Choir to perform 'The First Noel'

Choir, under the directorship of Sandy King, will perform "The First Noel Celebrating the the First Baptist Church.

The musical, arranged and orchestrated by Russell Mauldin, will include classic carols, hymns and Christmas songs that tell the story of how Jesus was born.

The choir will perform a medley of "For Unto Us a Child is Born," "Sing We Now of

as all-stater

MUNDAY—The Munday Community Floyd and Tiffany Fisher will perform "Glory, Glory in the Highest" and "Jesus, Born on This Day," respectively. Other featured songs Birthday of a King" at 6 p.m. Sunday here at include "The First Noel," "Light of the Stable," "In the First Light," and "Jesus at the Center."

Other members of the choir are Jamie Caldwell, Nola Denton, Delores Lambeth, Nancy Birkenfeld, Brenda Floyd, Millie Smith, Debbie Welborn, Barbara Barnard, Sarah Reeves, Christina Stephens, Rhea Newton, Tammy Piennar, Linda Reddell, Gay Yost, Stephanie Quintero, Judy Hubbard, Molly Moore, Angela Herricks, Annie Blair, James Smith, Pat Smith, Dick Butler, Matt Fisher, Trey Singleton, Lyndle Reeves, Gary Hubbard and Shan Newton.

Mark Reed, Wayne Melton and David Caldwell will serve as sound technicians.

King encourages everyone to bring their families, saying "I believe you will enjoy this musical presentation 'The First Noel' as we celebrate the 'Birthday of a King.' We look forward to seeing you at this event as we gather to truly remember the reason for the season."

Fellowship and refreshments will follow the

Knox Notes

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Breakfast with Santa scheduled Saturday

MUNDAY-Children will get another chance to visit with and have their photos taken with Santa Claus when the Munday Church of Christ hosts Breakfast with Santa here Saturday from 9-11 a.m. The meal is free as are the photos. Children will also participate in crafts. Parents should come to the South door of the church's fellowship hall.

KCVG Tour of Homes scheduled Dec. 11

BENJAMIN--The Knox County Visioning Group's second annual Tour of Homes, taking you to four to five locations in the county, is scheduled Thursday, Dec. 11. The event will start at 5:30 p.m. It will be come-and-go until 9 p.m. Tickets are on sale now for \$10 here at the KCVG office in Benjamin or by calling 940-459-4121. Tickets are limited, so it is suggested to get them ahead of time, but may be available that night for \$12. The homes of Dale and Sunni Turner along with Gary and Amy Schnable will be featured in Knox City. There will also be two stops in Truscott, the home of Colton Daniel and the Circle Bar Ranch Lodge. There will also be a stop in Munday that is still being determined. Participants can start at any home they choose. Only one ticket is needed to tour all locations. The KCVG is asking people to please carpool as parking may be limited in some locations. For more information, call 940-459-4121.

Master's Voice will return on Dec. 13

MUNDAY-Master's Voice, which conducted a revival here earlier, will return to the First Baptist Church for a Christmas concert at 6 p.m. Dec. 13. Admission is free, but a love offering will be included.



Corrections

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

News on the go



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Christmas," and "The Birthday of a King" to start and finish the musical. Soloists Travis Dillard earns repeat honors

MUNDAY-Munday High Raci senior Dillard earned repeat Class A all-state volleyball honors as selected by the Texas Girls Coaches Association

Dillard finished the season with 502 kills, an average of 4.6 per set, and added 98 aces and 27 blocks as the Mogulettes finished third in District 6-2A, bowing to eventual



state finalist Archer City in bi-district.

Dillard had earned all-state honors in the old Class A last season as a junior.

Coach Kim Kuehler of Munday served on the selec-

tion committee. Other Mogulettes honored include Tatum Bufkin (2013), Kristen Kuehler (daughter of Coach Kuehler

Coach Kuehler noted that the Mogulettes will compete in 6-2A again next season with Hawley and Albany, but the top two Class A teams will advance to the playoffs.

2010 and 2011) and Makebra Collier (2011).

Grand opening in **Knox City**



The new Ranch Royalty & Cowboy Honor store in Knox City had its grand opening last Saturday. The Knox City Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting to celebrate. Pictured (1-r) are Leona Burkham, Mark Tucker, store owners Ursula and Levi Myers with daughter Silver, Jessie Jo Russell, Gail Nunn and Faby Vasquez. The Meyers moved the store from its previous location in Crowell after deciding to buy a home in Knox City. "We're excited to get it open," Levi said of the store that offers women's and cowboy clothes.

Santa comes to Knox City, Munday





Santa Claus arrived during festivities last Saturday night in both Knox City and Munday. He's shown with Creed, Cross and Keely Coker, children of Brittany and Justin Coker, and also with Cody Rae Hunter, daughter of Kendra and Tony Hunter. Merchants were open downtown as part of Small Business Saturday, the counterpart of Black Friday and Cyber Monday, designed to have people not overlook independent local businesses.

Thursday, Dec. 4

Benjamin VG. VB at Chillicothe Tournament Knox City VG, VB at Guthrie Tournament Munday VG, VB at Miles Tournament

Friday, Dec. 5

Benjamin VG. VB at Chillicothe Tournament Knox City VG, VB at Guthrie Tournament Munday VG, VB at Miles Tournament

Saturday, Dec. 6

Benjamin VG. VB at Chillicothe Tournament Knox City VG, VB at Guthrie Tournament

Munday VG, VB at Miles Tournament

Monday, Dec. 8

Benjamin JH vs. Northside Munday 7 at Newcastle Munday 8 vs. Chillicothe O'Brien JH at Motley County

Tuesday, Dec. 9

Benjamin VG, VB vs. Patton Springs Knox City VG, VB vs. Eula Munday VG, VB at Quanah

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Deaths

Mary Cartwright

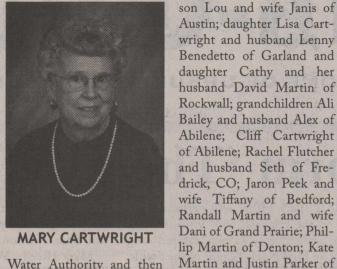
2 THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2014

Mary Cartwright, 84 of Munday, died peacefully Saturday morning at Knox County Hospital. Funeral services were held Wednesday at Munday Church of Christ, under the direction of McCauley-Smith Funeral Home, with Wayne Speer, minister of Munday Church of Christ, officiating.

Mrs. Cartwright was born in Paint Creek Feb. 6, 1930 to W.A. (Alford) and Fay Fowler. She grew up in the Paint Creek and Haskell areas, attending public schools at Sales, Paint Creek and then Haskell, where she graduated from Haskell High School and was named to Who's Who at HHS.

She married Alonzo S. (Al) Cartwright Nov. 22, 1949 at her parents' home in Haskell. She lived the rest of her life in Knox County, on the family farm between Munday and Goree and then in Munday for the next 53 years.

Mary was known for her gentle spirit and for her hard work in church and civic endeavors and in many different avenues personally. While living on the farm, she had a butter and egg business and later sold Avon for many years. She opened, owned and ran The Children's Center clothing store on the square in Munday for several years. She later worked for the City of Munday, at Miller Creek



Water Authority and then was Assistant Vice President at First National Bank of Munday until her retirement in 1994. During most of these years she also did handmade crafts including numerous items sewn and hand painted wooden Jewelry. During her later years she concentrated on making quilts and donated many of these for fundraising efforts.

She was a faithful member of Munday Church of Christ for 54 years, was a member of the Board of Directors of Knox County Historical Commission, and among other volunteer efforts, was a member of the Munday Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture, where she was named Citizen of the Year in 1995.

She is survived by her brother James Fowler and wife Bobbe of Whitney; sister Shirley Strickland and husband Leroy of Hawley;

Austin; daughter Lisa Cartwright and husband Lenny Benedetto of Garland and daughter Cathy and her husband David Martin of Rockwall; grandchildren Ali Bailey and husband Alex of Abilene; Cliff Cartwright of Abilene; Rachel Flutcher and husband Seth of Fredrick, CO; Jaron Peek and wife Tiffany of Bedford; Randall Martin and wife Dani of Grand Prairie; Phillip Martin of Denton; Kate Martin and Justin Parker of Joshua; Samantha Martin of Garland; and great-grandchildren Gunnar Cartwright, Sam Bailey, Calla Fletcher, Jayden Parker, Maddisen Martin, Luke Martin and Jensen Parker. She is also survived by many cousins, nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Al and son James P. (Pat) Cart-

Pallbearers were grandsons Cliff Cartwright, Alex Bailey, Jaron Peek, Seth Flutcher, Randall Martin and Phillip Martin.

Special thanks to Dr. Kevin Finley and the entire staff of Knox County Hospital and to many special friends at Munday Church of Christ and elsewhere and especially to friends and caregivers, Margarita Aguayo, Cris Carranza and Charles Willison.

Utility room damaged in Munday fire

MUNDAY-The Munday Volunteer Fire Department responded to a fire on South 7th Street at the home of Janie and Zac Sanchez Monday night.

Fire Chief Bill Longan reported that most of the damages were limited to the utility room at the back of the house where the fire started along with damages necessary to cut holes in the roof when there was smoke in the attic.

Letter to the Editor

Kudos to Ake, McAfee

Among many citizens of Munday who deserve our appreciation, I would like to give kudos to two people at this time. First I appreciate our city manager Rick Ake who has to be up to date with all guidelines of the agencies and councils who govern cities, to make sure a penalty is not incurred because of some action taken or not taken. In the past, under past city administrators, Munday has been assessed with penalties, and Munday not only was responsible for paying them, but it contributed to our being in the red for many years. Mr. Ake has had to watch the budget, cutting where he had to, making tough decisions in order to take Munday out of the red, and into the black. So for the first time in years, according to the auditors, Munday has a small reserve which is still not enough, but is certainly an improvement from the past years. Thanks, Rick! By the way, I believe all who can, should regularly attend the city council meetings the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m.

The second person is James McAfee, editor of our newspaper since August of this year. With "his first paper" Knox County News-Courier being printed, I could immediately see a drastic change for the better. How I had not wanted to read syndicated columns. I wanted to read news from our area of Knox County. It seems he is everywhere in Knox County! Kudos for allowing us to feel the newspaper is ours. I also appreciate the fact that two ladies (Cheryl Daniel, Vonda Carter) are working at the paper who can assist the public by receiving your news in person or for receiving your money for your subscription or ads. I am speaking to the choir, but everyone should be proud of the paper, and subscribe

EXA LEE SMITH

Christopher Descoteaux

MANSFIELD—Christo- April 16, 1953 in Shreveport, brief illness at his home here.

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pher Ernest Descoteaux, 61, LA to Gloria J. and Ernest loving father, grandfather, son, Descoteaux. He was raised in brother and well-respected Nashua, NH and graduated owner of The Wooden Box, from Nashua High School in passed away Nov. 23 after a 1971. He graduated in 1973 from the New Hampshire Mr. Descoteaux was born Vocational Technical College, earning a degree in marketing and management. After college, he moved to Texas where he worked for a number of years for Oil States Industries in Arlington. After marrying his wife in 1979, Mr. Descoteaux started his own company, The Wooden Box Factory, building wooden shipping crates and pallets. He success-

> until his death. Chris was well-known for his oversized garden and his generosity in sharing the vegetables he grew with family, friends, neighbors and cus-

fully continued this business

tomers. He loved hunting, fishing and was an avid antique car collector. He enjoyed spending time with his family and his grandson, Canon, who was the light of his life.

Survivors include Barbara Descoteaux, his wife of 35 years, of Mansfield; daughter Katie Anderson and son-inlaw Trent Anderson of Burleson; son Alex Descoteaux and daughter-in-law Lauren Descoteaux of Arlington; mother Gloria Descoteaux of Mansfield; brother Paul Descoteaux of Possum Kingdom Lake; grandson Canon Anderson of Burleson; nieces and nephews; several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Blessings Funeral Home of Mansfield handled the services and he was buried in Skyview Memorial Gardens.

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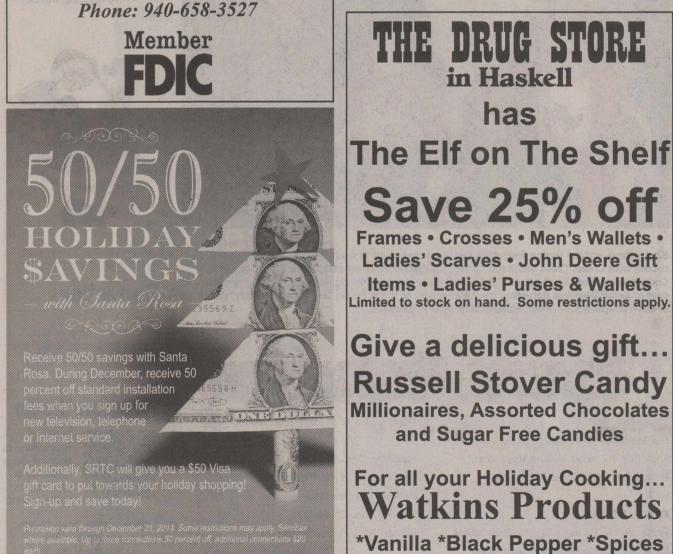
Knox County Aging Center

Lunch menus for week of Dec. 8-12

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

Tuesday: Beef stew, cornbread, salad, dessert. Wednesday: Baked chicken, baked potato, peas, ap-

Thursday: Chili, beans, cornbread, salad, dessert. Friday: Sloppy Joes, potato salad, carrots, zucchini, creamy fruit squares.





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The Paperboy

Better roads are noticed

wrote the other day about traveling back from Austin. There is another observation I made during the trip. U.S. 287 was in poor condition from the time we hit the weather east of Wichita Falls until we got west of Chillicothe.

Why?

My short answer is the Texas Department of Transportation Childress District begins around there. The remainder of the trip was much faster due to clear roads.

CHRIS BLACKBURN

From Wichita Falls to Chillicothe, we saw 10 vehicles which either wrecked or slid off the road. The rest of the trip was uneventful.

I asked some Tx-DOT employees why this would be and their answer was that U.S. 287 and U.S. 83 were the priorities for this district where the other districts had larger cities they had to concen-

I remember the Super Bowl a few years ago and workers and equipment from the Childress District were called in to help crews around the DFW area

in to help crews around the DFW area get the roads in good enough shape to have the game. I saw that on the national news.

I live on the highway so I am well

aware of the effort involved by Childress District personnel to keep area highways safe. Well before severe weather hits, crews are out spraying and sanding roads. Once it hits, the snow plows come out. It's impressive.

I'm thankful to those men and women

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who brave the elements to keep our roads as safe as possible. This district does as good of a job as any in the country.

When I was a kid, I loved looking at the toys in the Sears Catalog. Page after page of the latest and greatest toys!

Today ... wow! If your children or grandchildren watch programming for children or teens, I don't have to tell you how many ads are on TV this time of year for Christmas. And if your children are anything like mine, you're told about something they want every other day.

If it's not the TV, it's the ads on your computer or smartphone. If it's not one of those, it's a game system (which is basically a computer or and TV). And if you lack all of the above, you still have their friends to get word to them about all of the wonderful things out there for children.

In other words, unless you live in a cave, your kids know exactly what's out

The other day my youngest son presented about 10 items that he would like for Christmas.

After I was finished speaking to him (once again) about the true meaning of Christmas and how important it was to ask for only a few things, he kept his list at 10 but decided he'd give five of those things to other children. I guess that's progress...

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.

THEN THERE'S ALL THOSE CHRISTMAS CARDS

by Dave T. Phipps

AH YES, I FORGOT THE

SNOW PLOW COMES FIRST

The 501



Photo by Hanaba Munn Weld

Nothing beats a grass fire for giving a visitor a memorable send-off, especially if the visitor gets pressed into service to fight the flames with a piece of cardboard.

If it's time for guests to leave, set the yard on fire. It worked for me.

No, I wasn't the one who started the fire. I was the guest.

If you want the conflagration to burn convincingly, be sure there's a breeze. Pine needles help. So does dry grass.

My Arkansas friend Beverly might have wanted me to stay longer, but her mother, Marcie, wanted me to hit the road – either

because she was getting a bit tired of me being around or because she was worried about me driving after dark. Or both.

Marcie is 87. She walks with a cane. She's frail. She's tough. She's stubborn. Not a good combination. Against her daughter's wishes, she

HANABA rakes up rubbish and burns it

MUNN outside. Regularly.

WELCH Oklahoma when someone knocked loudly on Beverly's

door. He told us Marcie's lawn was on fire. Beverly shot out the door, telling me to call the fire department. I managed to call 9-1-1, describe the situation and furnish the location. Those three unforgettable numbers that have changed the way we report emergencies.

Back in pre-9-1-1 days, my friend Charmaine's father, Abby, caught the house on fire when he was cooking bacon. He'd left the skillet unattended. Abby told Charmaine's mother, Gilda, to call the fire department. Gilda was easily rattled. She ran out into the front yard and stood waving her arms and yelling, "Fire

department! Fire department!"

Charmaine did worse. She grabbed the baby of the family and headed to an interior room. Meanwhile, Abby had removed his underwear to beat out the fire. (It was early in the day; that's all he was wearing.) Her brothers decided to fight the flames with a tablecloth jerked off the top of the refrigerator. (Somehow the objects setting on the refrigerator didn't move; think magic act.)

Charmaine's family and house ended up sooty but essentially unscathed despite all the flustered reactions to the event.

Beverly's mother, on the other hand, didn't get flustered. She filled and refilled her plastic bucket and carried it to the fire. Meanwhile, Beverly, the passer-by and I were beating out the flames with big pieces of cardboard snatched from the garden (where they'd been protecting something from freezing).

By the time we'd extinguished the pervasive blaze, I'd become an expert in wielding cardboard — don't try this at home — to extinguish burning grass. Rather than swinging the cardboard down like a wet toesack, just place the cardboard on the flames and walk on it. Fwoomph. Fwoomph. Fwoomph. I perfected my technique at the end, when the real firefighters arrived. Note: If the grass is high and the terrain is rough and all you have is a piece of cardboard, run.

Anyway, when all was said and done and the rest of us were simply staring at the big patch of blackened lawn, Marcy was still carrying buckets of water, as if she were powered by a set of long-lasting batteries.

I think maybe she is.







Houndettes fall to Lady Hornets



Brooke Jones knocks down three-pointer in 61-55 loss to Aspermont

KNOX CITY-The Knox City Houndettes battled back from a big deficit, but lost a heartbreaker to the Aspermont Lady Hornets, 61-55, last Tuesday night.

The Houndettes got off to a slow start, finding themselves down 20 halfway through the second quarter, but made a run right before half, capped off by a buzzer beater three-pointer by freshman Brooke Jones, to cut the Lady Hornets' lead in half to 10.

The Houndettes continued the hot had 11 while Jimenez and streak into the second half by knocking down some free throws and hitting open helped out with six rebounds.

shots, sparked by three "3s" in a row from Lexi Jimenez and Jones. Jimenez hit the first and last, allowing the Houndettes to take a one point lead, 50-49, early in the fourth quarter.

Coach Dylan Ballard indicated that lack of experience caught up with the Houndettes as the Lady Hornets pulled

Jones led the Houndettes with 14 points, including 9 of 17 free throws, and added eight rebounds. Amy Harrington had 11 while Jimenez and Samantha Lewis had 10 each. Kirstin Tuckness belond out with six rebounds.



Krys Campos scores two points in earlier game against Aspermont

Knox City Elementary Honor Rolls

Knox City Elementary A-B Honor Roll

1st <u>Grade</u>-Avery Abila, Cordell Collins, Gene Hicks, Crystal Ramirez

2nd Grade-Reyna Alvarez, Railee Arietta, Jaiden Brunkow, Bailey Castorena, Creed Coker, Jayden Delosrios, Gaven Favor, Gabby Hoegger, Hayden Kurtz, Joe Adam Morelos, Jaydon Perez, Arrianna Rubio, Blake Sanchez, Savanna

3rd <u>Grade</u>-Caleb Arrieta, Madison Espinosa, Devin Guillory, Lane Hicks, Wayland Isbell, Juan Rojas, Cielo Sanchez

4th <u>Grade</u>-Kylie Favor, Ella Hunter, Aiden Loper, Devon Martinez, Alize' Morelos, Rebecca Ruiz, Emili Sanders A Honor Roll

1st Grade-Abbey Abila, Jaiden Alligood, Lilliana Alvarez, Jaden Baxter, Coltan Cox, Juliana Flores, Savannah Friddle, K'Lee Grimsley, Octavious Guzman, Aubrey Lerma, Isabelle Lindsay, Gabi Martinez, Ayden Montanez, Gilbert Morelos, Kamryn Pepper, Kaylee Rowan, Alex Rubio, Jacelynn Sanders, Maurico Silva, Kaylee Silvas, Jaxson Sliger, Elijah Trevino

2nd <u>Grade</u>-Lane Addington, Ryder Antilley, Jonah Duke, Kinlee Eaton, Taley Espinosa, Kamryn Jones, Seth Logsdon, Paisley Morrow, Marlana Rowan, Vicente Samano, Emily Shaver, Taylor Sliger, John Cross Utley, Krystabel Vasquez

3rd <u>Grade</u>-Briley Barnard, Wyatt Casillas, Lizzie Martinez, Emilee Maynard, Ryan Shaver, Nicholas Trevino

4th Grade-Gage Morrow

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Moguls lose cage opener to Electra

MUNDAY-The Munday Moguls kicked off the basketball season Tuesday night, suffering a 40-33 setback to the Electra Tigers.

The Moguls grabbed the lead in the first quarter, led the Moguls with 14 10-7, and led at halftime, 20-19, but the Tigers pulled away with an 11-5 edge in the final quarter.

In the junior varsity game, Electra won 30-23.

Mogulettes fall to Electra, 39-32

MUNDAY—The Munday Mogulettes had trouble connecting with their shots, hitting only 11 of 50, as they dropped a 39-32 decision to the Electra Lady Tigers here Tuesday night.

Both teams got off to slow starts and the game was deadlocked at 6-6 after the first quarter, but Electra took command in the second period to assume a 20-13 advantage and then held off Munday in the second half.

Raci Dillard and Maria Vega led the Mogulettes with 11 and 10 points, respectively.

Earlier, the Mogulettes overcame a

slow start to rally for a 38-31 victory over Petrolia. The Mogulettes were outscored 11-2 in the first quarter, but came back to narrow the deficit to 17-14 at halftime and 26-24 after three quarters before finally gaining the lead in the fourth quarter thanks to a 14-5 edge in scoring.

Vega led the Mogulettes with 11 points. Brittany Abila had 19 for Petrolia.

In the junior varsity game, Munday scored a 19-17 victory.

The Mogulettes (3-2) were ranked 24th in Class A in the most recent rankings from the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches.



Donna Cypert celebrated her 80th birthday at the Munday Church of Christ with

Munday Honor Roll-2nd six weeks

A HONOR ROLL

Grade-Caroline Alvarado, Kameron Arismendez, Lily Arismendez, Haiden Bowman, Kinslee, Carver, Kylen Crawford, Marina Davila, Elija Estrada, LJ Garcia, Aaliyah Gonzales, Ericka Hernandez, Taylor Herring, Luke Lathan, Amrie Loftin, Kanyn Mauldin, Trevor Thompson, Hunter Urbanczyk, Jariyis

2nd Grade-Desiree Carrasco, Mackinzi Castille, Ann 'Elyse Clark, Talan Collins, Kierslynn Myers, Landri McCombs

3rd Grade-Kyson Latham, Kayton Shahan, D'Keydren Toliver

4th Grade-Jaxon Bowman, Stephanie Scott, Cheney Thompson

Tidwell, Allie Willison

6th Grade-Macy Flowers, Destyn Mauldin, Claire Redwine, Carllie Jasso, Darci Leija, Manny Nunez, Corbin Willison

A-B-Honor Roll

1st Grade-Grant Bonham, Raina Brown, Chandlyr Clark, Abri Diaz, Brandon Henderson, David Walker, Termane Wilson

2nd-Grade-Campbell Corcoran, Eryn Cottingham, Itxel Davila, AJ Diaz, Evelyn Garcia, Baleria Gonzales, Bayley Lyles, Zenaida Nunez, Rolando, Perez, Mance Phillips, Aaron Quintero, Jacob Ramos, Trey Wilson

3rd-Grade-Melissa Carmona, Hardeman, Caramey Raehanna Ledezma, Luis Marmolejo Daniela Nunez, Brooklyn Rodriguez

4th Grade-John Mark Cooke, Dustin Cottingham, Noah Lyles, Diana 5th Grade-Karley Myers, Justin Marmolejo, Conner Moore, Brice Thompson, Aleeya Urbanczyk

5th Grade-Leisa Beauchamp, Joe Rogers, Julie Valk

6th Grade-Kelton Carver, Ashley Castorena, Chris Dennis, Jonah Hernandez, Kassandra Reyes, Trinity Rodriguez, Ashia Swearengin

Hamlin faces Albany in 2A quarterfinals

Albany (12-0) and Hamlin (12-0) will square off in a showdown of undefeated teams in the Class 2A/Division II regional finals at 7 p.m. Friday at Shotwell Stadium in Abilene.

It will mark the first time in about 20 years for Hamlin to be playing in December while Albany is in familiar territory, having beaten Muenster in last year's quarterfinal round before falling to eventual Class 1A/Division II state champion Wellington, 46-20, in the semifinals.

The Albany Lions, ranked sixth in the state, dominated up front on both sides of the ball in scoring a 31-14 victory last Friday in Clyde over the Winters Blizzards, who eliminated the Munday Moguls a week earlier.

The Hamlin Pied Piers, who edged the Moguls for the District 7-2A title, took advantage of timely turnovers and success through the air for a 34-14 victory over the Santo Wildcats last Friday in Weatherford.

The Albany-Hamlin winner will advance to play the winner of the match between a pair of unbeaten teams, Crosbyton and Seagraves, in

The other Division II quarterfinal games down South feature Tenaha (10-1) against Iola (11-0) and Bremond (12-0) against Bruni

The No.1-ranked Crowell Wildcats roared past the short-handed No. 2-ranked Ira Bulldogs, 59-14, last Saturday at Wilford Moore Stadium at McMurry University in Abilene. Playing without quarterback Zach Goodwin, out with a broken arm, the Bulldogs were no match for the Mitchell Parsley-led Wildcats. Parsley threw for 295 yards and accounted for eight touchdowns.

Crowell (13-0) will go up against Turkey Valley (11-2) in the Class 1A/Division I semifinals at 6 p.m. Saturday in Vernon. May (10-2) and Blum (11-1) compete in the other semifinal at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in Granbury.

In Class 1A/Division II, the Throckmorton Greyhounds remained unbeaten with a 62-14 victory over the Guthrie Jaguars to earn a semifinal match against Calvert (10-2). Loraine (8-5), 82-70 winners over Ackerly Sands, and Groom (12-1) play in the other semifinal.

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Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

hanksgiving has come and gone, and by now, most likely all the leftovers from that big meal on Thursday have been disposed of. It was a good day for everyone I have heard from, and now everyone is looking forward to the next few weeks leading up to Christmas. It is a busy time. I enjoyed having my family—just a few were unable to be here for some conflicting reasons, but we look forward to everyone being here at Christmas. And on Saturday, I "toured" the Knox City and Munday stores to see how they were all decorated for the holidays. Everyone has done a spectacular job making this entire area look "mighty festive." I especially enjoyed seeing what Perry Kuehler and his "crew" had done to "Buds for You #2" in Munday. It looks like a fairyland in there, and lots of folks were ready to enter the door when he opened it at 5 p.m. to take a look. The new store in Knox City was a hit with everyone also, and of course, our old "standbys" are always ready to serve us. Shop at home! There's lots of stuff right here.

Sympathy to the family of Mary Cartwright today. Mary passed away on Saturday morning. Her health had been failing for quite some time. Her funeral was held Wednesday in Munday. I had known Mary all my life, and I loved her. She was a sweetheart. Here 'N There

Lots of visiting took place during this past weekend. As I always say, there's no way to get it all in, but I'll do what

Starting with my own guests. They included Jessica Hutchinson and Noah of Abilene, Diane Evans and Ashlee of Childress, Cody and Kayla Taylor and Ryder of Seymour, Piper Smith of Haskell, Megan Kimbrough, also of Haskell. Will Moorhouse, Kevin and Beckie Smith and Randi and Dillon Keys, and Liz and Nathan Herring, Taylor and Westin, all of Munday, and Mike and Debi Moorhouse of Benja-

Mary Young had Thanksgiving supper with Sheila and Stephen Kuehler. They had a special guest this year. Marlee Bell Kuehler arrived on Tuesday weighing in at 6 pounds 5 ounces. She's the daughter of Seth and Ashton Kuehler, and they live on the Tongue River Ranch near Paducah. Stephen and Sheila are the paternal grandparents, and paternal great grands are Dale and Girard Kuehler of Rhineland and the late Pat

Brittney Kuehler of Wichita Falls was home for Thanksgiving with her parents, Mark and Teresa. Teresa's mom, Irene Reed, joined them for lunch on Thursday. Teresa went home with Brittney Thursday afternoon, and they had some mother-daughter time together

before Teresa came home on Saturday. Holiday weekend guests of Roger and

Betty Bohannon were Lonnie Bohannon of Abilene and Chase and Chance Bohannon of Eastland. Jamie and Tyler Ford were also there for lunch, then spent time with his family in Munday.

Donnie and Barbara Ryder had Thanksgiving lunch and a day of visiting with her daughter and family in Munday. She said they had about 23 for

Susan and Ronnie White's guests for lunch on Thursday were Hannah and Joey Rowland of Haskell, John and Sara White of Munday, Tom and Martha Whitford of Knox City, Jessica Hou of Wichita Falls, and Tim White and Tibb Burnett of Benjamin.

Laura and Dicky McCanlies were in Wichita Falls for Thanksgiving with their daughter, Jenna Copeland and her family.

Betty Lyles returned home early last week after several days' visit with her grandson, Tom Lyles in Amistad, New Mexico. Tom and a friend, Mica Wofforth, were here with Betty for the holidays.

Kip and Joy Lynn Pool were in Lubbock for Thanksgiving with his family at his grandmother's home.

Bob and Patti Tavernia returned to their home in Frederick, Maryland, last week after several days' visit here with her mom, Earlene Meinzer, and her brothers, Wyman (and Sylinda) and Ricky (and Patsy) and with other relatives and friends.

Thanksgiving guests of Hazel Stockton and Kim Lyles, Sami and Shelby, were Keith and Pam Conner of Midland, and Bob and Stephanie Brannan and family of Lubbock. Bud Conner also joined them for lunch.

Imagean Young had a quiet Thanksgiving. She and her son, Mike, had lunch together, and she said a chance to have a real good visit. Jessica Lamb of Bowie visited her in the afternoon. Jessica was the wife of Imagean's grandson, the late Anthony Lamb.

Dillon and Ariel Benson and children enjoyed her sister, Carla Fox, and family of Throckmorton, and Dillon's brother, Bubba, and his family of Royston on Thanksgiving Day.

John and Patti Carver of Taft were here to visit his brother, Fred (and Jan) for the holiday weekend. On Thanksgiving Day they, along with Ricky Carver, Heather Carver, Ashburn and Bella of Benjamin, Cassie Wainscott of Liberty Hill, Jacy, Jara, Talon, and Lexie Collins of Munday, Riley and Stephanie Carver, Carson and Riley Paige of Knox City, Tom Lyles and Mica Wofforth of Amistad, New Mexico, Tyler Pounds of Knox City, and Betty Lyles all had lunch with Mike and Tammy Lyles.

Judy and Randolph Barnett were in Wolfforth for Thanksgiving. On Tuesday, November 25, they welcomed a

new baby girl into their family. Camryn Lane was born at Covenant Hospital in Lubbock. She weighed 6 lb. 12 oz. and was 20 1/2 in. long. Her parents are Jim Bob and Jennibeth Conner. She has 3 sisters and a brother, who no doubt will do their part in helping to spoil her. Her sister, Calli, came home with Judy and Randolph Friday and returned to her home on Sunday. On Thursday, Jeff Conner and Brandi Jones prepared lunch for Judy and Randolph, Mary Bohannon and Corky Barker of Plano. Judy said they all had a good time.

Chad and Kathy Rainwater, Justin, and Jonathan Rainwater of South Plains College had Thanksgiving with her parents, Tommy Joe and Pati Bufkin in Boyd. Her sisters, Amanda and Jessica, were also there for the family get together. They returned home Friday morning. On Friday afternoon, Chad's mom, Mary, of Nocona, and Chad's sister, Rebel and Bryan Huffman, who live in Whitehouse (near Tyler) came for an overnight visit, and on Saturday, his dad, Max, of Runaway Bay and Chad's sister, Kathy, and her family of Wichita Falls were here for a visit.

Wynelle Holloway passed away early last week after a brief illness. She was Randolph Barnett's aunt. She lived at Fredericksburg, and her funeral was midweek. I extend my sympathy to her family.

I visited Deanne Lamb at Munday Nursing Center on Saturday. She's making progress and may be home before too long. She continues to have therapy every day, and that is helping her so much. I also visited with Jessie Roberts and Bea Parks, and they are doing ok also. And it was good to visit with Billie Jean McCauley, Mary Welch, and Clara Herring. Several were in their rooms resting when I was there. I always feel better after I visit there, as they all seem to enjoy it.

Mike and Debi Moorhouse had their kids for a get together on Saturday. In addition to those who were at my house on Thursday, Lynn and Michael Rogers, Kaylie and Madilyn of Snyder were

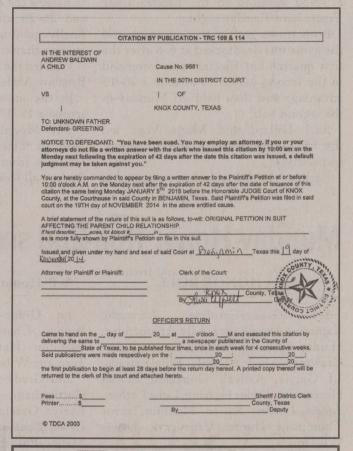
Our little village over here is beginning to look a lot like Christmas. The courthouse has the decorations on the top, and when the lights are on at night, it sure looks pretty. And Kim and Tina Sealy have gone "all out" decorating their place, and with a well lighted tree in the window, it looks ready for Santa. I don't have anything done yet, but maybe I will before too many more days.

Janet and Gary Reed had Thanksgiving dinner on Saturday with daughter Michele (and Jimmy) Barrientez and family. Others there to enjoy the day were Blaine Neal and family of Abilene, Melonie Conner and family of Lubbock, and Edith Broach of Knox City. Janet's son, Clay Conner, had to work on Saturday.

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The bride is the daughter of Darin and Sylvie Putman leading to injury from ingesof Lubbock. April is a graduate of Cooper High School and Covenant School of Surgical Technology. She specializes in cardiac surgical technology and is employed at know they are often cute, col-Harris Hospital in Fort Worth.

The groom is the son of Larry and Vera Tomlinson of Munday. Terry is a graduate of Munday High School and Covenant School of Surgical Technology. He specializes like to see, touch and taste in orthopedic surgical technology and is employed at Harris Hospital in Fort Worth as well.

The bride was escorted down the beach by her father Knox County. and given in marriage by her parents and her daughter Mayci.

An entire host of family and friends were there to cel- Centers (AAPCC), in 2013, ebrate their marriage with them. Immediately following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Diamonds Are Forever Lounge aboard the Carnival Fascination cruise ship with a cocktail hour dinner and dancing

The couple currently resides in Burleson.

How to make laundry safer

Although laundry is probnew laundry innovations are of interest to most of us. Let's face it. We'll do just about anything to make the job easier and fast-

Products like single-load liquid laundry packets have become widely available over the past few years—they are an easy and convenient way to get laundry done efficiently and effectively. However, it's important to remember these powerful little packets contain highly concentrated detergent and require the same safety measures as common household cleaning products when it comes to safely using, handling and packets can attract dangerous interest from young children tion or exposure to the eyes.

"If you've seen them, you orful, squishy pods that look a bit like candy and could easily attract curious little ones who new things" says Lorrie Coop, county Extension agent for

According to the American Association of Poison Control poison centers received reports of over 10,000 unintended exposures to highly-concentrated packets of laundry detergent by children five and younger. When children come into

contact with these packs, a sigably not anyone's favorite topic, nificant number of them will develop serious illness, which might include vomiting and lethargy. In some cases, they'll even stop breathing and require ventilation support. For these reasons, Coop urges people to store these and all cleaning products out of the reach and sight of children.

It is vital for parents and caregivers to keep single-load liquid laundry packets away from children to help prevent the risk of serious injury from ingestion or exposure to eyes. The American Cleaning Institute recommends the following tips to make your laundry routine safer.

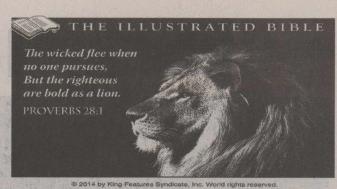
* Store laundry packets out of reach and sight of children * Do not let children handle

laundry packets * Do not puncture or pull

packets apart

* Keep product in its original container with intact labels.

* Handle this product with dry hands only, and remember to close the product container completely after each use to keep out moisture. The film that encases the laundry detergent is designed to dissolve quickly, even in small amounts of water. Store this product away from water.





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Keystone pipeline bill one vote short

approval of the Keystone XL pipeline it will be sold everywhere else." failed in the Democrat-controlled U.S. rack Obama from having to consider to veto legislation that several fellow Democrats supported.

The measure fell just one vote short— 59-41 in favor--of the 60 votes needed for passage, despite frantic last-minute lobbying by supporters, including Democratic Senator Mary Landrieu of Louisiana, who faces a runoff election Saturday. She has staked her hopes of winning on the Keystone gambit.

All Republicans supported the TransCanada Corp's \$8 billion, 800,000 barrelsper-day project. Only 14 of 55 Democrats and allied independents joined them.

If the bill had passed, Obama was widely expected to have vetoed it, a power he has used only three times in six years. He raised new questions about the project during a trip to Asia recently, saying it would not lower gas prices for drivers but would allow Canada to "pump their oil, send it

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Republican Senator Mitch McConnell, Senate last month, sparing President Ba- who will become Senate Majority Leader in January after his party made big gains in this month's midterm elections, said after the vote that consideration of a Keystone bill would be "very early up" in the next Congress.

Republican Senator John Hoeven of North Dakota, who co-sponsored the Keystone bill with Landrieu, has pledged to keep trying to force approval of the project that the administration has kept under review for more than six years. Hoeven may introduce a new bill in January after Republicans gain control of Congress or he could attach a Keystone measure to a broader bill that Obama might find dif-

The Republican-controlled House approved the measure, 251-161, earlier. Rep. Bill Cassidy, R-La, who is trying to take a seat away from Landrieu, sponsored the bill. It was the ninth time the House approved the measure.

The City of Goree will hold a public hearing at 6:00 PM on December 9th at City Hall, 306 W. Holly, Goree, Texas in regard to the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TxCDBG) grant. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizens' participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TxCDBG funding available, all eligible TxCDBG activities and the use of past TxCDBG funds. The City encourages citizens to participate in the development of this TxCDBG application and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to Glenna Decker, Mayor at the City Hall. Persons with disabilities who wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. For further information, contact Glenna Decker, Mayor, at the City Hall, 940-422-5306.



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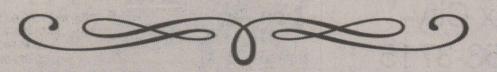
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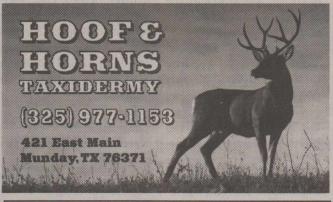
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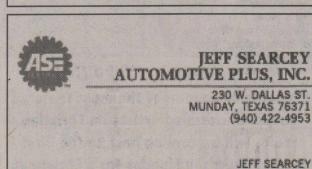
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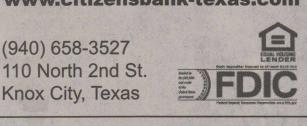
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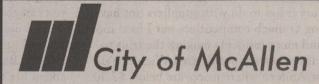
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Thanksgiving is about giving and it was readily evident that folks here in Munday are "givers" when my wife and I joined other volunteers to assist with the Munday Community Thanksgiving Meal at the First United Methodist Church.



JAMES

to prepare and serve more than 600 meals, feeding some who came and ate inside the fellowship hall and others who dropped by to pick up meals. About 70 meals were also deliv-MCAFEE ered to shut-ins or those working who were un-

My hats off to Carla Key and all the volunteers who took the time

able to get out.

This outreach program started four years ago by the Methodist church quickly expanded into a community effort as other churches and individuals pitched in to help prepare different items for the meal that included, fruit salad, ham, turkey, cornbread dressing, green beans, potatoes, giblet gravy and desserts.

Key also mentioned that two different families donated the money to buy the turkeys and the ham.

The pecan pie was the best I ever had. Sixteen pies, using the recipe provided by Tammy Piennar and Penny Winchester Kaiser, were baked. Yes, I even took an extra piece home to eat while watching the Dallas Cowboys get outplayed and outcoached by the Philadelphia Eagles.

While still talking about the giving attitude here, I heard from Tara Cottingham that all the angels had been taken from the Angel Trees as residents prepared to provide Christmas gifts for needy children here in Knox County. Families getting help with Christmas are asked to bring a letter they received and come by the Munday Chamber of Commerce office between 8:30-9:30 a.m. on Dec. 19 to pick up their gift bags.

It's time to catch up on a few other

Why does gasoline cost 30+ cents a gallon more here in Knox County? I'm sure it has to do with suppliers not having as much competition, but I hear more and more residents making the trips to Haskell, Stamford or even Wichita Falls or Abilene where prices are below \$2.50. We haven't seen prices that low since

An assembly

line prepares plates for community Thanksgiving Meal

600 enjoy Thanksgiving meal



CARLA KEY

2010. It's certainly a bonus for consumers, giving us more money to spend for the holidays. It's good for businesses, too. The lower prices are a result of supplies exceeding demand, but evidently producers don't plan to cut back as they are afraid to lose market shares. How much lower can prices go here in Texas? \$2?

Exa Lee Smith passed along some interesting recycling facts. When in a landfill, it takes hundreds of years for plastic bottles, aluminum cans or newspapers to decompose. Ninety per cent of bottles aren't even recycled. While 50 per cent of materials in a landfill are paper or cardboard, all of it is recyclable. If recycled, an aluminum can will be ready for reuse in 60 days. It takes 95 percent less energy to make new ones from the old ones. All reasons why recycling is important. Join me in the recycling effort as I am going to do more to separate things when preparing to take out the trash.

After getting a call from Dawn Vanderpol from Benjamin, it appears I left out a step in the Crustless Pumpkin-Pecan Pie recipe two weeks ago. The cake mix, a few of the nuts and butter are held out of the mix of the other ingredients mentioned and sprinkled on top. Evidently, she wanted to try the recipe. I hope others try it and let me know how they liked it. Vonda Carter, here in the office, tried it out for Thanksgiving and came to the office Friday, saying she along with her daughter and friend "loved it." Evidently, you can also leave the nuts out of the batter and use only a few, even walnuts, on top and just call it a Crustless Pumpkin Pie, but Betty, knowing how I like pecans, added her touch to the recipe.

> A family enjoys eating together

at First United Methodist fellowship hall

Pierce, Bowman win Turkey Trot





MUNDAY-Keith Pierce of Clyde and Laci Bowman of Rhineland claimed the overall prizes for men and women in the first Munday Community Turkey Trot 5K last week.

Pierce was clocked in 15:49, finishing a minute ahead of Michael Haley. Russell Bega took the bronze with an 18:08 clocking.

Bowman finished the race thru Munday with a time of 22:37, more than a minute in front of Misty Bartley.

Caleb Wheat and Connor Willison paced the boys while Emma Cowsert and Carlie Williams

Here's the order of finish: Keith Pierce, 15:49; Michael Haley, 16:52; Russell Bega. 18:08; Eric Beaty, 21:18; Charles Willison, 21:29; Jacob Elder, 22:27; Laci Bowman, 22:37; Caleb Wheat, 23:05; Misty Bartley, 23:58; Van Josselet, 28:13; Mandi Perry, 28:19; Mark Campbell, 28:49; Carlie Willison, 28:52; Sky Pertwood, 28:53; Kaley Davis, 28:53; Emma Cowsert, 30: 59; Brandon Kuehler, 34:07; Madison Thompson, 34:10; Kelci Hinojosa, 34:19; Britney Elder, 34:48; Catherine Bartley, 3534.

AREA NEWS

Seymour dance set

SEYMOUR—The fifth annual Christmas Hollies & Horns is scheduled here Saturday at the Cliff Styles Center. Doors open at 6 p.m. with meal starting at 7 p.m. The Smokin' Ace Band will play from 8-11 p.m. Tickets cost \$30 at the door. Tickets for tables of eight are available for \$200 at TJ Stockmans. It benefits the Seymour Chamber of Commerce and the Rodeo Association.

Christmas Ball Dec. 13

SNYDER—For everyone who loves Western Swing music, the Big Country Christmas Ball here is the place to be on Dec. 13th. The great Bobby Flores with his Yellow Rose Band will be playing. Doors will open at 7 p.m. with the dance at 8 p.m. through midnight. No reservations will be needed, but table and chairs will be available. Admission tickets will be \$15 at the door and coolers (no glass) welcomed. The Ball benefits West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

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