MARY JANE YOUNG

Hearing scheduled on Thomas' eligibility

News-Courier

MUNDAY — A hearing of the District 7-2A, Division II executive committee has been scheduled Aug. 25 in Seymour to discuss the eligibility of Jacoby Thomas to participate in Munday High athletics this season.

start school here later this month, transferring from Knox City High School.

His mother moved to Munday last fall, but Thomas Interscholastic League.

Special to The Knox County remained enrolled at KCHS where he participated in football, rushing for 1,270 yards and scoring 27 touchdowns as a freshman, and in track, winning a gold medal in the triple jump and a silver medal in the long jump in the Class A State Track Meet.

If declared ineligible, Thomas would have to sit Thomas is scheduled to out a year, but could participate as a member of the junior varsity.

The decision could also be appealed to the University

Knox proposes higher tax rate

By James McAfee The Knox County News-Courier

BENJAMIN — Knox County is proposing a tax rate of 0.7609926 per \$100 valuation, an increase from last year's 0.67905. Since it exceeds the lower of the effective or rollback rates, there will be pubic hearings reports from the department at 10 a.m. Aug. 19 and again heads present, incuding a at 10 a.m. Aug. 24 at the Knox County Courthouse.

The effective tax rate is 0.7317237 and the rollback- for Career Day on Sept. 9.

Benjamin VB

tax rate is 0.7902617.

In a brief meeting of the court on Monday, the commissioners decided to retain the \$10 fee for Texas Department of Motor Vehicles and to keep all the fees for the sheriff and the constable the same as last year.

The commissioners heard reminder from Community Development Director Jimi Coplen to mark their calendars

HS volleyball season gets under way



Sheri Baty/The Knox County News Courier

Kristen Tuckness goes high to mae a return in scrimmage against Wichita Falls Notre Dame last week.

By James McAfee

The Knox County News-Courier

Knox County's three high school volleyball teams kicked off non-district play this week, preparing for what they hope will be playoff berths when District 6-2A play starts next month.

A decision by the University Interscholastic League will make that a little easier since there will be playoffs for Class 1A schools this fall. The top three Class 1A teams from district will advance and all three coaches are optimistic of their chances.

Class 2A powers Hawley and Albany are still expected to dominate 6-2A as they did last season, earning return tickets to the playoffs.

For season openers Tuesday, Benjamin travelled to Paducah, Knox City journeyed to Electra for dual matches with the host girls and Gold-Berg while Munday went to Aspermont for a dual that also included Newcastle.

The Mogulettes claimed a 25-13, 28-26, 26-24 win over Aspermont and a 14-25, 27-25, 25-22, 28-26 win over Newcastle to start the season at 2-0.

New Coach Jessica Toliver was pleased with the Mogulettes' effort in the nail-biting, down-to-the-wire sets.

"We were down 24-19 in the last set with Newcastle, but came from behind to pull out the decision," she explained, pointing to strong senior leadership for allowing the Mogulettes to never get down on them-

Toliver noted that her starting lineup consisted of seniors Kimberly Shahan, Skylar Gomez, Ana Vega and Denise Araujo along with sophomore Kristen Kuehler and freshman Emily Scott.

"Emily sure didn't play like a freshman,"

Toliver added.

Junior Madison Edgar came off the bench as a Libero to provide some valuable minutes and Toliver expects junior Regan Sanderson will be another player counted on to log valuable minutes in the future.

In earlier scrimmages, Munday beat Paducah and Aspermont in two sets and then competed well with larger schools, Albany and Breckenridge.

The Mogulettes participate in the Bryson Tournament Thursday and Saturday, the Houndettes participate in the Burkburnett Tournament Friday and Saturday and the Stangs play in the Harrold Tournament Sat-

First-year Coach Cody Propps is excited about the prospects of the Benjamin Lady Stangs after last week's scrimmages.

"They came together and held their own at our first scrimmage on Friday against Wichita Christian, Quanah and Stone Gate Academy, " he said. "I saw a lot of good things happen and we played well, but still have a lot of improvement to do before Tues-

"On Saturday we traveled to Rotan and got off to a rough start, but once we found our groove we finally started to put the ball down and rotate. I couldn't be more proud

In a scrimmage with Wichita Falls Notre Dame last Saturday, Coach Brenna Hoegger felt the Knox City Houndettes "did some really good things," but cautioned they still had a lot to learn.

"Our first two sets looked a little rough simply because they all have never played together before," she said. "By the third and fourth sets, we were coming together more, and more positive things were happening".

Hoegger has two starters returning, mid-See KNOX VB, Page 8

Knox

Please notify the News-Courier about your upcoming events. Emailed submissions to kcnewscourier@ gmail are preferred. The deadline for inclusion will be the Friday before the following week's issue.

Free school supplies

MUNDAY - Free school supplies and backpacks for Munday **Elementary School students** will be given out at the school on Friday from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. School supplies are complimentary of Aspermont Small Business Bureau and backpacks are donated by the First Methodist Church in

Moguls' fundraiser

MUNDAY - The Munday football team is selling discount cards for \$20 as a fundraiser. Special offers from Mati's, Caroline's, Dairy Queen and Munday Tire & Appliance are included with others from North Texas.

Pre-K 3 program

KNOX CITY - Knox City Elementary School is accepting applications for students who qualify for the Pre-K 3 program. Students need to be 3 years old on or before Sept. 3, 2015 and also meet household income criteria. Call Marsha Quade at 940 657-3247 with questions.

Free meals program

To ensure that students receive nutritious meals, schools in Knox City and Munday do offer programs to provide free or reduced-price breakfast and lunch. Parents should check with Tammy Gonzales in Knox City or Joyce Sanders in Munday about eligibility requirements.

KC 'Meet the Teacher"

KNOX CITY - All students from the Knox City Elementary and their parents are invited to a "Meet the Teacher Night" from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Aug. 20. Students are asked to bring their school supplies that night.

Conversation with family

KNOX CITY -Shannon Palvado, outreach liaison for Hospice of Wichita Falls, will make a talk on the important conversation you have with your loved ones after you pass on from life at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25 at the Knox County Aging Center. All attendees will receive a free "My Time" book from Hospice of Wichita Falls. RSVP at 940 459-2561 or knox@ag.tamu.edu.

Recycling center hours

MUNDAY - Gates for the Munday Recyling Cener will be open from 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday. Call Bunny Norville at 940 203-0221 if interested in being a volunteer.

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Correction

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

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Coach Cody Propps gives instructions to Benjamin Lady

Munday VB

Stangs before a scrimmage.



James McAfee/The KNox County News-Courier The Munday Mogulettes start practice with some agility drills.

Playing field levelled for liquefied natural gas

News-Courier

President has signed into law legislation that included a provision that makes the excise tax on liquefied natural gas (LNG) and diesel comparable on an energyequivalent basis.

The provision was introduced earlier this year by U.S. Congressmen Mac Thornberry (TX-13) and John Larson (CT-01) as the "LNG Excise Tax Equaliza-

Sprecial to The Knox County tion Act of 2015," H.R. 905. The federal excise tax on LNG and diesel has been set WASHINGTON — The at 24.3 cents per gallon. Because it takes 1.7 gallons of LNG to produce the same amount of energy as a gallon of diesel fuel, LNG is being taxed 70 percent higher than diesel. The new law that will take effect in 2016 levels the playing field by applying the excise tax to LNG and diesel based on the amount of energy each produces, which is how it is applied to Compressed Natural Gas and

"We have been working for several years to achieve a fair, market-centered solution to fix the tax disparity between diesel and LNG," said Thornberry. "This change will encourage more private sector investment in LNG infrastructure and production, and that will have a real, positive effect on our economy."

Thornberry originally introduced the provision in 2009, and he has reintroduced it in each subsequent Congress. Rep. Larson, a

Member of the Ways and Means Committee, joined Thornberry to advance the bill and permanently correct the excise tax disparity.

"I have long called for a fair tax on natural gas fuels, which are cleaner and more efficient than gasoline, said Congressman Larson." "Utilizing natural gas is key to gaining energy independence, and lowering taxes on natural gas fuels will encourage more vehicle manufacturers and businesses to make the switch. This is a common-

sense step in the right direction for clean, affordable, and domestic energy." To better understand the

change to the excise tax, consider a diesel truck traveling 100,000 miles per year at 5 miles per gallon consumes 20,000 gallons of diesel fuel. An identical LNG truck would require 34,000 gallons of LNG to travel the same distance. While the LNG truck uses a cleaner, domestic form of fuel, it had to pay an additional \$3,402 per year in taxes for using LNG.

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Walter 'Soupy' Hertel

Walter M. "Soupy" Hertel passed from this world and went to be with his lord on Sunday Aug. 9, 2015 at the age of 89.

2 THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2015

Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church of Munday on Wednesday Aug. 12 with Dennis Duke and Gary Hubbard officiating. Interment followed in the Benjamin Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Smith Funeral Home of Munday. Visitation was held at the funeral home on Tues-

Walter was born on Sept. 5, 1925 to Walter Richard and Elnora Hertel in Knox County. Walter married the love of his life Peggy Trainham Hertel on May 5, 1944 in Seymour.

Walter served in the Army during WWII as a proud member of the 89th Chemical Mortar Battalion. Walter enjoyed telling friends and family that he was in the Army for 2 years, 3 months and 17 days. We all knew when he said that, he was telling us that he was proud of his service to his country, but he was ready to get home to his friends, family and especially his bride in Benjamin. Walter was discharged from the Army in September

After his discharge from the Army, Walter served as

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WALTER HERTEL

the city manager for the City of Benjamin for 24 years. During his time in Benjamin, Walter was instrumental in establishing a water well sys-



tem as a new water supply for Benjamin. The previous water supply system for Benjamin was the Benjamin Lake. The Knox County Water Control and Improvement District 1 was established after the water well system was implemented and Walter served as manager of the WCID for 61

In 1969, Walter and his family moved to Munday

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where he was city manager for the City of Munday for 20 years. Walter was very proud of his accomplishments during his 20-year career with the City of Munday, but the thing he took the most pride in was construction of the Corp of Engineers drainage ditch on the south side of town that helped to alleviate flooding throughout the city. He was also very proud to have been instrumental in paving many of the city streets in Munday during his time as city manager. Walter loved his town and devoted a lot of time and energy to serving the residents and improving the city.

Walter is survived by his wife Peggy of Munday; son Larry and his wife Judy and grandson Greg all of Lubbock; son Tim and his wife Ann of Windthorst; and a sister Rose Ellen Albus of Lubbock.

Walter was preceded in death by his parents Walter and Elnora, his first son Gary, granddaughter Kristi Hertel and brothers Don and

In lieu of flowers, memorials are requested for Hospice of Wichita Falls, PO Box 4804, Wichita Falls, TX 76308, Benjamin Cemetery Association, PO Box 292, Benjamin, TX 79505, or a charity of your choice.

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pm on Sept. 1, 8, 22, 29 and

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lor County Extension office

at 500 N. Main Street, 940

889-5581 or at Seymour

Hospital Home Health, 600

N. Main St., 940 889-3755.

George Spann Sr.

George Sumner Spann, Sr., of Ennis died on Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2015. He was born June 28, 1934, in Munday to Oscar Holder and Bera Bowden Spann. Mr. Spann married his high school sweetheart, Patsy Lain, on July 27, 1957. They were married 58 years.

He is survived by his wife Patsy Lain Spann; one son, George Sumner Spann, Jr., and wife Sandy of Grapevine; Sheryl Spann Sandling of Ennis: three grandchildren, Stacey and Jared Spann and Ryan Sandling; and one sister Bera Spann Johnson of Abilene.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Oscar and Bera Spann, and infant daughter Sharla Sue Spann, one brother Oscar Holder Spann, Jr., and one sister Elizabeth Janette Spann Link.

George was a graduate of

Munday High School and Texas Tech University. He served in the United States Navy on the USS Leary from 1952-1954 as an electrician's mate. From 1960 until 1999 he was employed with LTV Aerospace (Lockheed Martin). He was the Lead Electrician Design Engineer on of J.E. Keever Mortuary, Inc



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He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Ennis, having served in various leadership capacities. His life was guided in the Word of God and he strived to be Christ-like in all his ways. He exhibited soft-spoken mannerisms and a generous heart to needy persons. He was a loyal and loving husband, father, grandfather, friend, and man of God.

Funeral services for Mr. Spann were held Aug. 7 in the First United Methodist Church of Ennis. Visitation was held prior to the service at the church.. Burial was held at Johnson Memorial Cemetery in Munday last Saturday under the direction

Charles Dan Yates

Charles Dan "Danny" Yates, 64, passed away Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2015 in Seymour, after a three year battle with cancer.

Funeral services were held in the chapel at Seymour Memorial Funeral Home, Seymour on Saturday. Interment followed at the Goree Memorial Cemetery in Goree. Visitation with family and friends was held Friday at the funeral home.

Danny was born on Nov. 13, 1950 at the Seymour Hospital, in Seymour. He graduated from Goree High School, and attended Cisco Junior College and Midwestern State University. He married Doris Royston on July 23, 1971.

Danny was a self-employed salesman. He loved playing golf, card games and crossword puzzles. He also was an avid reader. The love of his life was his wife, sons and grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Doris of Seymour; two sons Jarrod Yates and wife Hong of Midlothian and Charlie Yates of Burkburnett; two



DANNY YATES

grandchildren Tristen and Haley Yates of Midlothian; his sisters Pam Yates Chesher and husband Mike of Wichita Falls and Jan Yates Cure and husband Larry of Roswell, N.M.; his brother Macky Yates and wife Janet of Munday; and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles (Cowboy) Yates and Pearl Betts Yates; and a granddaughter Sanoi Kaitlyn Yates.

Memorials made be made to the Hospice of Wichita Falls, 4909 Johnson Rd, Wichita Falls, TX 76310. Condolences may be sent to www.seymourmemorial.com.

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The family would like to express a heartfelt thank you to all of those who visited, called, brought comfort and food to our family, especially for the support of my mother-in-law Lois, both before the funeral and since her return home. A special thank you to the Methodist Church in Knox City for all of their support. The family is truly grateful to everyone.

Karen Cypert

Aging Center Menu

Menus for week of August 17-21

Monday: Taco salad, Spanish rice, corn, dessert Tuesday: Pork chops, black eyed peas, cornbread, chocolate chip cookies

Wednesday: Baked chicken, carrots, beets, bread, mandarin oranges

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

Friday: BBQ sandwich, tater tots, carrots, zucchini, fruit cocktail

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Mustangs prepare for season opener

By James McAfee

The Knox County News-Courier

BENJAMIN — The Benjamin Mustangs continued getting ready for their opening game Sept. 28 at Wichita Christian with regular practices under ing hard, and really buying Coach Jacob Navarro, but no scrimmages with other teams are planned.

and we should end up with 10-11 players," Navarro said. "The guys are workinto the system, into the team philosophy.

"We are using this time to "Practice is going great learn the offense and defense scheme, and just preparing for the season. I see this being a really great year!"

Benjamin volleyball schedule

Aug. 15		Harrold Tournament	V	ТВА
Aug. 22	at	Chillicothe	V	10
Aug. 25		Harrold	V	5
Aug: 29		Northside	V	10
Sept. 1	at	Aspermont JV	V	4
Sept. 8		Quanah	JH/V	5
Sept. 12		Woodson	V	10
Sept. 19	at	Albany	V	10
Sept. 22		Hawley	JH/V	5
Sept. 26	at	Moran	V	10
Sept. 29		Munday	JH/V	5
Oct. 3	at	Knox City	V	10-
Oct. 6	at	Woodson	JH/V	5
Oct. 13		Albany	JH/V	5
Oct. 17	at	Hawley	V	10
Oct. 20		Moran	JH/V	5
Oct. 24	at	Munday	V	10
Oct. 27		Knox City	JH/V	5
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Gladene Green

The summer is winding down, and before long the bells will ring to bring in another school year. The volleyball and football training seem to be going good, and the kids and coaches alike are looking forward to the scrimmages and start of the regular season. It looks like it could be a good one.

We extend sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Walter (Soupy) Hertel today. Soupy passed away early Sunday morning at the Munday Nursing Center where he had resided for several weeks. His funeral was held Wednesday in Munday with burial here in Benjamin.

Here 'n there

Again this week, the news of the community is pretty scarce. I'm sure there are things going on, but I'm just not aware of them. The Women of Benjamin did meet on Wednesday night for a few hours of the three Fs-fun, food and fellowship. The crowd was not as many as we usually have, but it was an enjoyable time. We invite and urge any and everyone to join us. We meet the first Wednesday night of each month at 6 p.m. at the Baptist parsonage. And we always have a good time.

Ralph Escobar called on Thursday night and told me his sister Betty Martinez had passed away earlier in the week. She lived in California and had been in failing health for several years. She was on dialysis and that, accompanied by her many other problems was just too much to overcome. She had been in a care home but had returned to her home where she passed away. Ralph also said his wife Mary is doing much better. She had a stroke a few years ago, but now about the only effect she has of it is her speech. She still has trouble with it. Ralph calls pretty often, and we always are glad to hear from him. He always sends best regards to his friends in Benjamin.Hazel Stockton's grandchildren honored her with a get together at the Benjamin Methodist Church on Aug 1. Several of her great grandchildren and two grandchildren were on hand for the meal and visit. She said it was an enjoyable

Mary Young said the Knox County Historical Commission is getting ready for the annual garage sale. It will be Sept. 12 in Munday. She said the commission meets this week, and after that meeting she will begin the publicity about the sale. So get busy-

gather up your "stuff" and make it available for this very worthwhile event.

Visiting Mary Young one day last week were her brother-in-law and his wife Butch and Letha Young, who live in Saginaw.

Sammy and Clara Tipton and their son Gene and his wife of Forestburg visited Bud Conner Saturday night. They were en route home from a trip to Lubbock.

I learned Wednesday of the death of George Spann. George and his wife Patsy (Lain) lived at Ennis. His health had been failing for quite some time. His funeral was in Ennis on Saturday with burial in Munday. George and Patsy are both former Munday residents and graduates of Munday High School. My sympathy to George's family.

I saw Fred Carver Friday night. Jan said he had a week of not feeling too well, but will go this week for tests and scans to see what the treatment has done so far. Please continue to pray for him and his family.

Jonathan Rainwater, who is working at Waurika for the summer, was here for the weekend. He is in a band and the group played for the dance at the reception following the Welch-Hurt wedding Friday night.

Sheriff's Report

July 9-Aug. 5

- 1. Brown, Joe Lee, 7/9/15, Dob 8/16/61, Assault causing bodily Injury, (M-A) Foard County
- 2. McCrary, James Zell, 7/11/15, Dob 2/9/65, Unlawful possession of firearm by felon (F-3), Deadly Conduct, (M-A), Obstruction/Retaliation (F-3), Knox County
- 3. Williams, Jeffery Leon Jr., 7/13/15, Dob 7/13/88, Assault causing bodily injury (M-A)
- 4. Trevino, Yvette, 7/9/15, Dob 4/23/91, Possess Marijuana, (M-A) Knox County (arrested in Jackson County., OK)
- Sparkman, Mallorie, 7/15/15, Dob 1/17/87, DWLI w/previous conviction (M-A) Knox County (arrested in Garza County, Tx)
- 6. Aranda, Enrique Ernesto, 7/18/15, Dob 9/6/88, Possess marijuana (M-B) Knox County (arrested in Lubbock, Tx)
- 7. Reinier, Waldo Rodriguez Garcia 7/212/15, Dob 1/12/87, DWLI (M-B) Knox County
- 8. Morelos, Juan, 7/27/15, Dob 9/1/89, Assault causing bodily injury/family member, (M-A), Violate protective order (M-A) (Collin County warrants) Knox County
- Savedra, Angela, 7/28/15, Dob 3/1/83, TBC (M-B) (Scurry County warrant) Knox
- 10. Benhunea Gonzales, Silvestre, 7/28/15, Dob 11/26/86, Aggravated assault w/deadly weapon, (F-2) Knox County

Dean W. Homstad Sheriff **Knox County**





Hounds concentrating more on defense



Greyhounds start football practice at midnight.

By James McAfee The Knox County News-Courier

KNOX CITY — The Knox City Greyhounds got an early start to full contact work last Friday with a "Midnight Madness" practice, enjoying a little cooler temperatures. Coach Charles Steele reported that practices, now scheduled just in the mornas all the players "already

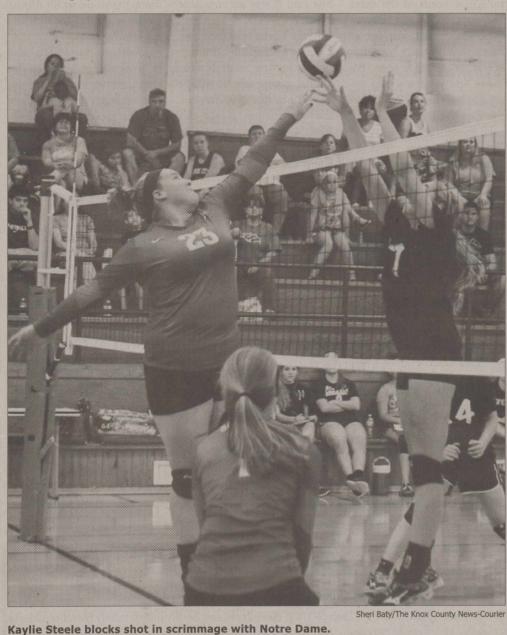
know our system."

Looking back, Steele felt that defensive breakdowns proved costly at times last season. "We're concentrating more on the defensive side," he continued. "We've Greyhounds and Houndettes" got to do some better tackling, reading the keys and working on our stances and alignments."

ings, are going really well the Greyhounds in action els or snacks for admission to at 6 p.m. Friday when they

host Harrold, Paducah and White Deer in scrimmages. Follett, Knox City's opening opponent, may also join the

It will also be "Meet the night with the football and volleyball players introduced along with members of the band and the cheerleaders. Local fans will get to see Fans are asked to bring towthe scrimmages.



Knox City volleyball schedule

Aug. 14-15	at	Burkburnett Tournament	V '	ТВА
Aug. 20, 22		Highway 22 Tournament	V	ТВА
Aug. 25	at	Wichita Falls Hirschi	F/JV/V	4:30
Aug. 29	at	WF Notre Dame dual	V	
Sept. 1	at	Paducah	JV/V	5
Sept. 5		Newcastle ,	V	11
Sept. 8		Northside	7/8/JV/V	4
Sept. 12	at	Albany	F/JV/V	10
Sept. 15		Hawley	F/JH (2)JV/V	3
Sept. 19	at	Moran	V	10
Sept. 22		Munday	F/JH (2)/JV/V	3
Sept. 29	at	Woodson	JH/V	4:30
Oct. 1/3		Aspermont F/JV Tournam	ent F/JV	ТВА
Oct. 3		Benjamin	V	10
Oct. 6		Albany	F/JH/JV/V	3:30
Oct. 10	at	Hawley	F/JV/V	10
Oct. 12	at	Munday	F/8/JV	3
Oct. 13		Moran	7/V	5
Oct. 16	at	Munday	٧	4
Oct. 24		Woodson	V	10
Oct. 27	at	Benjamin	V	5



Knox City cheerleaders provide tips to youngsters.

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Moguls to scrimmage Hawley on Friday



Munday's new defensive coordinator Jeremy Toliver goes over instructions to his defensive unit.

By James McAfee

The Knox County News-Courier

MUNDAY — Coach Patrick Corcoran reported the Munday Moguls football players were working hard after putting on their pads last Friday morning to get ready for the start of the to Roscoe for another scrim-

"They're learning and trying to get better every day," he said. "We've got the typical early season problems with ankles and sore muscles.

The Moguls will host Hawley in a scraimmage at 6 p.m. Friday and then travel

mage on Aug. 20.

"Meet the Moguls and Mogulettes" is scheduled Aug. 21 with fans getting a chance to see the football and volleyball players, the band and cheerleaders.

The Moguls open the season Aug. 28 at home against Windthorst.

VIHS boosters



New secretary-treasurer Deanna Fernandez (left) is shown with returning vice-president Crystal Zeissel and president Sam Hunter at the Munday Booster Club meeting last week.

Munday volleyball schedule

Aug. 13/15	Bryson Tournament Bryson	V	ТВА
Aug. 14	Bryson JV Tournament Bryson	JV	ТВА
Aug. 17	at Childress	JV/V	5
Aug. 22	at Knox City Tournament	V	ТВА
Aug. 25	Paducah/ Wichita Christian	V	4
Aug. 29	Chillicothe	JV/V	10
Sept. 1	at Quanah	JV/V	5
Sept.3,5	"Buckle Up," Nocona	V	ТВА
Sept. 8	at Memphis	JV/V	5
Sept. 12	at Hawley	JV/V	11
Sept. 15	Moran	8/V	6
Sept. 19	Childress	JV/V	11
Sept. 22	at Knox City 7/8	JV/V	3:30
Sept. 26	at Woodson	V	10
Sept. 29	at Benjamin	8/V	10
Oct. 1/3	Aspermont JV Tournament	JV	ТВА
Oct. 3	Albany	V	10
Oct. 6	Hawley	JV/V	5
Oct. 10	at Moran	V	10
Oct. 16	Knox City	JV/V	4
Oct. 20	Woodson	8/V	5:30
Oct. 24	Benjamin	٧	10
Oct. 27	at Albany 7/8/	JV/V	5
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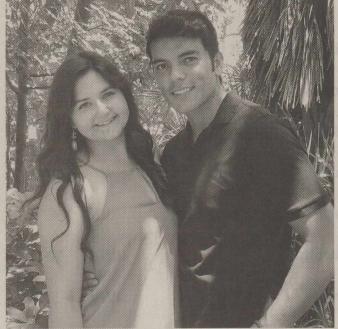


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Balleza-Veanderpol Just Jeff announce engagement Not afraid to use the G word, God



Lauren Vanderpol, Jacob Balleza

Brent and Lauren Vanderpol of Benjamin are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Leah Dawn Vanderpol to Jacob Balleza, son of Federico and Dorothy Balleza of Brownwood.

Leah is a 2009 Benjamin High School graduate. The couple met and graduated from McMurry University in Abilene. Leah is currently employed at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene as a registered nurse. Jacob is a Spanish teacher and soccer coach at Gatesville ISD.

A November wedding is planned.



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By Jeff Stanfield

It has dawned on most of us that the America we grew up in has been lost. Is it over for good? I do not know but not much of a heart beat left. America used to be about American pride and we led the world in technology and work ethic and patriotism and Christianity. Today you are frowned upon in most big cities for praying or asking about someone's church or even using the G word... GOD, GOD, GOD, I am not afraid.

I am not one that kicks in the door every time the church is open, but I am a Christian and proud to say when I have insulted my last person on this rock that I will dance with angels and walk with Jesus. See God loves each of us and that includes Bruce "Katie" Jenner, but for some odd reason God has become the unspoken one. Today a recent Gallup poll showed only 77% of people in the United States claim to be a Christian. Folks have you noticed the downward trend of our country? Kinda like the downward trend of the amount of Christians? It seems to parallel each other.

In the 1950s, the number of Christians was over 90% of our population and the United States was a lot better place to be. We took prayer out of school and since then we have to have metal detectors and drug dogs. We have school shootings and drug busts and we have to have cops at most campuses in the US. Why? Maybe a little prayer and pledge of allegiance would do us some good.

Our politicians today are more worried about offending a Muslim or someone carrying the Mexican flag than they are about getting support from Christians because they take for granted that they will always have their votes. That is the problem. We need to start doing things to support Christians and less about Muslims and abortions and maybe our world will turn around. It dang sure isn't going to hurt a thing. Wouldn't it be nice to hear a politician stand up and say I support Israel and I support praying and if God is good enough to be on our money, then I support what the bible says?

"God Bless America" is a powerful statement if you really think about it and when Irving Berlin wrote the song in 1918 it was a

time when we didn't take God for granted. We appreciated our lives and knew we had been blessed to be an American. I am beginning to think the downfall of this country is the steady decline of Christianity in our country. We took for granted that we could defeat all others in war, that we could heal the sick and feed the hungry. Maybe we should instead focus on a relationship with God and let him steer the course that we should follow.

I am by no account Jimmy Swaggart or Billy Graham. Heck I am not even a Tex Cox or Gary Schnable, but I have something in common with all four of those and about 90% of Knox County. I am a Christian and want my grandkids to live in a world that I did; not one that is going to be more concerned with Sharia law and the wellbeing of someone locked up for life. I want civil rights for everyone that is a law-abiding citizen and want our kids to know it's OK to pray before classes and to ask forgiveness and not be afraid some whack classmate is going bring a gun to class. I want that sick kid to have a relationship with God and know its OK to ask for help. Kids are our future and if we start by teaching them that God is not OK for the classroom, how can we expect them to develop a relationship with Christ later?

We expect them to learn to read and write from pre-k on and have failed if we don't pass that on but for some reason a child's soul is not as important? Lets bring prayer and the pledge back to the classroom and maybe the next generation will be better than the prior and we can take metal detectors and drug dogs back to prison and out of the school.



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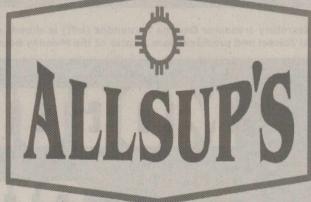
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Munday property rollback rate

By James McAfee

The Knox County News-Courier

MUNDAY — The City Council of Munday decided to propose using the rollback rate of 0.98367 for property taxes, up from 0.95458, during its regular monthly meeting Tuesday night.

The council OKed offering water to the Lake

gallons, going up to \$10 if more than a million gallons is used in a year.

Ryan Cottingham was re-elected as mayor pro ricenter for an overhead

Approval was given to provide base material for the walking trail in the city park (\$650) and to join with the Knox County Sheriff's office and Creek Golf Course at a the Knox City police in

rate of \$5 per thousand sharing costs (\$663) for a Leads on Line program that would assist with finding stolen prperty.

> A request by 4 Star Agwater rack was tabled to allow time to look at other

> City administrator Winston Stephens introduced new city employee Ralph Adams.

News-Courier at family reunion



The Carter family is shown reading The Knox County News-Courier during their family reunion in Fulton, IL. Shown (1-r) are Richard Carter, Susan Vanbatavia, Charlie Carter and Mary Carter Hintz.

Prospects bright for dove season

The Knox County News-Courier

AUSTIN - Dove hunters will have more opportunity earlier in the season with dates and bag limits finalized recently by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Ser-

Texas dove season, including a 70day season and 15-bird daily bag statewide, and a 16-day early teal and Canada goose season.

The traditional Sept. 1 dove season opening day in the North and Central Zones remains. The first segment in those zones will be five

vice has approved the 2015-2016 days longer than last season, clos- runs through Wednesday, Oct. 21. in this area will reopen Friday, Sept. through Friday, Jan. 1, 2016 in the 22, 2016. North and Central Zones.

> In the South Zone, the first segment will be longer by two days compared to last year. The South

The daily bag limit for doves statewide is 15 and the possession limit is 45.

The Special White-winged Dove Zone opens Friday, Sept. 18 and Area will be restricted to afternoon only (noon to sunset) hunting the first two full September weekends on Sept. 5-6 and 12-13. Hunting

white-tipped doves.

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"Age-ratios (juveniles versus ing on Sunday, Oct. 25. The season The second segment will run Fri- 18 and continue through Wednes- adults) from last season indicated will reopen Friday, Dec. 18 and run day, Dec. 18 through Friday, Jan. day, Oct. 21, and then reopen Fri-very strong production in mourning day, Dec. 18 through Monday, Jan. doves across Texas last year; we ex-18, 2016. During the early two pect similar or slightly increased proweekends, the daily bag limit is 15 duction this year with the improved birds, to include not more than two habitat conditions across nearly all mourning doves and two white- of Texas," said Shaun Oldenburger, tipped doves. Once the general sea- TPWD's dove program leader. son opens, the aggregate bag limit "However, improved habitat condiwill be 15 with no more than two tions equal more food and water on the landscape, which means hunters may need to spend more time patterning mourning doves prior to opening day in their area."

Duck hunters can anticipate improved conditions for the September early teal season as abundant rains have filled lakes and marshes for the first time in several years. With record numbers of teal expected to make their way into Texas during the upcoming months, pros-

pects should be good. A 16-day statewide early teal and Eastern Zone Canada goose season will run Saturday, Sept. 12 through Sunday, Sept. 27. The daily bag on teal remains six, with a possession limit of 18. Bag limit for Canada geese will be three and a possession limit of six in

the Eastern Zone only. "Blue-winged teal numbers (8.5 million) are way above the minimum of 4.7 million needed for a 16-day season," said Kevin Kraai, TPWD waterfowl program leader. "Conditions for teal across the state are excellent and hunters are urged to have their fingers crossed for a

timely migration in the middle of September."

Hunters are reminded that licenses go on sale Aug. 15 for the 2015-16 hunting seasons and can be purchased through the agency's 28 field offices, more than 50 state parks and at over 1,700 retailers across the state. Licenses may also be purchased online through the TPWD website at www.tpwd.state. tx.us/buy or by phone at 1-800-895-4248. Call center hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and there is a required \$5 administrative fee for each phone or online transaction. The online transaction system is available 24/7. For online and phone orders, a physical license will be mailed within three business days. During that time period, a transaction receipt will be provided via email that will be sufficient proof of hunting license and required endorsements that can be used for dove hunting, though it will not be allowed for the take of fish or wildlife that require a tag.

Hunting and fishing regulations for the new season can be found in the 2015-2016 Outdoor Annual, available at license retailers Aug. 15, online at www.txoutdoorannual. com and via the free Outdoor Annual mobile app available for Apple and Android devices.

In addition to a hunting license, anyone born after Sept. 1, 1971, must successfully complete a hunter education training course or purchase a one-time deferral good for one license year in order to hunt legally in Texas. The certification is valid for life and is honored in all other states and provinces.

A Migratory Game Bird endorsement and Harvest Information Program (HIP) certification are also required to hunt dove or teal in September. HIP certification involves a brief survey of previous year's migratory bird hunting success and is conducted at the time licenses are purchased. Duck hunters also need to purchase a Federal Duck Stamp.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

Benjamin Independent School District will hold a public BISD Library-300 Hays Street 7:00 p.m. -August 25, 2015 . The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

1.17 /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations) **Maintenance Tax** _/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations _______% increase or _______% (decrease) % increase or 0.00 % (decrease) Debt service .170 % (decrease) Total expenditures % increase or

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

Preceding Tax Year Current Tax Year Total appraised value* of all property 264,330,730 261,668,610 24,458,770 Total appraised value* of new property** 49,876,360 Total taxable value*** of all property 53,154,790 24,458,770 \$_ 63,900 Total taxable value*** of new property**

"Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code. "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.

*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$____ * Outstanding principal

50-280 (Rev. 6-06/2) (Back)

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates & Operations Per Student Per Student 0.00 * 1.17 6,827 **Last Year's Rate** Rate to Maintain Same **Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service** 1,17 0.00 6,184 **Proposed Rate** * The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

201294	Last Yea	r	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 2	28,142	\$ 34,109
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$	13,142	\$ 9,109
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$	1.1700	\$ 1.1700
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$	153.76	\$ 106.57
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes			\$ (-47.19)

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an 1.17 __. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of _

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

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The City Council of the City of Knox City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

The 501

Life comes with hitches

h trailer tongues. If they could talk, they'd tell some tales.

I'm thinking about the wooden one that broke when Daddy was about to pull a load of alfalfa into the barn so we could leave



on vacation to Colorado. I don't remember exactly what happened – just that it was my fault and the first of a lifetime of hitch happenings, some more memorable than others.

Like the time a trailer hitch caught the tip of my left index finger. If a sledgehammer hadn't been handy, I'd still be standing there. I'll spare you the details.

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WELCH Bottom line, trailers make life interesting, and hitches have minds of their own, all bent on evil. Some are just plain bent. My opinion. There's a reason for the expression "Everything went without a hitch," meaning things went smoothly. Or the expression, "T've run into a hitch," meaning there's a problem. Yes, if you need a synonym for "problem," avoid the trendy word "issue." Keep

the word "hitch" at the tip of your tongue.

Even as we speak, I've run into a hitch. A trailer is attached to my car, and the hitch won't release. I'd like to blame the hitch, but I'm the one who loaded my '66 Chevy pickup backwards on the trailer. Not good. Not balanced.

Yes, the pickup is a classic with a short narrow bed. It's the last of a series. A keeper. But I'm

thinking about selling — especially since I learned it could be worth \$9,000! I read it on the Internet so it must be true. I'm hauling the truck to town to clean it at the carwash and to get a professional opinion regarding that really bad final sound from the engine. Maybe somebody will see my truck and make me an offer. Or not.

My husband misses all the good stuff here at the farm. He's at our urban residence, dealing with roofers and carpenters. They've had some hitches.

Meanwhile, handling a dead vehicle alone ain't easy – especially getting one to roll up ramps without help from a winch. But both of us survived.

My plan now is to move the vehicle from one trailer to another so it will end up facing forward, a more tow-worthy position, easier on the hitch. The two trailers are touching, rear to rear. They're stabilized with jack stands. Wheels are blocked. What can go wrong?

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The emergency room is a good place to be on a hot August day. The doctor sewed me up all too quickly. Happily, the to-the-bone gash just missed the orbital muscles around my left eye and my eyebrow. I ended up with ten visible stitches plus more underneath.

If you're ever walking around a pickup, beware sharp protruding objects, like open toolbox doors.

Did I get the truck safely moved onto the other trailer? Yes. The whole procedure went fine, as soon as I got home from the hospital.

It was a day with no hitches, not counting the stitches.

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dle blocker Kaylie Steele and outside hitter Jordan Eaton, and expects them to be the team leaders.

"We gained some move-ins, Myca Flowers (sophomore) and Temi Flowers (freshman)," she added. "Myca will also be a MB and Temi will be setting. Kirstin Tuckness (junior) has really impressed me this week and did very well in the scrimmage. She will be playing opposite Jordyn. Brooke Jones (sophomore) will also be setting. We have a lot of all-around athletic ability on the court with these six girls and I think that if we can come together, we could do great things."

Hoegger pointed to upper classman Sam Lewis (backrow), Caitlyn Baxter (outside hitter), and Cheyenne Camp (setter), as players that can come off the bench and be role players plus felt that some JV players could come up at any time and contribute to the team.

NOTES From Page 1

Back to school party

MUNDAY — The First Baptist Church Munday will host a Back to School Block Party from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Aug. 26. Frito pie and lemonade will be served.

Fall gardening workshop

MUNDAY — The Texas A&M Agrilife Extension office will host a fall gardening workshop at 6 p.m. Aug. 26 here at the Munday Events Center. Registration costs \$20 and includes materials. RSVP by Aug. 18 and receive a 5-gallon container plant.

Thornberry aims to crack down on synthetic drugs

Special to The Knox County News-Courier

WASHINGTON – Congressman Mac Thornberry (R-Clarendon) introduced legislation in the U.S. House of Representatives recently that will help law enforcement officials combat the growing problem of synthetic drugs.

The "SALTS Act," H.R. 1186, would make it easier for law enforcement officials to take action against synthetic drug manufacturers, distributors, and sellers by closing a loophole that makes it difficult to prosecute them because they label packages as "not intended for human consumption."

Current law allows the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) to prosecute the sale of drugs similar to controlled substances, but it does not cover substances with that label. Yet, the abusers who purchase these substances all know exactly what to do with them – ingest or snort them to get a dangerous and unpredictable high.

"I have spoken with law enforcement, doctors, and educators from our area about increasing awareness of these synthetic drugs, which really are just poisons," Thornberry said. "A big part of the problem is that young people and parents are not aware of the serious side effects of these poisons. These drugs invoke dangerous behavior and cause irreparable damage to the health of those who ingest them. I want to make sure our law enforcement agencies can keep up with the changing formulas and take down synthetic drug producers and sellers."

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Knox City-O'Brien CISD will hold a public meeting at 7:00 p.m.,August 31, 2015 in School Administration Building, 606 East Main

Knox City, Texas . The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$ 1.17	/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax Approved by Local Voters	\$ 0.065	/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding, fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Mai	intenance and operations _		% increase	or	14,24	% (decrease)
Del	ot service	1,57	% increase	or		% (decrease)
Total	al expenditures		% increase	or	13,95	% (decrease)

<u>Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value</u> (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

 Preceding Tax Year
 Current Tax Year

 Total appraised value* of all property
 \$ 182,160,620
 \$ 130,936,843

 Total appraised value* of new property**
 \$ 890,510
 \$ 3,111,760

 Total taxable value*** of all property
 \$ 113,482,542
 \$ 75,012,295

 Total taxable value*** of new property**
 \$ 890,510
 \$ 3,111,760

- * "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.

 ** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
- *** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 175,000.00

* Outstanding principal.

50-280 (Rev. 6-06/2) (Back) **Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates** Maintenance Interest Local Revenue State Revenue & Operations & Sinking Fund Per Student Per Student **Last Year's Rate** \$ 1.17000 \$.065000 * \$ 1.23500 5024 6395 **Rate to Maintain Same** Level of Maintenance & **Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service** \$ 1,91568 0.09233 * 2 00801 6031 6395 \$ 1,17000 \$ 0.06500 * **Proposed Rate** * The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last	Year	This	Year	
Average Market Value of Residences	\$	32,139	\$	39,343	
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$	17,139	\$	14,343	
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$	1.2350	\$	1.2350	
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$	211.67	\$	177.13	
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes			\$	(-34.54)	

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollbad	k Rate: The highest tax ra	ate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an
election is	1.235000	This election will be automatically held if the district adopts
a rate in excess	of the rollback rate of _	1.235000

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$	3,018,488
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	5	0.00

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information

and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$_	1.17	/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax Approved by Local Voters	\$	0.00	/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations _	1.4	% increase	or	% (decrease)
Debt service _	. 0	% increase	or	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	1.4	% increase	or	% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

- "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
- ** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.

 *** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$_______

* Outstanding principal.

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* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

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	Average Market Value of Residences	\$	31,349	\$	37,829
1	Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$	16,349	\$	12,829
I	Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$	1.1700	\$.	1.1700
	Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$	191.28	\$	150.10
	Increase (Decrease) in Taxes			\$	(-41.18)

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Notice of Rollback	Rate: The highest tax r	ate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an
election is	1.17	This election will be automatically held if the district adopts
a rate in excess of	f the rollback rate of _	1.17

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

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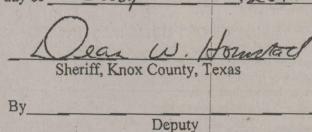
KNOX COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT VS. JOE PROPPS Section 4, Block 4, Abstract 1362, D&W RR Truscott, Knox County, Texas as the same appears on a map or plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk of Knox County, Texas; GEO: R000006781, 4964 & 1515376

KNOX COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT VS. SAMUEL Cause No.: 9118 VALLADARES ET AL

Lot 4, Block 14, Warren Addition, City of Knox City, Knox County, Texas as the same appears on a map or plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk of Knox County, Texas; GEO: R000014194

Levied on the 29 day of July, 2015, as the property of said Defendants to satisfy the judgments rendered in the above styled and numbered causes, plus all taxes, penalties, interest, and attorney fees accrued to the date of sale and all costs recoverable by law in favor of each jurisdiction.

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gust 24, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at Knox City Clinic Meeting Room, 712 South Fifth Street, Knox City, Texas Stephen Kuehler

Administrator

Notice of Budget Hearing

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing on the

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2015 and ending September 30, 2016 for the Knox

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Commissioners Court of Knox County, Texas will hold two public hearings to receive comments or questions from the public regarding its pending budget for the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 on Wednesday, August 19th and Monday August 24th at 10:00 AM in the Assembly Room at the Courthouse in Benjamin. The Knox County Commissioners Court will meet Thursday, August 27th, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the Assembly Room located in the Courthouse in Benjamin, to adopt the 2015/2016 budget.

The proposed budget is on file in the County Clerk's Office and may be viewed Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Commissioners Court recommends adopting a tax rate of \$0.76099 per \$100 taxable value. This budget will raise \$63,183 (4%) more total property taxes than last year's budget, and of that amount \$27,447 is tax revenue raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.

Items to be considered include a possible increase in State Funded Salary Supplement to an elected official.

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County Judge

meeting.

Mac's Views I like Trump's candor!

've sorta changed my mind about Donald Trump. I used to think he was just too braggadocio. However, I now like the way he breaks the mold of politics and says out loud what many think or say in the privacy of their own homes.



I'm tired of the media and pundits on the right and left admonishing people for liking him, telling us we're ruining the Republican Party because we appreciate his candor and courage. Sure, he may go too far

sometimes, but evidently many others in America JAMES agree with me based on the fact he is atop the polls.

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Is he presidential material? I'm not sure. One of the other Republicans would probably have a

better chance to beat Hillary Clinton, certainly

not my choice to lead our nation. I'd certainly like to see a few of the other candidates start calling it like they see it and not worrying so much about political

It does appear, however, former Texas governor Rick Perry may not even stay in the race as his staff was now just volunteers.

I do hope that Trump doesn't decide to

enter the race for president as a third party candidate! That might mean another Clinton leading us.

In my opinion, golf's leader reacted too quicky to Trump's comments about immigration, issuing a joint statement that Trump's comments were inconsistent with their strong commitment to an inclusive and welcoming environment in the game of golf.

The PGA of America even moved its Grand Slam of Golf from one of Trump's courses in Southern California. but the other associations can not afford to breach contracts and will still play events at Trump courses.

My fellow media member Wayne Mills made an interesting observation:

"For a group of organizations that are obsessive about enforcing their rules—where the slight movement of a twig in a hazard can cost a golfer penaty strokes or even disqualification and possible first-place money of more than \$1 million—they don't seem to mind that the immigration laws are not being enforced by the current administration.

"Would Mike Davis (executive director of the United States Golf Association) preside over a golf tournament where he decided which rules to enforce and which ones to ignore if it benefitted some constituency who might keep him in office?'

Scores of 56, 57 win Ag-Oil top prizes



Robert Alcala, Chad Donald and Eddie Baldwin (pictured) teamed with Domingo Garcia to take first place during morning round.

teams tied with birdies on

By James McAfee

The Knox County News-Courier

KNOX CITY - The Knox City Country Club was full of golfers last Saturday as 38 foursomes competed in the 26th edition of the annual KCCC Ag-Oil Golf Tournament.

Domingo Garcia, Eddie Baldwin, Chad Donald and Robert Alcala emerged as the winners in the morning round, posting a 14under 56 at the Knox City Country Club and winning a scorecard playoff on the fifth extra hole after the Graham (senior) claimed

the first four holes.

Having to settle for runnerup honors were Bob Bowen and James McAfee of Munday along with the Abilene duo of Scooter Thompson and Bruce

There was a tie for third at 58 with Donnie Bowles, Nathan Bowles, Cary Mayo and Matt Acree getting the nod in the scorecard playoff over Brooks Hagler, David Hagler, Jon Cook and Todd Longe.

Charles Shira and Larry

long drive honors while Hagler (11-7), Acree (4-3) and Tracy Carter (19-4) were closest to the pins on the par 3s-2/11, 5/14, 9.

In the afternoon, the Baker Petrolite foursome of Clifton Kolb, Brandon Kolb, Aaron Leslie and Mark Whitman claimed first place with a 57.

In a scorecard playoff, Todd Austin, Ryan Offutt, Gary Crawford and Wes Crawford took second place while Gary Meador, Todd Meador, Paul Meador and Tim Meador dropped to third. Both teams had 58s.

The Paperboy

Thoughts after seeing the GOP field

ere are 10 thoughts on the GOP debate last week: 1. What kind of format was that? It was brutal and filled with questions that really have no bearing on the direction we're headed in as a country.



popular because he's not politically correct. That has to be it. For a guy that has achieved so much, he hasthe decorum of a bull.

2. Donald Trump is

3. I could listen to Dr. Ben CHRIS Carson speak all day and I think he's probably got more BLACKBURN brains than anyone currently in politics. I think that's a

great thing because it brings perspective. 4. Sen. Marco Rubio was on his game and if he has no skeletons in his closet, he'll be a

5. Sen. Ted Cruz had a strong showing as did Gov. Kasich.

6. If you're one of the men in the GOP race, avoid Carly Fiorina at all costs because she's going to outwit you and make you look silly. She had better be in the varsity lineup next time around.

7. Gov. Rick Perry needs to retire and have a happy life.

8. Jeb Bush needs to look directly into the camera and rattle off some Spanish if he

wants to make a splash. Playing safe in this race will lead to defeat. 9. I have a feeling the Republican Party is going to pull it's collective hair out with so

many antiestablishment candidates in the race and that's a good thing for the party and

the country. 10. It's a long race and an expensive one. Let's hope the GOP can come up with a strong ticket because the Democrats aren't even trying to find one good candidate.

After watching both debates, my personal top 6 candidates in order after this morning are:

1. Carson

2. Rubio 3. Fiorina

4. Cruz

5. Kasich 6. Jindal

So much for the party of old, white dudes. That's two Latinos, one black, one women and a white man. Which party is diverse?

So what ticket would I like to see as of Tuesday morning? That's tough because we have seen so little of the candidates. If I had to pick I'd go with Carson for president and Rubio for VP. But, I reserve my right to change my mind as the race evolves.

The fact that each of these candidates on my list will move the country toward the center of the political spectrum has me pumped. I also hope that they are smart enough to adopt another candidates ideas should they have a better plan.

To me, the best leaders gather as much information as possible and come to a decision that is best for the country and not the individual.

One last thought about the GOP field. I know a lot of Conservatives that don't like Trump in the race. I do. He brings eyeballs from both sides which means quicker name recognition for the other candidates. Without Trump, Fox News would not have had anything close to the numbers they had last Thursday. As long as Trump is in the field, people are going to watch meaning the candidates remaining will get plenty of face

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Smith, Austin claim Guys & Dolls title

MUNDAY — Mary Smith and Todd Austin teamed for a 65 at the Lake Creek Golf Course on Sunday to claim the championship flight of the club's Guys & Dolls Tournament.

Finishing a stroke back were

Karon Martinson and Mike Gibson and Angela Herricks and Gary Crawford.

Winning the first flight on a scorecard playoff were Homer and Jan Rolston of Knox City with a 72.Terry and Kristi Bufkin took second while Erica Gray and Jason Key were third.

Crystal Zeissel and Chris Mendoza had the longest drives. Closest-to-the-pin winners were Herricks, Robert Arismendez and Charlie

Munday offers 2 pre-K classes

MUNDAY — The Munday Elementary School offers two sections of pre-kindergarten classes — 8 -11 a.m. and 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Students enrolled in the morning class are Gabe Bonham, Luke Bowman, Carter Corcoran, Trinity

Fernandez, Weston Herring, Amyas Ibarra, Tucker Josselet, Addyson Martinez, Adam Myers, Braylynn Myers, Jenson Myers, Mia Nunez, Lareyna Rose, Hadleigh Sanders, Hudson Stephenson and Aaryn Ur-

Students enrolled in the afternoon class are Mavanna Armendariz, Andrew Baldwin, Lesli Fernandez, Hayden Johnson, Kami Jorgenson, Christopher Lucas, Nayeli Nunez, Avianna Sanchez, Jaidence Wren, Javeon Wren and Joel Zavala.

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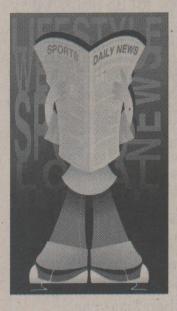
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