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## Will Obama veto Keystone XL bill?

WASHINGTON — The Republican-controlled Congress Senate passed a bill last week to construct the Keystone XL oil pipeline, setting up what appears to be a veto by President Barack Obama.

The Senate voted, 62-36, in favor of building the pipeline as nine Democrats joined 53 Republicans.

Then the House voted, 270-152, endorsing changes made by the Senate that climate change was real and oil sands should no longer be exempt from a tax used to cleanup oil spills. One Republican, Justin Amash of Michigan, voted against the bill while 29 Democrats supported it.

The White House promptly said that Mr. 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 Mr. Obama's presidency, but the opening shot in a fight over Republican-sponsored measures.

Neither the House or Senate has the two-third votes to overcome a veto.

Senator John Hoeven, a North Dakota Republican who is a chief sponsor of the bill, said: "You've got Congress approving it on a bipartisan basis. All six states on the route have approved it. The Nebraska court decision is done. The American people overwhelmingly support it. The president has to consider all that when he makes his decision."

## Thornberry concerned about war request

WASHINGTON—While saying that President Barack Obama has taken the right step in proposing the authorization of military force against Islamic State, Rep. Mac Thornberry indicated last week he has a series of concerns about the president's plan.

Thornberry, who is chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, noted that the U.S.-led coalition already is conducting air strikes against Islamic State insurgents in Syria and Iraq.

"I think it is appropriate for him to ask for an authorization," Thornberry said. "That's what all presidents have done before. Of course, they usually do it before you start military action, not months afterward."

The president's request includes limitations that do not allow the military to carry out "enduring offensive ground combat operations." Thornberry says this language has left many on Capitol Hill, both Republicans and Democrats, scratching their heads.

"If you're a soldier or Marine out there on the ground somewhere, and you're trying to figure out what you can and cannot do, you've got to have a lawyer by your side to decide whether this is offensive or not. Then you've got to have him give you an opinion about whether this counts as ground combat or this counts as something else. I'm really concerned about how troops in the field would get their job done with all of these restrictions that would be put on them."

The Clarendon Republican said he doesn't know exactly what the nation's role will be and said the president wants to leave open the options of Special Forces operations, trainers and air traffic controllers becoming involved in the conflict.

"We've got several thousand American troops on the ground now inside Iraq," Thornberry said. There's boots on the ground. But if this were to pass, those people on the ground would be more limited in what they can do against ISIL than what they can do against Al-Qaeda or the Al Nusra front, which is sitting side-by-side with ISIL. How does that make sense?"

Earlier last week, a bipartisan bill was announced that would provide defensive lethal force to Ukraine to fend off separatists and Russian forces.

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## Reserve Grand Champion winner



Kendall Thompson, the daughter of Tyler and Tonya Thompson, received recognition for a Reserve Grand Champion hog at the recent Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo

## Mogulettes win first cage title in 14 years



The Munday Mogulettes celebrate their first district basketball title in 14 years after beating Crowell, 52-46, last Friday night. (See story, pg. 5)

## MCISD OKs extensions, pay raises for 4 on staff

By James McAfee  
The Knox County News-Courier

MUNDAY—The Munday Consolidated Independent School District Board of Trustees extended the contracts for an additional two years until June 30, 2017 for Kristi Bufkin, elementary school principal; John Berry, secondary school principal; Patrick Corcoran, athletic director and coach; and Trey Singleton, MHS band director, at its regular meeting Monday.

In addition, the trustees praised the performances of the four employees and granted them a 2 per cent cost of living increase, bringing Bufkin's salary to \$76,951.43, Berry's salary to \$82,422.761, Corcoran's salary to \$74,866.37 and Singleton's salary to \$63,034.37.

However, another recommendation by Supt. Robert Dillard to consider the hiring of Mindy Flowers as head volleyball coach and as an assistant coach in other sports along with teaching duties failed for lack of a second after the motion was made by Justin Redwine.

Kim Kuehler, the MHS volleyball coach for the past six years, resigned earlier.

In a review of finances, Dillard indicated he had good news in that there was \$4 million cash on hand.

In other business, the trustees:

\*Ordered an election for May 9 to fill the three-year terms currently occupied by Rebecca Aguilar, Bill Longan and Todd Thompson, going with one polling place at Munday City Hall.

\*Appointed Freda Brown as the election judge and Cheryl Berryhill as the early voting clerk.

\*Approved a renewal of student medical insurance with Arnold & Associates.

\*Approved the 2015-2016 school calendar for the time being, pending possible legislation whereby an earlier start might be allowed.

\*Approved a low attendance waiver whereby three days in December where it dropped below 87% would still count.

\*Approved a property in the Lee addition to be added to the tax rolls.

## Knox Notes

### Whitford benefit Sunday

KNOX CITY—A benefit luncheon for Martha Whitford is scheduled from 11 a.m.-1:30 on Sunday here at the Knox County Aging Center. Chicken fried steak will be featured. The cost will be \$10 a plate.

### Revival set Feb. 26-28

KNOX CITY—Pastor Elder Gene Ward announced that the Liberty Community Church of God in Christ will host a "New Year" revival nightly starting at 7 p.m. Feb. 26-28 with Jacqui Allen Jones of Langston Memorial Church of God in Christ in Amarillo serving as the speaker.

### Quilt Show Feb. 28

GOREE—The 21st annual Cotton Pickin' Quilt Show and Cooking Show is scheduled here at the Knox Prairie Events Center from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Feb. 28. The traditional chicken spaghetti lunch will be available for \$7 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

### St. Joseph's plans dinner

RHINELAND—The annual St. Joseph's Catholic Church parish sausage and fried chicken dinner is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on March 15. The cost will be \$12 for adults and \$6 for children 12 and under.

## Knox Calendar

Please notify the News-Courier to add or update your events and meeting times. Emailed submissions to kcnews-courier@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.

### Friday, Feb. 20

Munday girls basketball vs. Whitharral, 7 p.m., Guthrie

Munday boys vs. Trent, 6 p.m., Hamlin

### Tuesday, Feb. 24

Knox City vs. Harrold, 6 p.m., Seymour

Munday vs. Guthrie, 6 p.m., Stamford

## Obama plans to appeal judge's order

From wire reports

WASHINGTON—The Obama administration has placed its new deportation relief program on hold to comply with a ruling by U.S. District Judge Andrew Hansen of Texas that it had exceeded its authority.

"No statute gives the DHS (the Department of Homeland Security) the discretion it is trying to exercise," Hansen ruled Monday.

"We're not going to disregard the federal court ruling, President Barack Obama said. "I think the law is on our side and history is non our side."

For thousands of immigrants in line Wednesday to begin applying for work permits and deportation stays, it meant their plans were cancelled.

Immigrants indicated they have not given up hope that the relief program will start up again.

## Corrections

In last week's issue, the Valentine's ad for Janie Sanchez had some names mixed up. See new version inside.

If you spot an error of fact, contact kcnews-courier@gmail.com.

## Warming trend in the forecast

Warmer temperatures were expected for the next few days after Knox County missed some of the icy conditions experienced by some of its neighboring counties.

Brandon Carr, soil conservationist at the James E. "Bud" Smith Plant Materials Center in Knox City reported that only .03 of moisture fell last Sunday.

Early forecasts call for chances of rain this weekend.



## News on the go



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## Deaths

### Melinda Adams

Melinda Adams, 56, of Wichita Falls passed away Saturday, Feb. 14, 2015 in Irving. She was born July 25, 1958 in Wichita Falls to Ralph Don and Ida Jo. Funeral services were held Tuesday at the First United Methodist Church in Munday with Debbie Pankhurst officiating. Interment followed in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Rhineland. Melinda was a free spirit and lived by her own way. She loved flowers, gardening, animals and most of all, her family. She also was a second mom to her nephew,



MELINDA ADAMS

Jared. Melinda will be remembered for her wonderful sense of humor and her beautiful smile. Survivors include her mother, Ida Jo Owens

of Munday, her father Ralph Don Adams of Wichita Falls, her brother, Kurt Adams of Munday, her sister, Debbie Adams and Craig Hungerford of Wichita Falls, three nieces; Erica Gray of Munday, Amanda and Nicole Adams-Cupp of Olathe, KS, and Rachel Beford of Stillwater, OK and one nephew; Jared and Andrea Adams of Dallas, her Chihuahua, Sugar Behr; lifelong friend, Paula James; plus three great-nieces and nephews, Ashlynn and Blaize Adams and Crist and Kylen Crawford.

### Bobbie Coats

Bobbie Charlene Coats, 94, passed away Feb. 4 in Dallas. Services were held in the McIver Chapel at the Wilshire Baptist Church in Dallas under the direction of the Grove Hill Funeral Home. She was born May 6, 1920 in Crosbyton to Edgar Houston and Hettie Mae Nelson. She then moved to Munday, where she graduated from Munday High School in 1945. She married Olen A. Coats. They were married for 46 years until his death in 1992. She was a charter member of Wilshire Baptist



BOBBIE COATS

Church where she sang in the choir. She was also a member of the Dallas Embroidery Guild and the Dal-

las Needlepoint Club. An avid sports enthusiast, she absolutely loved watching her beloved Texas Rangers, Dallas Cowboys and Dallas Mavericks whenever they played. Preceding her in death in addition to her husband and parents were brother John Earl Nelson and sisters Floy Allison and Emogene Thompson. She is survived by son Bill and his wife Connie; granddaughter Leslie; grandsons Kyle and Brady; brother-in-law Gene Thompson; sister-in-law Juanita Nelson; and extended family and friends.

## Deadlines nearing for farm programs

Special to The News-Courier

COLLEGE STATION — U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) Judith A. Canales reminds producers of upcoming important deadlines for the new safety-net programs established by the 2014 Farm Bill, known as Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC).

The final day to update yield history or reallocate base acres is Feb. 27 and the final day for farm own-

ers and producers to choose coverage is March 31.

"These programs provide financial protection against unexpected changes in the marketplace, so now is the time to have those final conversations, to ask any remaining questions, and to visit the Farm Service Agency to make these decisions," said Canales.

"For the first time in many years, farmers have the opportunity to update yields or reallocate base acres, but if no changes are made by Feb. 27, the farm's current yield and base will be used," said Canales. "If no program election occurs by March 31, then there will be no 2014 payments for the farm and the farm will default to PLC coverage through the 2018 crop year."

Nationwide, more than 3,500 training sessions have been conducted on the new safety-net programs, including nearly 200 in Texas. The online tools, available at [www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc), allow producers to explore projections on how ARC or PLC coverage will affect their operation under possible future scenarios.

Covered commodities include barley, canola, large and small chickpeas, corn, crambe, flaxseed, grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, dry peas, rapeseed, long grain rice, medium grain rice (which includes short grain rice), safflower seed, sesame, soybeans, sunflower seed and wheat. Upland cotton is no longer a covered commodity.

## The Paperboy I've decided to fight ISIS

It looks like ISIS (Islamic State of Iraq and Syria) has declared a holy war against Christians and Jews.

Regardless of what the White House does or does not say regarding the continuing murders of Christians and Jews, ISIS is killing both in a very visible fashion.

As a Christian, it stuns me to see how this has developed.



CHRIS BLACKBURN

Also as a Christian, I'm not supposed to simply sit and watch this take place. One thing that is hard for me to understand is what makes ISIS attractive to young people in the West. They are recruiting around the world including the United States and there are people joining the fight.

How would you feel if your son or daughter headed to the Middle East to take up arms against Christians? It's happening.

Islamic terrorism has

## Fambough hired as Quanah AD

Special to the News-Courier

QUANAH — David Fambough, who guided Seymour to the 2007 Class A Division I state championship game, has been hired as the athletic director and football coach at Quanah High School, replacing Jason Sims.

Earlier, Quanah had named defensive coordinator Richard Olson as the interim coach, but he later joined Sims staff at Childress High School.

Fambough had been serving as the boys coordinator at Stiles Middle School in Leander.

## Weinert water project funded

Special to the News-Courier

WEINERT — The City of Weinert now has the money to address an urgent need for additional water supplies.

The Texas Water Development Board recently approved \$110,000 in resolution loan forgiveness from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund to design and construction costs associated with a water supply project.

The project will include an inter-connect with the North Central Texas Water Authority and construction of a 25,000-gallon ground storage tank.

## Knox County Aging Center

Menus for week of Feb. 23-27

- Monday:** Baked ham/pineapple, lima beans, rolls, cake.
- Tuesday:** Ham & beans, spinach, cornbread & cookies.
- Wednesday:** Baked chicken, carrots, beets, bread & cake.
- Thursday:** Beef soft taco, Spanish rice, broccoli, cookies.
- Friday:** Turkey sandwich, tomato, lettuce, pickle, salad, dessert.

been raging for decades. Currently, it is on the rise. ISIS is one of several terrorist groups and is currently dominating headlines with their resent beheadings of several Christian Egyptians.

While these groups rise in power, the weak countries they occupy are giving control to them so they continue to gain momentum. It's a bad deal growing worse by the day with no end in sight.

The United States has not committed to putting boots on the ground and it's not clear when or if we will. We have been on the battlefield for years now and experts say we are tired of fighting.

Since these are the facts and the reality we are in, our options are not great regarding Islamic terrorists.

And how do you defeat them anyhow? I hate to point out the obvious, but these people are brainwashed and it starts when many are mere children. In order to win this war, we'd have to kill just about everyone from 5-years-old and up in most cases. That's a very difficult circumstance to overcome.

So we seem somewhat helpless don't we?

But we're not. We have the most powerful force in the universe on our side and that is rarely, if ever, mentioned in the mainstream media.

It sounds wild, but it is written in scripture that we will be victorious.

There are several passages in the Bible regarding war. Here are two:

Isaiah 41:10

"Do not fear, for I am with you; Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, Surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."

Deuteronomy 31:6

"Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid or tremble at them, for the LORD your God is the one who goes with you He will not fail you or forsake you."

So here we are - millions of Christians - part of the most powerful force in the universe - and we sit on the sidelines while terrorists kill our brothers and sisters.

Not anymore. I may not be there to take up arms, but I can use the power of prayer to help stem this tide. And I encourage every Christian who reads this to do the same.

Think of me and this column anyway you'd like, but if you are truly a Christian, you know that I'm right.

We should not sit quietly while innocent Christians are being slaughtered. Ever.

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**Trinity Lutheran Church Youth Fish Fry**  
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Plates \$8.50  
All proceeds go to youth activities.

# Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

**W**ell, we escaped the ice and now (at least for now). It was cold and windy Monday, and the weathermen talked like it might really get bad, but so far, everything weather wise is pretty good. I'll say it again—we need rain, but I'm sure glad we've missed the ice. That we can do without.

The news this week is pretty scarce. Not much going on that I am aware of in our little village. The latest news I have heard on Valerie Mendoza is that she is doing well—all things considered. She did have surgery last Tuesday to repair her pelvic injuries and made it through it fine. The surgery took about eight hours, and that is a pretty good indication that it was extensive, but she did OK. That's good to report. The last I heard, doctors thought she would be in the hospital about five days and then be able to return home if all continues to go well.

Here 'N There  
The Women of Benjamin met last Wednesday night for their regular monthly meeting. We had a good potluck meal and enjoyed visiting and just sharing an enjoyable, relaxing evening. Several of the "regulars" were unable to make it due to various reasons and were missed. We look forward to seeing them and maybe some new ones on the first Wednesday night in March. We meet at 6 p.m. in the Baptist parsonage and invite anyone that will to come and join us.

I had a visit with Trent and Peggy Driver on Saturday. They live in Irving now, after living in the Midland-Odessa area for several years. He is the son of Michael Driver, who is a former Benjamin resident and now lives in Albuquerque, NM. Trent said Michael is doing fine. He just doesn't get back down this way very often any more. It was good to visit with Trent a few minutes.

I also visited with Betty Blacklock Moore, former Munday resident, now of Tyler. She moved there after her husband, Doug, passed away several years ago. Her sister, Sandy West, of Lubbock was with her. Sandy has had some health problems but is doing pret-

ty well right now. She said she was planning an Alaskan cruise in June if all continues to go well. Their mom, Mauryce, was my fourth grade teacher in Munday and a wonderful person. I was glad to see them also.

Bubba and Wendy Benson and girls, Chastity and Lilly, were here Saturday to visit his brother, Dillon, and family. Bubba and family live at Funston now and really like it. Of course, they miss their friends and family here, but it's not far to come back and visit. Imagean Young joined them for lunch on Saturday.

Deann Lamb thinks she may be dismissed from the Munday Nursing Center in a few days. So far, the therapy she has been getting has done a lot of good, and if she can just gain her confidence back regarding living at home (and by herself), I think she will be fine. She is anxious to get back to Benjamin.

Jonathan Rainwater, student at South Plains College in Levelland, was home for the weekend for a visit with his parents and brother, Chad, Kathy, and Justin.

Kelsey Brown had a nice surprise at the ball game last Friday night. The girls finished their season on Tuesday, but during the half of the boys' game on Friday Kelsey's teammates and the dance team recognized her as the lone senior, who would not be returning to play ball next year. They introduced her to the crowd, along with her parents, Mark Brown and Michele Brown, and her son, Zane. Each girl (and Zane) presented her with a rose as a "gonna miss you" gesture. She was thrilled and very emotional. Kelsey is the only senior this year at BHS. I can't remember there ever being just one to graduate. The commencement program should be interesting!

Donnie and Barbara Ryder attended the memorial service for David Earle in Weinert on Saturday.

And, lastly, I want to congratulate the Munday Mogulettes, the Munday Moguls and the Knox City Greyhounds as they enter the playoffs in basketball. They all have had good seasons, and I wish them well as they continue to play.

# The 501 Coca-Cola, I've Missed You

**M**y name is Hanaba, and I'm a Coke-aholic. If Coca-Cola stock has been slipping since early 2014, it's because I've been on the wagon. I went one year without drinking a Coke.

But don't worry about the prognosis for Coca-Cola. To celebrate my year of abstinence, I drank a Coke. It was good. That was two days ago. Since then I've drunk two more. They were good too.

Coca-Cola, I've missed you. Let's stick together from now on. I can't think of a better way to get a daily dose of high-fructose corn syrup.

Did I lose weight by kicking my Coke habit and drinking unsweetened tea instead for a whole year?

No.  
Fact:  
If you cut down on calories from one source, others are waiting in the wings to step collectively into the role of keeping you fat.

Meanwhile, my return to Cokes has made me remember the special ones in my life, like the Coke I bought from a machine in Prague in 1971. Despite the Cold War, Cokes had penetrated the Iron Curtain. I felt a patriotic buzz drinking that particular Coca-Cola, but politics didn't inspire me to drop the koruna in the slot. I just had to have a Coke.

I also remember Cokes in Paris in the summer of 1969. Forget the Cold War. Au contraire, the French were caught up in

the War Against Cold, serving Coca-Cola everywhere at room temperature, treating Cokes like wine. That's when I learned a Coke at room temperature is better than no Coke at all.

In Germany that summer, the Cokes were cold. Yay! I'd say the Vaterland was simply following beer rules, but some Germans drink their beer warm.

My most memorable German Coke was one that turned into four. I've told the story before, but it's all about repetition, so here it is again:

I ordered "eine Coca-Cola." When the waiter didn't bring it, I repeated the order. So he brought me two. When I was ready to pay, I said "zwei Coca-Cola." He brought me two more. I enjoyed all four. Burp.

In France some years later, my Alsatian friend Doris and I were motoring along the Route de Vin when I suddenly suffered a Coke attack. We stopped in three consecutive towns before finally finding a Coke to quench my thirst. On arriving at our destination, friend Henri's country home, Doris told everyone about my "crise de Coca-Cola." Eyebrows went up, but they all seemed to chalk it up to me being from the New World.

Next we hiked up a mountain, arriving mid-afternoon at an out-of-the-way restaurant with a Five-Star rating from Michelin. I ordered a Coke. It arrived in a glass, cold with a slice of lemon. Nice. I gave the place Five Stars in my book too.

Henri broke tradition and also ordered a Coke, obviously to put his American guest at ease. Not to worry. I already was.

So many good memories!

They deserve a toast. I've got one more Coke.



HANABA MUNN WELCH

# CEU program set Monday, Tuesday

**BENJAMIN**--Many individuals will have their TDA pesticide license expire on Feb. 28 if they do not obtain a total of 15 CEU credit hours within five years for private applicator license renewal. The 15 total hours must be in Laws and Regulations (2), IPM or Integrated Pest Management (2) and any mix of general hours. Commercial and non-commercial license applicants must obtain five credits every year to renew their license.

A "Last Chance CEU Program" is planned for Monday and Tuesday here at the Knox County Extension Office. The Monday session from 9 a.m. until noon will offer 1.5 hours on law, 1 on IPM and

.5 on general. The Tuesday session from 9-11 a.m. will offer 1 hour IPM and 1 hour general. The cost to attend one or both days will be \$20.

Please contact the Knox County Extension office at 940 459-2651 ASAP to pre-register as space is limited.

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# Young Mustangs finish in cellar

**BENJAMIN**—Playing with all underclassmen, the Benjamin Mustangs finished their basketball season last Friday, suffering a 76-42 setback at the hands of the Chillicothe Eagles.

The Mustangs finished in the cellar in District 8-1A with an 0-10 record while the Eagles finished in fourth place with a 5-5 mark.

# THORNBERRY From Page 1

Thornberry indicated the bill is designed to require the Obama administration to give the Ukrainians weapons to defend themselves against aggression they face now. "We believe it's really important for them to be able to defend themselves, and for somebody to stand up to (Russian President Vladimir) Putin," he said. "This is one way to do that."

The legislation would give the president a cap of \$1 billion annually for possibly the next three years for defensive weapons to push back Russian and Russian-backed troops.

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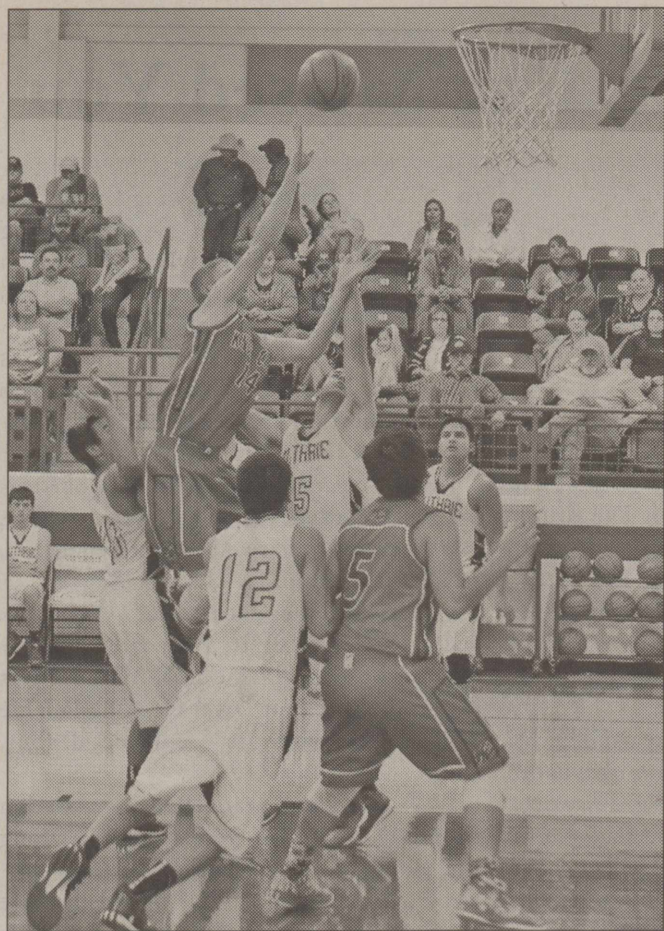
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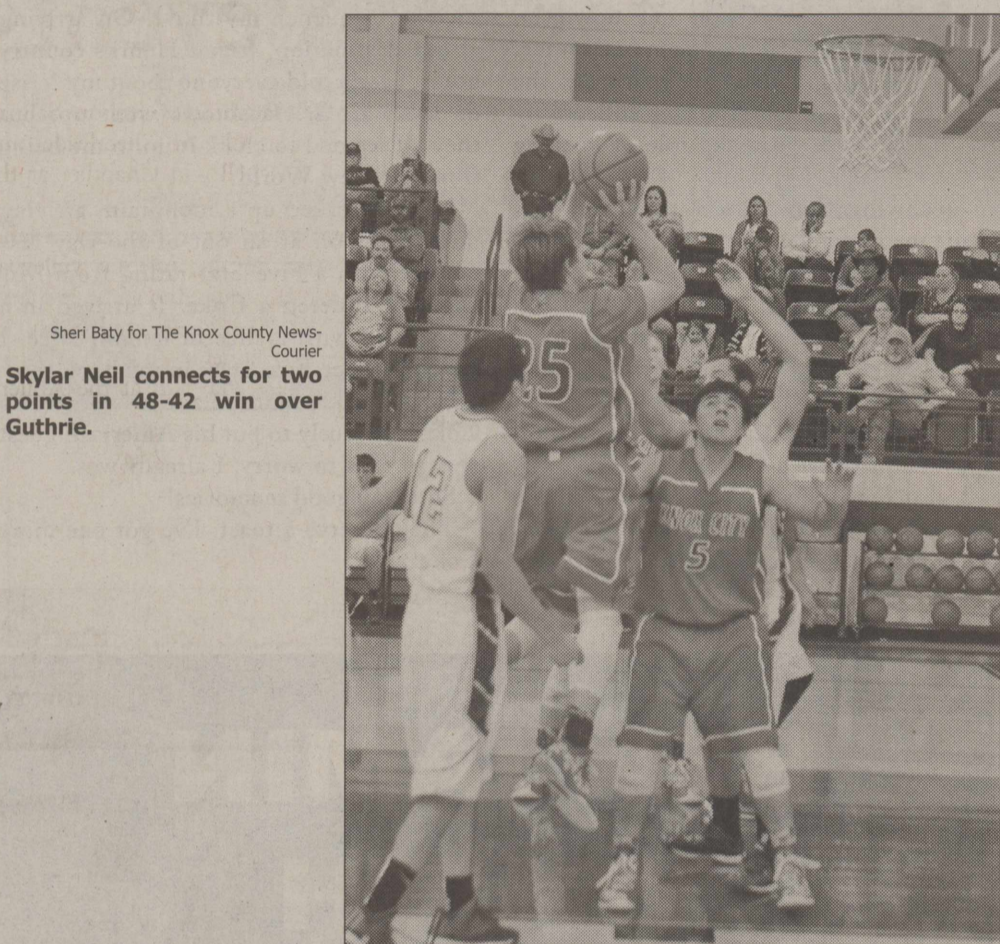


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Knox City's Ryan Heard outleaps a Guthrie defender to score.

# 7-1A girls claim bi-district games



Sheri Baty/The Knox County News-Courier  
Jordyn Eaton connects for a three-pointer in the Knox City Houndettes' closing 51-36 victory over Guthrie last Tuesday night to end the season. The Houndettes missed the playoffs, finishing fourth in District 7-1A with a 5-5 record.



Sheri Baty for The Knox County News-Courier  
Skylar Neil connects for two points in 48-42 win over Guthrie.

## Greyhounds to play Harrold in bi-district

By James McAfee  
The Knox County News-Courier

KNOX CITY — Coach Josh Webb says the Knox City Greyhounds are excited about the opportunity to return to the playoffs. "It's the result of many hours of practice and competition," he said.

The Greyhounds, the No. 2 seed in District 7-1A with a 7-3 record, will take on the Harrold Hornets, who finished third in District 8-1A with a 6-4 record, at 6 p.m. Tuesday in Seymour in bi-district play.

Both teams scored impressive wins in their final district games. The Greyhounds scored a 48-42 victory over Goree to claim sole possession of

second place while the Hornets staged a fourth-quarter rally to nip No. 2 Munday on their tiny home court.

The Greyhounds advanced to the area round last season before losing to regional semifinalist Graford.

"Once you get into the playoffs, anything can happen and we embrace the extra time to play a game we all love," Webb added. "We believe our non-district scheduled has helped prepare us for the type of games we are about to encounter and are ready for the challenge.

For the season, the Greyhounds are 14-12. The winner of the Knox City-Harrold game will advance to play the District 6-1A champion.

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District 7-1A girls basketball teams got the best of opponents from District 8-1A in bi-district action Monday night.

Spur, runnerup in 7-1A, crushed Northside, third in 8-1A, 60-2, in Seymour to earn a spot in the area round against District 6-1A champion Ropes (20-5).

Motley County, third in 7-1A, blasted Crowell, runnerup in 8-1A, 64-35, in Stamford to earn a spot in the area round against District 5-1A winner Petersburg (20-1).

Paducah, District 7-1A champion, plays the winner of the Southland-Lorenzo bi-district game in the area round while Munday, winner of District 8-1A, plays the winner of the bi-district game between Whitharral and Meadow.

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# Mogulettes capture District 8-1A title



Maria Vega breaks away on a fast break in Munday's 52-46 victory over Crowell in a playoff game to decide the District 8-1A championship

By James McAfee  
The Knox County News-Courier

MUNDAY—The last district girls basketball championship trophy here in the hallways of Munday High School is dated in 2001.

The 2014-2015 edition of the Mogulettes earned a new trophy in Wichita Falls last Friday with a thrilling 52-46 victory over the Crowell Lady Wildcats in a playoff game after the two teams finished tied at 9-1 in District 8-1A.

"The girls really wanted it and were determined not to let the game get away from them down the stretch," Coach Cory Stephenson noted.

"I didn't feel comfortable until we got that four-point lead," he added, pointing to a pair of free throws by Raci Dillard with 1:40 left that put the Moguls ahead 50-46. Following a defensive stop, Dillard closed out the scoring with two other free throws.

Dillard finished the night with 22 points while Maria Vega added 11.

Stephenson felt the Mogulettes were a little nervous in the early going, but pointed to some good defensive play in the second half as being one of the keys to the victory.

The Mogulettes received a bye in bi-district and will play Whitharral, 44-17 winners over Meadow, at 7 p.m. Friday in Guthrie in the area round.

# Moguls prepare for bi-district against Guthrie

By James McAfee  
The Knox County News-Courier

MUNDAY—The Munday Moguls were busy making preparations for next week's bi-district game with Guthrie, scheduled for 6 p.m. Tuesday in Stamford.

Coach Greg Clark indicated that the Moguls would play a practice game against Trent at 6 p.m. Friday in Hamlin.

The Moguls suffered a 61-60 setback at the hands of Harrold on the road last week, but still finished in second place in District 8-1A with a 7-3 record, a game ahead of the Hornets. For the season, the Moguls stand 12-15.

"They just outplayed us down the stretch," Clark explained how the Hornets rallied from a 46-38 third-quarter deficit to pull out the victory with a 23-point final quarter. "We just didn't play well defensively," he added.

The difference in the game came at the

charity stripe where the Hornets converted 9 of 16, including 5 of 12 in that final period. Meanwhile, the Moguls only made 2 of 4 for the night, all in the first half.

Temerick Reagins finished with 28 points to pace the Moguls while Chandler McCombs and Alfonso Nunez added 11 and 10, respectively.

The Hornets will play Knox City, the runner-up in District 7-1A, in bi-district Tuesday in Seymour.

If the Moguls are successful in bi-district, the likely opponent for the area round will be either Petersburg or Crosbyton, who were tied for the lead going into final district games Tuesday night.

As champion of 8-1A, the Crowell Wildcats receive a bye in bi-district, but are playing practice games to prepare for the playoffs. They suffered their first loss of the season Monday, falling 67-62 in overtime to 2A Olney (21-5).



Four Munday High athletes were selected to participate in the Big Country Fellowship of Christian Athletes all-star events this summer. Shown (l-r) are: Chandler McCombs, Raci Dillard, Mitchell Lowrance and Janie Salinas

# Four MHS students picked for FCA events

ABILENE — The Big Country Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) held a news conference here last Sunday at Beltway Baptist Church to announce the 2015 FCA All-Star teams.

Representing Munday on the north team for football will be seniors Mitchell Lowrance, son of Jamie Lowrance and the late Ronny Lowrance, and Chandler McCombs, son of Cory and Tina McCombs. Game time will be 7 p.m. June 13 at Shotwell Stadium in Abilene.

Janie Salinas, daughter of Ruben Salinas, was selected as an All-Star Cheerleader and will cheer on Mitchell and Chandler at the football game.

Raci Dillard, daughter of Robert and Janet Dillard, will play in the All-Star volleyball game for the north team. The game is scheduled at noon June 13 at Wylie High School.

There will be a banquet to honor the selected athletes on Sunday, May 3rd at the Abilene Civic Center.

# Senior Night



Senior members of the Munday High basketball teams were honored in their last regular season home game last week. Shown in front are Janie Salinas and Maria Vega and in back Alfonso Nunez, Chandler McCombs, Raci Dillard, Krista Rodriguez and Craig Thompson

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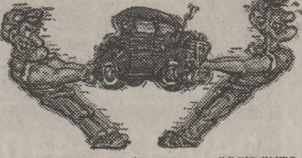
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## Mac's Views Time for Williams to step down

What matters most in journalism is credibility and public trust and there's no doubt both have suffered in recent years. The latest case involved NBC anchor Brian Williams after he repeated a story he had been telling previously about being on a U.S. military helicopter that had been shot down over Iraq in 2003. I heard a recent newscast myself where he made that claim.



**JAMES MCAFEE**

However, it turns out that he was actually on the helicopter trailing that one. Later, it was also discovered that he had said on television that he was at the Berlin Wall when it came down, but actually didn't get to Germany until a day later. Embellishing stories like these resulted in a six-month suspension from the nightly news for Williams, but I think it's time for him to just step down as I don't think the public will ever trust him again.

On another subject, the all-black Jackie Robinson West Little League team from Chicago was stripped of its U.S. title when it was discovered that coaches and league officials had changed boundaries. Mountain Ridge from Las Vegas was declared the U.S. champion. Parents and even the youngsters were angered, saying they were unfairly punished for things that adults did, but I disagree. You have to play by the rules and it's unlikely that the team would have had the success it did without the ineligible players. It's

a shame that adults like the ones involved here put too much emphasis on winning at any cost.

Doing my duty as a father, I recently reminded my daughters again about the dangers of smoking. I thought I would share the same information with you. Death rates for smokers are two to three times higher than for those who never smoke, who average living a decade longer. Now a study shows smoking has been linked to increased risks of infection, intestinal diseases caused by inadequate blood flow and heart and lung ailments.

Passing along some timely comments from Karen Longan that I saw recently on Facebook that I thought was also worth sharing with those who might have missed it. "I believe that fear is the number one enemy of needed change. Fear of criticism, fear of failure, fear of change, and fear of lawsuits, etc., affect us on a personal as well as a national policy level. At some point I believe we must become fearless. We must do the right thing because it's the right thing and not try to over analyze it or determine if it's politically correct. We must remember the mantra that 'What is right is not always popular; what is popular is not always right.' We will never have the approval of everyone, no matter what we do. But Shakespeare said, 'To thine own self be true.' We need big ideas and bold plans for our community, our nation, and this world. Step up. Get involved, and let your voice be heard. I read somewhere that the only antidote to fear is hope. I am hopeful. Some big changes are coming in our little community

in the near future. Some brave people are taking a chance on us, moving their families here, opening businesses, and giving us a chance to grow. Make them welcome and support them in every way you can."

It was nice to see that Todd Thompson was recovering from his accident and neck surgery as he presided over a recent meeting of the Monday Consolidated Independent School District Board of Trustees, wearing a neck brace.

To promote a healthy lifestyle, the Knox County Hospital District has issued a challenge to Knox County residents to "Walk Across Texas." Put together a team of five (entry fee \$5 each) and register with Jamie Caldwell. Then monitor and report miles walked. The first team to reach 895 miles, the miles it takes to walk across Texas, wins and its charity is awarded the entry fees.

Cheryl Daniel of my staff came up with an answer that I have been looking for in regard to my problem of sometimes having problems remembering things. Brains of older people are slow because they know so much. Scientists believe people do not decline mentally with age, it just takes them longer to recall facts because they have so much more information in their brains. Much like a computer struggles as the hard drive gets full, so, too, do humans take longer to access information when their brains are full. So I guess I simply know too much.

In closing, I have the ideal answer when you are caught with someone else sharing gossip about one of your friends, courtesy of Ronnie White, who says, "Let's get in my car and go ask them." White doesn't get many who take up his offer.

## Recycling 2015 clean cans accepted

By Bunny Norville

Do you accept aluminum cans? Yes, we do. Please run a little water and rinse a little and then flatten. Keep the tin and aluminum in their separate containers.

Clear and clean plastic wrap materials, shrink wrap, dry cleaner bags. The words "Recycle #4" are appearing on more plastic bags and plastic wrap now. It can have black printing but must be clear, not colored. White is a color. There are many varieties of this kind of plastic wrap. Every electronic you buy has plastic wrap. Clothing has it. A lot of food comes with it.

We accept cardboard and poster board. We are all accustomed to calling everything "cardboard". Only the corrugated is really cardboard. Poster board is the thinner, non-corrugated variety. Poster board comes in several colors, we accept all colors. We put brown with the corrugate and all other colors with "mixed paper." Baled cardboard is a commodity and sells on the

world market at around \$90 a ton.

We accept all kinds of paper. We keep newspapers separate in a "Newspaper Only" container. Everything else goes into the "Mixed Paper" container. We hope we can get a better price for the newsprint if kept separate. We can recycle magazines/booklets that are stapled. We take phone-books, magazines, catalogs, paperbacks, hardback books, and manuals with glued spines or with plastic binding. At the moment we do not have a buyer for them. We hope to obtain a paper cutter to cut off the spines. I have started clearing out my personal library by pulling out the pages. Anyone can volunteer to help us by doing the same thing at home -- while watching TV.

More next time.

If you have questions, please call me, Bunny, at either 421-3334 or 203-0221. Please don't call before 9:00 a.m. My email address is: youwoodtwo@yahoo.com. Please check out my blog: <http://www.tothepointnorvilleblog.blogspot.com>

## Learning about 3-D printer



Courtesy photo for the News-Courier  
**The Rochester Vo Tech Center students attended an open house at the TSTC-Breckenridge campus earlier this month. TSTC Instructor Cory Gropp is shown processing a project in the 3-D printer—a new and fascinating piece of equipment used in the computer-aided drafting field.**

## The Good Ol' Days

# Preparing to go to war

By William Hertel

I will share my recollections of my two years, three months and 17 days in the U.S. Army during World War II.

On Feb. 4, 1944, our 4.2 Mortar Battalion was formed at Ft. Sill, OK. The battalion was made up of groups of men from Fort Benjamin in Harrison IN, Fort Meade in Maryland and some men from the far west. We were Texans, Okies, Yankees and others all mixed up to train and fight a war. The 4.2 Mortar Battalions were brand new and had many problems to work out. We proudly did this and formed a good fighting battalion.

After receiving more men at Camp Roberts, CA, we were transferred to Camp Carson CO, receiving some 500 new

recruits. Basic training had to be started over. They lost our shot records and all of the old recruits had to take health preventative shots again. As part of basic training, we hand-pulled mortar carts up and down Camp Carson's mountainous training grounds. It sure was hard work.

After seven or eight months at Camp Carson, the camp we liked best, we moved through several other camps to complete our training and wound up in Boston, a port for embarking of troops.

After one night of peeling (or helping peel) some 3,000 to 4,000 pounds of potatoes while on KP duty, we got a night on the town. Boston had a round street. After walking for what seemed miles, we wound up where we started. There were no corners. It was easy to get lost.

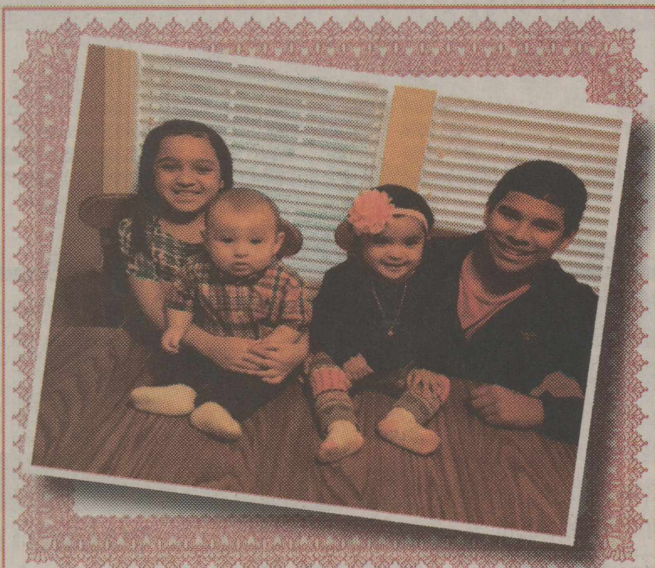
On Dec. 1, 1944, we boarded the S.S. Marine Wolf in Boston and set sail for Southampton, England. The trip was a killer with all of the men expelling all of their food for three or four days. We were on a double-loaded marine ship converted for troops, with two meals for chow. The ship rocked up and down and then sideways. We were in an approximate 14-ship convoy and we sailed in a zigzag pattern to help avoid submarines. After three to four days of this, the

men were starving. There were all kinds of Hershey bars available at five cents each. We were on the S.S. Marine Wolf 14 days before landing in England. Land never looked so good!

Now we were in jolly old England. We walked ashore and were transferred to a small place named Stone, close to Liverpool, for some more training. Our gunners got new gun sights for the mortars. They did not like them, but found after additional practice and training, that they were more accurate to hit the targets they tried to hit.

A few days after our arrival in Stone, I drew a brand new Jeep. It had only eight miles on it and was assigned to the ammunition section. My men in the ammo section were very proud of the new vehicle just for us. I experienced an under-river trip to Liverpool to pick up my Jeep. The underpass was built under the river and we entered and left Liverpool by going under the river.

Then it was time to get into the real war action. The trip across France was fairly uneventful except entire areas had been badly destroyed by the savage war. We could tell as we advanced that we were getting close to battle. As we came close to the Roer River, a number of dead German soldiers lay by the roadside. (The next column will touch on what happened in Germany.)



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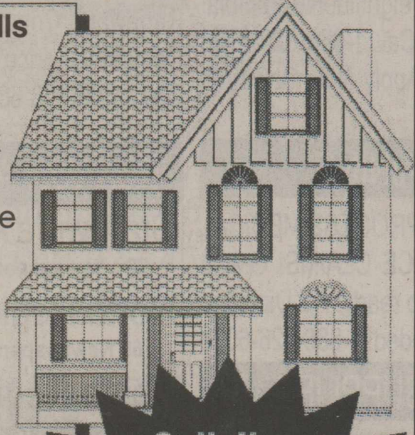
A volunteer is a person who unselfishly gives of time and service to the community and its projects. This was evident at our Museum Fundraising Meal and Auction held on February 8, 2015. Naming everyone who helped us is impossible so we extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to ALL volunteers who helped us make our fundraiser a success. A community is only as strong as its people.

The Museum represents the history of people of Knox County and our area and everyone is welcome to visit and/or participate in all projects of the Museum.

Again, our most grateful thanks.  
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