower gardening. She enjoyed walking, roller skating, sewing, music, singing, and quilting. She loved her 13 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, and 10 great-great grandchildren.

In the 1950's she was an active member of the Home Demonstration Club and the 4-H Club. She was a care-giver for the elderly in her life. She was a member of the Munday Church of Christandhadtaught Sunday School Bible Class for preschoolers for 10 years.

Pallbearers are grandsons/ grandsons-in-law: Ned Rock, Joey Martinez, John Wilson, Kevin Curry, and great-grandsons, Rvan and Evan Anderson.

Visitation will be 6-7 PM, Monday, August 19, 2013 at the funeral home. Services for the celebration of her life will held Tuesday, August 20, 2013 at the Munday Church of Christ at 2PM. Burial will follow in Johnson Memorial Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Smith Funeral Home of Munday. In lieu of flowers or plants,

donations to the Alzheimer's Association or Arms of Hope in Quinlan, TX are suggested.

ROCHESTER - Andrew

Lavern "Treetop" Rogers, 75, died Tuesday, August 6, 2013 in a local hospital. Services will be 10:00 a.m. Friday, August 9th at the Rochester First Baptist Church with. Pastor Joseph Barrett officiating. Burial will be in the Rochester Cemetery, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home of Merkel. Viewing will be from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Thursday at Smith Family Funeral Home in Rochester.

Lavern was born December 11, 1937 in the Mattson Community, Haskell County, TX to Hershel and Evelyn (Ayers) Rogers. He graduated from Rochester High



ANDREW ROGERS

School in 1956 and attended Draughon's Business College. Lavern married Patsy Tibbets February 7, 1959 in Rochester. He was a man of many talents. He built residential homes for over thirty years, was in the cable TV business

Theresa Annie Jungman Anderson

Theresa Annie Jungman Anderson died August 25, 2013 in Decatur, TX.

Funeral was held at 10AM, Wednesday, August 28, 2013 at St. Josephs Catholic Church in Rhineland, TX. Rosary was held at 7PM, Tuesday, August 27, 2013 at McCauley-Smith Funeral Home in Mun-

Pallbearers were Danny Anderson, Jim Anderson, Tommy Reeves, Troy Arnold, George Lopez and Keallen Anderson. Honorary pallbearer were be Skylar Anderson.

Burial will be in St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery in Rhineland.

Theresa was born November 21, 1918 in Rhineland to Walter



A. and Annie Jungman. She was married to Lester Anderson for 59 years at his death in 2005.

She was also preceded in death by two sons Jerry Anderson and Ronny Anderson and two brother's Joe Jungman and Walter L. Jungman.

Theresa worked at Consolidated-Vultee Plant in Fort

Worth during WWII as a Virgin Mary Catholic Church Knox City safe. Thank you. in Decatur at her death.

Theresa is survived by her

sons Jimmy Anderson and wife Linda Kee of Decatur, Bobby Anderson and wife Mary of Corpus Christi and daughter Anita Burt and husband Gary of Snyder. She is also survived by several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, her sister Clara Herring of Rhineland and brother Alvin Jungman and wife Glenna of

Letter to the editor

City encourages residents online guestbook at www. to clean up property

Knox City is seeing an increase in properties with lots or lawns that have become overgrown with weeds. All property owners, business or private, are responsible for maintaining their property. Properties with weeds in an excess of 12 inches are in violation of Rosie the Riveter helping build city ordinances. Overgrown weeds and grass can become a breedthe B-24 aircraft fleet for the ing place for vermin and pose a possible health issue, not to men-United States Army Airforces. tion being unsightly. There has been an increase in properties with Theresa had an unwavering faith lots or lawns that have become overgrown and in violation of the in God and was a member of city ordinances. The city will begin issuing warnings, but would the Assumption of the Blessed rather not have to. We ask all residents to do their part to keep

> **KENT DeVILLE Knox City mayor**

Knox County Aging Services Menus for September 2-6

Monday: Labor Day. No school.

Tuesday:

Glazed meatloaf, red-blissed potatoes, green beans, breadsticks, country apple crisp.

Wednesday:

Macaroni-beef-tomatoes, lima beans, whole-wheat rolls, fruit and oatmeal bars.

Thursday: Chicken spaghetti, carrots, zucchini, whole-wheat rolls, banana pudding.

Friday:

Polish sausage, pinto beans, coleslaw, cornbread, peaches.

workers at the Munday Gare Home for the wonderful care they gave to Jack. Thank you as well to all the rest of our nice friends in The Jack Medford Family

The family of Rue Del Roberts wishes to express our appreciation for the many prayers, visits, calls, cards, memorials and food on behalf of the passing of our loved

A special thank you to the

A special thanks to Buds for You and McCauley-Smith Funeral Home for their assistance.

Jimmie Del and Mike Killpatrick family

Exa Lee and Joel Smith family

Anna Marie Latta family

Johnny and Bonnie Peysen family

Thanks for reading The Knox County **News-Courier**



Munday, TX 76731 P: 940-422-4559 Pastor Shane Kendrix

Service Times: Sunday

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

Wednesday Awanas, Pre-K to 6th grade: 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Youth: 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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GREYHOUNDS From Page 1

The Greyhounds will be led by senior Tylynne Eaton (6-1, 180). Eaton had 328 yards and seven touchdowns receiving and 96 tackles last

"We're going to move him around on offense this year and try to get him the ball a little more," Steele said. "

Other players to watch include noseguard Heath Welch, running back Israel Rodriguez, running back Ian Lagway, running back Chris Lewis, receiver Zach Carter, center Zachary Rodriguez, quarterback Krys Campos and defensive end Stran Jones.

2013 Greyhound **Schedule**

Aug. 31 Paducah 7:30 p.m. Sept. 6 Rotan 7:30 p.m. Sept. 13 @Aspermont 7:30

Sept. 20 Newcastle 7:30 10/5 Woodson W 38-31

Sept. 27 Chillicothe 7:30 46-0 Oct. 4 @Woodson 7:30 11/2 * Crowell L 24-36

Oct. 11 *Paint Creek 7:30 62

Oct. 25 *@Bryson 7:30

- District

Conservation groups to host joint workshop

KNOX CITY —The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Knox City and the Wichita-Brazos Soil and Water Conservation District cordially invite the public to attend their 2013 Local Working Group (LWG) meeting at 1 p.m. Sept. 11. 10/12 * Paint Creek W

The purpose of this annual LWG meeting is to set local conservation priorities and bring conservation stakeholders together to discuss conservation topics and issues relevant to helping Knox County farmers and ranchers better conserve onfarm natural resources.

The agenda of the meeting is to update attendees on recent conservation efforts and to

collect public input to help guide future conservation activities. Through regular identification of conservation opportunities, effective Farm Bill investment can continue to benefit Knox County. Farmers, ranchers, conservationists, and others interested in obtaining Federal technical and financial assistance to improve private land in Knox County are invited to participate.

For information, contact Charles Schur, district conservationist, at 940-658-3526, Ext. 3. Visit the NRCS Web site at tx.nrcs.usda.gov.

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MOGULS From Page 1

The Moguls will run a 4-2-5 on defense and Corcoran said team tackling and limiting big plays will be musts.

Other players to watch include offensive and defensive lineman Jerico Thompson (5-9, 295), running back Zac Edgar (5-6, 140), running back Victor Garcia, lineman T.J. Garcia and lineman Trey Tidwell.

One of the key losses to graduation was quarterback Dee Paul. This year, Alfonso Nunez (5-9, 150) will take the reins.

"We will depend on ball control and our offensive line," Corcoran said. "Early in the season will be maturing as a

2013 Mogul schedule Aug. 30 @Windthorst 7:30

Sept. 6 @Stamford 7:30 p.m. Sept. 13 @Albany 7:30 p.m. Sept. 20 Bronte 7:30 p.m. Sept. 27 Holliday 7:30 p.m. Oct. 11 *@Perrin-Whitt 7:30

Oct. 18 *@Petrolia 7:30 p.m. Oct. 25 *Muenster 7:30 p.m. Nov. 1 *@Era 7:30 p.m. Nov. 8 *Electra 7:30 p.m. -District

2012 Results

8/31 Windthorst W 68-7 9/7 Stamford W 34-27 9/14 Albany W 55-28 9/21 Bronte W 48-0 9/28 Holliday W 49-7 10/12 *Perrin-Whitt W

Nov. 1 *Crowell 7:30 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

- District

2012 Results

9/1 Petersburg L 20-60

9/14 Aspermont L 0-49

9/21 Newcastle L 40-46

10/26 * Bryson L 30-39

11/9 * Throckmorton L 12-

9/28 Chillicothe W 50-49

9/7 Rotan W 48-32

Nov. 8 *@Throckmorton

62-6 10/19 *Petrolia W 67-0 10/26 *Muenster W 45-10 11/2 *Era W 82-0 11/9 Electra W 73-0 11/23 Wink **W 63-34 12/1 Hamlin **W 66-13 12/7 Albany **W 55-13 12/14 Wellington **W 48-6

12/20 Tenaha **W 42-14

*-District **-Playoffs

of 7.4 percent.

"Voter IDs have nothing to do with race and they are free to anyone who needs one," Abbott said.

From Page 1

Perry sets voting date

Gov. Perry took the official step of proclaiming Nov. 5 as Election Day for the nine proposed constitutional amendments approved by legislators last spring.

Texans who go to polls with proper identification in accordance with the state's voter identification law will be able to vote "yes" or "no" on amendments dealing with topics ranging from property tax exemptions and municipal charters to funding for the state water plan and judicial conduct.

Job count grows in July

Texas Workforce Commission on Aug. 16 reported the Texas economy added 19,900 seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs in July for a total of 293,000 jobs added since July 2012.

Also, Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate held steady in July at 6.5 percent. Texas' unemployment rate remained below the nation's July unemployment rate

"As of July," said Texas Commission Workforce Chairman Andres Alcantar, "Texas has maintained a positive annual growth rate for 39 straight months."

Testing scores improve

Education Commissioner Michael Williams on Aug. 21 announced that 2013 composite score for all Texas students taking the ACT college admission test hit a new high of 20.9 according to the test-

ing company. In addition, the composite scores for Texas White, Hispanic/Latino and African-American students are at all-time highs, matching or exceeding national composite scores in each of those student groups.

"Our state's ongoing commitment to rigor in the classroom is clearly evident in these national results," said Commissioner Williams. "In the coming years, the challenge will be in maintaining this momentum which has provided a strong foundation of success for all students, while also offering all students greater flexibility to make course choices."

Measles alert is issued

Texas Department of State

Health Services on Aug. 16 issued a health alert and announced six cases of measles had been confirmed in the last month, bringing the total to 11 cases confirmed for the

State health officials have asked health care providers to be on the lookout for potential exposures, particularly in the North Texas area.

While no measles cases were reported in 2012, six cases were reported in 2011, the agency reported, and said, "vaccination even shortly before or after exposure may prevent the disease or lessen the symptoms."

DPS to increase

patrois Texas Department of Public Safety last week announced a planned increase in patrols through Sept. 9, including the Labor Day holiday weekend.

DPS troopers will focus on high-risk locations at times when alcohol-related crashes are most frequent.

During the extended Labor Day law enforcement period last year, troopers made 1,879 DWI arrests, 24,779 speeding citations, 3,890 seat belt/child safety seat citations, 4,062 no-insurance tickets, 1,238 fugitive arrests, 895 felony arrests and 889 drug arrests during routine patrol operations.

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The North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority will hold a meeting at 7:00 p.m.

On September 10, 2013 at North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority, 135 North Munday Avenue to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2013.

The proposed tax rate is .10 per \$100 of value.

NOTICE OF THE INTENTION OF KNOX COUNTY, TEXAS TO DESIGNATE A REINVESTMENT ZONE; TO ESTABLISH THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF; AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

As part of the review of the tax abatement application submitted by Pioneer Green Energy, LLC - Green Pastures Wind pursuant to Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code, Knox County is required to establish a reinvestment zone. A public hearing on the establishment of such reinvestment zone is scheduled for Monday, September 9, 2013. This hearing shall be held in the Assembly Room on the first floor of the Knox County Courthouse and is set to start at 1:30 p.m.

By state law, the County is required to publish notice of such hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the County no later than seven (7) days before the date of the hearing.

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THE SELLERS RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS. CONTACT RIKE REAL ESTATE LLC, 415 S. FIRST STREET, HASKELL, TX 79521, TELEPHONE NUMBER 940 864 2411, FOR MORE INFORMATION AND/OR A SEALED BID PACKET.

Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

rations were being made for the new school year — Well, it's here. It officially began this week and for many, it is the first step out into what some call "the real world." It will be a change for them, but after a few days, they will level out and be fine, and they will love it.

My sincere sympathy today to the family and friends of Martel Tankersley, who passed away this weekend. Her health had been declining for quite some time. She passed away in the Munday Nursing Center. Graveside rites for her were Sunday at Knox City.

Judy Barnett has been in Lubbock the past two weekends with her sons, Jeff and Jim Bob and their families. Two weeks ago, she went by herself for a visit, and this

past Friday she and Randy both went and attended granddaughter, Cheyenne's, band concert on Friday night. Randy is doing fine. He has his staples out and is walking pretty well, so he's very encouraged. He was at Church on Sunday — the first time he has felt comfortable going since before his surgery. It was good to see him out and about.

Mary Tom Bohannon is now a resident of the Munday Nursing Center. She has been with her daughter, Brandi, in Lubbock since the death of her mo, Jonnie Williams, but Brandi felt the change might be good for her as she will be seeing friends who can stop in and visit from time to time. Sometimes that's better than any prescribed medicine. So if you are in Munday, drop by and see her and the other residents over there. They always enjoy company.

I saw Tom Moorhouse on Saturday. He had his right arm in a sling and said he

had messed up his shoulder while he was roping. But it's getting better, and he said he sees his doctor this week and thinks he will get a good report. Being his right arm and he's right handed, things are pretty awkward for him, but he's managing pretty well.

Mike Moorhouse's mom, Bobbye, is doing ok. She had the procedure to repair her back problem on Thursday and is now at her son, Steve's, residence in Lubbock for a few days' recuperation. Good to get that kind of a report. Bobbye lives in Seymour.

Our friend, Evelyn Balis of Knox City, is having some health problems. Doctors have diagnosed her with Zollinger-Ellison Syndrome. I'm not familiar with that at all, but I do know it's quite serious as it has to do with acid in the stomach. About all doctors can do is keep her comfortable and keep a close check on her. Evelyn is well known in the area, as she served as Knox County

Treasurer several years. Please remember her in prayer.

Carl Engbrock is having problems as well. He has a hematoma in his leg, so is having to stay off it as much as possible. Right now, he's using a wheelchair. Of course he needs our prayers also.

John and Patti Carver of Taft were here last week to spend time with his mom, Dorothy, in the Munday Nursing Center. Dorothy is about the same since suffering a stroke several months ago. Some days are better than others. The Carvers visited his brother, Fred, and Jan also.

A belated expression of sympathy to Betty Poe and Edith Broach of Knox City. Their sister passed away about two weeks ago in Seminole after being ill quite some time. She was a sister-in-law of Lois Richardson also of Knox City.

Gladene Green is the longtime Benjamin correspondent for the Knox County News-Courier.

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police officers on any school campus. My, how times

have changed. I attended 5A schools in Amarillo and Lubbock in the 1980s. Like all schools, there were issues, but most were rather petty by today's standards. There were schools with metal detectors and some with an oncampus police officer, but we're talking about schools

with 2,500 students. Less than 30 years later and you see officers around campus in small towns across the

Here in Childress, the signs on the entrances tell you that the school will take necessary measures to ensure the safety of the students. Translation: Don't come in here trying to shoot students, or you're not going to last long.

The way the local district implemented its new security is impressive. The way they handle the traffic in and out of the campuses and buildings is strict. The technology in place to monitor the campuses is fantastic.

No doubt the school district has taken steps to make each campus safe.

The way the world has changed particularly when it comes to the "safety" of U.S. citizens — has me a little nervous.

Security at federal and state buildings, county courthouses, hospitals and airports have been amped up considerably over the past couple of decades with good reason.

In America today, we have cameras located throughout our major cities and drones policing

We are being spied on and tracked by the most sophisticated software and technology on the planet and our names and faces are logged in databases "just in case" big brother needs it.

Now I'm of the mind you only need to worry about this stuff if you plan on doing something wrong, but to think these "tools" could not be used against a citizenry is preposterous.

Think what living in Germany would have been like in the mid-1930s had Adolph Hitler had such "tools" to work with. What about Joseph Stalin?

That is one scary thought.

I honestly believe 99.9 percent of Americans, and others in the world, want to be safe and live life to the best of their ability.

That small percentage out there of unstable or evil people have pretty much ruined the party for the rest of us.

In many ways I've stopped paying attention to what is happening nationally. It's frustrating to see such ineffectiveness in all branches of the government.

Instead, I concentrate on family and the communities I'm involved with.

Nearly everything beyond the local level is out of our control. Yes, we have senators and representatives, but when you're talking U.S. or world politics, our "voice," the voice of rural America, is not very loud.

I've looked into forming a political action committee to provide a voice and lobby for rural America. But I haven't done much with it.

The thought of 80 million rural Americans united on several issues important to us is intriguing to say the least.

If you happen to be interested in such a thing, email me at chris@blackburnmediagroup.com. It would be prudent to try and gauge interest before pursuing such a grand endeavor.

Christopher Blackburn is CEO of Blackburn Media Group. Email him at chris@blackburnmediagroup.

The 501

Trip to sale barn tests mettle

the ones you live to tell about. Forget the rest.

Yesterday my husband and I sorted cows and hauled a few to market. We could have been killed. We weren't.

Cow-wise, things went better than they should have. It was the ride home that tested our mettle. DICTIONARY PAUSE.

I just looked up "mettle" to see if I used the right word. I did.

Definition: "A person's ability to cope well with MUNN difficulties or to face a WELCH demanding situation in a spirited and resilient way.'

Adrenaline helps with mettle — at least for the "spirited" aspect of whatever the situation requires. If cow sorting and loading is involved, adrenaline is a given. Ask any cow.

Ask me.

That initial adrenaline must have kept me and my husband from noticing just how bad it was to drive an old diesel pickup without air-conditioning on a hot August day miles and miles to the sale

A truism: It's hard to justify spending the price of a cow to fix an airconditioner on a truck that's old enough to buy alcohol. (I almost said "old enough to have graduated from college," but our truck is more drinker than scholar. "A diesel refill please, a fifth of power steering fluid and a shot of brake fluid. Ah. Hits the spot. Coolant too? No, I'm fine.")

What is nice about vehicles of a certain age is the little triangular windows on each door — the kind you

he best harrowing experiences are can open to shoot air into the pickup cab. We did. I've always imagined that if you drove fast enough they might somehow lift you off the ground, or at least slow you down when landing. Here's to flaps.

Anyway, all the way to the cattle sale while the pickup drank diesel and we breathed the fumes (nothing against diesel fumes; they remind me of Europe), my husband and I did OK, as did the cows. No doubt they enjoyed in haling the 60 mph semi-fresh breeze blowing through the slats in their trailer. Nothing beats a 60 mph breeze except an air-conditioner.

Ask any cow.

Ask me.

During the trip home, adrenaline waning, my husband noticed a great steady volume of hot air blowing from the upper nether regions of the underside of the dash, if nether can ever be upper. I think it can, especially to describe the confusing no man's land that exists under the dash. It's just best not to go there.

That's where my husband is this morning. He's looking for the mysterious source of all that extra hot air.

Me, I'd just as soon wash the manure out of the trailer.

SPOUSE CHECK PAUSE.

Lo, my husband has found the malicious hot air duct and plugged it with a rag. What's more, he's already washed out the trailer.

Mettle personified, spirited and resilient. Handy too.

He's also decisive.

Would it be worth the price of a cow to fix the air-conditioner?

Yes, he said. Sometimes I like being wrong.

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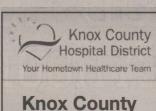
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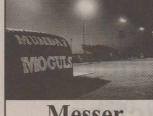
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The Stephenville native is a graduate of Tarleton State University, where he also received his master's in agricultural extension and industry. During college he was active in livestock and dairy judging.

Following college, Westbook began his career with Mueller Supply Co., a steel building and components firm based in Ballinger and Longview, before moving to The Woodlands to spend a number of years working for a small biotechnology firm.

He then returned to Tarleton's agricultural education program as an adjunct profes-



JASON WESTBROOK

sor and helped establish the State Natural Resources Contest for state FFA students.

Westbrook has four children. Holton, 19; Witt, 18, both of whom will attend Texas Tech this fall; Rilyn, 15, and Hudson, 9.

"I look forward to serving Haskell County the best I can, Westbrook said.

The Haskell Star

Museum News

Museum slates date of annual rummage sale

By Mary Jane Young For the News-Courier

will have its annual garage sale, plus those delicious hamburgers and

homemade cookies for that you really need or one lunch.

Resident of Knox BENJAMIN — The County and the sur-Perry Patton Center in rounding areas have al-Munday, at 131 W. Cisco, ways been generous with will be the place to be donations for the annual at 8 a.m. Sept. 14 as the garage sale to support the Wichita Brazos Museum museum just as they have been great supporters of

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At 8 a.m. Sept. 13, careful look at the dishes the Friends of the Knox County Historical Comwalk off with an antique mission will be setting up the sale items and pricing

to deliver, you can bring them that morning, or let a museum board member 459-2229 from 1 to 5 know if we need to pick up items that you cannot deliver.

do on set-up Friday, so if you can help arrange table displays, or bring in you donations that morna KCHC Friend.

Call the Museum at p.m. Tuesday through Friday for information.

Check out our Wichita There is always a lot to Brazos Museum Facebook page. You might see your picture or one of a relative there.

Cowboy symposium celebrates 25th year

Special to the News-Courier

LUBBOCK — The National Cowboy Symposium & Celebration hosts its the event. 25th Silver Anniversary event Sept. 5-8 at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

New attractions include sessions featuring performances by Waddie Mitchell, R.W. Hampton and Mary Kaye. Historical sessions on "Outlaws and Lawmen" will be scheduled throughout, and other 25th anniversary activities include a Reunion Luncheon on Friday and a special session for all performers on Saturday.

The Chuck Wagon Roast Coffee will be featured and for sale during regular

The purpose of the event is to celecarry out these goals, the event schedule includes a variety of talented performers throughout the day and nationally recognized artists Waddie Mitchell and R.W. Hampton for the Friday and Saturday night performances.

Many talented musicians, poets and storytellers from across the nation will gather to perform as well as presentations of Native American demonstra-

show hours in the Exhibit Hall booth tions and dancing, Western authors, visitors from many states and multiple and Chuck Wagon area, and at the horse handling demonstrations by Chuck Wagon Breakfast on Sunday of Chance O'Neal of the Four Sixes Ranch and world-famous horse clinician Craig Cameron, the Horse Parade, the Nabrate, preserve and pass along our west- tional Championship Chuck Wagon formation may be found at cowboy.org

> works and merchandise. The event features more than 100 performers and presenters including cowboy and cowgirl poets, musical acts, storytellers, authentic chuck wagon cooks, special presenters, and exhibit spaces filled with the best in Western art and

> One of the largest events annually held in Lubbock, the Symposium draws

nations, and people from more than 30 nations have attended in the previous 24

A schedule of events and ticket inern heritage and cowboy culture. To Cook-Off, and exhibits of western art- . All-inclusive, one-price, "Wrangler Pass" and "Rustler Pass" admission tickets are available prior to the event. The Wrangler passes allow admission and meals for all three days, and the Rustler pass is an all-inclusive one-day pass for Friday or Saturday.

All tickets may be purchased in advance through the office, on the web site, or in person upon arrival at the event.

The show is open to the public.



