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HAMLIN ADVANCES

Moguls eliminated by Blizzards, 26-13



Munday's Alfonso Nunez stiff arms a Winters defender as he almost makes the end zone in the Moguls' 26-13 setback

Terry Messer/The Knox County News-Courier

The Munday Moguls were eliminated from the Class 2A/Division II football playoffs in the area round by the Winters Blizzards, 26-13, last week at Jim Ned Indian Stadium in Tuscola, ending the season with an 8-4 record.

The victory earned the Blizzards, champions of District 6-2A and losers only to Hamlin this season, a spot against the undefeated sixth-ranked Albany Lions, champions of District 8-2A who romped to a 38-6 win over Miles, at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Clyde in the Region II semifinals. (See game story, pg. 5)

District 7-2A champion Hamlin remained undefeated last Thursday with a 51-20 victory over Wink and will go up against Santo, 45-28 winners over previously unbeaten Iraan, in the other semifinal at 2 p.m. Friday in Weatherford. Tyrone Jonson led the Pied Pipers with 284 yards rushing, scoring three times with runs and a fourth TD on a 74-yard pass.

In Class 2A Division 1, the Stamford Bulldogs, defending state champions, were knocked out in the area round by the Wellington Sky Rockets, 20-7, while Hawley fell to Abernathy,

52-21.

Crowell and Ira, the top two ranked teams in Division I for six-man football, will square off at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at McMurray's Moore Stadium in Abilene in a quarterfinal match. Crowell, the defending state champion and winner of District 8-A, walloped Water Valley, 67-6, while Ira, which eliminated Knox City in bi-district, downed Garden City, 70-22. The winner will be considered the favorite to win the state title, advancing to play the winner of Happy (11-0) and Turkey Valley (10-2) in the semifinals.

Guthrie and Throckmorton, a pair of unbeaten teams in Division II with state titles hopes, will do battle at 7 p.m. Thursday in Seymour. Guthrie had a tougher time than expected in beating 11-1A champion Chillicothe, 36-22, in a game at Greyhound Stadium in Knox City last Friday. The Jaguars had beaten the Eagles via the mercy rule earlier in the season. Meanwhile, Throckmorton mauled Motley County, 70-22. The Guthrie-Throckmorton winner will advance to play the winner of Richland Springs (13-0) and Calvert (9-2) in the semifinals.

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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.

Texans oppose Obama action On immigration

WASHINGTON, DC—While Texas Republicans have decried President Barack Obama's executive order that will allow up to five million to stay and work here legally as an emperor-like illegal action and issued threats to stop it, Obama continued to defend it, issuing a challenge to Congress, "pass a bill."

Obama added, "Congress has a responsibility to deal with these issues, and there are some things that I can't do on my own. What I do have is the legal authority to try to make the system better."

Indicating that he made his decision as the result of the Republican-led House's failure to act on a bill the Senate had passed earlier or advance any legislation of its own, Obama said it was important that he act unilaterally to prioritize the deportation of criminals and recent arrivals and spare those who have lived here illegally for at least five years and have roots.

Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) said the incoming GOP-led Senate should retaliate by blocking Obama's nominees, which would include his attorney-general pick, Loretta Lynch from New York. "It would impose real consequences on the president and the administration," Cruz said.

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Munday's Dillard named 6-2A MVP

Raci Dillard, a Munday High senior, was named as the District 6-2A Most Valuable Player in a vote of district volleyball coaches released last week.

Dillard, an all-stater last year, had impressive statistics for the third-place Mogulettes, who lost to Archer City in bi-district.

As expected, champion Hawley and runnerup Albany dominated the awards.

Albany sophomore Rachel Hill and Hawley junior Kyrah Bailey shared co-offensive players of the year honors while Hawley junior Ally Brewer was named defensive player of the year.

Co-setters of the year were Courtney Dillard and Cassidy Meyer, juniors from Hawley, while Albany freshman Rylie Scott was selected as the newcomer of the year.

Knox City juniors Rebekah Singleton and Kaylie Steele joined Munday senior Maria Vega and freshman Kristen Kuehler on the first team. Rounding out the first team were Albany juniors Tobi Naill and Lori Davis and Hawley seniors Jailey Mauldin and Kaylee Pitcher.

Munday's Ana Vega and Kimberly Shahan and Knox City's Leighton Pepper were include on the second team.

Among the honorable mention group from Knox County were Skylar Gomez and Myca Flowers of Munday and Jordyn Eaton of Knox City.

Munday's Janie Salinas, Denise Araujo joined teammates Dillard, Vega, Shahan, Gomez, Kuehler and Flowers on the academic all-district team.

Kinslee Cox, Amy Harrington and Brooke Jones of Knox City also were honored.



RACI DILLARD



Community Thanksgiving Meal set Thursday

MUNDAY—The fourth annual Munday Community Thanksgiving Meal, a traditional holiday feast of turkey, dressing and all the trimmings, will be served from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. here Thursday at the First United Methodist Church.

The free meal was started as an outreach program by the First United Methodist Church to offer a place for those who might be alone during the holiday to have Thanksgiving together, but quickly expanded the first year to include a place where the entire community could gather and share a Thanksgiving dinner.

"We've served more than 500 people each year and we're hoping for even more this year," said Carla Key, noting that many just take the food home while others gather in the church to eat with their families.

Key expressed her gratitude to members of her church as well as other people and churches in the community for their assistance in donating supplies, additional items for the meal and manpower to feed the large crowd.

"Everyone is invited to come and join us," Key added.



Plenty of desserts offered

Sports Calendar

Thursday, Nov. 27
Turkey Trot 5K, 8:30 a.m.

Monday, Dec. 1
O'Brien JH vs. Paducah, Knox City
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Deaths Rhoades Allen

Rhoades Allen, age 86, passed away on November 23 in Denton. Rhoades was born on January 23, 1928 on a ranch in Throckmorton County, the youngest child of Hill and Johnnie Allen. He graduated from high school in Goree in 1944 and attended classes at Texas Technological College in Lubbock before being drafted into the U.S. Army. He served in the Army in Korea before returning to Texas Tech where he met and married Jean Ratliff in 1949. Upon returning home, Rhoades began a ranching/farming operation with his brother, Taylor, in Throckmorton County. Rhoades and Jean made their home in Munday until 1984 at which time they moved to Denton. Rhoades was a faithful member of the First United Methodist Church of Munday and the First



RHOADES ALLEN

United Methodist Church of Denton.

Rhoades is survived by his wife of 65 years, Jean Allen; and their two daughters: Donna Reeves and husband, Dwight, of Decatur and Diana Shearer and husband, Kit, of Denton; and son, Gary Allen and wife, Patti, of Krum. He is also survived by a sister, Lois Liles of Th-

rockmorton and brother, Taylor Allen of Munday. He is also survived by seven grandchildren: Dana Schmitt, Amy Thayer, Stephen Reeyes, Amanda Cox, Kirsten Griffin, Garrison Allen and Julianne Allen; and seven great grandchildren: Dawson Allen, Connor Schmitt, Madelyn Schmitt, Emma Reeves, Abigail Reeves, Brayden Cox and Addison Cox. Rhoades was preceded in death by his parents, brothers: Rex Allen and Mark Allen, and sisters: Jo Moore and Flo Price.

A visitation was held Tuesday at McCauley-Smith Funeral Home, 130 N. Birch, Munday, Texas. The funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday at the First United Methodist Church in Munday, Texas. Burial will follow at Goree Cemetery.

Wanna Hunter

Wanna Allen Hunter, 82, longtime resident of Iowa Park passed away on Oct. 30 at her home in Iowa Park. Funeral services were held Nov. 1 at the First Baptist Church of Iowa Park, with her son, Tim Hunter, and Rev. Glen Pearce, pastor, officiating. Internment was in the Gillespie Cemetery in Knox County. Arrangements were under the direction of Dutton Funeral Home, Iowa Park.

Wanna was born Dec. 20, 1931 in Munday. Her parents were Ed Johnson

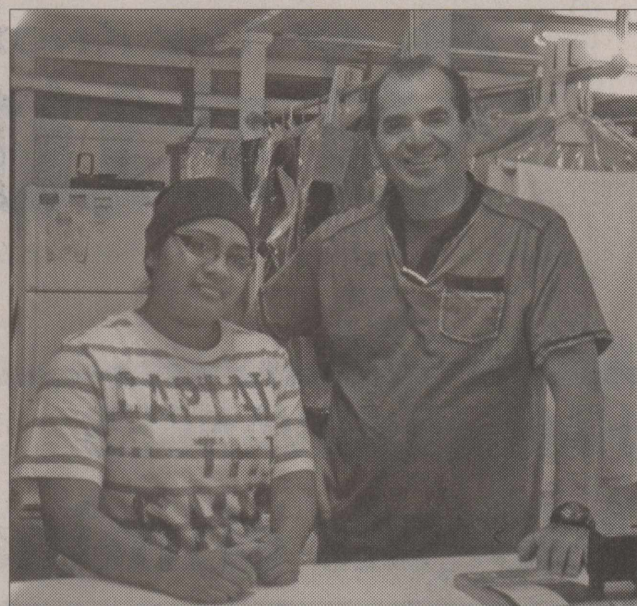
and wife, Mary (Allen) Johnson. She and Alton Ray Hunter were married Oct. 27, 1951 in Munday. He preceded her in death in 1987. Wanna was a 60-year member of First Baptist Church and was very active with Vacation Bible School and participated in all activities involving children. She was a member of ESA, and was instrumental in bringing the first swimming pool to Iowa Park. She was the first woman to get Honorary Chapter Farmer from the Iowa Park FFA Chapter. Wanna

was also preceded in death by four sisters.

Survivors include a daughter, Tammy Hunter of Harker Heights and a son, Tim Hunter and wife, Phyllis, of Iowa Park; two grandchildren, Ky and Shani Hunter of Mesquite and Lindsay and Matt Parker of Harrison, Ark.; and three great grandsons.

In lieu of flowers, the family has suggested memorials go to Wichita County Humane Society or the Iowa Park Volunteer Fire Department.

New owners



David and Lina Trevino have taken over as the new owners of the Knox County Cleaners in Knox City. David will be the manager, assisted by Alma Bahena, pictured above. The cleaners will be open from 7:30-6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

TXDot offers gifts with Texas theme

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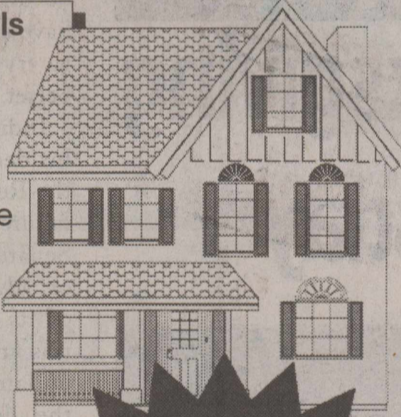
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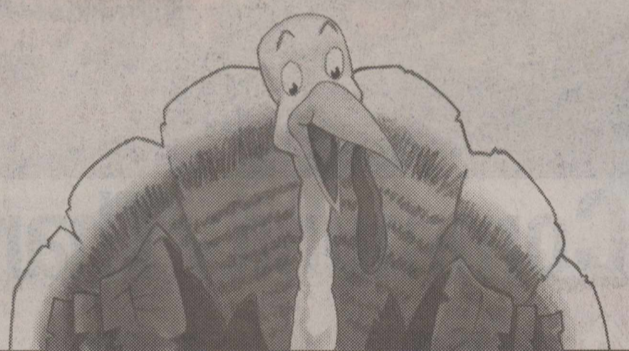
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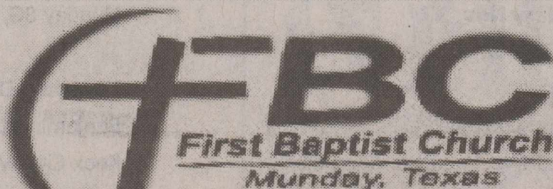


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 Friday: Hamburgers, potato wedges, tomato, lettuce, cake.

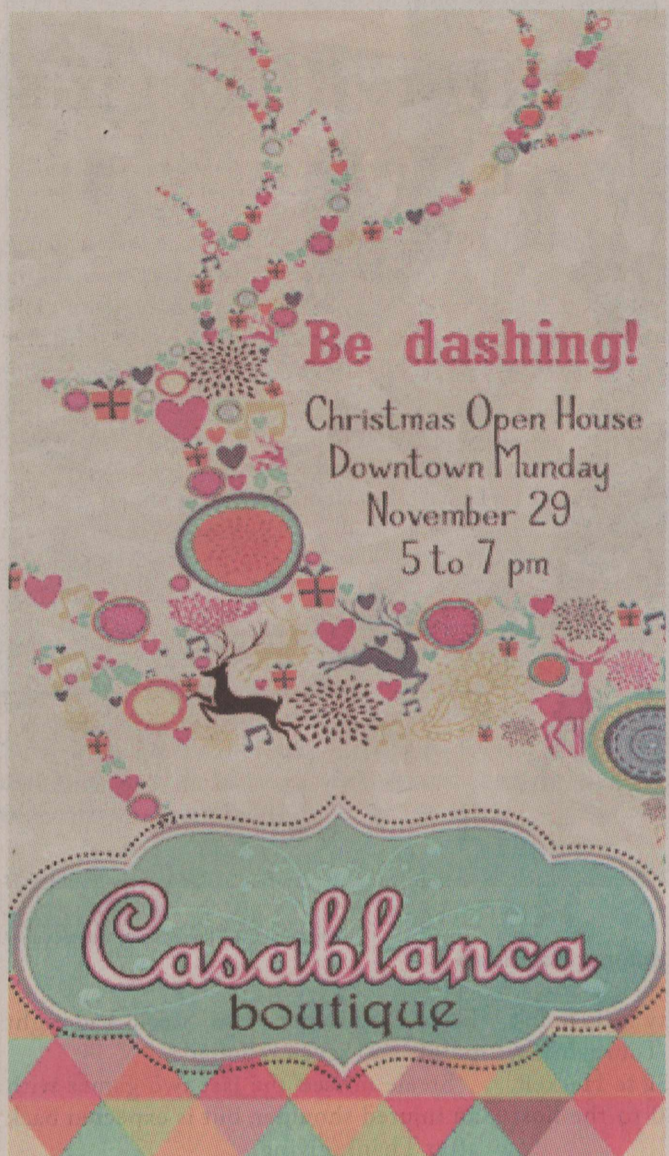
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8. Dutch defense
9. Dutch gold
10. Dutch sauce (Hollandaise)



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The Paperboy

Yik Yak is an app that is wreaking havoc on school campuses across the country including schools in this region.

It's founders Brooks Buffington and Tyler Droll are impossible to get in touch with. In fact, it's extremely difficult to get in contact with anyone from the company which leads me to think that the people who created an app for cowards are cowards themselves.



CHRIS BLACKBURN

You can get on it and say anything about anyone in close proximity.

In the hands of immature teens and adults, the app is an invitation for bullying and vile, disgusting posts about whatever crosses their minds.

My question is: what were the founders thinking with such an app?

According to a story I found from earlier this year on the huffingtonpost.com (I guess they were able to actually get the founders on record):

"We were naive," Buffington said. "We designed the app primarily for college students. Using the app the way we intended it to be used requires a certain amount of maturity and responsibility, we were idealistic about who possessed that."

So after realizing they had opened Pandora's box, how do you think the duo handled it? They made the app for 17+ years of age, which is impossible to police.

Now, law enforcement officers, once threats have been messaged out, have to jump through a bunch of red tape in order to find those that do the threatening. That means using important time, resources and money to bust someone who probably has no idea the damage they are causing.

The founders of the app should be held accountable for their actions.

Personally, I think law enforcement agencies across the country should send Yik Yak a bill for the monetary resources used to handle the threats. I also think the app should be outlawed.

In our society, all threats must be taken seriously. That in itself should be enough to outlaw an anonymous message board. Then again, it's only anonymous until enough pressure from law enforcement is brought upon the company to relinquish the internet protocol addresses of those misusing the app.

Across Texas, there are Texas Department of Public Service Troopers, Texas Rangers and now Game Wardens being assigned to the border.

I don't like this for several reasons but the main reason is it displaces people from their families.

The president is disingenuous with his recent actions.

President Obama has a super majority in Congress and could have legally changed immigration. Instead - he loses power as Republicans take both the House and Senate then he acts unilaterally. Does this make sense to anyone?

Obama is blowing smoke by telling the American people that we must secure our border. You secure the border before you allow a land rush by granting amnesty to 4.7 million people.

By your action Mr. President, you put the word out to "come on in," while Texas Rangers, DPS and Game Wardens are having to spend time away from their families - and their chosen profession - to secure the border.

If Obama really wanted the border secure, he could have it secure by week's end. It's not like we don't have the people and technology. The same can be said for Bush, Clinton, Bush and so on.

Instead, the border and immigration are used for political purposes. It's wrong.

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Sheri Baty/Knox County News-Courier
Ryan Heard makes a layup during Knox City's opening 84-32 romp past the Northside Indians.

Houndettes suffer three losses at Jayton



Sheri Baty/The Knox County News-Courier
Lexi Jimenez makes lay up against Northside

Hounds adjust to basketball

KNOX CITY—Coach Josh Webb, in his seventh year at the helm, thought the Knox City Greyhounds made a good adjustment from football, being able to run up and down the court and just getting a little winded in their opening 84-32 romp by the Northside Indians.

Webb felt the Greyhounds shot the ball better than expected, especially from long range as they connected on 7 of 16.

Four players finished in double figures. Kryz Campos had 18, Anthony Estrada 15, Jacoby Thomas 12 and Skylar Neill 12.

"We challenged them to focus more on defense and they responded," Webb added, pointing out the Indians scored only 10 points.

The Greyhounds were scheduled to play Aspermont Tuesday night.

JAYTON—The Knox City girls didn't fare well here in the Jayton Tournament, losing all three games—65-32 to Haskell, 57-33 to Hamlin and 49-40 to the host school.

The Houndettes had opened the season last Tuesday with a 56-44 victory over Northside.

Coach Dylan Ballard pointed to a halftime defensive adjustment that shut down the best two scorers from Northside as the key to victory, allowing the Houndettes to widen a 21-18 halftime advantage.

Kaylie Steele led the way with 20 points and 13 rebounds. Kirstin Tuckness added 10 points and 13 rebounds while Brooke Jones scored 12 points.

Ballard indicated that Haskell shot the ball extremely well and never allowed

Knox City to get close. Steele had eight points and seven rebounds.

Steele missed the last two games with an injured shoulder, but is expected back after Thanksgiving.

Ballard felt the Houndettes played their "best game as a team" in the tournament against Hamlin. Jordyn Eaton converted 9 of 10 free throws to pace scoring with 11 points.

"We just didn't play well against Jayton," Ballard said, pointing to failure at the free throw line as the culprit. Knox City made only 8 of 20. Jones and Tuckness led scoring with 16 and 10 points, adding six and eight rebounds, respectively.

Ballard noted that the Houndettes were definitely going to be doing more practice at the free throw line going forward.

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Problems with snaps lead to 26-13 loss for Moguls

By James McAfee
The Knox County News-Courier

TUSCOLA—The importance of the snap was never more evident than here Friday night at Jim Ned Indian Stadium when the Munday Moguls were eliminated in the area round of the Class 2A playoffs by the Winters Blizzards, 26-13.

Playing without center Mitchell Lowrance, injured in the bi-district win over Baird, the Moguls had trouble with snaps all night and could never get its high-powered running game running like it has for most of the season.

The Winters defense, with two weeks to prepare since it had a bye in bi-district as champion of District 8-2A, also had a good defensive game plan and executed it well, shutting down the middle and getting containment outside to limit Munday to 158 yards rushing.

"They took away the things we do well," Coach Patrick Corcoran said after the game.

Another contributing factor in the setback was the fact that Winters made more clutch plays on offense.

However, the biggest culprit was the snaps, especially the one that sailed over the head of quarterback Alfonso Nunez when the Moguls had second and goal at the Winters 2 in the third quarter. The Blizzards also recovered that fumble, one of six for the night.

The snaps also affected the Moguls' punting game, forcing Temerick Reagins to have to run without making first downs, giving the Blizzards great field position three times in the first half.

Several untimely penalties didn't help matters either.

The Moguls were forced to line up to punt on their first possession and then turned the ball over on downs because Reagins was unable to kick the ball.

Energized by the turn of events, the Blizzards moved 66 yards in just six plays, scoring on a one-yard run by Julian Soto. Lucas Kratz added the PAT kick.

On the ensuing kickoff, Day'veon Dockins almost broke free to go all the way before slipping when making a cut near midfield.

The Moguls moved into Winters territory, but couldn't convert a fourth and one at the Winters 30.

Instead of pinning Winters deep in its own territory on a punt the next time they got the ball, Reagins was downed at

the Winters 49 when forced to run after a low snap.

Just when it appeared the Blizzards might expand their lead, the Moguls' defense rose to the challenge, turning them back at the 12.

For the third straight time, Reagins got a low snap when back to punt and Winters got new life at the Munday 12. Two illegal motion penalties and a fumbled pitch pushed the Blizzards back to the 30.

On an obvious passing down, Kratz got behind his defender and hauled in a 30-yard pass for a TD from Jimmy John Ripley. Kratz gave Winters a 14-0 lead with a kick through the uprights with just 17 seconds left in the half.

Munday got the ball to start the third period, but couldn't overcome a holding penalty. This time Nunez did get a punt off, but A.J. Smith returned it to the Munday 27.

After a 24-yard run for an apparent touchdown by Stephon Cleghorn was erased by a holding penalty, Ripley lofted a perfect strike to Daryl for a 32-yard gain to the Munday 3 on fourth and 17. Michael Chavis then scored to make it 20-0.

It appeared the Moguls might start a comeback when Nunez broke free up the middle, but he was brought down at the one after 57 yards.

On second down, the snap sailed over Nunez' head and Winters recovered at the 30.

Another determined Munday defensive stop prevented Winters from adding to its lead, leaving the Moguls backed up against their own goal. They got a pair of chain changers to move out to the 43.

Then Reagins made a spectacular one-handed catch between two defenders and escape for a 57-yard scoring play with 7:44 to play.

Winters answered when Ripley broke for a 33-yard run three minutes later to up its advantage to three scores.

Dockins returned the ensuing kickoff to near midfield, but a holding penalty left the Moguls back at their own 5.

That's when Nunez went to the air for three straight completions of 19, 33 and 24 yards to Reagins. Following a 14-yard pass to Dockins, Chandler McCombs took a screen pass the final 10 yards.

Winters kept the ball for the final 2:49 and now will face six-ranked Albany, 38-6 winners over Miles, Friday in Clyde.



Terry Messer/The Knox County News-Courier
The Munday defense makes a goal line stand in a 26-13 area round playoff loss to Winters

4-H retreat set in Brownwood

BROWNWOOD — 4-H members ages 13-19 will have an opportunity to hone their skills during several 4-H programs at the Teen Leadership Retreat Jan. 9-11 at the Texas 4-H Conference Center at Lake Brownwood.

"The Teen Leadership Retreat will have volunteers, specialists and college professors conducting hands-on educational workshops with 4-H members from throughout the state," said Mark Carroll, AgriLife Extension 4-H and youth specialist and conference center program director. "This year's program will focus on increasing knowledge and skills in the 4-H project areas of veterinary science, dog project, STEM subjects, food challenge, Fuel Up and Play 360 and leadership."

Carroll said the retreat provides a "state-level leadership experience" for attendees, allowing them to explore new or revised projects and curricula resources and return to implement them in their counties. He added the main ingredient for the weekend is "a sense of fun."

The retreat will begin with registration from 7-9 p.m. on Jan. 9, followed by a recreation and games period, a general orientation and adult chaperone meeting, then a dance and vespers. Jan. 10 activities start at 7:30 a.m. and include a flag ceremony, breakfast and opening assembly. The day will include concurrent sessions related to the featured programming areas, team activities and an evening dance. Jan. 11 activities will begin at 7:30 a.m. with a flag ceremony and breakfast, followed by cleaning out the dorms. Departure will be at 10 a.m.

To register, go to the center's website, <http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu>. Registration is \$115 for youth and \$80 for adults, which includes two nights lodging, four meals, snacks and all program supplies.

Each county is requested to provide adult chaperones for the weekend. If there is no chaperone, one will be provided for an additional \$90 fee.

Schulenburg wins 2A volleyball title

GARLAND—The Archer City Lady Wildcats, bi-district winners over the Munday Mogulettes, suffered a 25-22, 25-22, 25-21 setback to Lindsay in the semifinals of the state volleyball tournament here Friday at Curtis Culwell Center.

Schulenburg defeated Iola, 18-25, 25-21, 25-22, 25-19 in the semifinals and then edged Lindsay, 25-23, 18-25, 25-20, 16-24 in the finals on Saturday.

The 2004 unbeaten state championship team from Windthorst was honored during the tournament.

Turkey Trot 5K scheduled Thursday

MUNDAY—There's still time to enter the Munday Community Turkey Trot 5K, scheduled here Thursday. Organizer Charles Willison had 35 signed up last week, but added that registration will also be open here at the First United Methodist starting at 7 a.m. and ending at 7:45 a.m.

The race starts at 8:30 a.m. The top overall male and females will each receive a \$50 cash prize. Four additional \$25 prizes will be given for boys and girls 12-18 and 12 and under. In addition, there will be a one-mile fun run that starts at 8 a.m. for other runners.

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Gladene Green

Seems every week I start off on a note about the weather. The snow and extreme cold of last week is gone, rain followed on Saturday. Sunday and Monday were a little warmer. The wind blew hard Sunday, but it was calm and pretty nice Monday. Weather guys say Thanksgiving Day will be pleasant. I hope so. There will be lots of traveling, and the roads will be crowded. Please be careful if you are among those who will be going elsewhere for the holidays. We want you to return home safely.

New Arrival

Chasity Ann Tolson and Jared Vogler of Lubbock are proud to announce the arrival of their baby girl. Paisley Ann was born Nov. 18 in Covenant Hospital in Lubbock. She weighed 7 lb. 15 oz. And was 20 1/2 inches long. She and her mom came home on Sunday, and they are doing great. Grandparents are Dwayne and Jana Vogler of Lubbock and Chad Tolson of Benjamin and Sylvia Lerma of Knox City. Great "grands" are Buddy and Janice Tolson of Benjamin. Buddy and Janice visited her on Sunday, and Janice said she's a very pretty little girl; and of course, they are all very proud of her. Janice also told me that Buddy is doing fine, getting stronger each day and is out and about quite a bit. He's not taking chemo any more, and that is helping him get his strength back. It's good to get that report.

Thanksgiving Supper

Last Wednesday night, a nice crowd gathered at the Ex-Student Building for the annual Community Thanksgiving Supper. There was a wonderful assortment of food—meat, vegetables and salads, and a huge supply of desserts of all kinds. So if anyone left hungry, they only have themselves to blame! Jim Wright, pastor of FUMC gave the invocation and blessed the food before the meal. A program followed

the meal. It included the Thanksgiving message brought by James Jackson, pastor of First Baptist Church, group singing led by Charles Jones with Linda Griffith at the keyboard, the Ministerial Alliance report given by Dennis Duke and benediction by Russ Chisom, minister at the Church of Christ. It was a good way to sort of usher in the holiday season.

Here 'N There

My great grandson, Dillon Keys, of Munday was back in Dallas Thursday to see his doctor, and his report was not as good as we had hoped, but the problem will be taken care of. It will just take some time. He is to have some bladder surgery pretty soon, and in the near future will very likely have a kidney transplant. There's no definite time on any of it, but we do know it will be soon. We are optimistic about what lies ahead for him, but do ask your prayers in his behalf during this time. Dillon is 19.

Randolph Barnett told us on Sunday that his aunt, Wynelle Holloway, of Fredericksburg is getting weaker each day, and the doctors have done all they can for her. They are just trying to keep her comfortable. Wynelle is past 90 years of age, and her health has been declining for several months. We also ask your prayers for that family.

Dawn Vanderpol called one day last week and said she and Brent planned to visit their new grandson pretty soon. Kayden Xavier was born in April, and he's now getting old enough to really enjoy. His parents are Laura and Adrian Watson. They live

in Austin.

Keith and Pam Conner are boasting about a new granddaughter. Cameron Austin Conner was born Nov. 22 in a Midland Hospital. She weighed over seven pounds and was about 21 1/2 inches long. Her mom and dad are Casey and Lacy Conner. They all live in Midland. Paternal great-granddad is Bud Conner, and great-great-grandmother is Hazel Stockton, both of Benjamin. Maternal great-grandmother is Charlotte Coker of Rule.

Debbie Moorhouse accompanied Liz Herring and children, Taylor and Westin, of Munday to Abilene Sunday to see the "Nutcracker" which was presented at the Palace Theater. They were met there by Lynn Rogers and Kaylie of Snyder, who enjoyed the presentation with them.

It was good to see Corrine Parrish Wednesday at the community supper. Corrine has had some health issues that have kept her pretty well confined to home, so we are always glad when she does get out.

Congratulations to the Munday Moguls for going as far as they did in the playoffs. To have beaten Winters would have been good, but your fans are all still very proud of you and look forward to another good year next year. And we wish Guthrie and Crowell well as they keep playing. We like for teams in our area to do well!!

I hope everyone has a very happy and safe Thanksgiving. And let's remember to be thankful always—not just one Thursday out of the year.

'Groovin' through the Decades'



The Benjamin Fall Festival court, included Everett Cates and Kalei Strickland, Duke and Duchess; Benjamin Vanderpol and Kelsey Brown, King and Queen; Grant Jackson and Maggie Kuehne--Prince and Princess

Mustangs drop pair in first tournament

AVOCA—The Benjamin boys basketball team suffered a pair of setbacks in the Lueders-Avoca Tournament here last week to start the season, falling to Robert Lee, 37-28, and the Cisco JV, 59-27.

Coach Jacob Navaro indicated that the Mustangs just gave their opponents too many second and third chances, winning the rebound battle by just being more physical inside. "We've got to do a better job on the boards," he said.

Navaro also pointed out that he was going to change the offensive system to

make better use of the players he had

The Mustangs led 11-9 after the first quarter against Robert Lee, but trailed 21-18 at halftime. Trailing by only three points, the Mustangs managed only two points in the final period.

Justin Rainwater led the Mustangs in scoring with 14 points in the Robert Lee game while Kaleb Barrientez led scoring in the second game with 12 points.

The Mustangs were scheduled to play at Patton Springs Tuesday night before taking off for the Thanksgiving holiday.

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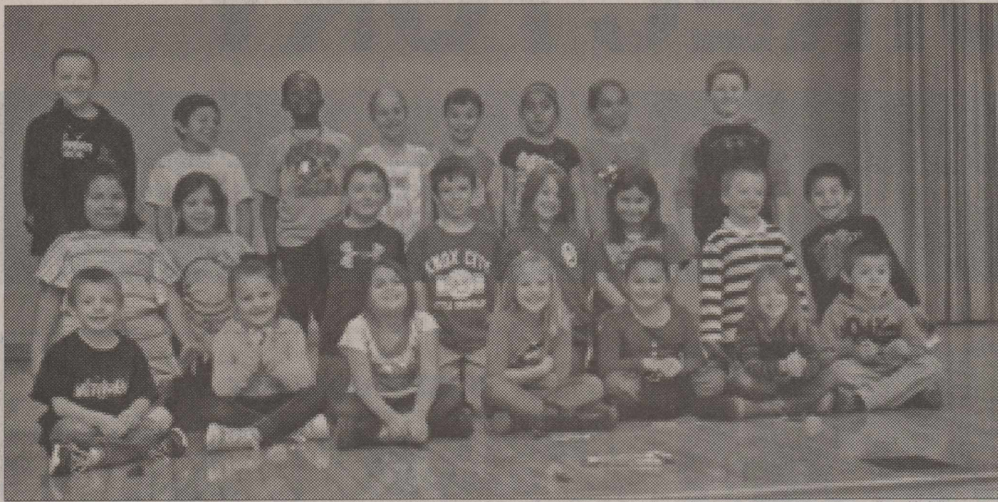
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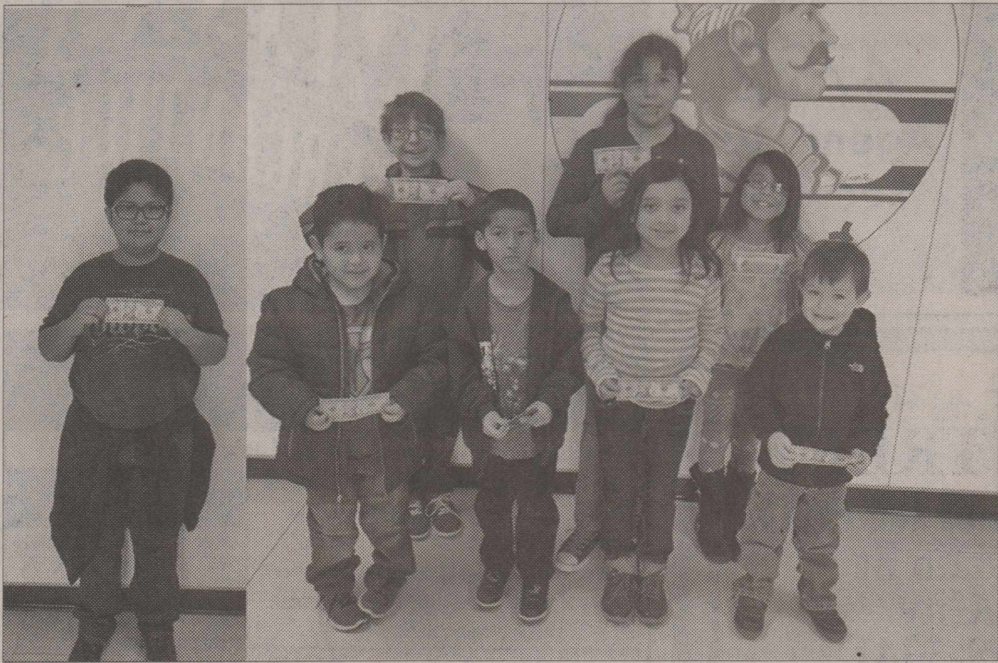
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Perfect attendance



Students with perfect attendance for the second six weeks at Knox City Elementary are pictured. In the front row (left to right) are Jaxon Sliger, Jaylee Lowe, Kaylee Silvas, Jacelynn Sanders, Aubrey Lerman, Taylor Soto, Chase Rowland. In the middle row are Reyna Alvarez, Railee Arrieta, Ryder Antilley, Ty Friddle, Taylor Sliger, Gabi Martinez, Coltan Cox, Mauricio Silva. In the back row are Ella Hunter, Caleb Arrieta, Devon Guillory, Briley Barnard, Wyatt Casillas, Madison Espinosa, Bailey Castorena, Jayden De Los Rios. Not shown are Mario Silva and Lizzie Martinez.



Jon Hunter, C.J. Carrasco, L.J., Garcia, Abby Aguilar, Jacklyn Diaz, Conner Moore, Manny Nunez, Carmen Llamas had perfect attendance marks during the second six week at Munday Elementary.

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Short-handed Stangs fall to Guthrie, 58-22

GUTHRIE—The Benjamin girls basketball team kicked off the season here last week, dropping a 58-22 decision to Guthrie.

"The game was closer than it appeared, but we had to play the final four minutes without either Kelsey Brown or Emily Brown and they scored 20 points," Coach Jacob Navaro said.

Kelsey Brown led the Stangs in scoring with 14 points.

Navaro pointed that the girls need to work on conditioning so they can go four quarters. "We've also got to cut down on fouls," he added.

The Stangs will play Dec. 4-6 in the Chillicothe Tournament.

Church Happenings

Breakfast with Santa

MUNDAY—Children can get their pictures taken with Santa Claus when the Munday Church of Christ hosts a free Breakfast with Santa from 9-11 a.m. on Dec. 6.

Christmas Cantata

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

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.

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

Farmers have to pick Farm Bill coverage

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Department of Agriculture reminds farm owners and producers that the opportunity to choose between Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PCL) for 2014 through 2018 crop years continues through March 31, 2015.

The new programs, designed to help producers better manage risks, ushers in one of the most significant reforms to U.S. farm programs in decades.

Now through Feb. 27, 2015, farmers may visit their local Farm Service Agency offices to update yield history and/or reallocate base acres.

Farmers will be in line for payouts if revenues fail to meet benchmarks tied to long-term price and production averages.

The farm bill's new programs were meant to cost the taxpayer less by replacing a nearly two-decade-old scheme of direct cash payments to farmers, which were about \$5 billion a year and were made regardless of need. But the payouts for 2014 now look likely to far exceed that amount.

While lawmakers believe the farm bill did little to rein in costs, it's unlikely to cause a furor here because the trillion-dollar bill took so long to enact because of controversy

over some of its other major planks, including food stamps for low-income families, that lawmakers are loathe to re-open it.

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A brief statement of the nature of the petition is as follows, to-wit: SEE ATTACHED

as is more fully shown by the petition on file in this cause.

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Mac's Views

My wife had told me that she had heard that Perry Kuehler's Christmas-themed production at his Buds for You Furniture & Accessories was like visiting Neiman-Marcus in Dallas in December.

Well, I got a sneak peek at what's behind the covered window on Main Street in Munday and would have to agree. It's full of things for Christmas. Expect long lines, but don't miss it Saturday from 5-8 p.m. Kuehler has been doing this for 30 years and it gets bigger each year, drawing people from all over North Texas to Munday, including children of current residents back home for Thanksgiving.

Casablanca, including the new Art Lab in back of it, along with The Movement Space, Meers Mercantile and the Pack Rat also will be open that night, following a parade down Main Street. Angela Herricks urges everyone to put together a float, dressing up their golf carts, or whatever with a Christmas

theme. I've missed my daily doses of Starbucks' coffee since moving here, but Kandis Stephenson promised me that she would have some available that night along with snacks.

Santa Claus will be at the Art Lab where children can get their photos taken with him. In addition face painting and crafts like how to make ornaments will be included for the kids.

The Movement Space will have vendors displaying their wares on hand inside its facility.

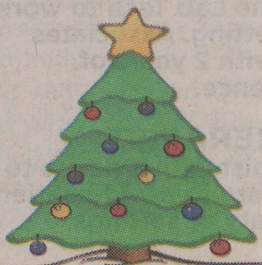
At the same time this is going on, Knox City will be celebrating Christmas in November downtown. Merchants will offer Santa Dollars when purchases are made. These are used for drawings for three prizes.

Children can get their photos made with Santa at the new Ranch Royalty and Cowboy Honor store, hosting its grand opening.

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