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Filings open Jan. 28 for school boards

Filing for places on the May 9 ballot for election to the respective school board positions for the Benjamin ISD, the Knox City-O'Brien CISD and the Munday CISD will officially open Jan. 28.

District residents interested in being a candidate may do so by making a personal appearance at the respective administration offices between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. from Jan. 28 to Feb. 27. They can also file by mail to the respective offices.

In Benjamin, three places will be filled for three-year terms, currently held by Stephen Kuehler, Joy Lynn Pool and Dawn Vanderpol.

In Knox City, two places will be filled for three-year terms, currently held by Amanda Duke and Jeremy Eaton.

In Munday, there are three places to be filled for three-year terms, currently held by Todd Thompson, Bill Longan and Rebecca Araujo.

Requests for ballots for early voting by mail will be accepted from March 10 until April 30.

Early voting by personal appearances will be accepted from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. on week days from April 27 until May 5.

Burnett appointed as district judge



James McAfee/The Knox County News-Courier

Lisa Cyfert swears in Bobby Burnett

BENJAMIN—Bobby Burnett of Munday was sworn in as judge of the 50th Judicial District Court for Baylor, Cottle, King and Knox Counties here last Thursday afternoon. He was appointed by Gov. Rick Perry to replace William Heatly, who resigned effective Dec. 31.

Burnett, an attorney in Munday and president of the Knox County Abstract Company, said, "I am very grateful to the governor for giving me this opportunity, I am looking forward to the job and the challenges it will bring."

Burnett's term will expire at the time of the 2016 general election, but he indicated that he plans to run for the position in the 2016 Republican primary.

Burnett is a member of State Bar of Texas and the Texas Land Title Association and was a past county attorney for Knox County, a past district attorney for the 50th district and a past member of the Texas District and County Attorneys Association.

In addition, Burnett is a member of the Knox County Visioning Committee and the Knox County Central Appraisal District board of directors and is chairman of the finance committee at the Munday First United Methodist Church.

Other past involvement includes being a director of the First Bank Texas in Abilene, president of the Munday Lions Club and a member of the Benjamin Cemetery Association board of directors.

Burnett indicated he would have an office in Seymour at the Baylor County Courthouse.

Burnett grew up in Knox City and graduated from Knox City High School in 1963. He served in the Army Reserve.

Thompson suffers broken neck

MUNDAY—Todd Thompson suffered a broken neck in a horse riding accident last week and is in Dallas recovering from surgery on Sunday.

Even after the fall, Thompson reportedly walked to his pickup to call for help after being thrown off his horse.

Thompson was a member of the 1984 state championship football team at Munday High School and ran track at Baylor University.



Sheri Baty/The Knox County News-Courier

Alexia Jimenez and brother Matthew with grand champion steer

Jimenez claims grand champion steer honors

By JAMES McAFEE
The Knox County News-Courier

MUNDAY—Alexia Jimenez earned the grand champion award for steers in the Knox County Junior Livestock Show here last Saturday at the Munday Event Center. In addition, she claimed senior showmanship honors.

In the swine judging, Madison Thompson emerged as the grand champion. Her Yorkshire also took breed honors. Kristen Kuehler took reserve honors and her heavyweight Cross also won breed honors. Other breed winners were Jordan Ruiz, Berkshire and Spot; Christian Abila, Chester White; Kendall Thompson, Duroc; and Skylin Ledesma, Hampshire.

In Friday's judging, Conner Moore took top honors in single fryers and Cayce Camp prevailed in pens of three fryers for rabbits; Chance Baty showed the grand champion broiler in the poultry division; Kristen Kuehler claimed both grand and reserve honors for lambs; and Brylee White emerged as the grand champion for goats.

The annual event is a collaborative effort of the Knox County Junior Livestock Association, the FFA organizations at each of the county's three high schools, the respective 4-H groups and the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service of Knox County.

(See photos and complete results on pg. 7)

Thornberry sees relief from spending caps

WASHINGTON—It appears Congress will give the U.S. military some relief from spending caps as the nation faces threats from nuclear weapons to cyberterrorism, indicated Rep. Mac Thornberry, the new House Armed Services Committee chairman.

"On both sides of the aisle, there's widespread agreement that the resources going to the Pentagon are not enough to meet that wide array of threats," the Texas Republican said last week. "If you got Republicans and Democrats in the House and Senate who want to do that, I think we will. I trust that the president, given all that the country is facing, will want to do that too."

Annual spending caps have been set through fiscal year 2021. Defense spending is capped at \$523 billion in fiscal 2016, \$1.75 billion more than the current year while the cap for nondefense funding is about \$60 billion less.

If Congress doesn't stay within these caps — or agree to higher ones — the law requires an automatic reduction known as sequestration. While lawmakers in both parties favor easing the spending restrictions for defense, many Democrats oppose doing so if it means cutting more deeply in domestic programs.

Thornberry indicated his top priority as chairman will be to give the U.S. military the tools it needs to be agile and well-prepared. "We face everything from major nuclear powers that continue to improve their nuclear weapons to resurgent, newly aggressive major powers like Russia and China to all the shades of terrorism to nuclear proliferation to diseases to cyber," he said.

Cyberspace is a "new domain of warfare," he added, where the technology has "advanced further and faster than our policies and laws."

Knox Notes

Leija benefit lunch set Sunday

MUNDAY—A benefit luncheon for Robin Leija is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Jan. 25 at Munday High School. Fried chicken and all the trimmings, courtesy of the Knights of Columbus, along with a drink and dessert will be available for a \$10 donation.

Lions Club seeks new members

MUNDAY—The Munday Lions Clubs is inviting potential new members to check out the service club by attending and enjoying its Tuesday lunches at the Perry Patton Community Center as

their guests during January.

Museum fundraiser set Feb. 8

BENJAMIN—the Wichita Brazos Museum's annual fund raising dinner will be Sunday, Feb. 8 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. here at the Benjamin Memorial Building. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Ham, turkey, sausage, beans, coleslaw, potato salad and pies will be served. Take-outs will be available. The silent auction will close at 1:30 p.m. Door prizes will be given away. The remaining food will be sold.

Knox Calendar

Please notify the News-Courier to add or update your events and meeting times. Emailed submissions to kcnewscourier@gmail.com are preferred, but will also be accepted by phone at 940 422-5350. The deadline for inclusion in the next week's issue will be 5 p.m. on Fridays.

Thursday, Jan. 22
Benjamin JH basketball at Munday JH

O'Brien JH basketball at Paducah

Friday, Jan. 23
Benjamin VG, VB basketball at Crowell

Knox City JVB, VG, VB basketball at Motley County

Munday JVB, VG, VB basketball at Northside

Saturday, Jan. 24
Munday JVG basketball at Stamford

Monday, Jan. 26
Munday JVG basketball at Albany

Munday JHG, JHB basketball at Chillicothe

Benjamin JHG, JHB basketball at Northside

Tuesday, Jan. 27
Benjamin VG, VB basketball at Chillicothe

Knox City JVG, JVB VG, VB at Spur

Munday VG, VB at Harrold

Thursday, Jan. 29
Knox City JVG at Hawley

Knox City JVB basketball at Guthrie Tournament

Friday Jan. 30
Benjamin VG, VB vs. Harrold

Knox City VB vs. Patton Springs

Munday VG, VB at Crowell

Saturday Jan. 31
Knox City JVB basketball at Guthrie Tournament

Corrections

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Deaths

Margie Allen

Margie Allen, 87, passed away Sunday in the Munday Nursing Center. A visitation was held Tuesday at the funeral home in Munday. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Wednesday at the Munday Church of Christ with Gregg Melton officiating. Interment followed at the Goree Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Smith Funeral Home of Munday.

Margie was born in Goree on Feb. 4, 1927 to Ervin (Salty) and Nettie Jarrett Blankinship. She and Taylor Allen were married Feb. 2, 1958. On Nov. 6, their only child, Kevin was born. Margie adored him and enjoyed her role as a stay at home mother.

Margie loved the Lord and was a faithful and active member of the Goree Church of Christ. She had several jobs. She worked at the drug store in Seymour and later owned and operated a beauty shop in



MARGIE ALLEN

Goree. She also enjoyed several hobbies, including painting and was very talented. She and her friend, Cleta Jones made crafts and painted them. She later had a craft shop in Munday with Imogene Brochett. She loved to cook and was well known for her delicious home-cooked meals. She was hospitable and many of these meals were enjoyed by her family and

friends. She worked hard to help organize the Cemetery Association and maintain the Memorial building in Goree, Margie was a hard worker for the betterment of the town.

Margie was preceded in death by her parents, and two brothers, Louis and Tuck Blankinship.

She is survived by her loving husband, Taylor of Munday, one son; Kevin Allen and wife, Linda of Abilene, one grandson; Kameron Allen of Abilene, one granddaughter; L'nea Carstens and husband, Seth of College Station, one brother Joe Blankinship and wife, Marilyn of Killeen, five sisters; Melba Feemster of Hurst, Shirley Lambeth of Munday, Jean Adkins and husband, Gene of Celina, Pat Davis and husband, W.C. of Beaverton, OR, and Judy Wallner of Denison plus 16 s nieces and nephews.

Munday to go forward with request for grant

MUNDAY—After a discussion with consultants Alan Phillips and Josh Davis from Jacob & Martin, the Munday City Council approved going forward with a plan to request a TDA grant for work on water lines in the city during its regular monthly meeting here Tuesday night.

The Council also approved the purchase of two body cameras for the police department.

Hearing that 25 per cent of a \$275,000 grant had to be spent in first six months, the council discussed the best options of where to spend the \$65,000. Buying two pickups for the water department

seemed the best option. Notices for bids will be posted.

After discussing a couple of situations, the Council decided that in some cases concerning water leaks that penalties could be taken off water bills.

The Council heard reports from Exa Lee Smith and Bunny Norville in regard to the recycling center. Earlier, the council had approved the hiring of a parttime worker for the center.

The Council adjourned into executive session to discuss the vacant administrator position.

Letter to the Editor

Help Alyssa celebrate 18th birthday

My daughter Alyssa will be celebrating her 18th birthday on Jan. 20. I am reaching out to Knox County asking for your help in giving Alyssa a benefit/birthday bash on Jan. 31. We haven't decided on a location yet. If you would like to make monetary donations, collection jars are set up in various Knox City businesses. Our mailing address is PO Box 531, Knox City 79529, or you can contact me, Mellisa Ann, on Facebook or by cell phone (940) 256-1506. My parents run the Supply House, also in Knox City.

All proceeds will help pay for the dance expenses. All donations not used and the money made will be given to Alyssa to be used at her request. Thank you so much for helping make this happen.

Alyssa was diagnosed with a congenital heart disease when I was 8 1/2 months pregnant with her. She was born with half of a heart. Throughout her life, she's had multiple cauterizations, two open heart surgeries and countless procedures that have kept her stable. At six years old, Alyssa was diagnosed with cirrhosis of the liver because of her complex heart condition.

Still Alyssa has continued to live as your average girl throughout junior high and high school. Alyssa has played volleyball, been in cheerleaders and was the mascot. She has been taught to live life to the very best of her ability. Most people have no idea the challenges Alyssa has faced... She doesn't look like a child with a congenital disease, she doesn't act like a child that has a drawer full of medications that help her. She's "Alyssa normal" and perfect in God's image. We have a very strong faith in God's healing. We will stay strong in His faith.

On Dec. 6 Alyssa was flown by Life Flight to Children's Medical Center in Dallas. She was diagnosed with a flutter, her aorta was beating 100 times faster than it should. On Dec. 8, the plan was to do an echo down her throat to look at her heart from the back. They needed to know whether she had a clot. She had a clot in her aorta. They couldn't continue with the initial plan, which was to stop her heart and shock her back into rhythm. The doctors began giving Alyssa blood thinners and rhythm medication. On Dec. 10, Alyssa went into cardiac arrest. She coded two different times during her arrest. The first time was in her room for eight minutes. Her Nana and I watched as they worked on Alyssa, we saw chest compression after chest compression. We saw them place the breathing tube in her. We watched as these professionals worked to bring my Baby Girl back to life. As soon as they got Alyssa at a stable point, they took her to ICU. Before taking her for an MRI, Alyssa coded again for four minutes. The doctors brought her back to life. The assumption was that Alyssa's clot had moved and she had stroked. The Cat scan and MRI came back clear. The doctors were dumbfounded because they were so certain that the clot had caused this. However, it turned out that the rhythm medication caused her cardiac arrest. Alyssa was back on the floor on Dec. 13 and discharged on Dec. 15.

Mellisa Barker

Remember to "Render!"
Taxable property renditions are due April 15.

Does this apply to you?

If you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income, such as the equipment or inventory owned by a business, it does.

What is a rendition?

A rendition is a report to your county appraisal district that lists all of the taxable property that you owned or controlled on Jan. 1 of this year. This often applies to furniture, fixtures, equipment or inventory owned by a business.

What are the advantages of filing?

- You give your opinion of your property's value.
- You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address.
- If your property's value depreciated, you can file a report of decreased value.

What is the deadline?

- The last day for filing renditions is April 15.
- An automatic extension to May 15 is available if requested in writing by the April 15 deadline.
- The chief appraiser may grant an additional 15 days to an owner who shows good cause in writing.

REMEMBER!!

Filing is your responsibility. If you render late, don't render or file an incomplete or false rendition, you may face a 10 to 50 percent penalty.

File renditions with your local appraisal district at:

Knox County Appraisal District
County Courthouse
P.O. Box 47
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- ¿Que es la junta de revision de tasaciones? (ARB, por sus siglas en ingles)
- Cuando presentar las protestas
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- Aprendera que tipo de protestas se permiten y los documentos y pruebas que debe presentar ante la junta.
- Encontrara la lista de las fechas importantes y la accion a tomar para cada fecha.

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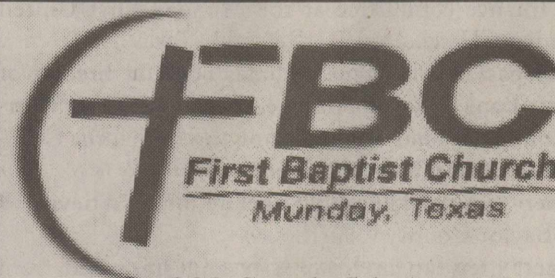


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The Paperboy

Most of my heroes have been athletes. It's probably been like that for many American boys since sports became popular in the 1800s.

I was going through a box of old stuff the other day and it occurred to me that what I was looking at was over 30 years old.

This wasn't some box of stuff I was unfamiliar with, this was my stuff. Has that much time really elapsed?

Among the items in the box were a few sports cards. In my younger years, I collected sports cards - mostly baseball cards. Among these were Roger Staubach, Pete Rose, Terry Bradshaw, Dr. J and other well known legends.

I guess you know you're old when you remember the career of someone who hasn't played in four decades.

Those cards stirred some neat memories.

When I was a kid, we were returning home to Amarillo from a family vacation in San Antonio. I was 11 or 12.

As we were driving through San Angelo, Dad decided to go by Angelo State University to see if the Houston Oilers were working out. That is where they had their Fall camp.

At that time, Earl Campbell was the best running back in the NFL and one of my heroes.

We had just pulled into the parking lot when a van pulled in next to us. The van door opened and Campbell, the Tyler Rose himself, stepped out of the driver's side.

My parents told me to jump out and get his autograph but I was too petrified to move.

My mother and sister got out instead and secured his autograph for me. He seemed to be very nice as I sat in the backseat and watched.

I've had the privilege of meeting other notable athletes since that day in San Angelo and I haven't choked since.

Right now, Peyton Manning is trying to figure out if he wants to continue playing pro football. He'll be 39 in March. The funny thing is I ran into Manning between his senior year at Tennessee and his rookie year in Indianapolis. We were at the same restaurant in Las Vegas and he was standing right next to me. I introduced myself and we talked football a few minutes before parting ways. That was in 1998.

Now, Manning, a 5-time NFL MVP and Super Bowl Champion, is thinking of hanging it up. It's hard to believe it's been that long.

For the record, I hope he decides to play one more year. He's a class act and he's good for the sport.

In this age of instant gratification, technology allows fans to follow an athlete's every move. Highlights are just a click away. But, there is something about those sports cards that stirs the memories of not only the athlete, but the era. It reminds me of where I was and what I was doing. Pretty cool.



CHRIS BLACKBURN

The 501

How to miss a mugging

Nothing beats not getting mugged when it comes to navigating strange urban environments places like Washington, D. C. After spending two days there with no close calls, I'm feeling smug.

Acquired demeanor saw me through.

Part of the time I faked it and acted like I knew where I was going, walking briskly even when disoriented. The rest of the time I blended in by looking like a deranged bag lady. I looked like one anyway.

Note: It's hard to fake insanity when normal cellphone-connected people are talking to thin air. But I used to work at the mental hospital. I pulled it off.

I also took on a third identity: Scholar.

Yep, I spent two days at the Smithsonian Archives of American Art and the Library of Congress. You don't have to dress like a member of Congress or a lobbyist or a fashionista to impersonate a scholar. Better the absent-minded professor look, meaning my homeless outfit worked fine - red pseudo-L. L. Bean low-cut fleece-lined snow shoes with age cracks (sort of like my face looks when it gets really cold like it does in Washington, D. C. in January), a cheap red knit cap, nice black slacks, two sweaters, a warm coat from Goodwill, no gloves and a muffler with some defects. Worked for me. I looked even more scholarly once I got my Li-

brary of Congress registered reader identification card, complete with my picture. It was my ticket to a big microfilm reading room. It was warm there. At one point I almost fell asleep at the microfilm machine. That would have made me look more homeless than scholarly, not that those two identities are mutually exclusive. I'm convinced many homeless people have spent so much time in libraries just to stay warm that they've acquired enough knowledge to equal a degree or two in a field or two. When sleeping isn't allowed in a library, often a rule, there's nothing else to do but learn stuff. We digress.

One other survival trick is to avoid all major catastrophes. Luck worked for me. Or providence.

Maybe you heard about the smoke-in-the-Metro incident. It made the news -- one dead and 80-something people hospitalized. It happened at L'Enfant Plaza, a stop on my route. My friend Sandy (I stayed with her in nearby Maryland) accused me of making it happen. Electrical shorts are my specialty, I almost know how my model train works, and I once read a book about the Paris Metro. If that makes me a suspect, they've yet to track me to my Texas hideout.

When I left town via the Metro to Reagan National Airport, the final train smelled faintly of acrid smoke. Goodbye Washington.

No problem that my flight was cancelled. Southwest stuck me on an earlier flight. I love Southwest.

The day I landed in Dallas, the police captured a terrorist who planned to bomb the Capitol.

Let's just say I know how to time a vacation. Or not.

Either way, I'm home!

2015 Updated Property Tax Information Now Available for Texas Taxpayers

New and updated property tax information has just been compiled by Knox County Appraisal District and is available now to assist taxpayers. This property tax information is current and covers a wide range of topics, such as taxpayer remedies, exemptions and appraisals, and is of value to select groups, such as disabled veterans and persons who are age 65 or older.

Chief Appraiser Mitzi Welch said, "Whether you are a homeowner, business owner, disabled veteran or a taxpayer, it's important you know your rights concerning the property tax laws." said Mitzi Welch, Chief Appraiser of the Knox County Appraisal District. "You can contact us about any property tax issues with full confidence that we will provide you the most complete, accurate and up-to-date available information to assist you."

This includes information about the following programs:

Property Tax Exemptions for Disabled Veterans - The law provides partial exemptions for any property owned by veterans who are disabled, spouses and survivors of deceased disabled veterans. This includes homesteads donated to disabled veterans by charitable organizations at no cost to the disabled veterans. The amount of exemption is determined according to percentage of service-connected disability. The law also provides a 100 percent exemption for 100 percent disabled veterans and their surviving spouses, beginning in 2009, and for surviving spouses of U.S. armed service members killed in action.

Property Tax Exemptions - Non-profit organizations that meet statutory requirements may seek property tax exemptions and must apply to their county appraisal district by a specific date. Businesses that receive tax abatements granted by taxing units; ship inventory out of Texas that may be eligible for the "freeport" exemption; store certain goods in transit in warehouses that are moved within 175 days; construct, install or acquire pollution control property; own and operate energy storage systems; or store offshore drilling equipment while not in use may also be eligible for statutory exemptions.

Rendering Taxable Property - If a business owns tangible personal property that is used to produce income, the business must file a rendition with its local county appraisal district by a specified date. Personal property includes inventory and equipment used by a business. Owners do not have to render exempt property such as church property or an agriculture producer's equipment used for farming.

Appraisal Notices - If a taxpayer's property value increased in the last year, the Texas taxpayer will receive a notice of appraised value from the appropriate local county appraisal district. The city, county, school districts and other local taxing units will use the appraisal district's value to set property taxes for the coming year.

Property Taxpayer Remedies - This Comptroller publication explains in detail how to protest a property appraisal, what issues the county appraisal review board (ARB) can consider and what to expect during a protest hearing. The publication also discusses the options of taking a taxpayer's case to district court, the State Office of Administrative Hearings or binding arbitration if the taxpayer is dissatisfied with the outcome of the ARB hearing.

Homestead Exemptions - A homestead is generally defined as the home and land used as the owner's principal residence on Jan. 1 of the tax year. A homestead exemption reduces the appraised value of the home and, as a result, lowers property taxes. Applications are submitted to the appropriate local county appraisal district.

Productivity Appraisal - Property owners who use land for timber land production, agricultural purposes or wildlife management can be granted property tax relief on their land. They may apply to their local county appraisal district for an agricultural appraisal which may result in a lower appraisal of the land based on how much the taxpayer produces, versus what the land would sell for in the open market.

Residence Homestead Tax Deferral - Texas homeowners may postpone paying the currently delinquent property taxes due on the appreciating value of their homes by filing a tax deferral affidavit at their local county appraisal district. This tax relief allows homeowners to pay the property taxes on 105 percent of the preceding year's appraised value of their homestead, plus the taxes on any new improvements to the homestead. The remaining taxes are postponed, but not cancelled, with interest accruing at 8 percent per year.

Property Tax Deferral for Persons Age 65 or Older or Disabled Homeowners - Texans who are age 65 or older or disabled, as defined by law, may postpone paying current and delinquent property taxes on their homes by signing a tax deferral affidavit. Once the affidavit is on file, taxes are deferred, but not cancelled, as long as the owner continues to own and live in the home. Interest continues to accrue on unpaid taxes. You may obtain a deferral affidavit at the appraisal district.

Notice of Electronic Communication - In appraisal districts located in counties of more than 200,000 in population or that have authorized electronic communications, and that have implemented a system that allows such communications, chief appraisers and ARBs may communicate electronically through email or other media with property owners or their designated representatives. Written agreements are required for notices and other documents to be delivered electronically in place of mailing.

Protesting Property Appraisal Values - Property owners who disagree with the appraisal district's appraisal of their property for local taxes or for any other action that adversely affects them may protest their property value to the appraisal district's ARB.

For more information about these programs, contact Knox County Appraisal District at 940-459-3891 or come by the Knox County Appraisal Office located at the Courthouse. Information is also available on the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division's website at www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/.



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Knox County Aging Center

Menus for week of Jan. 25-31

Monday: Chicken and rice casserole, black-eyed peas, carrots, rolls & fruit cups.

Tuesday: Pork chops, black-eyed peas, green beans, cornbread & chocolate chip cookies.

Wednesday: Ham slices, mashed potatoes, corn, dessert.

Thursday: Chicken tenders, gravy, green beans, wheat rolls & dessert.

Friday: BBQ sandwich, tator tots, carrots & zucchini, fruit cocktail.

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Olson replaces Sims at Quannah

QUANAH—Richard Olson, who has been the defensive coordinator for the past three seasons, has been named interim head football coach at Quannah High School. He had spent two decades previously on the coaching staff at Childress High School.

The opening was created when Jason Sims, Quannah's coach for the past five seasons, accepted the job as head football coach at Childress High School a day earlier.

Wichita Brazos Soil and Water Conservation District is selling wind break trees. Order by February 12 for February 19 delivery. 3950 FM 1292 Knox City. 940-658-3526 Ext. 3

Greyhounds lose close contest to Dragons



Zach Rodriguez goes up for a rebound against Paducah

Sheri Bsty/The Knox County News-Courier

KNOX CITY—The Knox City Greyhounds dropped a heartbreaking 54-51 decision to the Paducah Dragons last Tuesday night to see their District 8-1A record fall to 1-1 and then took Friday off because of the Knox County Junior Livestock Show.

The Greyhounds will be on the road at Motley County and Spur as they continue their quest to finish among the top three teams and advance in the playoffs.



Jordyn Eaton goes up for a shot against Paducah

Sheri Bsty/The Knox County News-Courier

Houndettes fall, 52-47, to 8-1A favorites

KNOX CITY—The Knox City Houndettes suffered a heartbreaking 52-47 setback to the Paducah Lady Dragons, the favorites to win the District 8-1A title, last Tuesday night, but then had Friday off because of the Knox County Junior Livestock Show.

The loss left the Houndettes at 1-2 in district play while the Lady Dragons improved to 3-0.

Coach Dylan Ballard indicated that the Houndettes' defense did a good job in the first half, saying the Lady Dragons didn't know how to attack it. The game was deadlocked at 14-14 after one period and tied at 24-24 at halftime.

The Lady Dragons found the range and extended their lead to 10 points in the three quarter,

but the Houndettes showed heart and didn't quit, cutting the deficit to three with 16 seconds left on a three-pointer from the wing by Jimenez.

The Houndettes then got a steal, but returned the favor. After a Paducah timeout, the Houndettes got another steal. "Inexperience set in and we did not know what to do with the chance in the last few seconds," said Ballard. Forced to foul, Paducah made a pair of free throws for the final five-point margin.

Brooke Jones and Makaylie Steele led the Houndettes with 15 and 11 points, respectively.

Knox City will be on the road for upcoming games at Motley County and Spur as it strives to get back into contention to make the playoffs.

Baty finishes in 8th place in state UIL

AUSTIN—Sheldon Baty of Knox City High School advanced to the final round and placed eight in the state Congressional UIL contest here last week.

Kate Baker and Mekayla Bailey, two classmates of Baty, advanced to state, but did not advance to the final round.

Baker and Bailey did get a chance to visit the office of Rep. Jim Frank. (See related photo on pg. 7.)

"It was a great experience for everyone," said Sheri Baty, mother of Sheldon.

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Special day of learning



Janet Dillard/The Knox County News-Courier

Munday High juniors and seniors in the Gifted and Talented program were treated to a day of learning at the Wichita Falls Country Club, courtesy of Region 9 Education Service Center. Presenter Janus Buss, a National Protocol Trainer, taught the students how to meet college and career opportunity challenges with confidence, social skills, interview skills and modern day etiquette. In addition, the students learned how to become polished in their people skills in order to outclass the competition, boost communication skills, enhance self-confidence and increase the bottom line. Attending the workshop were Kathryn Cude, Raci Dillard, Mitchell Lowrance, Grace Tidwell, Alexis Nunez, Kamille Redder, Skylar Gomez and Kimberly Shahan.

Mogulettes lead 8-1A with 3-0 record

MUNDAY—The Munday Mogulettes assumed the outright lead in District 8-1A last week with a 48-20 victory over the Crowell Lady Wildcats, who had opened play with a 2-0 record.

The Mogulettes then advanced to 3-0 on Friday when the Benjamin Stangs forfeited after they didn't have enough players to field a team.

Coach Corey Stephenson was pleased with the Mogulettes' earlier defensive

effort against the Lady Wildcats, holding them to single digits in each quarter, opening a 17-7 lead after the first quarter, a 27-10 edge at halftime and a 38-12 advantage after three quarters.

Raci Dillard led scoring with 12 points while Myca Flowers and Charity Hunter each contributed eight points.

Munday was scheduled to complete the first half of district play at home on Tuesday against Chillicothe

and then go on the road Friday at Northside.

All signs point to Munday, Crowell and Northside advancing to the playoffs. In district play last Friday, Crowell improved to 3-1 with a 68-10 victory over Chillicothe and Northside improved to 2-1 with a 63-38 win over Harrold. Last Tuesday, Northside downed Chillicothe, 52-27, while Benjamin edged Harrold, 56-47.

Moguls race past Mustangs, 70-15

BENJAMIN—The Munday Moguls dominated all aspects of the game in rolling to a convincing 70-15 victory over the Benjamin Mustangs here Friday night.

The victory evened the Moguls District 8-1A record at 1-1 as they had dropped a 49-44 decision to the state-ranked and unbeaten Crowell Wildcats last Tuesday.

The Moguls didn't allow the Mustangs a field goal in jumping off to a 19-1 lead after one quarter and continued to pad the lead to 41-6 at halftime.

Temerick Reagins led the Munday scoring effort with 25 points while Heath Blevins contributed 14.

Munday was scheduled to play Chillicothe at home on Tuesday and Northside on the road Friday as they continued a drive to make the playoffs.

For the season, the Moguls are now 6-13.

In other district games last week, Chillicothe downed Northside, 81-44, and Harrold handled Benjamin, 78-52 on Tuesday.

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Benjamin News

Gladene Green

Well, after several weeks of cold, unpleasant weather, we have had a few days of fairly nice days. The forecast is for colder days and maybe some rain later on, and that will be good. It's another slow news week, but I will report what I have.

I learned today of the death of Margie Allen of Goree. Margie and her husband, Taylor, were both residents of the Munday Nursing Center, where she was when she passed away. Services are pending at Munday. I extend sincere sympathy to Margie's family.

Monday was a holiday for many establishments, especially banks, post offices, etc. Not even any mail in our boxes, so we will have to wait a day before we get our bills!

Here 'N There

The high school boys played Munday in basketball Friday night, and although they played well, they did suffer a loss to the Moguls. Our team is young (and not very many), and practice is what they need. Maybe in another year or so, they will show much improvement.

The community received bad news Friday when we learned of an automobile accident involving two of our local young people. Briceton Pierce and Valerie Mendoza were traveling toward Seymour when they were involved in a one-car rollover. Briceton was driving and escaped serious injury, but Valerie was thrown out

and pinned under the car. She was care flighted to Harris Hospital in Fort Worth. She has multiple broken bones and under-terminated head injuries, but at last report her condition was stable. She has undergone some surgery and is facing more. The long-term prognosis is good, barring any unforeseen problems which could arise, but recovery will be a long time. I urge you to remember them all in prayer. That is very important at this very trying time.

Dillon Keys was in Wichita Falls Friday to see his nephrologist. Still no set time for his bladder surgery, but maybe it won't be too long. He feels pretty well and is working every day.

Kathie and Jack Waldron of San Antonio spent a few days this week in Knox City and also visiting her mother, Philomae Roberson here in Benjamin.

Debi Moorhouse and a friend, Kim Decker, and children of Munday were in Fort Worth Tuesday for Kim's sons to see their doctor.

My daughter and granddaughter, Diane Evans and Ashlee, of Childress visited me on Saturday.

My congratulations to Bobby D. Burnett, who was just last week appointed to the position of District Judge of the 50th Judicial District. Bobby D. has been in private practice in Munday for several years, has served as County Attorney, and also has the Abstract Company. He will do a good job as Judge, and I am pleased that he has that important position.

Mustangs fall to 0-2 record in District 8-1A

BENJAMIN—The Benjamin Mustangs saw their District 8-1A record fall to 0-2 here Friday night when they suffered a 70-15 setback at the hands of the Munday Moguls.

The young Mustangs had trouble finding their shooting eyes against the Moguls, failing to convert a field goal in falling be-

hind 19-1 in the first quarter and things didn't improve after that as the Moguls coasted to victory.

The Mustangs were scheduled to play at Northside Tuesday and faced an even more formidable task on Friday against state-ranked and unbeaten Crowell, favorites to win the district title.

Museum fundraiser scheduled Feb. 8

BENJAMIN—Sunday Feb. 8 will be a big day for many Knox County residents and friends from surrounding counties as they will be attending the annual fundraising meal for the Wichita Brazos Museum here at the Benjamin Memorial Building from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

There will be ham, sausage, turkey, pinto beans, potato salad, coleslaw and pies made by Knox County supporters served as the meal. Take outs will be available.

The silent auction will open at 11 and close at 1:30. The entire north wall of the building will

be filled with tables of silent auction items. There will be many homemade items plus everything from a postage stamp to a small appliance to antiques. There were over 100 items to bid on last year, making this the highlight of the day.

There are also always many door prizes to be given away during the fundraiser.

The Museum will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for visitors, featuring exhibit areas on Veteran's memorabilia, Adolph Bayers, polo player Harold Barry, Music Through the Years, county businesses and county railroads to name a few.

Mustangs basketball team



James McAfee/The Knox County News-Courier

Members on the Benjamin boys basketball team include front row (l to r); Jacob Armendariz, Joseph Macius and Caleb Barrientez; and back row Justin Rainwater, Benjamin Vanderpol, Ricky Ahilario and Kaleb Whittle.

Stangs forfeit Munday game

BENJAMIN—The Benjamin Stangs scored a 52-46 District 8-1A victory over the Harrold Lady Hornets last Tuesday night, but then had to forfeit Friday's game with Munday because of lacking enough players to field a team.

Coach Jacob Navarro indicated Emily Brown was on the injured list and he didn't know when she could return, but added he would have Tori Everson eligible for games this week with Northside and Crowell.

Add details about Harrold game....

Dear Family and Friends,

One of the definitions of the word Love is family and friends that come together in times of need! We certainly felt your Love this past week during the loss of our loved one, Rene Reed. The outpouring of food, flowers, cards, donations, visits, hugs and phone calls represent Love! Your presence at the family visitation and at the funeral service conveyed your Love! We cannot begin to express how much we appreciate each and every one of you! Thank you again for being there for us!

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CITY OF MUNDAY**

TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

The City of Munday will hold a public hearing at 6:00 PM on January 29, 2015 at City Hall, 121 E. Main Street, Munday, 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 Robert Bowen, 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, Robert Bowen, Mayor, at the City Hall (940) 422-4331.**

Public Notice
Texas Community Development Block Grant Program
Disaster Relief Grant

Date of Publication: January 22, 2015

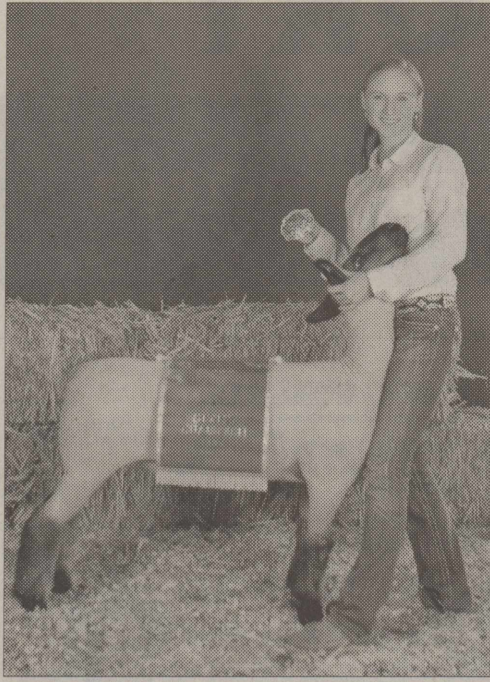
The City of Goree is giving notice of the intent to submit a Community Development Fund application for a disaster relief grant from the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program. The grant application request is for \$350,000 for the following activities:

Drilling of test wells and construction of 3 new water production wells; site work; instrumentation & controls at each permanent well site; chlorination facilities (at City elevated tank); and 2,400 LF of 4", 8", & 10" water line. The project is located at 2 sites: Site A in Goree, west of 8th and between Hickory and Oak to City elevated tank; and Site B in NCTMWA well field, south of the City of Munday and west of US Highway 277/

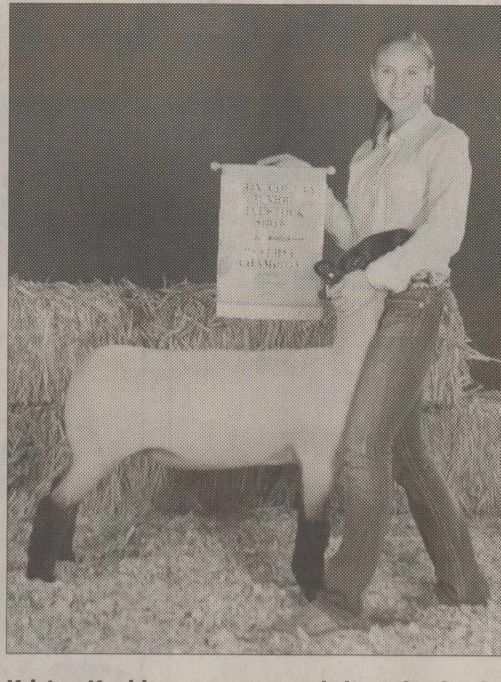
The application is available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.

KNOX CITY-OBRIEN CON. INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2014			
	General Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:			
Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 1,294,385	\$ 92,901	\$ 1,387,286
State Program Revenues	1,949,406	308,256	2,257,662
Federal Program Revenues	114	721,022	721,136
Total Revenues	3,243,905	1,122,179	4,366,084
EXPENDITURES:			
Current:			
Instruction	1,577,836	371,879	1,949,715
Instructional Resources and Media Services	27,240	-	27,240
Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	13,186	3,000	16,186
Instructional Leadership	5,673	161,974	167,647
School Leadership	214,166	317	214,483
Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	46,644	212,063	258,707
Health Services	756	-	756
Student (Pupil) Transportation	48,476	127	48,603
Food Services	5,125	211,255	216,380
Extracurricular Activities	190,038	-	190,038
General Administration	263,321	-	263,321
Facilities Maintenance and Operations	372,995	14,165	387,160
Debt Service:			
Principal on Long Term Debt	-	80,000	80,000
Interest on Long Term Debt	-	12,865	12,865
Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	-	323	323
Capital Outlay:			
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	76,879	-	76,879
Intergovernmental:			
Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	105,382	135,314	240,696
Other Intergovernmental Charges	45,621	-	45,621
Total Expenditures	2,993,338	1,203,282	4,196,620
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	250,567	(81,103)	169,464
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Transfers In	-	20,051	20,051
Transfers Out (Use)	(20,051)	-	(20,051)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(20,051)	20,051	-
Net Change in Fund Balances	230,516	(61,052)	169,464
Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	2,787,972	383,857	3,171,829
Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 3,018,488	\$ 322,805	\$ 3,341,293

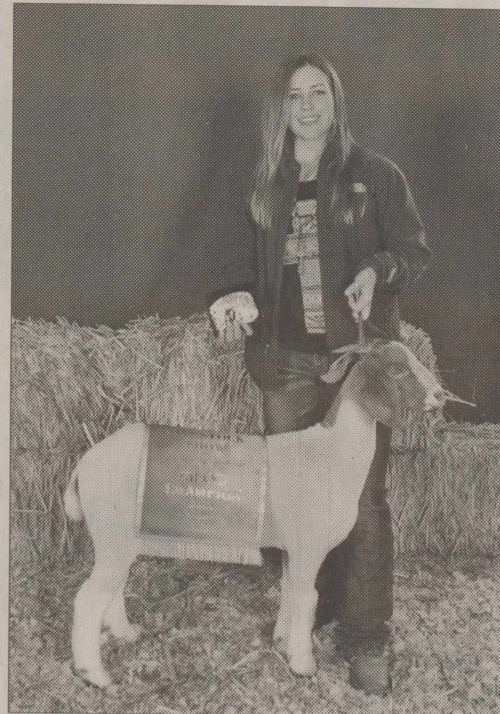
Knox Stock Show winners



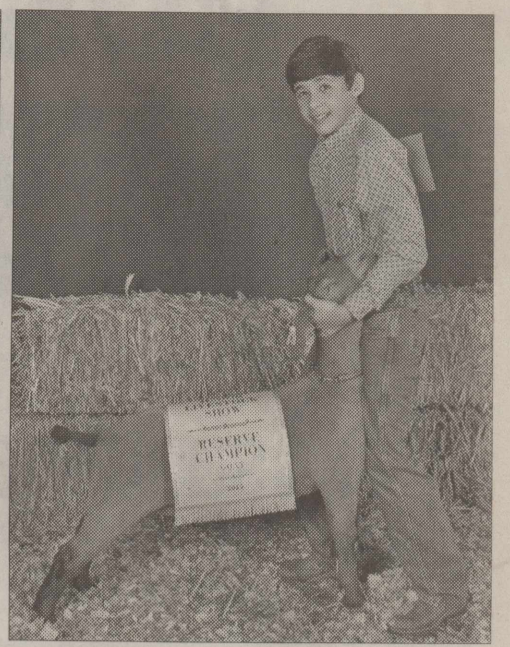
Kristen Kuehler, grand champion lamb and showmanship winner



Kristen Kuehler, reserve grand champion lamb



Brylee White, grand champion goat



John Shaver, reserve grand champion, goat



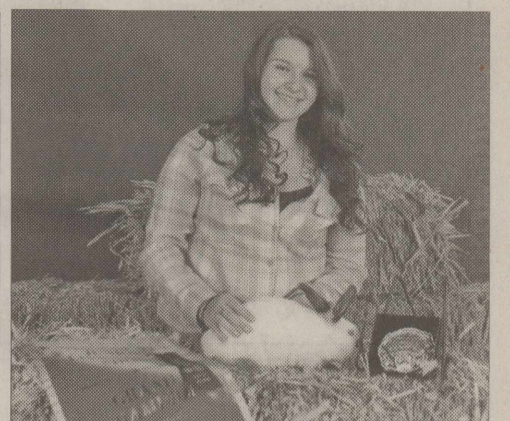
Madison Thompson, grand champion swine



Kristen Kuehler, reserve grand champion swine



Tyler de los Rios, showmanship swine



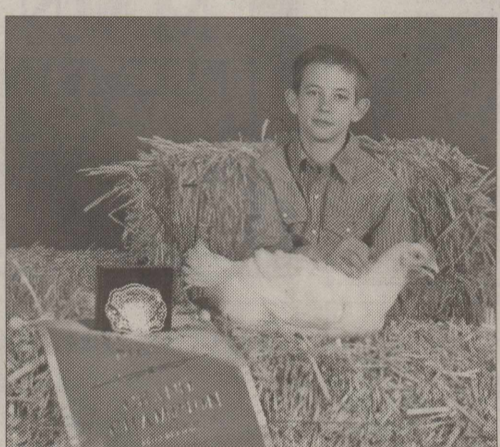
Cayce Camp, grand champion fryers



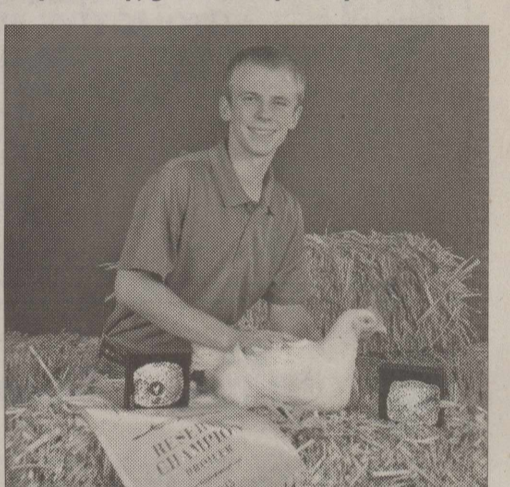
MeKayla Bailey, reserve grand champion, single fryers



Conner Moore, grand champion single fryers



Chance Baty, grand champion broilers



Sheldon Baty, reserve grand champion broilers

Knox County Stock Show results

Rabbit Show

Single Fryers—1. Conner Moore, Grand Champion 2. MeKayla Bailey, Reserve Grand Champion, senior Showmanship 3. MeKayla Bailey 4. Cassidy Correll

Pen of Three Fryers—1. Cayce Camp, Grand Champion 2. Daniel Duke, Reserve Grand Champion 3. Cheyenne Roberson Jr. Showmanship 4. Conner Moore 5. Cassidy Correll

Poultry Show

Broilers--1. Chance Baty, Grand Champion 2. Sheldon Baty, Reserve Grand Champion 3. Sheldon Baty Senior Showmanship 4. Chance Baty 5. Betheney Ledesma, Junior Showmanship 6. Betheney Ledesma

Lamb Show

Market-- 1. Kristen Kuehler, Grand Champion, Junior Showmanship 2. Kristen Kuehler, Reserve Grand Champion 3. Austin Hacker 4. Debra Alvarado

Goat Show

Lightweight—1. MeKayla Coplen 2. Brylee White Sr. Showmanship 3. Hallie Everson 4. Brody White

Light medium weight—1. Josiah Coplen 2. Ryan Shaver 3. Brody White 4. Grace Estrada

Medium weight—1. Brylee White, Grand Champion 2. Brogan White 3. Grace Estrada 4. Hallie Everson

Light heavy weight—1. John Shaver, Junior Showman-

ship 2. Ryan Shaver 3. Dal Everson 4. Dal Everson

Heavyweight—1. John Shaver, Reserve Grand Champion 2. Jolie Everson 3. Jolie Everson 4. Dal Everson

Swine

Berkshire Lightweight—1. Jordan Ruiz, Breed Champion, Senior Showmanship 2. Kaleb Whittle 3. Reylee Ledesma

Berkshire Heavyweight—1. Cayce Camp, Reserve Breed Champion 2. Cheyenne Camp 3. Emilee Maynard 4. Reylee Ledesma

Chester White—1. Christian Abila, Breed Champion 2. Emma Lambert, Reserve Breed Champion 3. Kenlee Lambert

Duroc Lightweight—1. Kayla Jo Hunter 2. Cara Lambert 3. Cara Lambert 4. Emma Lambert 5. Jayden Lambert
Duroc heavyweight—1. Kendall Thompson, Breed Champion 2. Sydney Thompson, Reserve Breed Champion 3. Jordan Ruiz 4. Matthew Jimenez 5. Brice Thompson 6. Cheyenne Roberson

Hampshire lightweight—1. Kaleb Whittle, Reserve Breed Champion 2. Kayla Jo Hunter 3. Tyler de los Rios, Junior Showmanship 4. Jordyn Eaton

Hampshire heavyweight—1. Skylin Ledesma, Breed Champion 2. Kristen Kuehler 3. Demi Alvarado 4. Elissa Hacker 5. Matthew Jimenez

Spot lightweight—1. Jordan Ruiz, Breed Champion 2. Melanie Ruiz, Reserve Breed Champion 3. Cayce Camp 4. Christian Abila

Spot heavyweight--1 Skylin Ledesma 2. Emilee Maynard 3. Melissa Rogers 4. Lexi Jimenez

Yorkshire—1. Madison Thompson, Breed Champion, Grand Champion 2. Kristen Kuehler Reserve Breed Champion 3. Jordan Ruiz 4. Elissa Hacker 5. Jayden Lambert

Cross lightweight—1. Kristen Kuehler 2. Reylee Ledesma 3. Sydney Thompson 4. Cheyenne Robertson 5. Emma Lambert

Cross medium weight—1. Kendall Thompson 2. Kayla Jo Hunter 3. Ella Hunter 4. Kenlee Lambert 5. Christian Abila 6. Dustin Ledesma

Cross light heavyweight—1. Melanie Ruiz, Reserve Breed Champion 2. Madison Thompson 3. Skylin Ledesma 4. Matthew Jimenez 5. Shawn Hacker 6. Cayce Camp 7. Kassie Moya 8. Austin Hacker

Cross heavyweight—1. Kristen Kuehler, Breed Champion, Reserve Grand Champion 2. Emilee Maynard 3. Brice Thompson 4. Ella Hunter, 5. Melanie Ruiz 6. Matthew Jimenez 7. Debra Alvarado

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Mac's Views

Creativity of youngsters shown at stock show

The Knox County Junior Livestock Show wrapped up last weekend. Months of hard work ended for some youngsters who are not taking their animals to such major shows as the ones in Fort Worth and Houston. We wish the ones going on the best of luck. The stock show is definitely a great place to showcase the creativity and talent of our Knox County youngsters. It's a great method to teach kids reality—life doesn't reward participation, it takes some hard work. Hats off to our winners and all the volunteers who helped put on the show. A list of the winners with photos provided by Sheri Baty are featured elsewhere in this issue.



JAMES MCAFEE

Elsewhere on this page you will see a photo of something that few of us ever thought possible again. I'm talking about the price of gas here in Knox County falling below \$2 at \$1.89. That's the lowest it has been in over six years. On a trip to Wichita Falls Sunday to pick up medicine for my daughter, I filled up for \$1.66 a gallon. While consumers are saving a lot of money, the energy businesses here in Texas have been cutting back since the price for a barrel of oil dropped from \$100 to \$50. It will also make things harder for our lawmakers when they are putting together a budget for the state.

In reading a report from the Texas Education Agency, I noticed that about 10 percent of the Class of 2015 are not on track to graduate this year because of not passing the STAAR (State of Texas Assessments of Academics Readiness) tests. Hopefully, this number will be reduced when they get another chance to pass in May.

While it was cold here in Knox County for the last part of 2014 and first two weeks of January, we did see a return of warmer weather late last week. Just for the record, 2014 was the hottest year in 135 years of record-keeping.

Record warmth in the oceans was cited as the reason. Scientist agree that the human impact on climate is clear.

It would certainly be nice if we could find a cure for Alzheimer's, the sixth leading cause of death here in America where 1-in-9 over 65 and 1-in-3 over 85 have it. Two-thirds of Alzheimer's patients are women, and the disease is twice as likely to occur in blacks and Hispanics. The human cost is incalculable. The financial cost is also staggering—over \$220 billion. In researching to find out if an email from friends back in Richardson about a possible cure was true, I could find no such proof. However, I did read some optimistic views from David Knopman, professor of neurology at the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine in Rochester, MN. "Having the methods to detect early signs of vascular-related brain injury or disease with the greatest impact on Alzheimer's and dementia would greatly enhance our efforts to develop effective therapies," he said. "Especially needed are tools that are highly accurate and do not require invasive procedures to collect and measure."

Parents and grandparents wanting to brag about their little ones this Valentine's Day will have the chance as The Knox County News-Courier will publish ads in our Feb. 12 issue. See the ad elsewhere in this edition for more details, but remember the deadline is Jan. 30.

Since 1974 while working at Golf Digest Magazine, I have ventured to Florida in January for the PGA Merchandise Show every year except for two times. So when you are reading this, I will be in Orlando at the Orange County Convention Center. Everyone in the golf industry will be there as all kinds of new products are introduced. It's also a great time to renew old acquaintances and to sometimes pick up freelance writing assignments. While I have sometimes taken my golf clubs and played some golf, that's not the case this time. I hope to bring back some interesting stories that I will share with you in future On the Tee with McAfee columns.

House passes bill to finance DHS

WASHINGTON—The House passed a broad bill that would provide \$39.7 billion to finance the Department of Homeland Security through the rest of the year last week by a 236-191 vote.

Attached to the measure were amendments to overturn President Barack Obama's key immigration policies.

One would undo executive actions to provide temporary deportation relief and work permits for some 4 million in the country illegally, mostly those who have children who are citizens or legal residents.

The other would delete a 2012 policy that granted work permits and stays of deportation to more than 600,000 immigrants who arrived in the U.S. illegally as children under the age of 16.

However, even with the Republicans in control of the senate, the bill faces tough sledding.

In addition, the House approved a bill to ease the Dodd-Frank law, which aims to rein in banks and Wall Street.

It would give banks two extra years to ensure they are in compliance with a new banking rule.

Even if approved by the Senate, this measure faces an Obama veto threat.

Gas under \$2



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Growth overwhelming Texas highways

AUSTIN—Overwhelming voter support for amendment to use \$1.7 billion from the state's Rainy Day Fund along with bond issues and private partnerships may not be enough to build and maintain the state's road.

"Bottom line, future Texans will have to live with greater congestion and that could affect safety on our roads," said Ted Houghton, the Department of Transportation chairman last week.

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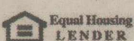
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