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James McAfee/Knox County News-Courier
Jimi Coplen of Knox County Visioning Group answers questions after town hall meeting.

Knox citizens provided Energy Ranch update

By James McAfee
 The Knox County News-Courier

MUNDAY — A group of more than 50 interested parties showed up last Thursday at the Perry Patton Center for a Knox County Visioning Group meeting. They heard Judge Travis Floyd provide an update on the proposed Energy Ranch being considered here in Knox County along with nearby King County.

Floyd said, "We just thought we needed to be proactive, not reactive and start brainstorming about what to do in the next two years to get ready for this growth."

Millennium Energy, which has extensive experience within the energy sector, has already acquired land in King County and is using Austin-based Ryan LLC to handle the tax-abatement process, having already gotten approval from King County and are waiting for approval from the Guthrie ISD. When completed, it goes to the comptroller's office here in Texas. Millennium then hopes to begin construction of a wind project later this year in King. Then plans call for the building of a solar and co-generational plant north of Knox City starting by 2015.

The co-generational plant utilizes modern technology to turn brackish water into potable water using evaporation techniques. In the process, the steam from the heated water is collected, cooled and re-used. In addition, company officials plan an 80-acre hot house for growing hydroponic crops, mainly tomatoes. The steam will be used to fuel the hot house.

Travis estimated that the three-phase project would have a big financial impact on Knox County by the projected finish of 2017, noting that it would create 500 new jobs and bring more than a 1,000 construction workers to the area.

Travis then answered questions from the concerned citizens, who felt it would be good to get a Millennium representative here for a meeting in the future.

At a previous commissioner's court meeting, Millennium told the Knox commissioners that grants from the Texas Enterprise Fund and the Texas Water Board would be used to bring the project to fruition. "We are long-term operators, not developers," a representative said.

"The Knox County Visioning Group works county-wide on community and economic development projects," said Jimi Coplen, Director of the KCVG. "This project is one we are staying on top of and trying to get as much information out to cities and developers so they can plan accordingly for growth."

NAP coverage not available for some annually planted crops

For The News-Courier

Producers are reminded that NAP coverage will not be available for 2015 annually planted forage crops used for mechanically harvested livestock feed that includes, but is not limited to: small grains, forage sorghums, mixed forages, turnips and other annually planted crops with the following intended uses: "fg," "gc," "Hy," and "sg." The Risk Management Agency (RMA) announced a pilot program last year that offers a CAT level Rainfall Index-Annual Forage Insurance Plan to producers in Texas, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma and South Dakota.

Producers were allowed to use NAP coverage for 2014 annual forage crops because there was limited time for producers in the pilot states to transition from NAP to the new RMA pilot program. However, NAP coverage will not be available for 2015 annual forage crops used for mechanically harvested livestock feeds.

Knox County Hospital to add Coumadin Clinic

For The Knox County News-Courier

KNOX CITY — Anticoagulant medications are an important, often life saving, treatment option for millions of patients who have or are at risk for thromboembolic disease such as a blood clot. Some of the diseases which require Coumadin therapy are atrial fibrillation, deep vein thrombosis, and mechanical heart valves.

Because anticoagulants are designed to reduce the coagulant potential of the blood, these medications have one major downside: the increased risk of hemorrhage or bleeding.

A "Coumadin Clinic" or anticoagulation management services offers a proactive, focused and coordinated approach to manage anticoagulation. This practice setting can be defined as a specialized program of patient management focused exclusively on the management of oral anticoagulation.

The essential elements and general functions of the clinics are as follows:

- * Active rather than passive management;
- * A knowledgeable provider whose pri-

mary responsibility is to manage therapy;

- * An organized system of follow-up;
- * Rapid and reliable INR monitoring;
- * Good patient communication and education.

Results of many non-randomized retrospective studies have reported better outcomes in patients when anticoagulant therapy is managed by an anticoagulation clinic. The cost effectiveness of coordinated care is significant by reducing adverse events and the decreased use of hospital services.

The Knox County Hospital District is now proud to provide these services to our communities. Debra Sosolik, RN, FNP-C, is certified in anticoagulant management. She obtained certification in 2009 by the University of Southern Indiana. Under her direction, the "Coumadin Clinic" will be held every Wednesday from 8 a.m. until noon at the Knox City Clinic, and from 1-5 p.m. in the Munday clinic beginning Sept. 10.

Please contact the Knox City Clinic at 940-657-3906 or the Munday Clinic at 940-422-5271.

Rain falls in Knox County; Predictions for more this fall

By James McAfee
 The Knox County News-Courier

Knox County received some welcomed rain last week as the storm system moved through North Texas, receiving an inch and a half in Munday, two inches in Knox City and one inch in Benjamin.

There's more good news. The people making long-range forecasts - the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, AccuWeather, the Farmers' Almanac and the Old Farmers' Almanac - have looked in their crystal balls and see more rain coming to North Texas.

NOAA, the official government voice related to weather, sees a soggy Septem-

ber, October and November for North Texas with above average rainfall.

AccuWeather, a large forecasting company, points to the onset of El Nino this fall as bringing above-normal rainfall for the next four to five months.

The Farmers' Almanac, which correctly called the 2013 bitter winter, expects a "brisk and wet" fall for North Texas.

The Old Farmers' Almanac, which has been predicting weather for almost 200 years, agrees that September and October will be cooler with more rain likely.

With all the opportunities this fall, residents also hope that the Rolling Plains Water Improvement Association's cloud seeding program produces some results.

Benjamin council to meet on Sept. 11

For The News-Courier

BENJAMIN—The City of Benjamin will hold a meeting here on Sept. 11 to consider whether to allow Ranchland to sell beer. This was tabled at the last meeting.

Other items to be considered, according to City Secretary Tami Gaddis, are the tax rates and a step grant contract.

Football in Full Swing



Photo by Sheri Batty
Ryan Heard of Knox City grabs pass against Borden County



Photo by Zann Messer
Temerick Riggins brings down Windthorpe runner

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.

Special events for Fathers, grandparents

The Munday Elementary School invites all fathers to bring their child or children to school on Sept. 10 for National Father's Take Your Child to School Day. Fathers can enjoy breakfast and participate in a classroom activity. Grandparents are invited to Munday Elementary School on Sept. 12 for Goodies with Grandparents where they can share a special breakfast with their grandchildren.

Career Day set

GOREE—The Knox County Extension Office announces that Career Day is scheduled here Sept. 10 in the old high school. High school students will hear a variety of speakers from different professions and attend a college fair.

Revival scheduled

KNOX CITY—Eugene Bullard will conduct a revival at the First Baptist Church of Knox City starting Sunday and running through Wednesday. Services are scheduled at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday and at 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday.

Tourney cancelled

KNOX CITY—The Sept. 6-7 golf tournament at the Knox City Country Club has been cancelled. Play days will start at 5 p.m. Sept. 8. A three-person scramble is planned Sept. 27. Entry fee will be \$60 a team. Call 940 658-3911 after 6 p.m. to enter.

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, Mat'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 \$10 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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Republican candidates' rally set Sept. 20

For The News-Courier

KNOX CITY — The Knox County Republican Party will hold a kick-off rally for local candidates for the November general election at 10 a.m. Sept. 20 in the Bill Baker Auditorium at Knox City Elementary School.

Each candidate with an opponent will get a check from Jane Cansino, a member of the state committee.

Republican candidates are: County

Judge: Travis Floyd; Commissioner, Pct 1: Dan Godsey; Commissioner, Pct 4: Nathan Urbanczyk; County/District Clerk: Lisa Cypert; and Justice of the Peace: Augustine Rodriquez

Skeet Workman of Lubbock will speak on "Why I am a Republican" and Charles Perry, a candidate for Senate District 28, will also be on the program.

Refreshments will be served at 9:30 a.m. The public is invited.

USDA announces new support for beginning farmers and ranchers

For The News-Courier

Department Implementing New Farm Bill Programs, Unveiling New Centralized Online Resource to Support Next Generation of Farmers

USDA has announced the implementation of new Farm Bill measures and other policy changes to improve the financial security of new and beginning farmers and ranchers. USDA also unveiled www.usda.gov/newfarmers, a new website that will provide a centralized, one-stop resource where beginning farmers and ranchers can explore the variety of USDA initiatives designed to help them succeed.

USDA's www.usda.gov/newfarmers has in depth information for new farmers and ranchers, including: how to increase access to land and capital; build new market opportunities;

participate in conservation opportunities; select and use the right risk management tools; and access USDA education, and technical support programs. These issues have been identified as top priorities by new farmers. The website will also feature instructive case studies about beginning farmers who have successfully utilized USDA resources to start or expand their business operations.

Today's policy announcements in support of beginning farmers and ranchers include: • Waiving service fees for new and beginning farmers or ranchers to enroll in the Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for the 2014 crop year. NAP provides risk management tools to farmers who grow crops for which there is no crop insurance product. Under this waiver, announced via an official notice to Farm Service Agency offices, farmers and ranchers whom already enrolled in NAP for the 2014 crop year and certified to be a beginning farmer or social disadvantaged farmer are eligible for a service fee refund.

• Eliminating payment reductions under the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) for new and beginning farmers which will allow routine, prescribed,

and emergency grazing outside the primary nesting season on enrolled land consistent with approved conservation plans. Previously, farmers and ranchers grazing on CRP land were subject to a reduction in CRP payments of up to 25 percent. Waiving these reductions for new and beginning farmers will provide extra financial support during times of emergency like drought and other natural disasters.

• Increasing payment rates to beginning farmers and ranchers under Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP). Under this provision, beginning farmers can claim up to 90 percent of losses for lost livestock, such as bees, under ELAP. This is a fifty percent increase over previously available payment amounts to new and beginning farmers.

In the near future, USDA will also announce additional crop insurance program changes for beginning farmers and ranchers — including discounted premiums, waiver of administrative fees, and other benefits.

Additional information about USDA actions in support of beginning farmers and ranchers is available here.

The Paperboy A terrible way to watch someone die

Alzheimer's killed my father. Years before it killed him, it took his mind from us.

It's a horrible experience. As the victims of Alzheimer's get worse, family members are left with a different person void of a lifetime of memories you shared together.



CHRIS BLACKBURN

Alzheimer's scares the hell out of those of us that have had immediate family members die from it. So much so that I have asked people to that if I get it, shove me off a cliff.

I do not want my wife and children to experience nor do I want to live like that. I'd much rather be in the arms of the Lord.

For those of you are not sure what exactly Alzheimer's is - this will help:

• Alzheimer's is the most common form of dementia.

• Alzheimer's is not a normal part of aging. Alzheimer's worsens over time. Alzheimer's has no current cure, but treatments for symptoms are available and research continues.

Alzheimer's Facts:

• More than 5 million Americans are living with the disease.

• Every 67 seconds someone in the United States develops Alzheimer's.

• Alzheimer's disease is the 6th leading cause of death in the United States.

• There are approximately 500,000 people dying each year because they have Alzheimer's.

• 1 in 3 seniors dies with Alzheimer's or another dementia.

• In 2013, 15.5 million caregivers provided an estimated 17.7 billion hours of unpaid care valued at more than \$220 billion.

Women are at the epicenter of the Alzheimer's epidemic:

• In her 60s, a woman's estimated lifetime risk for developing Alzheimer's is 1 in 6. For breast cancer it is 1 in 11.

• There are 2.5 times more women than men providing intensive "on-duty" care 24 hours a day for someone with Alzheimer's.

• Almost two-thirds of Americans with Alzheimer's are women.

• More than 60 percent of Alzheimer's and dementia caregivers are women.

I will be participating again in our local Walk to End Alzheimer's October 11 at Fair Park in Childress. Other "walks" take place throughout the U.S. in September and October.

If you're like me, and I know many of you are, you're mad and scared and are really praying for a cure. So let's do our part and help get one!

Go to <http://www.alz.org> for more information.

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The Garden Bug

Pine cones indicate moisture

Pine cones contain the seeds of the pine tree on which they grow. Cones have been observed as "opening" when weather conditions are dry, and "closing" when the air becomes moist.

The exact reason why is not fully understood, but it is thought to affect the dispersal of seed from the cones. In folklore, closed cones indicate that rain is coming.

- Brenda Weaver
Source: www.museumoftheearth.org

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Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

Well if, when you awoke this morning and caught the aroma of smoke then opened the door and looked out only to see a cloud of smoke hovering over the city, then you are not alone. It was a topic of conversation for several hours, and when we found out it was not someone's home, we all rested easier. Initial reports of what caused the fire was the hay in the tin barn across from the Ex-Students' Building had ignited, probably from heat and humidity combined. Not sure how much was lost, but whatever it was, it's costly. The firemen spent several hours attempting to extinguish it, and by mid morning things were pretty well under control. And that's good to report.

Football News

Under the Friday night lights the county teams fared pretty well the first week. Benjamin played Knox City Junior Varsity on Thursday night, and although the lightning and rain stopped the game, the local Mustangs were ahead 14-0 in the second quarter. Some say it would have been different had it gone four quarters. Well, I guess we'll never know, but when it was stopped, we were ahead. And to quote some of the Mustang fans, "that purple and white sure looked good on the field after us not having a team since 2010."

Munday also won, beating Windthorst, but Knox City Varsity was defeated by Borden County. The season is young, and it will all improve as the time passes.

Ex-Student News

The Benjamin Ex-Student Association met August 26. The new president, Beverly Tolson Strickland called the meeting to order. The new members of the board are Tom Moorhouse, Penny Spikes Eaton, Michele Bufkin Brown, Shannon Ryder Propps, and Dylan Benson. Mitchel Welch, who was elected secretary when the new officers were selected, turned in his resignation, saying he just didn't have enough time to devote to the position. Janice Daniel Tolson was appointed to fill that vacancy. The board also voted to make improvements in both the men's and women's bathrooms. The new prices for renting the building are for an ex-student with dues paid and the event is a dance, the cost is \$300. Just for a meeting when no dance is held--\$250. For a half day, it is \$200. For non ex-students, the cost for a dance is \$400, meeting with no dance--\$350, and half day--\$250. The deposit on all rentals is \$300. To rent the building, call Beverly Strickland at

940-207-0005 or BJ Country Store at 940-459-2009. We have a lot of students going to school here from area towns and invite all the parents of these students to become members of the Ex-Student Association. After all, one day their children will be ex-students. To pay dues contact Joy Lynn Lyles Pool at 806-632-3935.

Here 'N There

Mike Young came home last Tuesday after several months (almost a year) in HMC in Abilene. He's doing pretty well. Tires easily, but he's so happy to be home he just wants to be "up and doing" around his house all the time.

Lynn and Michael Rogers, Kaylie and Madilyn of Snyder, and Brandon and Jessica Hutchinson and Noah of Abilene spent the weekend with the girls' parents, Mike and Debi Moorhouse. On Monday afternoon they all attended a birthday party for Weston Herring in Munday. Weston is the son of Liz and Nathan Herring, and he turned four on Monday.

Diane Evans and Ashlee of Childress spent Monday with me.

I had such a nice visit with Parker and Janice Johnson New on Saturday night. They live at Pipe Creek, near San Antonio and were in the area for the Gilliland Reunion. Janice has had some health problems but is much better and vows to be back for the Munday Homecoming. We surely do hope they can make it.

I visited by phone with former classmates Joan Sokora Blake and Jonnye Matthews Yandell last week and learned that neither one will be able to attend the homecoming this year due to health reasons. I was very disappointed but realize when anyone does not feel well, the best place to be is at home.

Laura and Dicky McCanlies were in Wichita Falls during the weekend to help their daughter, Jenna Copeland, and her family, husband Jeff, and children, Cooper and Kayden, move. They had been living in an apartment and moved to a house with a nice yard for the children to play, so they were all excited about that.

Our friends, George and Jane Fort of Belton, are back in the area for a few days visit. They have bought the Harold Barry place at Truscott and spend a lot of time making repairs, remodeling, and doing all the things you do with a project such as that. We always enjoy seeing them when they come our way.

If for some reason you have misplaced (or never had) a football and volleyball schedule for the year, it is as follows:

2014 Jh and varsity volleyball schedule

August 26	@Vernon Northside	T.B.D
September 13	@Woodson	10am
September 20	vs. Albany	10am
September 23	@ Hawley	5/6pm *Jh plays first
September 27	vs. Moran	10am
September 30	@Munday	5pm
October 4	vs. Knox City	10am
October 7	vs. Woodson	5pm/6pm
October 14	@Albany	5pm/6pm
October 18	vs. Hawley	10am
October 21	@ Moran	5pm/6pm
October 25	vs. Munday	10am
October 28	@ Knox City	5pm/6pm

*Bold denotes home game

H.S. Football Schedule 2014

August 22 nd	@ Rule (Scrimmage)	6pm
August 28 th	@ Knox City J.V.	7pm
September 5 th	vs. Paint Creek	7pm
September 12 th	vs. W.F. Notre Dame	6pm
September 18 th	@ Paint Creek	7pm
September 25 th	vs. Patton Springs	7pm
October 3 rd	vs. Rule	7pm
October 9 th	@ Patton Springs	7pm
October 24 th	@Harold	7:30pm
October 31 st	vs. Chillicothe	7:30pm
November 7 th	@Northside	7:30pm

J.H. 2014 Football Schedule

September 4th	@ Abilene Christian	5:30pm
September 18 th	@ Paint Creek	5:30pm
September 25th	vs. Patton Springs	5:30pm
October 2 nd	@Rule	5:30pm
October 9th	@ Patton Springs	5:30pm
October 24th	@ Harrold	5pm
October 30 th	@ Chillicothe	6pm
November 6 th	vs. Northside	5:30pm

NOTICE OF 2014 TAX YEAR PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR KNOX CITY

A tax rate of \$ 0.65808 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of
KNOX CITY

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$ <u>0.65808</u> per \$100
PRECEDING YEAR'S TAX RATE	\$ <u>0.70742</u> per \$100
EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	\$ <u>0.65808</u> per \$100

The effective tax rate is the total tax rate needed to raise the same amount of property tax revenue for
KNOX CITY from the same properties in both the 2013
tax year and the 2014 tax year.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE RATES CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

$$\text{property tax amount} = (\text{rate}) \times (\text{taxable value of your property}) / 100$$

For assistance or detailed information about tax calculations, please contact:

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Small Taxing Unit Notice

The Knox County Hospital District will hold a meeting at 7:00 p.m. on September 8, 2014 at the Knox City Clinic Conference Room, 712 South 5th Street, Knox City, Texas 79529 to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2014. The proposed tax rate is \$0.33996 per \$100 of value

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 DeVile, Mayor

Date: _____

The 501

Tiny houses are in. I saw it on a Facebook among cat videos and National Dog Day tributes to everyone's canines.

For that matter, you could say the tiny homes are glorified doghouses, but they're really closer to fairy tale cottages.



HANABA MUNN WELCH

That's not to say the typical prototypical tiny house proposed for mass production to house the homeless (almost a tongue-twister) looks that much like a gingerbread cottage. The little houses are generally clean-lined and rather stark. Keep 'em cheap. They're still inherently cute.

I'm thinking especially of the type house for the homeless being eyed by powers that be in Portland, Ore. A one-pitch roof shades a porch, and corner posts are painted red. It's got upper porch windows that resemble transom windows on old commercial buildings. They probably even open.

Yea!

That's the trouble with city living. If you open ground level windows, somebody can crawl in and kill you. I myself preferred living upstairs when I lived alone in New Orleans. Opening windows seemed less dangerous. Also, the greater the distance to the ground, the fewer the roaches. I'm guessing one reason the porch windows on the tiny house are up high is to discourage entry by any living being.

No doubt the designers have tried to think of absolutely everything. No doubt they haven't. Nothing beats getting something off the drawing board to discover what doesn't work. I'm thinking of those huge mid-century housing projects built in Chicago. People who lived in them tended to take care of their own spaces. It was the areas like hallways that got trashed. I think I read that in the "Saturday Evening Post" in the early 1960s. I could be wrong. But it makes sense. We tend to take pride when we take ownership. A common area is no man's land.

So when someone who's been homeless gets a chance to live in his or her own tiny little house, why

shouldn't it work out? Who wouldn't want to cherish and care for one of those charming little abodes?

The tiny houses are finding other niche markets too. One pro-tiny house organization suggests they make good home offices and perfect housing for the adult child who comes home to live. (It happens.) A tiny house also makes a good flat for an elderly person. Most tiny houses can be transported elsewhere easily, giving new meaning to shipping your mother-in-law to a different child.

As for the elderly, maybe tiny houses are the answer for anyone who wants to move to a cushy retirement village but can't afford it.

If I outlive my husband or even if I don't, I think a tiny house on our alley might be just right. When all you get to do is look out a window, the alley is the place to be. It's where the suspicious-looking types walk by.

In fact, I'm thinking the front porch could face the alley. In lieu of retiring in luxury, I'm thinking a little danger could be fun.

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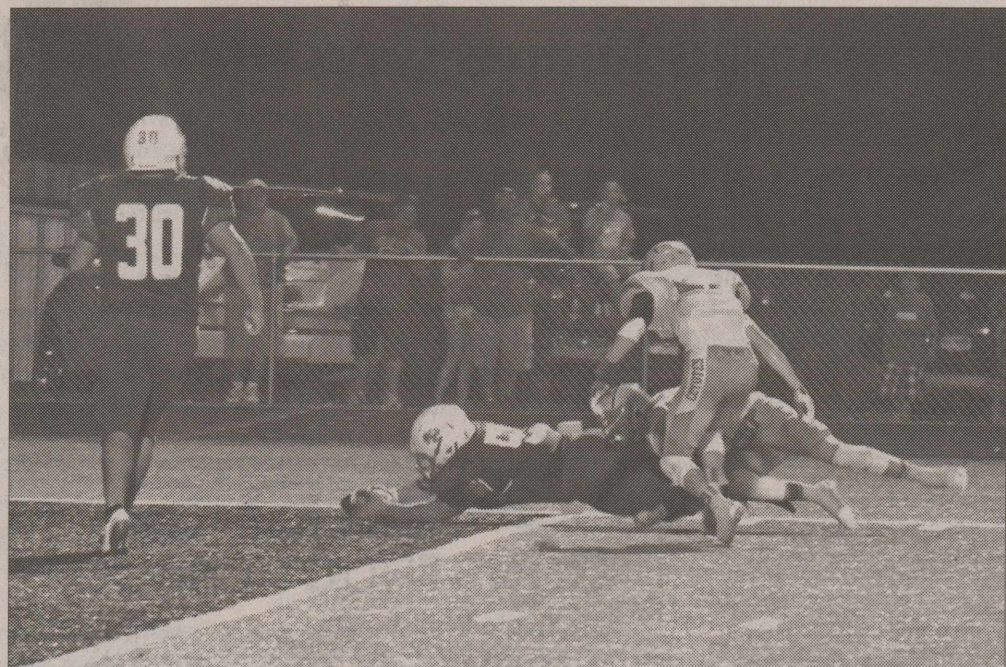
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Zach Rodriquez stretches across the goal line for the touchdown against Borden County.

Greyhounds fall to Borden

Special to The News-Courier

JAYTON — Coach Charles Steele was pleased with the effort of his Knox City Greyhounds in a 78-45 setback here Friday at the hands of No. 4-ranked Borden in the 2014 season-opener.

"We had to refocus after the scrimmages and turn up the intensity in the weight room and on the practice field," Steele said. "I think we responded very well. Playing a team like Borden County the first game of the year for a young team like ours could backfire on us, but our kids responded and were in the game 'til late in the third quarter. We showed a lot of heart and character fighting 'til the very end."

Steele also felt that some players stepped up in leadership roles during the game and proved themselves.

Knox City jumped off to a 14-0 lead on a pair of touchdown passes from Jacoby Thomas to Ryan Heard, who finished the night with five catches for 116 yards and another touchdown.

After 26 unanswered points, Christian Abila scored from 24 yards. Then the Greyhounds managed to stay close at 34-33 on a 48-yard pass from Elias Nevarez to Heard and a 15-yard run by Thomas. Borden pulled away late, but Knox City added two more TDs on a 15-yard pass from Thomas to Rodriguez and a 47-yard run by Thomas, who finished the night with 140 yards rushing. Abila added 111 yards.

Players of the week were Zach Rodriguez, big hit and special team; Thomas, offense; and Nevarez, defense.

There's no rest for the Greyhounds this week as they go up against previously No. 8-ranked Water Valley, upset 72-56 by Blum last week, as 17-point underdogs.

District 8-1A

Standings

Team	W	L	Pts	Opp
Crowell	1	0	72	6
Rotan	1	0	81	52
Knox City	0	1	45	78
Aspermont	0	1	36	58

Last week's scores

Borden County 78, Knox City 45; Crowell 72, Abilene Christian 6; Rotan 81, Sands 52; Westbrook 58, Aspermont 36

Amber Waves



by Dave T. Phipps

Houndettes playing together as team

For The News-Courier

KNOX CITY — Coach Brenna Hoegger likes the way her Knox City Houndettes have started playing together as a volleyball team and having more fun in the process.

"They're doing a better job of communicating with each other," she said. "I'm really happy with their work ethics and it is beginning to show on the court."

The Houndettes scored a 21-25, 25-

14, 25-21, 25-22 win over Paducah on the road last week to improve their season record to 7-2.

Hoegger pointed out that freshman Brooke Jones has stepped up her game. "She's hitting better and has more confidence," the coach added.

The Houndettes were scheduled to host Newcastle on Tuesday and will play in the Post Tournament Thursday and Saturday.

Lightning stops game with Benjamin ahead

By James McAfee

The Knox City News-Courier

KNOX CITY — Lightning forced officials to halt the Benjamin-Knox City junior varsity football game here Thursday night with three minutes remaining in the first half.

The Mustangs, returning to the gridiron after three years, led 14-0 despite running only six offensive plays as compared to 20 for the young Greyhounds.

"I think we can build off this experience," said Coach Jacob Navarro. "Our defense bent, but didn't break, making a lot of good tackles."

Freshman Kaleb Whittle scored both of Benjamin's touchdowns. The first came when he forced a fumble and returned it into the end zone. The second one came on a seven-yard pass from Justin Rainwater.

Several other six-man games had to be stopped by the weather, but Navarro indicated he wasn't sure if the games were considered official unless both coaches came to an agreement.

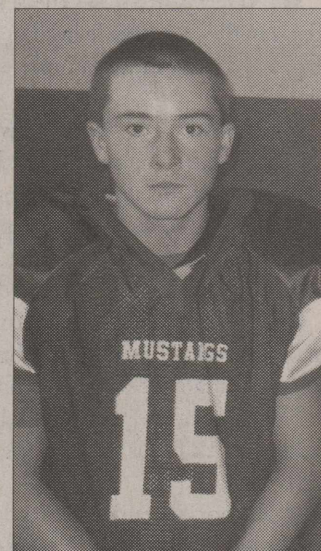
Lincoln Strickland suffered a sprained ankle in pre-game drills, but managed to play. However, Navarro thinks he may be sidelined for Friday's 7 p.m. game at Ben Grill Stadium in Benjamin against Paint Creek, which suffered an 83-62 setback to Woodson last week.

11-1A Standings

Team	W	L	Pts	Opp
Benjamin	1	0	14	0
Chillicothe	0	1	40	54
Harrold	0	1	33	41
Northside	0	1	0	78

Last week's scores

Benjamin 14, Knox City JV 0; Guthrie 78, Northside 0; Saint Jo 41, Harrold 33; Blanket 54, Chillicothe 40



Kaleb Whittle of Benjamin.

Stangs fall to Northside

For The News-Courier

VERNON — The Benjamin volleyball team put up a valiant effort in its opening volleyball game, but dropped a 15-25, 16-25, 25-23, 25-22, 8-15 decisions to the Lady Indians from Northside last week.

Coach Jacob Navarro was pleased with the effort of the Stangs and planned to continue to stress fundamentals as they prepared for the start of District 6-2A play Sept. 13 at Woodson.

Trailing 23-21 in the third game and on the verge of defeat, sophomore Hayden King served for four straight points. With a 23-22 edge in the fourth game, she then served for the final two points.

Navarro also pointed out that senior Kelsey Brown had a strong performance and is expected to provide leadership for her younger teammates.

Navarro added that he lost one possible prospect when Leanna Magee transferred to Munday High School.

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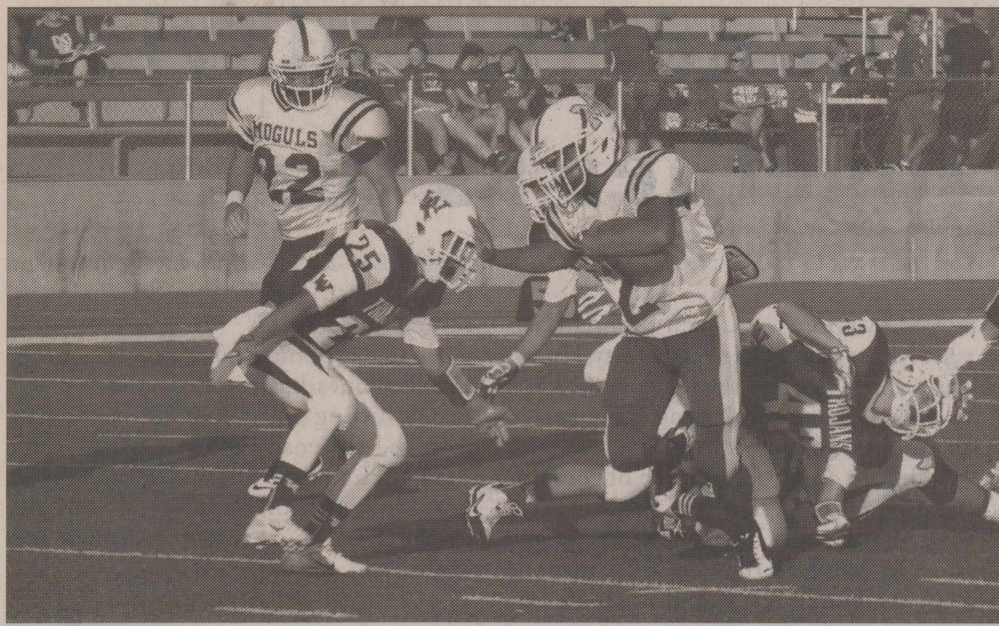
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Zann Messer for the News-Courier

Day'veon Dockins runs for short gain before getting injured.

Moguls outlast Trojans, 35-31

By James McAfee
The Knox County News-Courier

WINDTHORST — The season-opening battle between the two winningest teams in North Texas in the past decade lived up to expectations as the Munday Moguls outscored the Windthorst Trojans, 35-31, in a wild offensive game where the teams combined for 823 yards here Friday night.

Coach Patrick Corcoran was pleased with the way his players played hard for four quarters. "Early conditioning paid off as the kids stepped up to make plays late," he said. "This allowed us to win. Our kids are always hustling, realizing a play is not over to the whistle blows."

Holding to its final margin in the last minute, defensive end Temerick Riggins came up with a big sack with the Trojans at the Moguls' 37, throwing Windthorst quarterback Chandler King for a 16-yard loss. Time ran out after the next play.

Another key play came earlier in the fourth quarter when tackle Juan Rangel, hustling downfield, made a clearing block at the Windthorst 11 that allowed Alfonso Nunez to complete a 50-yard run. Reagins caught a pass from Holt Bivens for two points that gave the Moguls a 26-25 lead.

"That was huge," Corcoran said. "We teach our linemen from Day 1 that they have to get downfield to block for us to make big plays and Rangel is the type who is going to hustle to make that play."

Windthorst regained the lead when King found Avery Blagg for a 49-yard touchdown pass. Dee Hemphill blocked the point after kick and Reagins returned it all the way for two points for the Moguls.

Staying mainly on the ground, the Moguls drove for the winning touchdown, finished off by a two-yard run by Zac Huffman, who took over more of the running duties for the last three quarters when Day'veon Dockins hurt his knee and had to go to sidelines for last three quarters. Huffman finished the night with 95 yards while Nunez had 140 of the Moguls' total of 296.

Corcoran added that putting up big rushing yardage was the staff's plan. "That's what we do best," he said.

Although rushing for 194 yards in the first half, the Moguls had trouble getting into the end zone as the Trojans' defense came up with big plays in the red zone. The Moguls broke the ice with nine seconds left in the half on a 17-yard Nunez to Heath Bivens pass.

The Moguls claimed the lead on a seven-yard run by Hemphill in the third quarter and moved back even at the end of three quarters when Nunez connected with Reagins for a 56-yard TD pass. Nunez finished with 5 of 15 passes for 101 yards.

As the Moguls prepare for game on the road against Stamford on Friday, the status of Dockins along with Victor Perez, also a knee injury, will not be known until Thursday. Stamford, winners of the last two state titles in its division, lost 36-34 to Class 3A Holliday.

District 7-2A

Team	W	L	Pts	Opp
Munday	1	0	35	31
Hamlin	1	0	47	21
Seymour	1	0	20	12
Electra	0	1	6	35
Petrolia	0	1	14	52
Haskell	0	1	16	26

Last week's results:

Munday 35, Windthorst 31; Hamlin 47, Anson 21; Seymour 20, Memphis 12; Henrietta 35, Electra 6; Archer City 52, Petrolia 14, Grape Creek 26, Haskell 16 (called at halftime)

Mogulettes improve record to 11-6

For the News-Courier

MUNDAY — The Munday volleyball team found playing schools more like it in size to their liking as they scored three wins last week to improve its record to 11-6.

The Mogulettes beat the Wichita Falls Heat, 19-25, 25-16, 15-12 and Wichita Falls Christian, 25-22, 25-17, in Wichita Falls Tuesday.

Coach Kim Kuehler changed her rotation a little, getting Raci Dillard and Skylar Gomez opposite each other and felt that made a big difference.

Dillard had 16 kills and 11 digs against the Heat while Gomez had five kills and was 26-for-26 on hits. Kimberly Shahan had nine digs.

Against Wichita Falls Christian, Dillard had three aces, seven kills and five digs while Gomez

had six aces and seven kills. Denise Arajo did a good job of subbing for an ill Maria Vegas as the setter, getting 12 assists and three aces.

The Mogulettes then scored a 25-16, 25-18, 26-24 on the road at Paducah. Dilliard had 13 kills and

four blocks while Gomez had two aces and four kills. Freshman Kristen Kuehler contributed three kills and one block.

Munday was scheduled to play at Jacksboro Tuesday and then compete in the Post Tournament Thursday and Saturday.

Salinas second at Burkburnett

For the News-Courier

BURKBURNETT — Janie Salinas of Munday High School finished second in the Perkins Invitational Cross Country here Thursday, posting a time of 13:45.

"Anything under 14 is good for that particular course," said Coach Corey Stephenson.

Competing against larger schools, Stephenson felt running here was chance for his runners to get in a little more conditioning. "That's what I am looking for as it will set a standard for future runs," he said.

Stephenson added that he will be looking for improvements when his runners compete Saturday at the Seymour Invitational.

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Mac's Views

It's never too early to start planning, especially when it involves a major project like the "energy farms" planned by Tulsa, Okla.-based Millennium here in Knox County. A tip of the hat to Judge Travis Floyd and Jimi Coplen of the Knox County Visionary Group for putting together a town hall meeting last Thursday at the Perry Patton Center to provide citizens with an update of plans although the project could be year or two years away. More than 50 attended. (See complete report on the meeting on Pg. 1)



JAMES MCAFEE

One of the concerns with the energy farms coming to the county will be the availability of potable water. After four years of a lake-decimating drought, the lake level at Miller Creek Reservoir is very low. Benjamin, Knox City and Munday along with Haskell have received grants to drill water wells to help. Prospects for more rain this fall could help raise the level of Miller Creek.

Another concern will be the availability of places to live, although "man camps" will be likely for some of the temporary workers. Steve Peppers is ahead of the curve in Knox City as he caters to oilfield workers with a variety of housing options. It's going to be worthwhile to tear down some of the

abandoned homes. I'm sure that is good news for Karen Logan of Keep Munday Beautiful.

Speaking of the Logans, Bill had hip replacement surgery in Wichita Falls last week and is recovering at home. Since I had knee replacement done three years ago, I can just recommend to Bill that he works hard with therapist in rehab to get maximum results.

Well, my wife Betty and I have officially joined the ranks as residents of Knox County, having moved into a three-bedroom just across the street from the First Baptist Church of Munday as of Monday.

We're grateful to the Munday Church of Christ members who assisted us in this endeavor. It took the men less than an hour to unload the truck and the ladies gave my wife a helping hand cleaning the house and assisting her get things organized. In addition, we were greeted with a "pounding" Sunday between services, receiving all kinds of things we will need in the near future.

Special thanks go to Dan and Becky Offutt for their hospitality, providing a bedroom for the past three weeks, and to Ronnie White of Benjamin for going the extra step to help me get the truck back to Abilene. He and Pete Rocha drove to Vernon also to assist with unloading things for our daughter.

With all the confusion about a non-district football game's result when it has to be stopped by lightning as it did last week, I wonder why the University



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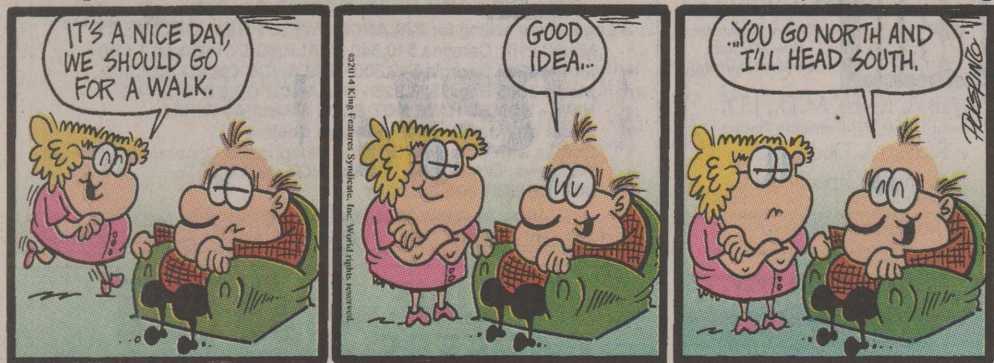
Betty McAfee shows off gifts from Munday Church of Christ.

Interscholastic League does not have a rule to cover such situations. Sometimes a decision can be reached when both coaches agree, but obviously there were cases where this didn't happen. Of course, district games are another matter. Schools usually find a way to re-schedule when a stoppage occurs.

Perry Kuehler reminds all classes, businesses and organizations to start working on their floats for the parade during Munday Homecoming Sept. 26-27. In addition, I would like to hear from exes about possible interesting stories that I can share with the readers in advance of all the activities.

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



Small Taxing Unit Notice

The City of Knox City will hold a meeting at 5:30 PM on September 9, 2014 at Knox City City Hall, Knox City, Texas to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2014. The proposed tax rate is **\$0.65808** per \$100 of value. The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in the City of Knox City by 0%.

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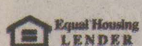
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