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Region 1A top 10 teams

Girls	Score
MUNDAY	116
FOLLETT	82
NAZARETH	52
ROPESVILLE	46
ANTON	45.8
SPUR	32
MIAMI	26
KNOXCITY	21
LAZBUDDIE	21
MCLEAN	20

Boys	Score
MUNDAY	95
HAPPY	60
KNOX CITY	53
TURKEY VALLEY	47
GROOM	40
SPRINGLAKE	40
GUTHRIE	32
PADUCAH	27
CROWELL	27
MEADOW	25

Moguls, Mogulettes celebrate



Courtesy Photo



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It's time to vote!

Knox County voters will cast ballots Saturday to fill two Knox City-O'Brien Consolidated Independent School board positions, three Munday Consolidated Independent School board openings and two Munday City Council positions.

The most heated race will be the one of the Munday board of trustees positions with incumbents Rebecca Araujo and Bill Longan joined on the ballot by Kevin Myers, Rogelio Nunez, Shannon Waters and Laurie Urbanczyk. Todd Thompson is stepping down as board president and a new president will be named at the May 12 meeting.

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Munday finishes 5th in state golf

AUSTIN—In the school's first trip to the state high school golf tournament, Munday finished in fifth place in Class 1A with a score of 393-386-779, a stroke ahead of Moulton, here last week at the Lions Municipal Golf Course.

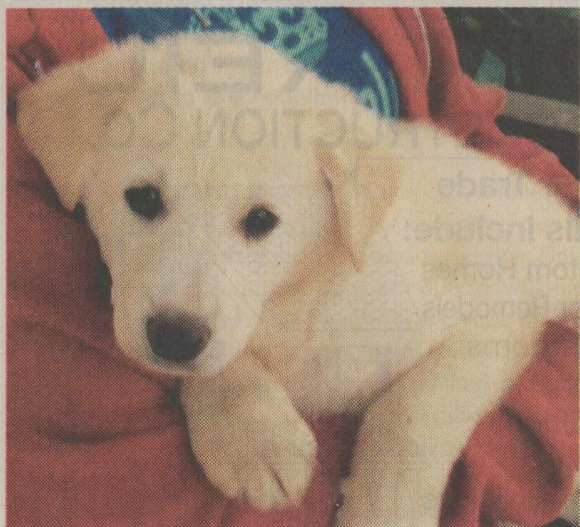
Heath Bivens paced the Moguls with 87-85-172 while Holt Bivens had 100-99-199, Mitchell Lowrance 103-96-199 and Chandler McCombs 103-106-209.

Competing in only the medalist category, Munday's Taylor Thompson posted 102-94-196 in the girls division.

Throckmorton claimed the boys title with 337-326-663, 19 strokes ahead of Happy. The Greyhounds' Lanham Brown took medalist honors with 77-71-148, two in front of Mitchell Downing of Happy.

Wink edged Utopia by a stroke, 822-823, for the girls title and Shaley Goad of Briscoe Fort Elliot took medalist honors with 78-75-154.

Puppies back home



Judge Travis Floyd and wife Brenda are happy that their puppies, lost after a storm, are home safely. Floyd said, "As I told my Sunday School Class, God cares about us and every little thing in our lives, and he answers prayers. While in the giant scheme of things, lost puppies seem insignificant, but first of all they had won our hearts and second of all, each of the pups had been spoken for and promised a good home. One of the pups was for my grandchildren in Louisville, Ky., which would have been their first pup, and they had already named her Daisy Mae without ever having met her. They prayed for her return and their Mom was able to say, "See, God answered your prayer". So to us, they weren't just pups. We appreciate your prayers and concern. We all love happy endings!"

Munday sweeps regional track titles

LEVELLAND—The Munday High School track teams swept the team titles in the Class 1A regional track meet here last week at South Plains College and established themselves as definite contenders for the same honors in next week's state meet in Austin by qualifying foursomes in all of the relays carrying double points.

The Moguls compiled 95 points, finishing 35 points ahead of its nearest rival Happy, while Knox County neighbor Knox City finished third with 53 points.

The Mogulettes scored 118 points to finish ahead of Follett with 82, Nazareth with 52 and Ropesville with 46.

Temerick Reagins led the Moguls, winning a gold in the high jump t 6-2 and a silver in the triple jump at 43-1 and running anchor legs on all three relays.

Day'veon Dockins and Holt Bivens also advanced to Austin with seconds in the long jump (21-9 1/4) and pole vault (11-6).

Rayshaun Dockins and Zac Huffman joined Day'veon Dockins and Reagins to win the 4x 100 meter relay in 51.89. With Alfonso Nunez replacing Rayshaun and joining the other three runners, the Moguls edged Earth Springlake at the wire to

take the 4x200 relay with a 1:33.51 clocking. The Moguls' foursome of Day'veon Dockins, Nunez, Heath Bivens and Reagins had to settle for second in the 4x400 relay with a 3:35.02 clocking.

The Mogulettes swept all three relays. Kimberly Shahan, Karla Taylor, Charity Hunter and Kayla Hunter combined for a 51.49 in the 4x100 meters and a 1:50.35 in the 4x200 meters. Myca Flowers joined Hunter and the Taylor sisters for a 3:35.02 in the 4x400 meters.

Janie Salinas claimed golds in the 1,600 and 3,200 meters with seasonal bests of 5:43.71 and 12:32.70, beating Isabelle Smith of Spur who had beaten her in the area race a week earlier.

Flowers captured a gold in the high jump with a 4-10 effort, winning a tiebreaker because of fewer misses t 4-8, but missed advancing in the triple jump (eighth) and 800 meters (11th).

Hunter earned a silver in the long jump with a 16-foot leap to also earn a spot in the state competition.

Other Moguls competing here were Kellen Redder, 16th in 800; Raylynn Dockins, seventh in the high jump; Mitchell Lowrance, fifth in the shot put; and Dee Hemphill, 11th in the triple jump.

Knox gets more rain

Knox County received more welcome moisture on Tuesday as Brandon Carr of the Plant Materials Center in Knox City reported 1.51 inches of rain.

It appears the rain chances will be around Thursday through Saturday based on forecasts.

Knox Notes

Time on Fire's final performance

MUNDAY — Munday High School will hold its final performance of Time on Fire, Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the high school auditorium. The award winning play is the story of young people and their struggles during the American Revolution.

Please come and support these actors and technicians. The performance will begin immediately following the Faculty Appreciation dinner and before the School Board meeting. The play will last approximately 40 minutes. Admission is a donation of \$4 for adults and \$1 for students.

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, May 7

Time on Fire play, MHS Auditorium, 7 p.m.

Saturday May 9,

Knox-Haskell Relay for Life, Haskell C.C.

Rock This Town recital, MHS Auditorium, 2p.m.

Sunday, May 10

Rock This Town recital, MHS Auditorium, 2 p.m.

Monday, May 11

Knox County Commissioners Court, 1:30, Courthouse

First Baptist Church MHS Senior Dinner

Tuesday, May 12

Time on Fire, MHS Auditorium

City of Munday Council meeting, 6 p.m.

Munday CISD Board of Trustees, 7:30 p.m.

Thursdy, May 14

State track meet, Austin

Friday, May 15

State track meet, Austin

Saturday, May 16

State track meet, Austin



Corrections

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

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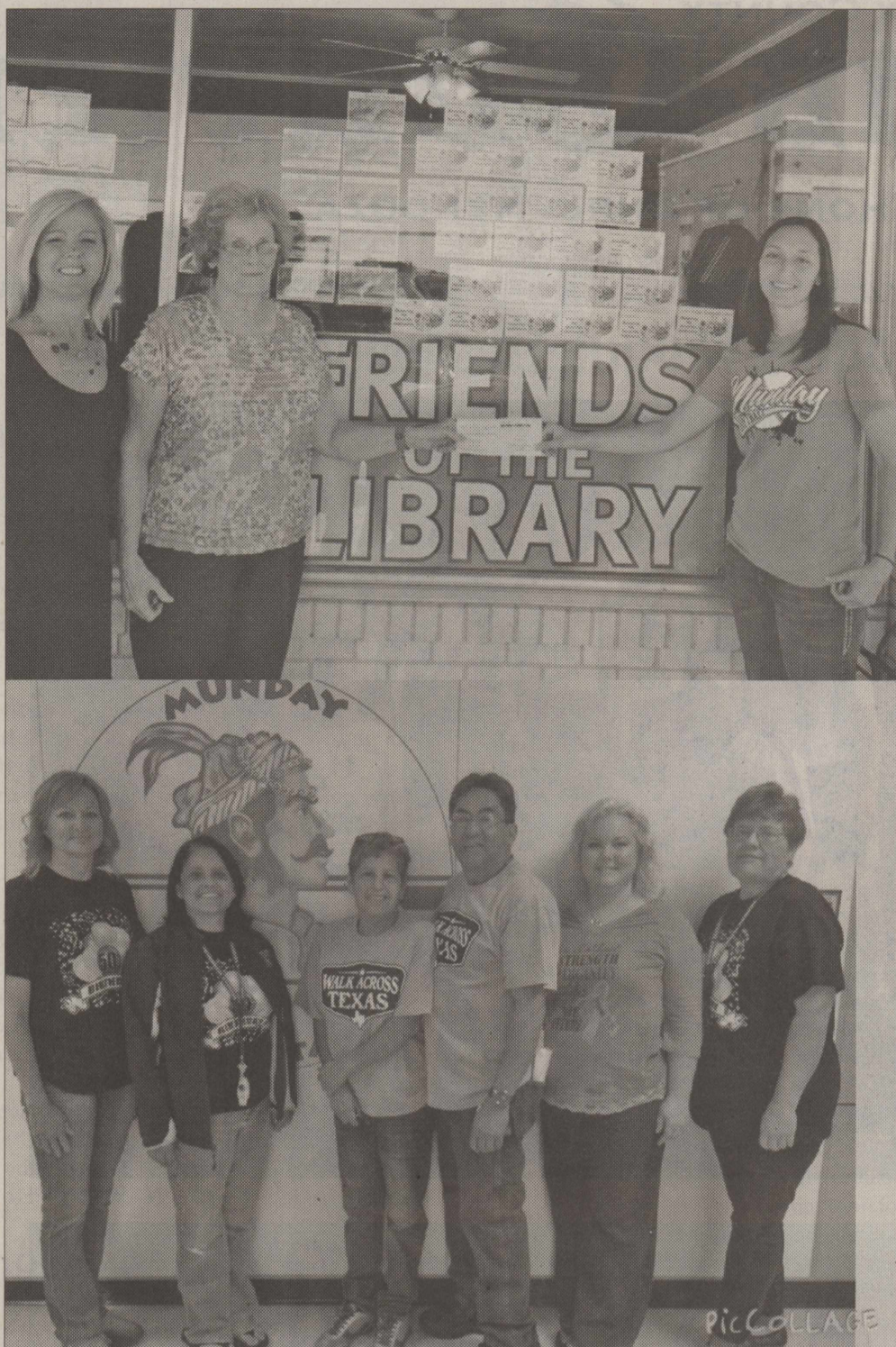
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Walk across Texas winner



Courtesy photos for The Knox News-Courier
Team White from Munday Elementary was named the winner of the Knox County Hospital Walk Across Texas contest. Members of team shown here were: Jenni Redwine, Trish Shaver, Mary Ann Yruegas, Joe Yruegas, LiAnne Tidwell and Tena Myers. Team White picked the Knox County Library as their local charity to receive the donation. Jara Collins from KCHD was

Bids for KC Elementary classroom additions open

KNOX CITY — The Knox City/O'Brien Consolidated Independent School District is accepting sealed competitive bids on classroom additions for the Knox City Elementary School.

Copies of the specifications and plans will be available in the administration office or by arrangements with the architect, William B. Slavik of Cleburne, with a \$50 deposit. Any inquires should be directed to Slavik.

All bids should be sent to the administration office by 2 p.m. on May 14. They will be opened and read aloud in the superintendent's office. The board of trustees will then meet at a later date to award the contracts.

In addition, the school district is also accepting sealed bids for two portable classroom buildings to be moved. The bids must be marked east or west and must be returned by noon May 18.

Grandson to compete in national competition

DALLAS — Judge Rock, the grandson of Exa Lee Smith of Munday, will be a member of the Skyline High School team competing in the national mock trial competition May 14-16 in Raleigh, NC. Rock will have a role as one of the prosecution witnesses.

Earlier, Skyline, featuring eight other students, claimed first places in both the district and state contests here at the George Allen Courts Building. Judge served as a defense witness in the fictitious case written up by attorneys, who are members of the Dallas Bar Association.

Judge is the son of Ned and Olivia Rock of Dallas and the grandson of Jose de Jesus Martinez of Dallas.

O'Brien accepting bids to improve water system

O'BRIEN — The City of O'Brien is accepting sealed bids for improvements to its water system until 10 a.m. May 21 at City Hall in Knox City.

The project includes the complete reconstruction of the city's main pump station, which includes two 7.5 horse power pumps; a Chlorine and LAS disinfection system; along with piping, valves, electrical and controls. In addition, the 10 foot by 14 foot metal building which houses this equipment will be replaced.

The replacement of 67 waterservice meters, the existing 3 horse power well pump and the liquid level indicator at the city's stand pipe will also need to be included in the bid.

TCEQ warns KC about monitoring water

KNOX CITY — The City of Knox City has been notified by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality that it has violated monitoring and reporting requirements for lead and copper in the public water system for Jan. 1, 2014 to Dec. 31, 2014.

The city is working to correct the problem and samples will be taken the first week in June.

In the meantime, residents should be aware that the TCEQ cannot be sure of the safety of the drinking water.

Letter to editor

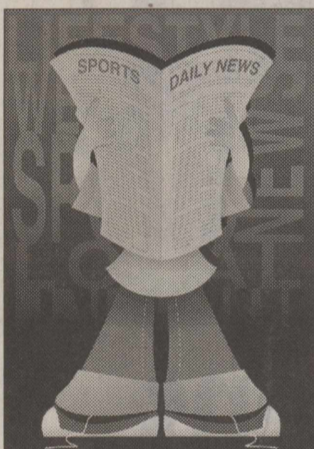
Dear Editor,
I am a resident of Truscott located in Knox County and have lived here for 62 years.

At times, the roads were either good or not so good. They have never been as deplorable as they are now as we've had several storms since January.

In some people's eyes, Truscott may be an insignificant little town, but to the people who live here we may be small, but it is our town and we would like to be treated like the rest of the towns

After all, we do pay taxes.

Geraldine Tomanek



Knox County Aging Center

Menus for week of May 11-15

Monday: Chef's salad, corn, crackers, dessert.

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Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

It's a cloudy, pretty nice Monday, and folks are taking advantage of the nice day. There's lawn mowers going all over town. Everyone is trying to get ahead of the next rain. These showers and rains we have had have really made everything grow, and as I write this, it has begun to thunder and a light rain is falling. So, it looks like we may be in line for some more good moisture. That will be great! We'll take all we can get.

Birth announcement

Embrie Edith LaVelle is the newest member of the Copeland family in Wichita Falls. She arrived Friday, May 2, about 7 p.m. at a Wichita Falls hospital. She weighed 6 lbs. 14 oz. and was 19 inches long. Her parents are Jeff and Jenna, and she has a big brother, Cooper, and a big sister, Kaedyn, who are mighty proud of her. Her also very proud grandparents are Dickie and Laura McCanlies of Benjamin and Tom and Carrie Copeland of Wichita Falls. Her maternal great grandmother is Irene Reed of Benjamin. She also has a host of aunts, uncles, and cousins who no doubt will do their part to help "raise her!" We congratulate them all on this new addition to their family.

State Bound Emily!

We are all excited over here as we have a girl going to the State Track Meet! Emily Brown, a sophomore at BHS, qualified at the regional meet in Levelland this past weekend in the shot put. The state meet will be May 14-16 in Austin, and with her and her coaches go all our best wishes for a good showing. Regardless of the outcome, we're proud of her and know she will represent our school and our town well. Just proof once again that small schools can have winners as well as the larger ones. Way to go Emmy!

Here 'n there

Gary and Joann Hamilton visited me on Sunday afternoon. They are former Benjamin residents, who now live near Salem, Missouri. They have a place at Haskell and come back periodically for a few weeks' stay. They would love to move back to Texas, but like everyone else, have their home and obligations elsewhere. So I guess they won't be making that change—at least not any time soon. It was good to see them.

Sharon Bivens called on Sunday. She has had some health problems but is doing better, and says they will be down when school is out for a few days. It was good to hear from them.

Barbara Ryder is doing well after her foot surgery. She's been sort of "out of commission" for several weeks and glad to kinda get back into "circulation."

I was sorry I missed a friend, Barbara Phillips LaFrance, of Wichita Falls. She was in Knox City, but I was at home trying to get over a migraine, so we failed to make contact. They came to Munday for church and made their way over to Knox City.

Judy Redwine is a patient in Covenant Hospital in Lubbock. She was taken there Saturday morning with difficulty breathing. She's on a ventilator, and so far, no long term prognosis has been made. She is the former Judy Conner and is the younger sister of Bud. Please remember this family in your prayers.

I'm still getting asked questions about the AMA show, and I love it! I'll say again that was a trip of a lifetime.

Lana Mendoza and Tae, and Sydney Guerreo and Rayden, all of Seymour, visited Imagean Young Friday. Lana reports that her daughter, Valerie, who was injured in an auto accident in January, is doing pretty well. I believe she is still in a wheel chair, but any improvement is encouraging.

My daughter, Diana Evans, of Childress has had a bout with the shingles. There's lots of cases of that very miserable disease (I've heard it's miserable, although I haven't had it.) Her case wasn't as severe as some. She's doing OK.

run and so the council will have to elect a mayor pro tem and then decide whether to name a mayor from the board.

Mayor Bob Bowen was unopposed in Munday. Incumbent Keith Kuehler decided not to seek reelection, leaving the other incumbent, Traci Blair, on the ballot with Wil-

liam (Bill) Burtram, William Ray (Billy) Carden and Richard (Don) Thompson.

Voting in Munday will take place at Munday City Hall from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

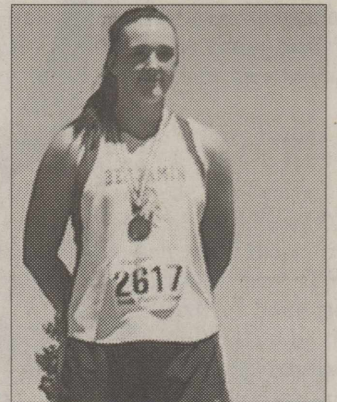
Voting in Knox City will take place at the Knox County Aging Center, also from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Brown earns spot in state shot put

LEVELLAND—Benjamin High School sophomore Emily Brown qualified for the state Class 1A tack meet in Austin next week, placing third in the shot put at the regional competition here last week at South Plains College.

Brown's throw of 35-7 1/2 was the best effort from any of the bronze winners in the other three regionals meets, earning her a wildcard spot in Austin.

Brown finished behind Raci Dillard of Munday, who had throw of 38-10, and Mollie Mounsey of Follett, who had a season best of 40-10 1/2.



Emily Brown earns bronze medal

Winters football coach leaves

WINTERS—Winters High School football coach Stan Caffey has left after two seasons to lead the new football program at Brentwood Christian School in Austin — a private school that will play six-man football before gradually adapting to the 11-man game.

With Caffey's exodus, Winters now

finds itself without a head coach for the third time in four years — a skid that began with Stephen Hermesmeyer's resignation in 2012 to take the Comanche job. His successor, Adam Bright, resigned a year later.

Caffey's Blizzards eliminated the Munday Moguls from the playoffs last fall.

Baker scholarship events scheduled July 3-5

KNOX CITY—The W.R. (Bill) Baker Memorial Scholarship Committee has announced its schedule of events for July 3-5 that will include a golf tournament and a coed volleyball tournament on July 4 along with informal class reunions and other activities.

The Bill Baker Memorial Golf Tournament will feature a two-person scramble at the Knox City Country Club. Entry fee will be \$100. Contact Kelly Robinson at 806 773-8088 to sign up.

To enter the volleyball tournament, call Michele Stanfield at 940 256-0318.

If a class is interested in getting involved, contact Patti Lain Currie at 325 721-3001.

Last year's events raised \$3,500 for scholarships for 2014 Knox City High School graduates: Tanna Moeller, Micaela Peters, Lyndon Baty, Zachary Carter, Christopher Richardson, Kelsey Vasquez and Tyllynne Eaton.

All 2015 seniors who apply this year will receive scholarships, announced Jimmy Don Moore.

Contact Moore at 813 326-9044 or Tamie Grindstaff Weiershausen at 940 256-0400 to make donations.

VOTE

From Page 1

Current Knox City council members Amanda Duke and Jeremy Eaton will be joined in the race for two positions by Jeffrey Hernandez. Mayor Kent Deville decided not to



Best of luck to all

'Rock This Town' performers

Allene Brown; Jerry, Sandy King; Dale, Jennifer, Chandler, Cutter Caddell; Nana, Popo Birkenfeld; Lolli, Pa Lowe; Stephen, Sheila Kuehler; Frank, Janice Dutton; Kristi Sandoval; Adam, Jennifer, Kelton Carver; Papa, Grandma Yates; Mimi, Papa Hudson; Patrick, Cori, Sandra Corcoran; Jerry, Mimi Cook; Todd, Kelly Thompson; Haley Morrow; Misti Zeissel; Kacy Latham

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Two Greyhounds advance to state track



Jacoby Thomas advances in two events

LEVELLAND — The Knox City Greyhounds will be sending two athletes to the Class 1A state track meet in Austin next week after they qualified at the regional competition here last week at South Plains College.

However, none of the Houndettes made it.

Sophomore Jacoby Thomas claimed gold medals in both the long jump and triple jump with leaps of 22-2 and 45-6 1/4 efforts, making him a definite contender for medals in Austin.

Krys Campos earned a gold in the shot put with throw of 48-10 and a silver

in the discus with a throw of 143-11.

Sheldon Baty had to settle for a bronze win the 400 meters, but his time of 53.23 wasn't the best third place finisher from all four regional events and he failed to advance.

The Greyhounds finished third in the team competition with 53 points, trailing Happy with 60 and Knox County neighbor Munday with 95.

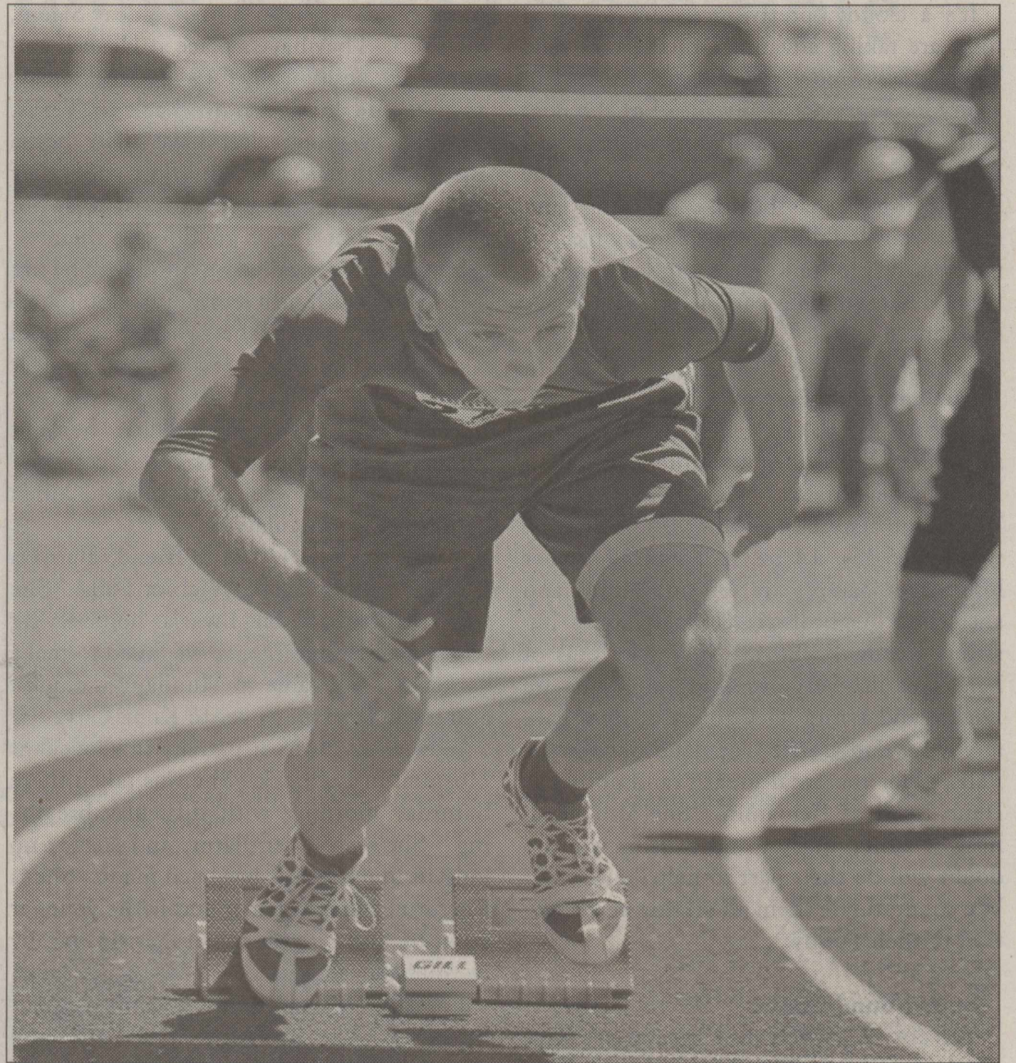
The boys 4x100 relay unit just missed making it to state, finishing fourth

Other Greyhounds who competed in the regional were Anthony Estrada, sixth

in the 300 meter intermediate hurdles and Zach Rodriguez, seventh in the discus.

The girls 4x200 relay unit also got fourth; Leighton Pepper fourth in the 100 meter hurdles; Zinziley McCrary sixth in 400 meters; Kaylie Steele, sixth in shot put; Jordyn Eaton sixth in the discus; Kirstin Tuckness ninth in the long jump; Debra Alvarado fifth in 100 hurdles and eighth in 300 hurdles; and Essence Ward fourth in 100 meters.

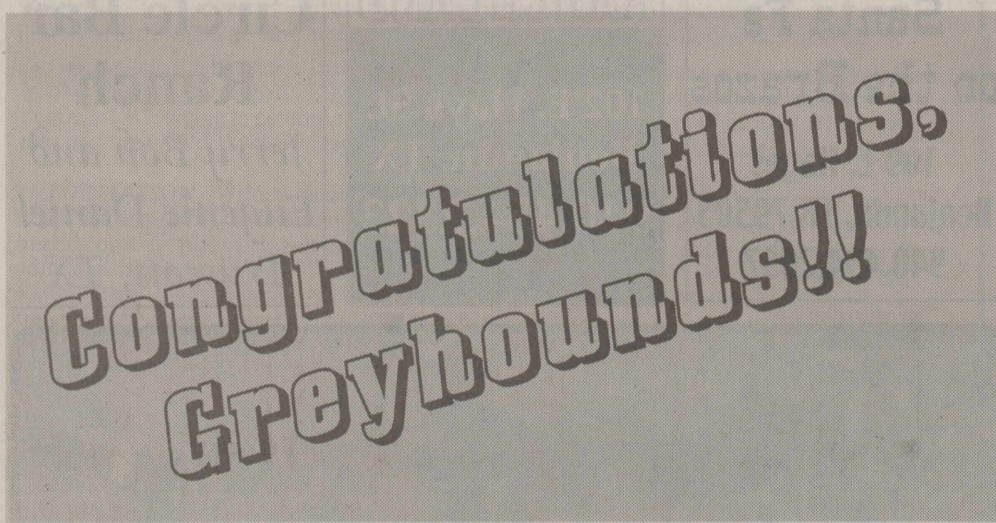
The Houndettes finished eighth in the team competition, won by Munday with 118 points.



Sheldon Baty finishes third in 400 meters



Krys Campos earns medal in discus



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Vo Tech Roundup gives students ideas for future

By James McAfee
The Knox County News-Courier

ROCHESTER — Students from six school districts in the area got a chance to see what skills and trades they might want to consider after graduating from high school here Thursday in the second annual Vocational Tech Center Roundup.

Benjamin High School joined the first-year list of schools districts participating that included Aspermont, Haskell, Knox City/O'Brien, Paint Creek and Rule. Current coop students showed off their newly earned skills to juniors and seniors from these schools during the open house.

The Vo Tech Center is currently teaching skills in AWS certified welding, plasma cutters, torch set up, small engine repair, OSHA certification, tractor safety, carpentry, electrical plumbing and concrete work. In addition, dual credit welding classes with Texas State Technical College are offered.

In cooperation with Vernon College, a Certified Nurses Assistant (CNA) program is also being taught with classes essential to students wanting to become nurses. Currently, nine girls and one boy are in the program.

Jaime Gabriela of Knox City is in the process of finishing the program and has taken a job at the Brazos Valley Care Home in Knox City.

Vernon College also offers similar nursing training programs in other schools, including Burk Burnett, City View, Hirschi, Holiday, Paducah and Quanah plus also does classes for adults.

"We had an awesome crowd of 157," said VTC director Montie Moeller.

Vicki Hayhurst and Darren Francis of Region 14 and Region 9 were among those who attended along with TSTC and Vernon College personnel plus representatives of Airgas of Wichita Falls and Lincoln Electric.



VTC students Luis Diaz of Rule, Dylan Webb of Paint Creek and Tyler Sanders of Knox City/O'Brien teach stick welding basics



VTC students Tom Spikes of Aspermont and Paul Neito of Rule instruct prospective Benjamin students on small engine preventative maintenance.

The Paperboy There is no stopping Apple

Sometimes I wonder if Apple has alien technology.

Have you seen the commercials for the Apple Watch? Pretty amazing.

How about the futuristic Apple wristband? Now that is truly amazing.

Basically, the wristband will project your phone onto the inside of your arm and a laser field immolating from the wristband will tell the computer which button you've pushed.

This product is not available yet as Apple is very good at spacing their product launches for maximum effect and return on investment, but I think it will be the biggest thing since the iPhone.

Which brings me back to my original question? How in the world are they doing it? I'm not saying it's aliens, but it might be aliens.

Whatever it is, it's made Apple the largest company

in the world.

I had a grandma come into my dugout to tell me what she thought of my Little League team. That was a first.

She was of the opinion that the boys were losing interest because they weren't getting any action.

Now if you know something about baseball, you know you have to throw strikes in order to

get outs. We didn't throw many strikes, which resulted in walks. The walks mounted and the score ballooned.

Guess what? We walked through the other team's batting order. We used three pitchers who threw around 170 pitches. That's a truck-load of balls.

Don't get me wrong, my little team tries just as hard and they have spurts when they look pretty good, but as long as we can't find the plate, there will be long innings.

For all you grandmas that may think otherwise, these coaches are volunteers and we devote a tremendous amount of time to these children. Sometimes we struggle ... that's life. But don't come into my dugout and tell me the obvious.

I'm proud of my team and my pitchers because they listen, they hustle and they do their best. That's really all I require.

Once again we are being blessed with rain. So far, the Spring of 2015 has been wonderful.

It's great to see things green isn't it? People are mowing, gardening, trimming hedges, etc...

Be sure and thank the good Lord for this blessing. I know it makes a difference!

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Highway 277 in Archer will get new lanes

AUSTIN — Continuing to use Proposition 1 funding for the improved safety, mobility and connectivity of our great state, the Texas Transportation Commission approved 23 more projects (out of 200 planned projects) encompassing nearly \$168 million worth of roadway construction, rehabilitation and restoration.

"The Texas transportation system will see needed improvement as a result of the projects approved today," said TxDOT Executive Director LtGen Joe Weber, USMC (Ret). "By working with community leaders and local planning organizations, we have selected these projects that will help address the transportation concerns of our citizens. Texans made a strong statement in voting for Proposition 1 last November, and it is now our responsibility

to ensure these funds are put to use in the most efficient and effective manner."

Specific projects awarded this month include the construction of additional lanes on US 277 in Archer County; the reconstruction and widening of FM 1637 in McLennan County; and the addition of new passing lanes on SH 176 in Andrews County.

In total, the 200 Proposition 1 projects will result in more than 800 miles of rehabilitated highways; nearly 500 miles of new highway lanes; 114 bridges replaced, widened or rehabilitated; and an additional 159 miles of passing lanes on rural highways. Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and TxDOT Districts worked together and with the public to formulate the list of projects.

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—Galatians 1:4

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Knox 4-H News



Bunny Norville and Exa Lee Smith from the City of Munday Recycling Center were the guest speakers at the Knox County 4-H April meeting in Munday. Shown (l-r): Josiah Coplen, McKayla Coplen, Grace Estrada, Shawn Earthman, Bryanne Cude, Jonah Duke, Jaxon Bowman, Daniel Duke, Corrie Earthman, Belle Earthman, Smith, Nate Earthman, Morgan Earthman, Ryan Earthman and Norville

Members do well at district fashion show

By Corrie Earthman

The District 3 4-H Fashion Show is always a highly anticipated event. At this contest, 4-Hers have the opportunity to demonstrate much, if not all, of what they have learned this year in the clothing and textiles project.

This year's fashion show was hosted by Hardeman County 4-H and held in Quannah last month. Fashion storyboards, which 4-H members had constructed, were displayed for public view at the same facility. A fashion storyboard is a poster board telling the story of a 4-Her's original design. Through this contest they learn visual communication skills and let their creativity and imagination flow.

Knox County 4-H members Corrie Earthman captured first place in Intermediate wearable; Shawn Earthman second place in Intermediate accessory; and Morgan Earthman third place in Junior wearable.

Also on display were 4-H members' hand-crafted items that they entered in the fashion exhibit. Exhibiting categories have a wide range, including fabric creations, jewelry, handmade accessories, and fiber arts. This is a great activity for the kids to showcase the new skills they have learned and the projects they have completed.

Morgan Earthman displayed a pillowcase she had sewn; Shawn Earthman exhibited two pieces of jewelry, a crocheted headband and washcloth, and a sewn pillowcase; and Corrie Earthman displayed a crocheted stuffed koala, two hand-sewn doll dresses, and a small quilt.

The highlight of the whole event, however, was of course the fashion show. Contestants have the choice to either construct or buy

the outfit which they model. Before the contest, they must study how to care for their garments, what the cost per wearing would be, facts about their garments' fiber content, and much more information to present to two judges.

All of the Knox County participants did a great job. Shawn Earthman was awarded second place in Intermediate semi formal construction; Corrie Earthman received second place in intermediate everyday living construction; and Morgan Earthman competed in the junior everyday living construction category. Shawn and Corrie both were given the Cotton Award for being the most knowledgeable cotton contestant in their category.

After the judging was finished, participants modeled their outfits for the crowd, complete with commentator and upbeat music, and received their awards.

In our April 4-H meeting in Munday, members were privileged to have Exa Lee Smith and Bunny Norville from the City of Munday Recycling Center come and speak to us about the importance of recycling. They explained to us that in a landfill it takes hundreds or even thousands of years for a common item like a tin can or plastic bottle to breakdown, but if it is recycled, in only 60 to 90 days it will already be made into a brand new item. They made lots of information fun and understandable through the use of colorful props and posters. It was an excellent presentation, and we know it took lots of time and effort. Thank you so much, Exa Lee and Bunny.

If you are interested in joining our 4-H club, please contact the Knox County Extension Office at: 940459-2651 We would love to have new members.

Thornberry, Cornyn seek protection for landowners

WASHINGTON—U.S. Rep Mac Thornberry (R-Clarendon) and U.S. Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX) introduced legislation last week in the U.S. House and Senate, H.R. 2130 and S. 1153 respectively, to protect private property rights along the Red River from federal ownership claims.

By providing legal certainty to landowners, the Red River Private Property Protection Act seeks to end questions about the federal government's ownership of disputed land along the Red River in Wilbarger, Wichita and Clay Counties.

"Private landowners deserve absolute clarity from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and a fair resolution to this issue," said Thornberry. "Until that happens, we will not let up in our efforts to assure landowners that their private property rights along the Red River will be protected. Our bills should be a signal that Republicans in the House and Senate will continue to fight the federal government's intrusion into people's private property. This type of overreach seems to be happening more often, but we will fight it every step of the way."

In 2013, the BLM said there are thousands of acres along the Red River on the border between Texas and Oklahoma that may be considered public domain.

Thornberry and Cornyn have been pressing the case with BLM locally and with the agency's leadership in Washington. The new legislation reflects the input they received by listening to landowners, the Texas General Land Office and many others.

"Many of these affected Texans have owned land along the Red River for generations, but are now caught up in the confu-

sion and clouded titles due to the BLM's claims," Cornyn said. "This commonsense legislation establishes a process to resolve the uncertainty, and protects these taxpayers' property rights from improper federal claims."

Sen. Ted Cruz joined his fellow Texans in supporting the measures.

The legislation will provide legal certainty to property owners along the Red River by:

- Commissioning a survey of the entire 116-mile stretch of contested area along the Red River using the gradient boundary survey method developed and backed by the Supreme Court to find the proper boundary between Texas and Oklahoma.

- Ordering that the survey be conducted by Licensed State Land Surveyors chosen by the Texas General Land Office, and the final survey must ultimately be approved by the State.

- Allowing landowners who hold the proper right, title, and/or interest in the contested area to appeal any further public domain claims by BLM through an Administrative Law Judge.

- Preventing any contested land from being included in the Resource Management Plan until the survey is complete and private land is no longer subject to an appeal.

- Requiring BLM to sell off the surface rights of the remaining publicly owned land at fair market value after the proper boundary line is located and settled.

The bill also explicitly states that the interest of the states and the sovereignty rights of the federally recognized Indian tribes north of the Texas State boundary line will not be affected.

Cattle grazing on wheat



Cattle continue to dot wheat fields around here that usually have hot-wire fences. When the wheat turns golden brown, the cattle are shipped off to summer grass. Farmers also sometimes look to allowing wind turbines to be used on their land.

AREA NEWS

Water supplier name will change

SEYMOUR—The Baylor Water Supply Corporation has filed an application with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to create the Baylor Special Utility District as the supplier of water to customers in its service area in Baylor, Knox and Archer counties

Ranch gathering Friday

ABILENE—The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) will host a ranch gathering here Friday at the Western Heritage Classic, Griffin Arena. TSCRA Special Ranger Joe Roberts will provide a law enforcement update and offer ranchers information on how they can keep their livestock and equipment safe and secure. Additionally, TSCRA staff will update cattle raisers on important legislative issues. Please RSVP to 800 242-7820, ext. 192, or rsvp@tscra.org.

StarWalk starts May 16

QUANAH—Copper Breaks State Park, now an International Dark Sky Park, will continue its 20th year of the StarWalk program on May 16. SkyGuide volunteer Terry Paridon will lead participants in a naked-eye exploration of the night sky beginning at sunset, around 8:20 p.m. in Big Pond Campground. In addition to the after-dark programs, Sky Guide volunteers will again offer Sun Fun at 4:00 p.m. The 2015 StarWalk schedule continues with Galaxies on June 13; Deep Sky Objects on July 18; the Milky Way on Aug 15; the Super Moon on Sept 26; and concludes with the Fall Constellations on Oct. 17.

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Proud moment for vet



Otis Wright traveled to Corpus Christi last month with his grandsons and many other family members, returning to the U.S. Lexington, the ship he rode home from serving in the navy during World War II.

58 by Mendoza team wins KCFD Scramble



James McAfee/The Knox County News-Courier

Chris Mendoza along with Crystal Zeissel and Jan Eaton claim first place in Knox City Fire Department Scramble

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



NOTICE OF DISTRICT PETITION

TCEQ Internal Control No. D-10222014-048

PETITION. Baylor Water Supply Corporation (the "Petitioner") filed an application with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to convert Baylor Water Supply Corporation to Baylor Special Utility District (the "District"). The petition was filed pursuant to Article XVI, Section 59 of the Constitution of the State of Texas; Chapters 49 and 65 of the Texas Water Code; 30 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 293; and the procedural rules of the TCEQ.

The nature and purpose of the application are for the conversion of Baylor Water Supply Corporation and the organization, creation and establishment of Baylor Special Utility District under the provisions of Article XVI, Section 59, Texas Constitution, and Chapter 65 of the Texas Water Code, as amended. The District shall have the purposes and powers in Chapters 49 and 65 of the Texas Water Code to provide water to its certificated service area as provided for under Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) No. 11605. The nature of the services presently performed by Baylor Water Supply Corporation are to supply water to its customers, and the nature of the services proposed to be provided by the District remain unchanged. It is anticipated that the conversion will have no adverse effects on the rates and services provided to the customers.

The proposed District's service area is located in Baylor, Archer, Knox, Throckmorton, and Young Counties and will contain approximately 28,848 acres. The territory to be included within the proposed District includes all of the singly certified service area covered by CCN No. 11605 and is set forth in the following vicinity map designated as Exhibit "A" hereto.

CONTESTED CASE HEARING. The TCEQ may grant a contested case hearing on this petition if a written hearing request is filed within 30 days after the newspaper publication of this notice.

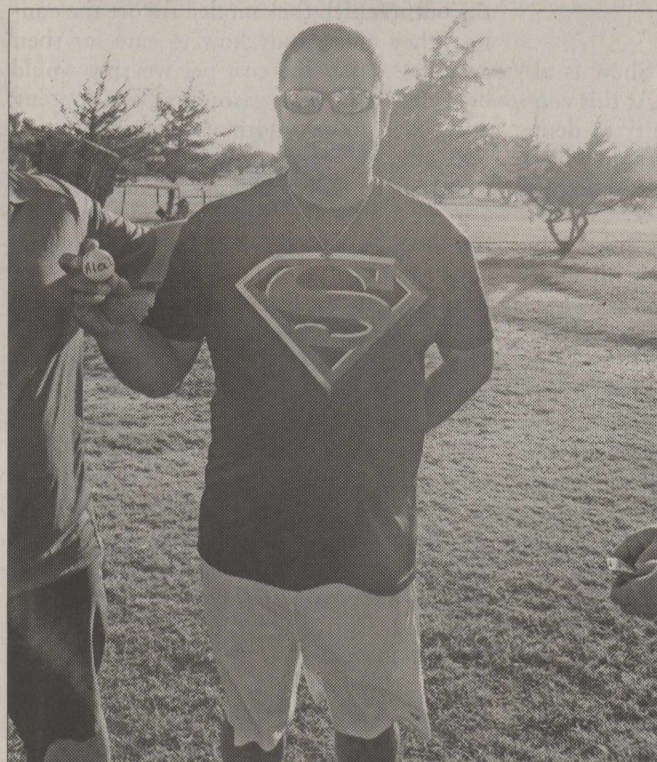
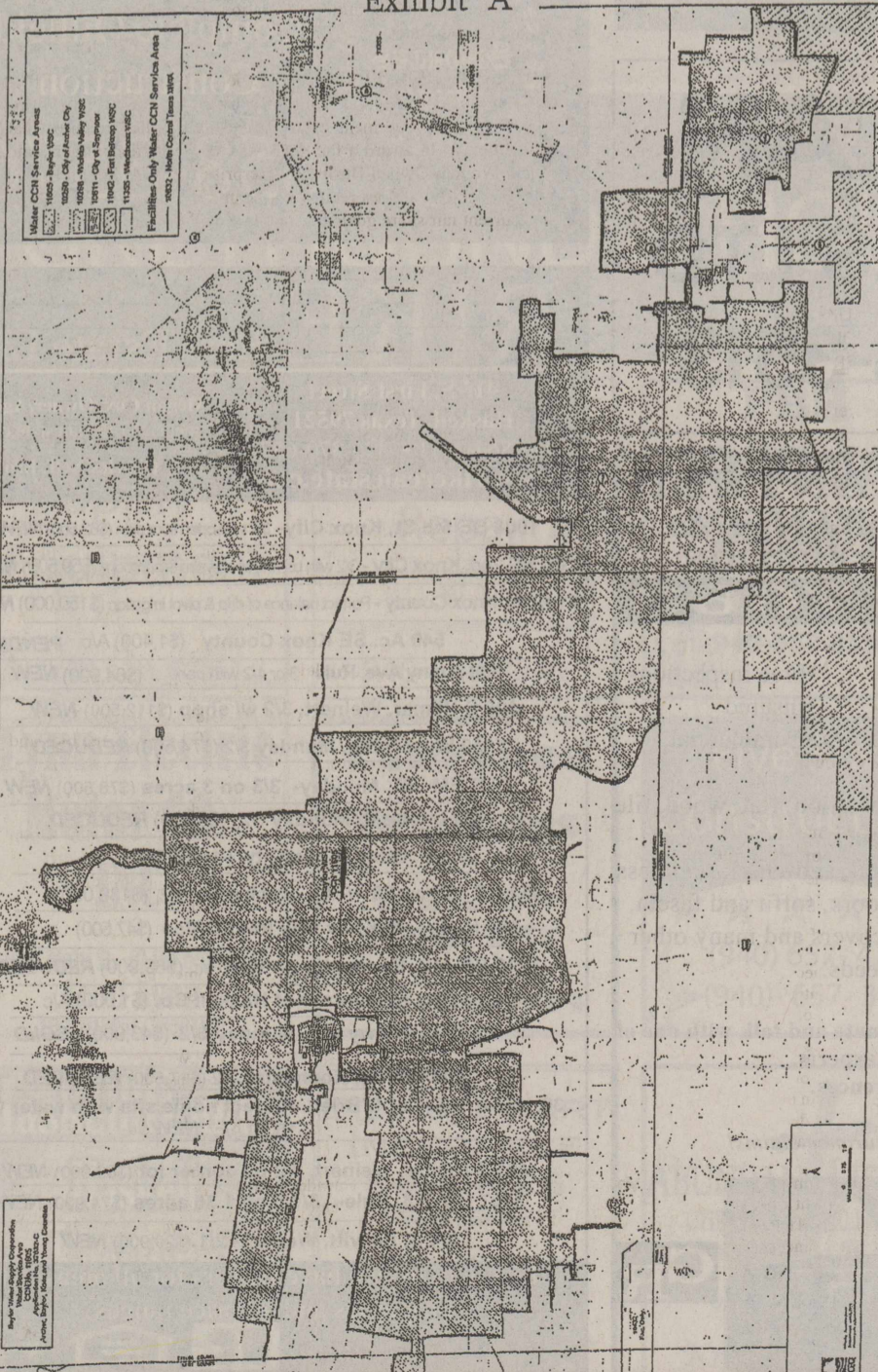
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The Executive Director may approve the petition unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 30 days after the newspaper publication of this notice. If a hearing request is filed, the Executive Director will not approve the petition and will forward the petition and hearing request to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting to determine whether a contested case hearing will be held. If a contested case hearing is held, it will be a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court.

INFORMATION. Written hearing requests should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087. For information concerning the hearing process, please contact the Public Interest Counsel, MC 103, at the address above. For additional information, individual members of the general public may contact the Districts Review Team at 512-239-4691. Si desea información en español, puede llamar al 512-239-0200. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.tceq.texas.gov.

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Exhibit "A"



Alex Ledesma's ball lands closest to flag in helicopter ball drop

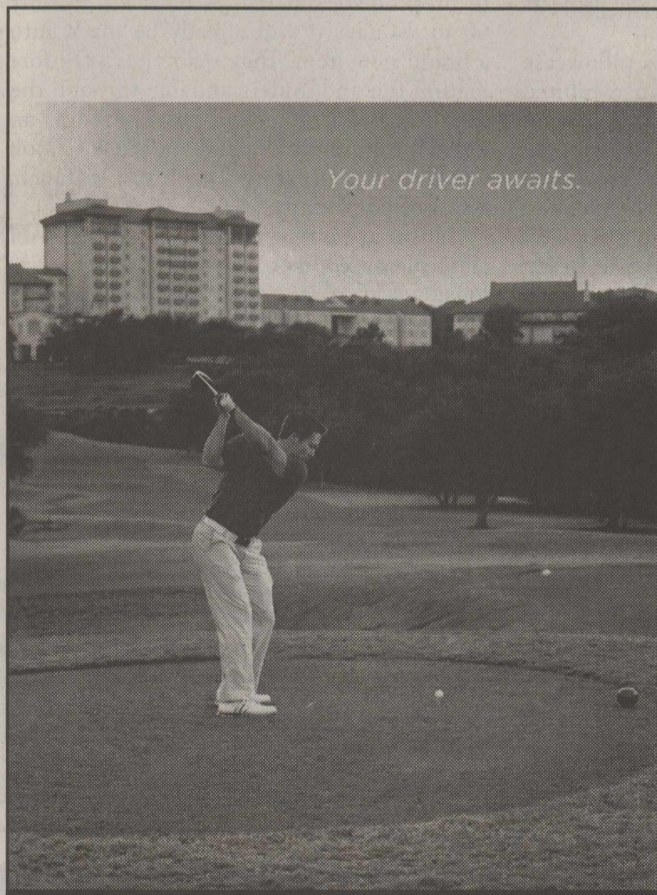
KNOX CITY — The team of Chris Mendoza and Crystal Zeissel of Munday and Jan Eaton of Knox City posted a 13-under par 58 here Saturday at the Knox City Country Club to take first place in the Knox City Fire Department Scramble.

The Knox City threesome of Tracy Carter, Zac Cater and Donny Roberts shot a 61 and won a scorecard play from another local group of Charles and Betty Starnes and Brian Williams to take second place.

Mel Reed of Snyder claimed closest to the pin honors while Wesley Crawford and Janie Verhalen of Munday ended up with the longest drives.

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PERMIT NUMBER 3393

APPLICATION Farmer's Grain Cooperative of Munday, Texas, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for renewal of Air Quality Permit Number 3393, which would authorize continued operation of a Grain Elevator located at 140 East Dallas Street, Munday, Knox County, Texas 76371. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=33.445468&lng=-99.622716&zoom=13&type=r>. The existing facility and/or related facilities are authorized to emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on April 16, 2015. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, TCEQ Abilene regional office, and the Knox County Courthouse, 100 West Cedar, Benjamin, Knox County, Texas, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Abilene regional office of the TCEQ.

The executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. In addition to the renewal, this permitting action includes the incorporation of the following authorizations or changes to authorized facilities related to this permit: amendments. The reasons for any changes or incorporations, to the extent they are included in the renewed permit, may include the enhancement of operational control at the plant or enforceability of the permit. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 1-800-687-4040. **The TCEQ may act on this application without seeking further public comment or providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.**

PUBLIC COMMENT You may submit public comments, or a request for a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. **The deadline to submit public comments is 15 days after newspaper notice is published.** After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the TCEQ's jurisdiction to address in the permit process.

After the technical review is complete the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If only comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who is on the mailing list for this application, unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING You may request a contested case hearing. The applicant or the executive director may also request that the application be directly referred to a contested case hearing after technical review of the application. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 15 days from this notice, the executive director may act on the application. **If no hearing request is received within this 15 day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided.** According to the Texas Clean Air Act § 382.056(o) a contested case hearing may only be granted if the applicant's compliance history is in the lowest classification under applicable compliance history requirements and if the hearing request is based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission may only grant a hearing on those issues raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following:

(1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. **If the request is made by a group or association, the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing and the interests the group or association seeks to protect must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 15 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.**

If any requests for a contested case hearing are timely filed, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for a contested case hearing to the Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. Unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing, the executive director will mail the response to comments along with notification of Commission meeting to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period.** Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

MAILING LIST In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list for this application by sending a request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. Those on the mailing list will receive copies of future public notices (if any) mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk for this application.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. If you communicate with the TCEQ electronically, please be aware that your email address, like your physical mailing address, will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Farmer's Grain Cooperative of Munday, Texas, P.O. Box 158, Munday, Texas 76371-0158 or by calling Mr. Trent Leverett, Triangl Insurance, at (806) 270-0567.

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Separate sealed bids for WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS will be received by CITY OF O'BRIEN at 10:00 AM, May 21, 2015 at Knox City, City Hall, 902 E Main St, Knox City, TX 79529 and then at said location publicly opened and read aloud. This project includes the complete reconstruction of the City's main pump station. The pump station consists of two 7.5 hp pumps, Chlorine and LAS Disinfection System, piping, valves, electrical, and Control. The 10' x 14' metal building which houses this equipment will also be replaced. The project also consists of the replacement of 67 water service meters as well as replacing the existing 3 hp well pump and the liquid level indicator at the City's stand pipe.

This project is subject to the American Iron and Steel (AIS) requirements of P.L. 113-76 Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014. All iron and steel products for construction, alteration, maintenance, or repairs incorporated in these plans must be produced in the United States.

This contract is subject to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) "fair share policy", which includes EPA-approved "fair share goals" for Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) and Women Business Enterprise (WBE) firms in the Construction, Supplies, Equipment, and Services procurement categories. EPA's policy requires that applicants and prime contractors make a good faith effort to award a fair share of contracts, subcontracts, and procurements to Minority Business Enterprise and Women-Owned Business Enterprise firms. Although EPA's policy does not mandate that the fair share goals be achieved, it does require applicants and prime contractors to demonstrate use of the six affirmative steps. The current fair share goals for the State of Texas are as follows:

CATEGORY	MBE	WBE
CONSTRUCTION	12.94%	8.72%
SUPPLIES	9.68%	9.34%
EQUIPMENT	7.12%	5.39%
SERVICES	10.84%	5.72%

All laborers and mechanics working on the work site and employed by contractors and subcontractors on projects funded directly by or assisted in whole or in part by and through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund or Drinking Water State Revolving Fund shall be paid wages as described in the section, **Mandatory Davis-Bacon Act Contract Conditions.**

The Contract Documents, consisting of Advertisement for Bids, Information for Bidders, Bid Proposal, Bid Bond, Contract, Performance and Payment Bonds, General Conditions, Notice of Award, Notice to Proceed, Plans, Specifications, Addenda (if any) and Project Contracting and Compliance Provisions may be examined at the following location:

CITY OF KNOX CITY (FOR O'BRIEN): 902 E Main St, Knox City, TX 79529
JACOB & MARTIN, LTD., Consulting Engineers; 3465 Curry Lane, Abilene, 79606

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities and to reject any or all bids. Bids may be held by the Owner for a period not to exceed 60 days from the date of bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the qualifications of Bidders prior to awarding of the contract.

Copies of the Contract Documents must be ordered online at www.jacobmartin.com. Orders for Contract Documents may include hard copies for pick up, mail out or digital download via www.jacobmartin.com. Upon verification of online payment, hard copies may be picked up at Jacob & Martin, Ltd., located at 3465 Curry Lane, Abilene, TX 79606. Cost for hard copies of the Contract Documents will be \$40.00. Cost for digital download of Contract Documents will be \$20.00. Contractors must purchase a set of Contract Documents to be considered a registered plan holder eligible to bid the project.

A certified check or bank draft, payable to the order of City of O'Brien, negotiable U.S. Government bonds (at par value) or a satisfactory Bid Bond executed by the Bidder and an acceptable surety in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid shall be submitted with each bid.

This contract is contingent upon release of funds from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). Any contract or contracts awarded under this Invitation for Bid are expected to be funded in part by financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Board, and shall be referred to as project 62640. Neither the State of Texas nor its departments, agencies, or employees are or will be a party to this Advertisement for Bids or any resulting contract.

Equal Opportunity in Employment - All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap or national origin. Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375, and as supplemented in Department of Labor regulations 41 CFR Part 60.

CITY OF O'BRIEN

By: Janoma Stephens, Mayor

Date: _____

Thank you for reading The Knox News Courier!



“Rock This Town” recital scheduled

MUNDAY — Youngsters from Knox County and neighboring counties will be performing Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. when The Movement Space presents a recital, “Rock This Town” at the Munday High School Auditorium.

Rebecca Serrato, a graduating senior from MHS, will be the feature dancer.

Tess Decker, Kayla Jo Hunter, Kendall Thompson, Bergen Waters and Brenley Waters are members of the junior dance company while Madison Edgar, Kristen R.Kuehler, Taylor Thompson and Serrato are members of the senior dance company.

Cori Corcoran opened the doors to The Movement Space in January 2006, starting with just over 30 students. Today, it has grown by leaps and bounds to almost 150

students, two competitive dance companies plus tumbling, twirling and musical theatre programs.

Assisting Corcoran with the programs are Kelly Thompson (dancing), Haley Morrow (tumblers), Misti Zeissel (twirling) and Kacy Latham (musical theatre).

“The Movement Space would like to thank everyone in Munday and the surrounding areas for supporting us through the years,” Corcoran added. “We are blessed every week by having the opportunity to work with such a great group of students. We are very thankful for their devoted parents, especially those who drive their students to class from out of town weekly. And finally, many thanks to all of you for being such a wonderful audience. We hope you enjoy our show.”

TxDOT recognizes Munday native

WICHITA FALLS — Munday native Tim Hertel, from the Texas Department of Transportation’s Wichita Falls District, was named by the agency as the 2015 Routine Airport Maintenance Program (RAMP) Coordinator of the Year after 17-years of contributing to the aviation community in Texas.

“Tim’s position carries a great deal of responsibility and associated obligations, but he is always accessible to the airports in his district,” said TxDOT Aviation Director David Fulton. “He ensures that the appropriate maintenance sections coordi-

nates work with the airports and personally follows up on satisfaction of the work.”

RAMP coordinators are designated TxDOT employees who work alongside the agency’s Aviation Division to provide assistance to airports in their district. The program was established in 1996 as a grant program to support general maintenance and improvement projects in our airport system. RAMP is supported by all 25 TxDOT districts and is available to nearly 300 airports statewide.

Hertel has been involved with the RAMP program since 1998 and has sub-



Tim Hertel

stantially contributed to the program’s success. He has carried the RAMP Coordinator responsibilities along his career path at TxDOT, and in his current position as District Director of Operations he has maintained his connection with the Aviation Division, helping to guide and develop the full potential of the RAMP Program.

Hertel has worked for the TxDOT for more than 30 years. He is the Director of Operations for the Wichita Falls district. He graduated in 1982 from Texas Tech with a Civil Engineering degree.

Relay for Life events support cancer research

HASKELL — The Knox and Haskell volunteer chapter of the American Cancer Society Relay for Life will hold its annual fundraiser here Saturday at the Haskell County Country Club.

Action kicks off at 8 a.m. with the Superhero 5K. Participants are encouraged to dress as their favorite superhero.

A three-person scramble then starts at 10 a.m. A few spots remain open. Call Thomas Parks at 940 481-0303.

Survivor and caregivers are invited and encouraged to attend a free survivor dinner in their

honor at 6 p.m. at the Haskell C.C. To RSVP, call Lauren McKechnie at 281 380-8122.

The Relay celebration will continue from 7-10 p.m. with the community invited to attend and take part in “Minute 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.

Don’t put wet clothes in laundry basket

BENJAMIN—Laundry—nobody’s favorite task. However, it’s even more difficult when stains won’t come out in the wash. What should you do?

Lorrie Coop, Family and Consumer Sciences Extension Agent in Knox County, recommends that you start by making sure damp or wet clothes are not placed in the laundry basket and left for several days.

Warm summer temperatures, high humidity, and any remaining food on clothing—especially kids’ clothes—creates the perfect conditions for the growth of mildew. Mildew is a fungus and appears as dark-colored spots and splotches on textile items. When the textile is left in a warm, humid location with little or no light or air circulation, you have created the perfect condition for very difficult to remove mildew.

Prevention is the key, advises Coop. Experts at the International Fabricare Institute suggest drying any wet textiles before placing them in the laundry and certainly not storing them dirty. Some typical items might include

infants’ and children’s clothing, sports wear, jackets, t-shirts, kitchen textiles, towels, and other common items. Avoid tossing damp clothing in a dark laundry hamper or closet. If you can’t get to the laundry immediately, hang the item in an area with good air circulation until the item is dry. Or wash the item as soon as possible, treating the soiled area with a pre-wash enzyme product.

What removes mildew? Actually, only chlorine bleach removes and kills mildew growth and stains, recommends Coop. Since not all fabrics are safely treated with bleach, preventing the growth of mildew may be a better solution than trying to remove it later and possibly ruining the item.

Suggested resources to mention in the article: Laundry On Your Own and Quick Stain Removal Guide. Both can be found on <https://agrilifebookstore.org/>.

Source: Dr. Pamela Brown, Entrepreneurship (and textiles/clothing) Specialist, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. August 2005.

Mac’s Views

My wife has accused me in the past of being a food “nazi” because I’ve been known to go through the refrigerator or kitchen and throw away food with dates that have

expired. I’ve done it at my daughters’ homes, too.

However, it was brought to my attention from reading a U.S. Dept. of Agriculture update in the Dallas

Morning News that maybe I was jumping the gun a little on whether the food was still safe to eat.

It seems that a “sell by” date is designed to tell a store how long it can display the product while a “best by” date or used by or before” date is recommended for the best flavor or quality. A “best by” date

is the last day recommended for peak quality.

So eating food after any of the dates is rarely a health risk.

Actually, your best indicators are your eyes and nose as they can detect if the product looks moldy or spoiled.

Before I hit the links in Alabama, here are some other views...

Even the best laid plans for any activity sometimes go astray when someone doesn’t listen carefully to follow the plan. This happened in the Knox City Fire Department scramble last Saturday when one threesome went to the wrong tee, listed on the official scorecard. This created a ninesome and a logjam behind them, led by my group. This result was a six-hour round with three teams needing another 30 minutes to finish. Hats off to the KCFD for putting together a great outing that raised money for their worthwhile efforts.

How can you be critical of the new format for the WGC-Cadillac Match Play Championship when it produced the world’s No. 1 player Rory McIlroy as

the champion? McIlroy made the shots when it was critical to emerge as the winner. The event becomes the WGC-Dell Match Play Championship next year and will be played at the Pete Dye-designed Austin Country Club two weeks prior to the Masters.

Asked to assist someone with putting together a resume recently, I helped put one together and went with Times Roman as the font. Just last week. However, I heard that this classic font is not high on the list of what experts think work best. Helvetica or Georgia seem better choices as you want a font that is aesthetically pleasing and grabs the employer’s attention at a quick glance.

If you get to the gate early at the airport as I do, here are two ways to sometimes find a better seat, especially on a crowded flight. Mention to gate agent that you need to get work done and ask if there’s an exit-row seat available or if you could be moved to a seat next to an empty seat. It worked on Sunday as I had plenty of room to work on this week’s stories on a 90-minute flight from DFW to Pensacola.



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