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Sen. Perry prefers state position

Special to The News-Courier

AUSTIN — State Sen. Charles Perry, R-Lubbock, indicated Friday he will not seek the Congressional District 19 seat U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer is vacating at the end of his current two-year term.

"After prayer and discussion with family and friends, I believe that it is not in my family, state or district's best interest for me to pursue a seat in Congress," Perry said.

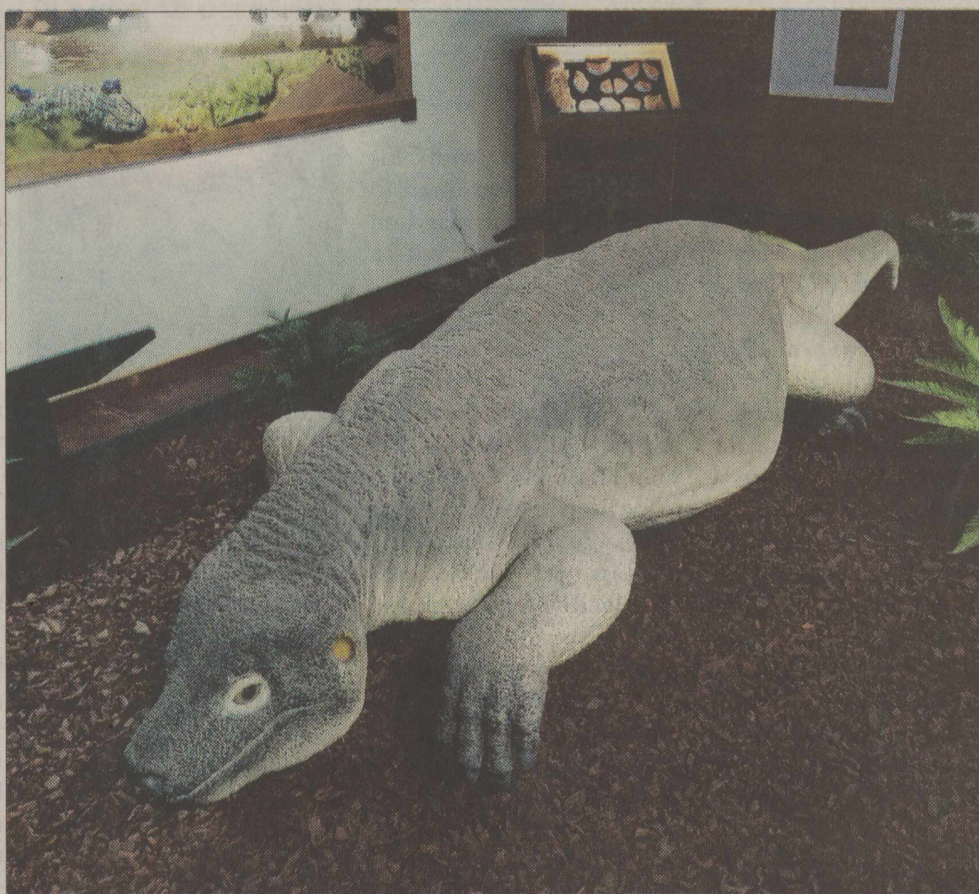
"The prospect of serving in our nation's capital is humbling, but I truly believe I am where God desires me to be, the Texas Senate, My prayer

is he continues to lead my direction to solve the challenges we face in water, health care, private property rights, defending life and budgetary obligations for this great state."

Perry is chairman of the Senate Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs Committee, the first freshman in more than two decades to chair a legislative panel in the upper chamber. He also sits on the Senate Criminal Justice, Health & Human Services and Higher Education committees.

Perry won his seat in Austin in a special election last fall.

Jody the Diadectes discovered near Seymour



Courtesy photo

By Chris Flis
 Special to The Knox County News-Courier

SEYMOUR — It's difficult to imagine living in Seymour 290 million years ago. It's hard to imagine what a million years is, for that matter. But 290? Million?

The Whiteside Museum of Natural History has been on this planet for roughly 450 days. Yes. Days. And we're thriving. I think Seymouria would be proud. And the discoveries keep coming. The exploration of Seymour's enigmatic, biological past has helped us to paint a vivid picture of great beasts—large and small, some of which would have given us a terrible fright had they lived for another quarter of a billion years.

Jody the Diadectes is the latest sleeping giant to rustle in its dusty sheets—the discovery made recently a few miles from town. So far, we have a stunning, complete skull—as well as numerous ribs and vertebrae. This is quite enough material to say there is, at least, a partial skeleton slowly being exposed.

Diadectes is a favorite of mine, and is always favored by museum guests. I often overhear children and adults cautiously whisper, "He's so cute—I wish I had one as a pet." A symphony of giggling ensues. I don't blame them—he does have a rather adorable, Eng-

lish Bulldog-esque mug, with droopy forlorn eyes, and a beefy neck you just want to throw your arms around. And then all 800 pounds of him sits on your lap, resulting in your best impression of a marvelous Maverick Café pancake. Ouch. But who exactly is Diadectes? And why is he so important? Simply, he is one of the very first big land herbivores on the planet, with specialized teeth that helped him to eat plants.

Discovered by Edward Drinker Cope nearly 150 years ago right here in Baylor County, his remains continue to surface and are easily recognized due to the sheer mass. The skull is incredibly robust—as is the rest of his skeleton. It is easy to see why his nickname is the Permian Tank; he was built for walking on land with immense muscles in his back, shoulders, and legs.

If you look up Diadectes, you will get some very good information on him, but you will also see him referred to as both a reptile and an amphibian. Paleontologist Dr. Robert Bakker and I have had countless discussions on the delightfully odd nature of Diadectes, who as Dr. Bakker says, is both very primitive and incredibly specialized.

The most current scientific data indicates a close kinship with Pelycosaurs and mammal-

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TxDOT names Bejar as Knox supervisor

Special to The News-Courier

CHILDRESS — The Childress District of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has announced the appointment of Joe Bejar of Munday as the maintenance section supervisor for Knox County, effective September 2015.

Bejar began his TxDOT career on May 16, 2001 as a maintenance technician I. He was promoted to a tech II in 2004, a tech III in 2005 and became a transportation equipment operator in 2008. He was promoted to crew chief on March 1, 2014 and was named the maintenance assistant earlier this



JOE BEJAR

year in May.

Bejar is a native of Knox County. TxDOT officials noted that his knowledge of the Knox County area is an asset to his position as assistant supervisor.

He and his wife Maria have three children, Amanda, Luie and Kelly.

Senate blocks anti-abortion bill

Special to The News-Courier

WASHINGTON — Senate Democrats thwarted a Republican effort to ban late term abortions on Tuesday as a vote of 54-42 in favor of the measure passed earlier by the House was six short of the 60 needed to crack a filibuster led by the Democrats.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell set up a showdown vote today on

stop-gap legislation that would keep the government operating through Dec. 11. It would block federal funds for a year for Planned Parenthood.

Democrats are expected to block that measure, setting up votes on must-pass bills to keep the government open.

Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas leads a Republican effort that doesn't want to back down in face of the Democratic opposition.

KNOX CUP SET OCT. 17-18

Special to The News Courier

The rivalry between Knox County neighbors Knox City and Munday will be renewed on the golf courses with the announcement that the Knox Cup has been scheduled Oct. 17-18.

Will Longan will be captain of the Lake Creek Golf Course team while Tracy Carter will be the captain of the Knox City Country Club team. Both captains were in the process of finalizing the selections of their 12-man teams.

The first day action at Lake Creek will feature three 9-hole doubles matches using the scramble, best-ball and alternate shot formats. Then singles matches will be conducted on the second day at KCCC.

James McAfee, the editor of The Knox County News-Courier, has donated a trophy that will go to the winning team. He'll also serve as a rules official.

Cypert retires

Courtesy photo

After 35 years of service, Randy Bob Cypert has retired from the Munday Volunteer Fire Department. The City of Munday and the Munday Fire Department are grateful to Randy Bob for his sacrifice and dedication to protect our people.



Thornberry votes for pro-life bills

Special to The News-Courier

WASHINGTON — U.S. Congressman Mac Thornberry (R-Clarendon) voted in support of two pro-life bills last week, one that would strip all federal funding from Planned Parenthood and the other would ensure babies born alive following an abortion receive the proper care provided to other newborns.

"The possibility that someone would intentionally take the life of a baby in order to sell his or her organs and tissue is abhorrent," said Thornberry. "The investigations into these practices now underway must be vigorously pursued. In the meantime, we have to make sure that no taxpayer funds are in any way involved."

The "Defund Planned Parenthood Act of 2015," H.R. 3134, which passed the House by a vote of 241-187, would prohibit any federal funds from going to Planned Parenthood and its abortion-providing affiliates for one year while Congress completes its investigations.

The "Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act," H.R. 3504, which passed by a vote of 248-177, would criminalize the killing of an infant born alive during an abortion.

"These bills need to end up on the president's desk because every life, especially the most innocent, should be protected," said Thornberry.

The likelihood of the bills becoming law don't appear good because of a possible veto by the president.

Knox Notes

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

Aging Center fundraiser

KNOX CITY — The Knox County Aging Center plans a fundraiser from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Sunday, offering chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, rolls and peach cobbler. The cost will be \$10. Take outs will also be available.

Fall Festival Oct. 3

MUNDAY — The Munday Fall Festival is scheduled Oct. 3 here at the Munday City Park. There will be a chili cook off and a sand volleyball tournament. Call 940 203-0755 for info about the cook off and 940 256-1423 if entering the volleyball event.

Relay for Life meeting

MUNDAY — The American Cancer Society Relay For Life will have a committee meeting at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 5 at the Munday Church of Christ. If you would like to join the effort, call Lauren McKechnie at 281 380-8122.

Munday Mini Cheer camps

MUNDAY — Oct. 16 will be deadline for Munday Elementary students to sign up for the Munday Mini-Cheer Camp. Pre-K to third graders will go to camp in the elementary gym from 3:30-5 p.m. Oct. 22 and perform at the Oct 23 pep rally while fourth through sixth graders will go to camp Oct. 29 and perform on Oct. 30. The cost is \$20, payable to Munday CISD.

Front doesn't bring enough needed rain

Special to The News Courier

While other areas of North Texas reported larger amounts of rainfall over the weekend, only about a quarter of an inch was reported in Munday and Knox City. Slightly larger totals were reported from the northern part of Knox County.

Farmers do need moisture now because of the drier than normal summer.

However, it appears the effects of El Niño will not bring rain until next month, according to Dr. John Nielsen-Gammon, state climatologist and Regents Professor of Atmospheric Sciences at Texas A&M University, College Station.

"Once we get in October/November, the northern two-thirds of the state should generally start to see above-normal rainfall," he said.

The front that moved through on the weekend did bring cooler temperatures, but more warm weather was expected as fall arrived yesterday.

Correction

If you spot an error of fact, contact kcnews@knoxcourier.com.

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Obits

Maria Felix Gonzalez

Maria Felix Gonzalez, 68, passed away Saturday, Sept. 19, 2015. Maria Felix was born Aug. 4, 1947 to Ramon and Enedina Villanueva in San Luis De la Paz GTO, Mexico. She and Santos Gonzalez were married on Jan. 3, 1961 in Mexico.

Maria Felix enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, sisters Ascencion and Elena Villanueva, brother Esteban Villanueva and son Jose Angel Gonzalez.

Maria Felix is survived by

her husband Santos of Munday; sons Santos and Maria, Jose and Maria, Felipe and Rosa, Felix and Angela all of Munday, Maguel and Caroline of Crowell and Luis Gonzalez of Plano; daughters Enedina and Alex Vega and Maria De Jesus of Munday, Elena Cruz Jimenez of Wylie, Sara and Miguel Rojas of San Luis De la Paz GTO, Mexico; five sisters and two brothers living in Mexico; and her sister Isabel and Antonio Perez of California.

Funeral mass was held Tuesday at St. Joseph's Cath-



MARIA GONZALEZ

olic Church. Interment followed in St. Joseph's Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Smith Funeral Home. A rosary was held Monday at the funeral home in Munday.

Ray Lynn Hardin

Ray Lynn Hardin, 80, of Munday passed away Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2015. Ray Lynn was born March 9, 1935 to Tom (T.W.) and Doris Hardin in Vera. He and Joyce Voss were married Aug. 16, 1952 in Gillespie.

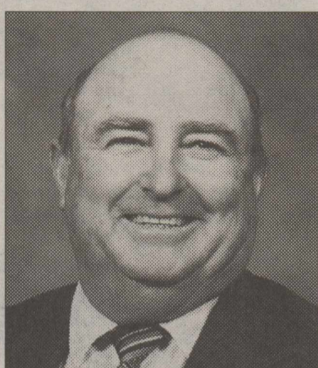
Ray Lynn retired from the Texas Highway Department after 39 1/2 years. He was a member of the First Baptist Church and various other organizations, including the Munday Fire Department where he served as chief for several years. Also, he was a member of the Dairy Queen Liars Club, Water Authority Board, City Council and the Knox County Hospital Board.

His greatest joy was

spending time with his grandchildren and loved to pick on his great grandson Kelby. Ray Lynn loved to be around people and was loved by everyone.

Ray Lynn was preceded in death by his parents, daughter Cindy Hardin, and two brothers Billy Hardin and John David Hardin.

Survivors include his wife Joyce of Munday; one daughter Lisa and Gary Cypert of Munday; one grandson Keith Cypert and Tanya of Munday; one granddaughter Andrea Cypert and Jarod of Munday; one great grandson Kelby Cypert of Munday; one brother Keith and Jackie Hardin of Lexington, Ky; and one sister in law Loyce and



RAY HARDIN

Tommy Gage of Rockwall. Funeral services were held Saturday at the First Baptist Church in Munday with Shane Kendrix officiating. Interment followed in Vera Cemetery under the direction of McCauley Smith Funeral Home of Munday. A visitation was held last Friday at the funeral home in Munday.

Distracted driving warning issued

Special to The News-Courier

The Texas Department of Public Safety is warning people about the dangers of distracted driving after a fatal crash Sept. 11 near Anson.

Patricia Lynn Palafox,

49, was killed in a two-vehicle collision shortly before 10 a.m. at the intersection of U. S. Highway 277 and County Road 195, less than a mile north of Anson, DPS officials said.

Palafox was a passenger in a 2015 Jeep Cherokee that was struck by a 2011 Ford F-150 that failed to yield right of way.

The driver of the pickup dropped his cellphone, according to the DPS, and drove through a stop sign as he reached to pick it up, hitting the Jeep.

Palafox was pronounced dead at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. The pickup driver and the driver of the Jeep were treated and

released at Anson General Hospital.

The crash is under investigation.

In a news release issued last week, the DPS stated, "Distracted driving is the No. 1 cause of crashes in the U.S. Phones, passengers, reaching, grooming, eating, are just a few of the many distractions that go on in moving vehicles. We, as drivers, never think it will happen to us until it does. Then it's too late."

"We are not true multitaskers. You can only put 100 percent into one thing at a time. When you're behind the wheel driving, make driving that one and only task," DPS officials said.

The Paperboy My baby is no baby

Today is my youngest son's birthday. Sutton Hawk has hit double-digits at 10.

To say it has gone quickly is an understatement. While far from perfect, he shows strong character and leadership traits. I'm not sure any of his friends would follow him into battle just yet, but they'd join him at the park for some fun.

Both he and his older brother, Jackson, age 12, are growing quickly. Sutton Hawk hit a spurt earlier in the year and he got within about three inches of big brother (he currently outweighs Jackson by 10 pounds). But this summer, Jackson shot up several inches to not only put distance between the two, but pass his mom in height coming in at just under 5'8.

As you parents and grandparent know, when kids start heading into those teen years, the grocery bill begins to climb. And even though I went through it, it astounds me at what the two can eat in a given day.

The days of the kid menu are over. Now it's on to the all-you-can-eat buffet. Whomever invented that concept deserves a sincere thank you, but I digress.

We do our best as parents to raise the boys in a traditional manner. We have dinner together, talk, and enjoy each other's company. Of course that's easy when they still like you and kind of think you're a super hero. I do see flashes where they try to enforce their will some, but that's to be expected. Did I mention they are nearly teenagers?

As always, I look forward to watching both boys continue to mature. I pray that they stay healthy and grow up in a peaceful world where they can experience a wonderful future.

Right now, the planet seems pretty much void of leadership. That is not a sustainable situation for peace and that worries me. At some point, people are going to have to get off their phones and start paying attention to things that are having longterm implications on them and their families.

It's easy for us to get wrapped up in the distractions, but sometimes we need to focus on the big picture. To me, that big picture is the future of my sons.

As men, our top job, if you have children, is to be engaged and involved with them. It takes a man to raise a man. If you're not involved or distant from your children, it's never too late to bridge the gap. God gave us the ability to reproduce, therefore he gave us the ability to rear our offspring.

I'm nowhere close to perfect and I'm not trying to come off as a saint. I'm a fallible person. But I do have character and the will to try and be a good father. That's the very least I can do for what I consider my most precious gifts.

Aging Center Menu

Menus for week of Sept. 28-Oct. 2

Monday: Lasagna, Brussel sprouts, broccoli & raisin salad, garlic bread, pears

Tuesday: Pork chops, black-eyed peas, cornbread, chocolate chip cookies

Wednesday: Chicken tenders, gravy, green beans, wheat rolls, dessert

Thursday: Polish sausage and cabbage, pinto beans, slaw, cornbread, pie

Friday: Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, tater tots, cookies

Perry to study border security

Special to The News-Courier

LUBBOCK — Sen. Charles Perry (R - Lub-

bock) was appointed on Monday to the joint interim committee to study border security. This committee

was created as a result of the passage of House Bill 11 during the 84th regular session.

"The passage of HB 11 invested more resources to our border than ever before," said Perry. "It is now the responsibility of the Texas Legislature to over-

see its implementation and ensure the funding goes towards its intended purpose. I look forward to exploring ways we can increase security and stop the incentives, including sanctuary cities, which encourage illegal immigration and put our communities in danger."

Our first Fall event "Girls Night Out" in Knox City would like to thank everyone involved in helping and supporting this event with your kind donations.

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We look forward for next year's event, thank you everybody who attended we will see ya'll next fall.

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Houndettes rebound to beat Mogulettes

By James McAfee
The Knox County News-Courier

KNOX CITY — The Knox City Houndettes took a big step to establishing themselves as the cream of the Class A crop in District 6-2A by beating Knox County rival Munday, 15-25, 25-16, 25-13, 25-21 here Tuesday night.

"We got off to a slow start, but then found our energy and got into the groove," explained Knox City Coach Brenna Hoegger.

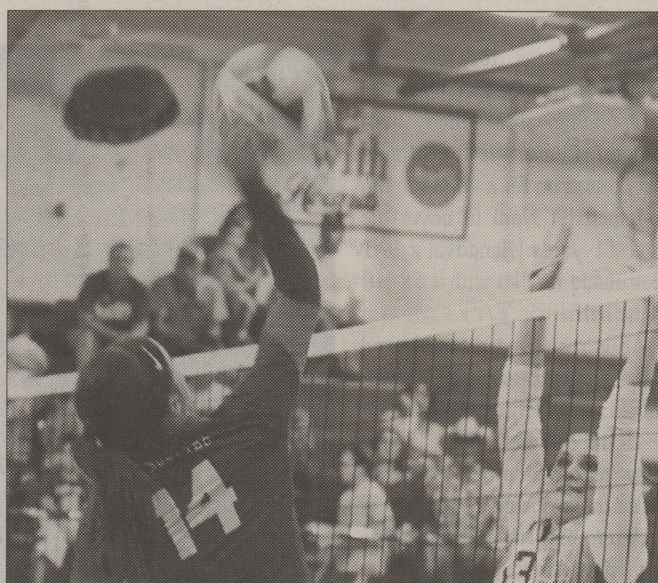
The victory evened the Houndettes' district record at 2-2 and followed another four-set win last Saturday over Moran, 25-14, 25-18, 22-25, 25-13 after opening setbacks to 2A

Hawley and Albany. "Mental mistakes killed us," said Munday Coach Jessica Tolliver. "We kept digging ourselves in holes that we could not get out of."

The Mogulettes, who dropped to 1-2 in 6-2A play, opened quickly taking the first five points and the last five points in the first set.

Knox City rebounded quickly, racing to a 17-4 lead in the second set and then held off a seven-point late run by Munday. It was more of the same in the third set, but the Mogulettes put up a stiff battle in the fourth set before the Houndettes broke a 14-14 tie with five straight points.

No results were available



Sheri Baty/The Knox County News-Courier

Knox City's Jordyn Eaton makes return in earlier 6-2A game.

from the other 6-2A games on Tuesday, but Hawley and

Albany set the pace at 3-0 as expected.

Mustangs out kick Paint Creek, 28-26

By James McAfee
The Knox County News-Courier

BENJAMIN — The Benjamin Mustangs broke into the win column thanks to successful PAT kicks by David Torres that provided them with a 28-26 win over Paint Creek on the road last Friday.

The victory avenged a 60-33 setback to Paint Creek last season that ended the Pirates' 24-game losing streak.

Coach Jacob Navarro felt the Mustangs played well. "We played with enthusiasm and heart and our goal is just to get better than the week before; and that's just what we did," he said.

Justin Rainwater scored twice on the ground and threw to Torres for another touchdown, finishing the night with 10 of 16 for 170 yards. What proved to be the winning TD came on a return of an intercepted pass by J.C. Espinol.

The Mustangs did gain good field position after Paint Creek kickoffs as Rainwater returned two for 47 yards and Damian Landi and Caleb Barrientez added

returns of 40 and 20 yards. Meanwhile, the Pirates had no return yardage.

Benjamin also won the junior high game by a 38-32 margin.

Chillicothe gets into win column

Special to The Knox County News-Courier

The Chillicothe Eagles, the favorites to repeat in District 11-1A DII, joined the Benjamin Mustangs in the win column for the first time this season by scoring a 66-20 win over Wichita Christian last week.

The Northside Indians continued to show some offensive fireworks, but were outscored 55-34 by Saint Jo while the Harrold Hornets suffered a 57-6 loss to Wichita Falls Notre Dame to remain winless.

11-1A standings

Team	W	L	Pts.	Opp
Chillicothe	1	3	152	234
Benjamin	1	3	40	183
Northside	1	3	151	245
Harrold	0	4	66	238

Last week's results

Benjamin 28, Paint Creek 26; Chillicothe 66, Wichita Christian 20; Saint Jo 55, Northside 34; Wichita Falls Notre Dame 57, Harrold 6

This week's schedule

Motley County at Chillicothe, Woodson at Northside

GO MUSTANGS

Benjamin News

Gladene Green

Well, after a two-week absence, I'm back at my column. Had a little sick "spell"—spent about four days in Knox County Hospital and I'm finally getting my strength back and feeling better. Had a bit of trouble with blood pressure and my heart, but I think I'm back on the road to recovery. I will see a cardiologist in Wichita Falls on Friday for consultation and evaluation. Thanks to everyone who has shown so much concern during this time.

Being sort of out of circulation for a couple of weeks, my news is pretty scarce this week. I am encouraged about the football teams. Both junior high and high school won on Friday night when they traveled to Paint Creek. And the volleyball games went our way until Saturday when the Lady Stangs traveled to Albany for a match. Things didn't go so well for our team.

Sunday was a cloudy, dreary day with a light shower falling a time or two. Just wish we could have gotten more, but looks like now it may be over for a while. Some places were more fortunate, and we are glad for them. Rain anywhere is good as long

6-2A volleyball standings

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Team	W	L
Hawley	3	0
Albany	3	0
Knox City	2	2
Benjamin	1	1
Munday	1	2
Moran	0	2
Woodson	0	3

Last week's results

Munday df. Moran; Hawley df. Knox City; Albany df. Woodson, 25-15, 25-8, 25-14; Albany df. Benjamin, 25-14, 25-0, 25-14; Hawley df. Woodson; Knox City df. Moran, 25-14, 25-18, 22-25, 25-13; Knox City df. Munday, 15-25, 25-16, 25-13, 25-21

This week's schedule

Saturday- Munday at Woodson, Benjamin at Moran, Albany at Hawley

Tuesday- Munday at Benjamin, Knox City at Woodson, Moran at Albany

as it doesn't flood.

I extend sincere sympathy to the family of Ray Lynn Hardin. Ray Lynn passed away last Wednesday. His health had been failing for a while. His funeral was on Saturday in Munday. His passing leaves a void in many lives.

Here'n there

Earlier in the month, the Roberts children and grandchildren honored their mom and grandmother Jessie Roberts with a birthday party. I'm not sure how old she was, but I'm sure it was a fun event for all of them. Then later on, the same day, family and friends honored Dennis and Pam Duke on the occasion of their 45th wedding anniversary. That was a busy day for that family and enjoyed by all of them.

Mike and Debi Moorhouse and their friends Rick and Kim Decker of Munday spent the weekend in the Metroplex—doing nothing special—just a couple of days relaxing away from the routine of everyday life.

My recent guests were my daughter Diane Evans and her daughter Ashlee of Childress.

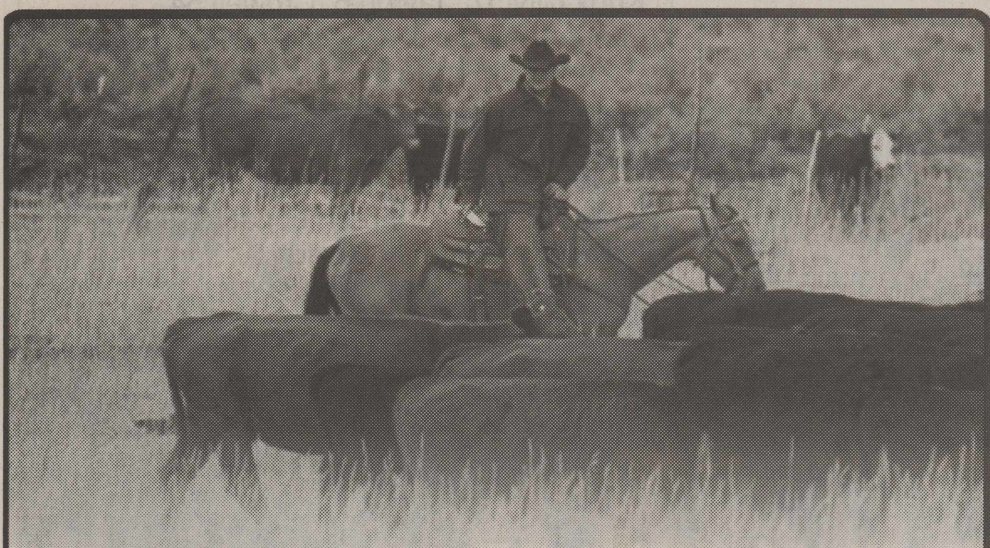
Jack Jr. and Cindy Young of Round Rock spent a few days this week with his mom

Mary Jane, and attending to some business. They also visited Deanne Lamb in the Munday Nursing Center.

Judy and Randolph Barnett have been busy this past week. They had a couple of their grandchildren Calli and Camryn Conner a couple of days while their mom was busy with their sister Jaylee, who had some dental work done. They returned home on Wednesday, and on Thursday Judy and Randolph and her son Jeff Conner and Brandi left for the Big Bend area for a few days' get away. They all had a fun time and are now back home and back to their regular activities.

Liddy Brumley spent the weekend in Vernon with her dad Brandon and his wife. Josh Brumley of Haskell spent the weekend with his grandparents Roger and Betty Bohannon.

Well, if you saw the Dallas-Philadelphia game Sunday, you sure didn't see much. It was an absolute waste of time to watch it, but Dallas did win, and that's good. Maybe the last win for a while since Romo is hurt. We will see. The Rangers lost, but still are ahead in the standings. Hope they can keep that going.



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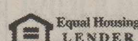
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Hounds in showdown with Borden County

By James McAfee

The Knox County News-Courier

KNOX CITY — The Knox City Greyhounds got maximum mileage out of only 13 plays from scrimmage in racing past the out-manned, short-handed Jayton Jaybirds, 57-6, here last Friday night at Greyhound Stadium.

The Greyhounds, now ranked No. 2 in sixmanfootball.com's rankings, improved to 4-0 headed into a Friday night showdown at home against No. 3-ranked Borden County, which outscored defending state champion Crowell, 58-48, to open the season.

Coach Charles Steele indicated Friday's game would give the Greyhounds an opportunity to see how they stack up against the rest of the state as the Coyotes are one of the state's best.

"We executed well on offense and flew to the ball on defense," he said about last week's game.

Anthony Estrada was honored for the big hit and scored on a pass interception. Christian Abila and Brady Hawkins shared offensive player of the game honors while Abila and Skylar Neill shared special teams honors.

When it appeared that the game would probably extend into the third quarter, the Greyhounds took advantage of a pair of turnovers to scored 16 points in the final 19 seconds on a pair of Elias Nevarez passes of 29 and 30 yards to Hawkins and Estrada and two successful PAT kicks by Abel Sandoval to end the game at halftime.

The Greyhounds wasted no time showing the Jaybirds that they had the necessary offensive fireworks as Neill raced 50 and 17 yards on the first plays of their first two possessions.

Then Estrada picked off a

Kaden Awe pass and returned it 47 yards for a TD. Sandoval's PAT kick made it 20-0.

The Jaybirds then converted a fourth and 16 when Awe found an open Tyler Seaton for 37 yards to the Hound 31, Kobe Lidenbe escaped for 21 yards and then scored from two yards on the first play of the second quarter, narrowing the deficit to 20-6.

The Greyhounds needed five plays to cover 45 yards with Abila going the final four yards to up the margin to 26-6.

Jayton went for it on fourth down in its own territory, but Neill sacked Awe, giving the Hounds the ball at the Jaybirds' 19. Nevarez found Abila open and he raced to the end zone. When the snap was high, Sandoval picked up the ball and

found Hawkins for the extra point to stretch the lead to 33-6.

Operating from their two-minute offense, Nevarez found Hawkins open for a 43-yard gain and then hit Neill to cover the final 11 yards. Sandoval's PAT kick made it 41-6 with 1:58 left in the half.

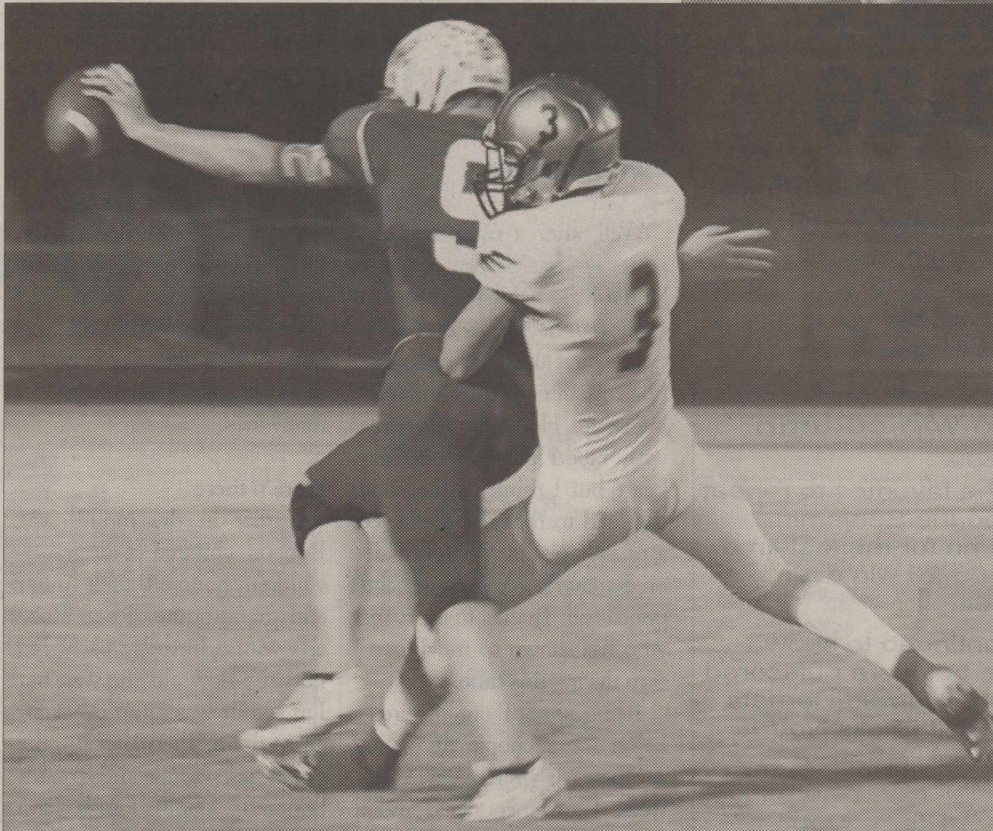
Abila recovered a fumble and then Nevarez connected with Hawkins for 19 and 29 yards to reach the end zone. Only 19 seconds remained when Sandoval added the PAT kick.

Attempting to end the game via the "mercy rule," the Hounds were successful with an onside kick with a Neill recovery at the Jayton 30. Nevarez connected with Estrada and he ended the game by escaping into the end zone.



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Knox City's Anthony Estrada returned intercepted pass 47 yards for touchdown against Jayton.



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Greyhounds' Brady Hawkins stretches to get ball across the goal line en route to a TD after catching an Elias Nevarez pass.

Aspermont off to 4-0 start

Special to The Knox County News-Courier

The Aspermont Hornets improved their record to 4-0 by racing to a 63-14 victory over Rule last Friday to match the start of Knox City, 57-6 winners over Jayton.

Defending District 8-1A DI champion Crowell "45ed" Lueders-Avoca, 54-0 and now faces tough tests against Blum and Happy in the next two games.

Rotan went down to its fourth straight loss, falling 52-6 to Guthrie.

8-1A standings

Team	W	L	Pts.	Opp.
Knox City	4	0	218	54
Aspermont	4	0	239	112
Crowell	2	1	163	71
Rotan	0	4	50	224

Last week's results

Knox City 57, Jayton 6; Crowell 54, Lueders-Avoca 0; Aspermont 63, Rule 14; Guthrie 52, Rotan 6

This week's schedule

Borden County at Knox City, Lueders-Avoca at Rotan, Aspermont at Bryson, Crowell vs. Blum at Bryson

Weather whys

Special to The News-Courier

Lightning bolts not the same

Some lightning bolts seem faint, while others light up the entire sky. How powerful is lightning?

It's a lot more powerful than most people believe, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "We know for a fact that not all lightning bolts are the same strength — some are relatively weak while others are

incredibly strong," he explains. "At any given moment, there are about 1,800 to 2,000 thunderstorms on Earth and it's estimated that there are about 100 lightning strikes each second. A typical lightning bolt contains about 15 million volts of electricity and can heat up the air around it to well over 50,000 degrees (the surface of the sun is about 10,000 degrees). That's why the total energy of one thunderstorm can

easily surpass the energy released during an atomic explosion."

If lightning is that strong, how do people survive when struck by it?

The answer is that many don't, McRoberts adds. "Since 1959, an average of about 70 people a year died in the United States from lightning strikes," he says. "In the 1940s, although America's population was less than half of what it is today, lightning killed more than 300 Americans each year, on average. In 1943 alone, 432 died, so more people today tend to take

shelter quicker when lightning is nearby. Many people do survive after being hit by lightning and there are some strange stories about individuals being literally knocked out of their shoes, or of horseshoes being blown off of horses as the bolt passes through their bodies and of houses being completely destroyed by one bolt. Florida is by far the leader in lightning deaths. From 1959-2014, there were 477 lightning fatalities in Florida, the most of any state and one of the highest totals of any location in the world."

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Moguls on short end of 14-13 score in half game

By James McAfee
The Knox County News-Courier

QUANAH — The Munday Moguls were on the short end of a 14-13 score when their game here last Friday against the Quanah Indians was called off after playing only a half because of lightning as a band of thunderstorms moved through the area.

Based on what happened in similar circumstances

last season, it will go down in the record books and the coach's record as a loss.

Coach Patrick Corcoran indicated it was the first time as a head coach that it had happened.

"If it had been a district game, we would have returned Saturday morning to finish the game," he said.

"The best thing we could take away from the game was that we didn't turn the ball over," he added.

Corcoran felt the Moguls moved the ball well on the ground (203 yards), but failed to take advantage of a pair of drives deep into Indians' territory when they made some mistakes and couldn't convert on fourth downs.

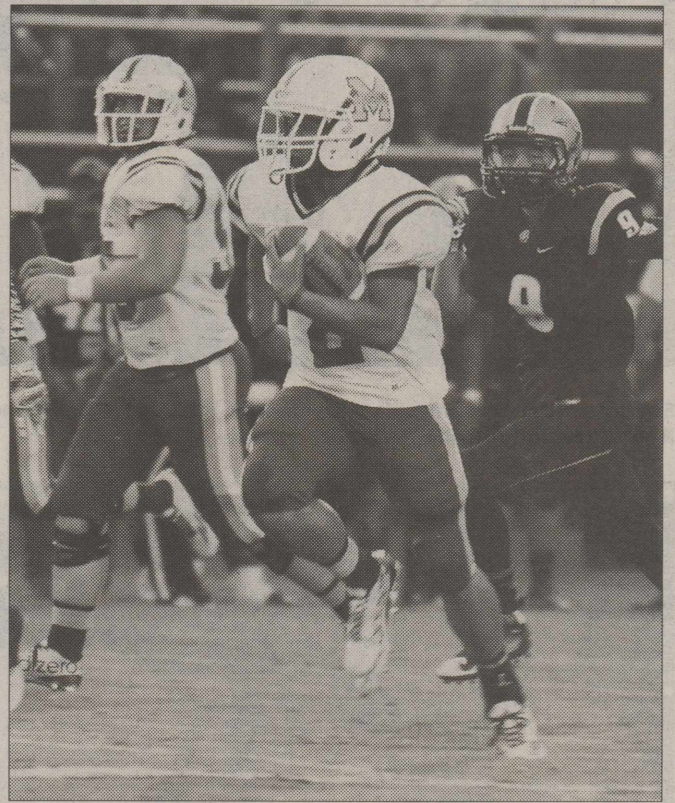
The Moguls' two touchdowns came when the speedy Day'veon Dockins found running room and

none of the Indians were fast enough to catch him. Dockins scored on runs of 67 and 58 yards and finished with 170 yards on 10 carries.

Dockins' first TD provided the Moguls with the early lead, but David Serrato's PAT kick was not good.

Then the Indians made two long drives for their touchdowns on runs of seven and eight yards by Adam Medina and Chris Jenkins. They converted several third downs and a fourth down on their second trip to keep the drives alive.

The difference in the final 14-13 score came when Mayson Leija ran for two points after the second TD when maybe the Quanah coach sensed that it might be necessary with the storms approaching.



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Day'veon Dockins runs for one of two touchdowns against Quanah.

After Dockins' second touchdown, the Moguls didn't go for two points, but instead decided to have Serrato add the PAT kick.

The Moguls were without the services of Bryan Castorena, Heder Lopez

and Osbaldo Carranza, injured in the Bronte game, and Juan Rangel, hurt in the opening game.

The Moguls wind up non-district play on the road Friday against Memphis, which claimed its first win last week by a 47-13 margin over Claude

Petrolia remain unbeaten in 7-2A

Special to The Knox County News-Courier

The Petrolia Pirates remained as the lone unbeaten team in District 7-2A DII with a 62-20 romp past Chico behind Dane Williams, who ran for 161 yards and three touchdowns and passed for 265 yards and four touchdowns. In addition, Williams picked off three passes on defense.

Two turnovers proved costly as the Haskell Indians suffered their first setback, falling 28-24 to the Stamford Bulldogs.

Taking advantage of five turnovers, the Seymour Panthers surprised the Windthorst Trojans, 35-21, to improve to 3-1.

The Electra Tigers rolled up more than 400 yards on the ground in also improving to 3-1 with a 49-14 romp past Olney.

Defending champion Hamlin evened its record at 2-2 with 39-8 win over Winters and closes out non-district play against Stamford on Friday.

7-2A standings

Team	W	L	Pts	Opp
Petrolia	4	0	216	102
Haskell	3	1	154	81
Electra	3	1	146	85
Seymour	3	1	115	90
Munday	2	2	120	79
Hamlin	2	2	106	81

Last week's scores

Quanah 14, Munday 13; Stamford 28, Haskell 24; Hamlin 39, Winters 8; Electra 49, Olney 14; Seymour 35, Windthorst 21; Petrolia 62, Chico 20

This week's schedule

Munday at Memphis, Hamlin at Stamford, Petrolia at Windthorst, Olney at Haskell, Seymour at Valley View, Archer City at Electra



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Munday's Cole Parton brings down Quanah's Mayson Leija.

Munday JV downs Quanah, 18-6

MUNDAY — The Munday junior varsity football team upped its record to 3-1 with an 18-6 victory over Quanah here Thursday night at Scruggs Stadium.

Earlier in road games, the Moguls scored victories over Windthorst and Bronte, but lost to Stamford.

Sophomore Jacoby Thom-

as scored a pair of touchdowns to lead the offensive attack.

Coach Greg Clark felt the Moguls' defense played well against Quanah and

pointed to defensive tackle Caleb Rodriguez as being one of the standouts.

The Moguls will entertain the Childress freshmen team at 6:30 p.m. today.

Munday runners get preview of regional course

Special to the News-Courier

LUBBOCK — The Munday cross country team got a chance to run the course here at Mae Simmons Park that will

host the regional competition later in the fall during the Lubbock Invitational last Saturday.

Karla and Kayla Taylor posted the best times for the Mogulettes with

14:22.2 and 14:29.2 to place 32nd and 36th.

Other Munday runners with times and places included: Madison Thompson, 79th, 15:41.3; Kathryn Cude, 88th, 16:01.3;

Kendall Thompson, 90th, 16:06.9; Zoe Cedillo 125th, 17:33.4; and Marissa Padilla, 133rd, 17:56.3.

For the boys, Christian Araujo's 19:28.8 clocking was good for 27th place.

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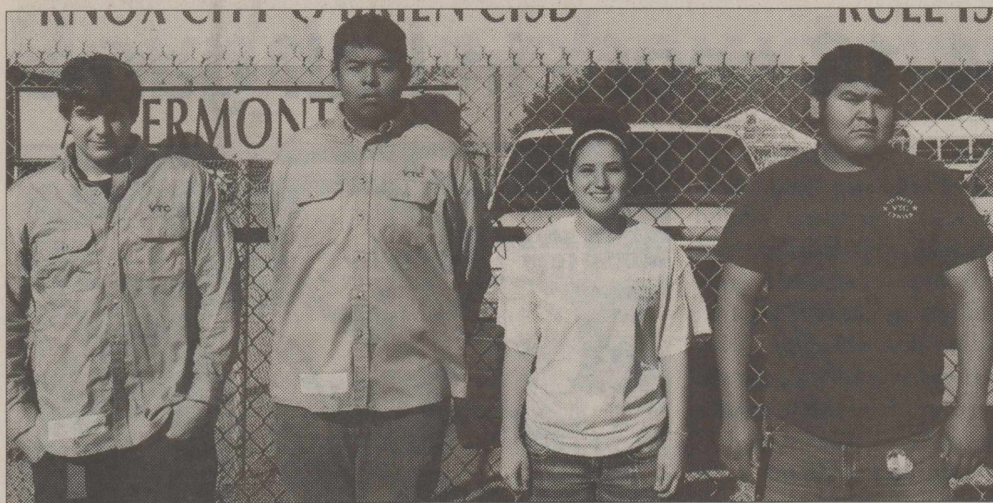
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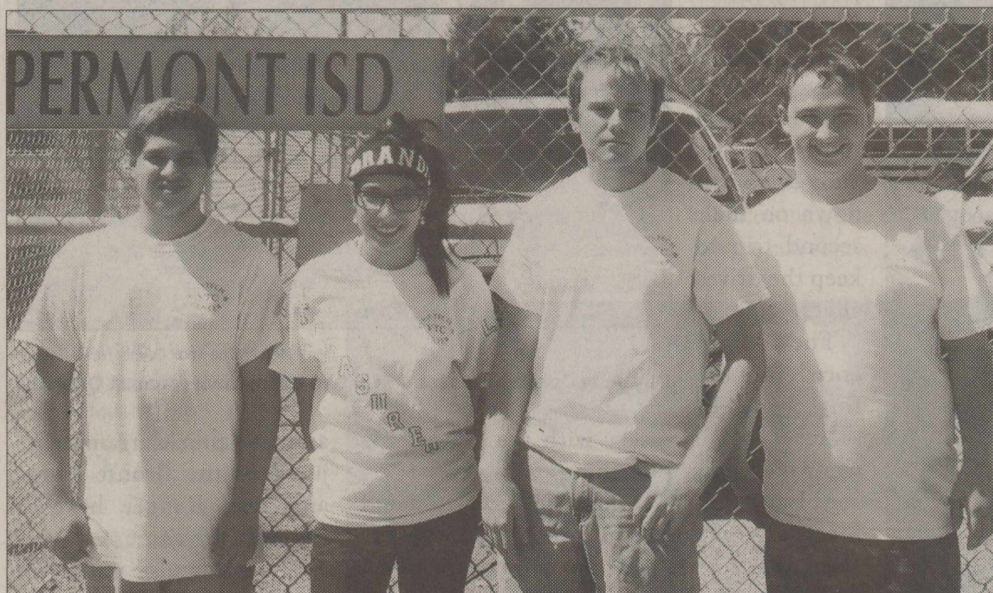
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Skills USA chapter formed at VoTech

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ROCHESTER — The VoTech Center of Rochester would like to announce the forming of first Skills USA Chapter of the VoTech, a student organization is a combination of the Certified Nursing and Mechanical programs.

Officers elected were: president, Dakota Mayor of Paint Creek; vice president, Alfredo Martinez of

Knox City/O'Brien; secretary, Davis Benevides of Haskell; treasurer, Brandie Contreras of Haskell; reporter, Harrison Jarred of Haskell; parliamentarian, Tyler Sanders of Knox City/O'Brien; sentinel, Brianna Rodriguez of Haskell; and sergeant of arms, Toby Salazar of Haskell.

Chapter advisors are Sherri Oseletto of C.N.A. and Monty Moeller and Wes Wicker of the Me-

chanical Program.

Skills USA is a youth organization that shares a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. SkillsUSA helps each student excel, providing educational programs, events and competitions that support career and technical education (CTE) in the nation's classrooms.

Recipe of the week

By Vonda Carter

The first thing I need to tell you all is "please" do not put a can of chilies into the No-Bake Oatmeal Cookie recipe from last week. My apologies to Theresa, I appreciate her bringing this error to my attention. I hope you will try this recipe (without the chilies), I have and it's really good (luckily I wasn't using my column for a reference). The second thing is that this is the final week for this section, featuring recipes from the Knox County Heritage Cookbook. I hope you'll decide to pick one up. I decided to visit Mexico this time, come along with me and try these recipes. In closing, I would like to say that I have absolutely loved having my own little corner to share recipes from this cookbook, it's been fun, I hope you all have enjoyed it too. I will continue to have the cookbooks available for purchase right here in our office or directly from the Knox County Historical Commission for \$20.

Enchilada Casserole

- 2 lbs. ground meat
- 1 lg. onion, chopped
- 1 can mushroom soup
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 1 can mild enchilada sauce

Mary Cartwright, Munday

- 1 pkg. tortillas
- 1 sm. can taco sauce
- 1 sm. can chopped green chilies
- Grated cheese

Brown hamburger meat and onion; drain. Mix all ingredients together; simmer a few minutes. Tear tortillas in pieces, line a 13x9x2-inch pan or two smaller ones. Put a layer of meat mixture on tortilla, layer of shredded cheese, another layer of tortillas, then meat mixture. Bake 30 minutes at 350 degrees. In last few minutes of baking, top with more shredded cheddar cheese. Serve hot. This freezes good. Serves 8-10.

Spanish Rice

Wanda Lou Navratil Hardin, Gilliland

Cover bottom of skillet with oil and heat to medium. Pour in comet rice, enough to cover bottom of pan also (about one cup or so). When rice is nice and brown lower heat and add a cup of water, a can of tomato sauce, Ro-Tel, chopped onions, chopped pepper (bell, serrano, jalapeno or Anaheim works good), garlic salt, pepper, comino and caldo de pollo (chicken flavored bullion). Cover and simmer for about 45 minutes. All amounts are guesstimated to your liking.

Cherry Enchiladas

- Cherry pie filling
- 6 flour tortillas
- ¼ tsp. almond extract
- 1 ½ c. sugar

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- 1 stick margarine
- 1 ½ c. water
- 1 T. sugar
- ½ tsp. cinnamon

Mix almond extract with pie filling. Roll up in tortillas, place in a baking dish. Boil the water, sugar and margarine; pour over the tortilla rolls and let set 30 minutes. Sprinkle with one tablespoon sugar and ½ teaspoon cinnamon that has been mixed together. Bake in 350 degree oven for 30 minutes or until lightly browned.

Tip: May use apple pie filling omitting the almond extract and adding a little cinnamon to the filling.

*Note to readers-if I can get enough of you to send me more recipes, maybe the editor will allow me to continue this column. email to kcnewscourier@gmail.com

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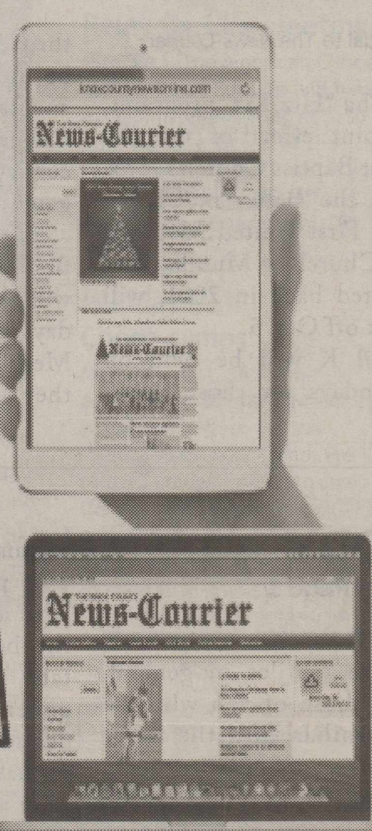
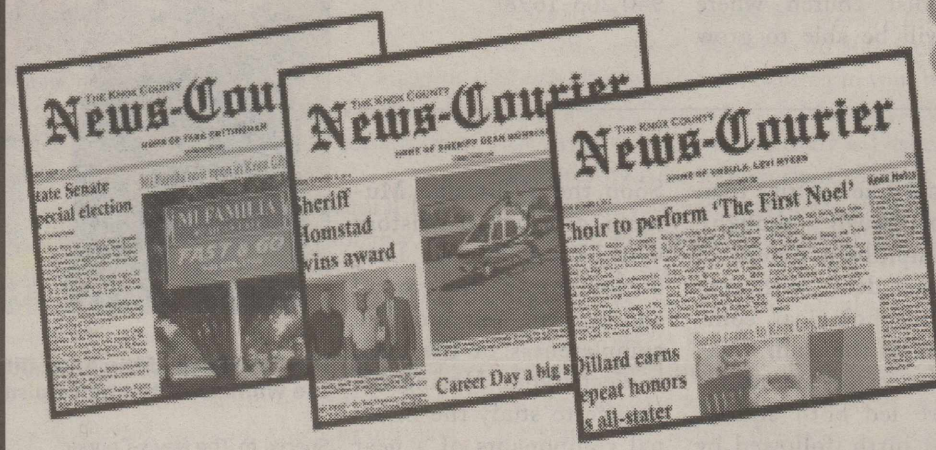
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Mac's Views

Giving DirecTV a second chance

Apparently, I don't carry the weight that Ron Burley does when it comes to making complaints and getting results. Burley, who handles AARP readers' complaints through his "On Your Side" column in the association's magazine, got DirecTV to waive a fee for Marina Williams of Dewey, AZ. Williams was disappointed with the company's satellite TV reception and decided to cancel. Then she didn't think she should be penalized for ending the service early, but was threatened with a final bill of \$422.29.



JAMES MCAFEE

DirectTV asks customers to sign or agree to what attorneys call an adhesion contract, meaning consumers have no power to negotiate or modify the terms. So while the consumer is locked into a two-year commitment, the contract

makes no mention about guaranteeing the service will be acceptable.

After Burley heard Williams' story, he contacted DirecTV and within two hours got word that it would waive the fee.

I experienced a similar situation when I decided to not keep DirecTV service when we bought our new home in Munday, but didn't realize how the agreement worked. So I ended up having my debit card charged \$385.32. However, repeated calls to customer service didn't get the same offer to waive the fees.

Realizing that I had been charged for services, I called customer service back and found out from Suzie that DirecTV would give me credit of \$297.50 if I decided to renew. She also promised a new and improved dish that would have helped me get better service last winter.

So I am giving DirecTV a second chance now that I understand the agreement better, but still think there should be some kind of warranty offered if you aren't satisfied with the service you are getting.

4-H awards banquet



Courtesy photo

Ryan, Morgan and Eric Earthman show off their awards from the Knox County 4-H banquet. Ryan received the Silver Star, Morgan the Clover Award and Eric the volunteer award along with Ryan. Also honored was Madison Edgar, winner of the Rookie Award.

'His Kiz' programs start Oct. 5

Special to The News-Courier

The "His Kiz" programs, a joint effort of the the First Baptist Church Goree and the Believers Chapel and First United Methodist Church of Munday that started back in 2001, will kick off Oct. 5.

Lil K will be held on Mondays for those age 3

thru kindergarten, who will be picked up from school and taken to the Believers Chapel for a DVD-driven curriculum with crafts, games and snacks.

FaithWeaver Friends, first thru third graders, will be picked up on Tuesdays and transported to the Methodist church where they will be able to grow

closer to God through journaling.

Kidmo, fourth thru sixth grader, will be picked up after school and driven to the Goree church for high-energy bible lessons.

For more information about the programs, contact Tammie Trainham at 940 203-1698.

Burnett, Grill, McAfee win KC Chamber golf



Courtesy photo

Faby Vasquez of the Knox City Chamber of Commerce shown after presenting trophies to the winners of the golf tournament, Benny Grill, Bobby Burnett, James McAfee.

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like reptiles in general. For those of you who are unfamiliar with the latter terms, our favorite fearsome finback, Dimetrodon, is part of a group of ancient animals called Pelycosaur, who have a direct ancestral link to mammals. This is in part due to numerous bones throughout the body that relate them to mammals. Science is leaning towards Diadectes being more related to the

mammal-like reptiles than we previously thought. The amphibian nature of the beast deals with certain morphological components of the skull. Diadectid ancestors are known to have led both aquatic lives at birth, followed by terrestrial, or land-living, lives as adults, an amphibian quality.

This is very similar to Seymouria, the elusive and rare creature exhibiting both reptile and amphibian characteristics, and of course named after the town of Seymour itself.

Soon the Whiteside Museum of Natural History will have Jody the Diadectes out of the ground and into the museum. The completeness of the skull is electrifying. Having the chance to study the internal components of a near complete specimen is a rare opportunity- and one that will surely have wonderful results benefitting both the scientific community and the community of Seymour.

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KNOX CITY — Bobby Burnett, Benny Grill and James McAfee combined for an 11-under-par 59 at the Knox City Country Club on a perfect day

for golf Saturday to claim the title in the Knox City Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament.

The trio of 70+ golfers finished three strokes in front of Bruce and Estelle Skiles and Scooter

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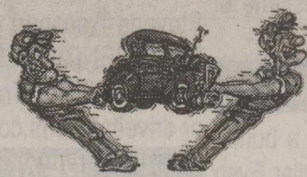
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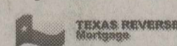
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