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Estes, Perry favor eliminating franchise tax

AUSTIN-- Texas State Sen. Craig Estes, R-Wichita Falls, introduced bill SB105 for the coming legislative session in January to repeal the Texas Franchise Tax.

"Creating the margins tax was a huge mistake," Estes said. "It is inequitable, burdensome, complicated, and increases prices for consumers while decreasing wages for workers. The margins tax is anti-business, anti-worker, and anti-consumer. It is time the Legislature corrected its mistake and repealed that tax once and for all."

Estes added that the biggest gripe he hears from business owners is that they have to pay this tax even if they lose money.

"Passing this bill will supercharge our state's economy," Estes continued, noting a 2012 Tax foundation estimate that repealing the margins tax would move Texas' corporate tax ranking from 38th to first in the

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Thornberry will head Armed Services Committee in 2015

WASHINGTON DC—Rep. Mac Thornberry, R-Clarendon has been selected to be the chairman of the Armed Services Committee, the first Texan so honored.

He will serve as the chairman-elect until Jan. 1 when he replaces the retiring Rep. Howard Buck McKeon of California.

"I'm grateful for the opportunity and also mindful of the responsibility it entails," Thornberry said. "The men and women who serve our nation in the military deserve the full support and backing of the Congress and of the country. Providing that support will be my top priority."

The Armed Services Committee has responsibility to oversee the Pentagon, all military services and all Department of Defense agencies.

Snow doesn't last long here

Knox County received its first sampling of snow for the season on Sunday just as predicted by the National Weather Service, but most of it was gone by noon on Monday.

Schools in Benjamin, Knox City and Munday did delay the start of school for two hours on Monday as temperatures dipped into the 20s overnight, causing some freezing on the roadways.

Although it was only a dusting of snow, there were numerous reports of minor traffic accidents, especially in the Abilene area.

Daytime highs were expected to be in the 50s during the week before making it into the 60s on Sunday.

The next opportunity for rain in the county will come Saturday as thunderstorms are mentioned in the forecasts.

Freeze proves timely for cotton crops

The first hard freeze for Knox County and areas to the north last week came about 10 days later than average, which was timely for finishing up the area's cotton, according to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agronomists.

The average time for the first hard freeze in the area is around the end of October or the first of November, said Mark Kelley, an AgriLife Extension cotton specialist from Lubbock. "It was time for it. We had a lot of crops that we were having a difficult time getting killed because of the moisture we received earlier in the fall. This freeze shut everything down, terminated the crop, and hopefully opened up some bolls that weren't open yet."

Kelley said from field examinations he did after the freeze, he found bolls cracking and he expected by the time conditions dried down after the light snow the area received along with the freeze, harvesting was likely to start "hot and heavy."

The bit of moisture from the snow shouldn't affect quality either as crops appeared to be mature at the time of the freeze. Approximately 5 to 10 percent of the region's crop was harvested before the freeze.

KNOX CITY ELIMINATED



Munday's Chandler McCombs sacks Baird quarterback Garrett Deal at the Baird one-yard line in 47-0 win for the Moguls

Terry Messer/The Knox County News-Courier

Munday advances to play Winters

The Munday Moguls advanced to the area round of the state high school football playoffs while the Knox City Greyhounds were eliminated in the bi-district round last Friday.

Forcing the Baird Bears into five three-and-outs to start the game, the Moguls cruised to a 47-0 victory at Fair Park Stadium in Seymour while the Greyhounds were stopped by the No. 2-ranked Ira Bulldogs, 58-8, in Hermeligh.

Next up for the Moguls (8-3) will be a 7:30 p.m. battle Friday night in Tuscola against the Winters Blizzards (9-1), champions of District 6-2A who received a first round bye.

The winner of that game will advance to play the winner of the Albany (10-0) vs. Miles (7-4) game, scheduled at 7 p.m. Thursday in Brownwood. Miles defeated Eldorado, 42-14, in bi-district.

Electra, the other 7-2A team in the playoffs, suffered a 47-20 setback to Santo (10-1), who advances to play Iraan (10-0) at 7 p.m. Friday in Snyder.

Hamlin (10-0), the 7-2A champion, faces Wink (6-5) at 7 p.m. Thursday in Sweetwater. Wink outscored Roscoe, 36-

28, in bi-district.

The opening round of the six-man playoffs went as expected with district champions eliminating the runners up from the other districts. If the results go as expected, the third round could produce a pair of battles of unbeaten teams.

The Crowell Wildcats (10-0), defending state champions and ranked No. 1, blanked Highland, 62-0, and will face Water Valley (7-4), who outscored Marfa 86-36, at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Jayton. Ira (11-0) plays Garden City (8-3), 64-16 winners over Sterling City, in the other Region II semifinals. There's little doubt the finals will pit No. 1 vs. No. 2.

In Division II, Chillicothe outlasted Forestburg, 56-41, in bi-district to earn a spot against Guthrie (11-0) at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Greyhound Stadium in Knox City in a Region III semifinal contest. Guthrie downed Jayton, 84-34, in bi-district. Throckmorton (10-0) downed Harrold, 48-2, and Motley County (7-3) defeated Lueders Avoca, 48-0, at Knox City. All signs point to a Guthrie vs. Throckmorton showdown.



Knox City's Sam Schnable returns a kick while Christian Abila leads the way in Greyhounds' bi-district loss to Ira

Sheri Baty/The Knox County News-Courier

Sports Calendar

Thursday, Nov. 20

Knox City VG basketball at Jayton Tournament
Benjamin VB at Lueders-Avoca Tournament

Friday, Nov. 21

Munday football vs. Winters, 7:30 p.m., Jim Ned HS, Tuscola

Knox City JVB, VB basketball at Hawley

Benjamin VB at Lueders-Avoca Tournament

Saturday, Nov. 22

Knox City VG basketball at Jayton tournament
Benjamin VB at Lueders-Avoca Tournament

Monday, Nov. 24

Munday 7G, 7B, 8G, 8B vs. Crowell

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.

Keep Munday Beautiful

MUNDAY—Keep Munday Beautiful will have a meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday at Bud's For You Two to discuss the Rock Church Theatre along with other projects. All interested citizens are invited.

Free Thanksgiving meal

MUNDAY—The fourth annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner is again planned Nov. 27 here at the First United Methodist Church. The meal is free and no registration is needed. Carla Key reminds those who are shut-in can call the church at 940 422-5144 to arrange for delivery. In addition, take-out meals will be offered. Other churches and individuals are assisting with preparing the food for the meal.

Turkey Trot Nov. 27

MUNDAY—The Munday community Turkey Trot is scheduled here Nov. 27 with the one-mile race starting at 8 a.m. and the 5K at 8:30 a.m.

Gifted and talented referrals sought

MUNDAY—The Munday CISD is now accepting referrals for students who may need gifted and talented services for the school year. Anyone wishing to refer a student attending kindergarten through sixth grade can do so. The form must be returned to the school by Dec. 1.

Christmas poinsettias

HASKELL—The Noah Project-North is taking orders for Christmas poinsettias. The cost will be \$12.50 or \$25 if dressed. Call 940 864-2551 to place order. Delivery is planned Dec. 4-6.

EARLY DEADLINES FOR NEXT ISSUE

The Knox City News-Courier will be printed a day early next week on Wednesday, Nov. 26, to allow employees the chance to enjoy Thanksgiving with their families. The deadline for advertising will be moved to 9 a.m. on Friday while the deadline for news items will be 9 a.m. Monday.

Corrections

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Deaths

Anita Joyce Lyne

Anita Joyce Lyne of Wichita Falls passed away Monday, Nov. 3 at the age of 65. Anita was born Sept. 11, 1949 in Knox City to Adolf and Rose Bartos. Anita was a financial analyst at Sheppard Air Force Base for 29 years. She had a passion for loving and taking care of her horses. She was preceded in death by her parents, Adolf and Rose Bartos. Anita is survived by her loving husband, Don of Wichita Falls, one sis-



ANITA LYNE

ter; Leona Elliott of Munday, two nieces; Robin Herring of Knox City and Sheryll Elliott of Wichita Falls, great-nephew; Jared Herring of Austin and great niece; Ashley Herring of Houston. Funeral services were held Friday, Nov. 7 at the First Baptist Church in Munday. Interment followed in Gilliland Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Smith Funeral Home in Munday.

Knox County Aging Center

Lunch menus for week of Nov. 24-28

Monday: Charbroil beef patty w/peppers, onions, beets, bread, mashed potatoes; cake.

Tuesday: Ham & beans, spinach, cornbread, pineapple cup.

Wednesday: Closed

Thursday: Happy Thanksgiving

Friday: Closed

Freeze not expected to hurt wheat crops

COLLEGE STATION – It's highly unlikely that the sub-freezing weather will damage any of the state's winter wheat crop, even newly emerged plants, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert.

"It would have to get pretty darn cold for it to do any damage to the wheat," said Dr. Clark Neely, AgriLife Extension small grains and oilseed specialist, College Station. "If you have a healthy crop, winter wheat can handle temperatures below zero Fahrenheit prior to vernalization."

Vernalization refers to a certain number of chilling hours a plant must experi-

ence before it switches from vegetative to reproductive growth, he said.

Winter wheat can be damaged in certain instances, such as when a cold front comes through and there's a sudden 50-degree temperature swing, but even then it is rare, Neely said.

"Soil temperatures are also still relatively warm, which will help protect plants," he said.

This cold snap we had should go a long way to hardening the crop off," he said, adding that "hardening off" refers to wheat acclimating to colder temperatures.

The Paperboy Population boom causing serious problems for roads

Have you been to Austin lately? If so, and you took I-35, you'll be able to envision the following.

I traveled on I-35 from Fort Worth to Austin this past weekend and it's become maddening. Downtown Fort Worth is a nightmare and from Waco to south of Austin is enough to need a massage and a bottle of whiskey when finally reaching your destination.

Austin's traffic is beyond bad. Regardless of time.

The fastest growing city in the U.S., Austin's metropolitan population is now 2 million.

An hour south is San Antonio, with a metro population of 2.4 million.

Dallas-Fort Worth metro area is now 7 million.

Between DFW and Austin on I-35 is another million people.

Throw in Houston with a metropolitan population of over 6.5 million and the numbers are staggering.

Texas' population is now 27 million and is projected to explode to over 40 million in the next 20 years. Some 30 million are projected to live in the triangle area between Dallas, Houston and San Antonio. If those projections are accurate, Texas will have around 10 percent of the total U.S. population.



CHRIS BLACKBURN

Oklahoma is projected to grow to over 5 million in the same span, up from 3.8 million today.

According to CNNMoney, Texas and Oklahoma have four of the top 10 fastest growing metro areas:

1. Austin
2. Houston
5. San Antonio
9. Oklahoma City

In cities of over 50,000, Texas has 10 of the 25 fastest growing cities in the U.S.

The bottom line is there are 466 miles from Austin to Oklahoma City. No corridor in North America is going to see growth anywhere near what is taking place in that area.

Despite the passage of Proposition 1 in Texas, we are way behind what is needed to sustain the current population not to mention nearly doubling it in the next two decades.

And with Texas as big as it is, there are other concerns regarding our highways out here as well. Wichita Falls, Abilene, Amarillo, Lubbock, Midland and Odessa are all growing significantly.

The traffic in Childress alone is topping 21,000 vehicles a day and growing.

TxDOT and ODOT are fantastic state agencies, but they can only do what they can afford. And by the looks of it, Texas already has tens of billions of dollars in need.

The Texas Legislature convenes in 2015 and the state's growing pains will consume the agenda. Water, traffic, infrastructure, etc... this will be a tough session when it comes to appropriating funds.

Even after session, Texas will be left with the reality that whatever funds are appropriated for whatever projects, it will not be enough to keep up with growth.

Once upon a time, the state floated a super Texas highway - the Trans-Texas Corridor. The proposal failed, but the concept was strong and should be revisited.

At the center of the concept was partnership with public and private funds flowing into the the project. That's going to be huge moving forwards along with toll roads.

I've never been a proponent of toll roads, but given the choice of driving in heavy traffic like I did this past weekend or paying a toll for more room to navigate, I'd gladly pay a toll.

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Detail of Study of Praying Hands by Albrecht Durer (1508)
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The family of Kenneth Beason wishes to thank the Knox County Hospital and clinic for all of the loving care they gave Kenneth. All of the thoughts, prayers, cards, flowers and food was greatly appreciate. We also appreciate the community of Rochester for the meal served at the Baptist church.

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Perry critical of Obama's 'executive amnesty' push

LUBBOCK—Sen. Charles Perry, R-Lubbock criticized President Barack Obama on his unlawful decision to push "executive amnesty" in the near future. Additionally, he filed SB 185 to put an end to sanctuary cities that encourage illegal immigration to the State of Texas.

"The American people spoke loud and clear on Election Day that they want real solutions to our immigration crisis, not amnesty," said Perry. "It is shameful, arrogant, and unconstitutional for our President to pursue this catastrophic policy through executive action, rather than allowing our democratically elected officials debate its merits in the halls of Congress."

Estimates indicate an upwards of 4.5 million illegal immigrant adults with children, roughly the equivalent of the population of Louisiana, would be allowed to stay if the president goes through with his proposed plan.

"With the stroke of a pen, the president could exponentially grow spending on our already out-of-control entitlement system," continued Perry. "This would not only amplify our \$18 trillion national debt but also place an undue burden on our state and local communities' core services."

A recent study by the Center for

Immigration Studies showed that immigrants accounted for 42% of growth in Medicaid enrollment since Obamacare. Infusing millions of new immigrants into the system will only exasperate this growth.

"I look forward to working with Lt. Governor-Elect Dan Patrick to find ways Texas can address immigration and this massive overreach from the federal government," continued Perry. "SB 185 is a common sense measure that will address the ongoing problem of sanctuary cities in Texas and hopefully open up dialogue on what other measures we can pass at a state and federal level to solve our crisis in illegal immigration."

Currently, many cities across the state put into place policies that prevent law enforcement from inquiring about a person's immigration status or sharing information on their status with the federal government. SB 185 will prohibit local governments from adopting policies that prevent them from enforcing state and federal immigration laws.

"One of the things that have made America truly great is that we are a nation of immigrants," continued Perry. "We should never forget that, but we must ensure that the rule of law is upheld and that people are coming here legally through the proper means."

Perry seeks change in handgun testing

LUBBOCK-- Senator Charles Perry filed SB 179, legislation that reduces the minimum caliber training requirement for concealed handgun licensing testing from .32 to .22 caliber, as part of a series of bills last week.

"As a strong advocate for Second Amendment rights, I am always looking for ways to simplify handgun licensing and make access easier for all," said Perry. "This bill allows for individuals looking to carry a smaller caliber weapon the flexibility to practice and test on the weapon they will actually be carrying day-to-day."

The Texas State Rifle Association (TSRA) expressed its support for this bill. "Over the years, TSRA has heard complaints regarding law requiring potential CHL licensees to qualify on the range with a .32 caliber handgun or larger," said Alice Tripp, Legislative Director of the TSRA. "There are Texans with hand injuries or who because of age or illness can no longer manage the heavier load -- these folks should be allowed to quali-

fy with the caliber they intend to carry."

The other bills and Constitutional Amendments that Perry filed focus on fiscal responsibility, reducing taxes and eliminating government waste.

"As a lifelong conservative and a CPA, I have used my background to audit the government to hold them accountable for wasteful spending," Perry said. "I am proud to say that this first set of bills will ensure that our government is more efficient and transparent with our taxpayer dollars."

"The people of Texas sent a clear message at the ballot box," continued Perry. "Texans want government to live within its means and stay out of our pocket books."

Here's a brief synopsis of the bills filed by Perry:

S.J.R. 11 & S.B. 137: This amendment places a common sense cap on state government spending by capping our budget growth to population growth plus inflation.

S.B. 136: This legislation ensures the government lives within its means

by requiring each state agency's budget to start at zero on a regular basis. This should curb back wasteful spending and ensure each tax-dollar spent is justified.

S.B. 138: This legislation gives much needed tax-relief to small business owners by phasing out our state's cumbersome franchise tax over a period of four years.

S.J.R.12 & S.B. 139: This amendment creates a permanent solution for transportation funding by eliminating diversions from the state highway fund to DPS. This measure will increase transparency, while at the same time funding the construction and maintenance of transportation infrastructure without raising taxes or fees.

S.B. 140: This legislation extends the current sales tax-exemption for agriculture equipment and to GPS services used by farmers on tractors and other farm equipment. This is a common sense bill that will help our rural district by aligning our tax law with the changing technologies in agriculture.

Health insurance premiums to rise

WASHINGTON—If you were among the more than 733,000 Texans who signed up for insurance under the Affordable Care Act championed by President Barack Obama as Obamacare, there's a chance you will have an attack of "sticker shock" and have to pay more money since your plan may no longer be the low-cost benchmark in your community.

Underwriters have indicated the rate increases for the metallic plans—gold, silver and bronze—will likely be between 12 to 42 percent, higher than first expected. One solution to cut costs if you are already covered will be to switch plans.

Consumers started enrolling for 2015 coverage last weekend after the Health and Human Services department released a massive computer file of 2015 premiums last Friday. Open enrollment continues through Feb. 15.

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- Brenda Weaver

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Jacoby Thomas takes off en route to 105 yards rushing in a 58-8 bi-district setback to Ira

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No. 2-ranked Bulldogs eliminate Greyhounds

By JAMES McAFEE
The Knox County News-Courier

HERMLEIGH—Missed scoring opportunities early put the Knox City Greyhounds in a hole from which they could never recover from as they were eliminated from the playoffs by the No. 2-ranked Ira Bulldogs, 58-8, here Friday night.

"We were inside the 15 yard line two times early and did not put points on the board," Coach Charles Steele said. "Against good teams you cannot have missed opportunities."

"Ira is a very good team defensively and they put us in situations where we had to get away from our game plan. We had some long yardage situations on second and third downs that were hard to convert. I thought we had some bright spots at times, but just not enough of them."

Steele felt the Hounds did slow down Ira early, but the two missed chances and turnovers allowed the Bulldogs to get the momentum to open up a sizeable lead in the first half.

"It all comes down to tackling on the defensive side of the ball and we struggled with that part of it," Steele said. Calling Logan Morris one of the best backs the team had faced all season, he added, "We would get hands on him, but would not wrap up."

Morris finished the night with 356 yards on 18 carries.

Meanwhile, Jacoby Thomas paced the

Hounds with 105 yards on 10 carries, raising his season total to 1,297 yards.

Just as it did against No. 1-ranked Crowell, the Greyhounds did extend the game into the third quarter before the "mercy rule" was used.

Ira advances to play Garden City, 64-16 winners over Sterling City, and then a very likely date against defending state champion Crowell, which handed the Bulldogs their only loss last season.

Knox City finished with a 7-4 record, leaving Steele happy with the entire season. "This group of young men has been one of my most enjoyable groups to coach," he said. "They have picked up the playoff tradition and will build on that for several years to come."

"We played one of, if not the toughest schedule, in six-man football. When the season started we really did not know how good we could be because we were unproven with the amount of young kids we had moving into key roles. I knew we would be talented but did not know if we would gel as a team. I am very proud of the senior leadership we had from Zach Rodriguez, Kryz Campos and Isreal Rodriguez. Every single player on the team played a major role for us. We could not have had the success we had without any of them. Every game we had a different player step up and lead us in different ways. It was a total team effort."

I am super excited about the way this football season went for us.

Greyhounds romp by Northside, 84-32

KNOX CITY—The Knox City Greyhounds opened the basketball season with an 84-32 victory over Northside here Tuesday night.

Knox City jumped off to a quick 26-12 lead in the first quarter to take control

of the game and expanded it to 50-22 at halftime.

The Hounds had four players in double figures, led by Kryz Campos and Anthony Estrada with 18 and 15 points, respectively.

Knox City girls fall to Crowell, Quanah

KNOX CITY—The Knox City girls basketball team suffered 53-43 and 38-23 setbacks to Crowell and Quanah in kicking off the basketball season last week.

Knox City got off to a slow start against Crowell, falling behind 19-6 at the end of the first quarter. They mounted a comeback, using full court pressure, to get within four with four minutes left. However, the Lady Wildcats pulled away when the Houndettes couldn't convert free throws.

In the physical game where three Crowell players fouled out, the Houndettes made only 26 of 38 free

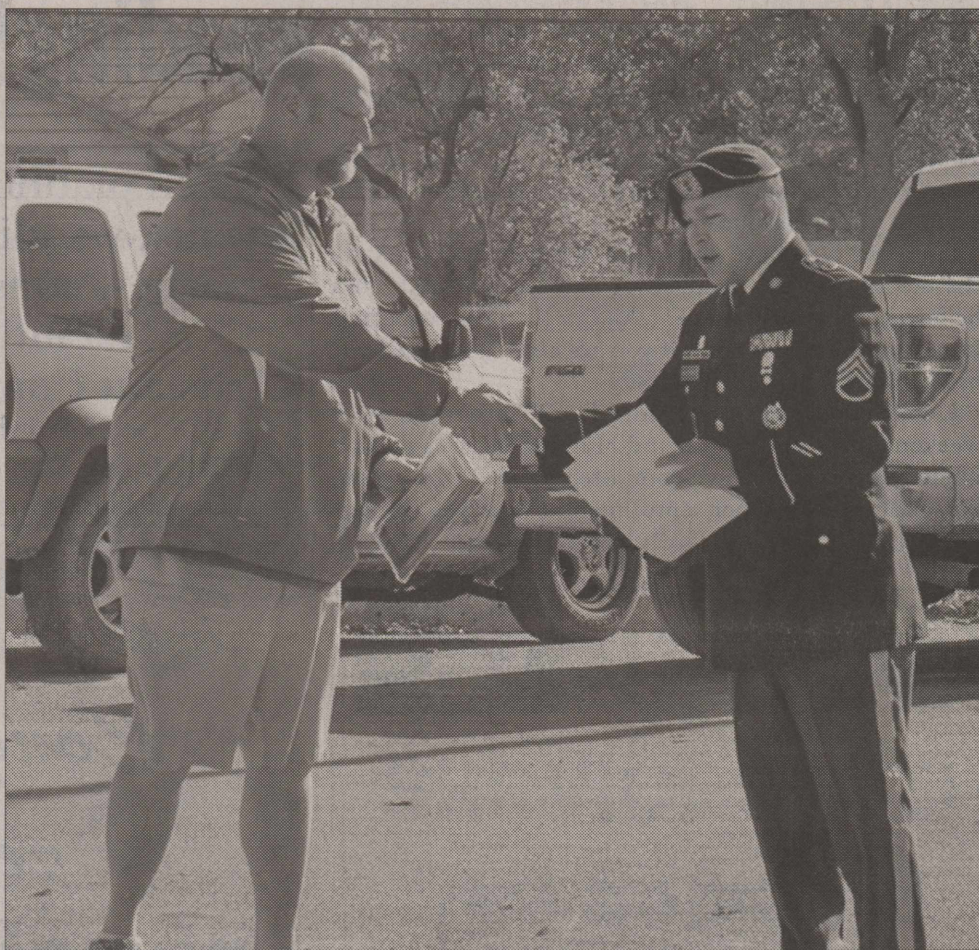
throws. Freshman Brooke Jones and Kaylie Steele led the scoring effort with 19 and 10 points, respectively.

Coach Dylan Ballard pointed to a 16-7 deficit in the second quarter as putting Knox City too far behind to mount any kind of second half challenge against Quanah.

Steele didn't get much help in the scoring column, making 19 of the 23 points. She also had 15 rebounds.

Knox City was scheduled to play Northside Tuesday night and will play in the Jayton Tournament starting Thursday.

Army Strong Award



Coach Charles Steele accepts the Army Strong Award that came earlier in the season, but that had been lost in the mail

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Defense aids Munday's 47-0 victory over Baird

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

SEYMOUR--Capitalizing on a great defensive effort and mistakes by the Baird Bears, the Munday Moguls had no trouble in rolling to a 47-0 bi-district victory here on a bitterly-cold Friday night at Fair Park Stadium.

The victory earned the Moguls the right to advance to play District 6-2A champion Winters, who had the night off, at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Jim Ned High School Stadium in Tuscola.

Coach Patrick Corcoran was proud of the Moguls' defensive effort that came a week after they couldn't contain the explosive offense of the Haskell Indians. "Pitching a shutout is good stuff," he said after the game.

"Coach McCombs came up with a great defensive game plan and the kids executed it well," he added.

Corcoran was especially pleased with the pressure that defensive ends Chandler McCombs and Temerick Reagins put on the Baird quarterback.

"We had a slow start getting rolling offensively," Corcoran added. However, as usual, the Moguls eventually found ways to continue their productive spread option rushing offensive effort, getting more of a balanced attack to roll up 335 yards. Day'veon Dockins led the way with 141 yards on 15 carries, raising his season total to 1,737. Alfonso Nunez, Zac Huffman and Dee Hemphill added 86, 73 and 54 yards, respectively.

Corcoran indicated after the game that having Reagins to stretch the field allows the runners to run in space. When necessary, the Moguls can go to the air as evident from the 56-yard pass Reagins caught from Nunez for their second touchdown.

Baird, which had success offensively even against state-ranked Albany, got off to a bad start with a delay on game penalty on its first play and then a false start two plays later and was forced to punt.

Munday had a little better start offensively, moving into Baird territory on its first two possessions, but had a pass picked off and lost a fumble in the red zone when Dockins was stripped of the ball.

McCombs' second sack of the night, getting an assist from Reagins, pinned the Bears back to their own four. A holding penalty moved the Moguls

back to the Bears' 44 after a punt. The Moguls needed only four plays to get their first touchdown on a 14-yard run by Dockins. Despite an illegal procedure penalty, Diego Reyes' PAT was good from five yards back with 1:58 left in the first quarter.

A third down sack by Reagins forced the Bears to punt, but they got a break with a good bounce that left the Moguls at their own 34. The Moguls got a break when Bryan Castorena fell on a Dockins' fumble for a first down. That's when Nunez lofted a high pass that Reagins ran under to catch and shake a defender to complete a 56-yard scoring play.

After Baird failed to dent the Munday defense for a first down for the fifth straight time, the Moguls upped their lead to 20-0, covering 65 yards in four plays with Huffman going the last two yards after a 23-yarder to start the drive. Hemphill and Dockins had 20-yard runs.

Late in the second period starting again from their own 11, the Bears finally got a first down, actually four of them, thanks to the efforts of quarterback Garrett Deel, before penalties and the Munday defense stopped them.

Although the Moguls got good field position near midfield after a Baird punt bounced backwards for only a net of three yards, a holding penalty forced Nunez to go to the air without success. That left the Moguls up 20-0 at halftime, allowing some of the Munday fans to leave early for the trip back home.

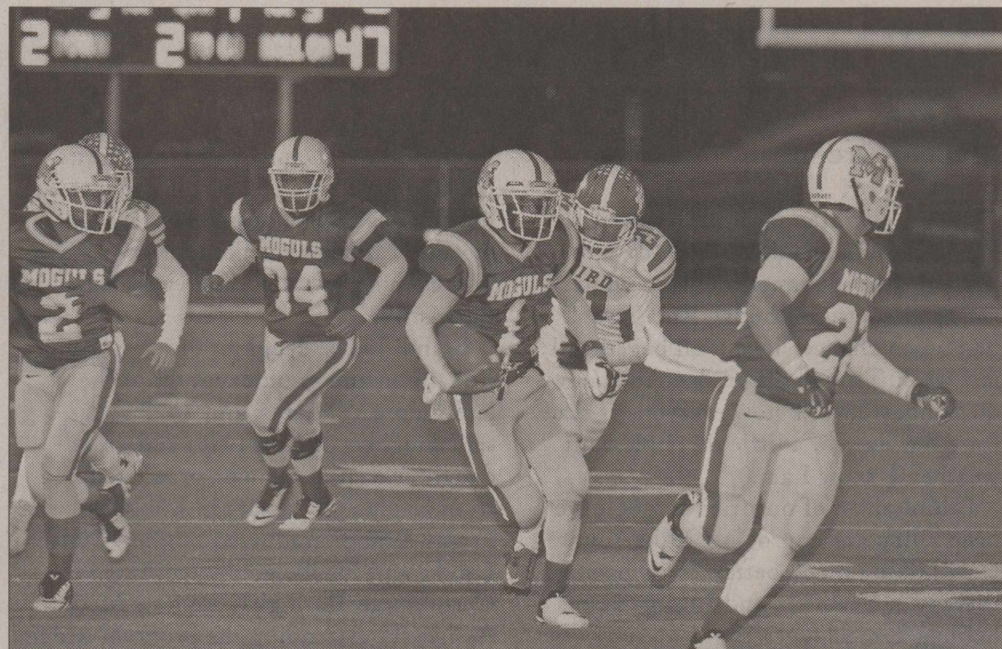
Following a failed outside.kick to start the second half, Dockins raced 40 yards on the Moguls' first play for a 26-0 lead.

After again forcing the Bears to punt following a sack by Reagins, the Moguls needed only two plays for Nunez to keep the ball on the option and race 44 yards for a TD, pushing the lead to 33-0 when Reyes added the PAT.

Huffman returned an interception 46 yards and Hemphill scored from 33 yards for fourth quarter insurance points for the Moguls.

Looking ahead to Friday's game with Winters, Corcoran indicated that Michael Lowrance, a mainstay in the middle of the defense, was questionable after hurting his shoulder in Seymour.

Looking at the Blizzards, he added, "They don't do anything fancy, but are a sound well-coached football team."



Munday's Alfonso Nunez escapes for 44-yard run for touchdown in Moguls' 47-0 bi-district win over Baird

Terry Messer/The Knox County News-Courier

Mogulettes off to 2-1 start in basketball

MUNDAY--The Munday Mogulettes suffered a 32-29 setback at the hands of the Newcastle Lady Cats here Tuesday night after earlier 36-15 and 42-24 victories over Aspermont and Abilene Christian High school.

Coach Corey Stephenson was pleased with the start. "We did a lot of good things, but still have a lot to work on," he continued.

As expected, the Mogulettes are not making a high percentage of their field goal attempts, but Stephenson explained his emphasis had been taking as many shots as possible and thinks improvement will happen as they spend more time in practice and gain game experience.

Stephenson was happy with 5-10, 9-12 and 3-5 performances at the free throw line.

After taking a 19-12 lead over Newcastle at halftime, the Mogulettes scored only three points in the third period, allowing the Lady Cats to tie the game 22-22 after three periods. The eventual difference was a pair of three-pointers by Newcastle. Dillard led Munday with 11 points.

Stephenson noted he was especially pleased with the Mogulettes' defensive effort in the first half against Aspermont, holding the Lady Hornets without a field goal and only one free throw. The Mogulettes led 23-1.

Dillard led scorers against Aspermont with 10 while Maria Vega and Myca Flowers added eight and seven points, respectively. Flowers had nine rebounds.

Against ACHS, Dillard and Charity Hunter led the way with nine each and Flowers added seven.

Archer City earns state trip

SNYDER--If there was any consolation for the Munday Mogulettes, they can say they were eliminated in the volleyball playoffs by the state tournament-bound Archer City Lady Wildcats.

After losing three times this year and four times last season to the Windthorst

Trojanettes, the Wildcats won the Region I-2A title here Saturday with a 25-21, 17-25, 25-7, 26-24 victory over their county rivals, who have 13 state titles to their credit.

Archer City (37-8) will play Lindsay (40-4) at 9 a.m. Friday at the Garland Culwell Center. Iola (40-2) plays Schulenburg

(41-8) at 11 a.m. in the other semifinal.

The 2004 team from Windthorst that finished with a 47-0 record will be honored in Garland. Archer City coach Allison Bursey, then Schreiber, was a member of that team.

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Benjamin News

Gladene Green

Did winter get here or not? I think it did. We literally went from summer temps to winter time in a matter of hours. And haven't had much change since it all began early last week. Topped off by sleet and snow on Sunday, I think now everyone is ready for a few days of a little more pleasant weather. I know I am.

I think most of our friends who have been ailing are improving. Mike Young is still doing much better. He is having therapy at Seymour, and I think that is helping him a lot.

Deanne Lamb was readmitted to the Munday Nursing Center Tuesday. She just wasn't doing as well at home as she had hoped. This stay will be for a little more physical therapy, and after that she should be back home and more comfortable being by herself.

PTO Festival

I understand the Fall Festival Saturday night was well attended, and a good bit of money was made for the PTO. This money is used for various things throughout the year to benefit the school. Of course, the classes get what they take in with their booths, so all in all, the money spent goes to good causes.

The Harvest Royalty was crowned after the program, "Dancing Through the Decades," which followed the festival. This year's Duke and Duchess are Kindergarten representatives, Kaylee Strickland and Everett Cates. Fifth grade representatives won the titles of Prince and Princess. They are Maggie Kuhne and Grant Jackson. This year's King and Queen are Benjamin Vanderpol and Kelsey Brown. Kelsey represented the senior class, and Benjamin is a sophomore. Since there are no senior boys, Kelsey chose Benjamin as her escort, and they won the honor! The winners were selected by popular vote. Each person attending the evening event was given a ballot to mark when they arrived at the door, and after the votes were counted, the winners were crowned. I congratulate each of these students.

Here 'N There

Sunday night, despite the horrible cold and snow, a nice crowd gathered at the parsonage of the First Baptist Church for a sandwich meal plus chips, dips, dessert, tea, and coffee. This time of food and fellowship was to honor and welcome James Jackson, his wife, Jill, and

their children, Daniel and Grant, into the Baptist Church as pastor. He has been here a couple of years but was just recently called as the permanent pastor. The evening was nice, and everyone had fun visiting.

Brandi Jones, daughter of Mary Tom Bohannon and granddaughter of the late Jonnie Williams; and Shelby Russell, daughter of Kim Lyles and granddaughter of Bud Conner, graduated from Kaplan University in Lubbock last Friday. Brandi graduated Summa Cum Laude, and Shelby graduated Magna Cum Laude. Both girls are now Medical Assistants. Attending the program which was held at the Lubbock Civic Center, were Judy and Randolph Barnett, Kim Lyles, and Samijo Russell and D. J. Judy and Randolph spent the night and visited her sons, Jeff and Jim Bob Conner, and their families. They returned home Saturday.

Mike and Debi Moorhouse and grandson, Dillon Keys, were in Dallas Thursday for Dillon to see his kidney doctor. He has a few problems that have to be addressed, and after a week of treatment, he will be back in Dallas for another checkup. I ask you to remember him in prayer.

Joy Lynn Pool was in Brownwood last weekend to visit her mom, Vicki, and to see her granddad, who is very ill, suffering from cancer.

Leah Vanderpol of Abilene spent the weekend with her parents and brother, Dawn, Brent, and Benjamin.

Imagean Young told me her brother-in-law, Butch Young, had a knee replacement a week or two ago and was doing fine, but developed an infection after he went home. He had to reenter the hospital for treatment. He's back at home now, and our prayer is that he continues to improve. Mary Jane Young visited him and Letha during the weekend and said although he's still in quite a lot of pain, he is doing better. Butch and Letha live in Saginaw.

I extend sympathy this week to the family of Bea Ellis of O'Brien. Bea passed away Tuesday in the Munday Nursing Center. She was a lovely person and will be missed by so many. Her funeral was Saturday in O'Brien.

Also a belated expression of sympathy to Gene and Olivia Gloria. Gene's dad passed away in late October. His health had been failing for quite some time. He lived near San Angelo.

Vernon will not buy rodeo grounds

VERNON—The City of Vernon notified the owner of the Santa Rosa Rodeo grounds that it was unable to purchase the facility at this time.

City Manager Mitch Grant noted that

basic services took priority.

"We hope there will be a community effort to purchase the facility and the city will be happy to be involved in that effort," he added.

Ryan Earthman earns state spot



Members of the Knox County 4-H Club participated in a district food show in Vernon. Pictured in back row (left to right) are Ryan Earthman, Corrie Earthman and Josiah Coplen, in the front row are Shawn Earthman, Nate Earthman and Morgan Earthman

By Corrie Earthman

VERNON—Ryan Earthman captured first place in Senior Grains here last month in the District 4-H Food Show, earning the right to advance to state in June.

Knox County 4-H members who also won awards included, Shawn Earthman, first in Intermediate Protein; Corrie Earthman, second in Intermediate Protein; and Josiah Coplen, fifth in Intermediate Grains.

Also competing were Morgan Earthman in Junior Fruits and Vegetables and Nate Earthman in Junior Grains.

The food show was a competition in

the Food and Nutrition project where the participant must prepare a dish at home in one of four categories--Protein, Fruits and Vegetables, Grains and Dairy--and present it to two judges, who graded it on many things including texture, appearance, and being cooked thoroughly.

The participant must also know nutritional facts about their dish, as well as MyPlate guidelines. The main purpose of this competition is to educate 4-H members on the importance of having healthy nutrition and a healthy lifestyle in a fun and competitive way.

Benjamin JH revised schedule

Nov. 24—at Harrold
Dec. 1—Munday
Dec. 8—Northside
Dec. 15—at Crowell
Jan. 8—at Chillicothe

Jan. 12—Harrold
Jan. 22—at Munday
Jan. 26—at Northside
Feb. 9—Crowell

FSA ups borrowing limit on microloans

COLLEGE STATION--Texas Farm Service Agency (FSA) State Executive Director Judith A. Canales reminds farmers and ranchers that the FSA borrowing limit for microloans, offering less paperwork, increased from \$35,000 to \$50,000.

Canales said it makes borrowing from FSA a "first opportunity" to farm or ranch or quickly expand existing operations.

"This will help more people because of new flexibilities created by the 2014 Farm Bill," Canales said. "We're especially excited in Texas, because we want to encourage more beginners and young people, especially those from historically underserved communities, to consider farming and ranching as a way to become independent businessmen and women. It's a rewarding way to build or expand a family operation."

The change allows beginning, small and mid-sized farmers to access an additional

\$15,000 in loans using a simplified application process with up to seven years to repay. Microloans are part of USDA's continued commitment to small and midsized farming operations.

To complement the microloan program additional changes to FSA eligibility requirements will enhance beginning farmers and ranchers access to land, a key barrier to entry level producers. FSA policies related to farm experience have changed so that other types of skills may be considered to meet the direct farming experience required for farm ownership loan eligibility. Operation or management of non-farm businesses, leadership positions while serving in the military or advanced education in an agricultural field will now count towards the experience applicants need to show when applying for farm ownership loans.

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	General Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:			
Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 692,148	\$ 70,672	\$ 762,820
State Program Revenues	3,383,851	38,248	3,422,099
Federal Program Revenues	-	536,207	536,207
Total Revenues	4,075,999	645,127	4,721,126
EXPENDITURES:			
Current:			
Instruction	1,857,308	355,178	2,212,486
Instructional Resources and Media Services	15,991	-	15,991
Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	5,434	-	5,434
School Leadership	257,756	-	257,756
Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	61,667	-	61,667
Health Services	3,598	44,323	47,921
Student (Pupil) Transportation	84,051	13,786	97,837
Food Services	5,919	274,754	280,673
Extracurricular Activities	331,056	-	331,056
General Administration	335,058	-	335,058
Facilities Maintenance and Operations	567,895	-	567,895
Community Services	3,409	-	3,409
Intergovernmental:			
Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	108,935	-	108,935
Total Expenditures	3,638,077	688,041	4,326,118
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	437,922	(42,914)	395,008
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Transfers In	-	69,670	69,670
Transfers Out (Use)	(72,060)	-	(72,060)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(72,060)	69,670	(2,390)
Net Change in Fund Balances	365,862	26,756	392,618
Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	3,061,539	-	3,061,539
Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 3,427,401	\$ 26,756	\$ 3,454,157

Church Happenings

Ladies Harvest Festival hears Ft. Worth speaker

KNOX CITY--The 44th annual Ladies Harvest Festival was held here this past Saturday at the Knox City Foursquare Church where 58 ladies enjoyed a morning of worship and an encouraging word from Kathy Jo Rogers of Wedgewood Baptist Church in Fort Worth.

Rogers shared a wonderful message of hope and how God knows and sees our needs in every situation and circumstance; from the day-to-day activities to life-changing events.

"With the Harvest Festival having such a rich heritage that our community truly values, the traditional week-day service was moved to a Saturday this year to help accommodate our working women," said Amy Schnable.

Moving to Saturday also allowed several young ladies from both the junior high and high school to help lead in worship. "Their musical and vocal giftings were a blessing to all," Schnable added. "The hope would be that as these youth are welcomed in and become our future leaders, the Ladies Harvest Festival will continue for many years to come!"

Schnable thanked each of the churches that participated in making this year's festival a success. "Your generous giving will be the blessing our local Ministerial Alliance will use to help assist those in need this coming year."



KATHY JO ROGERS

Christmas concert

MUNDAY—The First Baptist Church of Munday will bring back Master's Voice for a Christmas concert at 6 p.m. Dec. 13.

Breakfast with Santa

MUNDAY—Children can get their pictures taken with Santa Claus when the Munday Church of Christ hosts Breakfast with Santa from 9-11 a.m. on Dec. 6. There is no cost for the meal.

Christmas Cantata

MUNDAY—The Munday Christmas Cantata will be held at 6 p.m. Dec. 7 at the First Baptist Church of Munday.

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

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220 S. 5th, Munday 422-4559

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Graves honored by Howard Payne

KNOX CITY--Dr. Hilary B. Graves of Knox City, a former pastor of the First Baptist Church of Munday, was recently honored as a distinguished alumni at Howard Payne University during the annual alumni and sports hall of fame banquet in conjunction with Howard Payne's homecoming celebrating 125 years.

Graves received an award at the banquet, rode in the parade with his name and year of graduation on the side of a pickup and then was recognized during halftime of the football game against Hardin-Simmons University.

Dr. Graves came to the college in 1947 after receiving a call to preach. He graduated in 1950, the same time as wife, Ruth. He then graduated from Southwestern Theological Seminary of Fort Worth in 1953. During his days at both places, he pastored at small communities around Brownwood and Fort Worth. He completed his doctorate in theology at Trinity University in Evanston, Ind. in 1981.

Dr. Graves pastored churches in Texas and southern Oklahoma during 65 years of preaching. In addition, he preached at revivals and crusades all over the United States and in every continent except Af-



Dr. Graves receives award at Howard Payne

rica, including twice in Toyko.

Called to mission work in Vermont, he helped start the First Baptist Church in Chelsea with current wife, Jo Ann, in 2001. The couple helped start two other churches between 2002 and 2008.

Graves' first wife, Ruth, passed away in 1980 and second wife, Mildred, passed away in 2000. He has three children Ben, a graduate from HPU in 1974 who lives in Massachusetts; Phoi McGuire of Haskell; and Tori Hicks of Abilene.

Family Thanksgiving Meal



More than 100 parents and grandparents attended the recent Knox City Elementary Family Thanksgiving Meal. Nathan and Nadia Rowland are pictured here with son, Chase.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF REFERRAL PERIOD

Public Notice

Munday CISD is now accepting referrals for students who may need Gifted/Talented Services for the school year. This program is designed for students who exhibit intellectual and creative thinking abilities at an extraordinary level not normally served in the regular classroom. Services are provided only upon identification of education needs of the student. Anyone wishing to refer a student attending Munday CISD in kindergarten through sixth grade this school year is asked to go by the student's campus office and request a copy of the referral form. This form must be returned to the school by December 1, 2014. Those unable to go by the school should call 940-422-4321 to request a form be sent to them.

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El Distrito Escolar de MUNDAY CISD está aceptando referencias para estudiantes que puedan necesitar servicios de Gifted/Talented (programa para estudiantes que tengan talentos/inteligencia más alta que sus iguales) para el año escolar. Este programa está diseñado para estudiantes que muestran habilidades intelectuales y habilidades inventivas de nivel extraordinario que normalmente no se sirve en las clases regulares. Los servicios son prestos únicamente cuando hay identificación de necesidades educativas del estudiante. Cualquiera persona que quiera referir a un estudiante en grados de kínder hasta el grado sexto dentro del Distrito Escolar de MUNDAY CISD, puede ir por la oficina de la escuela del estudiante para pedir una copia de la forma de registro. Este formulario debe ser devuelto a la escuela antes del 01 de diciembre de 2014. Los que no pueden ir por la escuela deben llamar al 940-422-4321 para solicitar un formulario se enviará a ellos.

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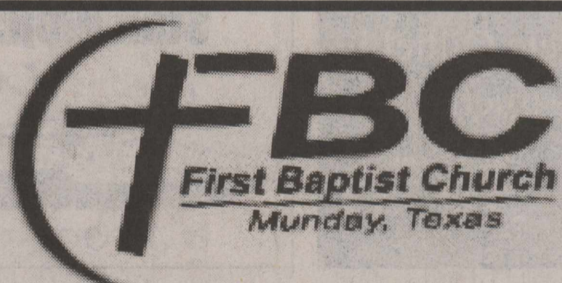
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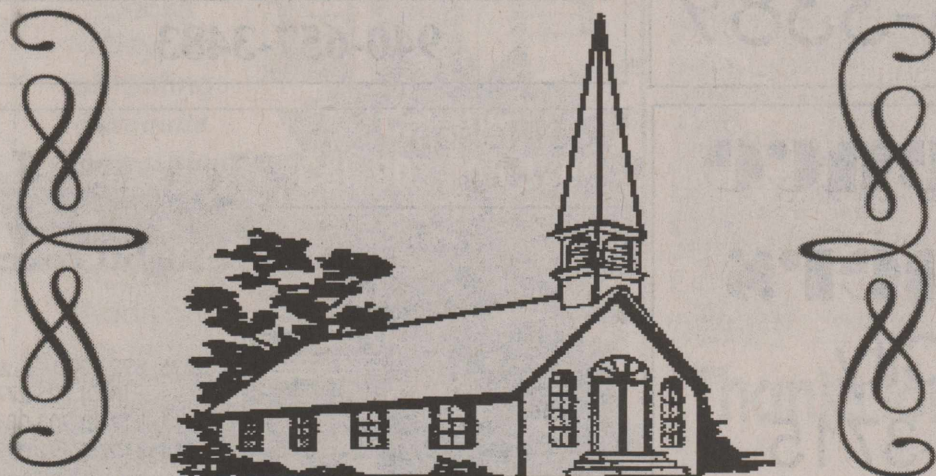
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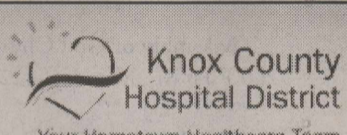
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The origin of Thanksgiving Day traces back to the year 1621, when the first feast was organized between the English settlers and Native Americans, marking the first time food was exchanged between the two groups. Thanksgiving traditions vary from family to family. While some cook up a big goose, others roast a turkey or can have a stuffed vegetarian Thanksgiving squash. The traditional dinner menu is also varied and includes yams, mashed potatoes, dumplings, corn on the cob or hominy, deviled eggs, green beans, squash, cranberry sauce and desserts like apple pie, mincemeat pie, sweet potato pie, pumpkin pie and pecan pie, my favorite saved for last.

Betty and I are going to miss being with family for the first time in a long time, but are looking forward to celebrating with new friends here at the Community Thanksgiving Dinner at the First United Methodist Church where many have pitched in to bring different items.

With everyone preparing the traditional turkey and their favorite recipe for cornbread dressing for Thanksgiving meals, here are some ingenious ways to spice up the menu, courtesy of my wife and a few of her friends.

Pea Salad--Mix one can peas, drained, a cup of pimientos and a cup of cheese chunks with an onion, two boiled eggs and two sweet pickles, chopping the last three items. Add a dash of salt and pepper and enough mayonnaise to coat the ingredients. Refrigerate for several hours.

Strawberry Cranberry Relish--Add half a cup of strawberries and a cup of chopped walnuts to a can of whole-berry cranberry sauce. Chill and serve.

Crustless Pumpkin-Pecan Pie--Combine following ingredients--16-ounce can of pumpkin, 12 ounces evaporated milk, one cup sugar, box of yellow cake mix, four eggs, one cup pecans, two tablespoons of pumpkin spice, one cup melted butter, one tablespoon vanilla and dash of salt. Pour into ungreased baking dish. Sprinkle cake mix and nuts over top and drizzle with butter. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes to an hour. Serve with whipped topping if you want.

For those who do not want to take the time to do the previous pumpkin pie, just buy one and top with marshmallows. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 to 15 minutes until golden. Sprinkle with chopped pecans and drizzle with caramel syrup. If using a frozen pumpkin pie, bake according to directions, adding marshmallows 15 minutes before the end of the baking time.

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Kandis Stephenson takes one of the cards off the Angel Tree located in Casablanca. Other trees are located at Munday Tire & Appliance in Munday and the Citizens Bank in Knox City. Individuals take names off the cards and buy Christmas gifts for needy children here in Knox County.

Open house Nov. 29 in Munday

MUNDAY--Munday residents will get an early taste of Christmas on Nov. 29 when the downtown merchants hold an open house from 5-7 p.m.

Kicking off the festivities at 4:30 p.m. will be parade down Main Street, featuring Santa Claus. Anyone interested in entering a float should contact Angela Herricks at 940 203-0168.

Santa will then be in the Art Lab, behind Casablanca, where children can have their pictures taken with him. The Knox County Hospital District will be sponsoring the Santa photos. Face painting and crafts, including making ornaments, will also be offered for the kids. Next door, Casablanca will have refreshments, including Starbucks coffee.

At 5 p.m., the paper will be peeled off the window at Bud's for You #2 to re-

veal Perry Kuehler's latest Christmas offering, one of the highlights each year of this event kicking off the start of the Christmas season.

The Movement Space

will have vendors on hand inside its facility while other stores downtown will be open for business, allowing residents to get a head start on Christmas presents.

Christmas in November set Nov. 29 in Knox City

KNOX CITY--Knox City residents get an early start on the Christmas season when the annual Knox City Christmas in November celebration is scheduled downtown from 5-7 p.m. on Nov. 29.

Local merchants will be open, featuring plenty of Christmas decorations in their stores. They will be offering Santa dollars

when residents get an early start on buying gifts for Christmas. Then when the Santa dollars are turned in, they are used for drawings for three prizes.

Santa Claus also will be available at the new Ranch Royalty and Cowboy Honor store, hosting its grand opening, to have his picture taken with children.

TAX

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country.

Estes added that he knows the state will need money to take the place of revenue lost by eliminating the tax, but believes a vibrant economy and projected surpluses can offset this.

If passed, Texas would join four other states--Nevada, South Dakota, Washington and Wyoming-- to have no tax on business or personal income tax.

Economists have called the tax "one of the most destruc-

tive taxes ever on corporate and small businesses" because it leads to "double and triple taxation" and must be paid even if a business does not make a profit.

Newly-elected state Sen. Charles Perry, R-Lubbock, also has legislative plans to remove the tax after four years of phasing it out with SB 138.

"As a CPA, I see the unique problems with the Texas Franchise Tax every day," Perry said. "It is a cumbersome tax that is inherently unfair and inequitable. It is possible for a person to not turn a profit from their business or worse be in debt and still subject to the tax. The tax is

a thorn in the side of businesses and our economy and needs to be removed.

While saying he would like to see the tax go away immediately, he felt phasing it out could help with budgeting and increase its likelihood of passage.

Other legislation such as SB 134 from Charles Schwertner, R-Georgetown, would raise tax exemption from the current \$1 million to \$5 million, exempting 65,000 small businesses.

Estes filed a similar bill to repeal the franchise tax during the previous session, sending it to the Senate Finance Committee before it died in a subcommittee.

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