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Energy Ranch project meeting set

For The News-Courier

MUNDAY — A meeting is scheduled at 5 p.m. here Thursday at the Perry Patton Center to discuss more details about the Energy Ranch being developed here in Knox County by Millennium.

Knox County Judge Travis Floyd reports the multi-phase project could bring a lot of opportunities to the county and sent out an email encouraging residents to attend. "It's going to affect Knox County in a big way," he added.

A report will be given about where the project is today and Floyd hopes residents will begin brainstorming about what needs to be done and when.

Budget season in full swing

Special to The News-Courier

It's that time of the year where all the departments of the taxing entities in Knox County are making plans for their 2014-2015 fiscal years with workshops and public meetings. Legal notices have been posted in the Knox County News-Courier.

At least one of the proposed budgets includes \$1,200 raise for employees of Knox County, increasing the judge to \$34,171, the district clerk to \$30,962, the attorney to \$28,433, the tax assessor-collector to \$17,018, the treasurer to \$30,962, the sheriff to \$36,289, the commissioners in Prct 1, 2 and 4 to \$32,205 and the commissioner in Prct 3 to \$42,814 and the justice of peace to \$30,962.

A public hearing was scheduled Thursday morning at the Knox County Courthouse on the budget.

The City of Munday has proposed using the rollback rate of 0.95458 for property taxes, down from 0.99180, while the others proposed to use the effective rates. This will put Benjamin at 0.54955, down from 0.58723; Goree at 1.2344, down from 1.343; and Knox City at 0.68448, down from 0.70742. The city leaders do not see a decrease in revenues because of rising property values.

The Knox County Hospital District proposes using the effective rate of 0.33996.

The News-Courier will report on others when they become available.

Knox County Hospital board approves new budget

By James McAfee
 The Knox County News-Courier



STEPHEN KUEHLER

KNOX CITY — The directors of the Knox County Hospital District approved a budget for the new fiscal year starting in October during a special meeting here Monday night in the Knox County Clinic Conference Room.

Administrator Stephen Kuehler indicated he was conservative with estimates for revenues totaling \$10.5 million, but tended to go on the high side on the expense ledger at \$10.1 million. Later in the regular session, he reported that hospital was running ahead of budget for the current year.

In other business, the board approved a bid from Anderson & Associates to handle the audit and cost reports, approved the resignation of Dr. Shirley Barretto, approved a one-year contract with Dr. Ezekiel Duke, and extended courtesy staff privileges to Dr. Marilyn DeVries and recommended using the effective rate of 0.33996 for property taxes.

In addition, it was announced that Lance Sloan of Rochester, who previously has worked at the Haskell Pharmacy and at the one at Wal-Mart in Stamford, had been hired to replace David Lee at the Knox County Pharmacy and Supply.

Resources, the inline support company, announced the hiring of DuMaurier Adams as the new business office manager, effective Sept. 12.

Polling places announced for special election

For The News-Courier

BENJAMIN — County Judge Travis Floyd has announced polling places for the in the Sept. 9 election to replace Sen. Robert Duncan in the State Senate District 28, which includes Knox County.

Voters in Precinct 201 (Benjamin and Truscott) will vote at the Benjamin Memorial Building, those in Pre-

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Back to school



James McAfee/The Knox County News-Courier

Students at Benjamin gather in the library to hear announcements from Principal Oliva Del Hierro Gloria Monday morning.



James McAfee/The Knox County News-Courier

Abri Diaz, first grade, Jasmyn Diaz, pre-K, and A.J. Diaz, second grade, prepare to climb the stairs en route to the gym on the first day at the Munday Elementary School while aide Barbara Bowman tells them where to go.



James McAfee/The Knox County News-Courier

Logan Morrow walks his daughter Paisley, second grade, into the Knox City Elementary School on the first day of school Monday.

Schools back in session

For The News-Courier

Monday marked the start of a new school year for the Knox County schools in Benjamin, Knox City-O'Brien and Munday.

Benjamin registered 100 youngsters

from pre-K to 12th grade.

Knox City had 126 elementary students and 84 in the high school. There were 80 signed up the O'Brien Middle School, part of the consolidated school district.

Munday reported 223 in elementary, 58 in junior high and 93 in high school.

Dr. Barretto plans move to Austin

By James McAfee
 The Knox County News-Courier

KNOX CITY — Dr. Shirley Barretto, who has worked at the Knox City Clinic for the past 28 years, has announced that Oct. 13 will be her last day to see patients since she has accepted a position in Austin with an urgent care facility so she and husband Jose will be closer to son Ivan and his family.

"I would like to thank all of my patients, friends and people I have worked with and known in Knox County, especially the ones who have considered us family," she said.

Dr. Barretto noted that patients are free to choose a primary care physician, including one of the mid-level nurse practitioners who work under the direct supervision of a physician. "Medical records will remain at the Knox City Hospital and the Knox City Clinic and will be available to all patients," she added.

Dr. Barretto's first stop in



James McAfee/The Knox County News-Courier

Dr. Shirley Barretto

Knox County came in 1985, in 1987 and returned in 1992, but she left for North Dakota

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.

Meet the Mustangs

The Benjamin High School and Junior High cheerleaders will host Meet the Mustangs at 6 p.m. Sept. 2 on the Knox County Courthouse square.

The Connection will Open Sept. 7

The First United Methodist Church of Munday is planning to open The Connection on Wednesday, Sept. 7, a place for teenagers to hang out from 5 to 7 p.m. in a safe environment after school and practice. It will be open each Wednesday after that. "It's like a Starbucks for Kids, of course, without the high prices," said Rev. Christie Reeves-Pendergrass, pointing to free coupons and inexpensive soft drinks and coffee.

Water Conservation Meeting set for Sept. 10

A water conservation meeting is scheduled for 1 p.m. Sept. 10 at the USDA Service Center in Knox City.

Mogul Cards on Sale

The Munday football team will be selling Mogul Cards to raise money. The cost for these discount cards, featuring a \$25 Sam's gift card and discounts from Dairy Queen, Mati's and Munday Tire & Appliance, will be \$20. Coach Corcoran noted that the correct time for the Stamford game on the schedule should be 7:30 p.m.

3-man Scramble Set

The Lake Creek Country Club in Munday will host a three-person scramble Sept. 13-14. Entry fee will be \$180 per team. Tee times will start at 8 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Contact May Smith at 940 422-4746.

Comedy Show

Sweet Life Dessert Comedy Theatre presents an enjoyable family friendly show and music to be held at First United Methodist Church 406 SE 2nd Street, Knox City on Sept. 13 at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are 410 in advance, \$15 at the door. Doors open at 5 p.m. Call for more information 940-658-3517.

Corrections

If you spot an error of fact, contact kcnewscourier@gmail.com.

News on the go



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Deaths

Luis Bejar

Luis Bejar, 78, passed away Thursday, August 21, 2014.

Luis was born February 5, 1936 in Mexico to Rafael and Elvira Bejar.

He is preceded in death by his parents and one son, Ricardo Bejar in November of 1991.

Luis is survived by three sons,

Joe and Lupe Bejar of Munday, Ralph and Stella Bejar of Irving, and Manuel and Kristin Bejar of Lewisville; three daughters, Marisela and Willy Sanchez of Irving, Nora Perry of Munday, and Vera and Jason Beauchamp of Munday; eleven grandchildren and five great-

grandchildren.

Rosary was held on Sunday, August 24, 2014 at the Funeral Home. Funeral Mass was held at 11 a.m. Monday, August 25 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Burial was in Johnson Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Smith Funeral Home.

Dixie Elliott

Olney ~ Dixie Elliott, age 83, died Friday, August 22, 2014, at Grace Care Center in Olney, Texas. Graveside services will be at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, August 25, 2014 at the Goree Cemetery in Goree, Texas with Scottie Clark, of Olney, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Lunn Funeral Home of Olney.

Dixie was born on September 28, 1930 in Sudan, Texas to the late Leroy Jefferson and Addie Agnes (Morris) Hammock. She married J.C. Elliott on June 6, 1949 in Seymour, Texas. He preceded her in death in June of 1987. While living in Goree, Dixie served as a teacher's aid at the elementary school, owned and operated "Dixie's Hobby Hut", and worked as a postal clerk at the United States Post Office. She was a seamstress for anyone who needed her talent.



DIXIE ELLIOTT

She moved to Olney, Texas in 2004. She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, one brother, Bob Hammock, and two sisters: Mave Bennett and Georgeanne Auburg.

Survivors include her sons: Fred Elliott and wife Terri of Goree, Texas, and Mike Elliott and wife Reta of Clyde, Texas;

one daughter, Judy Barnes and husband Dave of Mesquite, Texas; four grandchildren: Jay Elliott and wife Brandie of Olney, Texas, Justin Elliott and wife Jennifer of Goree, Texas, Jon Barnes of Mesquite, Texas, and Tamie Hemmington and husband Mike of Aztec, New Mexico; two sisters: Tommye Sue Feagans of Decatur, Texas and Faye Locklear and husband Silas of White Settlement, Texas; and fourteen great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. Sunday, August 24, 2014 at the funeral home.

Memorials may be sent to Hospice of Wichita Falls, P.O. Box 4804, Wichita Falls, Texas 76308; or, Hamilton St. Church of Christ, P.O. Box 736, Olney, Texas 76374.

Condolences to the family may be made at www.lunnfuneralhome.com.

Billy Joe "Bubba" Large

Billy Joe "Bubba" Large former long time resident of Knox City, Texas, and most recently of Azle, Texas, passed away peacefully Saturday, August 23, 2014, surrounded by his family. Mr. Large was 71.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, August 28, 2014 at the Four-square Church in Knox City. Burial, with Military Honors, will take place immediately following the service at Knox City Cemetery under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes. A visitation is planned for Wednesday evening, August 27 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the funeral home located at 210 Avenue A.

Billy Joe was born July 28, 1943, in Knox City to Bessie Mae and Eli Dell Large. He graduated from



BILLY JOE LARGE



Knox City High School in 1961 and served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam Era. Billy Joe was honorably discharged on March 4, 1967, after 2 years of service. He returned to Knox City where he married Linda Kay James on June 1, 1968. Billy and Linda remained in Knox

City where Billy worked for more than 30 years as a pumper and roustabout in the oilfield.

After retirement, he and his devoted wife, Linda Kay moved to Azle, Texas to be close to their two boys. Billy Joe will be remembered by all for his love of old cars, collecting, karaoke, and his sense of humor. He will be remembered by his family for his generous spirit and his deep devotion to his wife, sons, and grandchildren. Not to mention, the over-the-top Christmas decorations and Easter egg hunts. All that knew him, loved him.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Eli Dell and Bessie Mae Large.

He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Linda Kay (James) Large; his two sons, Billy Wayne and wife Lisa, and their children, Lindsey and Kelsey; and Aaron Dell and his wife Kristen, and their children Lucas and Riley; 2 brothers, Glen Dale Large and Eddie Dean Large; and sister, Bessie Alene Webb; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Online condolences can be shared with the family at www.smithfamilyfh.com.

The Paperboy

It's football time in America!

Today, hope springs eternal for football fans. The football season is upon us and everyone is undefeated.

Football fans across the country are ready. At high schools, colleges and cities from coast-to-coast, people are in tune with their teams. And since very few teams accomplish anything significant, the vast majority of us will end the year disappointed.

When things do come together and your team has a great season, it's incredible!

At the high school level, the town gets an energy about it and the team and town feed off of that energy. It's perhaps the most unifying experience a town can have.

If you're a college football fan, nothing beats seeing your team on a roll. Sometimes the rolls are short and sometimes they exceed even the greatest expectations and you have a magical team.

Diehard pro football fans are funny. Take your Cowboys' fans for instance (and either you love the Cowboys or despise them), when they're mediocre, the chirping really starts. And let's face it, they haven't been real good in close to 20 years now.

My late mother dumped the Cowboys the day Jerry Jones fired Tom Landry. She even started cheering for the Redskins to beat Dallas. You talk about doing a 180.

I grew up with football on the TV on the weekends and Monday night.

I loved watching Howard Cosell and Dandy Don Meredith go at it during Monday Night Football.

Roger Staubach was my hero and I never thought a game was out of reach with him under center.

Today, the Cowboys are worth \$3.2 billion. I wonder what that would be if they were actually good?

Sooner and OSU Cowboy fans have had it pretty good lately. Baylor and A&M fans have had fun. Longhorn fans are praying Charlie Strong is the answer while Red Raider fans are in love with their coach - at least for the time being.

I moved to Childress the same week Memphis brought home a state title in 1991. It seemed like the entire Texas Panhandle was behind the Cyclones.

Despite not attending Childress High School, my ties to the town and school made me a fan. It was great watching Charlie Johnston's teams battle every week for my first 11 years. Of course, when I was a boy, I begged my parents to move to Childress so I could play for the Bobcats. I ended up an Amarillo Sandie and a Coronado Mustang instead.

I have interest in several high school teams now. Those teams are Childress, Post, Floydada, Wellington, Memphis, Lockney, Hollis, Munday and Knox City.

I've had the recent pleasure of watching Munday, Wellington and Hollis dominate and win the ultimate prize.

I've seen Lockney ranked in the top 5 and Floydada has been a juggernaut at times in their history.

Post has been very solid of late and Knox City and Childress look to be on the upswing.

Now I recognize that some of you reading this absolutely loathe some of the other teams I've mentioned, but you're going to have to trust me that they are pretty darn good people in all of these towns and they are proud of their hometowns, just like you.

At the end of the day, about all we can do as fans is hope for the best pertaining to the outcome. But there are things we can do to as fans to make a difference. We can go to a game and watch and cheer. We can tell the players and coaches good luck. We can help hang stringers from signs. We can wear the school colors on Friday. We can decorate our offices. We can do all sorts of little things that illustrate your loyalty.

High school football is good. The boosters, the bands, the cheerleaders - it's a huge undertaking that helps make us a community.

So let the games begin. Always remember, it's a marathon, not a sprint. Enjoy the good years and hope for the best.

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Area News

Weinert on water restrictions

Weinert, our neighbor to the south in Haskell County, has gone on phase 6 water restrictions.

Seymour Hospital renovations continue

The first of a three-phase program to upgrade the Seymour Hospital facilities is nearing completion. The renovations are designed to provide better efficiency and cost savings. Work on Phase 2, the Wellness Center and Physical Therapy, will commence soon with ground moving and dirt work for the foundation.

Chris Hons Scramble

The second annual Chris Hons 3-man Scramble is scheduled Saturday, Sept. 13 at the Seymour Golf Course. Entry fee is \$30. Call 940 256-1918 or 940 636-8316 to enter.

KVRP moving office to Stamford

KVRP 97.1, the Voice of the Rolling Plains, announced it is moving its business office from Haskell to Stamford.

New doctor in Haskell

Dr. Ruth Ebangit, a native of Kenya, began seeing patients earlier this month at the Hospital Clinic in Haskell.

Felts couple moving to Eastland

For The News-Courier

KNOX CITY — Carol and Zo Ann Felts, who have lived in Knox City since 1979, will be moving to Eastland in September.

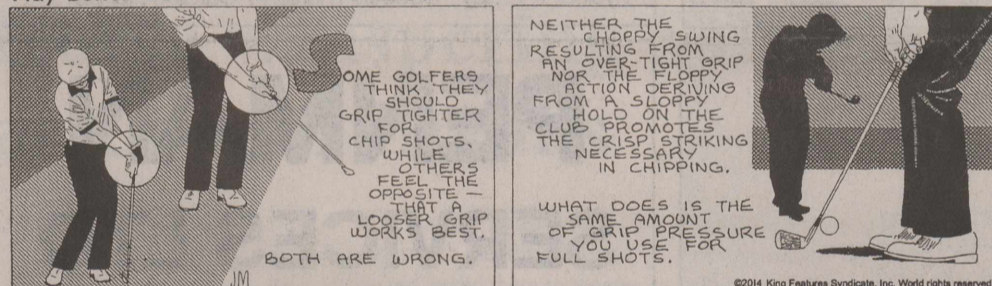
"It will give us to be closer to our son Tab," said Zo Ann. "I'll also be a little closer to Medical City Hospital in Dallas where I will now have to make more visits," added Carol, who received a heart transplant 18 years ago.

The Felts, members of the Knox City Lions Club, indicated they had a lot of good friends here and would miss them, having about 40 send them off with a dinner at the First Baptist Church Monday night.

"The Felts were 'ever' present supporters of the community and school and will be missed," said Sheri Baty.



Play Better Golf with JACK NICKLAUS



PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Meeting

The City of Goree will have a meeting at 306 W. Holly in Goree, TX on September 9, 2014 at 6:00 pm to adopt the Effective Tax Rate for the 2014 tax year. The Effective Tax Rate is 1.2344.

Special Education Child Fund 3-5 year olds Screening dates set

ATTENTION PARENTS:

If you are a resident of any of the following school districts:

- Benjamin ISD
- Knox City-O'Brien CISD
- Munday CISD
- Paint Creek ISD or
- Rule ISD

Haskell-Knox Shared Service Arrangement is in cooperation with the school districts it represents (see above) are holding some screenings for children 3-5 years of age whose parents have concerns of the developmental level(s) where their child functions.

If you have concerns in any of the following areas* with your child who is 3 or older and not yet in kindergarten:

- *Mental
- *Learning,
- *Speech,
- *Motor, and/or
- *Emotional skills...

Please call HKSSA to set up an appointment. The office number is 658-3587. Once an appointment time is set, you will be asked to bring your child's birth certificate, social security card and immunization record with you and the child on the day of the appointment.

If your child is under the age of 3 years old and you have concerns with their development; then you are encouraged to contact Little Lives - ECI @ 1-800-852-2193 for their program.

Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

School bells are ringing all over the state today as another school year gets under way. Benjamin school was "going great guns" when 8:00 got here this morning. I didn't go up there for the opening day assembly but saw cars everywhere, which was a pretty good indication that lots of parents and friends were there to usher in the new year with much enthusiasm. It's gonna be hot for a few weeks, and when the daily activities take them outside, I bet the students (and teachers as well) will be glad to get back inside to "hit the books!" This heat is almost unbearable. Our neighbors west of us got a little relief last night as some "spotty" rains fell, but we didn't get anything down this far.

Here 'N There

Linda Griffith is back home after being away about 3 weeks. The blood clot in her leg is probably not dissolved yet, but she is on medication, and hopefully it won't be long before it is gone. She did get the pins out of her foot on Thursday, and that is doing well—still not completely healed but getting there. It sure was good to have her back at the piano at church Sunday. We are not as good singing without music as our neighbors at the Church of Christ across the street. We need all the help we can get!

Steve and Judy Watson of Durant, Oklahoma, visited her aunt Hazel Stockton on Saturday. They were en route home after a visit with their children in Hobbs, NM.

Mike and Debi Moorhouse spent the weekend with their friends, Roger and Cindy Potts in Seagraves. Cindy is the former Cindy Stone, and she and Debi have been friends all their lives. They still enjoy their frequent get togethers.

Jenna Copeland, Cooper, and Kayden Beth of Wichita Falls spent the weekend with Jenna's parents, Dicky and Laura McCanlies and other relatives and friends.

I was in Iowa Park Thursday for a dental appointment. Looks like I may be making several trips before I have all my work completed. This aging process brings about lots of problems!

Betty Bohannon and Jamie and Tyler Ford and family attended a come-and-go birthday party for Robert Hosea in Munday Saturday afternoon. I intended to go, but by the time I got my Saturday work done, it was too late. He was observing his 86th birthday.

I was sorry to learn this past week that our friends, Carol and ZoAnn Felts are leaving Knox City. They are moving to Eastland to be near their son. With Carol's health as it is, he has to go to his heart doctor in Dallas fairly often, and they depend on their son to be their "driver." It just seems reasonable they will live near him. (He does live in Eastland). They will be back to see us, but we won't see them as often. We'll miss them both but

wish them well in their new location.

My sympathy to the family of Billy Joe Large today. Bill Joe passed away Saturday after failing health for quite some time. He was a frequent visitor to Bud's Cafe, and after he and Linda moved to Azle, they always came to see us when they were in the area. He will be missed by many. Services are pending at this time.

Things are still going pretty well with the Tolsons. Buddy goes back to see his surgeon Wednesday and may learn then the facts about his next round of chemo. Janice sees her heart doctor in September. He will get with her surgeon in Abilene and maybe before long, she will know when she will have her colon surgery. So they still have some "medical stuff" ahead, but things are looking up and that's encouraging.

I talked to the school secretary, Stacia Propps, after school got going today, and she said things are "up and running." The first day enrollment is about 100 students, and that's good for us. Of course, that was not exact, but she said it wouldn't miss it by more than one or two. And like all schools, we will pick up some during the year, but also will likely lose one or two. But that number of 100 looks good to all of us. The teachers and other school personnel this year are as follows:

Pre K - K—Melody Rizan; Jill Jackson, Aide

1st Grade—Jessica Watson
2nd Grade—Kellie Sepeda
3rd Grade—Susan Jones
4th Grade—Nancy McGreger
5th & 6th Grade—Lucas Cartwright (also Assistant Coach)

English—Clint Hulsey
Math—Kelby Bellah
Science—Susan Spake
History and Coach—Jacob Navarro
Special Education, Counselor, Dance (and anywhere else she is needed) —Melissa Everson
Lunch Room Attendant—Gracie Homstad

Maintenance—Gene Gloria
Custodian—Mary Ham

The superintendent, of course, is Olivia Gloria, and Stacia Propps is the school secretary, and from what I observe, keeps things moving pretty smoothly. A good crew on board for a good year.

The Benjamin High School Football Team will be playing the Knox City Junior Varsity at Benjamin Thursday night, August 28, at 7 pm.

It's off to college for some of our Benjamin graduates. Chad and Kathy Rainwater moved their son, Jonathan, to Levelland Saturday, where he will be attending South Plains. Another graduate, Matthew Acree, of Knox City will be attending Midwestern University for the 2nd year, and Mitchell Welch is also attending Midwestern. Cody Propps will begin his 4th year at Tarleton State University in Stephenville.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CITY OF KNOX CITY, TEXAS NCTMWA WELL FIELD #2 REBID TDA PROJECT NO. 713177

Separate sealed bids for construction of NCTMWA WELL FIELD #2 REBID will be received by City of Knox City until 2:00 P.M., September 11, 2014, at the office of NCTMWA located at 135 North Munday Avenue, Munday, Texas 76371 then at said location publicly opened and read aloud. This project consists of the following project:

CONTRACT #2 includes the construction of approximately 4,235 LF of 6" PVC water lines, access roads, fencing, chlorination facilities and appurtenances per the plans and specifications.

The Contract Documents, consisting of Advertisement for Bids, Information for Bidders, Bid Proposal, Contract, Supply or Warranty Bond, General Conditions, Notice of Award, Notice to Proceed, Plans, Specifications, Addenda (if any) and Project Contracting and Compliance Provisions may be examined at the following locations:

KNOX CITY CITY HALL, 902 East Main, Knox City Texas 79529,
NCTMWA, 135 North Munday Avenue, Munday, Texas 76371, and
JACOB & MARTIN, LTD., Consulting Engineers, 3465 Curry Lane, Abilene, Texas 79606

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities and to reject any or all bids. Bids may be held by the Owner for a period not to exceed 60 days from the date of bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the qualifications of Bidders prior to awarding of the contract.

Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS must be ordered online at www.jacobmartin.com. Orders for CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may include hard copies for pick up, mail out or digital download via www.jacobmartin.com. Upon verification of online payment, hard copies may be picked up at Jacob & Martin, Ltd., located at 3465 Curry Lane, Abilene, TX 79606. Cost for hard copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS will be \$80.00 for 11x17 Half Size Plans. Cost for digital download of CONTRACT DOCUMENTS will be \$20.00. Contractors must purchase a set of CONTRACT DOCUMENTS to be considered a registered plan holder eligible to bid the project.

A certified check or bank draft, payable to the order of the CITY OF KNOX CITY negotiable U.S. Government bonds (at par value) or a satisfactory Bid Bond executed by the Bidder and an acceptable surety in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid shall be submitted with each bid.

Bidder's attention is called to the fact that not less than the federally determined prevailing wage rate, as issued by the Texas Department of Agriculture and as set forth in the Contract Documents, must be paid on this project, and that the Contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Adherence to the grant recipient's Section 3 Policy is required for contracts and subcontracts in excess of \$100,000.00. All contractors/subcontractors that are debarred, suspended or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation on federal assistance programs may not undertake any activity in part or in full under this project.

CITY OF KNOX CITY, TEXAS

By: Kent DeVille, Mayor

Date: _____

The 501 Y Spells Millennial

It's good I'm not a Millennial. I can't spell it. Spellcheck has to help me every time.

Oddly enough, Spellcheck, a stern bespectacled lady with silver hair in a bun, doesn't even like my spelling of her name. If I had to live inside a computer, I'd probably be cranky too. Maybe she'll lighten up if I give her a nickname. How about it, Spell Chick?



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Millennials no doubt have their own mental image of the helpful soul who's been around virtually all their lives to make spelling pain-free. Likely she glows with cyberspace energy and hovers goddess-like in space overhead alongside their so-called "helicopter parents." Are Millennials the generation with the uber-nurturing parents? Or am I getting them mixed up with a different bunch?

WIKIPEDIA PAUSE. The Millennials' encyclopedia of choice essentially confirms my categori-

zations. And per Wikipedia's ABCs of labeling generations, we can call the Millennials the Y Generation. Y it shall be.

If you do the math, it's both the younger Baby Boomers and Generation X parents who have been using smart phones to hover like copters over their Y offspring, notably their Ys in college, which is where a lot of Ys are right now. Wikipedia, by the way, classifies all helicopter parents as Baby Boomers. I myself think it's an error to leave out the X parents of Ys. That's the nice thing about Wikipedia. You can disagree and submit a change. Nothing's carved in stone. It's the Millennial Way. Or the "Y Way," although you're not likely to hear a Y saying "It's the Y Way or the Highway." Ys tend not to have philosophies much less impose them on others. Some Ys say they just don't have time to develop a philosophy while trying to pay for college. Hmmm.

More about phones. When I, a Boomer, was in school far from home, my Interbellum Generation (look it up) parents didn't phone often. When we did talk, Daddy tried in vain to try to keep Mother from saying very much or asking too many questions. Long distance was

expensive. If she'd had a smart phone instead, she might have been a hoverer. More than might.

Today's helicopter parents often say they're simply keeping close watch on their huge investments in the higher education of their young. College is costly; cell-phones are cheap. They make a point.

All this talk makes me wonder how much we're shaped by whatever generation we belong to per our birthdates. Boomers are supposed to be somewhat spoiled. Mea culpa.

What sort of person would I be if I'd been born to later generation? Probably even spoiler. My apologies to Spell Chick.

Meanwhile, one theory suggests generational characteristics repeat themselves every fourth generation. Live long enough, and you're back in style. Zs will be the Neo-Boomers.

But I've heard it's the Ys who like taking naps at work. Forget those emerging Zs. I'd rather make z's with the Ys. I might even learn to spell Millennium. My kind of generation.

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Steele pleased with Greyhounds' efforts

By James McAfee
The Knox County News-Courier

KNOX CITY — While his Knox City Greyhounds were unable to get into the end zone in 5-0 and 2-0 scrimmages with state-ranked Valley and Goree in Valley last week, Coach Charles Steele came away definitely pleased with the players' efforts. "We're on the right track," he said. "The kids' work ethics and attitudes are good." Steel added that the Greyhounds moved the ball well at times, but mistakes and

penalties proved costly, especially against Goree where they lost a fumble at the five and had a costly penalty wipe out a score. The Greyhounds kick off the season Friday, going up against Borden County in Jayton. They'll face some of the best six-man teams in North Texas in non-district play to prepare for battle in District 8-1A Division I, also home of defending state champion Crowell. "You can't get better unless you play the better teams," Steele said.

Are you ready for some football?

By James McAfee
The Knox County News-Courier

The Knox City schools kick off the 2014 football season this week with the Benjamin Mustangs returning to the gridiron after three seasons on the sidelines Thursday night to play the Knox City junior varsity in six-man play in

Knox City The Munday Moguls will travel to Windthorst on Friday to play the Trojans in a game between the two winningest teams in North Texas in the last decade, showing Munday at 90-34 and Windthorst at 91-38. The Knox City Greyhounds will travel to Jayton on Friday to play Border

County. The Greyhounds rank fifth among the winningest six-man teams in North Texas at 56-49. Throckmorton leads the way at 115-15. (Complete season previews are featured in a special section and info about recent scrimmages elsewhere in this week's issue)

Amber Waves



Houndettes third at Harrold

Special to The Knox City News-Courier

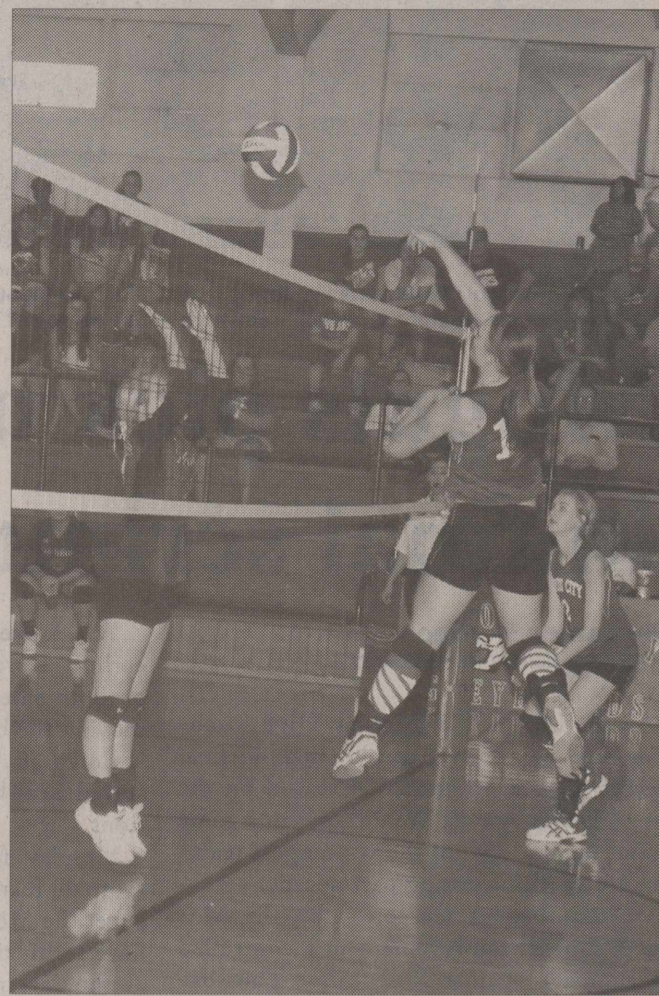
HARROLD — The Knox City Houndettes captured third place in the Harrold Tournament, scoring a 25-25, 25-16 volleyball win over their hostesses earlier in August.

The Houndettes opened the tournament with a 25-12, 25-7 victory over Gold-Berg, but then fell 18-25, 21-25 to Paducah.

Leighen Pepper and Makaylie Steele were named to the all-tournament team. Northside scored a come-from-behind win over Paducah to claim the title.

Earlier, Knox City opened the season at Aspermont by beating Chillicothe, 25-10, 25-20, 25-11 and Memphis, 25-25, 25-14, 25-22. However, the Houndettes suffered a key blow, losing starter Jordyn Eaton to a torn hamstring injury.

At the Harrold tournament, the Houndettes junior varsity suffered a



Leighen Pepper drops the hammer for the Houndettes. Sheri Baty for the News-Courier.

23-25, 11-25 loss to Paducah before rebounding with a 25-15, 16-25, 25-19 win over Goldberg. The

Houndettes then lost by 22-25, 15-25 count to Tipton, Okla.

Knox City girls fall to Post

By Kent Mahoney
Special to the Knox County News-Courier

POST — The Knox City volleyball team lost a three-game match at the hands of the Post Lady Lopes Tuesday, 17-25, 17-25 and 14-25.

For Knox City, it is only the second loss of the season, having participated in a couple of tournaments previous to Tuesday's match.

Coach Brenna Hoegger said, "Our passing was off and it was a domino effect from there."

Down 2-7 early in the first game, KC closed to 14-22, forcing Post to call a

time out. Despite a dump and a kill from MaKaylie Steele late in the game, Post closed that game out.

KC battled throughout the second game, as both teams just couldn't get any separation in the score past a couple of points.

KC tied the game at 14, but never saw the lead after that.

"We have a senior hitter and a senior setter," Hoegger said. "And when Leighen Pepper gets hot, she set's the tone."

But by the time Leighen started to establish herself, the ripple effect had taken hold.

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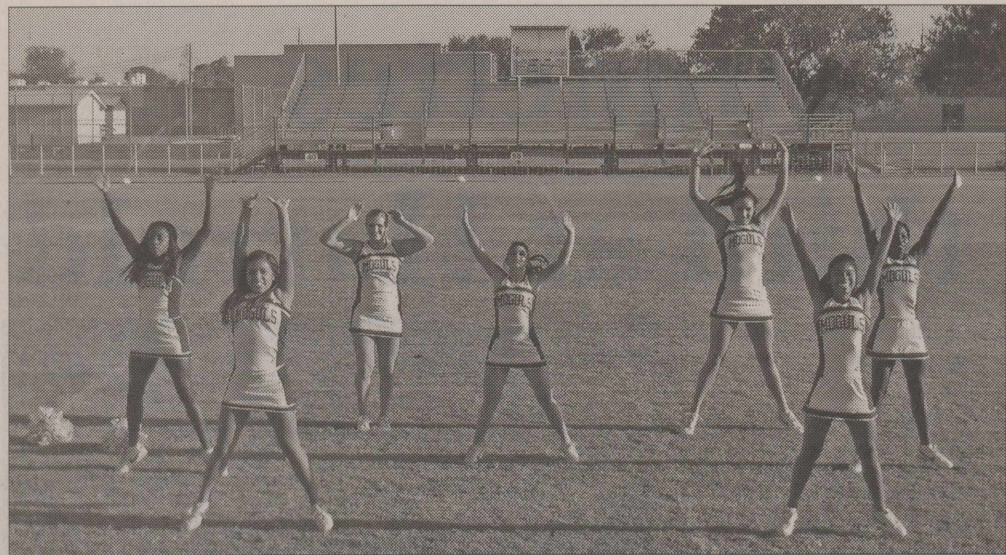
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The Munday Mogul Cheerleaders welcome fans to Meet the Moguls and Mogulettes Friday. Please see complete preview of the season elsewhere in this edition of The News-Courier.

Against stiff competition, Mogulettes stand at 8-6



Jenna Williams for The News-Courier

Mogulettes have been busy having already played 14 matches.

Moguls pick up pace in final scrimmage

By James McAfee
The Knox County News-Courier

MUNDAY — The Munday High coaching staff was busy Saturday making final plans to kick off the 2014 season on the road Friday against Windthorst in a game that matches two of the winningest teams in North Texas during past decade.

Coach Patrick Corcoran felt the Moguls showed improvement in a controlled scrimmage against Roscoe last Thursday at Scruggs Stadium where they had a 1-0 edge in touchdowns.

“We looked better than we did a week earlier,” Corcoran said. “We played faster on both sides of the ball and had success moving the ball.”

Corcoran reported that the Moguls stayed healthy during preseason preparations.

Munday fans were introduced to the football team last Friday as part of the Meet the Moguls and Mogulettes, but will have to hit the road to see them in action as they are not at home until a Sept. 19 contest with Quanah.

By James McAfee
The Knox County News-Courier

GRAHAM—The Munday High volleyball team got a glimpse of how tough the new District 6-2A will be as it dropped a 7-25, 25-22, 19-25 to rival Hawley in the battle for third place in the Division II Silver group in the Lu Allen Memorial Tournament last Saturday, falling to 8-6 for the season.

“We just didn’t play up to par and missed serves in crucial situations,” Coach

Kim Kuehler said. Raci Dillard had 13 kills and three aces.

In the semifinals, Munday fell 18-25, 19-25 to a much taller squad from 3A Breckenridge, which bowed to Henrietta in the finals.

The Moguls defeated Ranger 25-21, 22-25, 25-18 in the quarterfinals as Dillard had 13 kills and seven aces. Maria Vegas had five aces and 23 assists. Libero Kimberly Shahan had three aces, seven digs and was 24-for-26 in saved serves.

In pool play, Munday downed Jim Ned in three, but lost to Paducah and Jacksboro in two.

“You can’t get better and get to the next level unless you test yourself against better teams,” Kuehler explained her decision to go up against the larger schools.

The Moguls traveled to Wichita Falls Tuesday to play games against Wichita Christian and the Wichita Heat, a club team made up for home-schoolers. They will be on the road against Saturday against Paducah.

Sports Calendar

Thursday Aug. 28
Benjamin at Knox City JV, 7 p.m.
Munday cross country at Perkins Invitational, Burkburnett

Friday Aug. 29
Knox City varsity football vs. Borden County at Jayton, 7:30 p.m.
Munday JV football at Windthorst, 5 p.m.
Munday varsity football at Windthorst, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 30
Munday, 9th grade, varsity volleyball at Paducah, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 2
Munday 9, JV, varsity volleyball at Jacksboro, 5 p.m.
Knox City varsity volleyball at Newcastle, 5 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 4

Knox City, Munday varsity volleyball at Post Tournament, tba
Munday JV football vs. Stamford, 6 p.m.
Benjamin JH football at Abilene Christian, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 5
Munday varsity football at Stamford, 7:30 p.m.
Knox City JV football vs. Water Valley, 5 p.m.
Knox City varsity football vs. Water Valley, 7 p.m.
Benjamin varsity football vs. Paint Creek, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 6
Munday JH, JV, varsity cross country at Seymour Tournament, 8:30 a.m.
Knox City, Munday varsity volleyball at Post Tournament
Knox City 9, JV volleyball vs. Childress, 11 a.m.

Dove season begins Sept. 1

For The News-Courier

Wildlife biologists report that the prospects for the upcoming dove hunting season, which opens Sept. 1 in the North and Central zones and Sept. 19 in the South Zone, look promising despite drought conditions which may decrease the dove population.

This might have a reverse impact on hunting success as more doves will congregate in areas that provide both food and water, but other areas may see a decrease in the numbers.

Every year here in Texas, around 250,000

hunters harvest about 5 million mourning doves, making Texas the leader in both categories.

Hunters should remember that in addition to a hunting license they must also have a Migratory Game Bird endorsement and a Harvest Information Program (HIP) certification. The daily bag limit is 15 and the possession limit is 45.

Here are two tips to help keep everyone safe. Avoid swinging on game, one of the most frequent ways that accidents occur, and identify your zones of fire and stay within them once game is within range.

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 Thursday: Pancakes with syrup or cereal bowl with sausage, grapes
 Friday: Cinnamon roll with sausage, cereal bowl, toast, banana

Lunch

Slushy, Milk Served Daily

Monday: Italian lasagna or antipasto salad with salami or energy meal with bologna and cheese, green peas, corn, apple
 Tuesday: Chicken fried steak or fajita chicken salad or energy meal with turkey and cheese, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, watermelon
 Wednesday: Crispy beef taco or garden pasta salad, energy meal with ham and cheese, Mexican style beans, lettuce, pineapple tidbits
 Thursday: Cheeseburger or zesty tuna salad or energy meal with tuna salad, glazed carrots, lettuce, grapes
 Friday: Pizza or chef salad or energy meal with po-boy sandwich, tator tots, pork n' beans, banana

Munday CISD

Breakfast

Slushy, juice and milk served daily

Monday: Holiday
 Tuesday: Cinnamon toast with sausage, cereal bowl with sausage, mixed fruit, watermelon
 Wednesday: Mini corndogs, cereal bowl, honey graham, orange, pineapple
 Thursday: Pancakes with syrup, cereal bowl with sausage, grapes, applesauce
 Friday: Cinnamon roll with sausage, cereal bowl, banana, cinnamon apple slices, honey graham

Lunch

Slushy and milk served daily

Monday: Holiday
 Tuesday: Chicken fried steak or energy meal with turkey and cheese, peppered gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, mixed fruit, watermelon
 Wednesday: Crispy beef tacos or energy meal with ham and cheese, pinto style beans, lettuce topping, orange, pineapple tidbits
 Thursday: Cheeseburger or energy meal with tuna salad, glazed carrots, lettuce topping, grapes, strawberry applesauce
 Friday: Pepperoni pizza or energy meal with po-boy, tator tots, pork n' beans, grapes, cinnamon apple slices

There's two Angela Wrights!

Special to the News-Courier

Sometimes things that happen to people with the same names from the same towns cause a little confusion for one of them.

That's what happened when a Angela Wright was listed in our Knox County jail

report in the Aug. 14 issue.

It wasn't the same Angela Wright, who works for Integra Home Health out of Seymour.

She explained, "I just wanted my clients in Knox County to know it wasn't me mentioned in the newspaper."

Horse whispering Saturday at Copper Breaks

For The News-Courier

QUANAH — Horses are still important and needed in Texas. Even in this modern world, historical techniques and even ancient methods are still in use. Horse trainer and whisperer Larry Hannon will demonstrate how to use an ancient system to understand a horse's personality to train and work with that horse on Saturday, September 6, 2014 at 2 p.m. at the park headquarters.

"The ancient Chinese had a system which identified behavior traits and linked them to the elements of wood, earth, fire, metal, and water," Hannon said. "And once you can identify the traits, you can figure out how to work with those traits and work with just about any mammal."

Hannon's program will begin at the park headquarters. Then he will lead participants in an unusual version of "Meet the Longhorns" as he applies the techniques to the park's longhorns and helps

the visitors understand the different personalities in the herd.

Horse Whispering at Copper Breaks is one of an ongoing series of campsite programs which are free with regular park admission of \$2.00 for adults. Copper Breaks State Park is located 13 miles south of Quanah and eight miles north of Crowell on State Highway 6. For more information on Copper Breaks State Park or park programs, call 940-839-4331 during regular business hours.

DPS Mobile App Now Available for Download

New application provides interactive link between DPS and Texans

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) today announced the launch of its mobile app, which is designed to give Texans instant access to the state's Sex Offender Registry, Texas 10 Most Wanted program and other valuable resources. The app is free to download, and is available for iPhones, iPads, and Android phones and tablets.

"This app is a dynamic and interactive link between the public and our department," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "Today's digital age makes it imperative that Texans have easy and immediate access to an array of DPS programs, services and resources — and this app puts

that power at their fingertips."

The DPS app allows users to submit tips for wanted fugitives and report suspicious behavior from their mobile devices. In addition, app users can view location-based information about human trafficking, registered sex offenders and more.

Key features of the app include:

- Easy-to-use and interactive maps for searching registered sex offenders by location, name, route and proximity.

- Detailed information about current Texas 10 Most Wanted fugitives and sex offenders, plus the ability to submit tips.

- Data on recent human trafficking cases

based on proximity and location.

Ability to report suspicious activity to DPS through the iWatch Texas program.

The app is currently available for iPhone users on the Apple App Store: (<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/texas-dps/id902092368?mt=8>) and for Android users on Google Play: (<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.microassist.texasdps&hl=en>).

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Farm Bill Allows Early Termination for Certain CRP Contracts

For The News-Courier

USDA Texas Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director, Judith A. Canales, reminds producers that as of Aug. 6, producers with acres under contract through the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) can apply for early contract termination, as required by the 2014 Farm Bill. The deadline to request early CRP contract termination is Jan. 30, 2015.

The effective date for early termination is no earlier than October 1, 2014. The CRP contract must be in effect for at least five years and other conditions must be met. The 2014 Farm Bill identifies 10 exceptions whereby land will not be eligible for the early-out provisions. For a complete list of these exceptions, please

view the program fact sheet online at http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/crp_opt_out_fact_sht.pdf

"Once a CRP contract termination request is approved by the FSA County Committee, the decision cannot be reversed and the contract cannot be reinstated," said Canales. "Likewise, producers must meet conservation compliance provisions for all land that will be returned to production."

For more information on or to determine eligibility for early termination of existing CRP contracts, please contact your local FSA office. For local FSA Service Center contact information, please visit: <http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app>.

Health insurance marketplace delivering on its promises

By Bob Moos/
 Southwest Public Affairs
 Officer for the U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

It's been six months since millions of American began to benefit from health insurance bought through the new federal marketplace, so it's fair to ask: How is the coverage working?

Though analyzing the health care law remains a work in progress, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has taken a close look at both the affordability and the availability of the insurance plans purchased during the marketplace's initial enrollment period.

By the end of enrollment, 733,757 Texans had selected a health plan. Of those, 84 percent qualified for the tax credits available through the insurance marketplace.

That financial help has made a huge difference for many consumers. The government study found that Texans receiving tax credits are paying an average of \$72 per month in premiums for their new health care coverage — one-fourth of what they would have paid without credits.

Many people stretched their financial help by selecting health plans with among-the-lowest

premiums. More than seven out of 10 Texans receiving the subsidy are paying premiums of \$100 per month or less. Half are paying \$50 per month or less after the assistance.

Most people who shopped in a state with a federally facilitated marketplace had a range of health plans from which to select. On average, consumers had a choice of 47 plans, offered by five insurers. More than eight out of 10 people could pick from at least three insurers.

The government study found that the competition between insurance companies for the new marketplace business helped to keep premiums down. For every additional insurer selling health plans in a particular area, premiums were 4 percent lower on average.

Getting health care coverage through the marketplace won't be possible again for most people until November, when the next open enrollment period starts. But there are a number of special circumstances that allow you to shop for insurance between now and then:

- You're getting married.
- You're having a baby or adopting a child.
- You're moving to another

area.

- You're becoming a U.S. citizen.
- You're leaving prison.

Losing health care coverage may also qualify you for what's called a "special enrollment period" in the marketplace. That loss of coverage may be because you've been laid off, or you've divorced, or you've aged off your parents' health plan, or you've lost your Medicaid eligibility.

You'll have 60 days after one of those events to enroll in a new health plan.

If you're a member of a federally recognized Indian tribe, you have more latitude under the health care law. You have the right to sign up or change health plans in the marketplace throughout the year, though you're limited to one change per month.

Also, Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program accept applications for their low-cost health care coverage at any time. Unlike the marketplace, there's no restricted enrollment period. If you qualify, you can sign up for benefits immediately.

To learn more about how to get health insurance outside the marketplace's regular enrollment period, visit healthcare.gov or call 1-800-318-2596.

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The Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District will hold a meeting at 7:00 PM on September 4, 2014 at North Central Texas Municipal Authority, 135 N. Munday Ave. in Munday, Texas to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2014. The proposed tax rate is \$0.016795 per \$100 of value.

Dollar General, Dollar Tree in Bidding War for Family Dollar

OODLETTSVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — There's now a bidding war for Family Dollar, with Dollar General offering about \$8.95 billion for the discounter in an effort to trump Dollar Tree's bid.

Dollar General Corp. said Monday that it would pay \$78.50 per share in cash, 3 percent higher than Family Dollar Stores Inc.'s Friday closing price of \$76.06. Dollar General put the deal's value at \$9.7 billion.

Last month Dollar Tree Inc. made an \$8.5 billion bid for Family Dollar. It offered to pay \$59.60 in cash and the equivalent of \$14.90 in shares of Dollar Tree for each share they own. The companies put the value of the transaction at \$74.50 per share at the time. Including debt and other costs, the companies estimated the transaction to be worth approximately \$9.2 billion.

Dollar General said that its offer would create a business with almost 20,000 stores in 46 states and sales of more than \$28 billion. The Goodlettsville, Tennessee, company anticipates annual savings of \$550 million to \$600 million three years after the transaction closes.

Representatives for Dollar Tree and Family Dollar did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

The jockeying to secure Family Dollar comes as discounters look to fend off competition from companies such as Wal-Mart Stores Inc., which has been stepping up its courtship of lower-income customers.

Dollar stores grew during the recession as people across income groups searched for cheaper options. To attract a broader array of customers, they also expanded their offerings to include more groceries and brand-name products, instead of just the party favors and other knickknacks people often associated with them.

More recently, however, sales at dollar stores have been suffering because the lower-income customers who go to them are facing persistent job instability and slow wage growth in the aftermath of the recession. Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and Kroger Co. also have been opening smaller store formats to directly compete with

dollar stores.

Dollar General and Family Dollar sell products at various prices. At Dollar Tree, everything at its stores costs just a buck.

Family Dollar has come into play because of its business struggles. The Charlotte, North Carolina company has been shuttering stores and cutting prices in hopes of boosting its financial performance. In June investor Carl Icahn urged the company to put itself up for sale.

Dollar General said that it believes it can quickly and effectively address any antitrust issues and is willing to divest up to 700 of its stores in order to get the necessary approvals for the transaction. Dollar Tree had agreed to divest 500 of its U.S. stores for its proposed deal.

If a deal goes through, Dollar General said that Chairman and CEO Rick Dreiling has agreed to postpone his retirement until May 2016 in order to help with the integration of the two companies. Dollar General had announced in June that Dreiling had planned to retire from the CEO post in May 2015, or when a successor was appointed. He had agreed to stay on as chairman during the transition process.

Dreiling has also agreed to remain as a director — and would be willing to serve as chairman — if asked by the board and elected by shareholders.

Dollar General said that Goldman Sachs and Citigroup Global Markets Inc. have agreed to provide committed financing, which would include the \$305 million termination fee due to Dollar Tree if Family Dollar chooses a deal with Dollar General instead.

Dollar General's board unanimously approved the Dollar Tree deal. Its stock rose \$5.54, or 9.6 percent, to \$63 in premarket trading.

Shares of Dollar Tree, which is based in Chesapeake, Virginia, fell 75 cents to \$54.85 before the market open.

Local management were unable to comment, referring all calls to corporate media directors.

By Charles Keaton
Special to the News-Courier

Over four percent of all taxpayers that have an adjusted gross income of less than \$25,000 will be audited each year. This doesn't sound like much but if you are faced with an IRS audit, it can be very stressful.

Low-income taxpayers facing an audit situation, seldom have the resources to hire an attorney to assist with preparing for the audit, but the Texas Tech University School of Law offers assistance. The Low-Income Tax Clinic (LITC) through the Community Outreach Program at the School of Law offers free assistance for anyone facing federal tax issues such as audit appeals, examination notices, collection notices, earned income credit controversies, dependency issues, non-filer issues, identity theft issues and innocent and injured spouse issues.

Nancy Mojica, LITC Community Outreach Coordinator said, "We are glad to offer assistance to any qualified individual in our area. We provide our services free to anyone in over 75 counties in the Panhandle, South Plains, Permian Basin, Rolling Plains of West Texas, Far West Texas and Eastern New Mexico."

The clinic is open all year, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. except during Texas Tech University holidays. In addition to the clinic, tax law students are

available to provide free educational workshops and short presentations.

"We can teach small or large groups and the workshops can be taught individually or in a short series," Mojica said. "Our law students are under the supervision of a law professor for handling any cases but we do not prepare returns or handle criminal tax matters."

Taxpayers seeing representation must contact the LITC at 806-742-4312 or toll free at 800-420-8037 for the initial eligibility screening. If you are eligible for free tax assistance, an appointment must be scheduled either in person or by telephone. When attending your appointment, you must bring any tax bills or letters from the IRS, any letters you have written to the IRS and any federal individual income tax returns that are part of your tax problem. The LITC offers Spanish translators for those whose native language is not English.

Workshops available to be presented include 'Who needs to file and penalties for not timely filing,' 'How IRS collections work,' 'Earned Income Tax Credit pitfalls,' 'Innocent Spouse,' and 'Injured Spouse.' Also, the LITC conducts workshops for high school aged persons who are working for the first time and who will be filing their first tax returns. Educational workshops can be customized according to the needs of the organization sponsoring

the workshop.

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If you have a group or organization that is interested in an on-site workshop, contact Nancy Mojica at 806-834-7972 or 800-420-8037.

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Now Here's a Tip

By JoAnn Derson

• "Wet a plain kitchen sponge and place it in a zip-lock baggie in the freezer. It's great for bumps and bruises, tired eyes and overheated kids." -- V.I. in New Hampshire

• Always rest your bar soap on a sponge. You won't have a soap slime problem ever again, and the soap stays put. When the sponge starts to look questionable, you can replace it or just toss it in the wash with your towels.

• "Sunday dinner is great for so many reasons, as our family reserves this day to be together at mealtime. It also has become a day to touch base on appointments and obligations for the coming week. We discuss what each of us has going on upcoming, and we post our schedules on the fridge on Sunday evening. This way,

we can help one another and keep each of us accountable. It works for us!" -- A.A. in California

• "A really nice gift for a family with young children is a family membership to a local science and history museum. It's a gift that keeps on giving, and it's very flexible, because with a membership, you can go all day or just a few hours to keep it light." -- C.W. in Virginia

• A great way to organize in the kitchen is to use the

space on the inside of your cabinet doors. You can install a metal sheet (to stick magnetic items to), a chalkboard, a small rack or a section of a pocket organizer. The possibilities are endless.

Send your tips to Now Here's a Tip, c/o King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475 or e-mail JoAnn at heresatip@yahoo.com.

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POLLING

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districts 301, 302 and 401 (North, South Munday, Goree, Gilland, Vera) will vote at the Munday Community Center and those in Precincts 101 and 102 (Knox City South, Knox City North and Sunset) will vote at the Aging Center in Knox City.

Early voting in the clerk's office at the Knox County Courthouse in Benjamin began earlier this week and will continue until Sept. 5, except for Labor Day.

State Rep Charles Perry from Lubbock heads a list of six candidates that includes three other Republicans - Jodey Arrington, E.M. Garza and Delwin Jones - former Sweetwater mayor Greg Wortham, a democrat, and Libertarian candidate Kerry Douglas McKennon.

Sample ballots and more information can be found online at www.KnoxCounty.net.

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



Birding BITS

BY Cindy Brook

Window Strikes
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(Notifíquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales situadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 9 de Septiembre 2014 para votar en La Elección de la vacante del Distrito Del Senado 28 que estaba ocupada por El Honorable Roberto Duncan.

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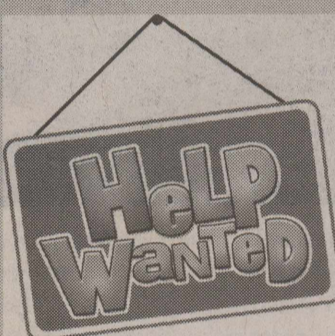
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Mac's Views

Well, I got a quick introduction to the medical facilities here in Knox County and the Big Country last week after my wife, Betty, came to town to check out the new home we've rented in Munday. She



JAMES MCAFEE

noticed my right ankle was swollen and my right foot was turning blue and yellow. I thought I was nursing a pulled muscle in my right leg after jumping off the back of the loading dock at the Munday Post Office the previous week when I delivered The Knox County News-Courier there for mailing. While hurting a little and limping around, I went on about my business, even having my daughter's friend, a former EMT, take a look on Sunday night before driving back to Munday on Monday morning. He

said keep it elevated and use ice. I tried to follow his suggestions, but it's not easy when you get busy on the computer writing stories, etc.

So I ventured to the Munday Clinic Thursday morning and saw Christopher Scott, giving him a family history that included mention of how my younger brother had died of a blood clot that killed his lungs after he had hurt himself playing softball at the age of 35. My mother suffered a similar death at age 75.

He took a look and asked me to go over to the Knox County Hospital in Knox City to have the leg, ankle and foot x-rayed. The technician was very nice and I learned she drove from Quanah to work there a few days a week.

I received a call that afternoon from Scott, asking if I had ever broken the leg. I couldn't remember doing so, but later remembered that I had a lot of sprained ankles playing sports at Vernon High School and usually had them taped up before practice and games. He revealed that the x-rays revealed something that needed

to be checked and then asked if I could get to the Stamford Hospital to have them do an ultrasound to check about possibility of blood clot.

The technician there came to waiting room with wheel chair and performed the test. She called Scott and indicated that it showed a hematoma, a pocket of blood in the ankle and foot. It seemed both were still a little concerned and wanted me to drive to Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene because it had more sophisticated equipment.

As might be expected in a busy emergency room, it took hours for someone from radiology to come to the room and wheel me through some hallways to perform another ultrasound test. Betty went with me to watch this time. While he could not say anything, it became obvious that the blood vessels were free of clots by the swooshing sound when he pressed down and then released.

Dr. David Ross then came by 15 minutes later to give us the good news that no blood clot

was evident. The nurse then handed me some paperwork that revealed more details about a hematoma, saying that most get better in a few days, but that some are serious and need medical attention. The instructions were to put ice on the injured area for two days, then switch to a warm pack, elevating the leg and foot to lessen the pain and to avoid swelling. Then follow up with your doctor in a week.

A long day ended with a trip back to Munday, arriving after midnight.

Based on what I've seen in just over two weeks here is that Knox County residents should be proud of the services offered by the Knox County Hospital District that include EMS/ambulance, two clinics, a pharmacy and supply, a care home, home health care, physical therapy, speech therapy, cardiac rehab, and a medical supply branch.

The good news is that the hospital seems to be doing well financially based on reports I heard at the board meeting Monday night.

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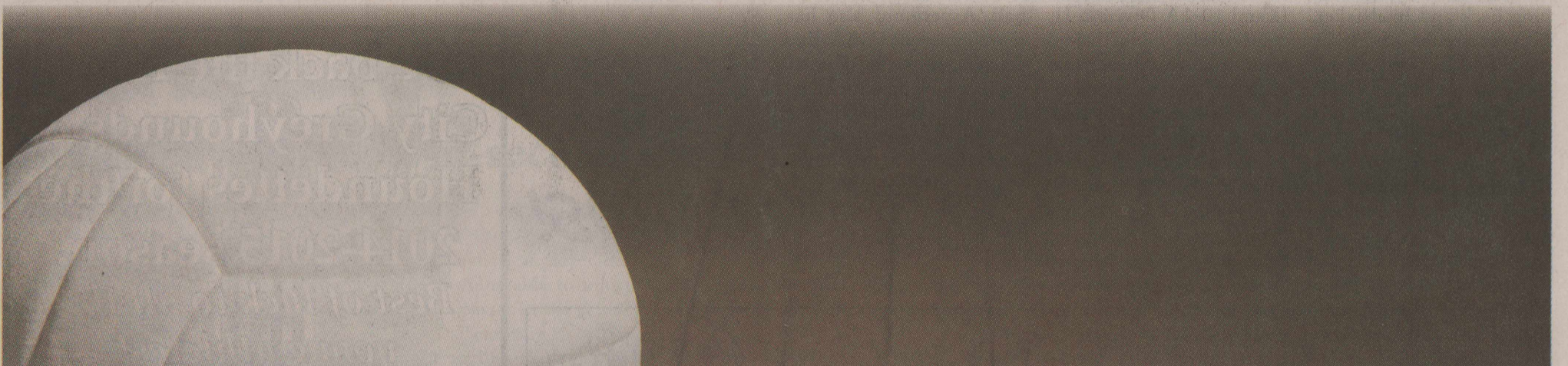
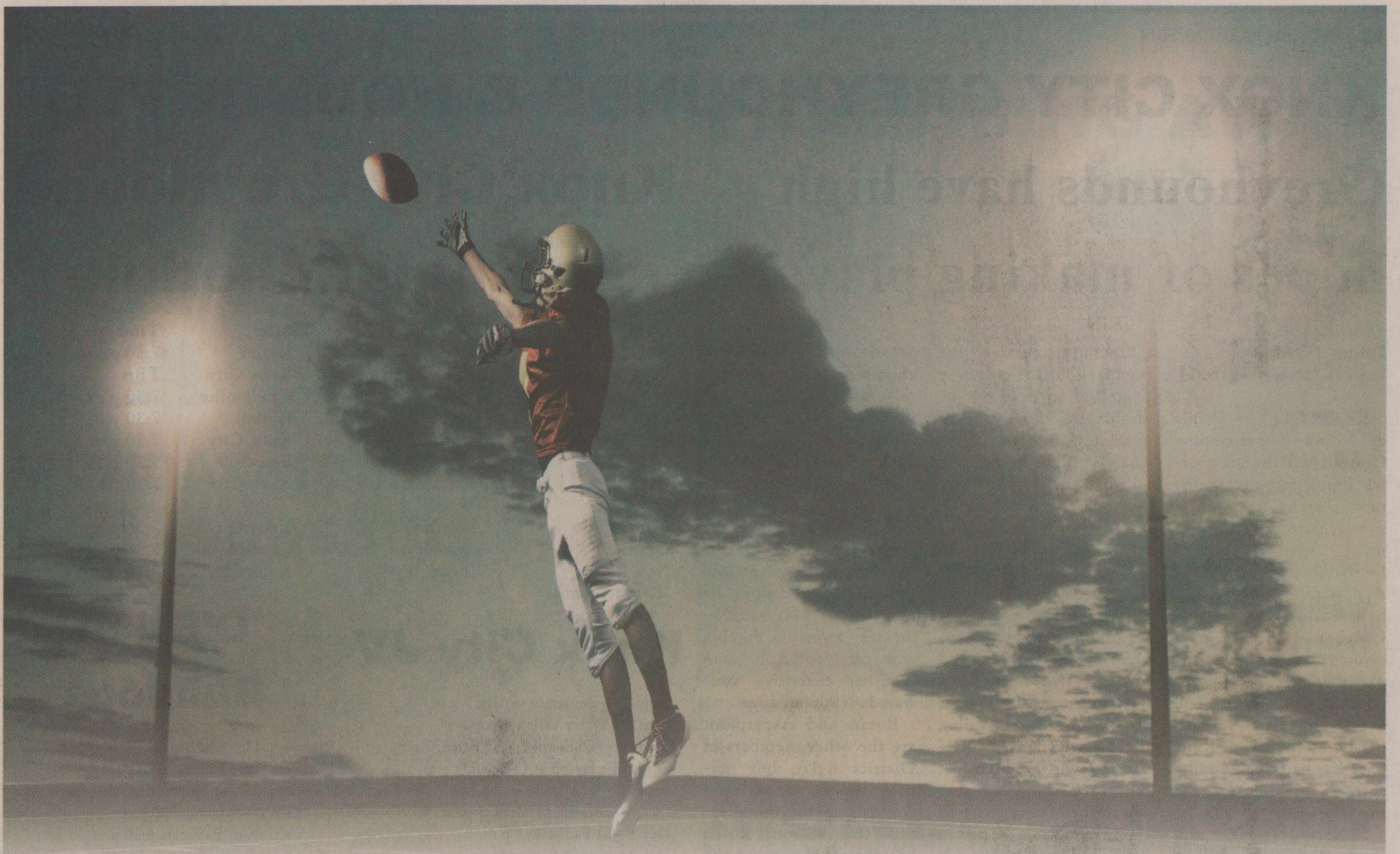
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KNOX CITY GREYHOUNDS & HOUNDETTES

Greyhounds have high hopes of making playoffs

James McAfee
The Knox County News-Courier

KNOX CITY — While defending state champion Crowell will be an overwhelming favorite in the new District 8-1A division I, part of the alignment where six-man football became Class A, Coach Charles Steel believes the Knox City Greyhounds have a great chance to advance to the playoffs. "I'll be disappointed if we don't," said Steele, in his seventh season at the helm. Knox City has had five winning seasons, including a 7-3 mark last year.

Seniors Israel and Zach Rodriguez will be the leaders for the Greyhounds. Israel scored 16 touchdowns last year and will be the starting running back and linebacker. He was credited with 72 tackles last season. Zach moves to center and will anchor the defense at nose guard.

Sophomores Anthony Estrada and Christian Abila will round out the backfield at the quarterback and fullback positions while juniors Ryan Heard and Alfredo Martinez will handle the tight end positions.

Joining the Rodriguez duo in the starting defensive alignment will Abila and junior Sheldon Baty at defensive ends, sophomore Sam Schnable at linebacker and junior Elias Nevarez at safety.

Operating under the premise that the only way to get better is to not be afraid to test yourself against the best, the Greyhounds will be battle tested when they start district play in October, facing one of the most difficult non-district schedules in six-man football against five teams given the nod as district favorites.

Borden County, the District 4-1A Division I favorite, will host Knox City in the season opener at Jayton. Water Valley, the District 6-1A Division I favorite which lost only to Crowell last season in the area round, will travel to Knox City in week 2. The Greyhounds are then on the road for games against Chillicothe and Jayton, the favorites in 11-1A Division II and 10-1A Division II, respectively. Northside, returning four offensive and four defensive starters from an 8-2 district championship team, visits Knox City Sept. 26. Strawn, the District 10-1A Division I favorite returning Harrison Nowak who passed for almost 5,000 yards last season, and perennial six-man power Paducah, returning running back Oscar Mathis who fan for 2,449 yards last season, round out the non-district slate.

Winning district would be a major accomplishment for Knox City because of the presence of Crowell, the pre-season

favorite to repeat as state champion since it loses only one starter off that 14-1 team that beat May, 78-52. In the title game, junior quarterback Mitchell Parsley completed 24 of 28 passes for 309 yards and five touchdowns and added 55 yards and a touchdown on the ground. In addition, he kicked six PATs, made 10 tackles, forced a fumble and intercepted a pass. Another defensive stalwart is Nathan Moya.

Rotan and Aspermont are the other members of District 8-1A, but neither appears capable of contending for the playoffs this season. Rotan has struggled making the transition to six-man, but Coach Ted Jones does have four returning starters on both sides of the ball. Aspermont also has more experience with five starters from both sides back returning under new Coach Julian Menchaca.

Knox City Greyhound Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Aug. 29	Borden County	Jayton	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 5	Water Valley	Knox City	TBA
Sept. 12	Chillicothe	Chillicothe	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 19	Jayton	Jayton	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 26	Norffthside	Knox City	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 3	Strawn	Strawn	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 10	Paducah	Knox City	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 17	Open		
Oct. 24	*Aspermont	Knox City	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 31	*Crowell	Crowell	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 7	*Rotan	Knox City	7:30 p.m.

*District games

Knox City JV

Aug. 28—Benjamin varsity, 7 p.m.
Sept. 5—Water Valley, 5 p.m.
Sept. 11—Chillicothe at O'Brien, 7 p.m.
Sept. 18—Jayton at O'Brien, 7 p.m.
Sept. 25—at Woodson, 7 p.m.
Oct. 3—Strawn, O'Brien, 5 p.m.
Oct. 9—at Paducah, 7 p.m.
Oct. 16—open
Oct. 23—open
Oct. 30—*Crowell, O'Brien, 7 p.m.
Nov. 6—at *Rotan, 7 p.m.
*District games

O'Brien Bulldogs

Sept. 11—Chillicothe, 5:30 p.m.
Sept. 18—Jayton, 5:30 p.m.
Sept. 25—at Northside, 5:30 p.m.
Oct. 2—Strawn, 5:30 p.m.
Oct. 9—at Paducah, 5:30 p.m.
Oct. 16—open
Oct. 23—at *Aspermont
Oct. 30—*Crowell
Nov. 6—at *Rotan
*District games

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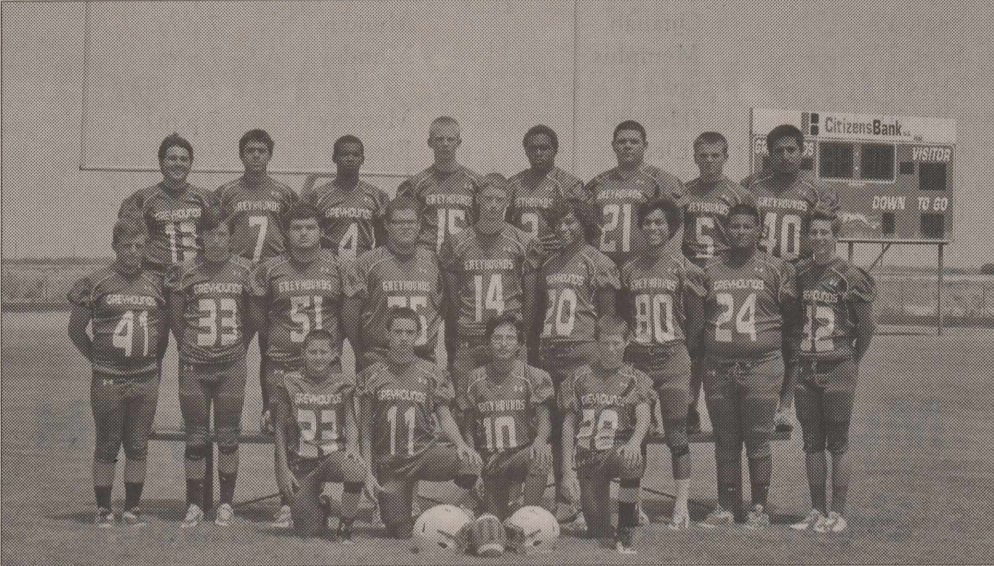


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Front Row: Jordan Ruiz, Anthony Estrada, Pablo Sandoval, Stephen Lyles. 2nd Row: Thomas Baker, Zack Overmyer, Zach Rodriguez, Jose Jaime, Ryan Heard, Angel Rodriguez, Israel Rodriguez, Joey Espinal, Samuel Schnable. 3rd Row: Christian Abila, Elias Nevarez, Jacoby Thomas, Sheldon Baty, Jaylon Roberson, Trey Ledesma, Carson Lewis, Abel Sandoval

2014 Knox City Volleyball Team

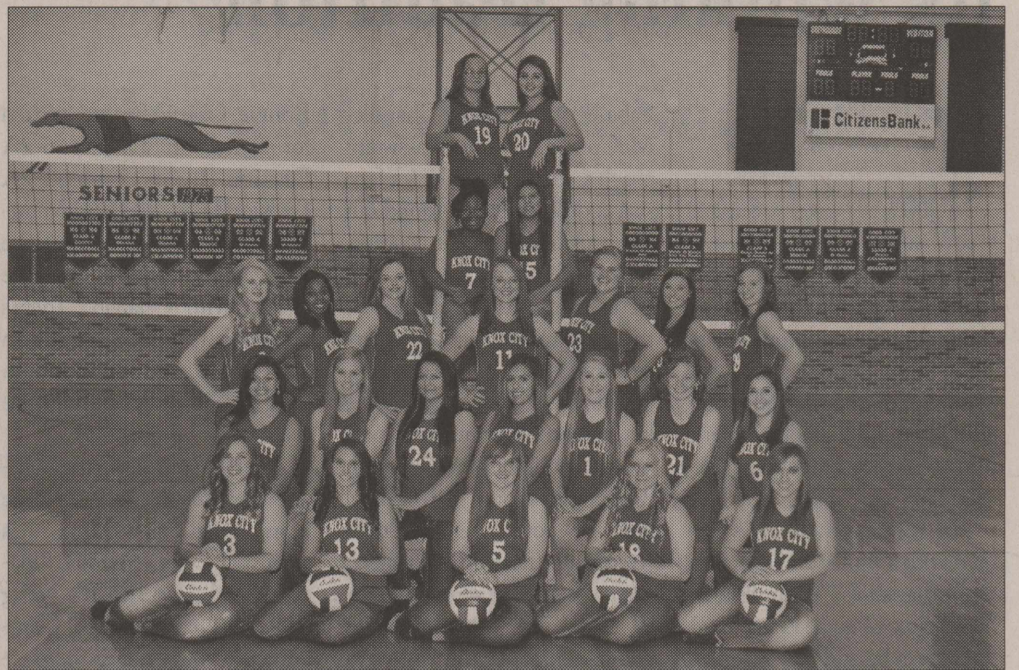
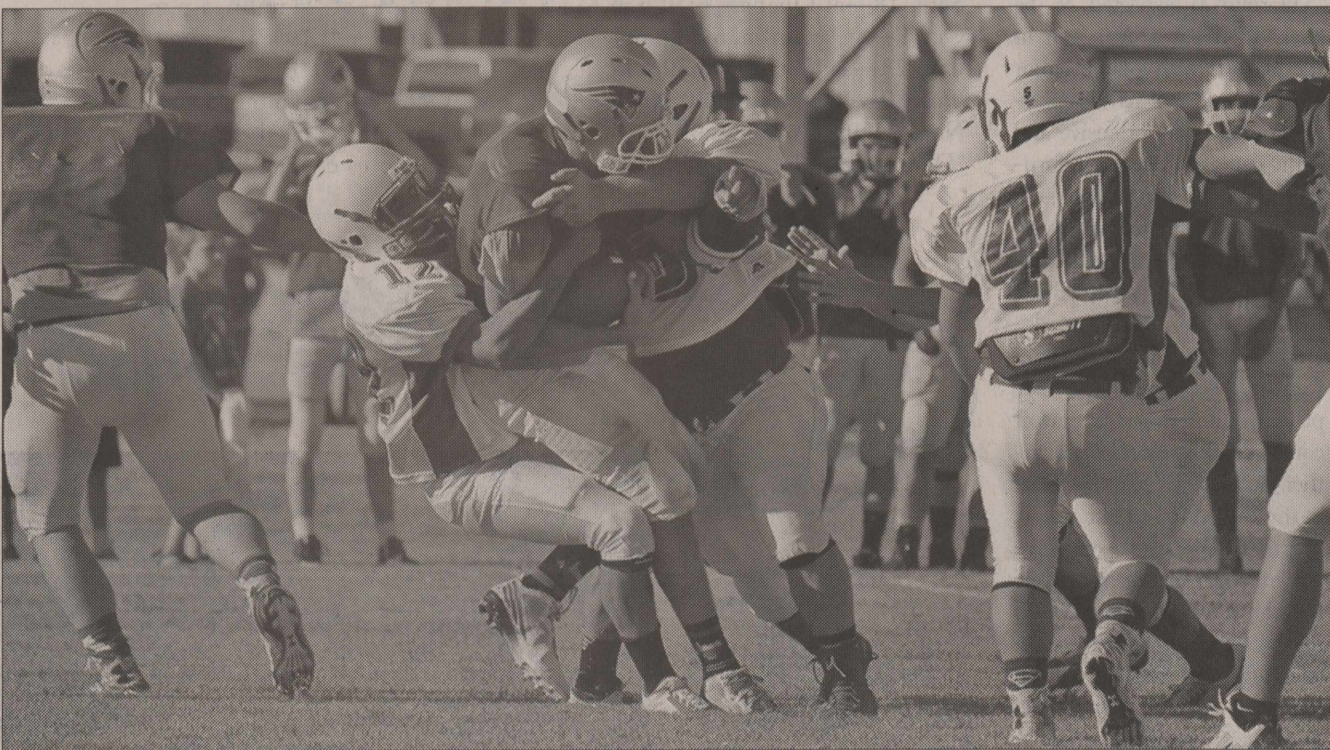


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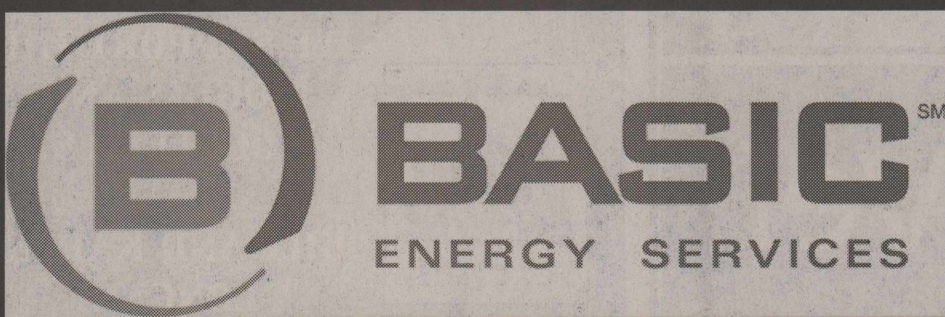
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MUNDAY MOGULS & MOGULETTES

Munday seeks to continue its winning tradition

James McAfee
The Knox County News-Courier

MUNDAY — Success breeds success. That's why the Munday Moguls football teams have a winning tradition, having claimed state championships in 1984, 2007 and 2012 and have advanced to the playoffs every year since 2009 under athletic director and coach Patrick Corcoran.

The winning tradition is evident with a sign at Scruggs Stadium that shows 20 district, 14 bi-district, 12 area, 13 regional, 9 quarterfinal and five semifinal titles since 1945.

The Moguls from District 8-1A blasted Roby 41-8 last season in bi-district, but fell to Iraan, 28-21 in two overtimes in the second round.

The previous season's results were better as they beat Wink (63-24), Hamlin (66-13), Albany (55-13), Wellington (48-6) and Tenaha (42-14) en route to the state title, the second under Corcoran.

Corcoran is excited about the opportunity to continue the Moguls' winning ways and feels he has some good young players that will develop to go with a strong leadership from the seniors. He has six starters returning from both sides of the ball.

Expected to lead the offensive attack are senior quarterback Alfonso Nunez, who ran for 1,152 yards and scored 11 touchdowns and completed 39 of 98 passes for 657 yards and five touchdowns, along with senior back Zac Huffman (Edgar last year) and sophomore running back Day'veon Dockins, who rushed last season for 718 and 673 yards, respectively. San

Saba senior transfer Chandler McCombs, the son of assistant coach Cory McCombs (defensive coordinator) will round out the backfield in a slot position. Juniors Temerick Reagins and Bryan Castorena will handle the wide receivers spots as targets for Nunez.

The Moguls did lose some key players up front, but Corcoran does have good size with 243-pound junior Juan Rangel and 230-pound senior Ethan Ramos as the starting tackles. On either side of senior Mitchell Lowrance (206) at center will be seniors Colby Fullwood (248) and Victor Lopez (207).

Lowrance, a pre-season choice as the defensive player of the year in District 7-2A by Texas Football Magazine, anchors the Moguls' defense. He'll be joined up front by Ramos and Perez at tackles and Reagins and Rayshawn Dawkins at defensive ends. Promising sophomore Heath Bivens and McCombs will be the line-backers. Nunez and Castorena will handle the corners while Day'veon Dockins and Holt Bivens will be the safeties.

Assisting Corcoran and McCombs as coaches will be Greg Clark (offensive line and line-backers) and Larry Welch, offensive and defensive line, in their 11th year along with Scott Riley (wide receivers and secondary), who will be returning for a second season. Clark and Riley share the junior varsity duties.

The Moguls kick off non-district play at Windthorst on Aug. 29 and then follow with games against two-time defending state champion Stamford, working under new coach

Ronnie Casey; Bronte, picked for fourth in District 6-2A Division II; the District 3-2A Division II favorite; and Memphis, which isn't expected to be a playoff contender in the same district with Quanah "There's no doubt we will be tested with five tough games, Corcoran said. "We'll find out where we stand."

After a week off, the Moguls host District 7-2A favorite Hamlin and follow with games against Electra, Petrolia, Seymour and Haskell. "It's going to be very competitive," Corcoran said about the district race where Texas Football picked Munday third behind Hamlin and Seymour. The same publication listed Munday and Quanah as dark horses as state contenders starting out under the radar that might be teams to surprise people in the playoffs.

Hamlin is expected to be ready to make a deep run in the playoffs with a large senior class and most of its skill players among seven offensive and eight defensive starters returning from a 9-3 team that lost in the second round to San Angelo TLC Academy, 49-18. Seymour has new coach in Hugh Farmer, who inherits a defending district championship team that lost a number of key players, but remains a playoff contender this season. The Panthers lost 41-17 to New Deal in the second round last season. Depth and lack of experience are concerns for Electra while Petrolia is expected to finish in the bottom half of the district standings and Haskell will be trying to reverse last season's disappointing season where it finished in the district cellar.

Munday Mogul Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Aug. 28	Windthorst	Windthorst	7 p.m.
Sept. 5	Stamford	Stamford	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 12	Bronte	Bronte	7 p.m.
Sept. 19	Quanah	Munday	7 p.m.
Sept. 27	Memphis	Munday	7 p.m.
Oct. 3	open		
Oct. 10	*Hamlin	Munday	7 p.m.
Oct. 17	*Electra	Electra	7 p.m.
Oct. 24	*Petrolia	Munday	7 p.m.
Oct. 31	*Seymour	Seymour	7 p.m.
Nov. 7	*Haskell	Munday	7 p.m.

*District games

Munday JV Schedule

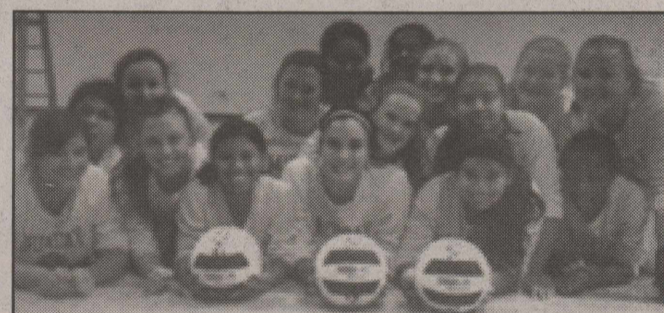
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Sept. 4—Stamford, 6 p.m.
Sept. 11—Bronte, 6:30 p.m.
Sept. 18—at Quanah, 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 9—at *Hamlin, 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 23—at *Petrolia, 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 30—*Seymour, 6:30 p.m.
Nov. 6—at *Haskell, 6:30 p.m.
*Denotes district games

Munday JH Schedule

Sept. 11—Bronte, 5 p.m.
Sept. 18—at Quanah, 5 p.m.
Sept. 25—at Memphis, 5 p.m.
Oct. 9—at *Hamlin, 5 p.m..
Oct. 16—*Electra, 5 p.m.
Oct. 23—at *Petrolia, 5 p.m.
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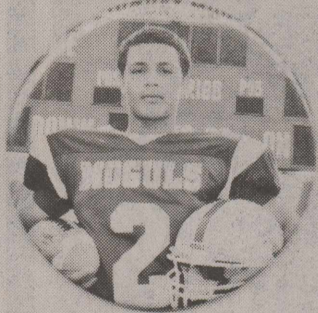
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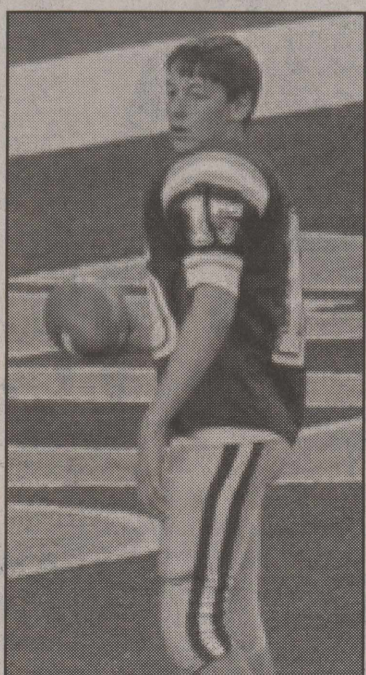
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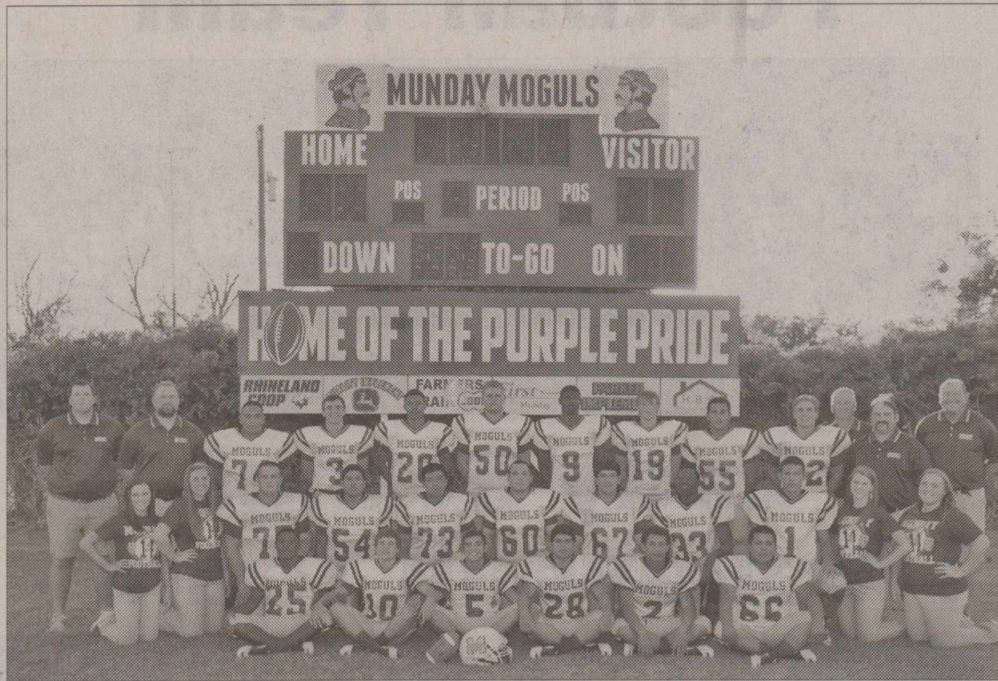


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2014 Munday Volleyball Team

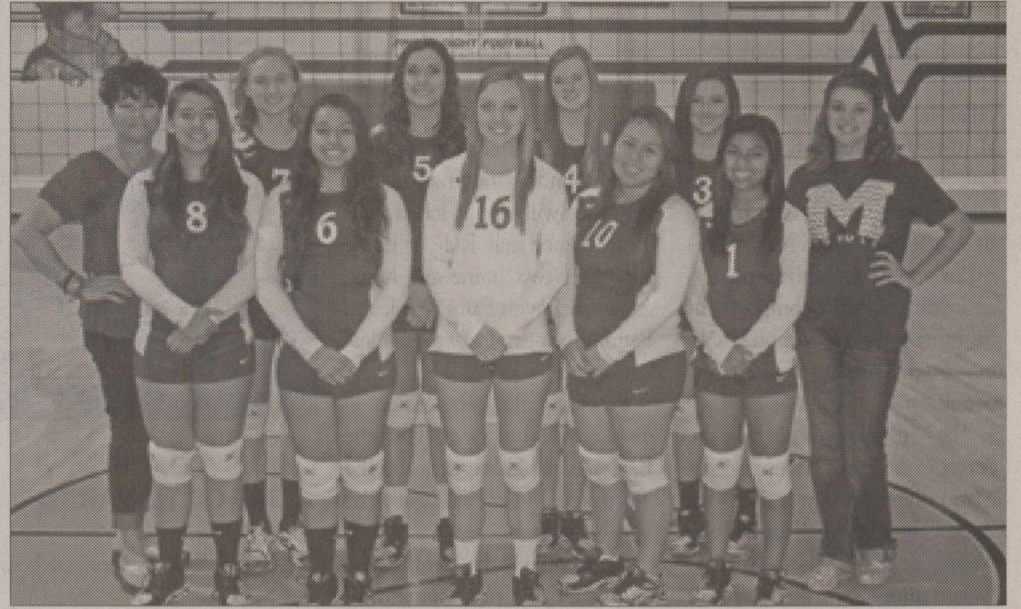


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2014 Munday JV Moguls



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MUNDAY MOGUL Football
ACCOMPLISHMENTS

District
1945 '62 '65 '69 '78 '81 '84 '85 '86 '87 '88 '89 '90 '93 '96 '97 '01 '07 '09 '12

Bi-District
1962 '69 '84 '85 '86 '87 '89 '90 '95 '96 '97 '10 '11 '12

Area
1984 '85 '87 '89 '90 '96 '97 '07 '09 '10 '11 '12

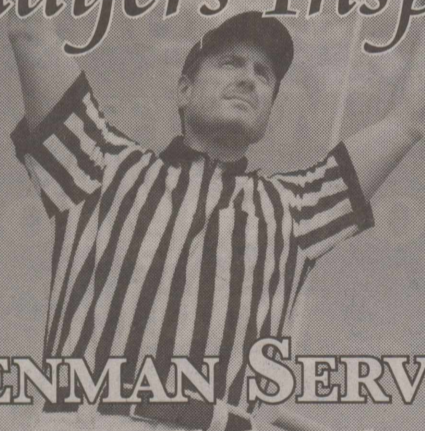
Regional
1945 '84 '85 '86 '87 '89 '90 '96 '97 '07 '10 '11 '12

Quarter Finals
1984 '85 '87 '89 '90 '97 '07 '11 '12

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Mustangs return to gridiron

James McAfee
The Knox County News-Courier

BENJAMIN —While all signs would seem to point to a string of losses and a place in the cellar in District 11-A Division II, the Benjamin Mustangs are just happy to end a three-year hiatus and return to the gridiron this fall. Coach Jarod Navarro remains upbeat about the prospects of fielding a team composed of freshman and sophomores, saying "we just might surprise a few people."

The Mustangs will not have the depth of some of its opponents with only eight boys suiting up, but on the plus side Navarro the players are familiar with Navarro's system since he was their coach in middle school last season.

Operating out of a variety of formations on offense, Justin Rainwater is expected to be the man under center with Kaleb Whittle and Lincoln Strickland providing run support, Casey Stewart and Caleb Barrientos

handling receiving and Daniel Jackson the all-important blocking assignments.

The Mustangs get their first taste of action when they journey to Knox County neighbor Knox City on Aug. 28 to play the Greyhounds junior varsity at 7 p.m. Rounding out non-district play, they will play Wichita Falls Notre Dame and Rule at home and then two home-and-home games each with Paint Creek and Patton Springs, who were winless last season.

Providing the competition in district will be the Chillicothe Eagles, Harrold Hornets and the Northside Indians, all from the Vernon area.

Chillicothe is the favorite as it returns all of its starters and 17 lettermen from a team that lost in bi-district last season. Leading the offense will be running back Denzel Graves, who rushed last season for 1,676 yards, and quarterback Creed Harris, who passed for 1,487 yards. Linebacker Connor Pautsky, who was district de-



**COACH
JAROD NAVARRO**

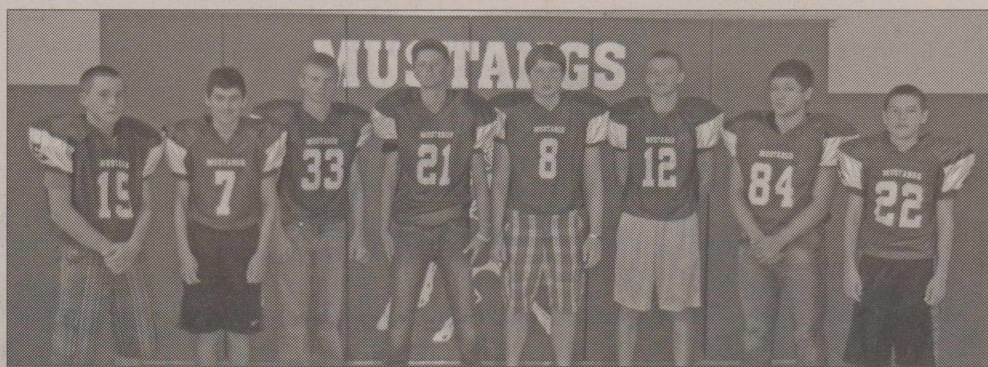
fensive MVP last season, anchors the defense.

Harrold also has an explosive offense featuring running back Jake Welch, who gained 1,545 yard rushing last season, and quarterback Kieren Gaines, who threw for 1,067 yards as a freshman last season.

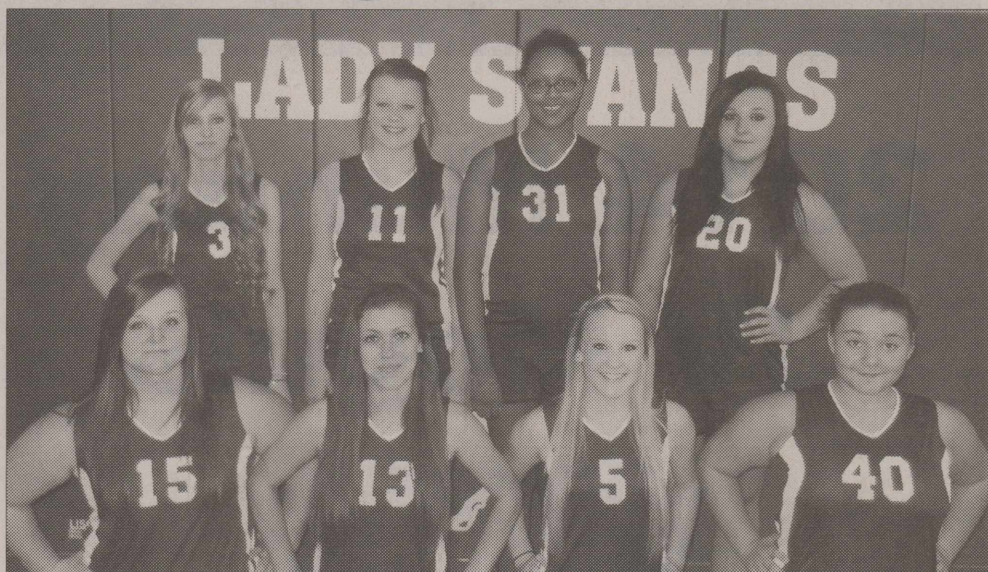
Northside, district champion and a bi-district loser last season, will be looking to add some offensive firepower if it wants to make the playoffs, but do have strong players returning on both sides of the ball upfront.

While Navarro admits there's going to be growing pains this year, he added, "I'm not going to define our success by how many wins we do or don't have."

Benjamin Mustangs Football Team



Lady Stangs Volleyball Team



Benjamin Mustangs Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Aug. 28	Knox City JV	Knox City	7 p.m.
Sept. 5	Paint Creek	Benjamin	7 p.m.
Sept. 12	Notre Dame	Wichita Falls	6 p.m.
Sept. 18	Paint Creek	Paint Creek	7 p.m.
Sept. 25	Patton Springs	Benjamin	7 p.m.
Oct. 3	Rule	Benjamin	7 p.m.
Oct. 9	Patton Springs	Patton Springs	7 p.m.
Oct. 16	open		
Oct. 23	Harrold	Harrold	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 31	*Chillicothe	Benjamin	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 7	*Northside	Northside	7:30 p.m.

* Denotes district games

Benjamin Junior High Football Schedule

- Sept. 4—at Abilene Christian, 5:30 p.m.
- Sept. 18—at Paint Creek, 5:30 p.m.
- Sept. 25--Patton Springs, 5:30 p.m.
- Oct. 2—Rule, 5:30 p.m.
- Oct. 9—at Patton Springs, 5:30 p.m.
- Oct. 24—at *Harrold, 5p.m.
- Oct. 30—at *Chillicothe, 6 p.m.
- Nov. 6—*Northside, 5:30pm

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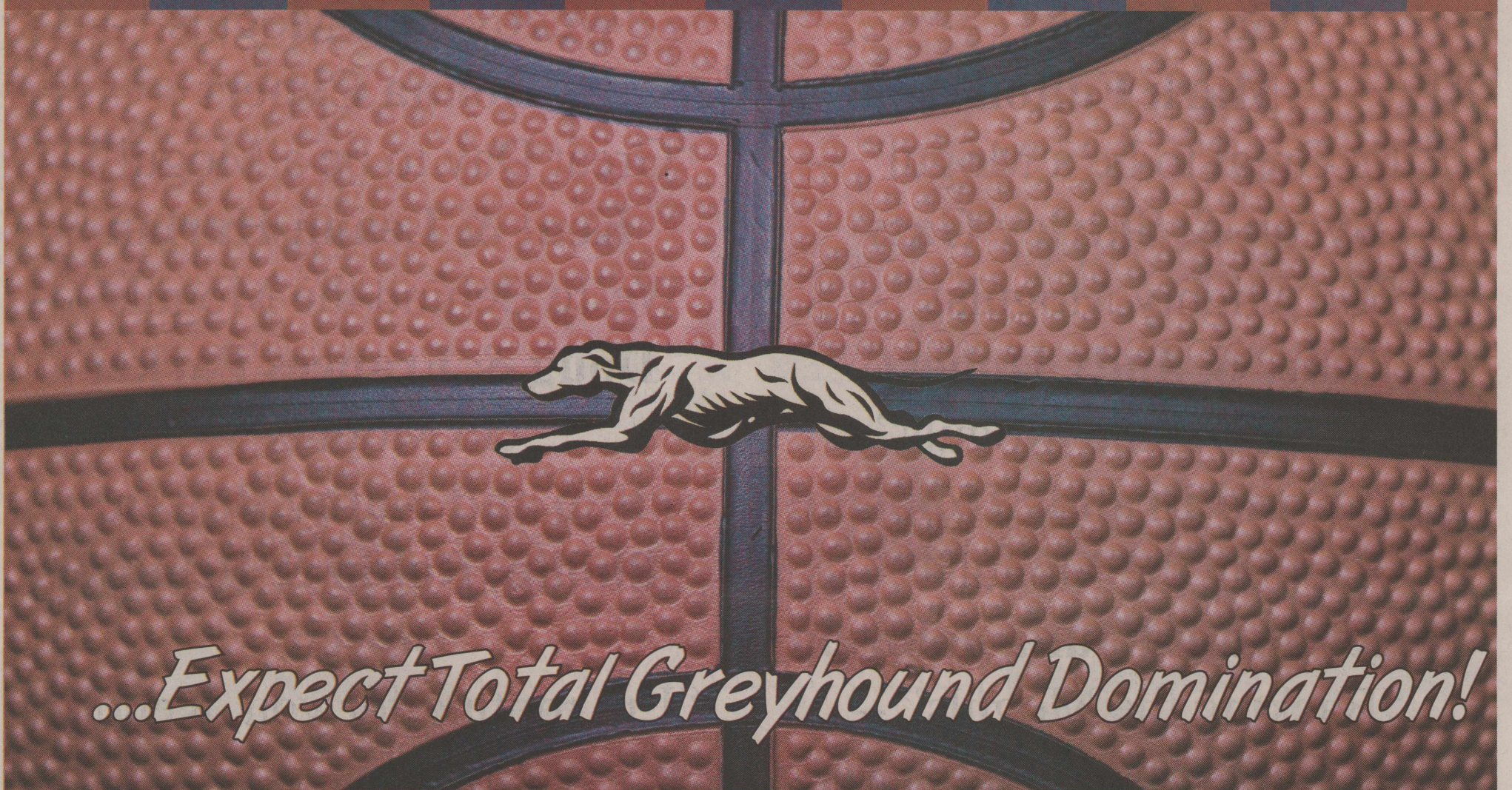
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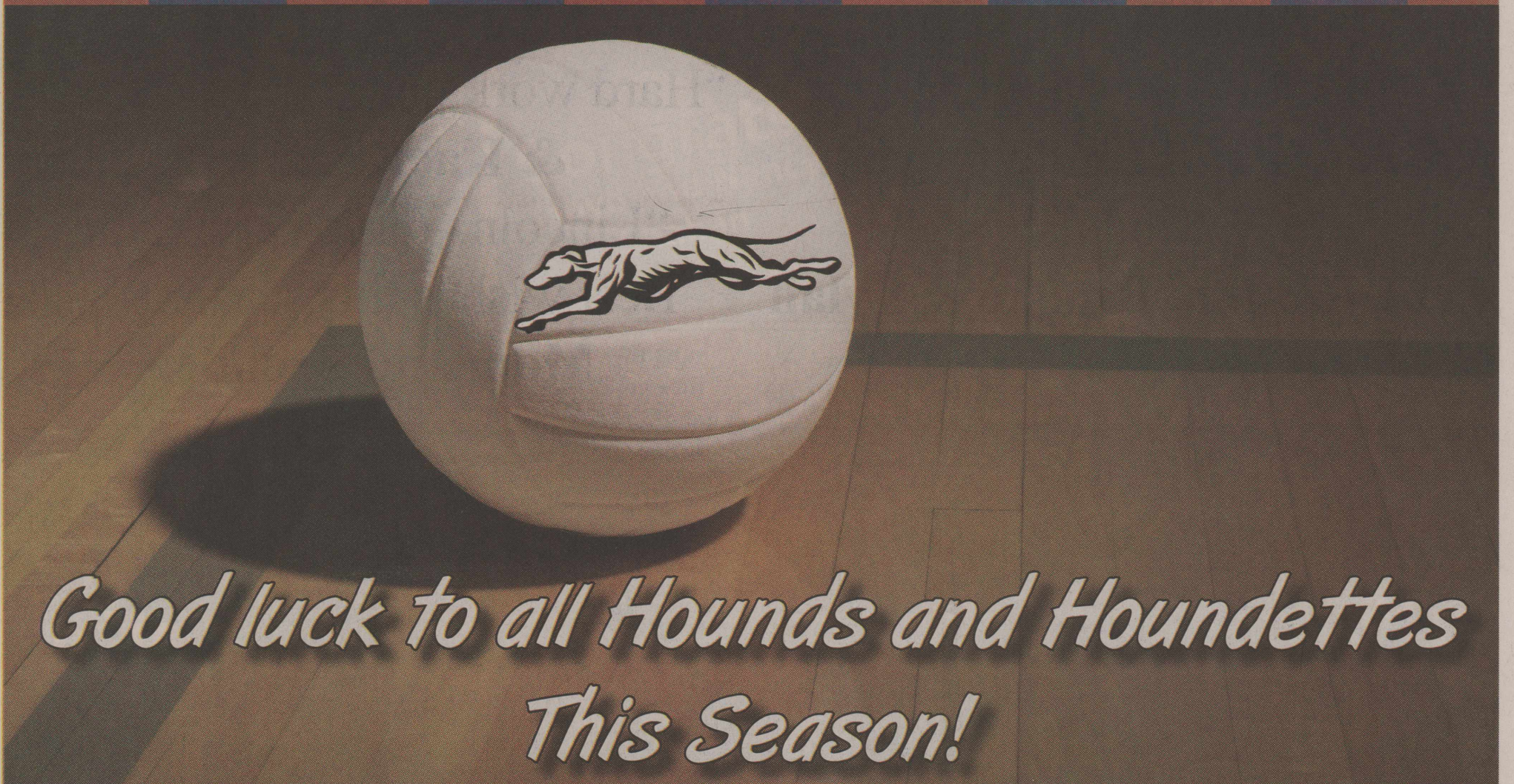
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1. Crowell Wildcats
2. Knox City Greyhounds
3. Rotan Yellowhammers
4. Aspermont Hornets

7-2A Division II

1. Hamlin Pied Pipers
2. Seymour Panthers
3. Munday Moguls
4. Electra Tigers
5. Petrolia Pirates
6. Haskell Indians

11-1A Division II

1. Chillicothe Eagles
2. Harrold Hornets
3. Northside Indians
4. Benjamin Mustangs

MUNDAY HOMECOMING SCHEDULE

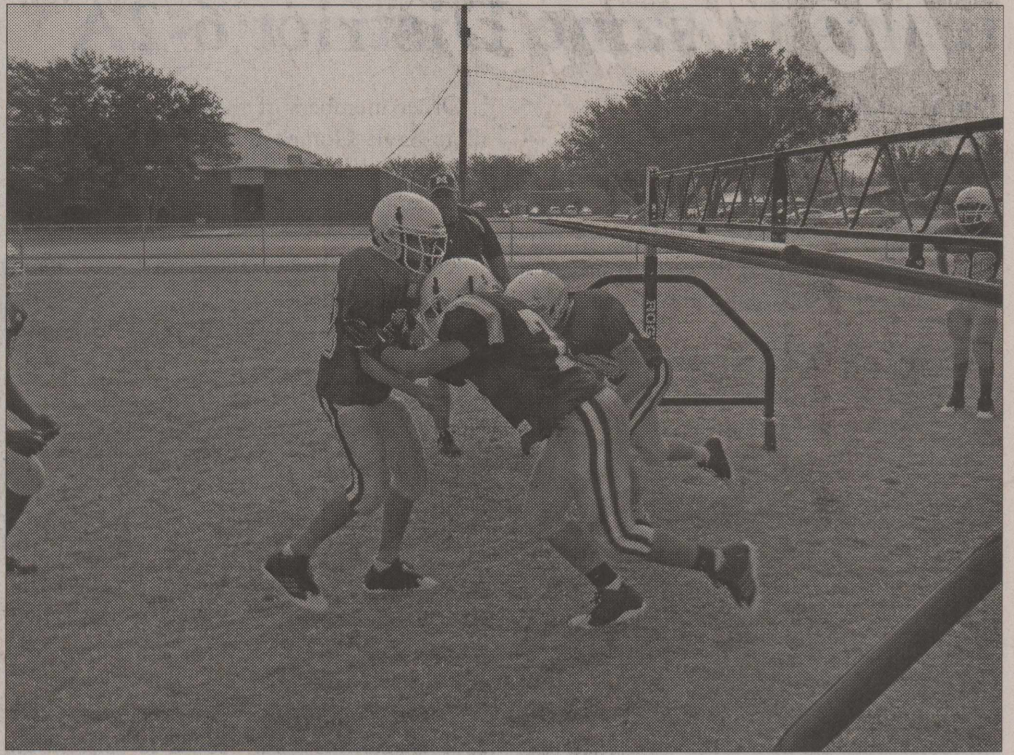
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- 5-7 p.m.—Catfish dinner hosted by Munday Lions Club
- 8 p.m.—Pep rally, Phillip McAfee Track
- 9 p.m.—12—Street dance, downtown park

Saturday, Sept. 27

- 7:30 a.m.—5K run, Charles Baker Memorial Park
 - 8 a.m.—noon—Registration continues, MHS
 - 8-30-10 a.m.—Coffee and light breakfast, MHS
 - 9 a.m.-1 p.m.—Memorabilia, MHS
 - 10:30 a.m.—Parade downtown
 - 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.—Lunch, MHS Gymnasium
 - 2 p.m.—Assembly
 - 3 p.m.—Pep rally, Scruggs Field
 - 4 p.m.—Class parties
 - 7 p.m.—Munday Moguls vs, Memphis Cyclones, Scruggs Field
 - 10 p.m.—Homecoming dance, Munday Event Center
- To volunteer or donate, contact Perry or Pat at 940 422-4712.

PRACTICING AWAY



Munday linemen go through drill in practice

MUNDAY CROSS COUNTRY

James McAfee

The Knox County News-Courier

MUNDAY—Those young girls and lone boy you see running all over the place in Munday are members of the Munday High School cross country team preparing to start the season Aug. 28 at the Perkins Invitational in Burkburnett.

Coach Cory Stephenson, in his seventh season, welcomed 14 girls for training before the start of school and has high hopes as the Lady Moguls compete in the realigned district 8-2 along with Benjamin, Chillicothe, Crowell, Harrold and Northside.

Stephenson believes senior Janie Salinas has a good chance of returning to the state meet where she competed as a sophomore. She fin-

ished 11th in regional last season, missing by one place.

He notes that senior Jenna Wertz made great strides in distance events last spring and hopes it carries over this fall. "She works hard," he said.

Other members of the varsity will be returning juniors Taylor Thompson and Kathryn Cude along with three freshmen—Myca Flowers, a transfer who ran a 13:09 for the two miles as an eighth grader, along with twins Karla Taylor and Cayla Taylor.

Just like in golf, the lowest scores win in cross country team competitions. Competitors are given points for their finish, starting with 1 and going up. The best five of seven are counted.



High schools to use 40-second clock

Texas high schools will be using the same 40-second clock as the NCAA starting this season. Instead of having 25 seconds from when an official spots the ball, the play clock will start immediately after the last play.

The play clock will be re-set to 25 seconds after a timeout, penalty or the game is delayed with an injury to an offensive player.

Coaches and officials believe there may be a few more delay of games or burned timeouts as teams get used to the change, but most expect the transition will be a fairly easy adjustment and keep the game

moving at a faster pace.

More emphasis will be placed on targeting a defenseless player, defined as a player who is vulnerable to injury. Examples include a passer in the act of throwing, a receiver attempting to catch a pass, a kicker in the act of kicking or a kick returner trying to catch a punt.

Also, defensive players rushing unabated at the passer can not hit him below the knees and the penalty yardage for a personal foul by the defense during a pass play will be added to where the receiver ends up beyond the line of scrimmage.

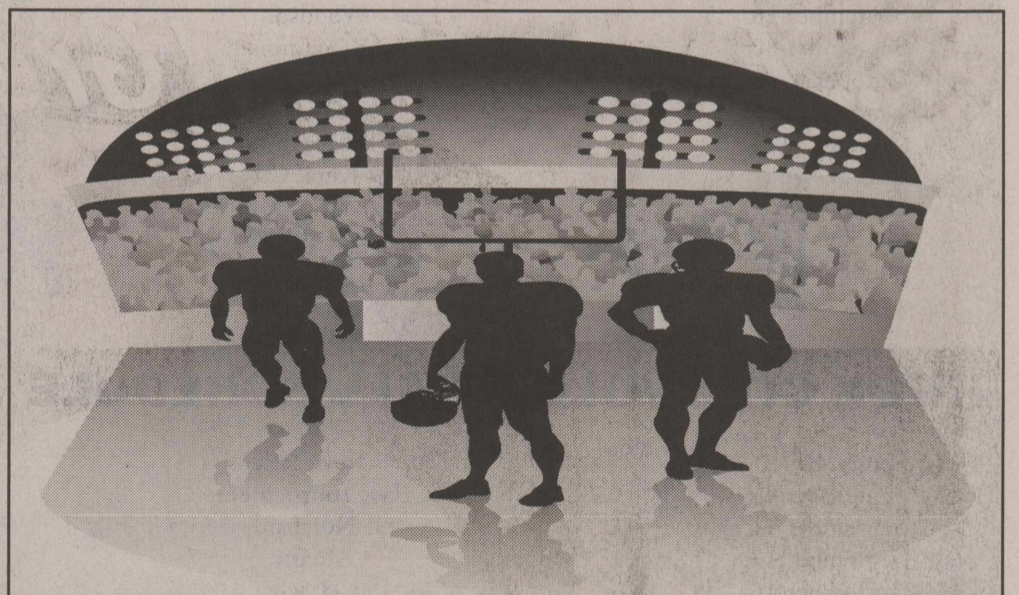
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Three Knox County volleyball teams in same District 6-2A

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All three of the Knox County high school volleyball teams have been aligned in the new District 6-2A scheduled to start competition Sept. 13 along with Albany, Hawley and Moran.

Munday and Knox City have been playing non-district games to prepare, but Benjamin had only one game on its slate.

The Mogulettes of Coach Kim Kuehler appear to be one of the teams to beat, having been the undefeated champions of District 1A the past four seasons, advancing to the regional quarterfinals in 2010, the regional tournament in 2011 before losing to eventual state champion Water Valley and to the area round the last two seasons.

All-stater senior Raci Dillard returns while Kimberly Shahan, who made all-district last season has been moved to Libero, a defensive position where she wears a different-colored jersey. The other returning starter is Maria Vega, the 6-1A defensive player of the year, who has been moved to setter this year.

Other members of the varsity include juniors Skyla Gomez and Anna Vega, seniors Janie Salinas and Denise Araujo along with promising freshmen Myca Flowers and Kristen Kuehler.

Knox City has a new coach in Brenna Hoeger, who hopes to channel some of her winning ways as a player to the Lady Greyhounds as she played on two state championship teams at Windthorst.

The Lady Greyhounds suffered a setback early, losing junior starter Jordyn Eaton to a hamstring injury. She is looking for a replacement for her on the outside in the starting lineup. Senior Essence Ward will play the other outside position. Senior Kinslee Cox and junior Brylee White will be the setters while senior Leighten Pepper and junior Makylie Steele will serve as middle blockers.

Coach Jarod Navarro, who also coaches football, felt his team needed to concentrate on fundamentals and scheduled only one non-district game. He tabbed Hayden King, Carla McGee, Emily and Kelsey Brown, McKenzie King and Katelyn Carrizales as the likely starters.



Mogulettes' Raci Dillard

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BENJAMIN VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

September 13	at Woodson
September 20	Albany
September 23	at Hawley
September 27	Moran
September 30	at Munday
October 4	Knox City
October 7	Woodson
October 14	at Albany
October 18	Hawley
October 21	at Moran
October 25	Munday
October 28	at Knox City

MUNDAY VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

August 30	at Paducah
September 2	at Jacksboro
September, 4-6	Post Tournament
September 9	Memphis
September 13	Hawley
September 16	Moran
September 20	at Childress
September 23	Knox City
September 26	Woodson
September 30	Benjamin
October 4	at Albany
October 7	Hawley
October 11	Moran
October 16	at Knox City
October 21	at Woodson
October 25	at Benjamin
October 28	Albany

KNOX CITY VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

September 2	Newcastle
September 4,6	Post Tournament
September 9	at Northside
September 13	Albany
September 16	at Hawley
September 20	Moran
September 23	at Munday
September 27	Midland Warriors
September 30	Woodson
October 4	at Benjamin
October 7	at Albany
October 11	Hawley
October 14	at Moran
October 17	Munday
October 25	at Woodson
October 28	Benjamin



Houndettes Leighten Pepper

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