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## Commissioners approve wind farm tax abatement

By James McAfee  
The Knox County News-Courier

BENJAMIN—The Knox County Commissioners Court approved a tax abatement for Lincoln Clean Energy and its Horse Creek Wind, LLC during its regular monthly meeting here Monday at the Knox County Courthouse.

The Chicago-based company assumed the wind farm project, scheduled for Haskell and Knox Counties.

Will Ferguson, based in the company's Austin office, told the commissioners that the wind farms would now be erected first in the eastern portion of the area in Knox County instead of starting in Haskell County. He added that the project would likely start in November after certain environmental permits and contracts were finalized with landowners.

The commissioners also approved a resolution to allow the use of county roads and an agreement whereby the company would repair any damages.

Judge Travis Floyd mentioned the county would get \$1,900 per megawatt, which could result in close to a \$1 million over 10 years.

After hearing from Sutton Page of Stamford on the projected benefits of continuing a cloud seeding program with nearby counties, the Council gave its support to sharing a \$40,000 commitment with other entities in the county. Commissioner Johnny McGowan will join Ricky Ake in attending future meetings on the project.

The commissioners accepted a bid of \$2,520 from Jeremy Eaton on tax resale deed on property in Knox City and a bid of \$7,000 from Jose Castorena for another property in Goree.

In addition, a bid of \$89.40 from Dell was OKed for a mini tower to be used for the computer in the Justice of Peace's office, using technology funds.

Glenn Albritton of TxDOT explained details of a sidewalk, wheelchair ramp project around the Courthouse and extending to the Benjamin school that could be part of a grant program from the Travel Alternative Program. Of the estimated \$300,000 cost, the county would be liable for only \$40,000 cash and \$20,000 in service duties. The commissioners approved a resolution to support the application for the grant, being finalized by Jimi Coplen and Lorrie Coop.

The Council also approved a resolution to continue support for the Regional Homeland Security Program and an agreement between the Knox 911 and the West Central Texas

Council of Government's 911.

The commissioners heard that the Extension office had received grants of \$1,200 for a new sewing machine and \$1,500 for a gardening project. In addition, Coplen gave details of a car seat giveaway planned for April 30 and an special underage drinking program called "Shattered Dreams" at Knox City High School in May.

Jerry Coplen also mentioned a grant of \$9,000 to \$11,000 would be forthcoming from the Friends of the National Rifle Association for the Knox shooting programs.

JP Rodriguez indicated \$8,648.29 had been collected in fines with \$5,819.37 staying in Knox County. He added that arrest warrants seem to be helping collect old fines.

The other heads of departments also provided reports before the Commissioners took care of the financials.

## 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, April 16

Benjamin, Munday track at 8-1A, Munday

Knox City track at 7-1A, Knox City

### Saturday April 18

Munday at regional one act play, Lubbock Christian College, Lubbock

### Sunday, April 19

Lineage of David, First Baptist Church Munday

### Monday, April 20

MHS National Honors Society induction

### Tuesday, April 21

Knox City Council meeting

Red Cross blood drive, Munday High School

### Wednesday, April 22

Area track, Munday

### Thursday, April 23

Regional one act play, Lubbock

### Friday April 24

Munday Pre-K Round-Up

Regional one act play, Lubbock

### Saturday April 25

Regional one act play, Lubbock

Basketball tournament, KCHS Gym

### Monday, April 27

First United Methodist Church MHS senior dinner

## Munday to increase water rates \$5

By James McAfee  
The Knox County News Courier

MUNDAY—The Munday City Council approved a \$5 increase in the minimum water rates, effective May 1, during its regular meeting here Tuesday night. The coverage fees for going over 5,000 gallons will be reduced from \$25 to \$15 for each 1,000 gallons.

The feeling was that the changes in rates will keep more people from having their water turned off.

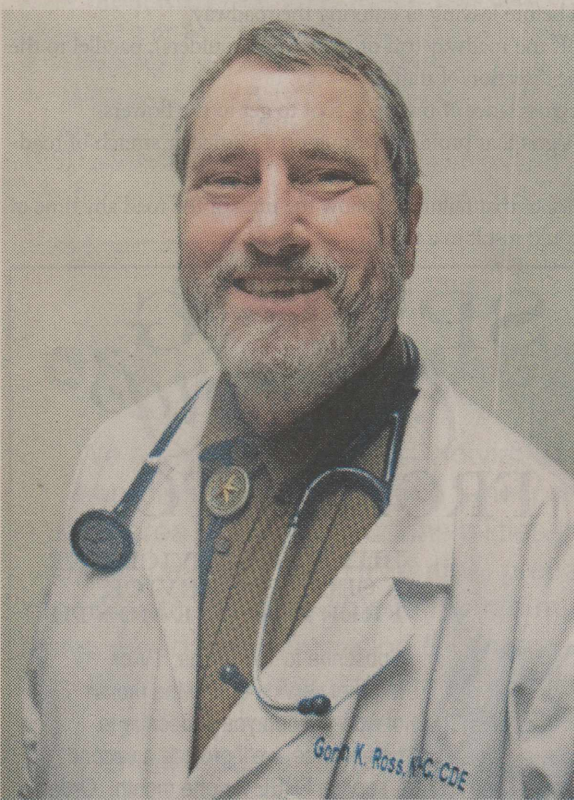
City administrator Winston Stephens also noted that having a higher rate would improve the city's standing with the Texas Department of Agriculture when it comes time to apply for grants.

In addition, the Council approved participation with other Knox County entities in the cloud seeding project with a cap of \$5,000.

Stephens was given the OK to go forward with plans to put together a proposal for an aviation grant with TxDOT and to look into studying the feasibility of re-opening the city pool by doing some testing about possible leaks.

Mayor Bob Bowen and Council member Tracy Blair were not present and the meeting had to be delayed 20 minutes for Mayor Pro Tem Ryan Cottingham to get from another meeting in order to have a quorum.

## Ross joins hospital staff



Gordon Ross

KNOX CITY—Having grown up in a small agriculture community in Idaho, nurse practitioner Gordon Ross welcomed the chance last month to move to Knox City to join the staff here at the Knox County Hospital, taking care of emergency room duties.

Ross pointed to six years working in a trauma center in Bethesda, MD when he was in the Air Force as the reason he liked such assignments. "It just seems to be my calling," he said. "I love working in a small town ER."

After 28 years in the Air Force, Ross accepted a position at the Runnels County Hospital in Winters last October prior to coming to Knox City.

Ross grew up in Burley, Idaho before leaving to attend Northwest Oklahoma State University in Alva, OK and then deciding to join the Air Force. He also attended the Uniform Services University to further his training.

## State bound!

# Five MHS golfers advance to state

LUBBOCK—Munday High School will be sending five golfers to the Class 1A State Golf Tournament April 29-30 at Lions Municipal Golf Course in Austin.

The boys team finished third here Tuesday at the Lake Ridge Country Club, posting a 400 total with Mitchell Lowrance shooting 98, Holt Bivens 99, Chandler McComb 101 and Heath Bivens 102.

The girls team finished seventh with a 439 total, but Taylor Thompson emerged with a silver medal with her 80 finishing in second place, two strokes ahead of Leslie Mayo of Paducah.

Happy, led by medalist Mitchell Downing's 73, and Motley County also qualified boys teams with 346 and 365 totals.

Motley County, White Deer and Higgins advanced girls teams to the state tournament while Shaley Good of Fort Elliott took medalist honors with a 70.

The competition was reduced to 18 holes after the first round was cancelled because of rain and high winds.



Courtesy photo  
Taylor Thompson's 80 earns silver medal and trip to Austin

# Munday's one act play advances to area

GUTHRIE—Munday High's "Time on Fire" joined Guthrie's "And They Dance Real Slow in Jackson" and Spur's "Steel Magnolias" as the three schools to advance from the bi-district one act play competition here last week.

Knox City's "Wizard of Oz" earned an alternate rating.

Joining the area competition Saturday at Lubbock Christian College in Lubbock will be Petersburg's "And The Rain Came to Mayfield," Ropes' "The Rimers of Eldritch" and Whiteface's "The Beaux Stratagem."

The competition starts at 1 p.m. with

Munday performing last.

Munday's Janie Salinas (Mady) and Kathryn Cude (Elizabeth Coles) along with Knox City's Haley Cox (Dorothy) were named to the all-star cast.

Chandler McCombs of Munday along with Kryss Campos (Scarecrow) and Clayton Richardson (Tinman) of Knox City were honorable mention.

Munday's Alexis Nunez, Maria Vega, Kimberly Shahan, Kasey Lowrance and Ariana Arellano were recognized as the top technical crew while Knox City's Moriah Schnable was named best crew individual.

## Knox Notes

### Munday Pre-K Round-Up

MUNDAY—Pre-Kindergarten Round-up for the 2015-2016 school year will be held at Munday Elementary School from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, April 24. Students who will be four years old on or before September 1, 2015 are eligible to attend.

### Cage tourney April 25

KNOX CITY—The Knox Visioning Group has announced it will hold a 3 on 3 basketball tournament April 25 here at the Knox City High School Gym. Four-person teams can enter for \$60 by

calling 940 459-4121 or emailing kcvg@srcaccess.net.

### Ranch Rodeo May 1-2

MUNDAY—The Munday Volunteer Fire Department has announced it will hold the 8th annual Knox Prairie Ranch Rodeo nightly starting at 7 p.m. May 1-2.

### KC golf event May 2

KNOX CITY—The Knox City Volunteer Fire Department will host a benefit golf tournament here May 2 at the Knox City Country Club.

## DISTRICT TRACK MEETS TODAY

The District 7-1A and the District 8-1A track meets are scheduled today in Knox City and Munday. The top finishers in each of the varsity races for boys and girls will advance to the area event, scheduled Wednesday at Phillip McAfee Track in Munday.

Munday's Moguls and Moguelettes enter the 8-1A competition as the teams to beat based on early season performances.

The Paducah boys and Spur girls get those roles in 7-1A, but Knox City is expected to be a challenger to both teams.

Munday school officials tried to change the 8-1A event to Wednesday because of an 50 per cent chance for rain on Thursday, but the event couldn't be moved up.

## Corrections

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

## News on the go



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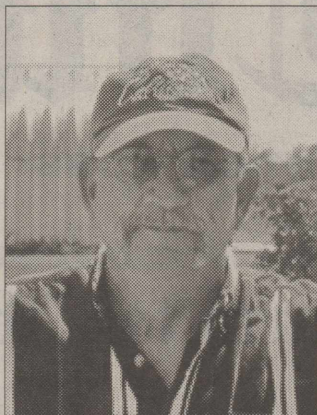
### Robert "Bob" Logan Hudspeth

Robert "Bob" Logan Hudspeth, born Dec. 1, 1952, left us on April 12, 2015 at age 62. Memorial services will be Friday, April 17th at 3 p.m. in Brenham Memorial Chapel.

Robert was a resident of Brenham and was employed at Navasota Concrete as a driver.

He was preceded in death by parents, Serman Lee Hudspeth and Baby Hudspeth; and grandson, Christopher Foppiano.

Robert was a father, husband, Peepaw and a



**ROBERT HUDSPETH**

beloved friend to many. He leaves behind the love of his life, Tracy; daughters, Shanna and husband

Nick Foppiano of Odessa; Mandy and husband Shane Boren of Odessa; Shonda and Ronnie Boren of Odessa; son, Lenny and wife Dusti Watkins; 12 grandchildren; and one great grandson.

Robert and Tracy married on June 25, 1988 and shared many years of loving life together.

Services are in the care of Brenham Memorial Chapel, 2300 Stringer, Brenham, TX 77833. 979.836.3611 www.BrenhamMemorialChapel.com

## Threat turns into emergency drill

KNOX CITY—The threat of a grenade or explosive in a home a block from the Knox County Hospital turned into what amounted to an emergency drill here Saturday night.

After getting a call about the possibility of the threat, the Knox City Police secured a two-block area that included the hospital and alerted the Texas Rangers, who called a Fort Sill, OK DOE

crew to check out the situation.

After more than 90 minutes, no explosives were found or an arrest made, reported Knox City Police Chief David Candalera.

The police chief also noted that the DPS, the Knox County sheriff and the Knox City Volunteer Fire Department responded and that the EMS was on stand by.

## Values decrease after abatements end

BENJAMIN - A program on wind generation value components was presented here Monday morning at the Knox County Courthouse by John Rutledge and Dean McDaniel, valuation consultants for Pritchard & Abbott.

The program was geared toward preparing for future value and tax rates for counties involved with wind farm growth after the abatements phase out.

The accelerated depreciation of the wind turbines is 8 to 10 per cent a year with the increase of maintenance after three years of being erected. The maximum depreciation over

the life expectancy of the turbines is 30 per cent.

Knox County and the Knox County Hospital District have signed 10-year abatements on the wind farms, resulting in payments based on megawatts for the first 10 years.

Tax assessor-collector Mitzi Welch stressed everyone needs to be aware of the value decreases and the funds to be collected by the entities for planning purposes.

Representatives from Baylor, Haskell and Foard Counties joined those from Knox at the meeting.

## Chances for rain improve

The Knox County area missed some good chances for rain the last few days, getting only about a quarter of an inch while areas to the south received some nice measurements.

However, the outlook for rain improve today and Friday with another storm system expected to move through the area. No rain is expected for the weekend.

## AREA NEWS

### Ranch gathering set Saturday

GUTHRIE—The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) will host a ranch gathering HERE Saturday at the Guthrie Schools Activity Center in Guthrie, Texas. Registration will begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by a complimentary beef dinner. Come early for a tour of the 6666 headquarters at 3 p.m. and a tour of the 6666 horse facility at 4 p.m. There will be a roping to benefit the Guthrie High School Junior Class at 10 a.m. For questions regarding the roping, call 806-470-4622.

### StarWalk series starts Saturday

QUANAH—Copper Breaks State Park, now an International Dark Sky Park, will kick off the the 20th year of the StarWalk program on Saturday at sunset, or around 8:15 p.m. The StarWalk starts with a naked eye tour of the night sky followed by a closer look through telescopes and binoculars. Copper Breaks has been designated an International Dark Sky Park one of only four sites in the state with an International Dark Sky Association Gold rating. The 2015 StarWalk schedule continues monthly through October.

## Resident's daughter opens own practice

DALLAS—After having recently completed one year of on-the-job training here at UT Southwestern Medical Center, Physician Assistant Exa Lee Rincon has set up her own practice in the dermatology clinic at Southwestern Medical Center.

She is the daughter of Exa Lee Smith of Munday and Jose de Jesus Martinez of Dallas. She and husband Sergio Rincon have two sons: Kai, age 4, and Xander, age 2.

Rincon was one of the top five honor students in her 1998 Bryan Adams High School graduating class of 309. In 2002, She received her B. S. degree in psychology from Texas A&M University in College Station. She is a 2009 Physician Assistant graduate of UTSW.

Before returning to UTSW for her specialization, Rincon had worked two years in family medicine and two years performing Medicare's extensive medical exams.

## Tips for enjoying wildflowers

AUSTIN—Springtime in Texas is known for the beautiful wildflowers that blanket the fields and roadsides across our state, including the state flower, the Bluebonnet. Here are a few tips to help everyone enjoy the wildflower season safely and lawfully.

While there is no law against picking the state flower, laws do exist against damaging or destroying rights-of-way and government property. So even though picking a few flowers may be okay, individuals should not dig up clusters of flowers or drive their vehicle into a field of flowers.

Flower fans must also consider laws against criminal trespassing and make sure they are not on private property when stopping to enjoy or take photos of the wildflowers. Individuals should also be cautious of snakes, fire ants and other potential dangers while observing wildflowers.

DPS encourages motorists to be mindful of laws against impeding traffic and exercise caution when slowing down to enjoy the view; and if you decide to stop, choose areas with light traffic conditions.

For the safety of yourself and others, consider the following tips while enjoying Texas wildflowers:

- \*Signal before leaving or entering the roadway.
- \*Park off the roadway (off of improved shoulders), parallel to the road in the direction of traffic.
- \*Don't cross lanes of traffic on foot to get to the flowers.
- \*Obey signs that prohibit parking on a particular stretch of roadway.
- \*Remember that failure to follow the rules of the road any time of the year could result in a ticket.

## Knox County Aging Center

Menus for week of April 20-24

**Monday:** Beef goulash, Navy beans, broccoli, bread, dessert.

**Tuesday:** Ham & beans, spinach, red bliss potatoes, cornbread & cake.

**Wednesday:** Baked chicken, carrots, beets, bread & Mandarin oranges.

**Thursday:** Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, chocolate pudding.

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

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# Munday Youth Baseball



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Members of the Astros in the machine pitch division of Munday Youth Baseball are shown here: Hunter Urbanczyk, Aaron Quintero, Haiden Bowman and Austin Lerma (l-r in front row) and Connor Willison, Zackery Castorena, Kayton Shahan, Aidenn Garza, Grant Bonham in the back row.



Courtesy photo

Members of the Rangers in the machine pitch division of Munday Youth Baseball are shown here: Kylan Crawford, Termane Wilson, Aden Rodriguez and AJ Diaz (l-r in front row) and Luke Latham, Jaxson McGhee, Ja'Riyis Williams, Talan Collins and Trey Wilson in the back row.

## TEA gives school districts reprieve on math accountability

AUSTIN—School districts have been granted a one-year reprieve from accountability in one of the major factors in determining successful education.

Commissioner of Education Michael Williams last week announced the Texas Education Agency would not use the scores from the grades 3-8 mathematics State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) as part of its process of identifying successful and unsuccessful districts.

Williams said the decision was made after conversations with teachers, parents and super-

intendents regarding new curriculum implemented this year that's much stricter.

"The teachers I have spoken with have confidence that Texas students will, in time, adjust to the more rigorous math standards, but for accountability purposes asked for a transition year," Williams said. "Based on what I hear from those working in the classroom, I agree." It's a decision coming on the back of one made last school year, which suspended the requirement that fifth- and eighth-grade students pass their math exam to earn promotion to the next grade.

## Cotton planting running behind

COLLEGE STATION — Only about 5 percent of Texas cotton is planted, down from the five-year average of 12 percent for this time of year, according to the latest weekly reports from Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service personnel across the state.

But numbers can be misleading, according to Dr. Gaylon Morgan, AgriLife Extension state cotton specialist, College Station.

True, wet conditions and uncertainty about cotton prices have held back plantings in many areas, but the usual planting date for the Rolling Plains, South Plains and Panhandle, where the bulk of Texas cotton is grown, is still about a month away, Morgan said.

"We're behind, but we're really not that

much behind," he said. "We still have plenty of time to get cotton in the ground. We're not a month behind; maybe a week to 14 days behind, at least in the Upper Gulf Coast and the Blacklands. The Coastal Bend is definitely behind, with the final plant date being mid-April and the expected planted acres will definitely be down. The Rio Grande Valley faced a similar challenge with its April 1 final plant date."

Overall, the outlook for a Texas cotton crop is good, Morgan said. In most cotton growing areas, the soil moisture profile is better than it has been for some years. "If they start with a good profile and get a good stand, and have somewhat of a normal year in moisture, they can do decently well in cotton, for sure," he said.

## The Paperboy One hit can end your life

How much damage has meth done to your family? How about to your community?

Meth may be the most destructive force to ever hit rural America. Unfortunately, it is still out there, as bad as ever.

With its addictive nature common knowledge, why would anyone try it?

This day and age, it should be more than evident that this poison can ruin you from the first try.

Still, people continue to try it. And they continue to get addicted ... 97 percent to be exact.

If someone set a glass in front of you and told you that 97 percent of the people who drink this substance drop dead, would you drink it?

Somewhere along the line we've become more tolerant of the drug. We all know people on it, but we also know once someone is on it, they are trapped and our efforts are often futile.

Very few can kick the drug alone, but they tend to only associate with those that also do it.

Usually, once addicted, the road leads two places: prison or death.

It's imperative that our youth be protected from this drug. Thinking, "it can never happen to us," is the wrong mindset.

Meth does not care what color you are or how much money you make. It doesn't care if you are a doctor or a dropout.

If you're a parent or grandparent, it's your job to teach your children and grandchildren right from wrong. In the instance of meth, there are plenty of examples out there to use as to why you should never try it.

Never be afraid to discuss such things with our

youth. You never know, you may be saving their life.

What ever happened to #BringBackOurGirls? The First Lady herself tweeted it out. Everybody hopped on the bandwagon.

Remember last year when the terrorist group Boko Haram kidnapped 219 girls in Nigeria?

"We're going to do everything we can to provide assistance to them," said Obama last April.

"In the short term our goal is obviously is to help the international community, and the Nigerian government, as a team to do everything we can to recover these young ladies," he said "We're also going to have to deal with the broader problem of organizations like this that can cause such havoc in people's day-to-day lives."

A year later, what do you think has happened to the girls?

Well, according to the BBC, a few escaped, some were likely killed, many were turned into sex slaves and the rest were forcefully converted to Islam and are, or will be, married off.

And what did we do after all of our promises? Nothing.

There was zero follow through with the White House.

That's no shock to me. In fact, that's how this White House operates. Make a big deal about something and look like you care and then drop the ball.

And will the media call Obama out for his lies? Of course not. He's officially exempt from any scrutiny from the mainstream media.

It's truly pathetic.

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# Thomas, Campos earn golds as Hounds third at Spur



Sheri Baty/The Knox County News Courier  
Krys Campos wins discus at Golden Spur Relays

SPUR—In a warm up for the District 7-1A track meet scheduled on their home track today, the Knox City Greyhounds finished third with 79 points behind district rival Paducah (87) and Valley (122) in the Golden Spur Relays last week.

Jacoby Thomas picked up gold medals in the long jump and triple jump with leaps of 22-1 1/2 and 42-10, finished third in the 100 meters with a 11.75 clocking and anchored the 400 relay team to a third place tie.

Other members of the 400 relay team were Sheldon Baty, Israel Rodriguez and Anthony

Estrada.

Joining Rodriguez on the third place 800 relay team were Sam Schnable, Carson Lewis and Jose Torres.

Krys Campos claimed first in the shot put and second in the discus with throws of 40-8 and 115-7, respectively.

Baty ran a 53.2 to earn a silver medal in the 400 meters while A.J. Rodriguez picked up points for a fourth in the discus and a sixth in the shot put.

"We feel confident going into district and are looking to be competitive in the team points," said Coach Josh Webb.

# Alvarado wins pair of golds as Houndettes take third

SPUR—The Knox City Houndettes scored 92 points to finish in third place in the Golden Spur Relays last week in their final warm up for the District 7-1A track meet scheduled in Knox City today.

District opponent Spur placed second with 95 points, trailing Anton, which is expected to be a top threat in regionals.

Debra Alvarado claimed a pair of gold medals, sweeping the hurdles with clockings of 17.43 and 52.79.

Kaylie Steele and Jordyn Eaton captured gold medals in the shot put and discus with throws of 32-1 and 90- 3/4, respectively and will be con-

tending for regional honors.

Kirsten Tuckness took third in the triple jump with a leap of 30-2 1/2 and fourth in the long jump at 14-5 1/2.

The Knox City foursome of Zinzilye McCrary, Eaton, Essence Ward and Andrea Lynn claimed the 400 relay with a 53.75 clocking. With Caitlyn Baxter replacing Lynn, the Houndettes were third in the 800 relay. Knox City was sixth in the 1,600 relay.

Also scoring points were Leighton Pepper, fourth in the shorter hurdles race; Brittany Hawkins and Brooke Jones, 5-6 in 400 meters; and Caitlyn Baxter, sixth in the high jump.



Jordyn Eaton wins discus at Golden Spur Relays

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Skylar Neill tags out Seymour runner in 7-3 win for Greyhounds

# Knox City earns first baseball win

KNOX CITY—The Knox City Greyhounds got their first baseball victory of the season last week, scoring a 7-3 win over the Seymour JV, but then suffered a 16-0 loss to Rotan on Saturday. A Monday game with the Stamford JV was cancelled due to the weather.

"We finally were able to get in a rhythm at the plate and put the ball in play", Coach Jordan Carter said about the win. "We played a great game defensively."

Junior Payne Stanfield pitched the complete game. Sophomore Anthony Estrada went 2 for 3, scoring twice and getting an

RBI while sophomore Christian Abila hit an inside the park home run.

Talking about the setback, Carter said, "Their pitchers had good command of the strike zone and their off speed pitches and we were unable to focus in and hit the ball. We really struggled all day. Defensively we had one big error that could have gotten us out of an inning early that turned into an eight-run inning."

Abila was a bright spot with a double and a stolen base.

The Greyhounds finish the season at home Friday against the Seymour JV

# Houndettes finish 4-1 season



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Fielding a softball team for the first time in 15 years, the Knox City Houndettes finished a junior varsity schedule with a 4-1 record. Weather played havoc with the schedule. Above, Brylee White crossed home plate in a win over the Seymour JV

# Steele, Eaton finish third in 7-1A tennis

VERNON—Knox City's girls doubles team of Kaylie Steele and Jordan Eaton finished third in the District 7-1A tennis tournament here last week.

Steele and Eaton advanced to the finals, but were beaten by a Paducah duo. In the playback game to decide who advances to regional, they were defeated by a Spur duo.

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# Moguls claim title in Yellowhammer Relays

ROTAN — The Munday Moguls warmed up for the District 8-1A track meet by claiming the Yellowhammers Relays title here last Friday.

Coach Cory McCombs was especially pleased with the performance of Temerick Reagins, who cleared 6-4 in winning the high jump, and the 800-meter relay unit, which posted its best time of the season with a 1:34.94 clocking.

The Moguls also won the 1,600-meter relay with a 3:36.77. Reagins also claimed a gold medal in the triple jump with a leap of 40-4 1/4 while teammate Day'veon Dockins won the long jump with a 20-5 1/2 jump.

Christian Aruajo captured the 3,200 meters with a 11:33.21 clocking, but had to settle for a silver in the 1,600, losing to Matthew Barrera of Roby at the wire. Teammate Manny Carranza took second and third in the longer races.

Earning silver medals for the Moguls were Mitchell Lowrance in the shot put (39-8), Dee Hemphill in the triple jump (37-8 1/2) and Heath Bivens in the pole vault (11-6).

Bivens also claimed a bronze medal in the 400 meters with a 56.79 time and Brady Weaver took third in the 300 meter hurdles (47.80).

Also earning points for the Moguls were Raylynn Dockins, Kellen Redder, Julio Vitolas, Dakota Taylor, Brian Gibson, Kade Sanders, Holt Bivens and Chance Hobert.



Munday Moguls win at Rotan, eye 8-1A trophy

## Mogulettes continue win streak at Rotan

ROTAN — The Munday Mogulettes continued their winning ways here last Friday, claiming the title in the Yellowhammer Relays by a 167-112 margin over Aspermont.

Janie Salinas and Raci Dillard led the way with a pair of golds each. Salinas captured the 1,600 and 3,200 races with 5:51.76 and 12:59.72 times while Dillard won the shot put (36-10 1/2) and discus (110-7 1/2).

The Mogulettes won two of the relays with times of 52.46 in the 400 and 4:15.05 in the 1600 and finished second in the 800 (1:59.07).

Also claiming individual gold medals were Kayla Talor in the 200 (26.81), Karla Taylor in the 400 (1:01.33) and Myca Flowers in the high jump (4-8). Flowers also placed second in the 800 meters (2:39.71).

Charity Hunter picked up a silver in the long jump at 15-8, two inches behind winner Britney Beaver of Trent. Kristen Kuehler took second in the discus (98-3 1/2) while Kasey Lowrance was third in the shot put (30-8) and Kimberly Shahan took bronze in the 100 meters (13.82).

Also scoring points for the Mogulettes were Jenna Wertz, Reagan Sanderson and Ana Vega.



Jenna Wertz finishes sixth in 3,200 meters

## Junior High Track Munday sweeps 8-1A junior high track titles

MUNDAY — Munday swept the boys and girls titles in the District 8-1A junior high track meet here last week. The boys compiled 249.5 points and the girls 157 points.

The young Moguls swept the relays. Edgar Araujo, Noah Ramos, Ramiro Carranza and Trevaul Mitchell combined for golds in the 400 and 1,600 races. Bransen Speck replaced Mitchell to join the other three runners in winning the 800.

Kobe Ramirez claimed three gold medals, winning the 100 and 200 meters in 13.92 and 28.97 and the long jump with a leap of 6-3.

Also winning golds were Raymond Ca-

storeno in the shot put (43-10) and discus (102-6) and Logan Steel in the 110 meter hurdles (22.65).

The young Mogulettes won two of the relays. Temi Flowers, Rianna Manning, Ana Sanchez and McKenna Zeisel teamed to win the 800. Abby Walker and Emily Scott joined Flowers and Zeisel to win the 1,600.

Scott also claimed three individual golds, winning the 400 (1:11.34), the shot put (30-10 1/4) and the discus (78-2).

Flowers and Marissa Padilla added individual golds, claiming the 800 (2:44.82) and the triple jump (28-1 1/2).

# MHS Golf

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## Route for water line needs clearance

**BENJAMIN**—The City of Benjamin has filed a public notice giving all concerned parties until April 23 to make comments about proposed activity in a floodplain.

Mayor Ronnie White indicated that an evaluation showed the necessity to use a slightly different route whereby 290 linear feet of the 3,500 linear feet of the new 8-inch water would be in the floodplain.

Modification of the floodplain is anticipated to be incidental. According to the project engineer, the improvements will not alter the drainage runoff flow. Therefore, the disturbed floodplain will return to its preconstruction state.

Additionally, the project will not increase the amount of runoff because additional impermeable surfaces will not be created. Therefore, impacts to the floodplain will be negligible.

White added that construction of the water line has been delayed until clearance is received from the necessary agencies.

In other city news, it was announced that there would be a city-wide clean up April 25. Residents are reminded to call Benjamin City Hall at 459-3131 or 256-3962 by April 23 for the pick up of large items or items needing to be shredded.

## Espinal collects pair of 8-1A gold medals

**MUNDAY**—J.C. Espinal of Benjamin collected a pair of gold medals in the 800 meters and 2,400 meters in the District 8-A Junior High Track Meet here last week, clocking times of 2:37.44 and 9:19.30. He had a fifth in the triple jump.

Dylan Kuehne finished third in the 100 and second in the 200; Abraham Nevarez was fourth in the 800 and 1,600 and sixth in the triple jump; while Aaron Espinosa and Braden Garza scored points with sixth

places in the 110 hurdles and the discus.

The Benjamin boys finished in fourth place with 65 points while the girls scored only 38 points and finished sixth.

Taryn Strickland finished fourth in the 100 and 200 and third in the 400; Breanna Pryor placed second in the 2,400 and third in the 1,600; and Carolina Hilario took fourth in the 1,600 and fifth in the 800.

Munday claimed both the boys and girls titles.

## Natural gas pipeline eyed in Big Bend area

**ALPINE** - A consortium of two companies owned by a pair of billionaire businessmen won a \$767 million contract to build a 143-mile natural gas pipeline through mostly private ranch land, but ranchers and landowners are up in arms over the plan.

Rancher Mary Luedeke said talk about condemning something by eminent domain doesn't sit well with West Texas landowners. "I'm here to try and find out where it's going and what their intent is, and to not be painted into a corner by my ignorance,"

Luedeke said.

The pipeline, which would run south between Alpine and Marfa toward Presidio and connect with a large pipeline on the Mexican side near Ojinaga, would deliver up to 1.4 billion cubic feet a day of natural gas from the Permian Basin for Mexican Federal Electricity Commission's power generation and industrial use.

There currently are no energy transmission pipelines in the Big Bend region, or any oil or gas production.

## Wichita Brazos Museum to add new exhibits

**BENJAMIN**—In the coming weeks, the Wichita Brazos Museum will be changing the exhibits. "We change the main exhibits once a year to try to include many areas of interests," said Mary Young.

Young added that items needed for the new exhibits are antique toys and fire department memorabilia.

The fire department exhibit will in-

clude pictures, news articles, and items from fire departments in each community while the toys exhibit will include many items of interest from past to present.

Anyone interested in loaning family treasures to the museum for display for the coming year should contact the museum office Tuesday-Friday, 1-5:00 p.m. at 940-459-2229.

## Benjamin News

**By Gladene Green**

It's a cool, damp and windy Monday morning, but so far not much rain—just an occasional sprinkle once in a while. I don't know if we'll get anything more than that or not. We can still hope!

We have a few on the ailing list this week, but I'm also glad to report that most of them are making progress back to better health.

Buddy Tolson says he's doing much better since his surgery of a couple weeks ago. Still sore, of course, and will be a while, but he says that is getting better day by day.

Barbara Ryder had foot surgery on Thursday, but thankfully it was not as bad as the doctor had thought it would be. It's still pretty painful but is improving slowly. She's back in Lubbock today for a post op check up.

Imagean Young had a little mishap Thursday. She started to get out of her car and somehow lost her balance and fell, hitting her head on the cement carport floor. She cut a pretty good gash in her forehead, and that required 11 stitches, but other than being sore, that is about all that's bothering her. Of course, she's very thankful that she didn't break a bone.

Judy Barnett is finally feeling "almost" back to normal. She's had a bout with shingles, plus a reaction to some of her medication, but it's about all cleared up now—and she was ready. She's been perfectly miserable for about three weeks.

Daniel Jackson is still on crutches as a result of hurting his ankle several weeks ago while participating in track. He's better also, but still can't walk without the help of the crutches. It shouldn't be too long before he can put them aside.

Irene Reed had to go to the ER Sunday. She had an irritating rash and some welts on her neck. Some of "us" shade tree doctors sure thought she had the shingles, but turns out she had been bitten by a swarm of buffalo gnats, and I guess had an allergic reaction to them. Anyway, after some shots and medication, she's much better and very glad it wasn't the shingles.

Latest report on my great

### Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in a 100-year Floodplain

To: All interested Agencies, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, U.S. Corp of Army Engineers, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Texas Department of Agriculture, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that the City of Benjamin has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988 and/or 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management, to determine the potential affect that its activity in the floodplain will have on the human environment for 2013 Texas Community Development Block under TDA STEP Contract 713036.

This notice is to inform interested parties that the original layout of the project has been changed. The new waterline route within City limits will install 3,500 linear feet of new 8-inch water line along:

On Goree St from Elevated Storage Tank to N. Bedford St

On N Bedford St from Goree St to Hays/US 82

On S. Cooper St from Elevated Storage Tank to alley North of Hays/US 82

On Alley north of Hays/US 82 from S. Cooper St to S. Stewart St.

The remaining water line route will remain unchanged.

A map of the proposed area is available at City Hall. The Grantee shall install new 8-inch water line. Contractor shall acquire the right-of-way needed for part of the water line.

Approximately 290 linear feet, or .013 acres, of the new transmission line along the Alley north of Hays/US 82 is located in Floodplain Zone A.

The City of Benjamin has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values: The City's waterlines are aged and deteriorated, resulting in water loss and frequent maintenance issues. (i) Alternative considered: move the project away from or around the floodplain. However, existing structures in ulterior routes would increase the environmental footprint and project cost. (ii) No Action alternative. This option would result in continued deterioration of the water lines, eventually resulting in a water loss detrimental to the City's citizens. Alternate material and methods are considered, but the project engineer has determined the items proposed are best suited for the project and in the best interest of the environment (iii) The following mitigation measures will be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values: Follow best soil erosion management practices and a water pollution prevention plan; Take necessary safety precautions during construction. The project will comply with state and local floodplain protection procedures.

The City of Benjamin has reevaluated the alternatives to building in the floodplain and has determined that it has no practicable alternative. Environmental files that document compliance with steps 3 through 6 of [Executive Order 11988 and/or 11990], are available for public inspection, review and copying upon request at the times and location delineated in the last paragraph of this notice for receipt of comments. This activity will have no significant impact on the environment for the following reasons:

Modification of the floodplain is anticipated to be incidental. According to the project engineer, the project improvements will not alter the drainage runoff flow. Therefore, the disturbed floodplain will return to its preconstruction state. Additionally, the project will not increase the amount of runoff because additional impermeable surfaces will not be created. Therefore, impacts to the floodplain will be negligible.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in the floodplain and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information about floodplains can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the City of Benjamin at the following address on or before April 23, 2015: Benjamin City Hall, 303 S. Hinton, P.O. Box 286, Benjamin, Texas 79505 and (940)459-3131, Attention: Tami Gaddis, City Secretary during the hours of 8:00 am to 4:00 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday. Comments may also be submitted via email to Benjamin\_texas@yahoo.com.

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## The 501

Quanah Parker always draws a crowd, and a catchy title for an event doesn't hurt either -- even at a historical conference.

"Elvis Has Been Sighted at the Laundromat, George Washington Slept Here and Quanah Parker Was Born Simultaneously in Both Texas and Oklahoma: Parsing the Truth as to Quanah Parker's Presence, Travels and Fame" was the intriguing title of a standing-room-only presentation Friday in Amarillo at the annual meeting of the West Texas Historical Association.

The presenter was Holle Humphries, facilitator and researcher for the Quanah Parker Trail, a 52-county historical project that accounts for 81 roadside arrows across the Texas Panhandle and Plains. Childress has an arrow; Post has two. The 22-foot-tall steel arrows also stand in Memphis, Benjamin, Floydada, Wellington and other places in the readership of Blackburn Media, excluding Oklahoma, but only because the Sooner State isn't part of the Texas Plains Trail Region, the official heritage tourism division that is home to the Quanah Parker Trail project. (See [quanahparkertrail.com](http://quanahparkertrail.com).)

Places that claim to be Quanah's birthplace, based on varying reports, some from Chief Quanah himself, include Elk Creek in the Wichita Mountains of Oklahoma and various sites in Texas -- Cedar Lake near Seminole, Tahoka Lake and Wichita Falls. Humphries mentioned all the sites and noted that Quanah lent credence to some of the claims because of travels he made in Texas toward the end of his life. Quanah died in 1911.

The marker at Cedar Lake is a 1936 Texas Centennial Marker.

"Texas was reinventing itself in the late 1930s and identifying with its cowboy culture to counter the downside of losing the Civil War," Humphries said, noting that Quanah fit the cowboy and Indian image. Indeed, the presentation after Humphries' concentrated on Chief Quanah's positive relationship with ranchers at the turn of the 20th century.

A picture of Quanah taken later in his life was part of Humphries' presentation. Visiting the place of one's birth in one's later years is a Comanche custom, she said -- a fact confirmed later during the conference by Ardith Parker, Chief Quanah's great-granddaughter.

"Having lost his mother and his father afterwards, Quanah, like us, sought the answer to nature of his origins as a Comanche of the Plains," Humphries said, tying all of Quanah's birthplace legends together but still offering no explicit answer as to which place holds the strongest claim.

She summed up his significance to his people and their survival into the 20th century:

"He was so intelligent, so bright, such a good businessman. Those were the gifts he brought to his people. He knew how to navigate the snake pit of the reservation and politics."

Christopher Freeman and John Hensley of Midwestern State University talked about Quanah during the reservation era with a presentation titled "Two Worlds, One Big Pasture: Quanah Parker and Burk Burnett: The Social, Economic and Cultural Implications of Anglo-Indian Association in the Oklahoma and Texas Borderlands."

Freeman and Hensley talked about the importance of Quanah as a figure of importance not only to his own people but also to ranchers of his era -- men whose empires shaped the culture of Southwest Oklahoma and the Texas Panhandle and Plains.

"You could write an entire volume on Quanah Parker's relationship with Anglo ranchers and how that defines us," they said.

Hensley and Freeman mentioned a missing 200-page manuscript referred to in a letter written by Laura Birdsong, a Quanah descendent, to Samuel Burk Burnett.

"If it were to be found, there may be a whole lot more about Quanah Parker's life that we are able to discover."

The historians at the conference, some professional and some not, listened intently on a broad range of topics and heard Bill Neal, Hardeman County native, speak at a banquet Friday night.

Texas State Historian Bill O'Neal, WTHA president, introduced Bill Neal, whose middle initial is "O," and shared, with his characteristic humor, stories about incidents that have happened because of the similarity in their names. The two have nicknames for each other, O'Neal said, namely "Period" and "Apostrophe."

Neal, author of "Getting Away with Murder on the Texas Frontier" and other books about the legal system on the frontier, entertained the crowd with excerpts from his book and also from his life. His talk was titled "Courtroom Gladiators of Yesteryear: Tales of Those Audacious Frontier Lawyers." Even as Neal spoke, a figure of Quanah Parker stood next to the podium, a larger-than-life effigy put in place as a backdrop to the presentation of a special award, following Neal's address, from the WTHA to the Quanah Parker Trail. The \$1,000 award from the Tillapaugh Public History Fund, announced by O'Neal and J. Tillapaugh, director of the fund and past WTHA president, recognized the Quanah Parker Trail for commemorating the history of West Texas in an extraordinarily successful way.

Other trails, including the Great Western Trail from Texas to Dodge City and points beyond and the Potter-Bacon Trail through West Texas, both cattle trails, were also topics at the scholarly conference. The conference participants also made their own trails in and around Amarillo, taking bus tours to the Charles Goodnight House at Goodnight on Thursday and, among other places, to the now-vacant Herring Hotel in Amarillo, a downtown landmark built in 1926.

Barbara Brannon, director of the Texas Plains Trail Region, lingered at the old Herring for a closer look at the building after the bus tour departed. Brannon took a second look at the basement, where a mural executed by the renowned Panhandle artist H. G. Bugbee is still partly intact, and she also took the stairs to see each floor and the roof.

The following day Brannon shared her thoughts about hotels like the Herring and also the successfully renovated Settles in Big Spring, her own topic at the conference:

"In the Plains and Panhandle we are lucky to have a few surviving gems from the era of the grand hotel. Visitors are eager to recapture the sense of the authentic past they embody, and we should work hard to preserve and reuse them. What we've seen from projects like Big Spring's Hotel Settles is that a revived historic hotel serves as a magnet for other redevelopment like no other building can."

Next year, the WTHA will hold its annual meeting in Abilene. The organization, based in Lubbock, welcomes both professional and amateur historians to its ranks.

## Lineage of David



The Lineage of David gospel group will present a concert at 6 p.m. Sunday at the First Baptist Church Munday

## Knox City Country Club Golf Schedule

- May 2—Knox City Fire Department Scramble, 3-person scramble, \$75, 1:30 p.m.
- May 25—Memorial Day Scramble, blind draw, \$15, 1:30 p.m.
- June 6—21st annual Wild Hog Classic, 3-lady scramble, \$180, 8:30 a.m.
- June 20—Guys & Dolls Scramble, 2-person scramble, \$75, 1:30 p.m.
- July 4—July 4th Scramble, blind draw, \$15, 1:30 p.m.
- July 5—Bill Baker Memorial Tournament, 2-person scramble, \$100, 8:30 a.m.
- July 25—Knox City Festival, 3-person scramble, \$75, 8 a.m.
- Aug. 8—Knox City CC Ag-Oil, 4-man, \$240, 8 a.m., 2 p.m.
- Aug. 22—Glow Ball Scramble, 4-person, \$25, 5 p.m.
- Sept. 7—Labor Day Scramble, blind draw, \$15, 1:30 p.m.
- Sept. 12—Knox City Fall Classic, 3-person, \$75, 1:30 p.m.
- Sept. 19—Knox City Chamber of Commerce Scramble, 3-person, \$120, 1:30 p.m.
- Oct. 3—Glow Ball Scramble, 4-person, \$25 (includes meal), 5 p.m.
- Oct. 10—Guys & Dolls Scramble, 2-person scramble, \$75, 1:30 p.m.

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## Knox City Sheriff's report

Arrests processed through the Knox County jail: March 26-April 13

1. **Speck, David Kyle**, 3/26/15, Dob 1/26/81, possess controlled substance, (F-3), MTR: aggravated assault w/deadly weapon public servant, (F-1) Knox County
2. **Shelton, Christopher Ray**, 3/27/15, Dob 10/28/84, surety off bond: forgery (SJF) Baylor County
3. **Pardo, Jeannie**, 3/28/15, DOB 9/10/78, MTR: assault causing bodily injury/ family member, (M-A) Knox County, (arrested in Stamford, TX.)
4. **Lewis, Bee Bennie**, 3/29/15, Dob 11/21/63, theft (M-C) Knox County
5. **Silva, Joel**, 3/31/15, Dob 2/22/1985, MTR: possess marihuana, (M-B) Knox County, (arrested in Scurry County)
6. **Longoria, Gustavo**, 4/6/15, Dob 7/21/1996, bond forfeiture: burglary of habitation (F-2) Knox County
7. **Macias, Michael Ray**, 4/6/15, Dob 7/21/1988, public intoxication (M-C), resisting arrest w/deadly weapon (F-3), aggravated assault on public servant (F-1) Knox County
8. **Ramos, Andres Cevallos**, 4/7/15, Dob 4/18/1966, interfere w/emergency call, (M-A) Knox County
9. **Reyna, Christopher M.**, 4/9/15, Dob 3/15/1978, DWI 1st, (M-B) Knox County
10. **Gunter, Hazel Ruth**, 4/11/15, Dob 7/16/1989, TBC, (M-B) Knox County, (arrested in Nueces County)
11. **Daniel, Jason Eugene**, Dob 4/16/1985, public intoxication (M-C) Foard County Dean W. Homstad Sheriff Knox County

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### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Knox City-O'Brien Consolidated Independent School District Request for Sealed Competitive Bidding Proposal for Elementary School Classroom Additions at the Knox City Elementary School located at 300 N.E. 4th Street, Knox City, Texas 79529 Due: 14 May 2015

The Knox City-O'Brien Consolidated Independent School District has issued this Request For Sealed Competitive Bidding Proposal ("bids") for Elementary School Classroom Additions at the Knox City Elementary School which is located at the Knox City-O'Brien Consolidated Independent School District Campus, 300 N.E. 4th Street, Knox City, Texas 79529.

#### TIME AND PLACE

Sealed Competitive Bidding Proposal, labeled "Sealed Bid for Elementary School Classroom Additions located at 300 N.E. 4th Street at the Knox City-O'Brien Consolidated Independent School District, Knox City, Texas" will be addressed to:

Mr. Louis Baty, Superintendent  
Knox City-O'Brien Consolidated Independent School District  
606 E. Main  
Knox City, Texas 79529  
940-657-3521  
FAX: 940-657-3379  
louis.baty@esc9.net

Bids will be received in the administration office of the Knox City-O'Brien Consolidated Independent School District, Knox City, Texas, until 2:00 P.M. on 14 May 2015 and will be publicly opened and read aloud at 2:05 P.M. on 14 May 2015 in the superintendent's office.. The Knox City-O'Brien Consolidated Independent School District Board of Trustees will meet at a later date in a called meeting to determine the contract awards. Bids received after 2:00 P.M. on 14 May 2015 will not be accepted. All inquiries, prior to this date, should be directed to the architect, William B. Slavik, P. O. Box 477, 813 Hillsboro Street, Cleburne, Texas 76031, 817-645-6949 (office) or 817-832-9875 (cell) or email [wslavikarchitect@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wslavikarchitect@sbcglobal.net) and FAX number 817-556-0033 or to Mr. Louis Baty, Superintendent, Knox City-O'Brien Consolidated Independent School District, 606E. Main, Knox City, Texas 79529, 940-657-3521 or email [louis.baty@esc9.net](mailto:louis.baty@esc9.net) and FAX number 940-657-3379.

#### PLANS

A \$50.00 deposit will be required for each hard copy of the plans and specifications and will be available on Monday, 20 April 2015 from the Knox City-O'Brien Consolidated Independent School District's office or by arrangement with the architect. To receive the deposit, the plans and specifications must be returned within 14 days of bid date. An electronic file will be available from the architect.

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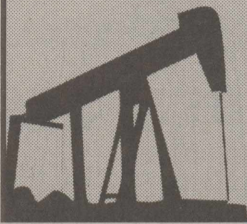
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### Mandatory Public Notification Language

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Infants below the age of six months who drink water containing nitrate in excess of the MCL could become seriously ill and, if untreated, may die. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blue baby syndrome. If your child is under the age of six months, the child *must* be given an alternative water supply for any consumption. Boiling the affected water is **not** an effective treatment for nitrate removal.

Most consumers do not need to use an alternative water supply. However, if you have health concerns, you may want to talk to your doctor to get more information about how this may affect you. At this time, the health effects to fetuses of pregnant women is unclear. If you are pregnant, you may also choose to use an alternative source of water for drinking and cooking purposes.

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(A los votantes registrados del Munday Texas;)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on May 9, 2015, for voting in a School Trustee election, to elect (3) Trustees.

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### LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES (DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

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Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at  
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(entre las 8 de la mañana y las 4 de la tarde empezando el 27 de abril, 2015 (fecha)

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## Mac's Views

As much as I usually like to see more drama on the closing nine of the Masters, it was nice to see 21-year-old Dallas native Jordan Spieth continue his hot streak—two wins and a pair of seconds in his last four starts—and win what is likely not his last major.

In becoming the first wire-to-wire winner at the Masters since Raymond Floyd in 1976, Spieth set all kinds of records, just missing the best winning score ever at Augusta National when he failed to convert a five-footer for par on the final green.



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"It's the most incredible week of my life," Spieth said after getting his green jacket. "This is as great as it gets in our sport. This was the ultimate goal in my golf life."

While Spieth does occasionally let a drive leak to the right, his putting more than makes up for these few mistakes. He has that ability to focus and see things clear and perform at his best when the pressure is on—something only the great players seem to have.

Watch out Rory, Jordan has his eyes on that No. 1 ranking in the world! "The ultimate goal is to become the number one player in the world," said Spieth. "I'm not quite there yet."

However, it's too early to even start thinking if he could come close to being a threat to Jack Nicklaus' record of 16 majors.

It's nice sometimes to hear a sports story that isn't about just winning. That's why I wanted to pass along this interesting story about a college softball game that Becky Offutt sent me last week.

Sarah Jakalski hits a home run, her first ever, with two runners on late in the game that would allow Western Oregon to beat Central Washington for the conference title. However, in her excitement, she failed to touch the bag as she rounded first base. The coach yelled for her to come back. Pivoting to go back, her cleats get caught and she fell to the ground in excruciating pain with what turned out to be a torn ACL. She literally crawled back to first base.

When her coach asked the umpire if he could

substitute a runner, he was told her home run would be recorded as a single and the runners would have to return to second and third base. Her teammates then asked if they could carry her and were told if they touched her it would be an out and the inning would be over.

Mallory Holtman of Central Washington went to the umpire and asked if there was anything in the rules that would prevent players from the opposing team carrying Sarah. Upon hearing it would be OK, three girls picked up Jakalski and carried her around the bases, lowering her uninjured foot to touch each base. As a result, Central Washington lost the game, 4-2.

John Smith, who passed it along to Becky, noted the story was a victory for the nobility of character that so seldom is not allowed to surface because too many of us are controlled by self-interest. I agree.

While sharing good news, my friend from Oklahoma, Jim Mills, had praise for CBS newsman Bob Scheiffer, who announced his retirement recently. Mills wrote him a letter, praising his values and devotion to journalism, and got back a nice personal note signed "Bob." Mills noted, "I put him in the same category with Walter Cronkite and Edward R. Murrow and it is nice to know he is a regular guy that answers his mail."

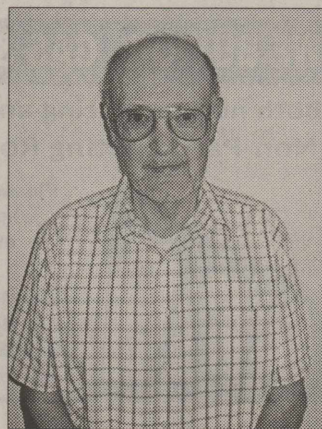
Closer to home, the new restaurant in Munday, Caroline's, opened last week, giving residents another dining option for breakfast and lunch. I heard some good reviews. I heard at another meeting Tuesday that the hours may be extended to include dinner.

Going back for breakfast earlier this week, I did find out that I made a mistake in the caption identifying the Garcias. Monica is Caroline's sister-in-law, Victor is Caroline's son and Tony or T.J. is Monica's son. I apologized. Even after eight months, I still don't know all the family connections, but should have double checked.

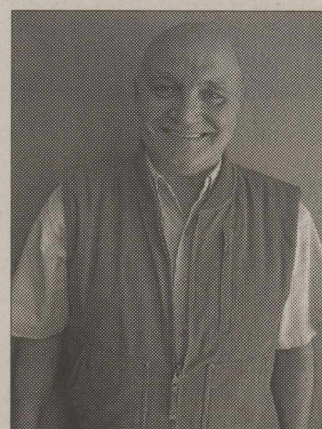
Even better news for Munday residents, more eating places will be opening in the near future, including White's Fisherman just a half block away. Ground was also broken on another place next to the Munday Clinic. In addition, a donut shop is also scheduled to open.

In closing, remember "life is short, spend it with someone who makes you laugh."

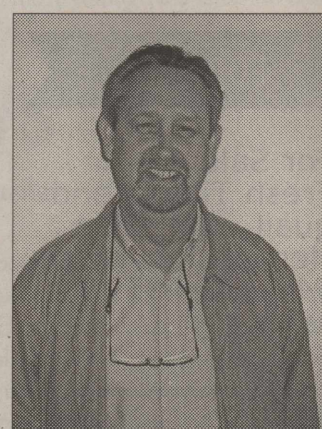
## Four candidates vie for Munday City Council



William Burtram



William Ray Carden



Richard Don Thompson

MUNDAY—Two positions on the Munday City Council will be open for the May 9 election. Incumbent Traci Blair will be joined on the ballot by William Allen Burtram, William Ray Carden and Richard Don Thompson.

Requests for ballots for early voting will be accepted until April 30. Then voters can cast early votes between April 27 and May 5.

### The candidates:

#### William Allen Burtram

Bill or "Alaska Bill" and wife Loretta moved back to Munday in 2009 after almost 30 years in Alaska, where he worked on oil platforms, had a muffler shop and served as a general manager at a golf course. He opened Bill's Small Engine Repair in 2011.

#### William Ray Carden

Billy was born in Knox County Hospital, son of Raymond and Bernice Carden, and was raised in Munday. He graduated from MHS in 1970 and Tarleton State in 1974. He lived in Dallas

for 36 years, employed by Howmet Aluminum for 26 years. He also had his own business as a registered massage therapist for 11 years. He came back to Munday in 2012 to care for family. He currently works for Lawrence Brothers in Munday.

#### Richard Don Thompson

Don's family has lived in Munday for 41 years. He lived here in the 1980s, then moved away for work opportunities. After 30 years working in purchasing and management for nationally known businesses in Dallas, Toledo, OH, Oneida, NY, and China, Don and wife Charlie (Yan) are back in Munday. He returned to take care of his mother and sister. Don still works part-time from home.

#### Traci Lyn Blair

Traci is the incumbent who moved to Munday seven years ago to be closer to her family. She currently works for Knox County 911 in Knox City.

## Weather Whys?

# Doppler radar very effective

What exactly is "Doppler radar" that the weather folks refer to?

It's the type of radar that uses microwave radiation to detect the strength and movement of severe storms, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. It's named after the Austrian scientist Christian Doppler, who in 1842 discovered many of the principles of waves that we know today.

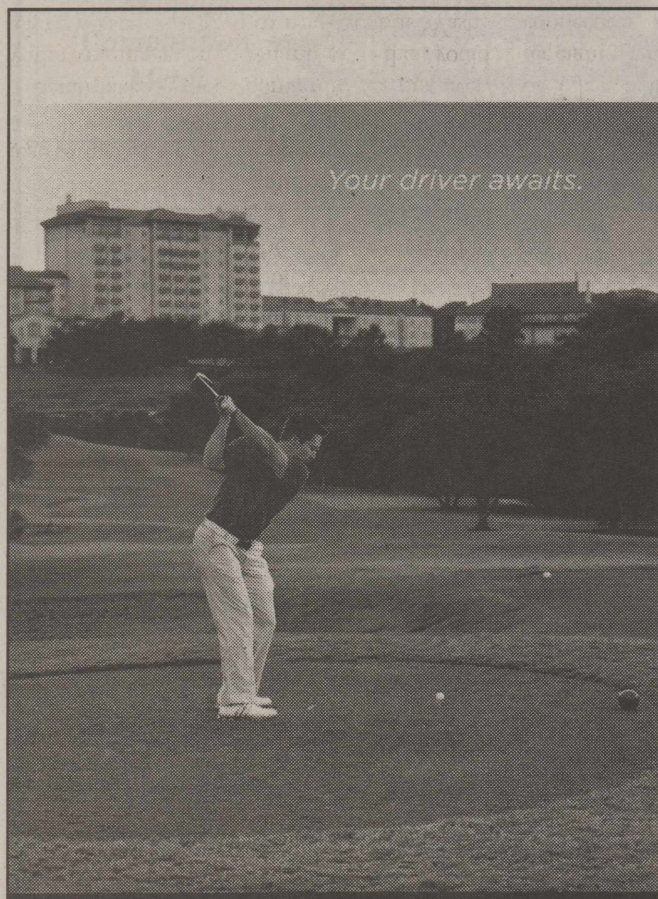
"Doppler radar allows us to observe the movement of precipitation, such as rainfall or even snowfall and ice crystals,

by using waves that bounce off these substances," he says. "Water drops and snow and ice will reflect these waves and send them back to a transmitter or receiver and because it's so precise, Doppler can tell us the movement of storms and how intense they are. It usually does this with the use of a colored monitor or screen showing severe storms as dark green, blue or red."

McRoberts says Doppler radar is very effective. "It's the most advanced weather radar system there is," he explains.

"The unique aspect of Doppler radar is that it allows us to look inside a storm. We can project rainfall amounts and detect the movement of storms, even tornadoes, better than ever, and this gives meteorologists a method to give the public advance warnings, sometimes even up to an hour."

Up until the 1980s, many weather stations were using radar technology that was used in the 1940s and 1950s, but Doppler radar eventually replaced all of those. Today, there are 160 Doppler sites around the U.S., and most of these are operated by the National Weather Service. The rest are used by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) or by the Department of Defense."



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## Relay for Life scheduled May 9

HASKELL—The Knox and Haskell volunteer chapter of the American Cancer Society Relay for Life is honoring Relay's 30th year with a host of new activities culminating in a traditional Relay celebration including a Survivor Dinner and Luminaria Ceremony. The event will take place Saturday, May 9 from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. at the Haskell County Country Club.

Because cancer never sleeps, Relay For Life is traditionally held overnight on an outdoor track so that participants can walk through the night in support of local survivors and the fight against cancer. This year, Relay activities will span a 12-hour period during the day.

Registration forms for each of the events below can be picked up at DixieBz bakery.

#### Superhero 5K

Open to both walkers and runners of all ages, the Superhero 5K will start at 8 a.m. with two laps around the Haskell golf course. Participants are encouraged to dress as their favorite superhero to fight cancer with their super strength. Awards will

be given to all who complete the course, as well as fastest times and best costumes. A donation of \$20 is asked of all walkers and runners.

#### Cancer-Fighting Golf Tournament

A 10 a.m. shotgun will signal the start of a three-person team scramble to support cancer research. For a donation of \$40 per person, golfers will also enjoy a free meal at the end of their day, goodie bag, raffle ticket and trophies or prizes awarded to the top three teams. To register your team, call Thomas Parks at 940-481-0303.

#### Survivor/Caregiver Dinner

Every survivor and their caregiver is invited and encouraged to attend a free survivor dinner in their honor at 6 p.m. at the Haskell County C.C. To RSVP, call Lauren McKechnie at 281-380-8122.

#### Mini Relay, featuring "Minute to Win It" games

The Relay celebration will continue from 7-10 p.m. with a free, kid-friendly event at the Haskell County C.C. The community is invited to attend and take part in "Min-

ute To Win It" style games, a silent auction, food, fun, and a Luminaria Ceremony at 9 p.m. During Luminaria, paper bags decorated to honor and remember loved ones who have battled cancer will be lit in a ceremony of reverence for their strength and courage. Luminaria bags will be sold throughout the day's events and are available now for a donation of \$5. To purchase a Luminaria bag, contact Leann Harlan at 940-203-0142.

"Relay For Life is all about our community uniting with the American Cancer Society and supporting its efforts to finish the fight," said Michelle Fellenbaum, Event Chair. "Cancer has touched my life just like it has touched so many others, and I am proud to do something for my community that lets people know cancer can be defeated."

If you would like to join the Relay For Life of Knox/Haskell County as a volunteer or team participant, call the American Cancer Society at 281-380-8122, or visit RelayForLife.org/KnoxHaskell-ITX.



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