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Mogul football escapes UIL chopping block

By **Geoffrey Baumgartner**
 The Knox County News-Courier

It seems the Munday Moguls will live to see another two years of playing in a higher classification of football.

With this week's unprecedented release by the UIL of its conference cutoff numbers for the 2014-2016 reclassification and realignment period, Mogul Athletic Director Pat Corcoran said state officials have assured him that the Munday football team will remain at the 11-man level.

"We will play 11-man football and be Class A for basketball and track," said Corcoran, also head football coach. "It will be good to compete with schools that we have not been able to for a

while and renew a couple of old rivalries."

Many around Knox County had speculated Munday would not have a large enough enrollment to fill an 11-man roster for the 2014 season. According to estimates the school's enrollment is projected at 104, one shy of the Class 2A benchmark.

Under the UIL plan, which is expected to be implemented in February for the 2014-2016 academic years, there will be six conferences throughout the state instead of five. The new conference enrollment cutoffs will be 2,100 and above for 6A classification and in between 1,060-2,099 for 5A classification.

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Terry Messer/News-Courier file photo

Mogul sophomore Tamerick Reagins (9) makes a dash for the first down while getting blocks from junior Ian Lagway (15) and senior Fabian Lopez (19) in the Nov. 8 game against Electra. Head coach Pat Corcoran said UIL officials assured him this week his Moguls will continue in 11-man play for the foreseeable future.

Munday man killed in I-20 accident

By **Wayne Hodgkin**
 The Knox County News-Courier

TYE — An 86-year-old Munday resident was one of two people killed Friday afternoon in an accident in which a vehicle being driven the wrong way on Interstate 20 collided with another vehicle.

James Lendon Walling, 86, of Munday, and Shelia Ann Donowho, 71, of Roswell, N.M., died in the crash, which happened about 3:30 p.m., according to reports from the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Another man, Billy Donowho, 72, also of Roswell, was taken to an Abilene hospital in critical condition.

According to reports, Billy Donowho was not wearing a safety belt, but his passenger, Shelia Donowho, and Walling were.

Sgt. Frederick Biddle, spokesman for the DPS regional headquarters in Abilene, said a white 2012 Chevrolet sedan, driven by Walling, was traveling east in a westbound lane of I-20 when it narrowly missed a 2013 Ford sports-utility vehicle, driven by Donna Salyer of Sweetwater. The sedan continued on, colliding head-on with a 2010 Chevrolet pickup, driven by Billy Donowho, which was towing another vehicle.

Salyer swerved to avoid the sedan and struck the median cables dividing the roadway, according to reports. She was not injured in the accident.

Billy Donowho was taken to Hendrick Medical Center in critical condition with multiple injuries.

His wife, Shelia Donowho, was pronounced dead at the scene by Justice of the Peace Phillip "Sparky" Dean.

Walling was taken to Hendrick Medical Center, where he died about an hour and a half later.

The accident was investigated by Trooper Justin Michael Tabor. The roadway was closed until the early evening as the scene was investigated and cleared.

Local Republicans file ahead of primary

By **Wayne Hodgkin**
 The Knox County News-Courier

BENJAMIN — With Monday being the last day to file, so far the primary race for county judge will be the only contest on the Republican ballot March 4.

Knox County Republican Party Chairwoman Lou Vail said Jason Doran and Steve Shahan had filed applications with the local leadership to have their names placed on the primary ballot for office of the county judge, a seat currently held by Travis Floyd, who has indicated he wouldn't seek re-election.

Other candidates filing to run on the Republican tickets include Lisa Cypert for county/district clerk and Augie Rodriguez for Justice of the Peace. The seats are currently held by Annette Offutt and Vonnie Ivey, respectively, although the two incumbents had not filed intentions to be re-seated by press time.

Other local seats up for re-election, said Elections Supervisor Mitzi Welch, were county treasurer and county commissioners for Precincts 2 and 4.

Precinct 4 Commissioner Johnny Birkenfeld has said he would not run again, and Treasurer Rosie Ake and Precinct 2 Commissioner Charles Griffith

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Wide-eyed wishes



Sheri Baty/For the News-Courier
Kavin Adams, son of L.P. and Lynndy Adams of Haskell and grandson of Rick and Kristi Moeller of Knox City, shares his Christmas wish list with Santa Claus, who was at the Knox City Florist this past Saturday during downtown events to kick off the holiday season in Knox City.

Tom Bullington 1925-2013 Former AG official began practice in Knox County

Special to the News-Courier

AUSTIN — Tom W. Bullington was born February 18, 1925, in El Paso, Texas, to Clyde O. and Lula E. Garrison Bullington. He died November 27, 2013, in Austin Texas. He was 88 years old.

Mr. Bullington graduated from Austin High School in El Paso. He was a Past Master



Tom Bullington

Ann Espey at Mesilla Park, N.M.

Survivors include by his children Jan Meyer of Cedar Park and Tom Bullington Jr. wife, Tina, and stepdaughter Jackie of Wichita Falls. He is also survived by three grandchildren, Emily Schmidt and husband, Brad, of Frisco; Jonathan Meyer of Houston; and Kim Munoz and husband, Patrick, of College Station. He was dearly loved by his six great-grandchildren, Haley Grace, Lily Faith and Kelsey Joy of Frisco and Marina, Lexi and Abby of College Station.

Mr. Bullington was discharged as a staff sergeant from the Marine Corps on June 16, 1946. In September 1946 he entered the pre-law program at Texas Western University, which later became the University of Texas at El Paso. After finishing his pre-law program, he entered Baylor University Law School at Waco in February 1948. He was elected vice president of his mid-law class. He received his law license on May 5, 1950,

and graduated from Baylor University with a LLB degree on May 28, 1950. On May 30, 1969, his degree was elevated to a juris doctorate degree by Baylor University. Tom was a member of the Phi Delta Phi International Legal Fraternity. On May 5, 2006, he had been an attorney and a member of the State Bar of Texas for 56 years.

Mr. Bullington began the practice of law in Munday, Texas, in June 1950, where he entered into partnership with Judge Milton F. Billingsley. The law firm carried the partnership name of Billingsley and Bullington. He is a Past President of the Munday Lions Club and is a Past Commander of the American Legion, Lowery Post No. 44. He was elected County Attorney of Knox County, Texas, and took office on Jan. 1, 1953, where he continued to serve until he resigned on Dec. 1, 1968, to take a position with Texas Attorney General Crawford Martin as Assistant Attorney General, Chief of Crime Prevention. He also served in that capacity under the administrations of Attorney General John Hill, and Attorney General Mark White.

Mr. Bullington was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States, Fifth Circuit Court Appeals and the federal district courts of Texas, the Supreme Court of Texas, and all other state courts of Texas. He also holds an instructor's certificate with the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Education.

During the time Mr. Bullington was an assistant attorney general in the Governor's Office and the Sheriffs' Association of Texas, he gave many lectures as well as advice touching on the duties of judges, peace officers and prosecutors. In 1971 he created an in-watts service, in the Attorney General's Office, for the target groups to get legal advice, and in the year 2006 it was still in operation. Mr. Bullington was also noted for producing the "Selected New Legislation" book and mak-

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Knox Notes

Events are listed free of charge as a service by this newspaper for nonprofit groups, civic organizations, churches, schools and select community events. Listings should be submitted at least two weeks in advance and will run as often as possible through the date of the event. News staff does not guarantee placement of events. Emailed submissions are preferred to kcnewscourier@gmail.com.

Recipes Exchange

The News-Courier is asking for Christmas cookie recipes from our readers to be printed in an upcoming edition. Share your family's favorite recipe for shaped/molded/rolled/refrigerator/no-bake cookies or drop cookies or bar cookies. Three recipes per person-one per category-will be published. Email submissions preferred to kcnewscourier@gmail.com or leave it in the box outside the Munday Chamber of Commerce office.

Breakfast with Santa

Free breakfast and free photos with Santa and other activities will be from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday at the Munday Church of Christ.

Live Nativity

"O Little Town," a living Nativity performance, will be at 7 and 8 p.m. Dec. 8, 15, 21, 22 at O'Brien Baptist Church, 902 Grand Central Ave. All welcome.

Tour of Homes

The annual Tour of Homes benefiting the Knox County Visioning Group will be from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Monday. Tickets are on sale now for \$10 at the KCVG office in Benjamin or by calling 940-459-4121; or \$12 the night of event. Tour includes stops in Knox City, Munday, Rhineland and Benjamin.

Community Choir

The Munday Community Choir will present "Bethlehem Morning" at 6 p.m. Dec. 15 at First Baptist Church of Munday. All are welcome.

Candidate info

The filing period for residents interested in qualifying to run as a candidate for elected office in the state primary Mar. 4 runs through Monday. Knox County residents interested in running as a Democrat or Republican must qualify through the county's appropriate party leadership. Democrats should contact Reed Underwood at 940-657-3750 or reed@fm2279.com, and Republicans should contact Lou Vail at 940-658-5507 or loudentonvail@msn.com.

Military exhibit

A new military exhibit opens Saturday at the Garza Museum in Post commemorating the 72nd anniversary of the 1941 bombing of Pearl Harbor. Purple Heart recipient Patrick Reilly donated the 154-airplane exhibit to the museum. For information, call 495-2207. For information, call 495-3570.

Ragtown Gospel Theater

Ragtown Gospel Theater is performing "Say Nicklaus!" through Dec. 14. For information or to purchase tickets visit ragtown.com.

Corrections

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

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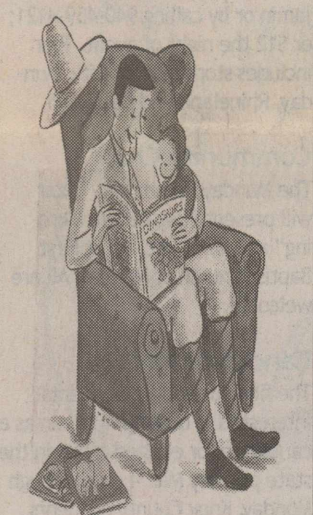
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Deaths

Etta "Louise" Burt

Etta "Louise" Burt, 77, went to be with the Lord on December 1, 2013. She was born to the late J.B. and Ruby Adams, September 11, 1936. She married the late Kenneth Burt on December 22, 1954, in Knox City, Texas.

She was an active member of the Knox City Foursquare Church, where she had been a member since her teenage years. Her relationship with God was the most important thing in her life, and she has left a beautiful heritage for her children and grandchildren.

Louise was preceded in death by her husband of 55 years, Kenneth Burt, her mother Ruby Collins, and fathers J.B. Adams and Claude



ETTA BURT

Collins, three sisters, Betty Runnels, Diane Johnson, and Janis Clark, one brother Jerry Johnson, and a grandson, Josh Burt.

Louise is survived by her four children, Debbie Merrill and husband Tom Merrill of

AR, Kenneth Burt of Knox City, TX; Marylon Stewart of Nashville, TN; and Melinda Casey of Haskell, TX. She is also survived by four sisters, two brothers, twelve grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren, and numerous family members and friends.

A visitation will be at the Foursquare Church in Knox City, TX from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Graveside service will be at 2:00 p.m. at the Knox City Cemetery.

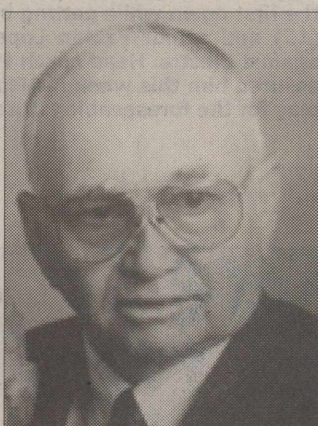
Funeral arrangements provided by Clinton Funeral Service. Visit the online book of memories at www.clintonfuneralservice.com <<http://www.clintonfuneralservice.com>>

Lendon Walling

Lendon Walling, 86, of Munday, passed away November 29, 2013. He was born March 23, 1927 to R. J. and Treasure Walling in Knox County. He and Joyce Milford were married July 19, 1945 in Munday, TX.

Lendon was a lifetime resident of Knox County and an avid Mogul football and track fan. He was also a Deacon of Gillispie Church and helped in building the church as it stands now. He was also the song leader and taught classes for many years. He enjoyed fishing and hunting, playing baseball and basketball.

He served in the U.S. Navy and was a member of the All Service Champion Basketball Team. He retired from the Texas Highway Depart-



LENDON WALLING

ment on December 31, 1989.

Lendon was preceded in death by his wife in 2008, his son, Jimmy Dale in 1967, and brother Dennis Walling in 2012. He is survived by three sons; Lynn and wife, Barbara of Abilene, Jerry and wife, Andrea of Pampa, Greg

of Houston, two daughters; Debbie and husband, Matt Harrington of Knox City, and Brenda and husband, Stanley Hager of Weinert, four brothers; Weldon Walling of Bowie, Randall Walling of Powell, Wyoming, Tommy Walling of Wichita Falls, Larry Walling of Seymour and one sister; Doris Beasley of Wichita Falls; 10 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, one great-grandchild and family friend, Ross Jones of Coleman.

Services were held Monday, December 2, 2013 at the Gillispie Baptist Church. Burial followed in Gillispie Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Smith Funeral Home of Munday.

MCC presents Christmas program

The Munday Community Choir will present "Bethlehem Morning," written by Russell Mauldin, at 6 p.m. Dec. 15 at First Baptist Church of Munday.

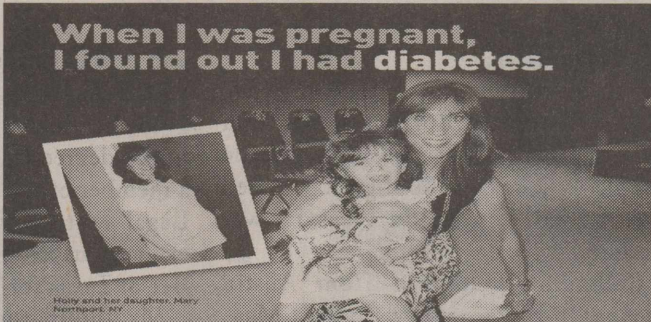
The Community Choir is composed of dedicated and talented musicians from St. Joseph's Catholic Church, First United Methodist Church and First Baptist Church and will feature Sarah Reeves and Lyndle Reeves

as soloists with Sandy King as director.

"Bethlehem Morning" tells the miraculous story of Christmas through traditional carols and Christmas favorites, but also reminds us that the story of God's love didn't stop there.

"We sincerely believe you and your family will enjoy this presentation as we celebrate the birth of Christ and as we remember that special 'Bethlehem Morning,'" King said.

Thanks for reading!



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Letter to the editor

Sequestration deals blow to cancer fight

Every Thanksgiving, my family starts the meal by going around the table and giving each member a chance to say what they are thankful for. This year, I am thankful just to be here. I am a cancer survivor, but without past cancer research breakthroughs that made my treatment possible, I would not be.

That is why I am urging Congress to turn off the mindless, across-the-board spending cuts, known as sequestration, which have significantly cut funding for cancer research and cancer screening programs like the ones that saved my life. In the last year, 1,000 fewer patients were able to enroll in potentially lifesaving clinical trials at the National Institutes of Health because of funding cuts. If sequestration continues, it could cost us a decade of progress in medical research leaving potential breakthroughs in the fight to defeat cancer abandoned in labs.

We've come so far in the fight against cancer and we're so close to many more breakthroughs. In sincerely hope Congress recognizes the importance of giving cancer patients more hope this Christmas season by ending sequestration and restoring funding for cancer research and prevention programs that help save lives.

SUSAN SPURLOCK-RAWLINS
Chairwoman, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
Texas Congressional District 13

Menus

Week of Dec. 9-13

Knox City-O'Brien Breakfast

Monday: Biscuits with sausage and gravy, cereal bowl, toast, peaches, juice, milk

Tuesday: Cinnamon toast with sausage or cereal bowl with sausage, pears, juice, milk

Wednesday: Mini corn dogs or cereal bowl, toast mixed fruits, juice, milk

Thursday: Pancakes with syrup or cereal bowl with sausage, applesauce, juice, milk

Friday: Cinnamon roll with sausage or cereal bowl, toast, pineapple, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday: Beefy macaroni or antipasto salad, or bologna and cheese, carrots, corn, fruit, slushy, milk

Tuesday: Chicken nuggets or fajita chicken salad or turkey and cheese, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, pears, slushy, milk

Wednesday: Soft beef tacos or garden pasta salad or ham and cheese, Mexican style buns, lettuce, orange, slushy, milk

Thursday: Hot dogs or zesty tuna salad or tuna salad, mashed potatoes, applesauce, peaches, slushy, milk

Friday: Pizza or chef salad or po-boy sandwich, tator tots, pork n beans, fruit, slushy, milk

Munday Breakfast

Monday: Biscuit and sausage gravy, honey graham, applesauce, slushy, juice, milk

Tuesday: Cereal bowl with sausage, mixed fruit, slushy, juice, milk

Wednesday: Mini corn dog, honey graham, cinnamon apple slices, slushy, juice, milk

Thursday: Cereal bowl with sausage, pineapple, slushy, juice, milk

Friday: Pancakes with syrup, honey graham, peaches, slushy, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday: Beefy macaroni or bologna and cheese, carrots, corn, grapes, slushy, milk

Tuesday: Chicken nuggets or turkey and cheese, gravy mashed potatoes, green beans, pears, slushy, milk

Wednesday: Soft beef tacos or ham and cheese, Mexican style beans, lettuce, orange, slushy, milk

Thursday: Hot dog or tuna salad, mashed potatoes, applesauce, peaches, slushy, milk

Friday: Pizza or po-boy, tator tots, pork and beans, grapes, slushy, milk

Knox County Aging Center

Monday: Swedish meatballs, parsley noodles, mixed vegetables, whole wheat rolls, chocolate chip cookies

Tuesday: Tilapia with lemon slices, whole kernel corn, cole slaw, hushpuppies, cherry crisp

Wednesday: Chicken stew, turnip greens, cornbread, fruit cocktail

Thursday: Meatloaf, red potatoes, green beans, bread sticks, country apple crisp

Friday: Chicken salad sandwich, tomato, lettuce, pickles, tator tots, melon medley

Come eat with us and support your aging center program. Please call in your orders by 10:00 a.m. to 657-3618. Orders can't be taken after 11:00 a.m. please pick up by 11:00 a.m.



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Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

Thanksgiving is over, and I hope everyone had an enjoyable one. We did at my house, and now everyone is counting down the days until Christmas and hoping they can get everything done by the time it gets here. It's a busy, busy time for all.

Regarding Our Ill

Carol Dickson is doing pretty well since her surgery last Monday at M.D. Anderson in Houston. She had a small tumor on her pancreas, and doctors are optimistic about her long-term prognosis. She may be released from the hospital today but will stay in Houston for a while. She will have some follow-up chemo or radiation (maybe both), but there is no set time for that to begin as yet. I urge everyone to keep Carol and Dick in your prayers during this time.

Linda Griffith is home and doing quite well after her eye surgery. She still has to be very careful and not "over do", which she sure doesn't want to happen as she does not want to have to go through that procedure again if she can prevent it. She said her vision is still distorted and blurry, but that should clear up in time.

Sympathy

My sincere sympathy to the family of Lendon Walling today. Lendon was killed on Friday in an automobile accident in the Abilene area. His funeral is today (Monday) at the Gillespie Baptist Church.

Here 'N There

Kathy and Chad Rainwater and sons, Jonathan and Justin, had Thanksgiving last weekend with Chad's family at the home of his sister, Toby Shawn, and family at Decatur.

Thanksgiving guests of Ronnie and Susan White and family were Jessica White of El Paso, Joseph Rowland of Knox City, and Sara Skelton of Seymour. Tib Burnett of Benjamin joined them for lunch on Thursday.

Betty and Roger Bohannon had Jamie and family and Tyler Ford of Munday, Lonnie Bohannon of Abilene, and Chance and Chase Bohannon of Eastland during Thanksgiving.

Holiday weekend guests of Sonny and Doris Bufkin were Debbie and Megan Goforth of Ft. Worth, Mike and Lori Bufkin and Josh Bufkin of Pampa, Joe Bufkin, student at Texas Tech, and Michele Brown, Emily, Kelsey, and Michael all of Benjamin.

Susan and Tracy Cartwright had Thanksgiving the cold, unsettled weekend before with their daughter, Ashley Burson, and family of Pottsboro. The boys, Matthew and Lucas, were in Amarillo, where it was really "icy," so they were unable to be here. But Susan said those here had a great time. She and Tracy enjoyed them all but sure had fun with granddaughters, Abby and Emily.

The Thanksgiving guests of Dennis and Pam Duke were Rebecca Boone and family of Abilene and Rachel Ferris and family of Wichita Falls. Plans were for Pam's mom, Jessie Roberts, who is a resident of the Munday Nursing Center, to be here also, but Pam "came down" with a terrible cold, so they didn't want to expose her mom (as well as the other nursing home residents when she returned), so she stayed in Munday. Pam said Nancy and Fred McGreger went to Mun-

day and had lunch with their mom and aunt, Bea Parks. Pam and Dennis, and I'm sure with the family's help, did get their outside Christmas decorations up, and now she is working on the inside as their home is on the tour next Monday night. And their annual open house is set for December 21, beginning at 6 pm. That's always fun and a wonderful chance to "meet up" with friends you don't see often. The entire Duke family goes to great lengths to make this annual event an enjoyable time for everyone. So remember December 21—6 pm.

Imagean Young had a family dinner on Wednesday night before Thanksgiving. Her guests were Mike Young and Deann Lamb of Benjamin and Jessica Lamb and Eric Glaze of Seymour. Other out of town guests of Imagean during the holidays were Sue and Dave Terry, Sumner and Jake of Dallas, Butch Young and Lisa Young of Saginaw, and Jack, Jr. and Cindy Young of Round Rock.

Jack, Jr. and Cindy Young of Round Rock spent Thanksgiving with his mom, Mary Jane. On Thanksgiving Day, Reba and Charlie Morrill and Jim Cox had lunch with them.

Dillon and Ariel Benson had his family over for lunch on Thursday. Guests were his dad, Billy Carl, sister, Carla, and family, and brother, Bubba, and family. Also Imagean Young joined them for lunch.

Michele and Jimmy Barrientez and family had lunch on Thanksgiving Day with her sister, Blaine Neal, and family in Seymour.

Visiting Hazel Stockton on Thanksgiving Day were Clay Conner and family of Lubbock and Keith and Pam Conner of Midland.

Jeff Conner and Brandi Jones of Lubbock were here for Thanksgiving Day to visit his mom, Judy, and Randy Barnett. They all had lunch with Philomae Roberson and were joined by Corrine Parrish. On Friday, Jim Bob and Jenny

Beth Conner, Charlie, Madilyn, Jaylie, and Callie of Wofforth visited the Barnetts.

Kip and Joy Lynn Pool spent Thanksgiving with family in Lubbock.

My Thanksgiving guests were Diane and Ashlee Evans of Childress, Cody Taylor of Knox City, Beckie Smith, Randi, Dillon Keys, Liz, Nathan, Taylor, and Westin Herring of Munday, Will Moorhouse of Snyder, Becca Raynes who lives near Dodge City, Kansas, and Mike and Debi Moorhouse of Benjamin.

Jan and Fred Carver had lots of family here for the holiday. They included Gary and Stasia Antile and Ryan of Wingate, Cassie Wainscott of Liberty Hill, Tyler Collins and Kelly Johnson of Lubbock, Johnny and Patti Carver of Taft, Laura Carver of Austin, Virginia Carver of Canton, Callie and Ryder Laird of Knox City, Jaci and Jara Collins, Talon, and Lexie of Munday and Dorothy Carver, who lives in the Munday Nursing Center, and Mike and Tammy Lyles of Benjamin.

The James Jacksons have moved to Benjamin and are living in the Butch McCanlies house. He is a dispatcher at the jail and supply pastor at First Baptist Church in Benjamin. Jill works at the school in Benjamin, so this will be much more convenient for them. We're glad they have chosen to make Benjamin their home and hope they like it over here.

Linda and Charles Griffith were at their daughter, Lori, and Rickey LaShomb's for Thanksgiving. Those present to enjoy the day were Amy and Vince Tyson of Clovis, New Mexico, Kate Tyson, who attends the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, Drew Tyson and Kristie Winberg of Portland, Oregon, Matt Tyson, who attends Texas Tech in Lubbock, Becky, Brooke, and Kamryn Jones of Knox City, and Devon Jones, who attends Midwestern University in Wichita Falls. Keila LaShomb, who teaches at Hart, Texas, also visited during the day.

Remember the Ex-Student Benefit on Saturday, December 7. The chicken spaghetti dinner is at 5:30 with a program to follow at 7 pm. Food will be donated, and any left will be sold. All proceeds will go for repairs on the Ex-Student Building. Donations for desserts have been asked for, and if you were not contacted to donate one and would like to, just take your choice to the building any time after 3 pm on Saturday, and they would certainly appreciate it. It should be a fun evening.

Mike Young is in Abilene today for tests to determine if he needs stints or not. He has been having some problems, and doctors think it could be his heart. He told me on Sunday he hopes they can find his problem, as he's tired of feeling bad.

Donnie and Barbara Ryder had lunch with her daughter, Paula Haynie, and family in Munday last Thursday and supper with his daughter, Shannon Propps, on Thursday night. Jayson Ewing of El Campo was also a guest of Shannon's during the weekend. On Saturday, Donnie and Barbara attended the 50th Wedding Anniversary celebration of Bert and Judy Leaverton at the Wooden Nickel in Knox City.

Chad Tolson and Heather Stovall, Nicholas and Harley had Thanksgiving dinner on Sunday with her mom, Laura, and Emory Baker and other family members in Knox City.

Have you noticed on Highway 6 that the house where Peppy Bolanos lived several years ago has been torn down, the debris cleared away, and the ground leveled? It looks good there and should be an inspiration for a lot of folks who own some of these other older, vacant places to do the same.

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

O'Brien church to bring Nativity to life

O'Brien Baptist Church will present "O Little Town," a living Nativity over the next few weeks leading up to Christmas.

Witness the Christmas story through live narration and music, interact with the Wise Men, shepherds, animals and townspeople as the story unfolds in "O Little Town."

Presentation times will be at 7 and 8 p.m. Dec. 8, 15, 21 and 22 at O'Brien Baptist Church, 902 Grand Central Ave., O'Brien.

Bring your family and celebrate the true meaning of this magical season — the birth of Christ. Refreshments will be provided.

Michele Fetsch

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KCHD Continues Education in Service Excellence

By Michele Fetsch
The Knox County News-Courier

Employees and friends of the Knox County Hospital District gathered November 20 for a banquet honoring this year's graduating Service Excellence Advisors (SEAs). Three teams of newly graduated SEAs performed creative skits depicting patient experience scenarios—care the right way through compassion, attention, affection, listening, acknowledgement and respect. The group will serve as instructors for hospital staff and will monitor and track service and quality improvements in patient satisfaction, resident satisfaction and employee satisfaction.

This is year two of an ongoing program under the guidelines of HCAHPS, the Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems. This national program promotes standardized methodologies in measuring hospital and nursing home care from a patient's perspective. Patients

and residents have the opportunity to score a questionnaire with categories for communication, pain management, discharge information and if they would recommend to others. Information from these surveys is submitted to HCAHPS, analyzed and publically reported annually. Through the expansion of services and improvements made for the betterment of patient and resident experience in the last year, KCHD has been rated 16th out of 325 hospitals of compared size and service in Texas.

Consultant Michael Bayer explained, "This training is not an empty bag, but a gift to those who we provide care for." District Administrator, Stephen Kuehler added, "Our goal is to keep improving all services to provide the best care to be found in the area. We want Knox County Hospital District to be the provider of choice, and we want to be the employer of choice."

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Tour of Homes tickets on sale now

The News-Courier

BENJAMIN — The holidays are a festive time. Putting out the holiday lights, decorating the Christmas tree, and sprucing up around the house are all part of the season. This year, the Knox County Visioning Group wants to show off some of that holiday spirit with a Tour of Homes around Knox County.

The event will be from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Dec. 9. Tickets are on sale now for \$10 at the KCVG office in Benjamin or by calling 940-459-4121. They also will be available the night of the event for \$12 each. Tickets are limited so it is suggested to get them ahead of time.

The tour will include stops around the county, including Knox City, Munday, Rhineland and Benjamin. Five families are

volunteering their time as part of this fundraising event for the Knox County Visioning Group by opening up their homes for the tour.

Homes on the tour include Kerry and Marsha Quade along with Jeff and Melissa Stanfield in Knox City; the Lee House Bed & Breakfast in Munday; Larry and Annela Welch in Rhineland; and Dennis and Pam

Duke in Benjamin.

Participants can start at any home they choose. Only one ticket is needed to tour all five homes.

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Members of the Knox City High School girls varsity volleyball team presents Child Welfare Board members Cathye Williams, Kathy Albus and Joanna Delgado with a check for more than \$2,400 to assist local families this holiday season. The money was raised during the team's inaugural Serve for a Cause fundraiser, the brainchild of head coach Samantha Baumgartner.

Houndettes raise money for local families

The Knox County News-Courier

KNOX CITY — The Knox City Houndettes have stated a new tradition this year by helping out a local charity through fundraising and sponsorship. The varsity volleyball team held a "We Serve" event to raise money for the Knox City-Benjamin chapter of the Children's Welfare Board.

The girls were told to go out and get sponsors to donate money for each serve they got over the net. More than 26 girls participated in the event. Each girl served 50 serves, and for each successful serve money was made for the charity. Donations ranged from 10 cents to \$10 a serve.

More than \$2,400 was raised for the organization, which assists children of disadvantaged families. The funds will help provide Christmas to many children who are the "Angels" on

the tree at Citizens Bank in Knoxville. In addition, the CMB also assists local families by making sure they have warm winter clothes if they are in need of them.

Serving for a Cause was created by head coach Samantha Baumgartner because she wanted her girls to realize how fortunate they are and how helping others will leave a lasting impression on their lives as well as others.

"Families are in need around the holidays, and if my girls have the ability to raise money for some of these families, well that is exactly what we are going to do," Baumgartner said.

Local businesses as well as local townspeople helped to make this a successful and memorable experience. Coach Baumgartner said she hopes that next year her team can raise more than \$3,000. She thanks everyone who helped out in the 2013 Serving for a Cause charity event.

Varsity Hoops

Hounds send Hornets packing in 72-34 win

KNOX CITY — The relentless effort by the Knox City varsity boy's basketball squad proved too moved for the visiting Aspermont Hornets on Nov. 26 as the Hounds ran away with a 72-34 victory.

The Greyhounds managed to put up 21 points in the first quarter, 19 in the second, 15 in the third, and 17 in the fourth quarter.

Head Coach Josh Webb was pleased with his team.

"We did a great job getting up and down the court. The team maintained a good shooting percentage throughout the game," Webb said.

Individual standouts were Zach Carter with 30 points, 10 assists, 13 rebounds and

5 steals and Krys Campos with 14 points, three assists, two blocks and one steal. The other major contributors to the win were Chris Lewis with 10 points, one assist, one rebound and one steal while Elias Nevarez managed nine points, one assist, four rebounds and three steals.

Defensive standouts throughout the game were Ryan Heard with two points, four rebounds, three blocks and three steals while Ibn Lagway managed four points, one assist, seven rebounds and one block.

With this win, the Greyhounds are now 3-0 for the regular season. Knox City was set to face Petrolia this past Tuesday.

Geoffrey Baumgartner

Houndettes suffer big defeat from Lady Hornets

ASPERMONT — The Lady Hornets' intensity and pressure proved too much for the visiting Houndette varsity squad in a 71-30 routing of Knox City on Nov. 26

The Lady Hornets were able to put up 14 points in the first quarter, 29 points in the second, 12 points in the third and 16 points in the fourth quarter while the Knox City Houndettes were only able to put up 12 points in the first quarter, five points in the second, six points in the third, and seven points in the fourth quarter.

Key players for Knox City were Makaylie

Steele, with 15 points, Cassandra Ledesma with 9 points, Jordyn Eaton with six points.

Head Coach Jason Josselet was happy said there was room for his Houndettes to improve.

"We started off fine with plenty of energy. But eventually we lost our momentum and that is something we can improve on," Josselet said.

Knox City was set to face Petrolia on Dec. 3 before the Guthrie Tournament on Thursday through Saturday.

Geoffrey Baumgartner

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Greyhound Krys Campos (41) soars over two Aspermont defenders for a layup in the Nov. 26 game at Knox City. The Hounds ran away with a 72-34 victory over the visiting Hornets.



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Houndette senior Cassandra Ledesma (20) breaks past two Lady Hornet defenders and goes up for the layup during the Nov. 26 game in Aspermont. The Houndettes fell short, 71-30.

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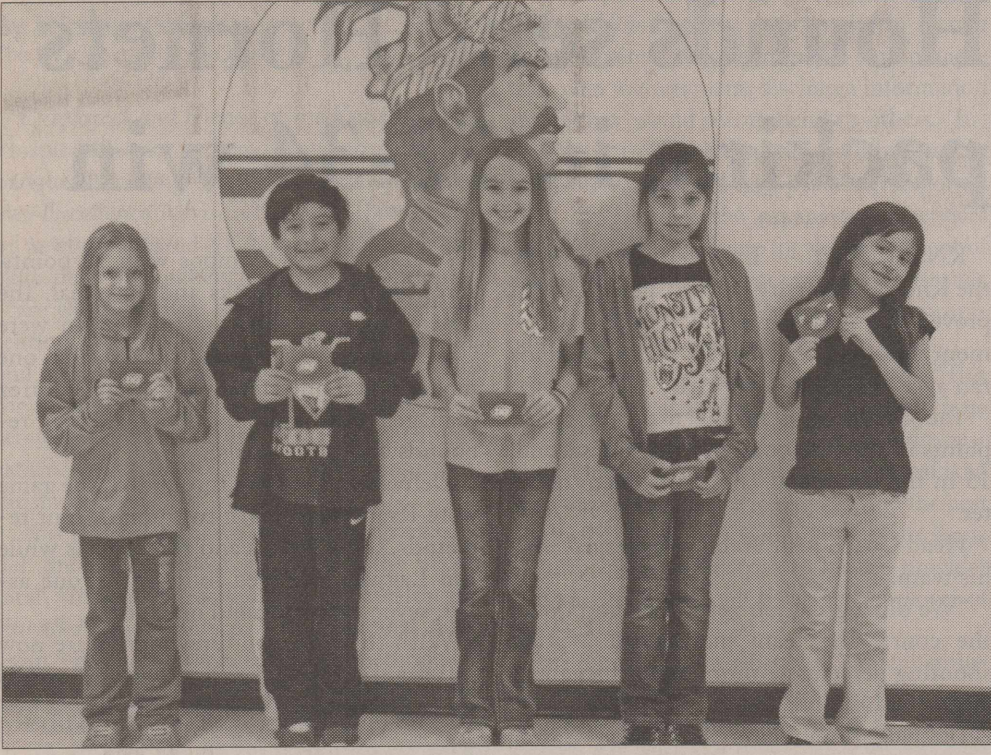
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Attendance winners (front, l-r): Luis Marmolejo, Hunter Urbanczyk, Marion Llamas; (back) Christopher Rodriguez, Ramon Zapata, Davaida Hardeman, Dustin Cottingham, Zenaida Nunez.

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Ryleigh Waters

Mogulettes fall short to visiting Petrolia

MUNDAY — The visiting Petrolia Lady Pirates left Munday on Nov. 26 with a 24-15 win in a low-scoring game with the Mogulettes.

The Mogulettes pressed heavy with their defense early in the game, and did not let up the entire duration of play.

The Mogulettes put up five points during the first quarter, no points during the second, seven points during the third, and three points during the fourth quarter. A defensive game all around, the Lady Pirates were only able to score two points against the Mogulette defense during the second quarter.

The individual standouts from the game were Mogulette senior Tatum Bufkin with

five points, three rebounds and three steals and Tiffany Serrato with four points, one assist and five rebounds. Serrato went 2-for-2 on free throws as well. Other major contributors were Raci Dillard with three points, six rebounds and one steal and Kaylan Urbanczyk with three points, two rebounds, one block and two steals.

The Mogulettes this past Tuesday managed to defeat the Olney Lady Cubs in a massive one-sided victory 48-22. The Mogulettes were on the road through from Thursday through this Saturday at the Highland Tournament.

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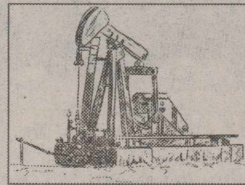
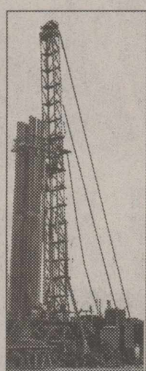
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FILE

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had not filed to be re-seated as of press time.

Democratic Chairman Reed Underwood indicated no one had filed to run on

his party's ticket, and the Texas Secretary of State website listing local candidates had not been updated as of press time.

Local residents interested in filing an application to have their name placed on the March 4 primary election ballot for a lo-

cal elected office on the Republican tickets should contact Vail at 940-658-5507 or loudentonvail@msn.com, and Democrats should contact Underwood at chair@kctxdems.org or 940-657-3750.

The filing deadline is 6 p.m. Monday.

BULLINGTON
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Also during the time Mr. Bullington served as deputy director, Gov. White appointed him with additional duties as Interstate Parole Compact Administrator for the state of Texas, a position in which he served until his

retirement from state government.

On November 1, 1998, Mr. Bullington became the legal/technical adviser for the Sheriffs' Association of Texas. He is a Life Member of the Association.

Mr. Bullington was a member of the Highland Park Baptist Church of Austin and past president and one of the teachers of the O.T.

Baker Sunday School Class.

His hobbies were hunting, fishing, golfing, gardening, playing duplicate bridge and looking after his dog Ricky.

A graveside service was Tuesday at the Texas State Cemetery under the direction of Cook-Walden Funeral Home. Following was a memorial service at Highland Park Baptist Church in Austin.

MUNDAY

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In addition, enrollment must be 465-1,059 for 4A, 220-464 for 3A, 105-219 for 2A, and 104 or below for 1A classification. Basically, what was 5A is now 6A and what was 6-man is now 1A.

While Benjamin High doesn't have a football team, Charles Steele, athletic director of Knox City-O'Brien ISD and also

head football coach for the Greyhounds, said he saw this change coming.

"It won't really affect us, short of bringing some of the previous 1A schools down to the 6-man level and calling it something different," said Steele, whose Greyhounds have been playing at the 6-man level. "This could provide us with some new competition."

While the UIL changes are being implemented, it will mostly affect the larger schools from around the

state, while the smaller districts around the Big Country will remain unchanged.

Regionally, the biggest headline from the news is that Abilene Cooper and Abilene will be classified differently. Cooper fell 56 students short of Class 6A, while Abilene is in 6A by seven students. Cooper can appeal up, meaning they can ask the UIL to put them in 6A.

In other news, Lubbock-Monterrey will make the leap to 6A, and Lubbock-Cooper to 5A.

Benjamin School



As in years past, Benjamin ISD students were asked to write speeches and create posters honoring a veteran. This year in trying to make this a more personal project, students were required to honor a person that they had known or was a family member, either living or deceased. The 6th grade class enthusiastically accepted the challenge.

At the completion of the two week long time limit, speeches were presented to chosen faculty members and posters were displayed for viewing. The teachers listened to each student in front of their classmates and secretly ranked the speeches and posters for first, second, and third places. The teachers met and discussed their results and places were awarded.

Third place and bronze medal went to Braden Garza, who wrote to honor his uncle, Alfred Garza, and his service during Operation Desert Shield.

Second place and silver medal was awarded to Jalen Barrientez. Jalen interviewed

family members to discover as much information about the military history of his maternal great-great-grand father, Claud Stockton.

The Benjamin ISD first place winner and gold medal recipient did not have to go far to get information on the veteran he chose to honor this year. Valec Landini has the privilege of living with a Marine Corp veteran, Retired Gunnery Sergeant Jason Doran. Mr. Doran told of a very moving event in his military career and Valec took great pride in retelling the story in his speech. The hard work and thoughtfulness that went into Valec's speech and poster is very evident of the pride that Valec has for his father.

These young men were presented their medals by Mr. Homer Lowrance on Friday, November 8 and Valec presented his speech at the Veteran's Day Program on November 11 in Benjamin in front of the Veteran's Memorial.

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