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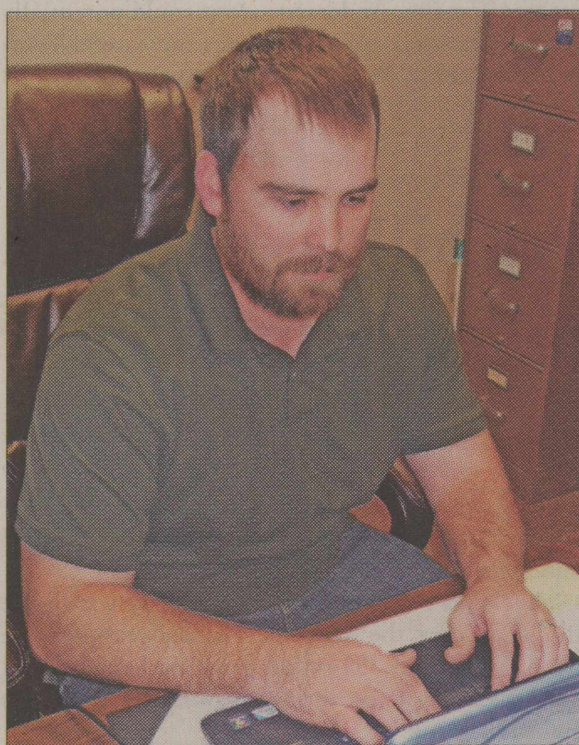
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Stephens named Munday city administrator



By James McAfee
The Knox County News-Courier

MUNDAY — The Munday City Council selected Winston Stephens as the new City Administrator, replacing Rick Ake, who resigned last month to accept a position with the Aspermont Small Business Development Center.

Stephens, who has spent the last 10 years working in the city's public works department, officially assumed duties last Friday. He has a Class C license for street repairs and waste water.

"I'm familiar with the city's operation," Stephens said. "It's going to be a learning process, but I'm going to do the best job possible for my community."

Stephens, who grew up in Rule and graduated from Rule High School in 2003, and wife, Christina, have two children, Landon, who will be 6 on Saturday, and Parker, 1.

The Council will meet next Tuesday to finalize the job description.

Filings deadline Feb. 27 for city council positions

The filing deadline for places on the May 9 ballot for positions on the city councils here in Knox County will be 5 p.m. Feb. 27.

Residents interested in becoming a candidate may do so by picking up applications at the respective city halls or by mail.

Three positions, now currently held by Jim Cowan, Dick Dickerson and Jerry Parker, will be on the ballot in Benjamin.

In Goree, the posts now held by Brenda Burns and Caroline will be open.

The post of Mayor, now currently held by Kent Deville, along with positions held by Greg Oliver and Zeke Duke will be on the ballot.

In Munday, the open positions are for Mayor, where Bob Bowen is the current office holder, and the places currently held by Traci Blair and Keith Kuehler.

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

Voters can cast early votes from April 27 until May 5.

Watson named Haskell City Judge

MUNDAY — The Honorable Ida J. Watson has been named as the presiding Municipal Judge for the City of Haskell, according to Haskell City Manager Brandon Anderson.

Watson, who also serves in the same capacity in Munday, replaces Linda St. John, who retired Nov. 24. St. John currently is the Haskell City Secretary.

Judge Watson will be available from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Thursdays at the Haskell City Hall.

The new hours for the Haskell Municipal Court will be 1-5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

BJ Country Store sold



The BJ Country Store on Highway 82 north of the Knox County Courthouse in Benjamin opened this week under new ownership as Ray Penman purchased it from Buddy and Janice Tolson, who operated it for 27 years.

Museum dinner scheduled Sunday

By Mary Jane Young

BENJAMIN — For the past 17 years—yes 17--Knox County folks and friends have poured into the Benjamin Memorial Building for the annual Wichita Brazos Museum dinner to enjoy the food and the warmhearted spirit which fills the gathering, the excitement of the silent auction and your name being called for a door prize.

Plans are about complete for this year's event, scheduled from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Sunday. Take-out plates will also be available, and all remaining food will be available for sale after 1:30. Ham, sausage and baked turkey along with potato salad, coleslaw, pinto beans and homemade pies will make up the menu.

Guests will be able to bid on dozens, over 100 last year, of silent auction items donated by businesses and individuals interested in supporting the Wichita Brazos Museum.

Starting at 11, door prizes will be announced every 30 minutes. If you are not

present when your name is called, you will be notified.

The Museum will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There are many interesting displays, featuring Knox County historical items, places and events.

Anyone wishing to give time, food, a silent auction item or a door prize to help with this event, is welcome to call the Wichita Brazos Museum at 940 459-2229 between 1 and 5 p.m. on Thursday or Friday, or contact any member of the museum board.

Board members include: Mary Young, Ben Grill, Dennis Duke, Fred McGreger, Charles and Linda Griffith and Susan Cartwright of Benjamin; Byron Gass of Goree; Doris Crownover, Faye Railsback, Jan Kilgore and Renee Underwood of Knox City; and Margaret Hill, Homer Lowrance, Richard and Pam Garrett of Munday; Mary Birkenfeld and Annelie Welch of Rhineland; Clara Brown, Geraldine Tomanek and Ruth Lowrance from Truscott and Gilliland; and Harold and Edith Beck of Vera.

Abbott dumps problem fund backed by Perry

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott reported last week that he will abolish predecessor Rick Perry's pet program, the Texas Emerging Technology Fund, which gave \$200 million in taxpayer dollars to Texas startups, but was beset by bankruptcies and questionable claims of success.

The decision did not come as a surprise since Abbott signaled throughout his campaign that the fund troubled him ideologically, but problems with the decade-old program ran deeper than new Republican distaste for governments "picking winners and losers" in the private sec-

tor. Texas lost tens of millions of dollars investing in failed high-risk startups. In addition, the fund's inner workings largely were kept from public view. In fact, an investigation last year revealed undisclosed troubles with state-funded companies that had stagnated, didn't file tax reports and made questionable job-creation claims.

Abbott wants to recruit top facility talent to Texas universities rather than giving money to startup companies.

January ends as wet month

KNOX CITY—Knox County got another welcome rain last week, producing a wetter-than-normal January, usually one of the driest months.

Brandon Carr, soil conservationist at the

Knox City Plant Materials, reported .6 of an inch. Higher totals less than an inch were reported in other areas of the county.

No rain, however, was in the forecast for the first part of February.

Knox Notes

Meek Blood drive set Tuesday

KNOX CITY—The Meek Blood Center bloodmobile will accept donations from 1-6 p.m. at the Knox County Hospital. "All of the blood used to save lives at 17 area hospitals comes from volunteer blood donors," said Frances Baker, donor recruiter. Each donor will receive a T-shirt and a complimentary total cholesterol test. Those who have eligibility questions may call 325 670-2880.

Red Cross blood drive Feb. 17

MUNDAY—The American Red Cross will conduct a blood drive from 9:30 a.m. until Feb. 17 at Munday High School. "Diversity among blood donors is important because red blood cells carry markers that determine one's blood type, and certain blood types are unique to specific racial and ethnic groups," said a Red Cross spokesman. "Blood must be matched very closely for those patients with rare blood types or for those who need repeated transfusions."

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, Feb. 5

O'Brien JH basketball vs. Guthrie, Knox City

Friday, Feb. 6

Munday JVB basketball at Stamford

Benjamin VG, VB basketball vs. Northside

Knox City JVG, JVB, VG, VB basketball vs. Motley County

Munday VG, VB basketball at Chillicothe

Saturday, Feb. 7

Band Solo/Ensemble contest, Wichita Falls

Sunday, Feb. 8

Knox County Wichita Brazos Museum fundraiser, 11-1:30

Monday, Feb. 9

Knox County Commissioners Court, 1:30 p.m.

Benjamin CISD School Board, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 10

Munday Lions Club, Perry Paytin Community Center, noon

City of Munday, City Hall, 6 p.m.

North Central Texas Water District, 7 p.m.

Benjamin VG, VB basketball vs. Crowell

Knox City JVB, VG, VB basketball vs. Guthrie

Munday VG, VB basketball vs. Northside

O'Brien JH basketball at Guthrie

Tuesdays Scores

Boys

Munday 74, Benjamin 28
Paducah 48, Knox City 44
Crowell 73, Chillicothe 50

Girls

Munday 55, Benjamin 18
Paducah 40, Knox City 26
Crowell 72, Chillicothe 21

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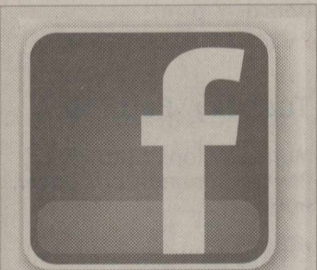
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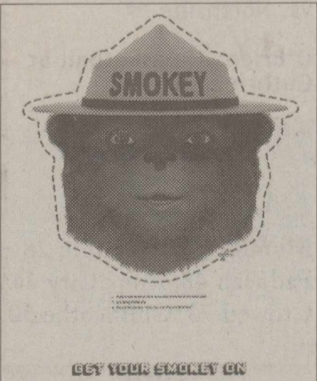
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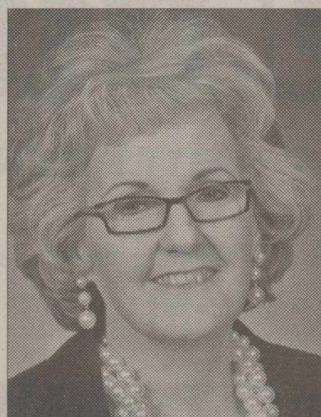


Deaths

Judy Kay Lain

Judy Kay Lain, age 66, passed away, Wednesday Jan. 28, 2015 in Lubbock. Funeral services were held Monday at Abundant Life Christian Fellowship in Knox City with Tex Cox officiating. Interment followed at the Johnson Memorial Cemetery in Munday. Visitation was held Saturday at the First Baptist Church in Floydada. Arrangements were under the care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

Judy was born on Nov. 11, 1948 to John Oscar and Patsy Ruth Tynes of Big Springs. They later moved to Goree, where she graduated from high school and met the love of her life Danny Lain of Munday. They were married on Feb. 16, 1968. They were mar-



JUDY KAY LAIN

ried almost 39 years before his passing in 2006. After Danny passed away, she then moved to Floydada. Judy was a devoted wife, mother, sister, and most of all a grandmother. She loved hosting family meals, gatherings, working in her yard and going to her grandchildren's sport-

ing events.

Judy was preceded in death by her parents; Jo and Patsy Tynes and her husband Danny Lain.

Judy is survived by her son; Trevor Lain and wife Christi of Shallowater, a daughter; Leigh Smith and husband Eric of Floydada, a brother; John David Tynes and wife Sheri of Cincinnati, OH, sister and brother in laws; George and Patsy Spann of Ennis, Jimmy and Sharon Eicke of Amarillo, and numerous nieces and nephews. Judy was also survived by her greatest joys, her grandchildren; Tristin, Colin, and Callie Lain of Shallowater and Ethan and Logan Smith of Floydada.

Online condolences may be made at www.moore-rose.com

Jean Alexander

Jean Alexander, 92, of Lubbock passed away Saturday, Jan. 31. She was born August 21, 1922 in Poolville, Texas to John and Effie Scott.

Jean worked at the Munday Nursing Center for 11 years, but for most of her life she was taking care of her family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, H.D. "Hoss" Alexander, her parents and one granddaughter, Kristi Alexander.

Jean is survived by two daughters Brenda Clark and husband, Kenneth of



JEAN ALEXANDER

Abilene and Judy Hertel and husband, Larry of Lubbock; one son Waymon Alexander of Lubbock; four

grandchildren; Scotty Clark and wife Amy of Abilene, David Clark of Lubbock, Greg Hertel of Lubbock and Holly Alexander of Munday; and two great-granddaughters, Sedona and Saydi of Munday.

Visitation was held Monday at the funeral home in Munday. Funeral services were held Tuesday at the First Baptist Church in Munday. Interment followed in Johnson Memorial Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Smith Funeral Home.

Farm loan offices closed next week

Special to the News-Courier

COLLEGE STATION — February 2, 2015-- USDA Texas Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director, Judith A. Canales, announced that all farm loan offices in Texas will be closed next week to allow farm loan staff to attend a statewide training.

"FSA borrowers will not be able to conduct any farm loan business in their local offices during this time," said Canales. "I would like to thank our customers for their understanding as it is vital that our

employees receive proper training in order to provide the best loan making and servicing assistance possible."

All county offices will remain open as farm program staff will be available; only farm loan personnel will be out of the office.

FSA borrowers can resume conducting farm loan business in their local office on Tuesday, Feb. 17. All USDA service centers, including FSA offices, will be closed on Monday, Feb. 16 in observance of Washington's Birthday — a federal holiday.

Knox County Aging Center

Menus for week of Feb. 9-13

Monday: Beans & ham, spinach, cornbread, cookies.

Tuesday: Herb roasted chicken, hominy casserole, bread cake.

Wednesday: Chicken tenders, gravy, green beans, wheat rolls, cake.

Thursday: BBQ chicken, baked potatoes, rolls, mixed vegetables, cake.

Friday: Ham sandwiches with salad, potato wedges & peaches.

Thanks for reading the Knox County News-Courier

*On Sunday, January 25th, a group of wonderful people pulled together a benefit lunch for Robin to help with her recent medical expenses. There were so many who helped we cannot begin to list them all, but we hope to thank each of you individually! Thank you also to those of you who were not able to attend but have reached out to Robin before or after the meal; to those of you who also had private fund raisers for Robin; for the support of those at Saint Joseph's Church on Sunday the 25th; to the school teachers and staff who from her first day in the hospital sent cards and supported Robin. To all who have sent cards, brought food, sent flowers, who called, and mostly who have prayed- Thank You! To the students of Munday ISD who made cards and posters- you will never know how much you brightened Robin's days while in the hospital! We truly have been so humbled with the support of family and friends and the expressions of love and support that friends, community, school, and churches have shown to Robin and her family. We are so blessed to live in a community that becomes the hands and feet of Christ in taking care of one another in Christian love!
We love you and thank you!
The Robin Leija Family*

Cow inventory gaining momentum

Special to the News-Courier

COLLEGE STATION — U.S. beef cow inventory increased 2 percent from a year ago, signaling expansion among herds across the nation, according to the latest U.S. Department of Agriculture-National Agricultural Statistics Service cattle report.

"I thought the report showed more beef cows added than I expected," said Dr. David Anderson, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service livestock specialist, College Station. "But record prices in the last half of 2014 will do that."

Anderson said prior to the report, industry experts had the mindset the current rebuilding phase will be longer and slower. "It might have to be re-thought," he said.

Seven percent more beef cows were reported in Texas on Jan. 1 compared to the same time last year. When the final numbers come in, Anderson said it could potentially be the largest year-over-year percentage increase in Texas beef cows since 1972-1973 when the cowherd grew 14 percent.

Perry bills would aid rural communities

Special to the News-Courier

LUBBOCK—Sen. Charles Perry filed two bills last week with the aim of decreasing burdensome regulations on rural communities like the ones here in Knox County

Texas schools have been subject to a legislative mandate since 2007 that delays the start of the school year until the last week in August. SB 395 would grant local rural school districts the discretion to set their own start date as early as the second week of August.

"Many school districts wish to begin earlier than this for a variety of reason, predominantly so that finals are not delayed until after Christmas Break," said Perry. "Many teachers and administrators argue that uneven semesters can force educators to condense their lessons and teach around a calendar, not what makes most sense for students."

SB 394 would require the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to allow cities and counties that are first time offenders of a particular offense, the opportunity to apply their penalties towards fixing the problem for which they are cited.

"Environmental laws and rules change so rapidly, it is hard for small rural communities to keep up and correct issues," said Perry. "Often times, communities are unaware a problem even exists until they are assessed a big fine from the TCEQ. If a community hasn't committed the offense before, we should give them some leniency and let them fix the problem before we hit them with a hefty fine."

"In talking with educators and leaders of local government, both of these issues were top priorities in many of the counties I represent," continued Perry. "Excessive regulations and penalties are stifling our small rural communities. Passing these bills should give our local communities much needed relief."

Troopers seize \$3.7 million K2 shipment

Special to the News-Courier

WICHITA FALLS — The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) conducted a traffic stop last week on US-287, yielding over 300,000 grams of synthetic marijuana, also known as K2, valued at over \$3.7 million.

At approximately 9:02 a.m. last Tuesday, a DPS Trooper conducted a traffic stop on a 2013 General Motors U-Haul truck traveling southbound on US-287 for a traffic violation near Iowa Park.

The driver of the U-Haul was identified as Ramzi Khamis Issi, 51, of Yucaipa, Calif. During the traffic stop, signs of criminal activity were observed. During a search of the vehicle, the trooper discovered 38 boxes containing over 300,000 grams of synthetic marijuana (K2) in the back of the vehicle.

Issi was placed under arrest for possession of a controlled substance over 400 grams, a first-degree felony and booked into the Wichita County jail. The illegal drugs were allegedly being transported from California to Houston.

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Beware of scammers, period

Scammer grammar. If you can't deal with it, don't try to sell anything on Craigslist, the great cyberspace garage sale.

Craigslist warns sellers about offers from afar:

"Please be wary of distant 'buyers' responding to your ad! Many sellers receive replies from scammers hoping to defraud them ..."

Wire transfers and cashier's checks are typical tools of the scammers' craft, per the Craigslist warning. Craigslist would do just as well to warn sellers about distant responses written in run-on sentences.

I advertised two cars for sale. Three out-of-state text messages arrived - all in flawed English.

I told the guy with the Missouri area code he needed a semicolon in his first sentence. He apologized for his bad "grammar."

For whatever reason, he feigned interest in my lower-priced high-mileage car. He described himself as a contractor for an engineering firm.

In case he wasn't a scammer, I gave him free advice. I told him to buy an old car closer to home and to watch out for worn-out suspension components (I've got another car for sale that needs shocks) and cars due timing belt replacements (not my cars).

So why would he want my \$5,000 car instead of my \$14,500 car? Maybe he's an entry-level scammer who lacks the confidence to go for the bigger pay-offs? Come to think of it, the money involved hardly matters. All the scammers want at any price is my Social Security number and other identity info. Right?

As for Amanda in California, I gave her advice too. I told her to scam someone else.

Texas Wheat announces biennial election

Special to The News-Courier

AMARILLO — The Texas Wheat Producers Board (TWPB) will hold its biennial election to elect five board members to fill expiring positions. The election, to be held by mail, officially begins March 20, 2015 and will conclude April 3, 2015.

Terms expiring in 2015 include Scott McGarraugh of District I, Ron Kuehler of District II, Freddie Streit of District III, Bob Beakley of District IV and Ben Scholz, also of District IV.

Any person who is engaged in commercial wheat production in Texas is eligible to vote for the district in which they reside. This includes owners of farms and their tenants and share croppers if they are subject to paying the assessment that is collected on wheat within the following counties:

District I: Dallam, Sherman, Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Hansford, Roberts, Moore, Hartley, Hutchinson and Gray.

District II: Carson, Potter, Oldham, Deaf Smith, Randall, Armstrong, Briscoe, Swisher, Castro, Parmer, Hale and Floyd.

District III: Childress, Hardeman, Foard, Knox, Throckmorton, Haskell, Archer, Baylor, Wilbarger, Wichita, Young and Clay.

District IV: All other counties in Texas.

Ballots are available from the Texas AgriLife Extension Ser-



As for Mary Lewis in Batesville, Mississippi, I suspect she's dead. Her address corresponds street-wise to the cemetery. The area code for the text was for Northeast Ohio. Is that where people in Mississippi go when they die? We digress. Despite my doubts and my theological position concerning conversations with the dead, I chatted with "Mary," answering both her questions:

"what's the present condition, are you the first owner?"

OK. To be honest, I was almost taken in. After all, I'd just spent hours placing ads here and there, including one in the newspaper classifieds. I was ripe to be scammed.

But when I read Mary's canned response, which referred to my car as "the Merchandise," I smelled a rat.

"Let me get back to you shortly," I said. "Aren't you close to Pope?"

Anybody from Batesville would know Pope is just 12 miles away and should be impressed I know that.

Mary simply said "okay." As things stand now, she's still waiting for me to get back to her shortly. Ha.

Meanwhile, I'm torn between two courses of action:

- (1) Help scammers improve their grammar so they can get real jobs.
- (2) Set up scams to catch scammers.

If scammers learn more about periods, they might go on to greater things - from Craigslist to Wall Street, from identity theft to Ponzi schemes. Not good.

That leaves only the second choice.

I just have to be smarter than the scammers. Hmmm.

The Paperboy

The disconnect is damaging

It's time to reengage and get connected.

Apathy is here now, but we must not tolerate it.

How do we correct the problem? How do we reinvigorate our communities, particularly the younger generations?

It concerns me that we seem to see fewer and fewer volunteers get together for the betterment of their respective communities.

It bothers me that awesome seniors are dying and no one is stepping forward to take their place.

We have to figure out a way to not only cultivate leaders in our communities, but to energize our population.

We've all heard the excuses:

- No time...
- Too busy with children...
- Too busy at work...
- I don't get along with so-and-so...

Truthfully, if it means enough to the residents, it should get done. Right? I'm not so sure anymore.

Every once in awhile, you see these shows where they send out a reporter to ask random people basic questions. Questions that older Americans would consider easy.

However, when the reporter asks, he's met with blank faces and simple guesses that make the person look like a moron. And maybe they are morons.

It makes my skin crawl when someone is asked who the U.S. fought in World War II and some idiot says Mexico.

It's a travesty not to know the answer to that question.

I saw a show the other day and those answering had no idea what the Cold War was.

I understand that Twitter, Facebook, Pinterest, Youtube, Candy Crush, etc. are fun applications, but when you consider the time people spend involved with these things instead of engaging with the humans next to them, it's a scary thought.

Pop culture rules the day for the younger generations and important things like volunteerism take a back seat.

We pay little attention to things like elections and taxation, but we know exactly what LeBron James and the Kardashians are doing.

Yesterday, President Obama said he wanted Congress to pass a \$4 trillion budget. Do you honestly think those under 30 even know this or much less care?

It's a big deal. It's the biggest budget proposal in the history of the planet and it's supposed to be paid for by you, me and these young people who have no clue what's going on.

I pray that leaders emerge who will shake this country up. I think things would be much better locally and across the country if people were engaged and striving to make a difference in their respective towns and the lives of their neighbors.

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Congressman Mac Thornberry met in Amarillo Jan. 28 with leaders of the Texas Wheat Producers Board and Association from left, Executive Vice President Rodney Mosier of Amarillo, Thornberry, and board members Freddie Streit of Vernon and Ken Davis of Grandview. "We talked about the importance of trade to agriculture and the burdens created by government regulations, as well as the blessing of recent moisture," stated Thornberry.

vice and Farm Service Agency offices in each Texas county, local elevators or by mail from the TWPB office between March 20, 2015 and April 3, 2015. Ballots must be mailed to the TWPB, 5405 West I-40, Amarillo, Texas 79106, and will not be valid with a postmark date later than April 3, 2015.

Any person qualified to vote is also qualified to seek a six-year membership on the Texas Wheat Producers Board. Qualified persons must reside within the TWPB voting district wherein they seek nomination. The application must be signed by the nominee and at least 10 other persons from that district eligible to vote in the election. Such applications must be received at least 30 days prior to the election date, in order to have the nominee's

name placed on the ballot.

Nominee applications may be obtained upon request to the Texas Wheat Producers Board office at 5405 West Interstate 40, Amarillo, Texas 79106, or by calling (806) 352-2191. The last day for a producer to file to have his name placed on the ballot is March 4, 2015.

Current TWPB members whose terms are not expiring are Jody Bellah of Throckmorton, Collin Bowers of Spearman, David Cleavinger of Wildorado, Bryan Cliff of Stratford, Ken Davis of Grandview, Fred Dwyer of Wichita Falls, Glen Gibson of Lometa, Gary Murphy of Dawson, Jack

Norman of Howe and Tommy Womack of Tulia.

Board members are responsible for the allocation of funds from a state-wide wheat producer assessment of two cents per bushel. These funds are applied to wheat research, education and market development to further the wheat industry in Texas. The Texas Agricultural Commodity Referendum Law prohibits such funds from being used for lobbying or legislative efforts. For more information, contact the Texas Wheat Producers Board office at (806) 352-2191, by email at info@texaswheat.org or visit texaswheat.org.

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Kathryn Jane Belt, Deceased, were issued January 26, 2015, under Docket No. 2607, pending in the County Court of Knox County, Texas, to Arnold Joseph Pharr, as Independent Executor of the estate.

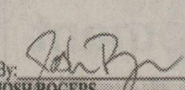
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All persons having claims against this estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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Greyhounds share 2nd in District 8-1A



Elias Nevarez gets off shot between two defenders.

Sheri Baty for The Knox County News-Courier

Special to the News-Courier

KNOX CITY — The Knox City Greyhounds took a big step to ensuring a spot in the playoffs with a pair of wins last week to improve their District 7-1A record to 5-2, giving them a share of second place with Guthrie.

Improving their season record to 14-11, the Greyhounds scored a convincing 61-39 victory over Patton Springs Friday, jumping off to a quick start with a 24-point first quarter.

Krys Campos and Skylar Neill led the scoring attack with 14 points each.

In other district games last Friday, Paducah beat Spur, 69-33, and Guthrie downed Motley County, 55-38.



Brooke Jones gets off shot in heavy traffic.

Sheri Baty for The Knox County News-Courier

Houndettes remain in running for playoffs

Special to the News-Courier

KNOX CITY — The Knox City Houndettes remained in the running for a playoff spot in District 7-1A as their 4-3 record left them in third place behind Paducah and Spur, the co-leaders at 6-1.

The Houndettes suffered a 31-26 loss to Spur last Tuesday and then rebounded with a 46-18 win over Patton Springs.

In a defensive battle, the Houndettes enjoyed a 12-10 halftime lead against the Spurettes, but went cold in the third quarter, making only four free throws by

Mckaylie Steele to fall behind, 21-16, and never recover. Steele finished with 16 points.

With Jordyn Eaton and Brooke Jones leading the way with 18 and 14 points, the Houndettes cruised to victory on Friday over cellar-dweller Patton Springs, which finally had enough players to play a game.

Knox City was scheduled to play co-leader Paducah on Tuesday and then entertain Motley County, one game behind, in the battle for third place, on Senior Night on Friday.

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Moguls in control of their own destiny

Special to the News-Courier

MUNDAY—The Munday Moguls head into the home stretch of the District 8-1A basketball race in control of their own destiny, sharing second place with the Chillicothe Eagles at 4-2.

"We've got to go on the road to play both Chillicothe and Harrold and take care of business," Coach Gary Clark said of the road to the playoffs.

The Moguls suffered a 42-28 setback at the hands of the Crowell Wildcats, the 8-1A leaders at 6-0, last Friday night.

Using a 2-3 zone and their height advan-

tage, the Wildcats forced the Moguls to stay outside offensively and took command early, enjoying commanding 13-4, 20-10 and 35-16 leads at the end of the first three periods.

Temerick Reggins and Chandler McCombs led the Moguls in scoring with 12 and 9 points, respectively. Nathan Hayes led the Wildcats with 18, including 14 in the second half.

Getting 20 points from Reagins and 14 from Day'veon Dockins, the Moguls cruised to a 40-26 victory over Harrold last Tuesday.

The Moguls carried a 9-14 season record in to a Tuesday game at home against last-place Benjamin.



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Temerick Reagins goes high in the air for rebound in earlier game



Zane Messer/The Knox County News-Courier

Myca Flowers hits jump shot in earlier game

Lowrance named 3rd team 2A all-stater

MUNDAY—Munday High School senior Mitchell Lowrance was named to the third team Texas Sports Writers Association Class 2A all-state team as a center.

Lowrance was one of the mainstays in the Moguls' line that allowed them to av-

erage 337 yards rushing.

Four other Moguls received honorable mention. Temerick Reagins was honored as receiver and a defensive lineman while sophomores Heath Blevins and Day'veon Dockins were honored as linebacker and running back, respectively.

Mogulettes suffer first 8-1A setback

Special to the News-Courier

MUNDAY—The Munday Mogulettes now have company atop the District 8-1A standings after suffering a 47-37 setback at the hands of the Crowell Lady Wildcats. Both teams are now 6-1 and assured of making the playoffs.

If both teams win their last three games, a playoff would be necessary to see which team gets a bye in the playoffs.

"They were ready for us," said Coach Cory Stephenson.

He pointed to a 14 of 52 shooting percentage as being a factor in the loss. "Defensively, we were just a half step slow at times," he added.

Mardi Wisdon led the Lady Wildcats

with 26 points, just two less than what previous opponents had averaged going into the game.

Raci Dillard led the Mogulettes with 20 points, raising her scoring average to 15 points a game.

Earlier in the week, Munday cruised to a 56-8 victory over Harrold as 12 players got playing time. Dillard led the way with 18 points.

For the season, the Mogulettes carried a 14-10 record into a game with Benjamin Tuesday and then wind up district play with games against Chillicothe and Northside.

The Lady Wildcats from Northside seem to be in the driver's seat for the third playoff position, two games ahead of Chillicothe and Benjamin.

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Stangs break slump with pair of wins

Rainwater-led Mustangs showing cage progress



The Benjamin girls basketball team takes time out from practice. Shown (l-r) are Cara McGhee, Emily Brown, McKenzie King, Hayden King and Tori Everson. Missing was Kelsey Brown.

Special to the News-Courier

BENJAMIN — Coach Jacob Navarro pointed to some good practice sessions as keys to the Benjamin Stangs claiming a pair of District 8-A wins last week to get out of the cellar.

The Stangs edged the Chillicothe Lady Eagles, 22-21, rallying in the second half after trailing 9-2 at intermission. Emily Brown, who got into foul trouble and sat on the bench some in the first half, led scoring with 12. Kelsey Brown added nine.

“We made a couple of stops late to preserve the victory,” Navarro said.

The Stangs led most of the way in a 35-30 win over the Harrold Lady Hornets behind the one-two scoring punch of the Browns—17 for Emily and 12 for Kelsey.

“We moved the ball better and got higher percentage shots,” Navarro added.

The Stangs were scheduled to play district co-leader Munday on Tuesday and entertain Northside on Friday before closing the season the following Tuesday against the other co-leader, Crowell.

Special to the News-Courier

BENJAMIN — While the Benjamin Mustangs continued in the cellar of District 8-A, Coach Jacob Navarro isn't disappointed, realizing that his team of underclassmen is gaining valuable playing experience for future seasons.

“We've made some progress and grown a lot,” he said. “We're not the same team that started the season.”

The Mustangs dropped 73-50 and 63-42 decisions to Chillicothe and Harrold last week to see their district record fall to 0-6.

The bright spot for the Mustangs is that Justin Rainwater has come on strong offensively, scoring 32 and 26 points in those two games.

The Mustangs were scheduled to play at Munday on Tuesday and then host Northside on Friday.

Benjamin News

Gladene Green

Did the Super Bowl game go as you wanted it to? It didn't really matter to me; however, I would have liked to see the Seahawks win (if I had to choose), but that didn't happen. It was a good game though, and watching it was a way to spend one's late Sunday afternoon and evening. Now I guess we can wait for the baseball season to start.

The rain Saturday was nice, wasn't it? I'm not sure how much we got over here. I have heard varying amounts, but I don't have a rain gauge, so I can't say. It fell very slowly and made it look like more than it really was. I loved it and hope we get some more.

We heard last week of the death of former Knox City resident, Judy Lain. At the time of her death she was living in Floydada, where she had lived for several years. She was a friend to so many and loved by everyone. Her funeral was Tuesday in Knox City. My sympathy to her family.

Also sympathy to the family of Jean Alexander of Munday, who died on Saturday in Lubbock, where she was living in a care facility. Jean and her family lived next door to my parents in Munday, and I have known them for many years. Her funeral was Tuesday in Munday.

And also sympathy to Dean and Gracie Homstad. Dean's mother passed away last week after a lengthy illness. She lived in Minnesota, and Dean and Gracie returned home late last

week after being there for the funeral.

Here 'N There

I talked to Cathy Tomlinson Saturday. Again, I didn't get to talk to Gloria West, as she was resting. Cathy said she was doing pretty well. She said they hoped to come to Benjamin in the spring and see everyone. I hope they can make it.

Cathy also brought me up to date on former resident, Debbie Clower. She's just returned from a missionary trip to Africa and was in Plainview with her son, David, and his wife, who have a new baby. Debbie is excited about that! Cathy also said that Debbie's son, Michael, and his wife are living in Dallas, and daughter, Sara, is in San Antonio. It was good to hear from them. Cathy did say that she thought Debbie may be getting ready to move back to Texas.

The latest word on Valerie Mendoza is that she was going to be dismissed from the hospital and they will be going to Abilene to live. She, of course, is much improved, and I'm sure very anxious to be out of the hospital. That's very good news considering the condition she was in following the accident.

Mary Young told me that Rachel Hickman Taylor of Vernon passed away about two weeks ago. She was married to Walter Carl Taylor and had gone to school here in Benjamin in the late 40s and early 50s. I'm sure many of those who were in school during that time will remember her. Her funeral was in Chilli-

cothe with burial in Wilbarger Memorial Park in Vernon. I didn't know her but am acquainted with her sister, June Looney, a former Truscott resident.

A special “Thank You” to all who have asked about my great grandson, Dillon. He had some stints (two) from his kidney to his bladder on Wednesday and is doing OK. He will have the bladder surgery in about a month and then doctors will begin the transplant preparation. Please continue to pray for him.

Donnie Ryder is back at work following a little accident a couple of weeks ago. Somehow a cable came loose from whatever he was working on and hit his leg, causing him to fall. He didn't have any broken bones but sure has been sore and has had to take it easy for a while. But he's doing pretty well now and feels very fortunate. That accident could have been so much worse.

Dawn Vanderpol spent a couple of weeks in Austin recently with her daughter and family, helping with her grandbaby until her daughter found a suitable “Nanny.” She has found one now, Dawn is back home, and all is well. Dawn said she enjoyed being there but is also very glad to be back home.

B J's Country Store opened today here in Benjamin under new ownership. Ray Penman has purchased the business from Buddy and Janice Tolson, who have been there 27 years. (I'm sure a story appears elsewhere in this paper.) Although we will miss Janice, we welcome Ray and his crew into town with another business.

Don't forget the Museum Benefit Lunch and Silent Auction on Sunday. Serving will begin at 11:30 and go until about 1:30. It's wonderful food, a great chance to visit friends, and a good way to help a very worthwhile cause. I'll be there, and I hope to see each of you there.

GO LADY STANGS!!!

LEGAL NOTICE

City of Benjamin is giving notice of the City's intent to submit Texas Community Development Block Grant Program grant application for a Community Development Fund grant request of \$275,000.00 for water improvements for low to moderate income persons for the entire City of Benjamin. The application is available for review at City Hall during regular business hours. Para obtener una copia en español, comuníquese con Sylinda Meinzer, Mayor al 940-459-3131

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LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas, 78711-2967. (Telephone 512/463-6792)

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Recycling 2015

Changing trash into new products

By Bunny Norville

Hi, hope y'all have had a good weekend. I'm standing on the fairway looking toward the 18th green, 75 yards away. I've chosen a one wood, think I can get it there? Probably not, but here is my first recycling column. Sorry it is so long, but there is so much to say about recycling, at least in the first round. I'll try to keep them shorter from now on, if we can continue it.

Recycling is a process to change what some would call trash, into new products. In the process we reduce the use of fresh raw materials, reduce energy usage, reduce air pollution (from burning) and water pollution from seepage at landfills.

The city of Munday has a recycling center, located in the 100 block of "B" St. Turn north at the Lion's Club "Welcome Sign" East of Dollar General. The Center is behind the two trailer houses. Exa Lee Smith joins me as the volunteer attendants there. The Center is open 8:30-4:30 Monday through Friday and 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturdays. It is closed holidays.

A special thanks to people from Munday, Goree, and Knox City who are already recycling with us. Also, to the merchants of Munday and the Munday schools for their help and cooperation.

I need to share a few things we cannot accept.

I know you love your kitty, but please do not include its litter material in your recyclables. Or your cigarette butts, coffee grounds, tea bags, used paper (or plastic) plates with food still attached. This sort of stuff can mess up other things, like paper and cardboard, which need to be clean.

Now a word about what you need to do

before you bring stuff to the Center. Don't bring us your garbage. To keep recyclables clean, do not throw them into the trash to begin with. When one throw away wet, greasy food it ruins any paper products in the trash bin. Sort out all you intend to bring us: paper products, plastic products, metal products into separate containers, box or bag. We have good boxes available for you to use to sort your stuff into. Just ask for them.

We cannot afford to send trashy products to our vender, American Fibre in Lubbock.

When they get our load, if they see trash or greasy items, they dump the whole container and we get no money. To avoid this, we inspect every item brought to us. Sometimes we need to rinse out a cat food can, or milk jug. Because food spoils and attracts critters, milk left in the jugs sours and turns into mold which grows. No one wants to handle moldy stuff, or fight off the bees that are attracted to drink cans or plastic bottles.

We cannot accept aerosol cans or glass bottles or jars.

We hope we can continue to publish a weekly column about recycling. If you have questions, please call me, Bunny, at either 421-3334 or 203-0221. Please don't call before 9 a.m. My email address is: youwoodtwo@yahoo.com. Any question is a good question, there are no dumb questions.

In the next column I will begin describing what we can accept.

If you do not recycle yet, but you want to start, I suggest you begin slowly, maybe one thing at a time. Take your time, don't allow it to stress you.

Please check out my blog: <http://www.tothepointnorvilleblog.blogspot.com>



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New plan for smog protection gets backing

ARLINGTON-- Scores of Texas residents, asthmatics, parents and doctors from across the region spoke out in support of a new smog pollution protections at a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) public hearing here last week.

In October 2014, the EPA proposed a new plan for smog pollution and is seeking comment from the public through mid-March, as required by the Clean Air Act.

"I see the faces of pollution-related illnesses every day, and the effects can be devastating," said Dr. Susan Pacheco, who specializes in Pediatric Allergy and Immunology at the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston. "All of us in Texas deserve clean, safe air to breathe."

In the Dallas-Fort Worth area, the childhood asthma rate is the highest in the state, twice as high as the Texas average and more than 8 percentage points higher than the national average.

Dr. Pacheco, a member of Moms Clean Air Force, was joined by Dr. John Kissel of St. Louis and Dr. Robert Haley of Dallas in explaining what strong smog safeguards by EPA means for improved health across America.

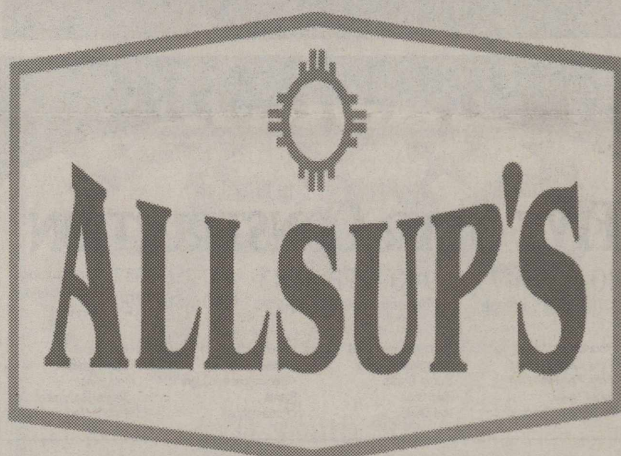
"As the wife and mother of asthmatics, it's empowering to see this concrete opportunity to breathe easier," said Cherelle Blazer, Dallas organizer for the Sierra Club Beyond Coal Campaign. "If the EPA is truly listening to me, to all of us, we will see strong, solid limits on smog pollution that will have a real impact on the daily life of those I love most, or hold most dear."

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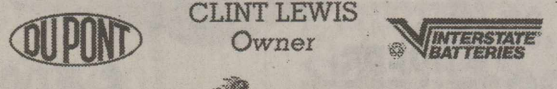
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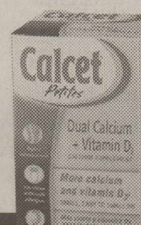
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Mac's Views

Defense still wins championships

Along with other Monday Morning quarterbacks, I'm questioning the decision of Seattle offensive coordinator Darrell Bevell, with blessing of Coach Pete Carroll, to call for a pass on second down from the one-yard line of the New England Patriots in Super Bowl.

With 26 seconds, a time out and Marshawn Lynch in the backfield, the obvious call would have been to give the ball to Lynch although the Patriots had sent in their goal-line defense.

However, that didn't happen and the Patriots' rookie defender Malcolm Butler stepped in front of the Seahawks' Ricardo Lockette to pick off Russell Wilson's off-target pass to give the Patriots a heart-stopping win, their fourth Super Bowl, but only the first in the last decade.

Although outplayed for most of the first half, the Seahawks grabbed momentum when Bevell and Carroll rolled the dice and went for a touchdown instead of settling for a field goal on the last play before intermission. They then went ahead with 10 points in the third quarter.

However, Tom Brady solidified his legacy as one of the game's best quarterbacks by

picking apart the NFL's best defense to engineer 68 and 64-yard drives to allow the Patriots to regain the lead. He completed eight of eight passes on what proved the winning drive. For the night, he was 37 for 50 and 325 yards and four touchdowns. So Brady was deserving of his third MVP, leaping with joy on the sidelines when Butler made the game-saving interception.

Seattle didn't quit and appeared on the verge of repeating as Super Bowl champions when Jermaine Kearse made a juggling catch that bounced off his leg as he lay on the turf to get the ball to the Patriots' 5 and Lynch bullied his way to the 1.

I'm sure Carroll regrets his next play call, saying to the media after the game, "I hate that we have to live with that."

I thought it was interesting that tv analyst Carson Palmer, a former quarterback, was correct in saying that defense wins championships. He just had the wrong team winning.

For the record, that was the only NFL game all season that I saw from kickoff to finish, enjoying a Super Bowl party at Tony and Judy Holbert's home.

That's all for this week as I am off to get a tooth pulled as my deadline approaches.

'Two Steps, One Sticker' program starts in March

BENJAMIN—Knox County is gearing up for a new Texas Two Step. Beginning March 1, the state will no longer issue vehicle inspection stickers and will move to a "Two Steps, One Sticker" program. Under the new system, Texas vehicle owners will need to pass an inspection prior to renewing their registration. The familiar blue-bordered Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) registration sticker will serve as proof of both inspection and registration.

"Knox County is prepared to make this transition as smooth as possible for our residents," said Tax Assessor-Collector Mitzi Welch.

"During the first year of the program beginning March 1, all you will need to do is make sure you already have a valid passing vehicle inspection before you renew your registration in our office, online or by mail. When vehicle owners renew their registration, the system will automatically verify whether the vehicle has a valid inspection. Without a passing inspection, the vehicle will not be eligible for registration renewal.

"During the second year of the program, beginning March 1, vehicle inspection and registration expiration dates will align to the date that is on the registra-

tion sticker. Once the expiration dates are aligned in that second year, you will have a convenient 90-day window to pass inspection first and then renew your registration before the end of the month listed on your sticker.

"When the 'Two Steps, One Sticker' program is fully implemented, Knox County residents will appreciate having just one sticker in the corner of their windshield and only one expiration date to worry about," said TxDMV Executive Director Whitney Brewster. "And because a passing vehicle inspection will be a requirement to renew your registration, more vehicle owners will comply with inspection requirements, leading to safer and more environmentally sound cars on Texas roads."

The implementation of "Two Steps, One Sticker" is a result of House Bill 2305, which passed during the 83rd Legislative Session in 2013.

The program is joint effort by the TxDMV, the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, in collaboration with the 254 county tax assessor-collector's offices which process vehicle registrations and vehicle inspection stations across the state.

Weather Whys?

Winds have different names
I've heard the weatherman refer to "chinook winds." What are they?

Chinook winds are very warm winds that blow down the Rockies, and the term comes from an Indian word meaning "snoweater," says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "When certain conditions are right, a Chinook wind can warm temperatures remarkably quickly and it's not uncommon for temperatures to rise 40 degrees or more," says McRoberts. "A case in point occurred on Jan. 22, 1943, in Spearfish, S.D., when a Chinook wind raised temperatures 49 degrees in less than three minutes. Winds such as the Chinook have different names all over the world depending where you live."

What are some other names of winds?
In the European Alps, a Chinook is called a

foehn, and the same wind in Argentina is called a zonda. "In Southern California, hot winds are called the Santa Ana winds, named after the Santa Ana Canyon area where they frequently occur," McRoberts adds. "In North Africa, warm winds are often called a simoon, and in parts of the Middle East strong winds may cause intense dust storms known as haboobs. Over the Mediterranean area, warm winds are called a sirocco, and in parts of Egypt they are called a khamsin. Monsoon winds in Asia blow from the southeast in summer and bring heavy rains. A katabatic wind is one that blows downsloping cold air, and in Italy, a tramontane wind is a northerly wind that blows off the coast. Again, depending where you live, winds have different names -- some are warm winds, some are cold and some are pleasant."

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Whitford benefit set Feb. 22

KNOX CITY—A benefit luncheon for Martha Whitford is scheduled from 11 a.m.-

1:30 on Sunday, Feb. 22 here at the Knox County Aging Center. Chicken fried steak will be featured. Dine in or take out available at \$10 a plate.

Quilt Show scheduled Feb. 28

GOREE—The Knox Prairie Cotton Pickin' Quilt Show and Cooking Show is scheduled here from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Feb. 28 at the Knox Prairie Events Center. Over 100 quilts will be on display. Best of show will be awarded. There will also be a cookie competition.

Senate passes Keystone bill

WASHINGTON —The Senate passed a bill last Thursday to force approval of the Keystone XL oil pipeline, but President Barack Obama is certain to veto it in his first official clash with the new Republican-majority Congress.

The 62-36 vote in favor of building the pipeline advanced a top priority of the newly-empowered GOP to force Obama's hand on the issue. Nine democrats joined 53 Republicans in passing the measure. The vote was still short of the 67 needed to override a veto. It marked the first time in five years the Senate gave its approval to the pipeline.

The Senate did add a measure that calls for oil sands to be subject to a tax that pays for oil spill cleanups, but rejected an amendment to allow the EPA to regulate hydraulic fracturing.

The measure back now goes back to the House, which passed a largely similar bill earlier. House leaders are deciding whether to pass the Senate bill as is or to hold a conference merging the House and Senate ver-

sions into a new bill to be voted on by each chamber.

The five-year fight has become a proxy for far broader fights over climate change, energy and the economy between the GOP and the president.

When Republicans won control of the Senate late last year, Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, the majority leader, chose the Keystone bill as the first measure Republicans would send to Mr. Obama.

The White House promptly said that Obama would veto the measure, which would force the approval of a proposed 1,179-mile oil pipeline from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico. It would be just the third veto of Obama's presidency.

"We're hoping the president, upon reflection, will read and sign a bill that the State Department says could create 42,000 jobs," McConnell said.

House Speaker John Boehner echoed the sentiments about adding "good-paying American jobs."

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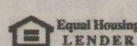
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