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Heavy early voting reported in Knox County

By James McAfee
The Knox County News-Courier

BENJAMIN—The turnout for early voting here at the Knox County Courthouse continued at a brisk pace heading into the final day on Friday.

"We're running way ahead on mail-in and early voting," said District Court Clerk Annette Offutt on Tuesday. "The contested races here in the county has a lot to do with it."

Other voters will cast their ballots on Tuesday with polls opening at 7 a.m. and closing at 7 p.m.

Here is where you can vote:
Precinct 101, Knox City Aging Center;
Precinct 201, Benjamin Memorial Building;
Precinct 202, Knox City Aging Center;
Precinct 301, Munday City Hall;
Precinct 302, Vera Community Center;
Precinct 401: Munday Commu-

nity Center. There are two contested races for county offices, judge and county clerk. Incumbent republican Travis Floyd of Munday will go up against Pct. 2 commissioner Charles Griffith of Benjamin for judge. Current district court clerk Offutt, democrat from Munday, faces competition from her deputy clerk Lisa Cypert, republican from Munday.

In Precincts 201 and 202, voters will decide between republican Daniel Godsey of Knox City, a former commissioner, and democrat Kim Sealy of Benjamin.

In Precinct 401, voters will choose between republican Nathan Urbanczyk of Goree and democrat Robert Bowen of Munday.

Rosie Ake of Munday and Augustin (Augie) Rodriguez of Knox City are running unopposed as county treasurer and justice of the peace, respectively.

In Precincts 201 and 302, there will be a separate ballot for voters in Truscott and Vera to cast ballots

to ratify the Crowell ISD's adopted tax rate of 1.17.

On the state level, voters have to decide between Republican Greg Abbott, currently the Texas Attorney General, and Democrat Wendy Davis to become the next governor. Also on the ballot are Libertarian Kathie Green and Green party candidate Brandon Parmer.

Candidates from the two major parties for Lieutenant Governor are Republican Dan Patrick and Democrat Letica Van de Putte. They are joined on the ballot by Robert Butler and Chandranatha Courtney.

Republican Ken Paxton is running against Democrat Sam Houston along with Jamie Balagia and Jamar Osborne for Attorney General.

For Comptroller of Public Accounts, the candidates are Glenn Hegar, Mike Collier, Ben Sanders and Deb Shafto.

George P. Bush, John Cook, Justin Knight and Valerie Alessi are the candidates for Commissioner

of the General Land Office.

The candidates for Commissioner of Agriculture are Sid Miller, Jim Hogan, David Palmquist and Kenneth Kendrick.

For Railroad Commissioner, Ryan Sitton, Steve Brown, Mark Miller and Martina Salinas are candidates.

In addition, voters will decide justices for the Supreme Court and judges for the Court of Criminal Appeal.

On the federal level, Republican incumbent Sen. John Coroy is opposed by Democrat David Alameel, Libertarian Rebecca Padlock and Green Party candidate Emily Sanchez while District 13 Rep. Mac Thornberry, a Republican, is facing off against Democrat Mike Minter, Libertarian Emily Pivoda and Green party candidate Don Cook.

Voters will also make a decision on proposition 1, pertaining to transferring money from the rainy day fund to assist in highway construction and projects.

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.

Veterans Day program

BENJAMIN—A Veterans Day program will be held Nov. 11 at the Knox County Veterans Memorial here. Albums of veterans can be viewed from 9-11 a.m. and from 1-2 p.m. A hamburger lunch costing \$8 will be held at the Benjamin Ex-Students Building.

Trick-or-treating plans

Halloween is celebrated Friday, but here in Texas football games sometimes take center stage on Friday nights. Munday announced plans for kids to go trick-or-treating on Saturday. Benjamin first reported a similar plan, but changed it back to Friday when the football game was cancelled. Knox City plans to go ahead with it on Friday night despite a big football game against Crowell.

Chicken dinner Nov. 7

MUNDAY—The Munday High freshman class will hold a chicken dinner from 5-6:30 p.m. Nov. 7 prior to the football game with Haskell as a fundraiser. Adults pay \$10, children 20 and under pay \$5.

Christmas poinsettias

The Noah Project - North is now taking orders for their Christmas poinsettias for the same price as last year, \$12.50 each or \$25 each for the dressed ones. Call the Noah office at 940 864-2551 to place your order. Delivery will be Dec. 4-6.

Call 911 or sheriff,

KNOX CITY—Mayor Kent Deville reminds residents of Knox City, or Knox County, in need of police assistance that they should call 911 or the sheriff's office at 940 459-2211. "This will insure that you receive the quickest, safest assistance as possible," he said. "Please do not call officers directly."

Turkey Trot

Runners thinking of entering the Community Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving Day need to be making preparations. Cash prizes will be given in six divisions—overall male and female, 12-18 boy and girl and 12 and under boy and girl.

Corrections

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

Munday residents reminded about what can go in dumpsters

MUNDAY—City administrator Ricky Ake reports that numerous complaints have been received from residents and the garbage service provider about the use of the garbage receptacles in the city. So he thought it might be worth reminding everyone about what can and can't be placed in the dumpsters.

Here's what is allowed—household garbage and refuse, including paper, newspaper, cardboard, plastic bottles, glass containers, tin and aluminum cans, food and food scraps.

Here's what is not allowed, including on the ground around the dumpster—grass clippings, tree trimmings, limbs or wood, building materials (lumber, dry wall paneling, sheet metal, concrete, bricks), household furniture (chairs, couches, tables, mattresses, bedding, carpet) and dirt or rocks.

"The dumpsters are used by more than one resident and your thoughtfulness and respect to your fellow citizen is urged," Ake said, adding that the city of Munday offers no cost or low cost remedies for the items not allowed. "Just call 940 422-4331," he added.

Ake also pointed out that dumping of any material on city property, including the city lake, park, yard, drainage ditch or recycling center, without permission is illegal. "It could result in a fine or confinement in jail or both," he said. "We will be monitoring for illegal dumping. Please do your part as it costs your tax dollars, either city, county or state, to clean these areas up."

Rain-producing El Nino hasn't arrived yet

While drought conditions in parts of Texas seem to be easing, Knox County and the surrounding area still remain in extreme or exceptional drought and no relief appears likely with no moisture expected until later next month.

The U.S. Drought Monitor map released last week showed more than 51 percent of the state is out of drought, up from about 42 percent three months ago.

Forecasters have been waiting for El Nino, a flow of warm surface waters from the Pacific Ocean toward and along the western coast of

South America, to change rain and temperature patterns even here in Texas for several months.

They haven't completely given up hope because of higher temperatures in the tropical Pacific creating warm waters below the surface, but see it now as being later and weaker than first expected.



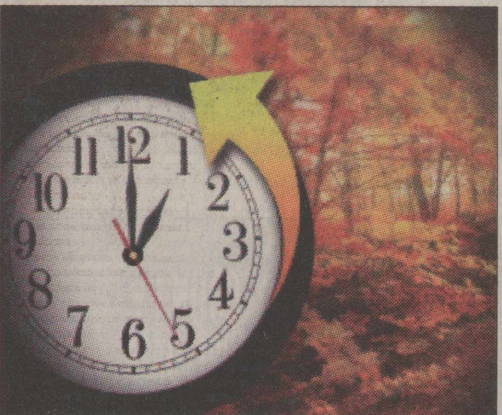
Cotton harvesting started



James McAfee/The Knox City News-Courier
Cotton harvesting started earlier this week. The area gins are prepared for a busy season as all indications point to a bumper crop with rain falling at just the right time.

Turn back your clocks

Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday at 2 a.m. That means you set your clocks back one hour when you go to bed Saturday night.



Daylight Saving Time (DST) was probably a good idea when it started. But a lot of people now argue that it has outlived its

usefulness, a relic of an age of wartime concerns and weak power plants.

Hawaii and Arizona do not use it and several other states were talking about following their lead.

The original purpose of DST varies depending on where it was adopted. Germany and Austria-Hungary first used it in 1916 to conserve coal during World War I. Various countries have adopted it and dropped it again and again when they reasoned that it was necessary to help their energy consumption needs. The energy crisis of the 1970s saw several countries dust it off again.

In general, most people seem to hate it. Farmers particularly wish it gone. When DST kicks in each year, the "spring forward" stage, it elicits groans from anyone with an alarm clock. When it ends, the "fall back" side, it never quite seems to even things out.

Sports Calendar

Thursday, Oct. 30
Knox City JV football vs. Crowell at O'Brien, 6:30 p.m.
Munday 7/8 football vs. Seymour, 5 p.m.
Munday JV football vs. Seymour, 6:30

Friday, Oct. 31
Munday varsity football at Seymour, 7 p.m.
Knox City varsity football at Crowell, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 4
Munday volleyball vs. Archer City in bi-district

at Vernon High School, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 6
Knox City JV football at Rotan, 6:30 p.m.
Munday 7/8 football at Haskell, 5 p.m.
Munday JV football vs. Haskell, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 7
Munday varsity football vs. Haskell, 7 p.m.
Knox City varsity football vs. Rotan, 7:30 p.m.
Benjamin varsity football at Northside, 7:30 p.m.

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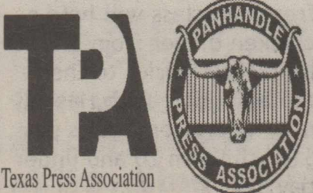
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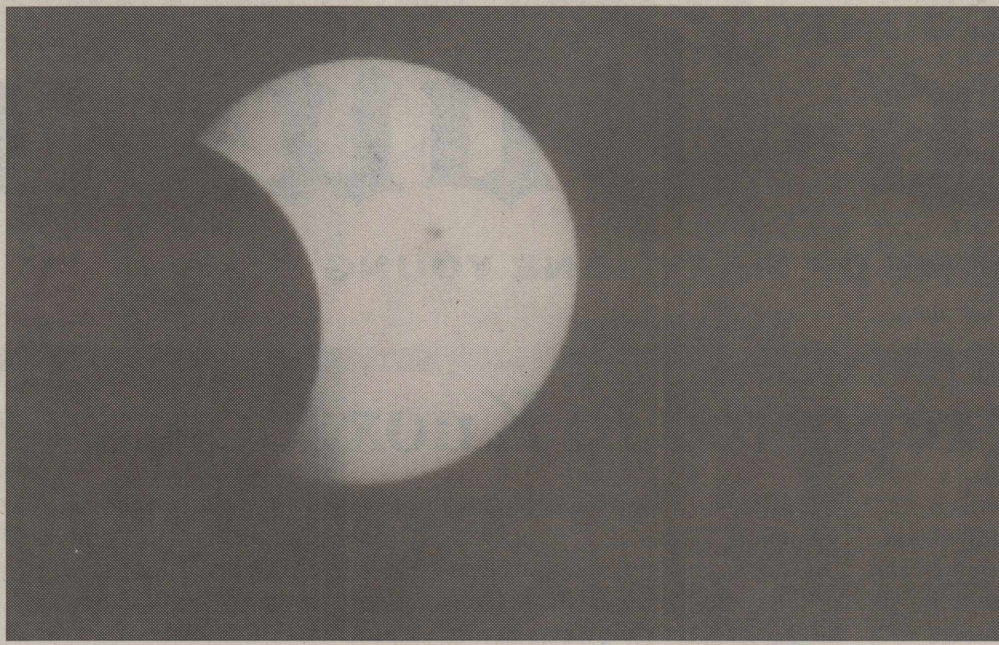
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Randy Duke of Throckmorton took the photo by pointing his telescope toward the sun, letting the scope's eyepiece shine on to a sheet of white plastic...

Ag Field Day

KNOX CITY—Fourth graders from Benjamin, Knox City and Munday learned about the importance of agriculture in Knox County...

Students learned about safety around the farm, saw the mobile learning barn, did a live milking, learned about horses, practiced their roping skills...

Knox City Honor Roll

1st Grade-Avery Abila, Jaiden Alligood, Liliana Alvarez, Jaden Baxter, Colton Cox, Juliana Flores, Savannah Friddle, K'Lee Grimsley...

4th Grade-Kwame Collins, Aiden Loper, Gage Morrow.

A-B 1st Grade-Abbey Abila, Cordell Collins, Gilbert Morelos, Crystal Sanchez.

2nd Grade-Reyna Alvarez, Ryder Antilley, Railee Arrieta, Bailey Castorena, Creed Coker, Gaven Favor, Gabby Hoegger, Hayden Kurtz, Jaydon Perez, Marlana Rowan, Vicente Samano, Blake Sanchez, Savanna Smith.

3rd Grade-D'Nae Alvarado, Caleb Arrieta, Tristin Baxter, Devin Guillory, Lane Hicks, Wayland Isbell, Juan Rojas.

4th Grade-Gabby Espinal, Kylie Favor, Ella Hunter, Devon Martinez, Alize Morelos, Becca Ruiz, Emili Sanders.

School Menus

Munday CISD School menus Nov. 3-7

- Breakfast (slushy, juice and milk included) Monday: Pork sausage biscuit, Fruit Loops, fresh apple, mixed fruit, honey graham. Tuesday: Biscuit & sausage w/gravy, Lucky Charms, fresh banana, sour green applesauce, honey graham. Wednesday: Breakfast pancake wrap, Cinnamon Toast Crunch w/sausage, fresh grapes, cinnamon apple slices. Thursday: Golden waffles w/syrup, Cocoa Puffs, fresh watermelon, peaches, honey graham. Friday: Breakfast pizza, Trix, fresh banana, strawberry applesauce, honey graham.

- Lunch (blue slushy and milk included) Monday: Grilled chicken sandwich or energy meal w/bologna & cheese, sweet corn, green beans, mixed fruit, fresh apple. Tuesday: State Fair corn dog, or energy meal w/turkey & cheese, glazed carrots, pork & beans, fresh banana, sour green applesauce. Wednesday: Soft chicken fajita tacos or energy meal w/ham & cheese, Mexicali corn, lettuce topping, cinnamon apples slices, fresh grapes. Thursday: Chicken tenders or energy meal w/tuna salad, peppered gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, peaches, fresh watermelon. Friday: Pepperoni pizza or energy meal w/Po Boy, sweet tater tots, baked beans, strawberry applesauce.

Knox City-O'Brien CISD School menus Nov. 3-7

- Breakfast (milk and juice included daily) Monday: Pork sausage biscuit or Fruit Loops cereal bowl, toast, apple, mixed fruit. Tuesday: Biscuits w/sausage gravy or Lucky Charms cereal bowl, toast, green applesauce, banana. Wednesday: Breakfast pancake wrap or Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal bowl w/sausage, grapes, cinnamon apple slices. Thursday: Golden waffles w/syrup or Cocoa Puffs cereal bowl, toast, watermelon, peaches. Friday: Breakfast pizza or Trix cereal bowl, toast, strawberry applesauce, banana.

- Lunch (lunches include slushy and milk) Monday: Spaghetti de Italiano or Italian antipasto salad w/salami or energy meal w/bologna & cheese, sweet corn, green beans, mixed fruit, apple. Tuesday: State Fair corn dog or fajita chicken salad or energy meal w/turkey & cheese, glazed carrots, pork & beans, green applesauce, banana. Wednesday: Soft chicken fajita tacos or garden pasta salad or energy meal w/ham & cheese, Mexicali corn, lettuce, fresh grapes, cinnamon apples slices. Thursday: Chicken tenders or zesty tuna salad or energy meal w/tuna salad, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, watermelon, peaches. Friday: Pizza or chef salad or energy meal w/po boy sandwich, tater tots, baked beans, banana, strawberry applesauce.

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The Paperboy Accidents can happen in a hurry

Sunday I was doing some woodwork with a friend and we had an accident, which hopefully, taught a lesson to my children, as they were witnesses to the event.

My friend Jimmy Ramos and I were attempting to saw a large baseball bat in half. The only problem was that the bat was thicker than the blade.



CHRIS BLACKBURN

With Jimmy feeding the saw while I was receiving it, we were getting close to the end of the cut (the tip of the barrel of the bat).

In a flash, the bat torqued harshly and shot back a high rate of speed.

It happened so fast it's hard to comprehend.

By the time I could look up, the bat had already struck Jimmy. It struck with such force that it took off part of his middle finger

on his left hand and ripped up his index finger on his right hand. It had also hit him in the stomach.

I looked at Jimmy and he stood there for a second with a bone sticking out of his finger and said, "Don't let go."

I screamed, "Jimmy - we got to get you to the hospital - RIGHT NOW!"

Jimmy was bleeding like you can't imagine and I'm not sure if he even felt any of it. He calmly walked out of the garage to get his wife to take him to the emergency room.

His daughter brought him a towel to wrap his bloody hand in and at the time, no one had noticed the damage to the finger on the other hand.

My children and niece were in shock. One second they were watching two men cut wood and the next, one of those men was a bloody mess.

The doctors at Childress Regional Medical

Center got to Jimmy quickly. They assessed the damage and went to work.

In the meantime, my family began to pray for him and those caring for him.

Jimmy ended up getting part of his finger removed by saw and his skin reattached over the bone.

His index finger was reattached and sewn through the nail.

Of course I feel terrible about the whole thing. I've played it over and over in my head and I still can't believe it happened. The bat was in my hand. How did it pull out? What could I have done differently? What if it would have been sharp on the end instead of blunt?

My wife and I told our children that there were several lessons to take away from the accident:

1. Sometimes accidents happen regardless of how careful we are.

2. It's important to seek medical attention as fast as humanly possible when an accident happens.

3. When accidents happen, they happen fast, but you cannot panic. Stay as calm as possible and act quickly.

Jimmy, who uses his hands for a living, is recovering. He's in a lot of pain, but he's making his rounds and giving orders.

The doctors told Jimmy it would be a month before he can use his hands. That's not going to be easy on him. As much as I see him, it's not going to be easy on me either, as he likes to give me a hard time.

I'm so thankful this event was not more serious. Despite the fact I don't think it could have been helped, I feel very guilty about it. I wonder if those feelings will last forever?

Chris Blackburn serves as CEO at Blackburn Media Group, proud owner of Red River Sun, The Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon, The Knox County News-Courier and The Post Dispatch. He can be reached by email at chris@blackburnmediagroup.com and you can follow him on Twitter @WCSBlackburn, although he doesn't tweet much.

The 501 Happy 90th, Mrs. Jantzen!

My fifth-grade teacher just turned 90. Now that there's less difference in our ages, I could probably call her Mary, but it doesn't sound right. She'll always be Mrs. Jantzen to me. She taught us sixth grade too. We were glad.



HANABA MUNN WELCH

And yes, she taught us enough math for me to know the difference in our ages hasn't really diminished over time. I just wanted to be sure you were paying attention. Speaking of math, Mrs. Jantzen taught us decimals. What a wonderful way to deal with numbers, we thought. So much easier than having to come up with common denominators and grapple with the ins and outs and ups and downs of multiplying and dividing fractions by fractions. Those very processes must have given birth to the word "fractious." My theory. Eventually we learned decimals aren't perfect either and sometimes ride off into the sunset repeating themselves. Oh well. We still liked decimals. They made us feel grown-up, like in the second grade when we learned cursive writing.

In Mrs. Jantzen's classroom, we students spent a lot of time trying to beat each other at everything, math included. We stood at both blackboards in teams, as I recall, and worked as fast as we could to solve the problems Mrs. Jantzen dictated, popping our chalk and breathing our own

dust. We were fast. That's how I remember it, and who's going to argue at this point? It was over 50 years ago.

We also raced to see who could find various words in the dictionary first. Seems like we had just enough dictionaries to go around to Barbara, Butch, Sue, Charles, Edward, Jerry, Joe, Johnny, Ronnie and me. Just thinking about it puts me in my alphabetical mode. Rafaela was also with us part of the time, and Jerry wasn't with us all the time. That's how I remember it.

Yes, we studied geography - the Americas in particular. I still depend on the fifth grade maps in my mind to know roughly which countries are where. For years Belize baffled me. Then I learned it was British Honduras until 1973. Shades of Sri Lanka.

Mrs. Jantzen must have been a good English teacher too. When she told us the Preamble to the Constitution was just one sentence (yes, we had to memorize it), we asked her to diagram it. She didn't hesitate, but she did almost run out of blackboard. Those were the days we wrote in chalk in wrong-side-out letters "Help! I'm trapped behind the blackboard!"

Do blackboards still exist? If not, pity.

Mrs. Jantzen was anti-homework. She thought if you couldn't pay attention and learn everything at school, something was wrong - either with her or us or both. We agreed. She was a good softball pitcher too. We played scrub, and if she hadn't pitched, we wouldn't have had enough players to make it work. Maybe she liked pitching better than standing around with the other teachers. I like to think so.

Happy 90th Birthday, Mrs. Jantzen!

The Paperboy VA Chief Seeking Top-Notch Doctors

By Freddy Groves

To cut patient wait times, Department of Veterans Affairs chief Robert A. McDonald is touring the country to recruit doctors, dentists and nurses for the VA health-care system. He's looking for 30,000 more medical personnel.

So far, the VA secretary has made his pitch at Johns Hopkins, University of Vermont and UC Davis. On the schedule are Harvard, Howard and Tufts. Top drawer, all of them. To show he means business, at one recruiting location, McDonald even handed out his personal cellphone number and email address.

There are benefits to hiring on as a doctor with the VA.

The first is the eye-catching sum of \$120,000 that will go toward paying student-loan debt, double the amount it used to be. The VA earmarked \$5 bil-

lion for just this purpose.

New doctors and other medical staff will know they're practicing cutting-edge medicine.

In September, it raised the starting pay rates for doctors dentists just coming in to the VA by an additional \$20,000 to \$35,000. That's a necessary step: Most private sector doctors make more than those working for the VA.

Students can do clinical rotations and get a foot in the door that way. Former combat medics and corpsmen can hire on as clinicians. They'll add 1,500 residencies across the VA system.

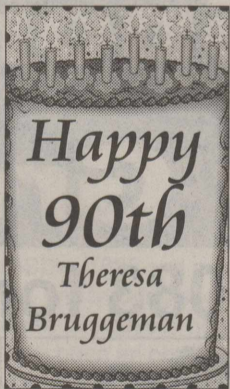
Meanwhile, the VA isn't waiting on hiring. In Maryland, a dozen physicians have been hired and a contract with outside health care will hopefully allow patients to be seen within a week for primary care. White River Junction, Vermont, has brought on more than 50 people and needs more for

their new programs.

So, opportunities are there for graduating medical staff, and ideally better, faster health care is coming to veterans across the country.

Freddy Groves regrets that he cannot personally answer reader questions, but will incorporate them into his column whenever possible. Send email to column-reply2@gmail.com.

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Come and go open house birthday celebration 2 - 3:30 p.m. Saturday, November 8 Rhineland Gymnasium Cake and coffee will be served (No gifts, please)

Area News

Diabetes workshop
ABILENE--The annual "Diabetes Texas Style" workshop will be celebrating its 20th year of Diabetes educational programming on Saturday here at the Hendrick Medical Center Auxiliary Conference Center Shelton Building. Registration and exhibits open at 8 a.m. and the workshop concludes at noon.

Dr. David McAnulty, associate professor with Abilene Christian University, will be addressing "Overcoming Depression." Kelley Taylor from Hendrick will share the latest information on diets and utilizing various apps to help manage the disease. Dr. Eileen Van Diest will focus on the importance of glucose monitoring. There will be time for questions and answers at the end of each presentation.

Open health clinic

ABILENE--Uninsured individuals in Taylor and surrounding counties will have the opportunity to be screened for the Expanded Primary Health Care women's health program and the Medical Assis-

tance for Area Citizens program from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Nov. 15 here at the Abilene-Taylor County Public Health District office.

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Charles Griffith credentials

- *Graduated from Texas Tech with BS in Agronomy
- *President Benjamin ISD School Board
- *Director of Soil and Water Conservation District
- *Knox County Appraisal Board
- *Member of local draft board
- *President Knox County Farm Bureau
- *Member Knox County Livestock Board
- *Knox County Commissioner, Pct. 2
- *Knox County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1

Family

Married to Linda Hawkins, May 1964
Three daughters and sons-in-law, 10 grandchildren

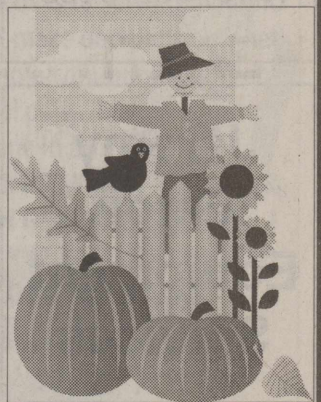
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Because of your generous donations, we are that much closer to achieving our goal of new playground equipment. Thank you for all that you did to make our 2014 Fall Festival a huge success!



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Houndettes end volleyball season

By James McAfee
The Knox County News-Courier

KNOX CITY—The Knox City Houndettes ended their volleyball season earlier than expected, getting a closing forfeit from Knox County rival Benjamin, which did not have enough players to field a team. This win coupled with the one last week against Woodson allowed them to finish with an 18-11 mark for the season.

In some districts, the Houndettes might have advanced to the playoffs, but District 6-2A had Hawley, Albany and Munday finishing in the top three that advanced, leaving them in fourth place with a 6-6 record.

First-year Coach Brenna Hoegger felt the

Houndettes made a lot of progress as the season progressed, pointing out they seemed to lack fundamentals at the start of practice in August. "We had to focus on the basics, passing and setting," she noted. "I'm proud of the way they improved."

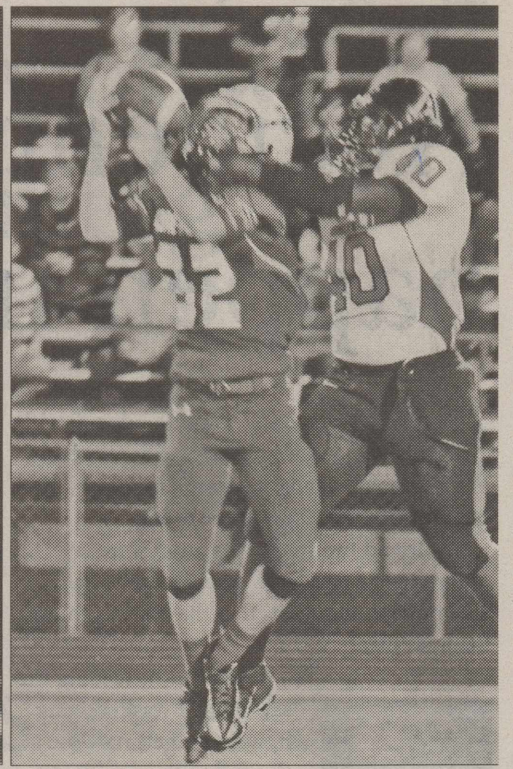
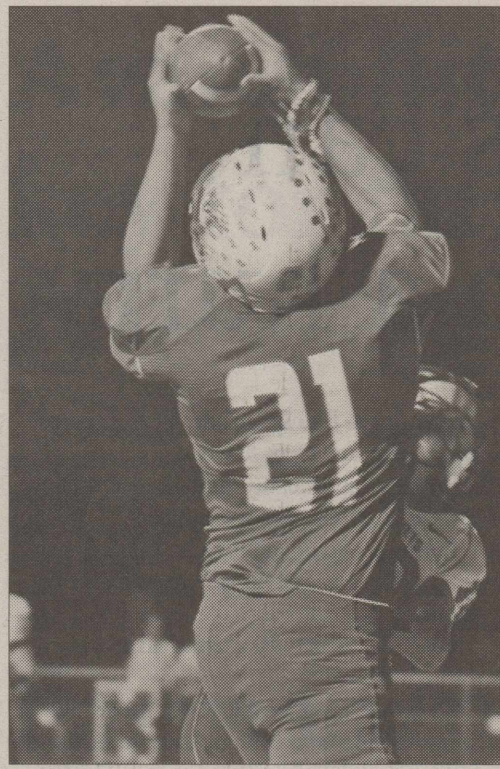
Hoegger noted that Knox City will definitely miss the three seniors who were starters. "Leighen Pepper was our captain and leader, who ran the show on the court, and Kinslee Cox and Essence Ward performed well as our setter and middle blocker," Hoegger said.

Hoegger believes the Houndettes will definitely be contenders for the playoffs in the future since it appears that the district will send more teams starting next season.



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Knox City seniors (l-r) Kinslee Lee, Essence Ward, Leighen Pepper and Marlie Steele recognized at last home game



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Left: Krys Campos makes catch for touchdown. Right: Sam Schnable picks off Aspermont pass

Knox City faces formidable task against No. 1 Crowell

By James McAfee
The Knox County News-Courier

KNOX CITY—After opening District 8-1A/Division I with a 71-30 victory over the Aspermont Hornets last Friday, the Knox City Greyhounds now face a challenging test this Friday, traveling to Crowell to face the No. 1-ranked Wildcats, who also happen to be the defending state champions.

"This game is sort of a rivalry game," Coach Charles Steele pointed out. "We have always had the toughest district in the state, so our kids are used to playing in these type games. We are going to have to play at a high level the whole game in order to win. We are ready for the challenge."

The Greyhounds have used an explosive offense that averages 433 yards a game against a tough slate of opponents to carry a 6-2 record into the showdown to decide the district title, but none of their opponents have a defense of the caliber of Crowell.

The Wildcats have not had to go four quarters but one time in racing to an 7-0 start that included a 54-0 opening 8-1A victory over the Rotan Yellowhammers, who were held to only 100 yards of total offense plus lost two fumbles and had three passes intercepted.

The Greyhounds raced up and down the field against the Hornets, gaining 419 yards on the ground and an additional 172 yards through the air last week. Jacoby Thomas earned offensive MVP honors, gaining 268 yards rushing, scoring five touchdowns and throwing a 70-yard strike to Anthony Estrada for another six-pointer in the third quarter.

Steele was pleased with the way the Greyhounds played on the offensive side of the ball, scoring every time they had the ball. "We ran the ball exceptionally well because A.J. Rodriguez,

Krys Campos, Ryan Heard, Sheldon Baty and Freddy Martinez did their job and opened up huge holes for the backs to run through."

The Greyhounds scored the first three touchdowns on short runs by Elias Nevarez and Christian Abila and a 30-yard scamper by Thomas and led 25-6 at the end of the first quarter when Thomas added another six-pointer on a 49-yard run.

The Greyhounds went to the air for their next two scores as Nevarez hit Krys Campos for 16 yards and Thomas connected with Anthony Estrada for 70 yards. Nevarez made it 45-14 at intermission, scoring from six yards.

Thomas handled the scoring for the Greyhounds in the third period, going 51 and 17 yards to more than offset a score by the Hornets. Rounding out the scoring in the fourth quarter on short runs were Israel Rodriguez and Thomas.

After watching the film, Steele didn't feel the Greyhounds played as well defensively as they have in the past. "We were not as aggressive as I would like us to be," he said. "The important thing is that we made the stops when we had to have them. Holding a team to 30 points in six-man is very good."

Elias Nevarez earned defensive MVP honors, making 22 tackles, while Sam Schnable and Baty were recognized for big hits. Both also made key interceptions.

"The one sore spot of the night was our extra point performance," Steele added, pointing to only one successful PAT kick and three bad snaps on the attempts. "Only scoring five points from extra points can put us in a bind in a close game," he said. "We left 17 points out on the field in extra points. We would have 45'd them at half if we would have made our extra points."

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District 8-1A/Division I Standings

Team	District		Season		Pts	Opp
	W	L	W	L		
Crowell	1	0	7	0	454	81
Knox City	1	0	6	2	440	315
Rotan	0	1	4	4	290	373
Aspermont	0	1	3	5	353	393

Last week's results
Knox City 71, Aspermont 30; Crowell 54, Rotan 0
This week's schedule
Knox City at Crowell, Aspermont at Rotan
Offensive MVP—Jacoby Thomas

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Moguls continue run for playoffs, 64-6 Moguettes advance to play Archer City

By James McAfee
The Knox County News-Courier

MUNDAY—With an offense operating in high gear with their line opening holes and their runners finding the creases, the Munday Moguls continued their march toward returning to the playoffs with a convincing 64-6 romp past the Petrolia Pirates here Friday night at Scruggs Stadium.

The Moguls rolled up 341 yards on the ground, with no runner going over 100 yards, and mixed in a perfect four-for-four passing night from quarterback Alfonso Nunez to Temerick Reagins that added 120 more yards in running roughshod over the outmatched Pirates defense.

The victory improved their District 7-2A record to 2-1, giving them a share of second place with the Electra Tigers, 41-14 winners over the Seymour Panthers.

Meanwhile, the Hamlin Pied Pipers remained unbeaten and atop the district standings at 3-0 with a 46-28 victory over the Haskell Indians thanks to 232 yards and four touchdowns by Tyrone Johnson. The Pied Pipers play the Electra Tigers this week.

While Petrolia got on the scoreboard first with a 60-yard pass from Dane Williams to

Jack Edgemon, the Moguls wasted little time taking over control of the game.

First, Zac Huffman escaped for 39 yards and Diego Reyes added the PAT kick to give the Moguls the lead for good at 7-6. Then Reagins added a pair of touchdowns, catching a 17-yard pass from Nunez and then going 60 yards on an end around. Day'veon Dockins and Nunez then found creases in the Pirates' defense to race 60 and 65 yards to increase the lead to 34-6 at the end of the first quarter.

The lead was upped to 48-6 at intermission as Reagins caught an 18-yard pass from Nunez and Dockins scored from eight yards.

Dee Hemphill scored from 30 yards out and then Reagins scored after blocking a punt and returning it 15 yards in the third period. A fourth-quarter safety rounded out the scoring. Diego Reyes connected on eight of nine PAT tries.

"Our defense did a really good job, holding them to under 100 yards and creating four turnovers that gave the offense short fields," Coach Patrick Corcoran noted.

The Moguls renew their rivalry with the Seymour Panthers on the road Friday for the first time since 2009. "The kids are really excited about renewing the series," Corcoran added.

By James McAfee
The Knox County News-Courier

MUNDAY—The Munday volleyball team faces a tough task Tuesday when it goes up against Archer City in a Region 1-2A bi-district match in Vernon. The Lady Wildcats finished in second place in District 5-2A and stand 31-8 for the season after a 25-15, 25-16, 25-22 win in a practice match against Notre Dame.

The Moguettes made a valiant bid to move into a tie for second place in District 6-2A Tuesday night at home, falling to the Albany Lady Lions in five sets, 23-25, 27-29, 25-22, 25-21, 7-15 and settling for third place with an 8-4 record. For the season, Coach Kim Kuehler's squad is 26-12.

The Moguettes had several chances to win the first set after leading 23-21, but then lost the last four points.

In the second set, the Moguettes raced to an early 12-3 advantage before Albany ran off seven straight points to get back into the thick of things. The game went back and forth in the later stages until the Lady Lions assumed a 24-21 lead. Munday ran off four straight points, but couldn't get that necessary extra point. Two serves into the net when tied then proved costly.

Down 11-4 in the third set, the Mo-

gueltes didn't give up and rebounded to stay alive, getting their 24th point from a ball on the line and the 25th on a kill by Raci Dillard, one of 30 for the night.

The Moguettes took the lead for good at 12-11 in the fourth set and overcame a late rally by the Lady Lions to extend the match to an extra set by winning the final three points.

The Lady Lions, who will face Petrolia in bi-district Tuesday in Graham, regained the momentum and assumed command early in the fifth set with five straight points for a 9-2 lead, leaving little doubt about the eventual outcome of a hotly-contested match.

In addition to her 30 kills, Dillard had five saves and eight digs. Kristen Kuehler had 11 digs and nine blocks while Myca Flowers came up with five blocks.

District 6-2A volleyball

Team	W	L
Hawley	12	0
Albany	10	2
Munday	8	4
Knox City	6	6
Benjamin	3	9
Moran		3 9
Woodson	0	12

Tuesday's results

Albany df. Munday, 25-23, 29-27, 22-25, 21-25, 15-7; Hawley df. Woodson; Knox City by forfeit over Benjamin



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Temerick Reagins catches pass and escapes for a touchdown in a 64-6 win over Petrolia

Munday runners compete in Lubbock

LUBBOCK—The Munday cross country team will be running here Saturday at Mae Simmons Park in the regional competition.

Janie Salinas will be trying for a return trip to the state meet Nov. 7 in Round Rock. She made it to state as a sophomore and missed by one spot in the 2013 regional race.

Coach Corey Stephenson believes the Moguettes have a chance to advance as a team also since the top four teams advance. "There are six or seven teams that appear to be in the mix," he said.

Christian Araugo, winner of the District 8-A race earlier, will be competing as an individual.

District 7-2A/Division II Standings

Team	District		Season		Pts	Opp
	W	L	W	L		
Hamlin	3	0	8	0	361	186
Munday	2	1	5	3	304	185
Electra	2	1	4	4	243	149
Haskell	1	2	4	4	271	224
Petrolia	1	2	2	6	157	371
Seymour	0	3	2	6	160	273

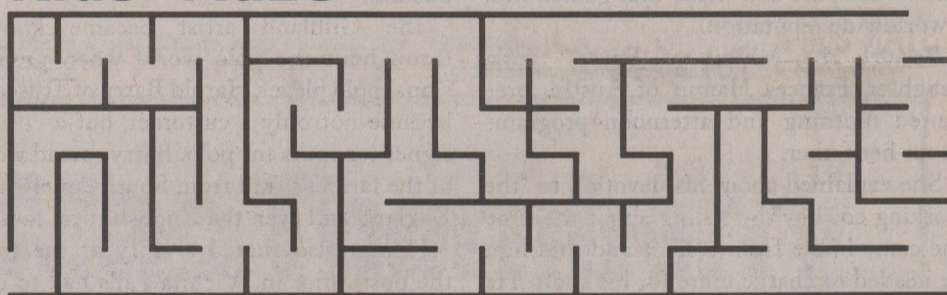
Last week's results

Munday 64, Petrolia 6; Hamlin 46, Haskell 28, Electra 41, Seymour 14

This week's schedule

Munday at Seymour, Hamlin at Electra, Petrolia at Haskell

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Nothing goes right for young Mustangs

By **JAMES McAFEE**
The Knox County News-Courier

HARROLD—On a night when nothing seemed to go right, the young Benjamin Mustangs were overwhelmed by the Harrold Hornets, 62-0, in an opening District 11-1A/Division II game here Friday night called at halftime by the “mercy rule.”

Before the game started, the Mustangs found they would be down to just six players as Kaleb Whittle and Daniel Jackson were not ready to play and are also out for the two remaining games.

Fifteen seconds into the game, the Hornets’ Colton Hibbitts returned a fumble for a touchdown and then the Hornets’ defense took complete control, limiting the Mustangs to just one first down.

“It was one of those nights where everything was going our way,” explained Harrold Coach Craig Templeton.

Despite the lopsided score, Benjamin Coach Jacob Navarro did think the Mus-

tangs “looked better on defense, finishing tackles and showing signs of improvement.” However, he felt the offense had its troubles as players adjusted to different positions because of the injuries.

On the plus side, Navarro does feel gaining the experience this season will be a big help in the future with players having two and three years of varsity football ahead of them.

The Mustangs’ home game Friday against Chillicothe was cancelled Tuesday when it became obvious Benjamin could not field a team of six because of injuries.

The Chillicothe Eagles were just as impressive as the Hornets in a 66-0 “mercy rule” victory over the Northside Indians thanks to 176 yards rushing and four touchdowns by the elusive Denzel Graves. The Chillicothe defense had three pick 6s and also returned a punt for another touchdown.

All signs now point to a closing game between Chillicothe and Harrold will decide the district title.

District 11-1A/Division I Standings

Team	District		Season		Pts	Opp
	W	L	W	L		
Chillicothe	1	0	4	4	299	254
Harrold	1	0	3	4	277	254
Benjamin	0	1	2	6	222	432
Northside	0	1	1	7	179	518

Last week's results

Harrold 62, Benjamin 0; Chillicothe 66, Northside 0

This week's schedule

Northside at Harrold

Bayers made spurs for working cowboys

BENJAMIN--The late Adolph Bayers of Gilliland was honored earlier this month with a display of his nationally and internationally praised work in “Silver and Steel” for horsemen at the Wichita Brazos Museum in Benjamin. Over 150 attended the exhibit of spurs and items that gained him a worldwide reputation.

Besides the exhibit of Bayers’ work, daughter, Frances Hamm of Austin, presented morning and afternoon programs about her father.

She explained about his devotion to “the working cowboy” by telling about the time she came home from college and told him he needed to charge more for his spurs. He told her, “working cowboys don’t have much money and I don’t want to charge more than they can pay”. And he didn’t. Bayers’ statement was reinforced by many attending who compared what they paid for spurs

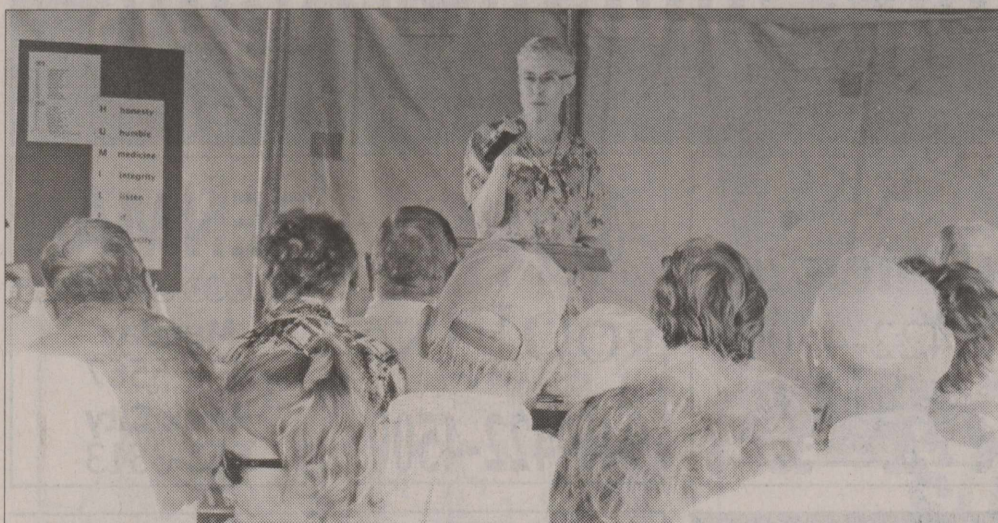
as young cowboys with what collectors pay today for Bayers’ spurs.

Soon after Bayers came home from the U. S. Navy service in World War II, he made not only what horsemen needed and ordered, but jewelry, tie tacks, and belt buckles.

The Gilliland artist became known throughout the polo world when professional polo player, Harold Barry of Truscott, became not only a customer, but a co-designer for spurs for polo. Barry spread word of the farmer’s skill from South America to England and even the English royal family.

Hamm also shared a story of the time the post office in Wichita Falls had to call Prince Phillip to OK a COD delivery.

Bayers worked at his shop in Gilliland, on the farm where the Knox County horsemen’s artist grew up and spent nearly all his life.



Frances Hamm, Bayers’ daughter



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Benjamin News

By **Gladene Green**

October is fast coming to an end. Nov. 1 is Saturday, and that means, of course, Friday is Halloween. All the little spooks and goblins are “gearing up” for an evening of Trick or Treat. Different towns have designated different days (nights) for the annual fun event. Benjamin kiddos will be trick or treating Friday night since the football game with Chillicothe was cancelled. So if you don’t want to be “tricked,” better be prepared to “treat” when your doorbell rings or someone knocks. It’s always fun for everyone.

The annual Fall Festival will be on Nov. 15 in the gym. The fest begins at 5:30 pm, and the coronation of the fall fest royalty will be at 7:30 pm. There will be all the fun things to do that go with this type event. Be there to enjoy with everyone else.

About Our Ailing Friends

Better news regarding all those who have been on the not feeling well list this week. Bud Conner saw his cardiologist Thursday and got a pretty good report. Did a little adjusting of his medication and told him unless he had some trouble, he didn’t need to see him for nine months. That was good to hear.

Hazel Stockton was in Abilene on Friday to see her eye doctor. She has a condition (which I’ve never heard of) where her eyelid is pulling away from her eye, and surgery will be required to fix it. The surgery actually consists of several stitches (five, I think) to reattach it. But she’s not sure if she will have it done or not. Her final decision rests with what her other doctors say about it. It is very bothersome, and she knows she needs it done but with her other problems, she’s not sure just what will happen next.

More encouraging news regarding Marilyn Searcey Goodin. She’s still in a Las Vegas hospital but is able to be in a wheel chair and taken out of her room from time to time. Some of the brain swelling is reduced, but she still hasn’t regained movement in her left side. But she is making progress, and although it’s slow, it is good news.

Our friend, Evelyn Balis, has been in HMC in Abilene since Thursday. She was released yesterday (Sunday), but she’s not doing well at all and is not any better since her hospital stay. She sees her regular gastro doctor next week and hopefully will get some relief after that visit. Evelyn lives in Knox City and was Knox County Treasurer

several years.

Here 'N There

I was in Munday on Sunday to visit friends in the Nursing Center. Deanne Lamb is making great progress with her therapy after breaking her hip and surgery to mend it. She hopes to be home in another few weeks, but that is not definite. It all depends on what her doctors say.

I was in Weinert Thursday for the funeral of Lawrence New, who passed away last Sunday. Lawrence had been ill several months and passed away in an Amarillo hospital where he and his wife had lived for several years. My sympathy goes to his family during this time. I had a brief visit with his brother, Parker, and his wife, Janice, after the service. They live near San Antonio and are good friends of mine.

The Benjamin Mustangs didn’t fare too well against Harrold Friday night. Don’t recall the score, but it was a “lopsided” finish. Munday was victorious over Petrolia, and Knox City soundly defeated Aspermont. I just received word that the Benjamin game scheduled for Friday has been cancelled. This week finds Munday at Seymour and Knox City at Crowell. Good luck to both those teams.

I had a phone call from Juanita Welch Killian on Sunday. She was checking on her friends who are having health problems. She said Bob has had cataract surgery and is seeing lots of things now that he had been missing out on! It was good to hear from her. Bob and Juanita live in Lubbock.

The Historical Society is busy getting ready for the annual Veterans’ Day program, and lunch will be Tuesday, November 11. The program will begin at 11:00 am, and a hamburger meal will follow at the Ex-Students Building. Make plans to attend.

Mary Young attended a baby shower honoring Ashton Kuehler (and Seth) in Haskell Sunday afternoon. She said they got lots of nice things for their baby girl, who is to arrive in November.

I visited with Buddy Tolson today. He said he’s feeling pretty well—just very weak from all he’s gone through the past few months. Of course, his latest problem is the blood clot that has formed, and they are still attempting to dissolve it. However, the doctors don’t seem too worried, and he said they didn’t want to see him about that for 6 months.

Don’t forget to vote Tuesday. This is an important election, and we all need to let our choice be known. I’ll see you at the polls.

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Don't pass stopped school buses

AUSTIN — In conjunction with this week's National School Bus Safety Week, the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is reminding drivers that it is illegal to pass any school bus that is stopped and operating a visual signal — either flashing red lights or a stop sign.

"Children are particularly vulnerable when entering or exiting a school bus, and drivers who refuse to yield to a stopped school bus put our children in harm's way," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "DPS will not tolerate those who ignore the law, and we urge drivers to make safety a priority when they encounter school buses."

During National School Bus Safety Week, troopers in many areas will be riding on or following school buses to catch motorists who disregard the law. Troopers will also be patrolling areas where school buses pick up and drop off students, watching for motorists violating the school bus law. Drivers who violate the law could face fines as much as \$1,250.

According to Texas statute, a driver — traveling in either direction — must stop

when approaching a school bus that is stopped and operating a visual signal. The driver may not proceed until one of the following occurs: the school bus resumes motion; the operator is signaled by the bus driver to proceed; or the visual signal is no longer activated. If a road is divided only by a left-turning lane, drivers on both sides of the roadway must stop for school buses with alternating red flashing lights activated. However, if the lanes are separated by an intervening space or physical barrier, only motorists going in the same direction as the bus are required to stop.

As a reminder, school buses must stop at all railroad crossings.)

Here are several safety measures drivers can take to help keep children safer:

- When driving in school zones, watch out for student pedestrians.
- Slow down and watch for children congregating near bus stops.
- Look for children who might dart into the street without looking for traffic.
- Know and obey the laws concerning traffic and school buses in Texas.

SCOTUS ruling on House Bill 2 last night

"Capping off a long month of judicial activism against conservatives, The Supreme Court temporarily blocked two key provisions of HB2 late last night.

HB2 is the landmark Pro-Life legislation from Summer 2013 that improves health and safety standards for women's health-care and restricts late-term abortions.

Legislators and advocates from across the state worked hard to ensure this legislation passed after Wendy Davis killed the similar SB5 through a Senate Filibuster

Rule a month earlier.

It is shameful that our Federal Government is so dead-set on violating the 10th Amendment to prohibit policies Texas citizens overwhelmingly approve of. It is time to put this court case behind us and allow Texas to enforce HB2 and save thousands of lives.

Please join me in praying for the Supreme Court as they continue to discuss our landmark legislation to determine its legality."

Social Security recipients to get small pay hike

WASHINGTON, DC—Recipients of Social Security will get only small pay hikes, averaging only \$20 per month, marking the third straight year that the cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) has been less than two percent.

The 1.7 COLA will also boost government benefits for disabled veterans, federal retirees and those drawing disability payments.

The increase is based on inflation, which has been below historical averages this year as gasoline prices have dropped, clothing prices

are up only 1 percent and medical costs up only 1.9 percent.

While any increase is better than no increase, the small increases definitely concern many older Americans, who say they don't even cover the cost of medicine and rising life insurance costs.

Social Security is financed by a 12.4 percent payroll tax on the first \$117,000, going up to \$118,500 in 2015, of a worker's wages—half paid by worker and half paid by employer.

Dollars and Sense

Don't Risk Losing Heat This Winter

By David Uffington

It's not too late in the season to benefit from an inspection and tune up of your home heating system. Whether you have a forced-air furnace with full house vents, direct vent heaters in multiple rooms, a wood or pellet stove or an oil-fired boiler with radiators, we have a long winter ahead of us.

Any necessary repairs can be made now before we're in the full force of winter, when quick service might be impossible to get. Plus, you'll add years to the life of your heat system by doing regular maintenance.

If your system is a furnace with filters, buy multiple filters and change them regularly. If you have pets, once a month isn't too often to drop in a new filter to keep clear air flowing through the system. Be sure to read your heating system's manual. As good as they are for pulling pollutants out of the air, pleated filters can be too restrictive for airflow, especially on startup. Know what your system requires.

If you live in a cold climate, keep snow, ice and

leaves cleared from the outdoor condenser, if you have one. Keep the flue on the roof clear of built-up snow. Indoors, be sure to keep the area around the furnace clear.

Consider having a preventive maintenance agreement with a qualified technician or even your fuel supplier if it offers the service. Your annual inspection will uncover any problems with pumps, airflow, electrical components and more. Additionally, most maintenance contracts offer service calls 24/7 if necessary.

A hint for staying warm this winter if you have oil or propane and are on automatic delivery: Do your own checking once a week to see how much you have left. If your tanks run dry because your fuel company has miscalculated when you'll need a delivery, you could face a big expense if debris at the bottom of the tank is pulled up into the furnace.

David Uffington regrets that he cannot personally answer reader questions, but will incorporate them into his column whenever possible. Send email to columnreply3@gmail.com.

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Church Happenings

Breakfast with Santa

The Munday Church of Christ will host Breakfast with Santa from 9-11 a.m. on Dec. 6.

Coat giveaway

GOREE—The First Baptist Church of Goree will give away coats from 5-7 p.m. on Wednesdays and at 1 p.m. Sundays. Donations of old coats also accepted.

Ladies Harvest Festival

KNOX CITY—The Foursquare Church in Knox City will host the 39th annual Ladies Harvest Festival at 10 a.m. on Nov. 15. A salad luncheon will follow.

Cantata choir practice

MUNDAY—Sandy King reports that the choir performing for the Munday Christmas Cantata will continue practice at the First Baptist Church in Munday on Wednesday nights.

Community Thanksgiving meal

MUNDAY—The fourth annual Community Thanksgiving meal will again be held at the First United Methodist Church in Munday on Thanksgiving Day. "Plans have begun to serve 500 people free of charge," reports Rhea Newton.

(Send news of your church activities to kcnewscourier@gmail.com by 5 p.m. Friday.)

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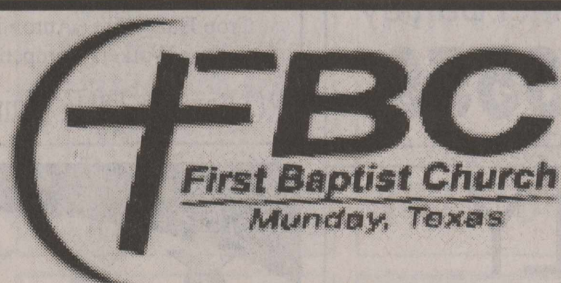
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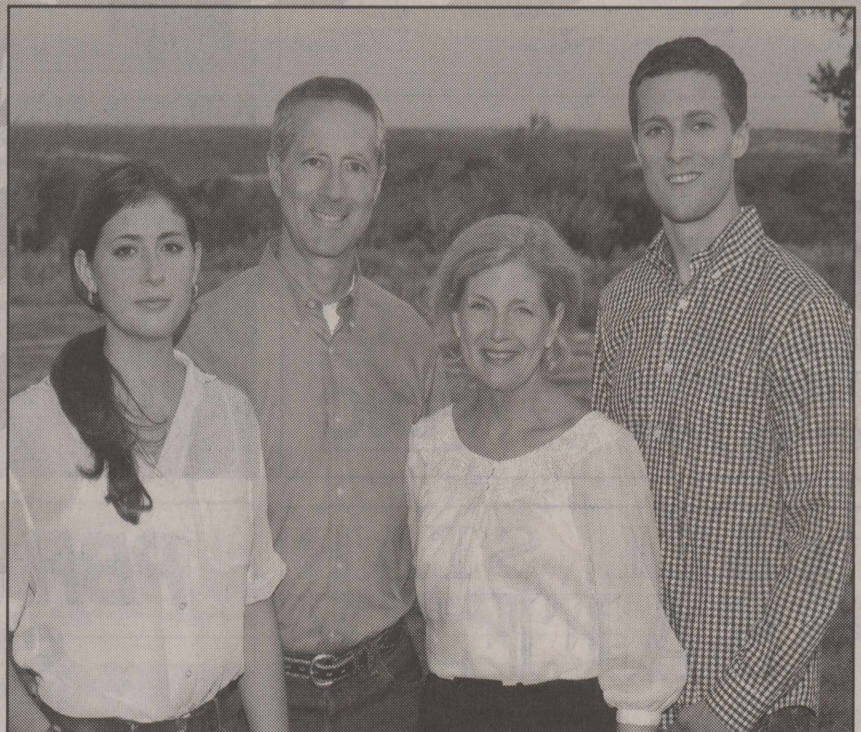
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Texans have more hunting opportunities

Hunting is a way of life for many Texans, a tradition passed on from generation to generation.

The first stage of dove hunting ended last Monday and hunters deemed it a success. The second half of the season starts a week before Christmas.

Archery season for both white-tail deer and turkey ends Friday.

Hunters have plenty of other things to hunt as the quail season began last Saturday and runs through Feb. 22. The deer seasons starts this Saturday and runs through Jan. 4. The duck season starts this Saturday and runs through Dec. 9. It picks back up Dec. 20, finishing on Jan. 25. The goose season runs from Saturday until Feb. 1.

If you are hunting quail, you must also purchase an upland bird stamp for \$7 in addition to a regular state hunting license. The daily limit for the bobtail quail is 15, with a possession limit of 45.

If hunting duck, you must also buy a migratory game bird stamp for \$7 and a "duck stamp" for \$17. The bag limits with a gun tend to be a little confusing. The daily limit is six, with no more than five mallards (only two may be hens), three wood ducks, three scaup, two rednecks, two pintail, one canvas back and one "dusky."

The daily bag limit for geese is five dark, to include no more than one white-fronted, with possession limit of 15 and 20 light (snow or Ross') with no possession limit.

'Drive Clean Texas' to give away car

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Transportation and the Dallas Cowboys are teaming up to help clean the air and save fuel as part of the "Drive Clean Texas" air quality campaign.

One lucky Texan score big with a donated 2015 Ford Fusion SE Hybrid from the "Drive Clean Texas Roadcents" Sweepstakes.

The campaign helps Texans save gas and keep the air clean by reminding drivers to get regular tune-ups, properly inflate tires and combine errands. "Drive Clean Texas" also promotes Roadcents, a web-based app for a mobile device or computer that helps drivers track vehicle maintenance and reduce emissions.

"We can all make a difference in air quality - and save money - by keeping our vehicles in peak condition, which reduces emissions," said Margo Richards, TxDOT

Travel Information Division director. "The Roadcents app helps you do that, and so does driving a low-emission vehicle like the 2015 Ford Fusion. We are so pleased to once again have the support of the Dallas Cowboys in our effort to help Texas motorists drive clean."

Drivers can save as much as \$845 a year in gas by driving more sensibly and changing aggressive driving habits like speeding and rapid starts and stops. Regular oil and fuel filter changes can save motorists more than \$100 in annual gas spending.

Texas drivers age 18 and older have until 11:59 p.m. on Dec. 8, 2014, to enter the hybrid car sweepstakes at www.roadcents.org. Three finalists will receive two tickets to the Dec. 21 football game between the Dallas Cowboys and Indianapolis Colts. The sweepstakes grand prize winner will be randomly selected on Dec. 21 before the game.

Game Warden Field Notes

Special to The News-Courier

The following items are compiled from recent Texas Parks and Wildlife Department law enforcement reports.

• "I am in Trouble" A Dallas County game warden, assisting a game warden from Collin County with dove hunters on public lands, noticed a hunter and young boy standing in the middle of a field looking down at what had just been shot. As the wardens approached the hunter, the man said, "I am in trouble—this is not a dove." The bird was later identified as a Wilson snipe. Two citations were issued to the hunter, one for using an unplugged shotgun, and the other for taking a Wilson snipe out of season.

• Swerving Driver, Hidden Warden While on patrol in southern Ward County, a game warden witnessed a vehicle swerve across the centerline, nearly causing a collision with an oncoming vehicle. The warden activated his lights and siren and followed the swerving vehicle for about a mile before the driver abruptly hit his breaks and pulled over. Talking to the driver, the warden could detect the strong odor of alcohol and see that the individual had glossy, bloodshot eyes. Standard field sobriety tests were conducted, which the driver failed. The individual was placed under arrest for driving while intoxicated, and transported to the Ward County Jail.

• Just Keep Swimming When a warden received a call from Smith County dispatch, he was informed that a woman had just called 911 to report a man attempting to swim across Lake Palestine. She said the man appeared to be struggling and was also high on narcotics. A local volunteer fire department launched its boat and attempted to rescue the man, but he was protesting and would not board the boat. A deputy, a Department of Public Safety trooper and the Smith County game warden boarded another VFD boat and went to assist. Once the man saw the second boat approaching, he gave in and boarded. When asked what exactly he was doing, he stated he was just swimming. The man was arrested for public intoxication.

• Six Shots Too Many A Texas Parks and Wildlife biologist called a Smith County game warden to report illegal hunting on a Wildlife Management Area. When the bow-hunter was approached, he claimed self-defense against a 5-foot timber rattlesnake.

However, when the individual further explained the situation and the six shots he took to kill the snake, it became evident that it was not self-defense. Case and restitution are pending.

• Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head An Anderson County game warden encountered a man in the middle of the road, standing in the rain. The Anderson County Sheriff's Office advised that the subject had jumped in front of several vehicles in an attempt to stop motorists. When the warden stopped his patrol vehicle nearby, the man attempted to get inside. The warden quickly locked the doors, backed up his vehicle and used his speaker to instruct the subject to get off the road and lay down on the ground. While being handcuffed, the subject said, "Thank God! Do what you got to do, and get me out of here! They are watching me right now!" The subject claimed that a terrorist group was not only watching him, but had also kicked him out of his trailer and beat him up. The subject showed signs of intoxication and impairment from drug use. He was placed in the Anderson County Jail for public intoxication and obstructing a highway.

• Busted Baiters While on patrol in Gregg County, a game warden located a group of dove hunters on a baited field. When the warden asked about the milo seed scattered on the ground, the landowner said he had only placed it along outer fence lines for vegetation. The warden toured the baited ponds and gravel roads, where hunters were sitting, and contacted a Smith County game warden for assistance. Together, the wardens seized more than 50 illegal dove and filed nine charges: hunt dove over bait, place bait to attract, no hunting licenses, unplugged shotguns, rallying or disturbing, hunt

from vehicle, no hunters education, hunting protected bird, and no state migratory game bird stamp. Investigation is ongoing, and cases are pending.

• Without a Paddle A Robertson County game warden was contacted by the local sheriff's department regarding a 911 call from two kayakers stranded on the Brazos River. They had gone two nights without food or water. Their cell phone went dead during the call, so not much information could be received. Until a helicopter search could take place, the warden would be monitoring a bridge crossing. On the way to the bridge, he checked a small section of river that ran along the backside of a ranch. The warden was joined by a deputy who arrived at the river and shut off the patrol truck, hitting the horn three times. To their surprise, they heard a call back and discovered the kayakers were positioned directly across the river. The kayakers were rescued after a challenging climb up the riverbank and through the woods.

• Life Lessons from Local Game Wardens Two game wardens from Starr County and Zapata County were patrolling Starr County during the special white-wing season, when they made contact with two hunters who were dove hunting for the first time. When asked if they had shot any birds, the two hunters said that they had only shot one white-wing dove. One of the wardens inspected the birds and observed that the hunters had shot approximately a dozen white-wing doves, two mourning doves each, and a Eurasian collared dove. After the wardens asked about the discrepancy, the hunters explained they thought the collared dove was the white wing. The wardens then provided a lesson on dove identification, licenses, unplugged shotguns, for which the hunters seemed grateful.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Weekly SUDOKU

VOTE DAN GODSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 2 NOVEMBER 4TH, 2014

It has been my pleasure to have resided in Knox County all of my adult life, having graduated from Knox City-O'Brien CISD in 1982 and entering the business of farming, ranching, and trucking shortly thereafter. I have been involved in these businesses now for over 34 years. During that time I have been an observer of county government, how it works, what works best and even what doesn't work. During my 34 years of farming and ranching, I have probably driven over 300,000 miles on roads maintained by Knox County. I have seen the difference between a wise and judicious use of tax money and wasteful spending.

Knox county provides many critical services and among them are 911 Emergency Dispatch, Law Enforcement, Road Maintenance and Aging Services, just to name a few. The challenge moving forward for Knox County is to maintain services while continually finding ways to deliver these services more efficiently and more cost effectively. I believe it is the responsibility of all elected officials to be diligent in doing just that.

In addition, I would like to see Knox County continue on the path of encouraging economic development. But county government can only take the lead in this promotion if a spirit of cooperation exists at the county level. And in economic development, cooperation between the communities of Truscott, Benjamin, Knox City Munday, Rhineland, Goree and Vera is of utmost importance. As a commissioner, I will work to bring together all of these interests and continue to pursue economic development opportunities on a pro-active basis.

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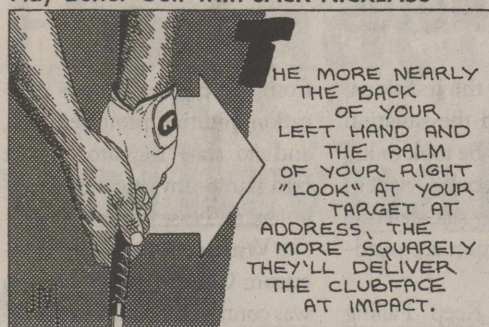
I have diligently, loyally, and with integrity served the citizens of Knox County for the past twelve years: four years as a deputy clerk and eight years as your County and District Clerk. I have served with diligence by staying abreast of the changes in the laws by attending continuing education seminars and by making myself available to the public. I have been loyal to my fellow public officials, to my employees, and, most importantly, to the public. Emphasizing integrity in the proper management of the public funds and the way official records are filed and kept has been my priority. I pledge to continue serving Knox County with diligence, loyalty and integrity if re-elected.

Although the State of Texas now leans towards the Republican Party, my main focus is to serve the public in a non-partisan manner and make decisions on what benefits Knox County as a whole community, and not to just benefit a certain political party. I refuse to switch parties simply to gain advantage in an election.

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Availability of water key for farming

BRYAN – Future use of water and its impact on agriculture will be the focus of the 2014 Texas Plant Protection Association conference scheduled Dec. 10-11 here at the Brazos Center.

"Water availability is paramount for agricultural production and certainly is of utmost concern to everyone in Texas," said Ray Smith, association chairman. "This conference will feature several presentations from leading experts across the state."

Dr. Travis Miller, interim director for state operations with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

Service, will be one of the featured speakers during the opening general session Dec. 10.

"The impact of drought on agriculture in Texas has certainly played a huge role in the economic well-being of agriculture, as well as the availability of water for both irrigation and municipal use," Miller said. "Attendees will get some historical perspective on how drought in Texas impacts agriculture and natural resources and hear about some of the trends that will affect crop production and overall water availability."

Farm loans available for certain groups

COLLEGE STATION-- USDA Texas Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director, Judith A. Canales, reminds producers that FSA offers specially-targeted farm ownership

and farm operating loans to Socially Disadvantaged (SDA) applicants.

"Each year, a portion of FSA's loan funds are set aside to lend to socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers," said Canales. "Farming and ranching is a capital intensive business and FSA is committed to helping producers start and maintain their agricultural operations."

USDA defines socially disadvantaged applicants as a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic, or gender prejudice because of their identity as members of the group without regard to their individual qualities. For farm loan program purposes, SDA groups are women, African Americans, American Indians and Alaskan Natives, Hispanics and Asians and Pacific Islanders.

SDA producers who cannot obtain commercial credit from a bank can apply for either FSA direct loans or guaranteed loans. Direct loans are made to applicants by FSA. Guaranteed loans are made by lending institutions who arrange for FSA to guarantee the loan. FSA can guarantee up to 95 percent of the loss of principal and interest on a loan. The FSA guarantee allows lenders to make agricultural credit

available to producers who do not meet the lender's normal underwriting criteria.

Farm ownership loan funds may be used to purchase or enlarge a farm or ranch, purchase easements or rights of way needed in the farm's operation, build or improve buildings such as a dwelling or barn, promote soil and water conservation and development and pay closing costs.

Farm operating loan funds may be used to purchase livestock, poultry, farm equipment, fertilizer, and other materials necessary to operate a successful farm. Operating Loan funds can also be used for family living expenses, refinancing debts under certain conditions, paying salaries for hired farm laborers, installing or improving water systems for home, livestock, or irrigation use and other similar

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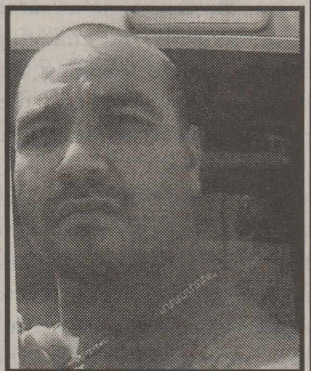
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Knox County Rural Water Supply Corporation has filed an application to obtain a CCN No. with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to provide water utility service in Haskell, King, Knox and Stonewall counties.

The proposed utility service area is located approximately 1.5 miles north of downtown Rochester, Texas, and is generally bounded on the north by Little Croton Creek and the Brazos River; on the east by CR 4225; on the south by FM 617; and on the west by Big Buffalo Creek.

The total area being requested includes approximately 110,000 acres and 150 current customers.

The proposed application affects customers and/or areas located in the following zip codes: 79539, 79529, 79505, 79236, 79544.

A copy of the proposed service area map is available at: 110 North Central, Knox City, 79529, 940/256-1426.

A request for a public hearing must be in writing. You must state (1) your name, mailing address, and daytime telephone number; (2) the applicant's name, application number or another recognizable reference to this application; (3) the statement, "I/we request a public hearing"; (4) a brief description of how you or the persons you represent, would be adversely affected by the granting of the application for a CCN; and (5) your proposed adjustment to the application or CCN which would satisfy your concerns and cause you to withdraw your request for a hearing.

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 Water Supply Division
 Utilities Financial Review Team, MC-153
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Adventure Days scheduled Nov. 8 Mac's Views

KNOX CITY--The Knox County Visioning Group's fourth annual Adventure Days event, a day of fun for the entire family, is scheduled here Nov. 8 at the Knox City Community Center.

There will be a business showcase opening at 9 a.m. Craft demonstrations are scheduled at 9:30 and 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

The free bike rodeo for kids 4-13 starts at 10 a.m. It will be headed up by the Knox City Chief of Police Richard Candelaria and Lorrie Coop with the Knox County Extension Service. All participants will get a free bike helmet sponsored by the Knox County Hospital District.

Kinder Morgan will be featured on this year's bus tour, leaving at 10 a.m. This business has had a tremendous economic impact on Knox County and participants will get to see it up close and personal. Cost is \$5 for adults while kids 10 and under are free.

A delicious hamburger lunch will be going on from



Participants in the 2013 Amazing Grace Race, Sezar and David Trevino

11:30-1:30 p.m. All proceeds will benefit the Munday Park Project.

The Amazing Grace Race, limited to 15 teams, kicks off at 1 p.m. Teams of two can pre-register or register the day of the event. The fee is \$20 per team and it includes two t-shirts. The first team to find all their clues and make it to the finish line first wins \$100.

The domino tournament will kick off at 2 p.m. Teams of two

are encouraged to sign up and play. The fee is \$20 per team. Trophies will be awarded for first, second and third place.

There will also be a painting (without a twist) event starting at 2 p.m. This event is open to 24 people. The fee is \$25 and covers all the supplies you will need. To register in advance please call 459-2651.

If you would like to set up a free exhibit booth, call and get registered.

With all the recent homecomings and class reunions going on in Knox County and the area in the last month, it was nice to have the shoe on the other foot and be more in the mix last weekend when my Vernon High School Class of 1959 had our 55th reunion in Vernon.

Betty and I had a nice time catching up and sharing stories with about 30 of my classmates and their spouses, reliving those days back in school and catching up with what had been going with them in the past four or five years in most cases.

It seems George and Kathy Weideranders, who just happen to now be subscribers to the News-Courier from Joshua, near Fort Worth, have a little more free time than they did the previous three school years when they had exchange students living with them.

One of the saddest things at such reunions is learning about the ones who have passed away, a growing number since we are all in our 70s. There was talk that we might not wait five years to get together again. That works for me.

One of the neat things when you marry someone in the class behind you is that we get to return to Vernon again next October with the VHS Class of 1960.

Betty and I did go to the Wilbarger Church of Christ Sunday morning and found a Munday connection. It seems that the song leader, Todd Wilson, used to live in Munday over three years ago when he was the principal at the Munday Elementary School. When we mentioned where we lived now, it turns out he had once also lived in the same house.

One of the former elders at the church, who I used to play golf with, remembers going to church back in Munday four or five years ago on a visit and commented to his wife: "We need a song leader like that," referring to Wilson. The next thing

he knew, Wilson had moved to Vernon.

Here are a few other views worth passing along.

It looks like my fellow Social Security recipients, 60 million strong, and myself will only get a small benefit increase, averaging \$20 a month, next year since the cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) was only 1.7 percent. I've heard from some seniors that this might not even cover the cost of one additional prescription. I'm glad to be getting the checks myself, but do plan on continuing to work as long as I can.

I do a little on facebook, but do not regularly send out tweets. I'm betting that the former president of the Professional Golfers Association of America, Ted Bishop, regrets one that he sent out recently. Reacting to comments in Ian Poulter's new book about Nick Faldo and Tom Watson, Bishop said athletes with inferior records should not criticize those with stellar records. He should have stopped right there, but added a reference, calling Poulter "a little girl." The PGA Board of Directors ousted Bishop a month before his term was to end and, citing "insensitive gender-based statements." A little harsh? Maybe. But having worked for the Northern Texas PGA for 17 years, the PGA's quick action did not surprise me.

A friend of mine from church mentioned that it appears some parents must have missed the last issue of the Knox County News-Courier referring to the new ordinance for the use of golf carts in Munday because he saw young kids driving them on the streets, a violation of the ordinance.

I wanted to alert everyone that we are moving our deadlines here at the News-courier up. Ads must be in by 9 a.m. on Mondays and news by 5 p.m. on Mondays. This will allow the Fifth Street Gang to better handle meeting our deadlines to go to press each week on Tuesdays.

As Americans, it is our right, and also a responsibility, to be informed and then vote for the candidates of our choices. So be sure to get out to vote Nov. 4.



JAMES MCAFEE

CONCERNED CITIZENS BACK TRAVIS FLOYD FOR JUDGE!

Concerned citizens of Knox County, would like to show our endorsement for Travis Floyd as the candidate for Knox County judge on Nov. 4.

Currently, Knox County has several large projects in the works. All these projects take professional leadership and knowledge to carry out. This is the time of preparing for growth, and is not the time for change. Judge Floyd has nine years of experience in this position. His experience has helped mold and shape Knox County. While many small communities are not doing well, Knox County is thriving. Part of that is having knowledgeable leaders with a can-do spirit and one that welcomes new projects and growth.

As concerned citizens, we feel a change in leadership at this time might stifle the growth of many projects at hand. We need to keep the momentum going in order for companies to be confident in investing here. Breaking in a new county judge will take time, time that we do not have right now.

So please consider joining us in voting for Travis Floyd on Nov. 4

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Thornberry in line to head committee

Congressman Mac Thornberry (R-Clarendon) has opposition from democrat Mike Minter of Wichita Falls in the Nov. 4 general election, but if elected, seems to be in line to become the new chairman of the Armed Services Committee provided the Republicans retain control of the House of Representatives.

Thornberry is currently the vice chairman of that committee, but the chairman, Buck McKeon, did not run for reelection. He

would be the first Texan to hold that post.

The Armed Services Committee retains exclusive jurisdiction in the House for defense policy, including ongoing military operations.

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