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Knox sending 19 to state meet

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AUSTIN-Knox County will be well represented in the Class 1A State Track meet here Thursday and Friday at the Mike Myers Track Complex at the University of Texas with 19 athletes qualifying.

The Munday Moguls and Mogulettes will both be in the running for the team titles thanks to having all three relay units competing. The Water Valley boys and the Cross Plains girls are the chief challengers.

There will be seven Moguls here, including Temerick Reagins in the high jump and triple jump, Day'veon Dockins in the long jump and Holt Bivens in the pole vault.

Reagins will anchor all three relays. Joining him in the 400 meter race will be Rayshaun and Day'veon Dockins and Zachary Huffman. Alfonso Nunez, Huffman, Day'veon Dockins and Reagins will handle the legs in the 800 meter relay. Heath Bivens gets in the mix with Nunez, Day'veon Dockins and Reagins for the mile.

The Mogulettes will have nine athletes going to Austin with Raci Dillard quaifying in the shot put and discus, Janie Salinas in the 1,600 and 3,200 races, Myca Flowers in the high jump and Charity Hunter in the long jump.

Kimberly Shahan, Hunter and Kayla and Karla Taylor will run legs on the two shorter relays. Flowers replaces Shahan to join Hunter and the Taylors for the mile. Ana Vega, Skylar Gomez and Salinas are available as alternates.

Knox City will have Jacoby Thomas competing as the No. 1 seed in the long and triple jumps and Krys Campos throwing in the shot put and

Emily Brown will be the lone entry from Benjamin, earning a wildcard spot as the best thirdplace finisher in the regionals.

Nurse dies in wreck near Haskell

HASKELL-Jennifer "Joy" Butler, a 42-year-old nurse from Knox City, was killed in a one-vehicle wreck about eight miles north of here on Farm Road 2163 last Thursday.

The Department of Public Safety reported that Butler drove her 2004 Dodge Ram pickup through standing water on the road and lost control. The vehicle apparently hydroplaned and veered left into the ditch on the west side of the road, rolling over and ejecting the driver. The pickup came to rest on its top in a field.

Butler, who was not wearing a seat belt, was prnounced dead at the scene of the accident by Justice of Peace Lynn Dodson.

Handling the investigation was trooper Nick Jimenez of Benjamin.





Vonda Carter/The Knox County News-Courier

Just how much runoff that Miller Creek has received in the past week is obvious from the before

Prayers answered, Miller Creek near capacity

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and after photos from the boat dock.

County have allowed some impressive gains at Miller Creek Reservoir, now 78.5 percent full based on statistics from the TexasWater Development Board after being at 7.9 percent a week earlier.

With forecasters calling for even more rain, David Kuehler, general manager of the North Central Texas Water Authority indicated on Tuesday that just two more inches will result in the lake running over.

Kuehler told the Abilene Reporter-News that back in April the lake was down to 6.9 percent, the lowest it has ever been, and this meant it could have potentially gone dry this summer.

The lake went from a low of 1,855 acrefeet to 20,841 at the latest report., meaning a five-year supply with no further inflow.

The NCTWA, which includes the cities of Goree, Haskell, Knox City and Munday, Rains of up to 10 inches here in Knox will likely take off restrictions, according to Kuehler. Aspermont, Benjamin, O'Brien, Paint Creek, Rhineland, Rochester and Rule also purchase water from the lake.

> Kuehler did add that he saw logs floating just under the surface on the weekend and warned those taking out boats to be care-

> The road out to Miller Creek was busy as residents had to see for themselves just what was happening.

> While there were fish in the lake even before the heavy rains, fishermen were also out in good numbers. Some may have forgotten their fishing licenses, reported one witness.

> Kuehler did remind residents that Miller Creek Reservoir will be closed to all traffic the week of June 14-20, for yearly mainte-

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.

Thursdy, May 14

State track meet, Austin

Friday, May 15

State track meet, Austin

Monday, May 18

MHS All Sports Banquet, 6

KCHS UIL Banquet, 6 p.m., cafeteria

Tuesday, May 19

MHS Band Banquet, 7 p.m., Rhineland Gym

City of Knox City, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, May 20

Munday Elementery awards,

Thursday, May 21

MHS Band Concert, 6:30 p.m., MHS Auditorium

Friday, May 22

MHS Senior trip

Saturday, May 23

MHS Prom

Sunday, May 24

MHS Baccalaureate, 7 p.m.

KCHS Baccalaureate, 6 p.m.

Monday, May 25

State Band Solo Ensemble contest, Pflugerville

State Academic, Austin

Tuesday, May 26

State Academics

Wednesday, May 27

State Academics

Thursday, May 28

MHS school awards, 10 a.m.

Friday, May 29

MHS graduation

KC/O'Brien Junior High graduation, 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 30

KCHS graduation, 7 p.m.

Corrections

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

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Incumbents return in KC, but don't in Munday

















Knox County residents went to the ballot box last Saturday to elect board of trustees for the Munday school board and council members in Knox City and Munday.

Incumbents didn't fare well in the Munday voting, but Amanda Duke, a nurse practitoner at Haskell Memorial Hospital Clinic, and Jeremy Eaton, who operates Jeremy Eaton Equipment Services, were returned to the council in Knox City. Duke received 100 votes and Eaton 86 while the third candidate Jeffrey Hernandez, who works for Hunt Oil, received 41. Mayor

Kent Deville decided not to run and so the council will have to elect a mayor pro tem and then decide whether to name a mayor from the

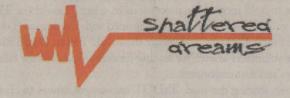
In a four-way race for two positions on the Munday council, William Carden, who works at Lawrence Brothers, and William Burtram, who operates Bill's Small Engine Repair, were elected with 121 and 82 votes, respectively. Richard Thompson, who works as a business consultant, and incumbent Traci Blair, who heads the Knox County 911, followed with 73 and 42. Bob Bow-

The most heated race came in the battle for three positions on the MCISD school board. Laurie Urbanczyk, a speech language pathologist at the Knox County Hospital, led the way with 168. She was joined in the winners circle by Shannon Waters, the pastor at the Believers Chapel and Kevin Myers, a truck supervisor for

en had no opposition and returns as the mayor.

R.A.S. Trucking, with 159 and 158, respectively. Incumbents Bill Longan and Rebecca Araujo received 153 and 101 while Roger Nunez got

Knox Notes



'Shattered Dreams' set May 22

KNOX CITY-Chief of Police Richard Candelaria reports that an emergency training drill is scheduled to start at 9 a.m. May 22 at Knox City High School. It will be part of the "Shattered Dreams" program designed to alert teenagers about the dangers of driving and drinking. It will involve the school administration and faculty, students, parents, the community, law enforcement, emergency medical services, the clergy and the hospital

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Jennifer "Joy" Butler

Jennifer "Joy" Michelle Butler, a longtime resident of Knox City, passed away Thursday, May 7 at the age of 42. Funeral services were held Monday at the Foursquare Church in Knox City with Rev. Gary Schnable and Rev. Paul Chambers officiating. Visitation was held Sunday under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes.

Jennifer was born Jan. 18, 1973, in Knox City. She married Terry Butler Nov. 3, 2001 in Knox City. Most people knew her as "Joy." She was a member of the Foursquare Church of Knox City. She loved her boys and being a nurse and enjoyed reading.

She was preceded in death by maternal grandparents Howard and Fychelene Sloan of Roches-

tornadoes?

and higher."

Weather myths

What are some of the biggest myths about

There are several, says Brent McRoberts

of Texas A&M University. "One of the most

widely spread is that you should always open

the windows if a tornado is approaching,"

he says. "It's a terrible idea because it actu-

ally makes a home more dangerous and wastes

time that could be better spent seeking shelter.

It won't matter if the windows or open or not,

and the last place you want to be is around a

lot of glass that can become shattered with tor-

nadic winds that can reach 250 miles per hour

way overpass is a good place to be if a tornado

is headed your way, McRoberts adds. "This

Another widely spread belief is that a high-



JENNIFER BUTLER

ter; paternal grandmother Bertha Drive of Knox City; and great grandparents Rev. Floyd and Jewel Bailey of Knox City.

Jennifer is survived by her husband Terry Butler of Knox City; three sons Zakery York, Brandon York and Marcell Lewis of Knox City; parents Danny and Sherry Speck

Myths about tornadoes

of Knox City; one brother Shawn Speck and fiancee Christina of Stamford; one sister Julie and Aaron Lewis of Burkburnett; four nephews Scott Butler of Germany, Sloan Lewis of Burkburnett, Elijah San Juan of Stamford and Caleb San Juan of Stamford; two nieces Lainey Lewis of Burkburnett and Becca Lewis of Burkburnett; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and other family.

Memorials can be given in Jennifer's name to Foursquare Church, 221 East Main Street, Knox City, Texas, 940 658-3345 or to Haskell Memorial Hospital, 1 Avenue N, Haskell, Texas 79529, 940 864-2621.

Online condolences can be shared with the family at www. smithfamilyfh.com.

has been proven to be false many times - first,

it is not safer hiding beneath the overpass near

girders, where there will be a lot of flying de-

bris, and secondly, it creates a traffic problem

with cars stacked up near the overpass," he

strike the same place twice. This is totally un-

true because there are numerous instances of

a tornado hitting the same location multiple

times. Another false belief is that there are

more tornadoes today than ever before. That

is not true, but what is true is that more tor-

nadoes are reported because there are more

trained storm spotters today, plus all of the cell

phones and video cameras in use today capture

more tornado images than ever before."

"Another myth is that a tornado will not

Triangle Ranch wins Ranch Rodeo

MUNDAY — The Triangle Ranch of Paducah claimed the top prize in the recent Ranch Rodeo held at the Munday Rodeo Arena.

The Hager Ranch from Weinert and the Pitchfork Ranch from Pickens finished in second and third places in the 10-ranch competition.

Other ranches competing included: Circle Bar Ranch, Hunter/Flowers Ranch, R.A. Brown Ranch, Red Mud Cattle Company, Thompson Ranch, Tub Handle Ranch and Waggoner Ranch.

The ranches competed in four different contests-branding, wild cow milking, sorting and mugging.

The event served as the major fundraiser for the Munday Volunteer Fire Department.

Relay for Life rescheduled Saturday

HASKELL-The Knox and Haskell chapter of the American Cancer Society Relay for Life event scheduled last Saturday was postponed until this Saturday after heavy rains made getting to the Haskell Country Club

Kicking off the fundraiser will be the Superhero Super K at 8 a.m. Then a 10 a.m. shotgun start is planned for the golf tournament.

There will be a free dinner for survivors and their caregivers at 6 p.m. at the Haskell C.C.

The celebration continues with "Minute to Win It" styles games starting at 7 p.m. and concluded with a Luminaria ceremony at 9 p.m.

AREA NEWS

Dr. Schmidt moving to Ohio

HASKELL-Dr. Shane Schmidt of Big Country Family Dental has taken a two-year pediatric residency in Ohio, but will return to the Haskell office after finishing. Dr. Cliff Ray will return to see patients along with Dr. Jason Mahoney.

Fishing for Fun set May 30

QUANAH-Fishing for Fun starts at Copper Breaks on Saturday May 30 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Children aged 13 and younger are invited to participate in the free event. The day starts with an instructer helping the kids learn the basics of fishing, such as rules, safety, and identification. Then a fishing tournament follows from noon to 3 p.m. No fishing license is required.

Renew driver license early or online

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is encouraging residents to get ahead of the summer rush at driver license offices across the state by renewing their license or identification card early or online at Texas.gov.

Licenses must be renewed in person every 12 years, so an updated photo can be taken and eyesight can be tested. If residents need to come into the office to renew, they can do so within one year prior to the expiration date, which means they can pick a time that is convenient for their schedule.

In order to be eligible for online renewal, the card holder must be a U.S. citizen and the expiration date on the card must be within one year. When renewed, the expiration date on the new card will be six years after the current card's expiration date, whether customers renew early or not. Additionally, to renew online, the card

cannot have been expired for more than two years. Customers can also renew by phone at 1-866-357-3639. The eligibility requirements for phone renewal are the same as for online renewal. The fee is the same.

Drivers urged to share the

have the most rainbows."

Week of May 18-22

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Tuesday: Pork chops, black eyed peas, combread & chocolate

Wednesday: Baked chicken, carrots, beets, bread & Mandarin

Thursday: Beef goulash, Navy beans, broccoli, bread, dessert.

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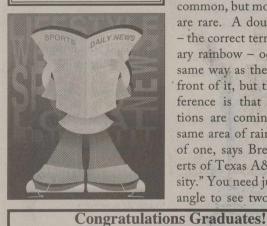
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Weather Whys? Double rainbows

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In New York a few days he explains. "The second- from the raindrop and it proago, a quadruple rainbow was photographed. How is this possible?

Double rainbows are very common, but more than that are rare. A double rainbow - the correct term is secondary rainbow - occurs in the same way as the rainbow in front of it, but the only difference is that two reflections are coming from the same area of rainfall instead of one, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University." You need just the right angle to see two rainbows,"

ary rainbow is always a little bit fainter in appearance because the sunlight is reflected internally twice by the same raindrop. Also, notice that the colors will always be reversed in a secondary rainbow. This is again caused by the way the light is reflect-

ing off the raindrops." Is rain always needed to form a rainbow?

Yes it is required, says McRoberts. "For you to see a rainbow, the sun always has to be behind you and you must be facing an area of rainfall with the sun at your back," he adds. "When sunlight strikes the area of rainfall, the light is scattered

duces colors of the spectrum, from light purple or violet to red. Raindrops lit up by sunlight produce a spectrum of colors caused by bending of the light, so a different angle to the rainbow can produce different colors to your eyes. You can create a rainbow yourself by taking a garden hose and turning it on, and with the sun at your back, create a water spray. If you look at the spray at just the right angle, you will see the spectrum of lights form - a rainbow. Areas of the country that have high amounts of rainfall, such as Hawaii and Florida, naturally will

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AUSTIN — As spring weather draws more motorcyclists onto Texas roadways, the Texas Department of Transportation is launching its "Share the Road: Look Twice for Motorcycles" campaign to reduce crashes and save lives.

road with motorcycles

The campaign – part of National Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month in May – urges drivers to be extra cautious, because mo-

torcyclists are more difficult to see and less protected than other

We see far too many deadly motorcycle crashes on Texas roadways, so we're telling drivers to be extra diligent when sharing the road," said TxDOT Executive Director Lt. Gen Joe Weber, USMC (Ret). "We're constantly told drivers simply didn't see the motorcyclist until it's too late. As drivers, it is incumbent upon us to be fully aware of our surroundings at all times and take proactive

measures to ensure the safety of motorcyclists." Over the past five years, 2,354 motorcyclists have been killed in Texas. In 2014, Texas motorcycle crashes killed 455 motorcyclists. Half of the motorcyclists killed were not wearing a helmet at the time of the crash. One-third of motorcycle fatalities took place at intersections. Approximately 49 percent of motorcyclists who died in 2014 were riding in rural areas of the state.

To promote motorcycle safety awareness, TxDOT is partnering with local law enforcement agencies and Texas Patriot Guard Riders to hold motorcycle processions in select Texas cities. The riders will carry oversized flags emblazoned with the slogans "Look Twice for Motorcycles" and "Share the Road." Patriot Guard Riders are volunteers known for leading funeral processions for fallen soldiers and first responders.

When sharing the road, TxDOT encourages drivers to check their mirrors, leave extra room between vehicles and use turn sig-

nals to help prevent crashes and save lives.

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KCHS Greyhounds' State Track Qualifiers

Congratulations and good luck to Greyhounds Jacoby Thomas and Krys Campos in state track meet





Krys Campos Shot put, discus



Jacoby Thomas
Triple jump, long jump

Best wishes from the Knox

Athletic Booster Club





Greyhounds at state track meet

Thursday, 5 p.m. **Boys Discus Krys Campos**

Friday, 8 a.m.

Friday, 11 a.m. **Boys Shot Put Krys Campos**

Friday, 4 p.m.

Thomas, Campos qualify for state track

AUSTIN - Knox City High School will have a pair of athletes-Jacoby Thomas and Krys Campos- competing here Thursday and Friday in the Class 1A state track meet

Sophomore Jacoby Thomas enters the competition as the No. 1 seed in both the long jump and triple jump with 22-2 and 45-6.25 leaps.

Michael Rodriquez of Rankin, Asher Rogers of Water Valley and Conner Dawson of Tilden McMullen County all have gone 44 feet and appear to be the top challengers in

the triple jump.

In the long jump, Justin Johnson of Mt. Enterprise and Day'veon Dockins of Munday were tied for the No. 2 seed spot with 21-9.25 efforts.

Campos will need his best efforts of the season to have a chance for a medal as he ranked fourth in the shot put at 59-10 and fifth in the discus at 143-11.

events based on throws of 59-10 and 165-4, respectively.

New KCHS cheerleaders



Lance Burleson is a heavy favorite to both The members of the 2015-2016 Knox City High School cheerleaders shown here include Brylee White and Samantha Lewis in the bottom row, Kayla Hunter, Lexi Jimenez and Cheyenne Camp in the middle and Hailee Cox at the top.

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Cross Plains chief threat to Mogulettes' chances

AUSTIN-Coach Cory Stephenson figures his Munday Mogulettes have a chance to contend for the Class 1A state track title here Thursday and Friday at the Mike Myers Track Complex at the University of Texas, pointing to Cross Plains as the team they need to beat to accomplish the feat.

The key to victory will no doubt come in the outcome of the 4x100 and 4x400 relays where Cross Plains has registered better as in the 4x100 relay, enter state as the No times entering the competition.

The Mogulettes' foursome of Kimberly Shahan, Karla Taylor, Charity Hunter and Kayla Hunter enter the competition as the No. 4 seed in the sprint relay with a 51.89 while Cross Plains was the No. 2 seed with

In the mile relay, Munday's foursome of Myca Flowers, Shahan and the Taylors were the No. 3 seed with a 4:17.99 clocking while Cross Plains was No. 2 at 4:15.47, but the Mogulettes' best time this year is 4:13, making a finish ahead of their rivals definitely possible.

The Mogulettes, using the same foursome .1 seed in the 4X200 relay with a 1:50.35, but face stiff competition from Lamesa Klondike and Ira, who have 1:50.38 and 1:50.93 clockings, respectively.

Individually, the Mogulettes need season-best performances from Raci Dila 52.52. The Mogulettes' best time this lard, Janie Salinas, Hunter and Flowers for

much needed points toward the team total to have a chance at the title.

Dillard, who placed sixth in the state in shot put last year, did gain a wildcard spot in the discus after finishing third in the regional discus. She won a silver in the shot put. She ranks No. 4 in the shot put at 38-10 and No. 5 in the discus at 119-07. Mollie Mounsey of Follet is the favorite in

Stephenson hopes Salinas is peaking at the right time and can provide valuable points by moving up from her current No. 6 seed and happens to earn a medal. Salinas, who was sixth in the 3,200 last year, has run the 1,600 meters in 5:43.71 and the 3,200 in 12:32.7. Kaitlan Bell of

O'Donnel and Cassiday Barfield of Gordon were rated as the pre-race favorites.

Points from Flowers in the high jump and Hunter in the long jump would be a bonus for Munday as they enter the competition as the No. 8 seeds, but could move up to fifth or sixth with season bests. Flowers earned a gold medal in the regional event when she cleared 4-10 on her

Cross Plains expects to get individual points from McKenzie Halsel, the No. 1 seed in the 300 meter intermediate hurdles and the No. 3 seed in the high jump; Shelby McWilliams, the No. 3 seed in the 800 meters; and Allanta Wheeler, one of

Water Valley chief threat to Munday title hopes

AUSTIN-Coach Cory McCombs points Dockins, Zac Huffman, Day'veon Dockto Water Valley as the team the Munday Moguls need to beat in the battle for team honors in the Class 1A track meet here Thursday and Friday at the Mike Myers Track Complex at the University of Texas.

Water Valley enters as the No. 1 seed in both the 4x100 and 4x200 relays with clockings of 43.67 and 1:30.86, respectively. In addition, it has the top two pole vaulters in Seth Demere (14-0) and Jancen Powers (13-6) and has Asher Rogers as a medal contender in the long jump and

The Moguls' foursome of Rayshaun

ins and Temerick Reagins seems to have the best chance of beating Water Valley in the sprint relay with a 43.7 time.

In the 4X200 relay, the Moguls were ranked fifth with a 1:33.51 and need to try to finish ahead of Lenorah Grady, Sterling City and Burkeville to not lose valuable points to Water Valley. Alfonso Nunez joins the Dockins duo and Reagins in this

Water Valley doesn't have a unit in the 4x400 relay, but Munday again needs to move up from its fifth-place rankings and improve on 3:35.02 to earn medals and valuable points. Running for the Moguls City, the only competitor to have cleared will be Day'veon Dockins, Heath Bevins, Nunez and Reagins.

Reagins, who has a best of 6-4, will be a medal contender in the high jump where Michael Rodriquez of Rankin is the favorite with a best of 6-5. David Smith of Gholson School and Payson Brumbelow of Ira all cleared 6-2 in regional, the same as Reagins.

Reagins is going to need to move up from a No. 6 seeding in the triple jump (43-1) and finish ahead of Rogers (44-0) for valuable points. The favorite in the triple jump is Jacoby Thomas of Knox

45 feet.

Another crucial event for the Moguls will be the long jump where Day'veon Dockins, the No. 2 seed at 21-9 1/4, needs to finish ahead of the Water Valley jumper Rogers (20-11 3/4). Thomas is also the favorite here as the only jumper to have leaped 22 feet.

The Moguls' Holt Bevins, who cleared 11-6 at regional, probably needs to get over at 12 feet in order to gain points in the pole vault or another vaulter needs to keep Water Valley from gaining 18 points with a 1-2 finish.



Myca Flowers wins gold in regional high jump to advance to state track meet



Temerick Reagins claims gold in regional high jump to advance to state track meet

Munday competitors

Thursday, 5 p.m. Girls High Jump Myca Flowers

Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Boys High Jump Temerick Reagins

Thursday, 7 p.m. Girls Discus

Girls 3,200 Janie Salinas

Friday, 8 a.m. Boys Triple Jump Temerick Reagins

Friday, 10 a.m.

Raci Dillard

Friday, 1 p.m. Boys Pole Vault Holt Bivens

Friday, 2 p.m. Girls Long Jump Charity Hunter

Friday, 4 p.m. Boys Long Jump Day'veon Dockins

Friday, 6 p.m. Girls - 4x100 Relay Boys - 4x100 Relay

Friday, 7:45 p.m.

Girls - 4x200 Relay Boys - 4x200 Relay

Friday, 9:45 p.m. Girls - 1,600 M Run Tanie Salinas

Friday, 10:15 p.m. Girls - 4x400 Relay Boys - 4x400 Relay

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Benjamin's Brown advances to state

AUSTIN - Benjamin High School will send one athlete to the Class 1A State Track Meet here Friday at the Mike Myers Track Complex at the University of Texas.

Sophomore Emily Brown qualified as a wildcard entry, finishing with the best third place effort of 35-7 1/2 at the regional competition at South Plains College in

She enters the competion, scheduled to start at 10 a.m., as the No. 8 seed, likely needing an extra foot to move up into the

A medal doesn't seem in reach this season as the top three of Mollie Mounsey of Follet, Aubrey Lozano of Balmorhe and Tylor Posey of Rotan all have throws of more than 39 feet.

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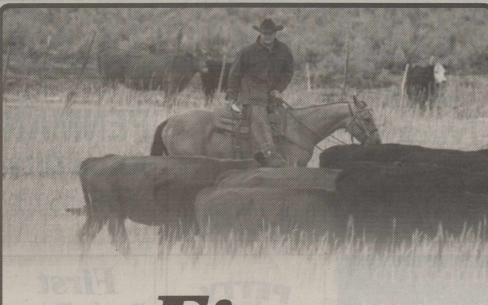
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Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

And the rains came! Indeed they did. No actual report on how much we have had over this way-different gauges show different amounts, but we do know it has been wet, and it is very welcome. The threat of severe thunderstorms and possible tornadoes kept us all with a watchful eye to the sky, and a trip or two to the cellar was also on our agenda. But nothing over here except some pretty gusty winds and some light hail. It was heavier toward Knox City and other neighboring communities. As far as I can tell, more rain is coming our way.

Regarding our ill

Betty Lyles underwent knee surgery on Tuesday of last week and is doing great. She is in rehab now and maybe before long she can return home, and that's good news. She had her surgery in Wichita Falls.

At last report Buddy Tolson was still in Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. Doctors are watching and giving medication for blood clots in both lungs. Hopefully they can get his problem resolved, and he can be home before too long.

Tibb Burnett has been having lots of back trouble. He is taking shots for the pain, and if that doesn't help, he will have to see a neurologist and possibly have some surgery. He's sure hoping it doesn't come to that, but ready to be free of the pain. I think he's due to have cataract surgery in the near future as well. We wish him well.

I was told on Sunday that Stella Carver of Knox City, who recently moved to Lubbock to be near her daughter Barbara and family, fell recently and broke her hip. So far, she has not had anything done to repair it and doesn't know what they will decide to do. Stella is 99 years of age.

Judy Redwine was dis-

missed from Covenant Hospital in Lubbock on Wednesday and is doing much better. Her breathing problem was the primary cause of her hospitalization, but after being admitted, the doctors found that she also has a cracked vertebrae in her back, so she will have that attended to on Wednesday. I'm not sure just what they are going to do, but she's ready to have something

Except for these bothersome allergies that seem to have everyone coughing and sneezing, there's no other report of anyone in the community that is ill. If I've missed anyone, I do apologize, and I wish everyone well.

Sympathy extended

My most sincere sympathy to the family of Joy Butler of Knox City, who was killed in an automobile accident last Thursday. Joy was a nurse, and I understand she was en route to work when she lost control of her vehicle. I have not had an actual report on exactly what happened. Her funeral was Monday in Knox City. She will be missed by so

I received word this morning of the death of Kenneth Rogers, formerly of Rochester, now of Seymour. Kenneth has been in failing health for several years. He was the son of former Benjamin residents, Henry and Belle Rogers. Graveside rites were Tuesday in the Knox City Cemetery. My sympathy to the Rogers

Here 'n there

First of all, let me apologize for having the wrong date of birth for the new Copeland baby. She was born Friday, May 1, 2015, (not May 2). Sorry about that careless mistake, Jenna and Jeff.

The dance recital in Munday on Saturday and Sunday was a huge success, and lots of folks were there to enjoy the show. I salute those instructors who do such a splendid job with all those girls from very small all through high school. It amazed me how they got it all done. The timing is perfect and just seems it all goes like clock work!

I saw former resident, Kent Josselet and his wife, Cindy, on Sunday. They live in Ponder, where he is a principal. It was good to see them. They are former Benjamin residents, and he was coach here for a while.

It was a big weekend for Cody Propps as he graduated from Tarleton State University in Stephenville on Saturday morning. Cody received his Bachelor of Science degree in Education and will be employed by Benjamin ISD when the new school year begins. We congratulate Cody and wish him well as he begins life in the "working world." Attending the commencement from Benjamin were his parents James and Stacia, Donnie and Barbara Ryder, Jason Ewing and Shannon Propps, and Shelby Russell. Others there to see him get his college diploma were his brother Chance Propps of Los Angeles, Herbert and Dickie Propps of Seymour, Susan Spake of Munday, Shaylee Propps of Canyon, Jill and Todd Phillips, who live in the Metroplex, and Jimmie K and Don Liles, who live near Longview. Shannon, Jason, Donnie and Barbra had a pretty exciting few minutes when they got close to Cisco Saturday afternoon. They were in that tornado and said for a while things were very scary, Thank goodness they made it OK and were able to tell us about it.

Spending the weekend with her mom Penny Eaton and grandmother Dorothy Spikes was Heddy Eaton. She lives in the Dallas area. They all attended the dance recital in Munday, where Penny's granddaughters performed. They are the daughters of Kendra and Tony Hunter of Knox City.

Will Moorhouse of Big Spring was here for a weekend visit with his parents, Mike and Debi. Will lost his job in Knox City due to the oil crunch but has gone to work for Basic in Big Spring, and so far, he likes it real well.

My Mother's Day guests were my daughters and their families, Debi of Benjamin, and Diane of Childress.

Roger and Betty Bohannon, Leslie Brumley and Tyler and Jamie Ford were in Geneva, Neb. during the weekend for the graduation from high school on Saturday night of Sabra Bohannon and Taylor Bohannon. Sabra was the recipient of five scholarships, which made her mom Jamie and grandparents very happy. That will certainly help toward the cost of her college education. I congratulate both girls on their accomplishments.



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The Paperboy

OMG! Did you see what Wind roofing she posted on Facebook?

you take to Facebook rather than speaking with someone you have an issue with, you are a coward and a bul-

Just a few years ago, when people had issues, they'd either talk it

their own children to local restaurants. I

decided then and there that I didn't want

Today, a growing number of people

seem to think that complaining on Face-

book will somehow resolve their issue. In

fact, just the opposite occurs ... it makes

In small towns, Facebook has become a

fool's paradise. Want to know where the

hate is? Just log on and start reading. It is

Just last week some idiots took to Face-

book over one of our stories. Never mind

the fact that the newspaper was conveying

what happened to the public. Never mind

the quotes from individuals. No - let's take

The ironic part is, as soon as someone

takes to Facebook rather than calling me

to complain, you've lost all credibility in

my eyes. In fact, by showing such a lack of

character, you've shown the whole world exactly how gutless and simple you real-

to Facebook and shoot the messenger.

out, complain to others,

or it would blow over.

Today, the only people

trying to talk it out are

I'm not on Facebook

because I think it is poi-

son. I'm part of a grow-

ing trend. I was on it for

a brief time several years

ago, but got off because

spewing their venom

about everything from

people constantly

people of character.



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that in my life.

the issue larger.

beyond pitiful.

Facebook is that nothing is ever resolved. It's just a contest on who can get the last word in. Isn't that how 5-year-olds argue? I expect more than that from those over 30, much less 60 and 70-year-olds.

And for those of you who are or who've been Facebook victims: Rise above. Never let other people define who you are. It's dangerous and defeating. Lowering yourself to their level is not going to resolve anything. I know it's tempting to address such matters, but throwing a fit and arguing on the internet is futile.

the village idiot was. Now, simply log on

We live in a society and part of the fab-

We are not put on this planet to belittle one another on the Internet. Before you spew your hate-filled dialogue, take a deep breath and consider everyone who will be affected by your posts. Think of the families and friendships involved. Then, pick up the phone and call the person or business you have an issue with. Let's be civil

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re you a Facebook coward? If ly are. If that was your goal, congratula-

tions.

Once upon a time, you had to ask who and you can find village idiots galore.

ric of this society is our ability to get along. People should realize that the internet is permanent. Even if you delete something, there is still a record of it and a way to

to one another!

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The 501

oofing in the wind. Call it a sport for roofers - the same way logrolling competitions put loggers' skills to the test. Either way, the goal is not to

My husband and our musician-farm-I guess the most perplexing thing about hand Rick and I gave it a go last week. A forecast for heavy rains inspired us.

As the wind blew hard, our task was an extensive emergency patch job for Rick's roof, emphasis on extensive. All told, we unrolled about a hundred square feet of roll roofing to cover various remnants of earlier roofing jobs, including some crum-

> bling colorful stuff that smacked of the 1950s.

On a scale of one to whatever, roll roofing is heavier than the black paper that goes down first. It's like one big shingle. If you hold up roll roofing in the wind, it functions like a sail.

Fact: HANABA

It's hard to handle long lengths of roll roofing in gale force winds, even for three people.

"Cut it off right there, dear," my husband said, somehow managing to hand me his roll roofing cutter (something you couldn't take on an airplane) while holding his end of the stuff while Rick held fast to the other end and I, more or less prone, used most of my body to weight down the middle even as I extended my right arm to make the strategic

SLICING SOUND.

WELCH

My stroke was almost expert, except for the gash I cut in a piece we'd already

nailed in place.

My husband was in no position to fire me. Maybe later.

Crazed by the challenge, we kept roofing, slopping mastic under seams as we went and hammering nails with orange plastic caps, except, truth be told, they're really little collars.

More truth:

Mastic isn't easily slopped, not even with a favorite trowel. I could write a treatise on the stuff, except I already have. It's black and sticky and likes to get absolutely everywhere it's not supposed to be. I got stuck with mastic duty, literally. If you want to keep a farmhand, you don't ask him to do mastic. Same goes for keeping a husband.

Meanwhile, the wind blew harder.

As any rocket scientist knows, wind that comes over the peak of a roof ends up compressed, stronger and more turbulent than it was before it first hit the roof. (I just made that up, but I once knew a rocket scientist.) We were on the turbulent side, finding it hard not to lose our footing on loose roofing granules, oozing mastic and little pecan tree twigs.

How steep was the roof? Steep enough for my hammer to take off by itself and

slide down, down, down and off. If you're roofing in the wind, don't chase your hammer.

Special note to musicians:

Roofing in the wind is a day job that can make you think about giving up your day

I'm not even a musician, and I thought about it.

Happy ending:

It rained. Rick's roof didn't leak. Thought you'd want to know.

Knox City C.C. golf schedule

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 a.m., 2 p.m. Scramble, 2-person scramble, \$75, 1:30 p.m.

July 4—Bill Baker Memorial Tournament, 2-person scramble, \$100. 8:30

July 5—July 4th Scramble, blind draw, \$15, 1:30 Fall Classic, 3-person, \$75,

July 25—Knox City Festival, 3-person scramble, \$75, 8 a.m.

Aug. 8—Knox City CC Ag-Oil, 4-man, \$240, 8

Aug. 22—Glow Ball Scramble, 4-person, \$25,

Sept. 7—Labor Day Scramble, blind draw, \$15,

Sept. 12-Knox City

Sept. 19-Knox City Chamber of Commerce Scramble, 3-person, \$120,

Oct. 3—Glow Scramble, 4-person, \$25 (includes meal), 5 p.m.

Oct. 10—Guys & Dolls Scramble, 2-person scramble, \$75, 1:30 p.m.

To enter tournaments, call 940 658-3911 after 6 p.m. or send to PO Box 734, Knox City, TX 79529

RECYCLING 2015

Things needed for center

A few weeks ago a friend asked, "Does the center. The building doesn't have the center need anything?" Are you kidding me? "No, I'm not kidding you. Everyone knows you need a fork lift and a bailing machine. What other needs do you have? Give me a list of those needs, please."

It wasn't Santa who asked, but here goes. Dear Santa: Fork lift, bailing machine, an enclosed building (honestly), and volunteer help, lots of it. From time-to-time we do have other needs, but primarily these

Some of you have been to the center and know first hand why I say we need an enclosed building. Having no sides on the east or west means we get wet when it snows, sleets, or rains. The winds we get blows the moisture in, wetting everything. Also, the floors are lower than the surrounding soil, allowing water to flood

a foundation around the bottom of the walls, naturally water also runs in under the existing walls. In some areas the water stands three-inches deep, making for unsafe working conditions.

Preparing for rain is a lot like getting ready for a hurricane. We have to add weight to cardboard and raise it up off the floor, hoping it won't blow away or gets wet from the floor up. This is hard work and consumes a lot of time, and has nothing to do with our work of preparing things for shipping.

Now everyone can know our needs. I hope one or some can help us with these needs. If you have questions, please call me, Bunny, at either 421-3334 or 203-0221. My email address is: youwoodtwo@

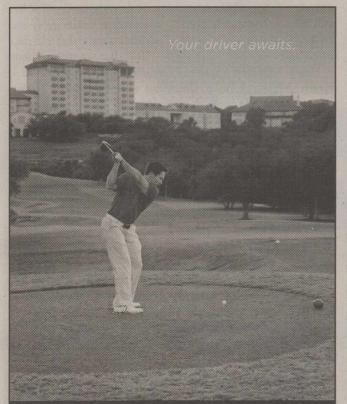
Lake Creek golf schedule

1:30 p.m.

May 23-24--Daniel Ramirez Memorial 3-person scramble June 27--3 lady scramble

July 11-12--3 person scramble

Aug. 9--Guys & Dolls Aug. 23--1 person scramble Sept. 12-13--3 person scramble



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Mac's Views

ur prayers have certainly been answered with all the recent rain. It appears even more is on the way, meaning that Miller Creek Reservoir is on its way to filling up if we get two inches more.

Texas has definitely been getting more than its share of moisture as the lake levels across the state are up by more than 10 percent, but of course these thunderstorms that deliver all

the rain do produce tornadoes and hail that cause a lot of damage.

Here in Knox County, we should be off water restrictions now that we have what amounts to a five-year sup-

Additionally, it seems that work will continue on JAMES the water wells being drilled with grants that Goree and MCAFEE Rochester received.

Even better news is that some of the water problems mentioned by the

Think small was the hint. You have to at once as this might overwhelm you. Success is easier with few manageable steps. Write down your goals and keep them where you can

*Be specific like eating just one piece of fruit at breakfast.

*Be realistic, saying you are saving dessert for a special occassion rather than saying you are giving up such sweet treats

*Set a time frame for how often you will check your blood sugar.

Some other quick views:

My wife and I certainly enjoyed the performances by all The Movement Space students at last Sunday's "Rock This Town" recital. We're lucky to have such dedicated individuals providing such training here. Hats off to Cori Corcoran, Kelly Thompson, Misti Zeissel, Haley Morrow and Kacy Latham.

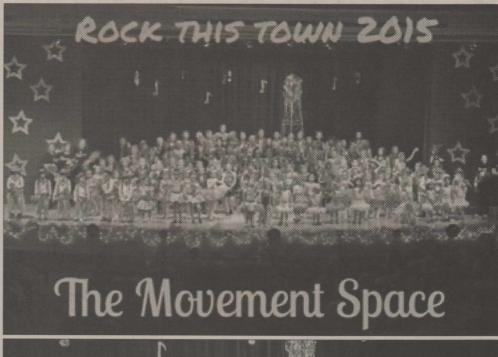
With all the emphasis on winning at all cost, it is no suprise what length some will do to try to gain an edge. There is no excuse, no matter what some New England fans think, for what the two Patriots employees did to deflate footballs to the liking of quarterback Tom Brady for the game against the Indianapolis Colts. This could have happened all season. I'm glad to see that the NFL suspended Brady for four games and fine the Patriots \$1 million plus the loss of a couple of draft choices.

Students in Munday will get out early on Friday to allow fans the chance to drive to Austin for the state track meet. Let's bring home some medals and possibly the team titles.

Just for the record, I learned last week that I'm not able to do things that I did when I was in my 50s and 60s. For example, playing golf six days in a row after playing in a scramble at the Knox City Country Club before leaving.

TCEO during the drought should be corrected with the water level up. Since there are others with diabetes, I wanted to share some secrets to a healthy life with it that my wife received recently. change your habits, but don't tackle too much

Rock this town!









ROCK INIS IOWN, formers from all over this part of North Texas for two three-hour shows over the weekend at the Munday High School Auditorium. It was a big hit as youngsters performed dances, tumbling, twirling and musicial theatre. Rebecca Serrato, a member of Movement Space for the past nine years, was the feaure performer.

Hunter named president

president of the Munday

School Board of Trustees

Tuesday night, replacing Todd Thompson. In ad-

dition, Tyler Thompson

and Nancy Birkenfeld were

chosen as the new vice pres-

Kevin Myers, Laurie Ur-

banczyk and Shannon Wa-

ters took their oaths of of-

fice and joined the board af-

ter results of last Saturday's

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election were accepted.

ident and secretary.

Knox Commissioners OK new security system

By James McAfee The Knox County News-Courier

BENJAMIN-The Knox County Commissioners Court voted to upgrade the security system at the Courthouse here during its regular monthly meeting Monday afternoon, accepting a bid of \$9,154.50 from Secure Tech.

Ralph Price of Secure Tech explained that the old system was so old that there were not parts available to make any repairs that might become necessary.

Judge Travis Floyd indicated that there were adequate funds in a special security fund to pay the cost of the new upgraded system.

Acting on a suggestion from County treasurer Rosie Ake, the commissioners approved

the establishment of a look back time period as required by the Affordable Care Act to coincide with the budget, from Oct. 1 until Sept.

The commissioners approved a proclamation designating May as Elder Abuse Preven-

In the reports of staff members, Traci Blair indicated that she was having a few problems with getting out warnings to residents since the 911 radios were acting up at times.

In addition, Blair introduced new 911 employee, Tammy Current, who moved here from Ohio, noting that she had 13 years of experience as a 911 dispatcher.

Justice of Peace Auggie Rodriquez indicated his office was staying busy with civil cases.



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of school board By James McAfee The Knox County News-Courier Consolidated Independent during its regular meeting

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> He noted that the job had been posted with a June 8 deadline for applications. He suggested a screening meeting during the week of June 22 with interviews the following week and a possible target date of July 13 to hire the new superinten-

In executive session, the trustees considered matters related to the hiring of an interim superintendent.

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is seeking applicants for the position of a Head Start Teacher at the Munday Child Development Center in Munday, Texas. Applicants must possess one of the following:

•A minimum of an associate degree in early childhood or child development; or •An associate degree in a field related to early childhood education and coursework equivalent to a major relating to early childhood education with experience teaching preschool age children; or

•A baccalaureate or advanced degree in any field and coursework equivalent to a major relating to early childhood education with experience teaching preschool-age children; or • A baccalaureate degree in any field and has been admitted into the Teach for America

program, has passed a rigorous early childhood content exam such as the Praxis II, has participated in a Teach for America summer training institute that includes teaching preschool children, and is receiving ongoing professional development and support from Teach for America's professional staff.

Coursework equivalent to a major relating to early childhood education includes, but is not limited to, courses that focus on child development, early childhood education, early childhood curriculum (as a whole or by domain such as math, science, or literacy), early childhood teaching instruction, child assessment, psychology, family development, health and physical development, mathematics, science, and children's literature. Such courses

may be offered in various departments, such as education, home economics, music, art, library sciences, physical education and recreation, psychology, family studies, and others. Interested persons may go by 941 Bowie in Munday for an application or go online to www.rollingplains. org to download and print an application. Please attach a resume and college transcripts to your application and mail to: Rolling Plains Management Corporation, PO Box 490, Crowell, TX 79227 Applications must be received on or before May 29, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.. Rolling Plains

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The North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority has violated the monitoring and reporting requirements set by Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) in Chapter 30, Section 290, Subchapter F. Public water systems are required to monitor for lead and copper and report the results of that monitoring to the TCEQ. During July 1 – December 31, 2014 we did not complete all monitoring and/or reporting for lead and copper, and therefore TCEQ cannot be sure of the safety of your drinking water during that time

We are working to correct the problem: This is a result of a change in timing of sampling requirements by the TCEQ, not a failure by the NCTMWA. We will collect the required samples in June, 2015 and report the results to the TCEQ. Please share this information with all people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (i.e., people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses) You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail. If you have questions regarding this matter, you may contact David Kuehler, at (940) 422-4051.

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Temerick Reagins, high jump, triple jump, relays • Day'veon Dockins, long jump, relays • Holt Bivens, pole vault, relay alternate • Rayshaun Dockins, relays • Zachary Huffman, relay • Heath Bivens, relay • Alfonso Nunez, relay

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Raci Dillard, shot put and discus • Janie Salinas, 1,600 and 3,200 • Myca Flowers, high jump, relay • Charity Hunter, long jump, relays • Kimberly Shahan, relays • Karla Taylor, relays • Kayla Taylor, relays • Skylar Gomez, relay alternate Ana Vega, relay alternate

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